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Girl Scouts Centennial



CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Earned patches fill Lucie Loftus' Girl Scout uniform, illustrating her achievements, service and experiences with the organization, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. In observance of the anniversary, Catholic Girl Scouts in the Diocese of Harrisburg joined Bishop Joseph P. McFadden for a special Mass on April 15 at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill. See the special centerfold, pages 8 and 9.

Father Lytle Remembered for Priestly Counsel

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Father Gerald Lytle, a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg for nearly 52 years, died April 5 at the Lancaster Regional Medical Center. He was 77.

A priest friend who knew Father Lytle from seminary days, Msgr. Thomas Kujovsky recalls the late priest as a "colorful character" who enjoyed movies, travel, board games, reading and politics, and who "brought great consolation to many people in his counseling, especially to those with addictions."

Father Lytle was born in York, where he attended St. Rose of Lima Parish and School. He completed high school and college at St. Charles College in Catonsville, Md., before entering St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook.

Bishop George L. Leech ordained Father Lytle to the priesthood on May 14, 1960, at St. Patrick Cathedral in

Harrisburg. Over the next 14 years, Father Lytle ministered as assistant pastor at various parishes, including St. Joseph in Shamokin, St. Joseph in Mechanicsburg, St. Margaret Mary in Harrisburg, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lewistown, St. Peter in Mount Carmel, St. Joseph in York, St. Catherine Laboure in Harrisburg, St. Theresa in New Cumberland, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Middletown, St. Francis Xavier in Gettysburg, and Holy Trinity in Columbia.

Father Lytle also served as administrator and then pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Selinsgrove, and as pastor of St.



Father Gerald Lytle

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Deacon Clark Recalled as Model of Christian Presence

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Deacon Charles Clark, who served the Diocese of Harrisburg as a permanent deacon for nearly 34 years, died April 16 at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, five days before his 84th birthday.

Deacon Clark was a member of the diocese's first permanent diaconate program, and was one of 20 men ordained as deacons by Bishop Joseph T. Daley on June 3, 1978, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. He was assigned to serve at the Cathedral Parish, where he ministered as deacon until the time of his death.

Prior to his ordination, Deacon Clark, a native of Altoona, Pa., worked as a professional civil engineer for Michael Baker Jr. Company, and worked in the insurance industry for Ohio State Life and Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance companies.

In his service to the Catholic Church, Deacon Clark fulfilled the mission of a deacon, an ordained minister and member of the clergy who assists the bishop and priests. He proclaimed the Gospel, prepared adults to enter the Church through the RCIA process, assisted in the celebration of Mass, championed the cause of life, promoted peace and justice, and ministered to the elderly, the sick and the dying.

"I was touched by the way he would respond, especially to the homebound, the elderly, the hospitalized," remarked Father Thomas Rozman, pastor of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, who

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Deacon Charles Clark

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Local Church News

Bishops Issue Call to Action to Defend Religious Liberty

From the USCCB

The U.S. bishops have issued a call to action to defend religious liberty and urged laity to work to protect the First Freedom of the Bill of Rights. They outlined their position in "Our First, Most Cherished Freedom," a document developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and published in English and Spanish April 12.

The document can be found under the resources list at www.hbgdiocese.org/conscience.

"We have been staunch defenders of religious liberty in the past. We have a solemn duty to discharge that duty today," the bishops said in the document, "...for religious liberty is under attack, both at home and abroad."

The document lists concerns that prompt the bishops to act now. Among concerns are:

- The Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate forcing all employers, including religious organizations, to provide and pay for coverage of employees' contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs even when they have moral objections to them. Another concern is HHS's defining which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit protection of their religious liberty.

- Driving Catholic foster care and adoption services out of business. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities adoption or foster care services out of business by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

- Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. Despite years of excellent performance by the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require USCCB to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching. Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not lose their religious identity or liberty upon entering such contracts. Recently a federal court judge in Massachusetts turned religious liberty on its head when he declared that such a disqualification is required by the First Amendment—that the government violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion.

Other topics include the history and deep resonance of Catholic and American visions of religious freedom, the recent tactic of reducing freedom of religion to freedom of worship, the distinction between conscientious objection to a just law, and civil disobedience of an unjust law, the primacy of religious freedom among civil liberties, the need for active vigilance in protecting that freedom, and concern for religious liberty among interfaith and ecumenical groups and across partisan lines.

The bishops decry limiting religious freedom to the sanctuary.

"Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans," they said. "Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith?"

"This is not a Catholic issue. This is not a Jewish issue. This is not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue," they said.

The document ends with a call to action.

"What we ask is nothing more than that our God-given right to religious liberty be respected. We ask nothing less than that the Constitution and laws of the United States, which recognize that right, be respected." They specifically addressed several groups: the laity, those in public office, heads of Catholic charitable agencies, priests, experts in communication, and urged each to employ the gifts and talents of its members for religious liberty.

The bishops called for "A Fortnight for Freedom," the two-week period from June 21 to July 4—beginning with the feasts of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher and ending with Independence Day—to focus "all the energies the Catholic community can muster" for religious liberty. They also asked that, later in the year, the feast of Christ the King be "a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad."

"Our First, Most Cherished Freedom"

The U.S. bishops have issued a call to action to defend religious liberty and urged strong lay involvement in the work to protect the First Freedom of the Bill of Rights. They outlined their position in "Our First, Most Cherished Freedom." The document can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm>, as well as on the Diocesan website on our Religious Liberty page, www.hbgdiocese.org/conscience. All are urged to read the statement that urges strong lay involvement and action. Resources are also available at www.pacatholic.org.



EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg recently received a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the Wells Fargo Foundation. The grant award will benefit the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, the only program of its kind providing help for homeless families in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties. Karen Sustack, Senior Vice President and Regional Services Manager at Harrisburg Wells Fargo, presented the check to Christopher Meehan, Development Director for Catholic Charities, left, and Dr. Mark Totaro, CEO of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. For information on the Interfaith Shelter and other programs of Catholic Charities, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/charities.

10th Annual Interfaith Shelter Golf Classic

May 14 at the Blue Ridge Country Club
Sponsored by Catholic Charities

Proceeds from the Golf Classic benefit Harrisburg's Interfaith Shelter, the only emergency shelter in the capital region that provides services to homeless families. The shelter helps families overcome barriers to self-sufficiency, and helps to provide clothing, food and baby supplies, employment and life skills as well as mental and physical care.



Schedule of Events:

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration and Lunch
12:30 p.m. Scramble Classic, Shotgun Start
6 p.m. Dinner, Prizes and Door Prizes

For event information, registration or sponsorship questions, contact Christopher Meehan at 717-657-4804, ext. 284 or visit Catholic Charities at www.hbgdiocese.org. Registration deadline is May 4.

SAVE THE DATE

Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC

September 29, 2012

9:00-10:00 A.M. Arrival

10:30 A.M. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden Celebrant and Homilist

3:00 P.M. Celebration of Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

4:00 P.M. Departure



For additional information, go to www.hbgdiocese.org



Local Church News

Father Lytle

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Gregory the Great in Lebanon, Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg, Our Lady of Refuge in Doyleburg and St. Anne in Lancaster.

In addition to his service in the parishes, Father Lytle also ministered as a counselor to those with addictions.

"He often held classes at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, where women from Evergreen House in Harrisburg would come and he would offer counseling. He certainly made great contributions to the Church in that respect," said Msgr. Kujovsky.

Father Raymond Orloski, a retired priest of the diocese, noted that Father Lytle "cared deeply about the poor, the downtrodden and those who were marginalized."

He illustrated that care throughout his ministry, even while on vacation to the tropics, Father Orloski pointed out. Father Lytle would pack a suitcase with clothing, soaps, shampoos and over-the-counter medicines and give it to cooks and other service personnel who were in need of the items.

"That showed his care to those who were less fortunate than he or I," Father Orloski said.

He also pointed to Father Lytle's penchant for launching discussion and debate.

"I think many times he would make statements – whether theological or philosophical – simply to begin an argument," Father Orloski observed. "Whether he made statements to cause argumentation or deep thought on a

subject, he was not baiting a person, he was picking their brain to see where they were coming from. In that sense, he was a delightful character. He was a one-of-a-kind priest."

The Mass of Christian Burial for Father Lytle was celebrated April 10 at St. Anne Church in Lancaster. Burial was in St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery in Lancaster.

Msgr. Kujovsky, who lived with Father Lytle at the Priests' Retirement Residence in Harrisburg until Father Lytle moved to St. Anne's Home in Columbia a few years ago, served as the homilist during the Mass.

"Father Jerry was a philosopher and he saw the world as a contradictory place. He saw so much wonder in it, so much splendor in it, so much enjoyment and pleasure on the one hand," Msgr. Kujovsky remarked. "On the other hand, he was bedeviled by the sight of poverty and addiction which destroys human lives; disease which frustrates the happiness of thousands; hunger and want which afflict multitudes; the threat of war and disease and constant violence which turns a garden of paradise into a valley of death."

"But now that he has perfect knowledge, Father Jerry knows that it is in the resurrection of Christ and in his promise of resurrection for us that this dilemma is resolved," Msgr. Kujovsky said.

Father Lytle is survived by three brothers and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions in his name may be sent to the Priest Retirement Fund, c/o Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg PA 17111.

Deacon Clark

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served the parish with Deacon Clark for 10 years. "He not only brought the sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist, but also a very Christian, loving and caring presence in the way he ministered as a deacon."

"He didn't need to have any accolades. He was a very quiet presence, and a very committed deacon," Father Rozman said.

In 1997, Deacon Clark was appointed by Bishop Nicholas C. Datilo to be the Director of the Diocesan Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, a position he held until the time of his death. In this ministry, he worked with members of various interfaith traditions and helped Catholics see the importance of those relationships. In these efforts, his office hosted the annual LARC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic) Day of Dialogue and worked to promote ecumenical and interfaith Scripture studies and the annual World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Deacon Clark was also at the forefront of witnessing to the pro-life cause, faithfully participating in the monthly pro-life Masses and rosary rallies in Harrisburg.

"He was a strong man of faith, very humble in his faith," remarked Deacon John Mowery, a friend of Deacon Clark's for some 40 years. "He was untiring in living the Gospel of the Lord. His work in ecumenical efforts was paramount. We

always got into deep, theological discussions with him, and his knowledge of the Church – and of other religions – was remarkable."

Beyond his responsibilities as a member of the clergy, Deacon Clark was also a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife, Joyce, were married for 57 years and raised three sons and two daughters.

Father Rozman and Deacon Mowery spoke of Deacon Clark's ability to balance his family life and his ministry.

"He knew how to balance the various obligations and commitments he had in life, and just was a wonderful example of what it means to be a person who is willing to share themselves in different ways," Father Rozman observed.

Deacon Mowery, who is not married, said he has "always marveled at how the deacons could balance family, work and Church. It's very difficult to put all those things in order, and he did it well."

The Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Clark was celebrated at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg April 20. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Mechanicsburg.

Deacon Clark is survived by his wife Joyce, five children, five grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters and 14 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in his name can be made to the "Memorial Fund," St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg PA 17101.

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden's Public Calendar

April 27 – Confirmation for North Lancaster Deanery, Mary, Mother of Church, Mount Joy, 5:30 p.m.

April 28 – Confirmation for Northern Deanery, St. Pius X Church, Selinsgrove, 10 a.m.; 144th State Convention of the Knights of Columbus Mass and Banquet, Holiday Inn Beinigsville, Pa., 5 p.m.

April 29 – First Communion Mass, Saint Joseph the Worker Church, Bonneauville, 10 a.m.; 50th Anniversary of Maria Joseph Manor Mass and Reception, Danville, 2 p.m.

May 1-2 – Bishops of Pennsylvania Meeting, Ventnor, N.J.

May 3 – Priest Alumni Mass, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 4 p.m.

May 4 – Confirmation for Northern Deanery, St. Joseph Church, Berwick, 5:30 p.m.

May 5 – Confirmation for Franklin Deanery, Corpus Christi Church, Chambersburg, 10 a.m.; Bishop McDevitt High School Blue and Gold Gala, Hershey Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

May 6 – Confirmation for Franklin Deanery, St. Mark Church, Greencastle, 2 p.m.

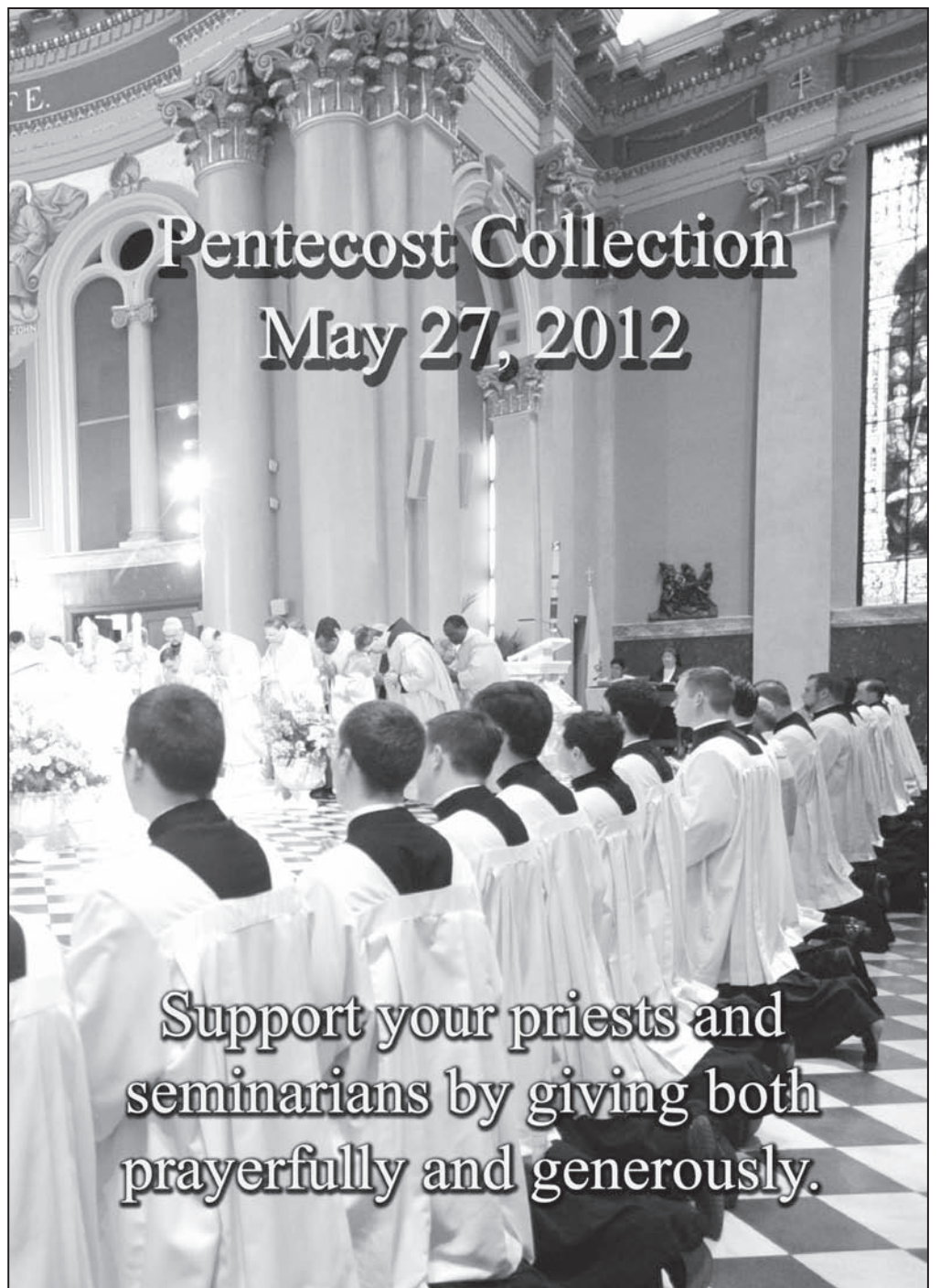
May 7 – Confirmation for Franklin Deanery, St. Rita Church, Blue Ridge Summit, 5:30 p.m.

May 8 – Golden Apple Awards, Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 5:30 p.m.

May 9 – Catholic Schools End of the Year Address, 10 a.m.; Confirmation for Northern Deanery, St. Monica Church, Sunbury, 5:30 p.m.

May 11 – Mass for the PA Bar Association, Saint Mary's, Lancaster, 7:30 a.m.; St. Anne School Vocation Day, Lancaster, 10 a.m.; Confirmation for Adams Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Hanover, 5:30 p.m.

May 13 – Confirmation for Dauphin Deanery, St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, 2 p.m.





Death Penalty: Perpetuating Violence in Society

From the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

Two hundred and five Pennsylvanians currently sit on death row.

In Pennsylvania, even though hundreds of people have been sentenced to death, only three people – those who waived their right to appeal – have been executed since 1978 (the year the General Assembly reinstated the death penalty). Further, the PA Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Gender bias found that racial, ethnic and gender bias “significantly affect the way parties, witnesses, litigants, lawyers, court employees and potential jurors are treated.” Today, 201 of the 205 people on death row are male, and 137 are Asian, African-American or Hispanic.

The Pennsylvania Senate, recognizing this disparity in convicts, commissioned a bipartisan task force and advisory committee to conduct a study of Pennsylvania’s death penalty.

Justice calls for punishment for crimes, but in America’s modern penal system, there are alternatives to killing – like life imprisonment – that would break the cycle of violence created by the death penalty. The United States is the only country in the Western Hemisphere and the only G8 member country to carry out an execution in 2011.

Crimes that result in the death penalty are so horrific that they leave us outraged and vengeful. But revenge is not ours to take; the ultimate judgment on a person’s soul is God’s alone. By abolishing the death penalty, Pennsylvania can recognize that every human – no matter how unimaginable the crime they’ve committed – has inherent dignity.

Pope John Paul II’s *Evangelium Vitae* reiterates this teaching in *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “If non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people’s safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person. Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself – the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity ‘are very rare, if not practically non-existent’” (*Catechism*, no. 2267; *Evangelium Vitae*, 56).

This bi-partisan commission will be made up of 30 members representing various groups including “representatives of the judiciary, prosecution, defense, law enforcement, corrections, victim assistance organizations, and also representatives of academia, the faith community, private and public organizations involved in criminal justice issues and other criminal justice experts.”

The commission will study several areas, including: cost, bias and unfairness, impact on and services for family members, mental retardation and illness, juries, appeals, clemency and more. The findings and recommendations of the research - undertaken in conjunction with the Justice Center for Research of Penn State University and the Joint State Government Commission – will be presented in December 2013.

“The Lord God says, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked man, but rather in the wicked man’s conversion, that he may live.’” -Ezekiel 33:11
(*The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania’s Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania. Visit www.pacatholic.org.*)

Creativity

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Recently, I had a conversation with an educator from a neighboring diocese who asked, “Sister, if we educators are preparing our students for jobs that don’t exist today, what skills are important for them to know?” My response was, “It’s not a matter of skills. It’s a matter of the way students think, work as a team and solve problems. It’s what Catholic educators call the Five C’s: Christ, Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Communication.” These Five C’s are more important for a 21st Century learner, in my opinion, than what used to be called the Three R’s: Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.



Sister Geralyn Schmidt
Musings from a Catholic Educator

Let me explain. Recently, I had the great privilege of going on a pilgrimage for 15 days

to Rome and Germany. This time spent away from the English-speaking world truly proved to be a challenge. I was totally intrigued with the creative ways people communicated with me without speaking English, and I without speaking Italian or German. I have a new found appreciation of the meaning of “home” and the term “mother tongue”.

While I was away, I was totally unconnected to my Blackberry, Twitter feed, and cell phone. Even though I could have had international service, I chose to remain unplugged so I could identify myself as a true pilgrim – a wanderer in search of a deeper reality. I have to admit that it was really hard to push the off switch on these devices! But after the first couple of days of withdrawal, I didn’t horribly miss them. I found myself observing the unique colors of the houses, the textures of the marble and the awesome samples of fauna. As a pilgrim, I slowed down to a walk and reflected on the similarities and differences of the faces of the people and the sounds of strange languages.

Upon my return, I began the process of wading through piles of e-mail that had to be answered and the Twitter feeds that were posted. I came across a blog from Confessions of an Internet Superhero: Does the Internet make you more connected? (<http://tweetagewasteland.com/2011/08/does-the-internet-make-you-more-connected/>) The blog entry intrigued me with the following question: Are you more or less connected since you started spending so much time on the Internet? The answer from this superhero was: I’m more connected to people I don’t know. I’m equally connected to the people I do know. I’m less connected to myself.

I was fascinated over his last observation. He explains:

... Most of the moments once reserved for a little alone time have been infiltrated by the realtime Internet. I never just wait for a bus, or just stand in line at a bank, or even just sit and think as I sit stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic. At these moments, I pull my phone out of my pocket faster than a gunfighter pulls his weapon out of its holster.

The only time I really experience any self-reflection these days is when my computer sleeps and my screen goes dark.

And I’m not alone. According to Pew, 42% of cell owners used their phone for entertainment when they were bored. If those 42% of people are anything like me, that so-called boredom now arrives sooner than the random thoughts that can lead to self-reflection, creativity or just a few seconds of nothingness. I can draw my phone faster than my mind can wander.

As I reflected on this message, I remembered that Creativity is not to be confused with talent, skill, or intelligence. Creativity is not about doing something better than others, it is about thinking, exploring, discovering, and imagining. Creative thought is found in all aspects of a growing child’s life. Sir Ken Robinson in a Ted Talk (http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html) describes it this way: “Creativity is as important now as literacy. Treat it with the same status.”

Is there a connection between creativity, self-reflection and silence? I believe there is indeed! Tony Cuckson’s article: Enjoy The Silence: The 7 Powers of Silence (<http://top7business.com/?Enjoy-The-Silence:-The-7-Powers-of-Silence&id=716>) states that creativity and silence goes hand and hand. Silence allows the mind to quiet enough to connect the dots in ways that they never were before. I know for me, those creative splurges come when I sit long enough and quiet enough to perceive something different. His Creativity is so complex that it can easily boggle our simple mind! By being silent and centered on Him, tap into His creativity and then in turn share that energy, or creative vision, to people of the Church TODAY, making our world a better place.

If creativity is such an important aspect of 21st century learning, then we as educators must teach our students how to center on God and be silent enough to hear Him rather than being “plugged in” most of the time. So I challenge educators and parents, you to carve out in your schedule to teach and to live the value of silence. By doing so, you will deepen your relationship with your Creator and strengthen the bonds between you and your fellow human being.

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Faith and Life



A sign language interpreter interprets Bishop Joseph P. McFadden's homily during a Mass celebrating the gifts of those with disabilities.

EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

The Same Divine Calling

St. Peter Church in Elizabethtown opened its doors and shared its pews with a visiting community of diocesan parishioners for a special Mass April 14. Celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, the Mass recognized the gifts of people with disabilities.

The Mass was served by those with disabilities, and such parishes represented were St. Joseph, Lancaster; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lancaster; Saint Rose of Lima, York; Holy Name of Jesus, Harrisburg; St. Leo the Great, Rohrerstown; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lancaster; St. John Neumann, Lancaster; as well as parishioners from St. Peter Parish.

Ginny Duncan, Director of the Diocesan Office Ministry with People with Disabilities, spoke about the importance of this Mass, to come together and celebrate the special gifts that are brought to our diocese by those with disabilities. She commented strongly that now more than ever is the time to come together and pray for those with disabilities as our secular world makes it more and more possible for these precious lives to be aborted.

A Mass will be held annually to celebrate the gifts of people with disabilities and the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities continues to move forward in its efforts to bring people together. For more information about ministry with people with disabilities in the diocese, visit www.hbgdiocese.org.



Above: A gift bearer presents the gifts to Bishop Joseph P. McFadden.

Right: A mother teaches her son sign language during the diocesan Mass celebrating the gifts of those with disabilities.





Husband and Father Who Lost Family in Flood Urges Men to Lead Lives of No Regret

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Robert Rogers lost his wife and four children in a heart-breaking instant. They were victims of a flash flood that swept their minivan off the edges of a Kansas highway and into raging waters.

He tried to free his family as water filled the vehicle, but he was pulled through the drivers' side window and into the rampant waters.

Within a week, he buried his beloved family members on the same day in early September 2003: wife Melissa, 33; Makenah, 8; Zachery, 5; Nicholas, 3; and Alenah, 1.

Yet, he has no regrets.

Mr. Rogers shared his heart wrenching story during the Diocese of Harrisburg's Catholic men's conference April 21, urging the more than 500 men in attendance to live lives of no regret.

From the stage of a packed ballroom at the Marriott Lancaster Convention Center, Mr. Rogers commanded a captivated male audience as he listed "7 Steps to No Regrets." He interspersed each of the seven points with Scripture passages and touching stories of life with his family.

He remarked, "So many people hear my story and say,

'Robert, how do you live a life with no regret? How can you say that? How can you have faith?'"

He illustrated the "7 Steps to No Regrets:"

- Know God personally
- Worship God wholeheartedly
- Obeys God unconditionally
- Trust God absolutely
- Cherish your family intentionally
- Love your spouse sacrificially
- Forgive others repeatedly

"The only reason I stand up before you gentlemen today is because, thanks be to God, somehow I got to know God," Mr. Rogers said, carrying a Bible as he spoke.

During his presentation, two large screens showed television footage of the August 2003 tragedy, photos and home video of his family, and clips of interviews he gave not long after burying his wife and children.

One image showed a worn letter written by a child's hand, its edges faded a bit from where it had been wet.

"In the wreckage of our minivan, they found my wallet. They pulled out a piece of paper that my daughter Makenah had given me. It says, 'I love you daddy. You are the greatest daddy. Love, Makenah,'" Mr. Rogers said as the letter was displayed.

The family's camera was also recovered. The film was developed and brought forth final family photos taken just a few short hours before the tragedy: pictures of a smiling Rogers family gathered for a wedding.

"Don't let a day go by without telling your family that you love them. You may never get another moment," Mr. Rogers told the crowd.

"If today was your last day, would you have no regrets of the way you cherish your family? Now is the time to make those changes, to do whatever it takes to cherish your family," he said.

"That night, in 2003, a seven-foot wave crashed across the highway, taking all of us with it. My family is safe in God's hands. And he rescued me in a different way," Mr. Rogers said. "What I've found is that out of your mess, God makes a message, if we trust him even when it hurts. Trusting him doesn't mean it's going to take away the pain. I still miss my family. I still cry. But our faith gives us hope, and I kept trusting God."

"This has been my prayer to God, before and after my family died: 'Lord, I am willing and available to be obedient to you.' I look at what he's done for me these past eight and half years, and I know I couldn't have done it myself," he remarked.

Several years ago, Mr. Rogers remarried. He and his wife, Inga, have two boys and two girls. They often travel with him as he crisscrosses the country to tell his story.

"I have no regrets. It's not a perfect life, but this is what I strive for, what I try to do every day: to get right with God and then learning what it takes to get right with my family and others through love and forgiveness," he said.



Attendees of the Diocese's Catholic men's conference watch a video presentation by Robert Rogers, who lost his wife and four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003. Mr. Rogers spoke about living a life of no regrets. The conference also featured two talks by Father Larry Richards, who challenged participants to be strong Catholic men.

"Eight years ago, my wife, my two precious sons and my two lovely daughters died. Completely unexpected. Now, God has blessed me with a beautiful woman, two lovely daughters and two mighty sons," Mr. Rogers remarked. "All I can say is, God is real and he loves you. You are precious to him. If he's done this for me, imagine what he can do for you."



JEN REED, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Robert Rogers signs a copy of his book, "Into the Deep," for Joseph Otranto, one of more than 500 men who attended the Catholic men's conference in Lancaster April 21. The conference included several presentations, exhibits and Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden.

Cemetery Discussion

Pennsylvania's Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries managers gathered at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg earlier this month for their annual meeting, during which they discuss issues and share information. Discussion topics included record keeping and back-up, trends in the cemeteries industry, and revenue and expenses. There are 56 Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries in Pennsylvania.

Ed Sholly, manager at Holy Cross, Mount Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries in Harrisburg, is searching for any information readers may have on the history of Mount Calvary Cemetery. Anyone with information to share may call Mr. Sholly at 717-545-4205.

Shown from left in the photo are Kevin Beck from the Diocese of Scranton, Father Sean Code from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Annabelle McGannon from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Msgr. William Baver from the Diocese of Allentown, Dr. Robert O'Hara, Jr., Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Brother Richard Ekmann, OSA, from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Ed Sholly of the Diocese of Harrisburg.



CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS



New Oxford's Immaculate Conception School Celebrates 150 Years of Catholic Education



EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Patricia Brodbeck and her mother Mary Rabine, left and left center, join second-grade students Maggie Hughes and Meredith Wilson, center right and right, in perusing class photos and memorabilia from Immaculate Conception School.

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

One of the oldest living graduates of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in New Oxford, Lillian Miller was joined by her daughter, granddaughter and two great-grandsons in presenting the gifts to Bishop Joseph P. McFadden during Mass at Immaculate Conception Church April 22.

The four generations of Mrs. Miller's family were gathered for the special Mass that day to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Immaculate Conception School, where they've been educated in the faith.

They represent a number of families who've sent their children there, generation after generation. And they represent a number of families who joined in the milestone celebration, where they shared photos and memories of their school days.

Margaret (Miller) Reichart, who came from a family of 16 and who is the grandmother of two boys at the school, joined

with her family in preparing the luncheon that followed the Mass. Alumni, current students and teachers gathered.

"It's such a family-oriented school. Traditions are so strong here," principal Donna Hoffman told *The Catholic Witness*.

"We have loyalty and common commitment from the staff, the students, the parents. We have graduates who teach at the school," she said.

When Immaculate Conception School was first established by Jesuit Father Francis Deneckere in 1862, the school was in the church building. Thirty years later, a two-room schoolhouse was built, followed by the construction of a new school in 1911, which has seen a number of additions and renovations. Throughout its history, the school has been staffed by the Sisters of Charity, the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St. Joseph. Dianne Giampietro served as its first lay principal from 1998-2010, followed by Mrs. Hoffman.

"For 150 years at Immaculate Conception School, students have developed a foundation that they need for a successful life," she said. "Today, the Gospel message contin-

ues to be taught in every classroom throughout the day."

Students in the K-8 school live the school's identity, "Companions on the Journey," and are led in the faith by dedicated teachers and by Father Charles Persing, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish.

"Father Persing is very actively involved in our school. He's given us very strong support, and has been a wonderful proponent of our school," Mrs. Hoffman said.

Though educational tools have changed – the school has SMART Boards in every classroom – its rigorous curriculum and values of discipline, respect and responsibility have remained the same.

"Those values must have been key 150 years ago too, because Immaculate Conception School has put forth so many, wonderful, talented and faithful students," Mrs. Hoffman observed.

(Find more information on Immaculate Conception School at www.icsbvm.org.)



Lillian Miller, one of the oldest living graduates of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in New Oxford, joins her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandsons in presenting the gifts to Bishop Joseph P. McFadden during a Mass celebrating the school's 150th anniversary.



Bishop Joseph P. McFadden displays a T-shirt with Immaculate Conception School's theme, "Companions on the Journey." The shirt was presented by fourth-graders Sam Long, left, and Gabe Lee, and principal Donna Hoffman.

Courage, Confidence, Character:

Religious Recognitions for Girl Scouts

The Diocese of Harrisburg offers four national awards and six diocesan awards for Girl Scouts in Daisy through Senior level. Find information for these and other recognitions online under the "Services and Programs" link at www.hbgdiocese.org/youngchurch. Program booklets and medals are available through the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Training for religious recognition advisors will be available online this summer. *(The list of recognitions printed here was provided by the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire.)*

Angel on My Shoulder (Grades K-2): Shows girls how God has given each of us a special protector, who helps us to do the right thing.

Child of Mary (Grades 1-2): Helps girls to realize that Mary was a little girl like themselves and shows them how Mary grew to be the Mother of God.

Family of God (Grades 2-3): This national program was developed to help girls grow as members of their family and the parish. They explore a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God in their daily lives.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (Grades 3-5): Gives girls an opportunity to strengthen their commitment to a Christian lifestyle by following Kateri as a role model.

Child of Mary II (Grades 4-6): Helps other youth realize that Mary was once a young person like themselves and that she has a special place in her heart for youth.

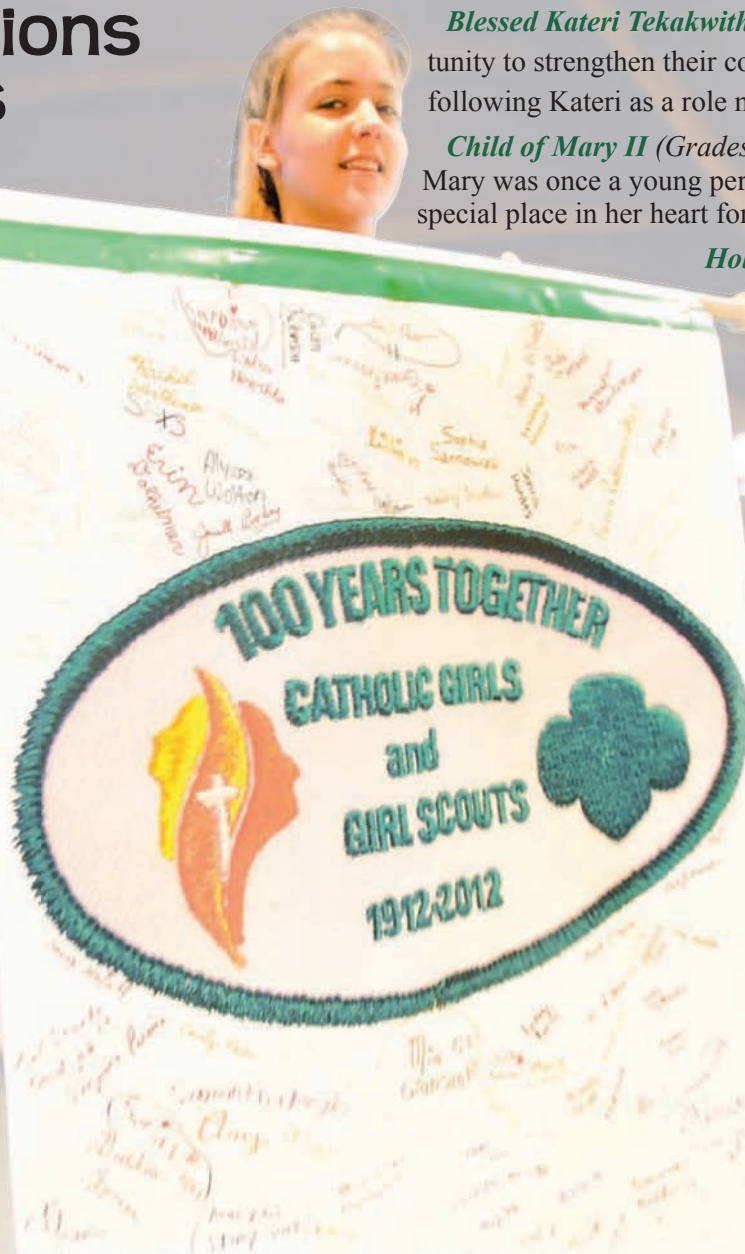
Holy Family (Grades 4-6): Promotes advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation and helps girls become aware of God's presence in their lives, home and community.

I Live My Faith (Grades 4-6): A national program planned to help youth appreciate more deeply their place God and religion have in their lives.

A Woman of Courage (Grades 6-8): A program based on the life of St. Katherine Drexel that takes girls through every aspect of her life. They will see her as a true Christian role model who worked all her life for the oppressed cultures of society.

Mary the First Disciple (Grades 7-10): A national program that promotes the understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality as a woman of the Church.

The Spirit Alive (Grades 9-12): A national program designed to assist girls in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves within their lives, calling them to a greater participation in the ministry of the Church.



CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

A banner signed by Catholic Girl Scouts to mark the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America is carried in procession during a Mass celebrating the occasion.

Diocesan Girl Scouts Join in Centennial Celebration

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

When she joined the Girl Scouts five years ago, Rachel Warthen signed up because she was interested in a particular activity: selling cookies.

But it didn't take long for Rachel to learn that the Girl Scouts are recognized for much more than their yearly springtime confections.

"Girl Scouts has shown us different ways to help other people, and to learn more about our faith," Rachel told *The Catholic Witness*. "It also gives us an opportunity to get involved in different activities."

A Cadet in the troop at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg, Rachel was among more than 200 Girl Scouts who gathered with family members and friends at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill April 15 for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Wearing uniforms filled with various activity patches, the Girl Scouts received religious medals from the bishop and were recognized for several new patches they recently earned.

The Mass showcased the Girl Scouts – several of whom served as altar servers, lector, cantor, offertory collectors and gift bearers.

In Good Shepherd's social hall before and after Mass, Girl Scouts from across the diocese shared projects, achievements and camaraderie.

"So many of the opportunities that you get in Girl Scouts you can't get anywhere else," said Margaret Cahill, a member of the troop at St. Francis Xavier. "For example, we had an overnight in the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore, and it was awesome. We were able to stay in an exhibit and see an IMAX movie. I think it was the coolest thing I've ever done."

Rachel and Margaret and several of their fellow troop members received the "Mary the First Disciple" medal from the bishop that day. The medal is part of a national program that promotes the understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality as a woman of the Church.

To earn the medal, the Girl Scouts at St. Francis Xavier worked with the afterschool program that the parish offers to the Hispanic community, playing games and helping students with homework. It's a program they plan to continue next year.

Service is a large part of Girl Scouting. Girls often volunteer to clean up parks, serve at parish functions and collect items for people in need.

"Every single badge or interest project has a service component," noted Dr. Angela Soto Hamlin, a member of the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire, and a former troop leader at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland.

"Part of Girl Scouting is teaching you to be

part of your community, whether that community is your family, your parish, your town, your country or your world."

Dr. Soto Hamlin fondly recalls the occasion on which, as a Girl Scout, she received her Marian Medal from former diocesan Bishop George L. Leech.

"I was in full uniform, wearing white gloves. It was a special occasion, and it's a wonderful memory for me," she said. "And so we're really honored that Bishop McFadden is presenting the Girl Scout recognitions this year. It means a lot to these girls."

Courage, Confidence, Character

The mission of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouting also fosters the development of self-esteem and leadership skills.

In 2012, the Girl Scouts celebrate their 100th anniversary. Founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Ga., on March 12, 1912, today the Girl Scouts count 3.2 million members: 2.3 million girls and 890,000 adult members who work primarily as volunteers.

Girl Scouts develop friendships, knowledge and abilities through a variety of experiences, including field trips, service projects, environmental efforts and cultural exchanges. They also learn to relate to others with understanding and respect, and develop values to guide their decisions and actions.

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Girl Scouting offers Catholic programs for girls and adults, including Masses, a weekend retreat, and awards programs.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire provides guidance, direction, leadership and vitality in the spiritual phase of Scouting to all Catholic Scouts in the diocese.

The purpose of the committee is to promote and encourage

Catholic Girl Scouts to deepen their understanding of the faith through prepared programs with the assistance of trained adults, and to honor the work of adults with a medal recognition program.

"Girl Scouts is about building girls of courage, confidence and character. It is giving girls a chance at leadership, and allowing them to grow at their own pace," said Carolyn Pfeifer, Chair of the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire.

A Girl Scout herself, Mrs. Pfeifer, a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill, became involved as an adult Scout 34 years ago when her daughter's troop needed a leader. Having moved to the Harrisburg area after growing up in New York and Illinois, the relationships she has developed through Girl Scouting have kept her involved in the organization.

"When I look around in my parish, where I volunteer and serve as a lector, people I know best within my parish are women with whom I've done Girl Scouting activities," Mrs. Pfeifer remarked. "Without any relatives in this area, the Girl Scouts have been my connection to my community, both my Catholic community and my neighborhood."

Like Mrs. Pfeifer – and like most adult Scouts – Betty Roksanidic got involved as an adult when her daughter's troop was seeking a leader.

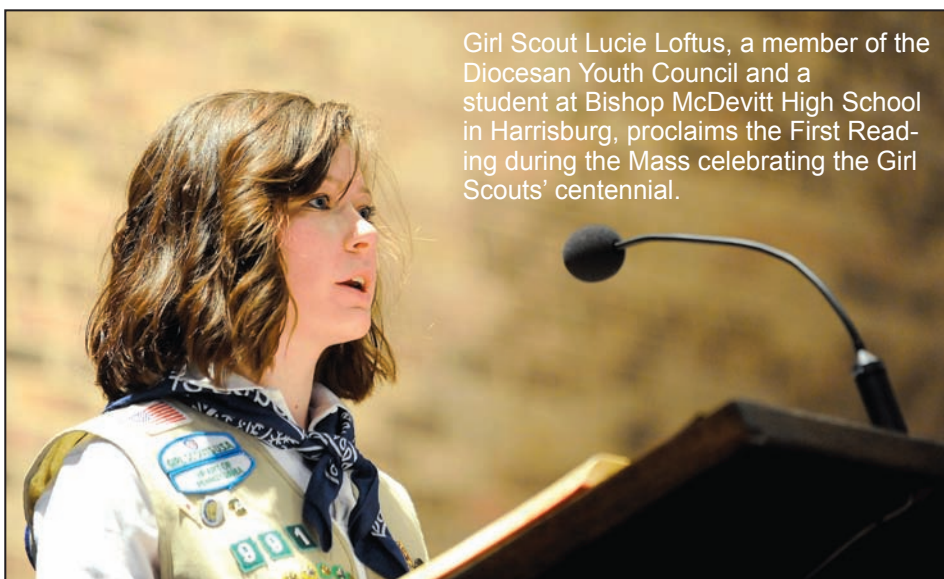
"I get such fulfillment out of Girl Scouting," said Mrs. Roksanidic, a member of the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire, and a troop leader at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey.

"What gets me excited the most is seeing those girls blossom," she said. "When you have a really shy girl who won't even look at you when she first joins, and then you see her a couple weeks later taking charge as a leader, it's the best reward."

As a Girl Scout, a former troop leader, the mother of three Girl Scouts and a member of the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire, Dr. Soto Hamlin fully appreciates the values that Girl Scouting instills in the lives of young women.

"When I was a Girl Scout, we were involved in camping, sports, crafts and many skills that prepared us for managing a household: sewing, cooking, budgeting," she recalled.

"The world is different now, and girls have unlimited activities that they can get involved in, and all of those activities teach many skills. If you're in sports, you learn leadership, teamwork and commitment. But what Girl Scouting still does is prepare girls to become women of today. It teaches a girl how to integrate all of the aspects of who she is into the person she's going to become. That's a very important thing. You juggle your career, your home, your spirituality, your leadership, everything about who you are as a woman. I think the main value of Girl Scouting is teaching girls to integrate all the aspects of who they are into who they are going to become. And this whole integration of who you are as a person



Girl Scout Lucie Loftus, a member of the Diocesan Youth Council and a student at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, proclaims the First Reading during the Mass celebrating the Girl Scouts' centennial.



“The disciples were different because of the way they took care of each other, the way they loved each other. That’s very similar to what we do in Camp Fire and Girl Scouts. We help each other, we’re there for each other. God wants us to understand that we’re brothers and sisters in the Lord, and we need to support and encourage each other. That’s what Girl Scouts is all about.”

~ ~ Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, Homily during Girl Scouts Mass

During the presentation of the gifts, Girl Scouts present Bishop Joseph P. McFadden with several of the religious medals that he presented to Girl Scouts at the conclusion of Mass.

really needs to be done in the context of our Catholic moral principles.”

That’s where the religious programs of the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire come into play.

Through the diocese, Girl Scouts can earn a number of national and diocesan awards.

This year, for instance, Alyssa Walton, a sixth-grade Cadet and a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lancaster, earned the “I Live My Faith” award. The national award is part of a program to help youth appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion have in their lives.

In earning the award, Alyssa was asked to create a journal, and in it, to write a letter to her parents and to write about her faith.

“It was fun to do that journal, and I really learned a lot from it,” said Alyssa.

Now in her sixth year of Girl Scouting, Alyssa said her most memorable experience was a camping trip to Echo Trail.

“On our last night there, we had to leave early because there was a tornado warning,” Alyssa recalled of the trip. “We’ve also taken a field trip to a zoo and were able to learn about many different animals there.”

Alyssa’s mom, Kerri Walton, was a Girl Scout herself, and she encouraged Alyssa to join as a little girl. Ms. Walton remembers being a part of the Girl Scouts’ 75th anniversary celebration, and is pleased to see the organization’s positive impact on her daughter as well.

“Girl Scouting teaches girls values and gives them integrity to make the right choices in life,” she said. “With Girl Scouts and their Catholic faith as a background, they’re headed in the right direction.”



Girl Scouts share their light in service as altar servers during a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden April 15 to mark the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.



Girl Scouts at the Daisy level (in blue) recess from Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill and proceed to the parish social hall, where they shared displays and experiences of their activities and achievements.

Scouting for Girls of All Ages

The following is the list of Girl Scout levels, provided by the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire.

- Daisies** – Kindergarten and First Grade
- Brownies** – Second and Third Grade
- Juniors** – Fourth and Fifth Grade
- Cadets** – Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade
- Seniors** – Ninth and Tenth Grade
- Ambassadors** – Eleventh and Twelfth Grade

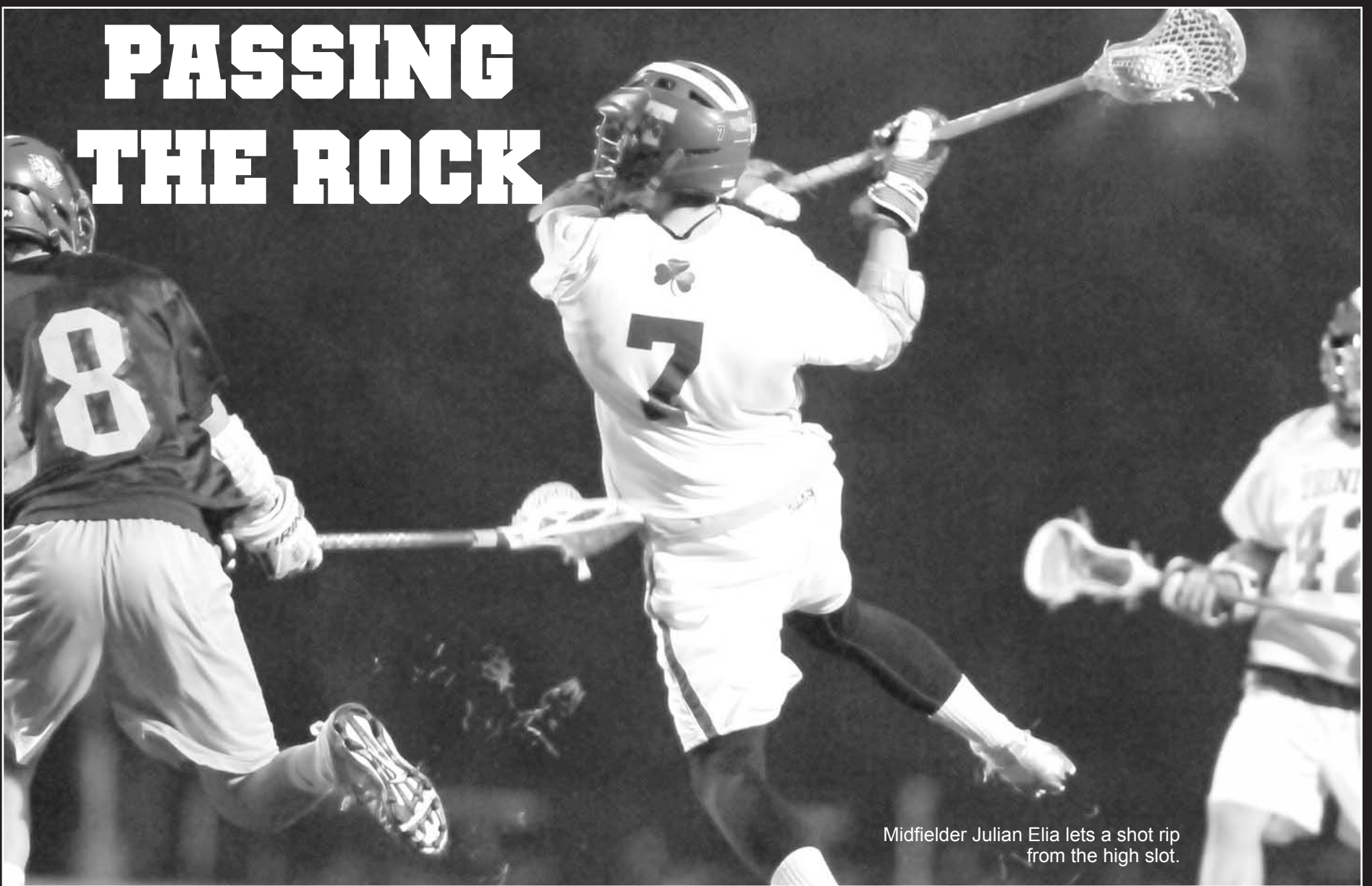
To become a member or volunteer with the Diocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire, or to learn more about Girl Scouting in the Diocese of Harrisburg, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/youngchurch and click on the “Services and Programs” link.





Catholic Sports Report

PASSING THE ROCK



Midfielder Julian Elia lets a shot rip from the high slot.

EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

As the 2012 Mid-Penn Lacrosse regular season winds to a close, the Shamrocks of Trinity High School have successfully positioned themselves for a post-season District 3 play-off berth. Poised in the middle of the pack in the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Division, which is home to powerhouses Carlisle and Cumberland Valley, the Rocks have a .750 winning percentage that should place them as a top ten seed in the upcoming 16-team district championship tournament. And that's considerable success given this season marks Trinity's second season playing lacrosse as a PIAA varsity sport.

The Hershey Trojans are the area's only undefeated team, which brings great speed and skill to the field behind Loyola-bound mid-fielder Joe Baker – the area's leading scorer.

The Rocks, ably coached by David Heisey, can beat anybody given their speed, size and stick skill. They are led by a number of players, but arguably their best player is Jack Miller. Mid-Team All-Star from last season, Miller has 26 goals and 9 assists, and is equally strong with both hands and plays at full-speed for all 48 minutes. Sign of a good player is his ability to make those around him better and he does by assisting attacker Jason Wilson, who has 17 goals and fellow middle Julian Elia, who has 11 tallies and is bound for Division I Mount Saint Mary's University next year.

Miller will be attending Seton Hill University, located in the Greensburg, Pa., where he will play for the Griffins, who have a winning record this season. That respected program plays the most difficult strength-of-schedule rating in Division II lacrosse, as they play the likes of Mercyhurst and C.W. Post, both schools that are traditionally ranked in the top-ten every year.



Jack Miller scoops a ground ball against Mechanicsburg.



Freshman mid-fielder John Miller is defended by Mechanicsburg's Conor Diettrick.



Local Church News

Obituaries

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

ABBOTTSTOWN – Immaculate Heart of Mary: Denise Ferguson.

BERWICK – Immaculate Conception BVM: Saverio Giugliano.

BLOOMSBURG – St. Columba: Jean A. Johnson.

CARLISLE – St. Patrick: Gertrude Lyons.

CHAMBERSBURG – Corpus Christi: Paul Foose, James Gorman.

COAL TOWNSHIP – Our Lady of Hope: Lorraine Bressi, Pamela Campanella, Joseph Pultynovich, Robert Smallets, Leon Schickley (Sicklicki), Margaret Wallace.

DANVILLE – St. Joseph: Kay Garvey.

DUNCANNON – St. Bernadette: Louis Jacobs.

HARRISBURG – Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick: David Kwait; St. Catherine Labouré: Brook Byerly, Bernard Ziegler.

HERSHEY – St. Joan of Arc: Barbara Laudermilch, Guerino "Scotty" Manari.

LANCASTER – Assumption BVM: William Quinn.

LEBANON – Assumption BVM: Jeanne Kern, Madeline Mancuso, James Matarazzi, Carrie Schrefler, Joseph P. Simpson.

MECHANICSBURG – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: John Sloan; St. Joseph: Carl Bergman, Jack Krauthem, Anna McKendrick.

MIDDLETOWN – Seven Sorrows BVM: Charles Groff, Pasquale Randazzo, David Rencevicz.

MILLERSVILLE – St. Philip the Apostle: Samuel W. Rinaldi.

MOUNT CARMEL – Divine Redeemer: Eleanor Girolami, Aloysius J. Yurkiewicz.

NEW BLOOMFIELD – St. Bernard: Libby Herr, Mary James.

NEW FREEDOM – St. John the Baptist: Sally Boyle, John Keller, Nicholas Lehneis.

STEELTON – Prince of Peace: Margaret Lindsay, Frank Zuvich.

WAYNESBORO – St. Andrew: Josefine Huber, Robert O'Toole, Helen Pawloski, Della Wagaman.

YORK – St. Joseph: Veronica C. Byorick, Angela Messina; St. Patrick: Jeanne Frerot.

Sister Therese Inez McHale

Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Therese Inez McHale died at Paoli Hospital on March 31.

She entered the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1944. For 58 years, Sister Therese's assignments included ministry in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in Peru, and in the Dioceses of Allentown and Harrisburg. In the Diocese of Harrisburg, she served at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Coal Township and Trinity High School in Camp Hill. She retired to Camilla Hall in 2005.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Camilla Hall on April 3. Burial was in Immaculata Cemetery.

REMEMBER OUR Deceased Clergy

Please pray for the following clergy who died in May during the past 25 years:
Father Stanley Laurinitis, 1989
Father Gerard Heim, 1991
Msgr. George Lentocha, 1997
Father John Smith, 1999
Msgr. Hubert J. McGuire, 2003
Father John Campion, 2010
Father Richard P. Waldron, 2011



Retirement Seminars for Current and Retired Diocesan Employees and Priests

Highmark, Social Security and Fidelity have combined resources to present an informational seminar on things to consider when preparing for retirement either now or in the near future. The seminars are for current and retired diocesan employees and priests. Highmark will be covering the details of the FreedomBlue Medicare Advantage plan which the diocese sponsors, and a representative from Social Security will be sharing information on Medicare.

Fidelity will be available not only during the evening to share information on preparing for retirement but a retirement consultant will be on site during the day for one-on-one consultations to review individual 401Ks. These consultations must be pre-booked at www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations.

The seminars, which are only for current and retired employees of the Diocese of Harrisburg and for priests, will be held at:

Trinity High School, Camp Hill, April 25 from 6-8 p.m.

Delone Catholic High School, McSherrystown, May 3 from 6-8 p.m.

York Catholic High School, May 7 from 6-8 p.m.

Lancaster Catholic High School, May 9 from 6-8 p.m.

Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, May 14 from 6-8 p.m.

Register in advance if you are planning to attend. Register at <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1204842-uVEQ5LWv7l>. Mobile device registrants, please use: <http://www.formstack.com/m/?1204842-uVEQ5LWv7l>.

Belle Voix Vocal Ensemble to Present Spring Concert Series

Belle Voix Vocal Ensemble will present their Spring Concert series "A Choral Tapestry" with a series of three concerts. On Sunday, April 22, they will present their program at First United Methodist Church in Hanover at 3 p.m. On Saturday, April 28, they will sing at St. Joseph Catholic Church in York at 6:30 p.m. The final concert is at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Waynesboro on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. Free-will offerings will be taken at each of the concerts.

Belle Voix has presented concerts throughout central Pennsylvania, from Lewistown to Bethesda, Md. The group is featured on several "Christmas in Hanover CD's", has sung at events by invitation, such as the Marian Celebration in Harrisburg. *Belle Voix* is under the direction of Beth D. Pugliese, currently Minister of Music at Our Lady of Grace Church in Parkton, Md. A graduate of Peabody Conservatory, she has served in pastoral music ministry for over 28 years.

If you would like further information about *Belle Voix*, send an e-mail to belle_voix@comcast.net, or call Beth Pugliese, 717-632-1989.

Order of Malta's "Defense of the Faith" Event to Focus on Religious Freedom

The Order of Malta in Lancaster will host a "Defense of the Faith" discussion, "With Liberty and Justice for Some," May 22 at St. John Neumann Church in Lancaster. The discussion will be led by Dr. Marie Hilliard, Director of Bioethics & Public Policy, National Catholic Bioethics Center. Dr. Hilliard has been a consultant on faith and community based initiatives for President George W. Bush. She also has been a guest at the White House at the invitation of President Bill Clinton for her work for peace in Northern Ireland, on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, working with the Presbyterian Church, USA.

The event will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7:15 p.m. For information, visit www.orderofmaltalancaster.com.

"Living Life from the Inside Out: Finding Inner Courage Where it Lives" Conference to be held at Holy Spirit Hospital

Holy Spirit Hospital and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) are hosting a professional enrichment conference entitled "Living Life from the Inside Out: Finding Inner Courage Where it Lives." The conference will be held June 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Pa.

Thomas J. Butler, Th.M., M.Div. and Anne Butler, MSN, ANP-BC, CHPN, will be the conference speakers. Tom and Anne Butler both minister within Catholic health care. Tom serves as director of Mission Services for the Bon Secours Health System. Anne is a nurse practitioner and serves as an internal consultant for hospice and palliative care.

Conference attendees will be invited to re-discover one's true self/soul; reflect on living life from the inside out with courage and conviction; discover the necessity of solitude as well as community; and experience the invitation to lead an undivided life.

The cost to attend the full-day conference is \$45. Morning refreshments and lunch are included. 5.0 CEHs are offered.

Please visit the NACC website (www.nacc.org) at to learn more about the program and to download a registration form. Please contact Sister Margaret Washington, ASC, Holy Spirit Hospital Pastoral Care, at 717-972-4255 or SWashington@hsh.org or Jeanine Annunziato, NACC, at 414-483-4898 or jannunziato@nacc.org to pre-register. Registration will not be considered complete until the NACC receives your registration form and fees. All registration fees must be received by May 18.

Catholic Perspective Radio



April 29: On this week's edition of *Catholic Perspective*, we explore Hollywood movies and how they depict sisters and nuns. When they appear, are they merely stereotypes or are they portrayed realistically? We'll get some insight into this question from someone who should know.

In our Vocation Corner, we hear the compelling story of one of the priests of our diocese. Father Luis Rodriguez, pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Mount Joy, shares the story of how he heard and answered the calling to the priesthood.

In our Ask a Franciscan segment, we explore the concept of the hierarchy of beliefs. Listeners hear a question from a Catholic who disagrees with some teachings of the Church. In the areas of the death penalty and immigration, we hear more about the teachings of the Church.

Listeners will hear all that, as well as the latest Catholic news and events on this week's program.

Catholic Perspective is produced in cooperation with the Office of Communications of the Diocese and WHYF AM 720. The program is heard Mondays at noon and Sundays at 3 p.m. on WHYF AM 720 and on Sunday mornings on WLAN-AM 1390, Lancaster at 7:30 a.m.; WHYL-AM 960, Carlisle, at 8 a.m.; WHVR-AM 1280, Hanover, at 8 a.m.; WKOK-AM 1070, Sunbury, at 6:30 a.m.; WIEZ-AM 670, Lewistown, at 8 a.m.; WWSM-AM 1510, Lebanon, at 7 a.m.; and WVEC-FM 88.3, Elizabethtown, at 9:30 a.m. It is also available on line at www.OldiesRadio1620.com at 6:30 a.m. or for download at www.hbgdiocese.org.

The Holy Mass is broadcast daily on WHYF AM 720. The Mass comes from the EWTN Our Lady of the Angles Chapel and is celebrated with the Franciscan Friars. Tune in at 8 a.m. The Mass is repeated Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Pilgrimage - Holy Family Radio is offering an exciting two day bus tour to the great shrines and sites of Philadelphia. This late June spiritual experience will be accompanied by Father William Weary and is a fund-raiser for the station. Information is available on the station's website, www.YourHolyFamilyRadio.com or by calling 717-525-8110.



Young Church in Action

Diocese Honors High School Scholars

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Among the array of Catholic high school students who have received well-earned scholarships this year, more than a dozen were honored by the Diocese of Harrisburg earlier this month for two particular scholarship recognitions.

Three diocesan high school seniors are finalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program: Grant Kempfski of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg and Natalie Hemlick and Alex Cook of Lancaster Catholic High School.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for high school students to receive recognition and college scholarships. Nearly 1.5 million students enter the program each year, and less than 10,000 are awarded scholarships for undergraduate study. The honors awarded to exceptional students are viewed as definitive marks of excellence recognizing students' remarkable accomplishments and outstanding scores on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Grant Kempfski has had a successful career at Bishop McDevitt High School. In addition to succeeding academically, he has been active in a number of extra-curricular and co-curricular organizations. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society and Choir, in which he currently serves as president. He is a member of the school's bowling team. Outside of school, Grant plays bass in a rock band and is also a member of the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra. In the fall, Grant plans to attend Lafayette College and major in Chemistry.

Natalie Hemlick of Lancaster Catholic High School is a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society. She has received recognition for achievement in science fair projects both freshman and sophomore years as well as National Latin Examination Cum Laude Awards and Lancaster County Young Artists Exhibit Awards for the past four years. Natalie is a member of the LCHS Stage Crew, the Dance Club, Writer's Anonymous, Quiz Bowl, Student Ambassadors, Contemporary Ballet of PA and Ballet Theatre of Lancaster. For community service, Natalie has donated time to St. Leo the Great

in Rohrerstown, Lancaster Public Library West, Fulton Theater and Lancaster Catholic High School. Natalie will be furthering her studies at Cornell University.

Alex Cook has been a member of Lancaster Catholic High School's student newspaper, Quiz Bowl, Writer's Anonymous, Concert Band and Marching Band as well as County Band, Jazz Band, Spring Musical Orchestra, Chorus and the Regional Youth Chamber Orchestra (selected by audition). Alex has performed countless hours of community service as an altar server at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Lancaster, and as server of meals for the underprivileged at St. Mary's Church in Lancaster. Alex has been honored by the local Rotary for highest quarter grades as well as the University of Rochester's Frederick O. Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award for commitment to social justice. Additionally, Alex has participated in Rubik's Cube Tournaments both regionally and nationally. Alex has not decided where he will go to college.

In addition to its recognition of National Merit Scholars, the diocese also honored a number of high school students who were awarded the Ray Tyo St. Ferdinand Scholarship. The scholarship was founded by Mr. Ray Tyo in gratitude for his Catholic education. The scholarship is available to students who graduate a Catholic high school in the diocese and wish to attend a Catholic college or university. The Foundation presently provides a scholarship of \$1,000 per semester for four years of undergraduate study. Applications are made available to the guidance offices of the Catholic high schools in the diocese in the fall, and the school nominates the student for the scholarship to the Foundation Board.

This year's recipients of the Ray Tyo St. Ferdinand Scholarship are Adam DePorter of York Catholic High School; Sarah Holt and Daniel Lopes of Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown; Leah Feczko and Josie Migash of Trinity High School in Camp Hill; Joelle Augustine and Colleen Deignan of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg; Beth Holmes and Alvin Ogolla of Lancaster Catholic High School; Bryan Bates of Lebanon Catholic School; and Rachel Davis of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township.



CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden and Father Edward J. Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education, honor this year's National Merit Scholarship Finalists. From left are Natalie Hemlick, Grant Kempfski and Alex Cook.



JEN REED, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Father Edward J. Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education, congratulates this year's recipients of the Ray Tyo St. Ferdinand Scholarship. Students, front row from left, are Adam DePorter, Sarah Holt, Leah Feczko, Joelle Augustine and Colleen Deignan. Back row from left are Daniel Lopes, Josie Migash, Beth Holmes, Alvin Ogolla and Bryan Bates. Not present for the photo was Rachel Davis of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help School Provides Students with Vocation Experience



Father Ed Faliskie is guided by Isaac VonNieda through the Vocation Olympic Games, which included a race to sainthood and an obstacle course on the path to Heaven.

PHOTO COURTESY OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL

The Spiritual Life Committee, administration, faculty and students at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata recently experienced Vocation Day, an exciting day during which the student body interacted with numerous clergy and religious in an effort to promote religious vocations.

Religious sisters, deacons and priests came from near and far to spend the day with the K-8 students. They shared the story of their call to a religious vocation, spoke of the joys and satisfactions of their religious life, and shared real-life experiences so that students might better be able to explore their vocation and God's call in their lives.

Special guests were Father John Schmalhofer, Father Ed Faliskie, Father Dan Francis, Father John Gibbons, Father Phil Hurley, Father Tariq Isaac, Father Al Masluk, Deacon Martin Light, Sister Anna Cosgrove, Sister Mary Kay Faliskie, Sister Pat Luss, Sister Serafina Sarnowska, and Sister Mary Elizabeth Schmidt.

The day began with Mass and included visits by clergy and religious to a few different classes, a Skype session with a guest who could not be present, Vocation Olympic Games and a closing prayer service.

Our day began with Mass at 9:00 am and included a general introduction of our guests to our students; followed by visits by each of our guests to a few different classes; skypeing was even available for one of our special guests who could not be present. Our special guests and students participated in our first ever Vocation Olympic Games followed by a closing prayer service.



Diocesan Notebook

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SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS

The Legion of Mary, Gettysburg Curia will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Hanover on April 29.

Mass with prayers for healing will be celebrated May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa Church in New Cumberland by Father William Forrey. The Mass is sponsored by the Pilgrims of Praise and Life in the Spirit prayer groups. Call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709.

The Holy Name of Jesus Council 14081, Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Living Rosary Devotion May 2 at 7 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Harrisburg. The Rosary Devotion will be dedicated to support the Church's efforts to maintain "Religious Freedom" in the United States.

Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey will be held May 2 at 7 p.m. Come and experience the joy of the Easter season through praise and worship music as we adore Christ in the most Holy Eucharist. A reception will be held immediately afterward in the cafeteria. For information, call 717-583-0240.

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES

Malvern Men's Retreat Weekend Invitation: We invite you to join the men of this diocese for a retreat at the Malvern Retreat House the weekend of May 18, 19, and 20. The Malvern Retreat House also offers retreats for women, married couples, families, and students. For information, call Larry Fox (Dauphin, Cumberland or Lebanon Counties) at 717-545-1004 or email larryfox631@gmail.com, or Joe Spangler (York, Adams or Lancaster Counties) at 717-757-2704 or email atcarmiesjs@comcast.net. Or, visit www.malvernretreat.com.

Women's Wellness Weekend June 1-3, 2012: Treat yourself, with a weekend away in Cape May Point at Saint Mary by-the-Sea Women's Wellness Weekend, hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, is designed to be holistic, spiritual, relaxing, rejuvenating, educational and fun! The next retreat will take place June 1-3; the price for the weekend is \$350. Contact the SSJ Development Office for more details: development@ssjphila.org or 800-482-6510.

Jody Cole will be conducting a number of icon writing retreats in June. June 3-8 she will be at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, Pa., where students will paint a 12"x16" icon of Christ the Good Shepherd. For more information, see www.stfrancisretreathouse.org or call 610-258-3053 or e-mail stranrh@rcn.com. She will also be conducting a workshop at St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg June 18-22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. More information is available at www.jcoicons.com or by calling Jody at 717-919-8791.

The Harrisburg Area Women's Retreat Club will hold its annual retreat weekend Sept. 7-9 at Villa of Our Lady in Mount Pocono, Pa. Depart Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg Sept. 7 at 1:15 p.m., return to Harrisburg Sept. 9 at approximately 5:30 p.m. Contact Jo Barnes at 717-652-2868 for information and registration.

St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland is hosting a motor-coach excursion (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) to visit the National Center of Padre Pio Spiritual Shrine Sept. 12, 2012. Pilgrimage includes a luxury coach, visitation to Our Lady of Grace Chapel at the Padre Pio Spirituality Centre, the Angel of Roses promenade, numerous side chapels, an expansive museum, gift shop, and lunch. Cost is \$39 per person. Park free at the Radisson Penn-Harris Hotel & Convention Center in Camp Hill. For information, call Marge Graney at 717-774-1053. For reservations and menu selection, call Sheldon Munn at 717-770-0235. Reservations due on or before Aug. 12.

Travel with Collette Vacations to Italy. 3 nights in Rome plus much more. Nov 3-15, 2012. For more info and a brochure, contact Marian Klingerman, member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Mount Carmel, at 570-339-2141 or jacksph@ptd.net.

Pilgrimage to Israel. Travel with Father John Peck, OSB, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Annville, to the Holy Land, Nov. 7-15th, 2012. Call Jeanne Rittle, 717-867-1525, with questions or to have an itinerary sent to you. Highlights: Caesarea, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Cana, Tiberias, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Transfiguration Church, Jaffa Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, Church of The Holy Sepulcher, Wailing Wall, Mount Zion, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Daily Mass. Cost is \$2999 pp/do. For detailed itinerary visit: <http://www.collettevacations.com/group-page/index.cfm?ID=453914>.

EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT & SUPPORT

Holy Spirit Hospital Pastoral Care Department in Camp Hill is offering a Bereavement Support Program for anyone who has lost a loved one. The six-week series runs May 2-June 6. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Pastoral Care at 717-763-2118.

Holy Spirit Health System will host a free program for individuals interested in learning more about strokes. Cynthia Swartz, director of patient care services at Holy Spirit Hospital, will present "Act FAST: The Brain Needs You!" at 6 p.m. on May 17 in Holy Spirit Hospital's auditorium, Camp Hill. Swartz will talk about the early signs and symptoms of a stroke and transient ischemic attack (TIA), risk factors, treatment options, the importance of community involvement, and why time is so vital in treating a stroke. Free parking. Light refreshments. There is no need to register.

A meeting of Family and Friends Concerned about the Abuse of Drugs (FFCAAD) will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall in Mount Carmel May 23 at 7 p.m. Father Frank Karwacki, pastor and a member of the Northumberland Country Drug and Alcohol Planning Council and founder of FFCAAD, will do a presentation on the dangers of Meth use. All are invited to attend.

Catholic Live Mount St. Mary's Summer Conference: June 28 at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md. Join with hundreds of teens from the region for great breakout sessions on faith, relationships, music, media and more. Registration packet and flyer at www.msm.edu/catholiclive. Contact Sister Liz Sjoberg, DC at the Campus Ministry office, 301-447-5223 for more details.

EVENTS & FUND-RAISERS

A presentation of organ music by Cathedral Parish Organist Nicholas F. Basehore will take place April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Organ music from throughout the centuries will be presented and will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Dan Locklair, Guy Bovet, Charles-Marie Widor, Alexandre Guilmant, and others. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated to offset costs. For information, call 717-232-2169, ext. 224.

Next Gen Disciples (NGD) Family Ministries, Inc. is sponsoring a Spring Craft Fair April 28 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Trinity High School in Camp Hill. Over 40 crafters and vendors. Homemade breakfast and lunch items as well as baked goods will be for sale. Proceeds from the vendor booth rentals and food sales will support a summer mission trip. For more information, contact Tanya at tanya41979@yahoo.com or Kris at kristenmbarnard@verizon.net.

Holy Spirit Health System in Camp Hill is sponsoring a "Nurses' Walk" April 28 from 9-11 a.m. at Adams Ricci Park, Enola. Registration and warm-ups at 9 a.m.; the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost to participate is \$25. Free health screenings will be offered. All proceeds will benefit Holy Spirit Health System. For more information, call Holy Spirit Hospital at 717-763-2100.

Holy Spirit Hospital Auxiliary will hold its 15th annual Spring Festival April 28 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Adams Ricci Park in Enola. Flower sale, chicken barbeque, bake sale, children's games and activities, free health screenings. Event will be held rain or shine.

St. Mary's Iris Dramatic & Social Club presents, "You Can't Beat the House," a comedy in two acts, April 28 and April 29 at Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in York. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes admission to the performance, a dessert and beverages. Tickets may be purchased by calling the parish office at 717-845-7629.

St. Benedict the Abbot Parish Outreach Ministry in Lebanon will host a Spring Fling Dance/Monte Carlo Night April 28 from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call Midge at 717-269-0785 for information or tickets. Benefits the elevator campaign.

York Catholic High School's Spring Concert will take place April 29 at 5:30 p.m. Instruments and voices come together as students in choir, mixed chorus, band and the jazz band are scheduled to perform. Admission is free.

The Adorer Associates of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ Sisters will host a reunion and open house May 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Pauline Hall at St. Anne's Retirement Community in Columbia. For information, and to register, contact Juanita at 717-991-4111 or juanderer@verizon.net by April 30.

St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Millersville will hold a pulled pork BBQ and craft fair May 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life at Conestoga High School June 8. For information, contact Jean Erb at 717-872-0714 or erbjm@comcast.net., or Andrea Derr at 717-872-2166.

The Dickinson Catholic Campus Music Ministry is presenting a liturgical music concert May 5 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick Shrine Church on Pomfret Street in Carlisle. This concert is reestablishing the tradition of sacred music concerts held in the Shrine Church. Father Henry Ganss established this tradition sometime in the late 19th or early 20th century during his time as musical pastor of St. Patrick's Church and since then it has been lost. Please join us in continuing this tradition! There will be a reception to follow.

The 24th Annual Blue & Gold Gala to Benefit Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg will take place May 5 at the Hershey Lodge. Served meal featuring southern cuisine, a live auction and dancing. Dress for the evening is "Derby Casual" (hats not required). Tickets available for \$100 per person (max 10 per table). Reserve tickets at www.bishopmcddevitt.org or by calling Rita Fulton at 717-236-7973 x445.

York Catholic High School's Athletic Association is hosting Bingo May 6 at the high school. Doors open at noon and games begin at 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 at the door. No advance tickets are on sale. Package includes 15 paper cards. Additional strips of 3 are available for \$3 each. There are two jackpots of \$500 and one \$1000 jackpot. Refreshments available for purchase. For information, call York Catholic High School weekdays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 717-846-8871 x15.

Organist Gail Archer will perform in concert May 6 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Lancaster. Free admission, Dinner reception follows. Call 717-394-0669.

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 12404 in Enola will sponsor an AARP 55+ Driver Safety course May 8 from 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center in Enola. Cost is \$14 per person (\$12 for AARP members). Register online at www.aarp.org/findacourse or via check payable to AARP to Owen Moore, 411 N. 4th Street, Lemoyne PA 17043. For questions, call 717-761-4822.

John Michael Talbot will perform in concert at the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg May 11 from 8-10 p.m. to benefit the ministries of Christian Churches United. Tickets are \$35; call 717-230-9550 or e-mail jmtconcert@gmail.com.

The Theatre of Performing Arts of Southern York County will hold its spring production, "Showtune," in the parish center at St. John the Baptist in New Freedom May 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. The production showcases the music of Jerry Herman and is a fund-raiser for the parish and school. For information, call Arlene at 717-235-4182.

St. Benedict the Abbot Parish in Lebanon will host an indoor yard sale May 12 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Social Hall. Yard sale tables, vendor tables, soup and bake sale. Call 717-450-4506 x 10 for more information or if interested in a banquet-size table for your goods.

The Saint Anne's Retirement Community Auxiliary is sponsoring a Chicken Bar-B-Que to benefit the Retirement Community May 12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Anne's Retirement Community, Columbia. Baked goods available. Proceeds from the sale of baked goods will benefit the St. Anne's Retirement Community Pet Committee. A complete dinner for \$8 or half a chicken for

\$5.50. For tickets or information, contact Michelle Bard at 717-285-1412. Tickets may be purchased the day of the Bar-B-Que; however, advanced ticket purchases are encouraged. Advanced tickets need to be purchased by May 3. Donations of baked goods may be brought to St. Anne's Retirement Community May 11 or May 12.

A Mother's Day buffet will be held at St. Mary's Parish Center in Berwick May 13 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., featuring turkey, beef, pork, chicken and pasta, penne with shrimp, chicken marsala, potatoes, vegetables and various other menu items. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Reservations required by May 8 at 3 p.m. Call 570-759-8113 before 3 p.m., or 570-759-9227 after 3 p.m. Tickets available at the church office.

York Catholic High School will hold a Spring Open House May 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. Prospective students and their families are welcome to tour the school; talk with faculty, staff, and students; and enjoy refreshments. For information, contact York Catholic High School at 717-846-8871 x20.

The 16th annual John Waverka Memorial Golf Tournament will be conducted May 19 at the Deer Valley Golf Course in Hummelstown. Sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council #6693, proceeds benefit Pennsylvania Special Olympics. Event time: 8 a.m. shotgun start/4-person scramble. Fees: \$65 per golfer includes cart, green fees, steak dinner, and beverages; \$25 for additional guest dinners. Great prizes! All are welcome, including single players. Registration deadline is May 11. Registration form available at: www.kofchershey.org/whatsnew.htm. For information, contact Ed Gliot, 717-566-3529, evgvmg@verizon.net or Mike Waverka 717-520-1687, mikewaverka@aol.com.

Night of Comedy, May 19 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church on Grandview Road in Hanover. Stand-Up comedian and impressionist David Ferrell (clean comedy for all audiences, check him out at www.larryweaver.com). Call 717-637-5236 for tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 after May 13.

A basket and pottery bingo will take place in the cafeteria at St. Theresa School in New Cumberland May 20. Doors open at 11 a.m., with bingo at 1 p.m. The kitchen will be open. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. All baskets will be filled, and vendors will also be present. For every two personal care or non-perishable food item you donate, receive a ticket for a chance on a raffle of retired baskets. For information or tickets, call Pam at 717-585-5904 or Marcia at 717-938-8193.

The John Timon Reily Historical Society is having a picture identification party May 20 from noon-5 p.m. at Neiderer's Banquet Room in McSherrystown. The society is named for the noted Catholic writer and historian from Conewago in the early years of the diocese. Help the society identify pictures, or bring your own to perhaps be identified.

Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster is celebrating its 20th Anniversary on May 20. All alumni, former teachers, staff and principals are invited to a reception in the school cafeteria from 12:30-2 p.m. Come back to see old friends and take a walk down memory lane by touring the school. Resurrection is located at 521 E. Orange St. Call the school office for additional information, 717-392-3083. Miss Millie is anxious to hear from you!

St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg is sponsoring its 13th Annual Golf Tournament at Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg May 25. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Drexel Dream Scholarship Fund. We welcome all golfers! Also looking for sponsors! Call the parish office at 717-697-8716 for details.

St. Stan's Grand Re-union Celebration will be held May 27. Mass at 1 p.m. at Mother Cabrini Church in Shamokin. Celebration continues at St. Stan's Hall, Race & Vine Sts. Pre-paid reservations only, limited seating. Cost of \$35/person includes Polish food buffet and refreshments, entertainment. Bring and share memorabilia - church, school, priest and nun photos, report cards, prayer books, medals, etc. Contact Mary Harmon at 570-594-3663 or martom02@msn.com. Checks payable to: St. Stan's Re-union Fund, PO Box 262, Elysburg, PA 17824.

A Youth Lacrosse Camp for 2nd-8th graders: July 9-12 from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity High School in Camp Hill. This special lacrosse camp is hosted by the Trinity High School Lacrosse Teams, under the direction of Varsity Coach Dave Heisey. Registration forms at www.trinityhs.k12.pa.us. Questions to Coach Miller at miller808@gmail.com.

Tickets for St Joseph the Workers 3rd Annual Cash and Cash Bingo (featuring 100% authentic Coach Bags and cash) go on sale May 1. The bingo will be held Aug. 26 at St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Hanover. Don't wait to purchase tickets. Donation of \$20 for 21 games. Lots of door prizes (half are Coach merchandise) and raffles, food is available. Call the parish office at 717-334-2510 for information or to purchase tickets.

PARISH, SCHOOL & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg is accepting Admission Applications for the Fall 2012-2013. All students interested in attending McDevitt during this historical change from 2200 Market Street to 1 Crusader Way may download the Admission Application from our website, www.bishopmcddevitt.org/admissions.

St. Philip the Apostle Preschool in Millersville is accepting registrations for the 2012-2013 school year. St. Philip's Preschool offers classes for three to five year-old children. Students must be three by October 1 to be eligible to attend the preschool. Members of the St. Philip's teaching staff are certified by the Pennsylvania Department of education and employ the latest strategies in early childhood education.

All members of the community are welcome to attend St. Philip's Preschool. For more information, contact Preschool Director Linda Simpson at 717-606-2670 or the Parish Office at 717-872-2166 for a registration form. Information can be found at www.stphilipspreschool.com.

Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., Center for Campus Ministry is seeking a qualified candidate with at least 2-3 years of experience in college age or young adult ministry. Position includes pastoral ministry to college students, planning and facilitating retreats and retreat teams, and faith programming. The successful candidate will have a M.A. in Theology. Additional information is available at www.msm.edu/jobs.



Catholics Urged to Invite Inactive Members to Practice Faith Once Again

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

A document on the new evangelization from the U.S. bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis exhorts Catholics to at all levels in the church to step up to invite Catholics who have stopped practicing their faith to do so once again.

"Bishops, eparchs, pastors, catechists and indeed all Catholics reaching out to our missing brothers and sisters must touch the lives of others, interact with them, and show them how the faith answers the deepest questions and enriches modern culture," said the document, titled "Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization."

"The new evangelization is a call to each person to deepen his or her own faith, have confidence in the Gospel, and possess a willingness to share the Gospel," it said.

The document was issued April 16 in an online-only format. It is available on an interactive website – www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/disciples-called-to-witness.

The document examines what the new evangelization is, its focus, its importance for the Catholic Church and how dioceses and parishes can promote it.

Referring to a study of inactive Catho-

lics prepared by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, "Disciples Called to Witness" said: "It is estimated that only 23 percent of U.S. Catholics attend Mass each week. Those 77 percent absent from the Eucharistic feast each week are not strangers: They are our parents, siblings, spouses, children and friends."

"Most Catholics stop attending Mass because they have busy schedules or a lack of time, have family responsibilities, have health problems or disabilities, have conflicts with work, do not believe missing Mass is a sin or believe that they are not very religious people," the document said.

"Some were never formed in the faith after their childhood. Some have drifted away because of one or another issue. Some feel alienated from the church because of the way they perceive the church or its teaching. Some have left because they were mistreated by church representatives," it added. "Cultural factors, including the lack of Masses and sacraments celebrated in languages other than English, also contribute to people slowly slipping away from the church."

"Disciples Called to Witness" noted: "There are also Catholics who attend Mass on a regular basis but who feel unconnected to the parish community."

It cited secularism, materialism and individualism in contemporary society

as contributing factors for lack of Mass attendance by U.S. Catholics.

"The new evangelization is a call to each person to deepen his or her own faith, have confidence in the Gospel, and possess a willingness to share the Gospel," the document said.

"The new evangelization provides the lens through which people experience the church and world around them," it added. "The new evangelization invites people to experience God's love and mercy through the sacraments, especially through the Eucharist and penance and reconciliation."

The 31-page, 11,000-word document said it is likely inactive Catholics will have questions if they are invited to return to the practice of their faith.

"They may wonder and worry about the following: Will the Mass be the same? Will I be judged because I stayed away so long? Maybe I have sinned so greatly that I cannot come back. What if I cannot remember the words to Mass?"

By the same token, it added, those who must do the inviting are often afraid of asking family members, friends or co-workers to come with them to Mass.

They may "have difficulty saying, 'I saw the same news story, but this is what the church actually teaches,'" it continued. "We have trouble revealing, 'Yes, sometimes going to confession is hard, but once I am there, I experience

God's peace and mercy. If you haven't been in a while, consider giving it another chance."

The first time Blessed John Paul II used the term "new evangelization" as the theological concept of proclaiming the Gospel anew to those already evangelized was in a 1983 address in Haiti to Latin American bishops, the document said, but noted he was renewing a call to all of the Christian faithful to evangelize in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Paul VI.

In his 1975 apostolic exhortation on evangelization, "Evangelii Nuntiandi," "Pope Paul VI recognized that the first proclamation of the good news is directed 'ad gentes' (to all). However, he also recognized the need for the evangelization of the baptized who no longer practice their faith, the document said. "He called upon the church to evangelize these two groups, to invite them to a life of conversion, and to add new meaning to their life through the paschal mystery of Christ," it said.

"Evangelization must remain rooted in the parish. It is in the parish that one becomes engaged with the church community, learns how to become a disciple of Christ, is nurtured by Scripture, is nourished by the sacraments, and ultimately becomes an evangelizer," the document said.

Religious Liberty Issue Takes Center Stage at Catholic Prayer Breakfast

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

Religious liberty was topic A at the eighth annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, held April 19 at a Washington hotel.

"Never in the lifetime of anyone present here has the religious liberty of the American people been as threatened as it is today," warned Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, in remarks to the estimated 800 people in attendance.

"We must remind our fellow Americans, and especially those who exercise power, that religious liberty – the freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment – has been essential to the founding, development and improvement of the American republic."

Anderson said, "Today we find a new hostility to the role of religious institutions in American life at a time when government is expanding its reach in extraordinary ways. And it is not only because of the Obama administration's HHS contraception mandate."

Besides the mandate requiring that most health plans cover the cost of contraception, sterilization and some drugs that can induce abortion, Anderson pointed to the Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC case, a court challenge to a Lutheran school's firing of a teacher. The attempt to more narrowly define who is a religious employee was unanimously rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court.

He also noted the revocation of a federal human trafficking grant awarded to the U.S. bishops' Department of Migration and Refugee Services because MRS would not offer its clients the "full range of reproductive services," including abortion.

"A government willing to affect the faith and mission of the church is a government willing to change the identity of the church," Anderson declared.

"During his (2008) visit to Washington, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that 'Christians are easily tempted to conform themselves to the spirit of this age,'" he said. "The spirit of our age is profoundly secular. And secularism accepts religion – if it accepts it at all – only on its own terms. Under this view, religion is subordinated to the political interests of the secular state. And it is precisely this subordination of religion to the state that the First Amendment seeks to prevent."

Anderson recalled when British Prime Minister Winston



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Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, speaks on threats to religious liberty April 19 during the eighth annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington. Catholics in public office, church officials, religious and members of the Knights were among those in attendance at the breakfast.

Churchill addressed Congress in December 1941, with England being subjected to Nazi bombing runs and the United States having just suffered the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor.

"In that worst of times, he scorned the enemies of free-

dom and defiantly asked, 'What kind of people do they think we are?' Today, with the same defiance, we can declare, 'What kind of Catholics do they think we are!'" Anderson said to applause. "Do they really expect us to go gently into that dark night they are preparing for religious liberty in America? Do they know that people who believe in 'one holy catholic and apostolic church' can never agree to compromise our church by entangling it in intrinsically evil acts?"

While Anderson stuck to domestic issues, threats to religious liberty around the world was the subject of the keynote address by Archbishop Francis A. Chullikatt, apostolic nuncio at the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations.

Archbishop Chullikatt noted repeatedly how Catholics and Christians are threatened on a regular basis for professing or exercising their faith. The former papal nuncio to Iraq, he expressed sadness over the Oct. 31, 2010, massacre at a church in Baghdad, where 52 people were murdered, including two priests he knew personally.

"Religious liberty is the first of human rights," Archbishop Chullikatt said. He quoted Pope Benedict XVI, who in his 2011 World Day of Peace message, said, "A freedom that is hostile or indifferent to God is self-negating."

"What is at stake here," Archbishop Chullikatt said, "is the future of humanity itself." He added freedom of religion is "not only a moral but also a civil right."

Such freedom, the archbishop said, "still awaits effective implementation in many countries." He cited statistics from a U.N. office that monitors discrimination and intolerance to human rights, which indicated that 70 percent of the world's people live in countries with a high degree of restriction on human rights, with 51 percent of the population lives in nations where the government has used force to keep citizens from exercising those rights.

Archbishop Chullikatt cited laws that place an outright ban on worship by Catholics in nations where they are a minority religion, as well as blasphemy laws, conversion laws and statutes that forbid the wearing of garments that express one's faith.

The Arab Spring that took hold in many parts of the Muslim world last year has created situations for Christians that "may actually see things get worse rather than improve," he said.



Bishop of Harrisburg

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to share with you the audited Diocesan Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. This report reflects your dedication to sustaining the mission of Christ's Church here in Harrisburg.

As stewards of the gifts God has given us, each of us has our role to play in fulfilling the mandate of Christ and the mission of His Church. The vast array of pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, and outreach programs throughout the fifteen counties of Central Pennsylvania could not go forward without your faith-filled gifts of your time, talent, and treasure. These programs touch the lives of a countless number of our brothers and sisters, hopefully including you and your loved ones as well.

As your Bishop, I am grateful for your generous and consistent support of your parish, the Lenten Appeal, the Pentecost Collection and other special appeals that directly assist the ministries of the Church especially during these economic times. Because of your caring response, we are able to accomplish better these many good works.

May God bless you and your loved ones with His gifts of health, grace, and peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden

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Astute readers of the audited consolidated financial statements published each year in the pages of *The Catholic Witness* may have noticed subtle but important changes over the past two years. Beginning with last year's statement, the assets and liabilities of Catholic Charities are accounted for separately, and not presented within the consolidated financial statements of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, Charitable Trust and Affiliates. This reflects the reality of legal structures and business operations.

Since the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg in 1868, each parish has operated as a charitable trust, separate from the diocese and distinct from other parishes. Similarly, several corporations undertake the religious works of the Church but are distinct from the diocese itself and the parishes. The most notable of these is Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Inc. Both in canon law and state law, each of the above entities, including parishes, is distinct from the others and is operated by their proper administrators with independence.

An independent corporation also exists for the purpose of providing administrative and financial services to each of these separate entities. This corporation, Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services, Inc. (HCAS), provides services under contract to the diocesan offices, to the parishes and schools, to Catholic Charities and other entities having a connection with the Diocese of Harrisburg.

In today's legal environment it is increasingly

important to reflect in our financial statements the reality that HCAS provides an array of services, including accounting and payroll services as well as investment management, under contract to numerous independent entities. Some of the amounts shown in the financial statement reflect the aggregate amounts of funds managed by HCAS. Accordingly, these amounts show up as both assets and liabilities, to reflect both the asset and corresponding obligation to parishes, schools, and affiliated corporations.

For us as Catholics, our ecclesiological structures are primarily theological realities, not business entities. However, the charitable and religious works of the Church are conducted with modern legal and business practices, as a matter of good stewardship.

Of course, all of the works of the Church in our fifteen counties depend on the generous offerings of many individuals, and it is to you that we offer our sincere thanks for your exercise of stewardship over the gifts God has given.

Rev. Msgr. William J. King, JCD, KCHS
Vicar General, Diocese of Harrisburg

Donald J. Kaercher, CPA
Chief Executive Officer, Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services, Inc.

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

ASSETS

	2011	2010
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,921,863	\$ 2,558,848
Accounts receivable	282,783	248,143
Accrued interest receivable	591,876	780,373
Inventory	379,114	419,417
Prepaid expenses	788,565	112,012
Investments	118,584,149	132,444,827
Due from other entities	445,662	551,984
Funds held in trust by others	455,662	399,611
	<u>123,449,674</u>	<u>137,515,215</u>
Notes and loans receivable	30,257,431	27,386,469
Less allowance for doubtful loans	(4,429,787)	(2,508,952)
Notes and loans receivable, net	<u>25,827,644</u>	<u>24,877,517</u>
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	<u>21,533,250</u>	<u>21,702,862</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 170,810,568</u>	<u>\$ 184,095,594</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,713,613	\$ 1,952,993
Deferred revenue	6,630,257	6,094,203
	<u>8,343,870</u>	<u>8,047,196</u>
Deposits payable		
Parishes	40,996,567	47,738,216
Schools	9,175,811	9,399,398
Other sources	27,648,886	38,416,775
Total deposits payable	<u>77,821,264</u>	<u>95,554,389</u>
Perpetual care	3,367,165	3,336,657
Accrued priests' pension and postretirement benefits	17,319,245	21,478,294
Estimated liability for self-insurance	3,996,859	4,310,181
Funds held in custody for others	1,968,705	1,651,162
Liability for future memorial purchases	247,464	239,969
Annuities payable on behalf of others	2,037,496	2,121,251
Total liabilities	<u>115,102,068</u>	<u>136,739,099</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	2,547,401	(42,327)
Designated	47,440,796	42,309,984
Total unrestricted	<u>49,988,197</u>	<u>42,267,657</u>
Temporarily restricted	583,825	618,767
Permanently restricted	5,136,478	4,470,071
Total net assets	<u>55,708,500</u>	<u>47,356,495</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 170,810,568</u>	<u>\$ 184,095,594</u>

The financial statements presented here for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and were audited by the independent certified public accounting firm McK-only and Asbury, LLP.

These financial reports do not include the financial status of diocesan parishes and schools or Catholic Charities of the Diocese

of Harrisburg, PA. Inc. Each of these entities maintains its own set of fiscal records and reports individually to its own particular constituencies.

The complete financial reports for the diocese, together with the independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements, are available from Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services, Inc. (HCAS) upon request.

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

	2011	2010
Changes in unrestricted net assets		
Revenues and gains		
Intradiocesan billings, primarily self-insurance premiums	\$ 13,428,381	\$ 13,618,899
Lenten Appeal, contributions and bequests	7,270,520	7,402,696
Interest and dividends	5,410,796	4,736,925
Cemetery sales	1,613,118	1,523,765
Program service fees	900,603	700,275
Rental income	239,313	266,191
Other	504,283	502,425
Total unrestricted revenues and gains	<u>29,367,014</u>	<u>28,751,176</u>
Net assets released from restrictions		
Expiration of restrictions	<u>722,720</u>	<u>659,943</u>
Total unrestricted revenues, gains, and other support	<u>30,089,734</u>	<u>29,411,119</u>
Expenses and losses		
Supporting services		
General secretariat	733,787	658,118
Temporalities		
Administrative support		
Plant operation	1,496,300	1,827,292
Other administrative support	2,569,823	2,031,365
Fund raising	242,309	228,382
Diocesan support for parishes and schools	701,094	702,387
Diocesan support for Catholic Charities	925,101	817,140
Cemetery operations	1,529,025	1,520,712
Insurance	13,166,736	12,680,075
Programs		
Education	858,679	841,507
Clergy and religious life	1,412,073	1,547,180
Catholic life and evangelization	1,309,805	1,488,598
Canonical services	584,487	581,283
Communications	848,688	862,920
FOCUS	304,554	639,219
Interest - deposits payable	1,414,958	2,963,257
Other	1,462,623	552,925
Total expenses and losses	<u>29,560,042</u>	<u>29,942,360</u>
Change in unrestricted net assets, before other changes	<u>529,692</u>	<u>(531,241)</u>
Other changes		
Net gains on investments	4,034,189	5,164,485
Depreciation and amortization	(1,002,390)	(933,252)
Change in obligations for priests' pension and postretirement benefits	<u>4,159,049</u>	<u>(1,194,613)</u>
Change in unrestricted net assets	<u>7,720,540</u>	<u>2,505,379</u>
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets		
Contributions	683,265	586,581
Net gains on investments	4,513	3,661
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(722,720)</u>	<u>(659,943)</u>
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(34,942)</u>	<u>(69,701)</u>
Changes in permanently restricted net assets		
Contributions	40,264	25,006
Net gains on investments	<u>626,143</u>	<u>201,834</u>
Change in permanently restricted net assets	<u>666,407</u>	<u>226,840</u>
Change in net assets	<u>8,352,005</u>	<u>2,662,518</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>47,356,495</u>	<u>44,693,977</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 55,708,500</u>	<u>47,356,495</u>

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

	2011	2010
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 8,352,005	\$ 2,662,518
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	1,002,390	933,252
Net gains on investments	(4,664,845)	(5,369,980)
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	(270,201)	(126,097)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,920,835	203,902
(Increase) decrease in		
Accounts receivable	(34,640)	92,170
Accrued interest receivable	188,497	13,430
Inventory	40,303	47,349
Prepaid expenses	(676,553)	61,186
Due from other entities	106,322	(551,982)
Increase (decrease) in		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(239,380)	(950,377)
Deferred revenue	536,054	450,991
Perpetual care	30,508	40,432
Accrued priests' pension and postretirement benefits	(4,159,049)	1,194,613
Estimated liability for self-insurance	(313,322)	1,230,431
Funds held in custody for others	317,543	187,368
Liability for future memorial purchases	7,495	(32,835)
Annuities payable on behalf of others	(83,755)	(91,412)
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>2,060,207</u>	<u>(5,041)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,019,837)	(1,575,865)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	457,260	344,430
Issuance of notes and loans receivable	(7,624,574)	(5,625,990)
Proceeds from payments on notes and loans receivable	4,753,612	800,510
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investments	86,824,510	50,530,374
Purchase and reinvestment of investments	(68,355,038)	(57,669,341)
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>15,035,933</u>	<u>(13,195,882)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Increase (decrease) in deposits payable	(17,733,125)	8,029,923
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(17,733,125)</u>	<u>8,029,923</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(636,985)</u>	<u>(5,171,000)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>2,558,848</u>	<u>7,729,848</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,921,863</u>	<u>\$ 2,558,848</u>



CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

New officers of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women light candles during their installation. From left are Marge Schmader, secretary; Jeanne Warren, vice-president; Anne Hasting, president; and Roslyn Greco, treasurer.

Catholic Women Gather for 87th Annual Convention

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

Four score and seven years ago, Catholic women from all over the diocese began gathering in spring-time to share their faith, values and to renew their commitment to serving others by inspiring leadership and promoting Gospel values in today's constantly changing world.

That tradition continues today as nearly 400 women gathered for the annual Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Conference at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, on April 23.

This year's theme was "Love in Action." Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, along with 15 concelebrants, celebrated Holy Mass in the morning, which followed the convention's keynote address.

The dynamic and poignant address was presented by Father Leo Patalinghug, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. He is also the author of *Grace Before Meals* and host of EWTN's *Savoring Our Faith*. Well-known for his cooking prowess, Father Leo uses that talent as a metaphor to speak to society's ills and the need for Catholic families to gather for daily meals and how important that simple gathering is to profoundly changing the plight of the American family for the better.

"God looks at us with love, with mercy.... God is looking for us and wants to be with us every day," Father Leo said. "Christianity is not something you wear on the outside, it is an inside thing and how that works is Holy Communion... People are so hungry... but we have forgotten how we are supposed to eat. You need to eat the truth."

He also stressed how important it is to stay in balance. "We live in a polarized world... if you walk straight and in balance, you should not lean left or right," Father Leo said.

After the liturgy, Bishop McFadden installed four new officers who will serve two-year terms for the



Father Leo Patalinghug, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., served as the keynote speaker for the annual convention of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

council. The new president is from the Lebanon Deanery, Anne Hasting; Jeanne Warren will serve as vice-president, Marge Schmader as secretary; and Roslyn Greco as treasurer.

In the afternoon following the luncheon, author of *Into the Deep*, Robert Rogers presented his talk "Mighty in the Land."

Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Second Annual Retreat

Mount St. Mary's University,
Emmitsburg, MD
June 8-10, 2012

(Friday evening until Sunday noon)

Meals begin with Dinner on Friday
and end with Sunday Breakfast

Retreat Master: Reverend Michael W. Rothan,
Pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey

Cost is \$135-\$170 per person
depending on accommodations

**RETREAT IS LIMITED
TO 150 WOMEN
ALL HOUSING IS
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

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