St. Ambrose Parish
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BEEHIVE

Five Ways to Safeguard Children Everywhere

In 2002, I assisted the U.S. bishops' committee on the drafting of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, also known as the Dallas Charter. It has subsequently been revised three times and no doubt will be revised again in the wake of new revelations of sexual abuse in the Church.

Do the prevention and education principles embodied in the Dallas Charter work? A study produced by an independent professional research team at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, commissioned by the U.S. bishops, found that acts of child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy in the United States peaked in the mid-1980s. It found that 4 percent of Catholic priests were abusing minors at the height of the crisis. This number has plummeted and is now estimated to be less than 1 percent.

Nevertheless, other grand juries investigating sexual abuse claims will be impaneled like the one in Pennsylvania. They will spend millions and also come up with a long list of dead and defrocked priests. Wouldn't it be better for the protection of children if this money was spent on the education and prevention of child abuse throughout the United States?

If we make protecting children our most important priority, we must emphasize the following:

1 Require all Americans who work with minors to go through a child safety program. This program would define proper boundaries with minors, as well as how to identify grooming behaviors that signal possible problems to other adults. In the Catholic Church, over six million Americans have undergone such training. But what about the other 240 million adults? Those working in schools and day care centers, as well as health care workers, lifeguards, scout leaders, choir directors, Olympic trainers, coaches and more, ought to be required to attend. Experts could draft child safety programs and make them available for free on the internet, much like the Gregorian University in Rome's online program that annually educates hundreds of Church leaders around the world, particularly in developing nations.

A 2004 U.S. Department of Education study suggested that "more than 4.5 million students are subject to sexual misconduct by an employee of a school sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade" and then went on to say that "little has been done to prevent educator sexual misconduct." The report strongly supported child safety training and stated, "With rare exceptions, sexual abuse prevention training for educators and school staff ... does not include educator sexual misconduct."

2 Require background checks and human formation of all child care workers. The John Jay study found that seminaries with strong human formation programs had fewer graduate priests who molested minors. The Dallas Charter requires all those in the Catholic Church who minister to minors to go through background checks and all future priests to go through extensive human formation training. Learning from this, states should come up with a list of those jobs, like child care workers and teachers, that should also require background checks and more intensive personal training.

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The D.O.E. report recommended a similar step for all schools in the United States: "Background checks with fingerprint screenings should be completed for all current and new employees." If the protection and nurturing of our children is a priority, then the training and selection of those directly charged with their care should be a priority as well.

3 Adopt a zero-tolerance policy for all jobs directly involving minors. In the previously cited D.O.E. report, it is stated, "In most cases where educators cross boundaries [with minors], the educator does not lose her or his license." In the studies cited by the D.O.E., a significant portion of offenders suffered no adverse effects and some simply moved to work in another school district. It should be the policy of this nation that once someone has sexually abused a minor, he or she has permanently lost the privilege of working with minors in any capacity. In 2002, the U.S. bishops committed themselves to a zero-tolerance policy, and no one, including a priest, who has abused a minor will ever minister again.

4 Completely abolish any statute of limitations on the criminal prosecution of offenders and invest more money in resources to investigate and prosecute these crimes. It is time that laws hampering the prosecution of offenders be eliminated. Because civil authorities prosecute so few of these crimes, the Catholic Church is obliged to investigate and determine the guilt or innocence of its own members. The Church is not equipped nor is it appropriate for a religious organization to prosecute these crimes or any crimes, and it will likely never do it well. A civil court should determine if a priest is guilty.

5 Catholic dioceses, public schools and any organization where abuse has occurred should financially compensate the victims, no matter how long ago the abuse occurred. While statutes of limitations for civil suits have typically expired by the time victims come forward, all child care organizations should do everything within their power to come up with a just compensation package for the victims under its care. The Pennsylvania grand jury suggested opening a two-year window for any suits against the Catholic Church. Why not do the same for any organization, including public schools?

However, it ought to be noted that when such windows are opened, Catholic dioceses go bankrupt, with roughly 40 percent of the money going to attorneys. And when dioceses go bankrupt, they must shut down or diminish many charitable programs, including those assisting children. Perhaps a more effective help to victims is the Church's willingness to fund psychotherapy for victims and also for more recent programs to compensate victims financially. My own Diocese of Syracuse and other dioceses have launched an "Independent Reconciliation Compensation Program" for victims of sexual abuse in the Church. All of the compensation is intended to go directly to the victims. Should not every diocese, every school and every organization where children were abused do the same?

The subject of child sexual abuse is a highly charged issue. If we are not angered by anyone who molests a minor or fails to act in response, then one could rightly say that we do not "get it." Nothing could be more evil.

But emotions and words are not enough. Concrete and effective action is needed. We know essentially what works in protecting children, including mandatory reporting (also included in the Dallas Charter) and the steps outlined above. These steps must be implemented wherever children are cared for.

The frozen public narrative that has persisted since 2002 is that the bishops in the United States have done nothing but move perpetrators from one ministry to another, covering up the abuse. In reality, the Catholic Church in the United States is far ahead of most organizations. Each of the steps I advocate here is contained in some way within the current U.S. bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. In 2016, in a *motu proprio* called "Like a Loving Mother," Pope Francis made it Church law that bishops who are negligent in their duties toward children must be dismissed. Thus any U.S. bishop who subsequently fails to implement this charter is negligent and ought to be removed.

The Dallas Charter is working. Abuse rates in the Catholic Church in the United States have fallen dramatically. But we cannot stop at the doors of the cathedrals. Most abuse takes place in homes and in our neighborhoods. Are we committed to helping children everywhere? It is time that these steps be adopted everywhere. There is no excuse. We know what works to protect children. The Lord, who declared that his kingdom belonged to them, expects this of us. And it is a deep truth lodged in the heart of every parent: "Who are we if we can't protect children?"

By Msgr. Stephen Rossetti who is a licensed psychologist who teaches pastoral studies at the Catholic University of America. He is a consultor to the Holy See's Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors in 2016. This article appeared in AMERICA Magazine, September 20, 2018.

First Friday Holy Hour

Deacon Kote-Witah will conduct a holy hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament this coming Friday following the 8:30 morning mass. It will conclude at 10:00 a.m. This is an extention of the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which is of great antiquity in the Church. To those who show him love and who make reparation for sins, our Lord made a great pledge through Sr. Margaret Alacoque: *"I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive Communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor, or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life."* Dedicate October to the Lord by attending.

All Things Considered

From its inception back in 1990, OYSTERFEST was always a "quirky" event. It was spawned in the creative mind of one of our elementary school teachers who moonlighted as a waitress at Tom's Oyster Bar when it was in its nascent days on Mack and Wayburn.

It's objective back then was to plug the deficit of a "quirky" yet high-performing parochial school that never had enough money to meet its mission – whose teachers worked for less than minimum wage and whose school secretary sewed classroom curtains out of surplus automotive upholstery material.

I remember balking at the suggestion of an *Oyster* festival. Could you really get a group of people together centering on a stinky bivalve? I argued that other parishes had "nice" things to hold festivals for – such as friendly fruits like apples, bananas and cherries. Parishes even had successful festivals for ethnic foodstuffs like meatballs, and pierogi. What parish ever attempted to raise funds with oysters? But in my desperation to fill a school deficit, I went with the idea, and as they say, the rest is history.

But the "quirky" adjective still applies to the event even after twenty-eight years. And maybe that is why it continues to work for us as a signature event for our parish. St. Ambrose is a "quirky" sort of community. Geography dictated that for us 102 years ago with a campus bisected by two cities - with half of our buildings being in Detroit and the other half in Grosse Pointe Park. Maybe it is because St. Ambrose Parish has always been willing to think outside of the box. That is to say, we have had to adapt to situations at a moment's notice. "Quirky" is a good description of us.

The Oysterfest takes an inordinate amount of time out of our regular parish schedule. The negotiations involved with city, state, neighborhood, multiple restaurateurs and suppliers are Byzantine. A rational person would have abandoned this event years ago as a way of obtaining operational funds. Yet, I've held onto it because something else seems to have transpired here. Oysterfest has become less of a budget plugging event as it has become more of an identifier of who we are as a parish – a "quirky community."

Last Monday, Oysterfest put its best face forward in spite of a "quirky" weather shift as we went from beautiful sunny weather to rain squalls. I guess we have to accept that in Michigan on the last week of September. The attendance was noticeably down because of the rain. We saw 600 at the event, with total ticket sales of $11,650. Compare that to last year's attendance of 1,000.

Major sponsors who believe in the mission of St. Ambrose and are willing to put up their personal/company support on our behalf helped soften the blow of a loss of revenue at the gate. In for significant financial commitments were the **A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Fund**, **MGM Grand Detroit**, **Christian Financial Credit Union**, **Ally Financial Inc.**, **Comerica Bank**, **Mr. David Lubanski & Dr. Carrie Lynn Dul**, **Thomas & Beverly Bennert**, **Lesnau Printing** and **Health Management Systems of America**.

Then there were the "quirky" Beer Bellies and Wino personal sponsorships who added their note of support. We saw more of these types of sponsorships sold this year than ever before.

Those also believing in this endeavor would include a list of eateries who showed up with a plethora of food with no recompense except for your enjoyment. This would include The Cracked Egg of Grosse Pointe, Antonio's in the Park, Blue Bay Fish & Seafood, Bogartz, Brownie's on the Lake, Buoy 12, Cadieux Café, Gołąbki by Janet, Harvard Grill, Mimi's Bistro, National Coney Island, Park Grill, Plaza Mexico, Red Crown, Side Street Diner, Sindbad's, Sprout House, Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage Co., Trattoria Serventi, The Whiskey Six, Chef Ken LeFevre, Josef's European Pastry Shop, The Cabbage Patch Café, Dish, Johnny B.'s Cookies, and St. Ambrose bakers. Add to that Atwater Brewery, Village Wine Shop and Village Market, Beacon Pointe, Absopure, and Cadillac Coffee.

I never would have thought that this idea would grow as it has and last for more than a quarter century. We're happy and proud to continue to throw a party that solidifies our neighborhood and parish.

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The best part of Oysterfest is the awarding of the raffle prizes. As it happens, all three winners are registered parishioners of the parish.

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Motor City Makeover

Metropolitan Detroit is rapidly being made over in ways that will define its future. We've invited persons knowledgeable in the field of Detroit's makeover to talk with us. Hear their visions of the 'City to come.' These sessions are Sundays from 9:45 until 11 a.m. in the ARK

October 7 – Reclaiming the River – The Riverfront Conservancy will be here with lots of great images to show and exciting news about the changes happening along River Walk, including a new park on the west riverfront.

October 14 – Bedrock Reaches for the Stars – Melissa Dittmer, head of architecture for Dan Gilbert's real estate arm of Bedrock, will be here to talk about a project that will forever change the skyline and image of Detroit.

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Soon to be appearing in the home of **Katie Maraldo** will be a giant 65" Samsung Smart TV. I hope she has a wall big enough to hold it!

A recently registered parishioner, **Paul Palinski**, was the winner of the Samsung, 50" Smart TV. Plenty big, no doubt, for most rooms in his house.

If you can call a 32" Samsung Smart TV modest, a modest Smart TV will be delivered to **Ron Lang** and **Allison Kuhnlein**.

Even nicer to report is that there was an uptick in raffle sales. We had seen that revenue frozen around $10,000 for many years now – no matter what the raffle premiums were. This year we saw at least a $1,000 increase in sales, thanks in some measure to Deacon Anthony's persuasive salesmanship the night of the event.

This bulletin goes to press on Wednesday morning, so at the time of this writing, we did not have much time at all to do any serious accounting as to profit/loss for this year's Oysterfest. And given the complexity of some of the invoicing and services, we might not have that report ready by next week's publication either. I know we're all anxious to know how we did, so trust that we will move as quickly as possible on this. Thanks to all the "quirky" persons who participated!

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Journey of Hope

On October 4th, we join the Franciscan, Christian community and the entire world to celebrate St. Francis' feast. Saint Francis of Assisi, (b. 1182 – d. 1226), was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon and an outdoor preacher-man. He found his vocational calling when he had a mystical revelation in a broken-down church. As he gazed in prayer on the Icon of Christ Crucified — the San Damiano Cross, he heard the Lord clearly: "Francis! Francis!, go and repair My House which, as you can see, is falling into ruins." This encounter was the inauguration of his unique mission in life – to uphold a lifestyle of poverty, chastity and devotion to Jesus Christ. This discernment encounter prompted him to establish the Order of Friars Minor (men). He also founded the women's Order of Saint Clare, and the Third Order (the secular or lay affiliates) of Saint Francis.

We are blessed to be part of the great love of St. Francis. Francis was and is still a simple friar (brother) who carried the message of Jesus from the church to the street among the less-privileged where it is mostly needed. However, even if Francis was a well-to-do young man because of his Father's wealth, God called him to choose Christ's path to share his merciful and compassionate loving hope.

Francis took his calling seriously, gave away his father's wealth, including his own clothes, and went to several churches sharing Christ's love and caring for the outcasts, especially the lepers. Francis was a man who loved prayer with an in-depth meditation. His generosity towards the poor illustrates the importantce of his charism and calling in this journey of hope. Saint Francis' spirituality is very authentic. He weaves psalms, praises, and poems together in prayers, such as the canticle of creation: 'Lord make me an instrument of your peace', and so forth.

Interestingly, Francis is one of the well-respected saints in our world today especially as a patron saint for ecology (natural environment), to which Pope Francis has made special reference. He is also a patron saint of animals, and it became a tradition for Catholic and Anglican churches to bless animals on his feast day (4th October). Francis strived to reconcile Christians and the Sultan together in peace in order to end crusade wars. He is known for the love of the Eucharist. Historically, toward the end of his life, Christians upheld that Francis was the first person ever to receive the stigmata (wounds) of the passion of Christ. At his death, the friars (brothers) illustrated his entire life in this fashion:

Sweet and pleasant conversation about Him (Francis)
Kind words full of love, out of the fullness of his mouth spoke
So springs of radiant love that filled his heart within gushed forth.
He was always with Jesus.
Jesus in his heart. Jesus in his mouth. Jesus in his ears. Jesus in his eyes.
Jesus in his hands. He bore Jesus always in whole body.

Dn. Anthony Kote-Witah, OFM Cap.

St. Ambrose Liturgical Choir

. . . under the direction of Norah Duncan, IV . . . holds rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Interested volunteers who would like to sing for the Christmas holidays but cannot commit to the entire year are especially welcomed at this time.

For more information, contact Dr. Duncan through the parish office at stambrose@comcast.net or climb up to the loft before or after Sunday's masses.

The Buzz

Today is the last day of September; we've completed 3/4 of the year. The Fall season already began last weekend, and for me, autumn has always been a wonderful time for reflecting on the deeper and more lasting realities of life. Nature around us is changing. Brilliant colors will soon blossom until the inevitable . . . "fall". Cold and barrenness will push their way in and spread – trying for months to overcome and conquer. But our history with nature reminds us to have springtime hope. Faith in nature's cycles gives us the ability to appreciate and confidently enter into the changes – the subtle little dyings and risings – that are always around us. Then one day, perhaps, the final change in life for each of us won't seem quite so foreign or frightening.

Tomorrow, Monday, brings us into October, which is annually designated as Respect Life Month. This year's theme for the observance as offered by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is: "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent." I recommend using the first three days of the month (or any other times you wish!) to focus your prayerful meditation on each element of that theme. Do it privately; but also try it with another/others. See what comes out of it. I'd enjoy hearing about your spiritual experiences.

October is also traditionally known as the month of the Holy Rosary. Try using this prayer form (rosary) at least one more time this month than you normally do. For some that may mean once this month or twice, or once a week, or even once a day. But use the extra time to meditate on the Respect Life themes as they relate to the prayers and/or mysteries. This will also serve you well as we approach the elections and voting in early November.

Would you say that you attended a school with a lot of spirit? How would you describe that spirit? Was it mainly or even exclusively centered on sports? Did "spirit" give extra power or life to teams and players who performed better because of it? Did it spread out into other areas of school life? Looking back, was it a good thing to have? Where did it come from? And how did it get passed on from year to year?

In today's Liturgy, we are confronted with the issue of who's got the spirit – of prophesy, of leadership, of healing, of power. Where does it come from . . . who controls it . . . how does money and wealth fit in . . . etc.?

Our Sunday Scriptures offer some great opportunities to do an examination of conscience about our own spirit. Do I/you/we have any? Where does it come from? Who controls it? How do our material possessions and goals fit in? How do we prophetically display our spirit to others in our life? Do we lead; do we follow; who, how, and why? Do we have any power from such spirit? How do we use it?

In three weeks, on Sunday, October 21, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m., we begin a new year of RCIA information sessions at St. Ambrose. It is never too early and never too late for older teens to older adults (and everyone in-between) to explore entry or completion of initiation into the Catholic Church. Check it out – no cost; no obligation – with the form on page 2 of this bulletin, or by calling me anytime at (313) 332-5631.

Chuck Dropiewski

Mass for Commerce

Join Archbishop Vigneron and the Catholic business and professional community at the 25th Annual Mass for Commerce on Wednesday, October 18, at 8 a.m. in the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206. A breakfast will follow Mass. Fr. Tim Hipskind, S.J., author of What's Your Decision? How to Make Choices with Confidence and Clarity: An Ignatian Approach to Decision Making, will sign free copies of his book and answer questions at the breakfast. Call 313-596-7430 or visit the web at.massforcommerce.org

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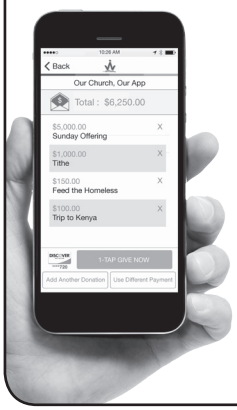

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord's Day –
Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Baptism: Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.
Penance: As announced and by appointment.
Marriage: Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.
Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, October 1
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor
8:30 - Morning Prayer
Tuesday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 a.m.- Mass - Drew Harrison
Wednesday, October 3
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
Thursday, October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Thaddeus Radzilowski
Friday, October 5
Blessed Francis Seelos, priest
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Frieda Johnston
4:30 p.m. - Wedding -
Clare Burchi & Sean Grieve
Saturday, October 6
St. Bruno, priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin
4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People
Sunday, October 7
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. - For All People
11:15 a.m. - For All People

Sanctuary flowers for the month of September were in memory of Jean and Raymond Pelc

Scriptures for the 26th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, October 1
- Jb 1: 6-22
- Ps 27: 1-3, 6-7,
- Lk 9: 46-50

Tuesday, October 2
- Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23
- Ps 88: 2-8
- Mt 18: 1-5, 10

Wednesday, October 3
- Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16
- Ps 88: 10-15
- Lk 9: 57-62

Thursday, October 4
- Jb 19: 21-27
- Ps 88: 2-8
- Lk 10: 1-12

Friday, October 5
- Jb 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5
- Ps 139: 1-3, 7-10, 13-14
- Lk 10: 13-16

Saturday, October 6
- Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17
- Ps 119: 66, 72, 75, 91, 125, 130
- Lk 10: 17-24

Sunday, October 7
- Gn 2: 18-24
- Heb 2: 9-11
- Ml 10: 2-16 or 10: 2-12

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6th and October 7th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Mary Urbanski
Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Karen McShane, Elizabeth Puleo-Tague
Altar Servers: Daniel & Eleanor Bernas

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector**: Karlos Haynes
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Cox-Borkowski, Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison, Joan Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Joellyn Valgoi
Altar Servers: Alyssa Flores, Delaney Jackson

11:15 a.m. - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector**: Kurt Vatalaro
Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming, Pat & Michael Moceri, Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden
Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Austin Sisco

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

T operate, each week our parish
requires a *minimum* of..... $10,100.00

On Sunday, September 23, 2018

in envelopes we received $8,344.00
in the loose collection $653.00
in electronic donations $1,390.00
for a total of..... **$10,387.00**
OVER budget for the week **$287.00**
Number of envelopes mailed 900
Number of envelopes used..... 132

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."
– MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyshin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Dan Urbiel, Dina Engels, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Betty Greenia, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Darby O'Toole, Frank Gregory, Josephine DeCastris, Alex Billiu Albina Checki and Gladys Bogos.

Our Dead

A funeral liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Pelc on Thursday, September 27th for **Ernest "Ernie" DuMouchelle**, age 76.

Ernie was born and raised in Detroit but enjoyed spendng time at the family farm in Canada. He was a renowned and certified appraiser and auctioneer in his family's art and antique gallery. He appeared many times on PBS' Antiques Roadshow.

While at the University of Detroit he discovered sailing. He was a member of the Bayview Yacht Club and won many races including the Bayview Mackinac race in 2006.

Ernie was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Charlotte and his sister Rosemarie. He is survived by his wife, Janice and children, Tiffany, Justin, Adam, Allison, Sarah and Matthew. Also suriving are his siblings, Lawrence, Joan and Norman. He will be missed by his grandchildren and the rest of his family and friends. Please keep Ernie and his family in your prayers.

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