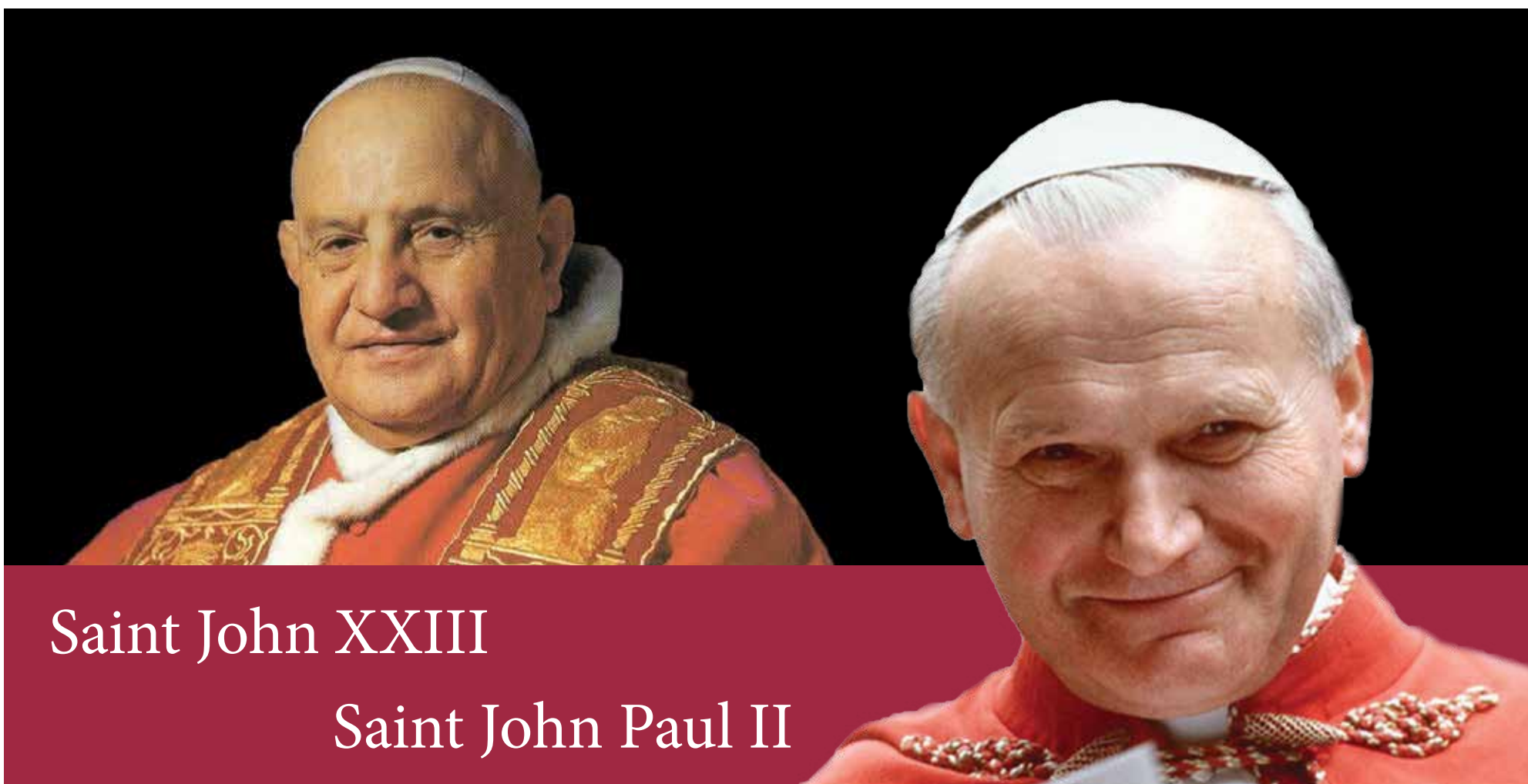


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Saint John XXIII

Saint John Paul II

On Sunday, April 27, the whole Church celebrated the canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. During their years in the papacy, they were extraordinary pastors whose initiatives brought renewal to the Catholic Church and reinvigorated our mission to announce the Gospel to the world. Their canonization, however, recognizes something more – both of these men are outstanding models of holiness for us. They inspire us to live holy lives.

Pope John XXIII, or “good Pope John” as people called him, reached out to the whole world, to men and women of good will everywhere. Shortly after his papacy began in 1958, he visited the Regina Coeli Prison. He told the prisoners, “I place my heart next to yours.” He had a big heart that embraced all who were suffering.

His papacy was also marked by the Cold War. It was a time of

fear, when the threat of nuclear war was brought to a head. In his famous Encyclical, Peace on Earth, he implored world leaders to work for a genuine peace built on justice and not a false peace secured by nuclear arms.

He also surprised everyone by his calling of the Second Vatican Council, firmly believing that the Holy Spirit wanted to renew the Church. He knew the Church could not separate itself from the modern world. In every age, it needs to bring the values of the Gospel to culture, social institutions, economics, law, politics – to everything that makes up the fabric of our life together in society.

Thanks to the vision and courage of good Pope John, the Council reignited the energy, the enthusiasm and the hope of Catholics all over the world.

John Paul II was elected pope in 1978. Many of

us remember the words he proclaimed at his election: “Be not afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.” For the next 26 years, he proclaimed this message through his writings and his travels around the world.

He visited Canada on three occasions: in 1984, he crossed our country from coast to coast; he returned in 1987 to meet Indigenous Peoples from the Northwest Territories at Fort Simpson; and in 2002, he came for an incredible week to be with hundreds of thousands of young people for World Youth Day in Toronto.

The horrors of Nazism and Communism, which he witnessed firsthand in Poland, profoundly influenced his life. In his address to the United Nations in 1995, he boldly affirmed: “The answer to the fear which darkens human existence at the end of the 20th century is the common effort to

build the civilization of love.”

Throughout his papacy, he was a tireless defender of the dignity of every person – born or unborn, rich or poor, healthy or sick, oppressed or free.

He had a clear understanding of the mission of the family to build up the civilization of love, and encouraged every family “to guard, reveal and communicate” God’s love (Familiaris Consortio, 17).

He made important efforts towards Christian unity and interreligious dialogue, themes that were highlighted at Vatican II.

Perhaps, what touched us most was the personal witness to holiness which he gave in his final years, as Parkinson’s disease and arthritis took their toll and the world saw him become more and more frail. Through his suffering, he pointed us to Christ and the gift

of Divine Mercy.

He believed that each one of us is called to holiness and he knew that we needed the saints to inspire us on our journey. Pope John Paul II canonized an enormous number of saints – more than all of the popes in the previous 300 years combined.

We give thanks to God for St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. Their witness of holiness inspires us to open our hearts to God’s love and to respond generously through lives of humble service. Let us follow their example and support one another in living holy lives. With God’s grace, may we be bold and courageous witnesses of the joy and hope that Jesus brings us.

+ *Ronald Fabbro, CSB*

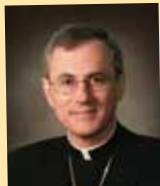
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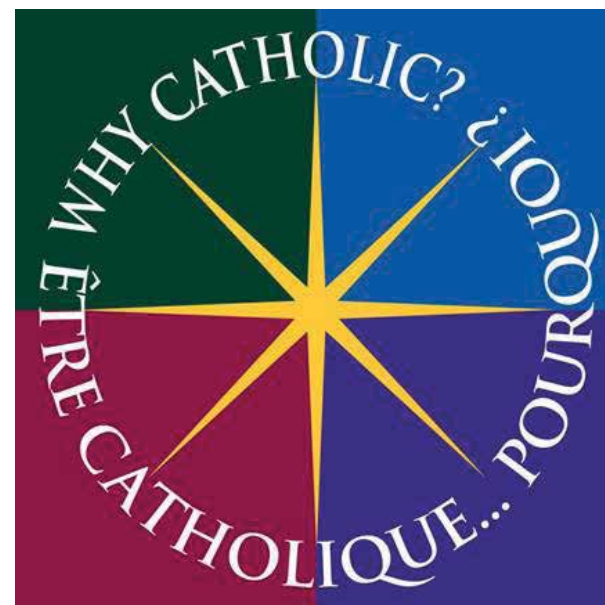
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St. John XXIII

On October 20, 1958 the cardinals elected Angelo Roncalli as pope. Many regarded him, because of his age and ambiguous reputation, as a transitional pope, little realizing that the pontificate of this man of 76 years would mark a turning point in history and initiate a new age for the Church. He took the name of John in honor of the precursor and the beloved disciple—but also because it was the name of a long line of popes whose pontificates had been short.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, the third of thirteen children, was born on November 25, 1881 at Sotto il Monte (Bergamo) of a family of sharecroppers. He attended elementary school in the town, was tutored by a priest of Carvico, and at the age of twelve entered the seminary at Bergamo. A scholarship from the Cerasoli Foundation (1901) enabled him to go on to the Apollinaris in Rome where he studied under (among others) Umberto Benigni, the Church historian. He interrupted his studies for service in the Italian Army but returned to the seminary, completed his work for a doctorate in theology, and was ordained in 1904. Continuing his studies in canon law he was appointed secretary to the new bishop of Bergamo, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi. Angelo served this social-minded prelate for nine years, acquiring first-hand experience and a broad understanding of the problems of the working class. He also taught apologetics, church history, and patrology.

With the entry of Italy into World War I in 1915 he was recalled to military service as a chaplain. On leaving the service in 1918 he was appointed spiritual director of the seminary, but found time to open a hostel for students in Bergamo. It was at this time also that he began the research for a multi-volume work on the episcopal visitation of Bergamo by St. Charles Borromeo, the last volume of which was published after his elevation as pope.

In 1921 he was called to Rome to reorganize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Nominated titular archbishop of Areopolis and apostolic visitor to Bulgaria (1925), he immediately concerned himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches. Transferred in 1934 to Turkey and Greece as apostolic delegate, he set up an office in Istanbul for locating prisoners of war. In 1944 he was appointed nuncio to Paris to assist in the Church's post-war efforts in France, and became the first permanent observer of the Holy See at UNESCO, addressing its sixth and seventh general assemblies in 1951 and 1952. In 1953 he became cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and expected to spend his last years there in pastoral work. He was correcting proofs of the synodal Acts of his first diocesan Synod (1958) when he was called to Rome to participate in the conclave that elected him pope.

In his first public address Pope John expressed his concern for reunion with separated Christians and for world peace. In his coronation address he asserted “vigorously and sincerely” that it was

his intention to be a pastoral pope since “all other gifts and accomplishments—learning, practical experience, diplomatic finesse—can broaden and enrich pastoral work but they cannot replace it.” One of his first acts was to annul the regulation of Sixtus IV limiting the membership of the College of Cardinals to 70; within the next four years he enlarged it to 87 with the largest international representation in history. Less than three months after his election he announced that he would hold a diocesan synod for Rome, convoke an ecumenical council for the universal Church, and revise the Code of Canon Law. The synod, the first in the history of Rome, was held in 1960; Vatican Council II was convoked in 1962; and the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code was appointed in 1963.

His progressive encyclical, Mater et Magistra, was issued in 1961 to commemorate the anniversary of Leo XIII's Rerum novarum. Pacem in terris, advocating human freedom and dignity as the basis for world order and peace, came out in 1963. He elevated the Pontifical Commission for Cinema, Radio, and Television to curial status, approved a new code of rubrics for the Breviary and Missal, made notable advances in ecumenical relations by creating a new Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and by appointing the first representative to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in New Delhi (1961). In 1960 he consecrated fourteen bishops for Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The International Balzan Foundation awarded him its Peace Prize in 1962.

Since his death on June 3, 1963, much has been written and spoken about the warmth and holiness of the beloved Pope John. Perhaps the testimony of the world was best expressed by a newspaper drawing of the earth shrouded in mourning with the simple caption, “A Death in the Family.”

St. John Paul II

Karol Józef Wojtyła, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in the Polish town of Wadowice, a small city 50 km from Krakow, on May 18, 1920. He was the youngest of three children born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died in 1932 and his father, a non-commissioned army officer died in 1941.

Upon graduation from Marcin Wadowita high school in Wadowice, he enrolled in Krakow's Jagiellonian University in 1938 and in a school for drama.

The Nazi occupation forces closed the university in 1939 and young Karol had to work in a quarry (1940-1944) and then in the Solvay chemical factory to earn his living and to avoid being deported to Germany.

In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Krakow, run by Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha, archbishop of Krakow. At the same time, Karol Wojtyła was one of the pioneers of the “Rhapsodic Theatre.”

After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Krakow, once it had

re-opened, and in the faculty of theology of the Jagiellonian University. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Sapieha in Krakow on November 1, 1946.

Shortly afterwards, Cardinal Sapieha sent him to Rome where he worked under the guidance of the French Dominican, Garrigou-Lagrange. He finished his doctorate in theology in 1948 with a thesis on the subject of faith in the works of St. John of the Cross. At that time, during his vacations, he exercised his pastoral ministry among the Polish immigrants of France, Belgium and Holland.

In 1948 he returned to Poland and was vicar of various parishes in Krakow as well as chaplain to university students. This period lasted until 1951 when he again took up his studies in philosophy and theology. In 1953 he defended a thesis on “evaluation of the possibility of founding a Catholic ethic on the ethical system of Max Scheler” at Lublin Catholic University. Later he became professor of moral theology and social ethics in the major seminary of Krakow and in the Faculty of Theology of Lublin.

In 1958, he was appointed titular bishop of Ombi and auxiliary of Krakow by Pope Pius XII.

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St. John Paul II continued

In 1964 he was appointed archbishop of Krakow by Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal on June 26, 1967.

Besides taking part in Vatican Council II (1962-1965) where he made an important contribution to drafting the Constitution *Gaudium et spes*, Cardinal Wojtyła participated in all the assemblies of the Synod of Bishops.

The Cardinals elected him Pope at the Conclave in October 1978, and he took the name of John Paul II. On 22 October, the Lord's Day, he solemnly inaugurated his Petrine ministry as the 263rd successor to the Apostle. His pontificate, one of the longest in the history of the Church, lasted nearly 27 years.

Driven by his pastoral solicitude for all Churches and by a sense of openness and charity to the entire human race, John Paul II exercised the Petrine ministry with a tireless missionary spirit, dedicating it all his energy. He made 104 pastoral visits outside Italy and 146 within Italy.

He had more meetings than any of his predecessors with the People of God and the leaders of Nations. More than 17,600,000 pilgrims participated in the General Audiences held on Wednesdays (more than 1160), not counting other special audiences and religious ceremonies.

His love for young people brought him to establish the World Youth Days. The 19 WYDs celebrated during his pontificate brought together millions of young people from all over the world. At the same time his care for the family was expressed in the World Meetings of Families, which he initiated in 1994.

John Paul II successfully encouraged dialogue with the Jews and with the representatives of other religions, whom he several times invited to prayer meetings for peace, especially in Assisi.

Under his guidance the Church prepared herself for the third millennium and celebrated the Great Jubilee of the year 2000 in accordance with the instructions given in the Apostolic Letter *Tertio Millennio adveniente*. The Church then faced

the new epoch, receiving his instructions in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio ineunte*, in which he indicated to the faithful their future path.

He gave an extraordinary impetus to Canonizations and Beatifications, focusing on countless examples of holiness as an incentive for the people of our time. He celebrated 147 beatification ceremonies during which he proclaimed 1,338 Blesseds; and 51 canonizations for a total of 482 saints. He made Thérèse of the Child Jesus a Doctor of the Church.

He considerably expanded the College of Cardinals, creating 231 Cardinals (plus one in pectore) in 9 consistories. He also called six full meetings of the College of Cardinals.

He organized 15 Assemblies of the Synod of Bishops - six Ordinary General Assemblies, one Extraordinary General Assembly and eight Special Assemblies.

His documents include 14 Encyclicals, 15 Apostolic Exhortations, 11 Apostolic Constitutions, and 45 Apostolic Letters.

He promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the light of Tradition as authoritatively interpreted by the Second Vatican Council. He also reformed the Eastern and Western Codes of Canon Law, created new Institutions and reorganized the Roman Curia.

As a private Doctor he also published five books of his own: "Crossing the Threshold of Hope", "Gift and Mystery, on the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination as priest", "Roman Triptych" poetic meditations, "Arise, Let us Be Going" and "Memory and Identity".

John Paul II passed away on April 2, 2005. From that evening until his funeral on April 8, more than three million pilgrims came to Rome to pay homage to the Pope. Some of them queued up to 24 hours to enter St. Peter's Basilica.

On April 28, Benedict XVI announced that the normal five-year waiting period before beginning the cause of beatification and canonization would be waived for John Paul II.

Two saints at the Council

By Fr. John Comiskey

It started with a walk in the garden when Pope John XXIII received the inspiration to call the Second Vatican Council. Actually, the Holy Spirit had been working for years to lay the groundwork that would lead to developments, from the pontificate of Leo XIII to that of Pius XII. Pope John's inspiration was like most of his good ideas: seemingly coming out of nowhere, a little far-fetched ("outside the box," we'd say today), and definitely unpopular with those who wanted the status quo. John was not a "detail man", so it would take another pope to see the inspiration through to the end of the Council and launch the first phase of renewal. It would take yet another to bring it to fruition into the new millennium.

St. John XXIII's inspiration was just the beginning. He didn't need to see all the possible variations or even necessarily the "big picture." Instead, he trusted the Spirit to guide the Church, as well as the process that followed. What he didn't anticipate were the hardened ideas of many in the Curia. Yet, there were far more forward-thinking bishops with their minds set on the renewal and the up-dating of the Church for which Pope John called.

St. John XXIII was able to steer the Council through its first session with the help of Giovanni Cardinal Montini, who had a mind like an engineer, and who saw the big picture and all the pieces necessary to fit it together. His personal, mystical prayer gave him the same confidence in the Holy Spirit as held by Pope John. Moreover, Montini had worked in the secretariat of State under Pius XII before becoming archbishop of Milan. He was a progressive thinker all his life. He came to know personally the intransigence of others in the Curia, especially among those who would have frustrated the work of the Council. Montini knew how to work behind the scenes to keep the Council on track. St. John trusted him and his instincts.

So did the other cardinals who, in turn, elected Montini to be the next pope when "good Pope John" died in June 1963, after the first session. As Paul VI, he would work to see the completion of the Council and its early implementation, and would be assisted and encouraged by another young bishop much like himself, Karol Cardinal Wojtyła of Krakow. A participant at the

Council, Wojtyła was already busy bringing it to life in his diocese, even writing a book, *Sources of Renewal*, to publicize his thoughts and promote them in Krakow. As a priest and bishop, Wojtyła had demonstrated the importance of the renewal. With the same type of mind as found in Paul VI, Cardinal Wojtyła saw the big picture and all the constituent parts needed to make it come to completion. He was always looking beyond the border of his diocese, and encouraged others to do the same.

Looking outward is what the cardinals of the Church did when they elected Wojtyła in October 1978, the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years. Taking the name John Paul II, he clearly signalled that he intended to continue the work of John and Paul, as had his immediate predecessor John Paul I. 'Continuing their work' now meant that St. John Paul's plans for implementing the Council in Krakow would become his plans for implementing the Council across the whole of the Catholic Church. To this, he would dedicate the rest of his life, combing carefully through the documents of the Council, and finding there, the inspiration for many of the great reforms he would oversee, including the new Catechism of the Catholic Church and the revision of the Code of Canon Law.

Yet this "combing" would also lead him to make many innovations, as well, while drawing inspiration from his early life and ministry, to begin such things as World Youth Day and continuing the reform of the Roman Missal. His personal inspirations – coming from the depth of his prayer – led him to preparing the Church for the new millennium with renewed vigor and dedication for the faith. He would work tirelessly, to the point of near exhaustion in body and mind as he dealt with a debilitating disease. The words of the gospel would famously become the catch-phrase that would bring his renewal to its near conclusion, as he counselled the faithful to "...put out into the deep (Luke 5:4)."

We have inherited the legacy of two saints in this day, in the unfolding of Vatican II and its implementation. May we be grateful for their docility to the Spirit of God, and may we continue to follow their willingness to serve the Lord as we "put out into the deep."

Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach Updates



1, 3 & 6 Month
Follow Up

Family Faith Festival

Generation Life



Catholic Christian
Leadership Camp



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SOUL'D OUT - Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach 2014-2019

A common question asked of youth ministry leadership is: "How do we get more young people to Church?" Dr. Christian Smith of the University of Notre Dame has been studying variations of this question for the past eight years through the National Study of Youth and Religion. In particular, his team has considered: What factors in adolescence influence the religious commitments and practices during emerging adulthood? What differences in the lives of teenagers are associated with stronger and weaker religious faith and practice among 18 – 23 year olds?

Their research has identified five key factors that were consistently important for committed, faith filled young adults during their teenage years:

- Strong parental religion – religiously committed parents
- Frequent personal prayer
- High importance of religious faith in daily life
- Expression of importance of religious beliefs
- Religious experiences – making a commitment as a teenager to God and/or experiencing a miracle, prayers answered and/or a 'powerful religious experience'

The Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach (DLYMO) has shaped and focused its efforts into a five-year plan titled Soul'd Out. This programing and ministry will be rooted in the factors identified by Smith seeking to nurture committed, faith-filled young people throughout the Diocese.

It is the DLYMO Team's intention to reach out to each of the 5000 Gr. 8 students within the Diocese each year. We are planning for each student to receive a 'transition package' through the GR8OUTREACH initiative; Gr. 8's from across the Diocese are invited to participate in the end of year GR8FESTIVAL; be able to consider how the Sacraments strengthen us via Living Stones; and experience the Catholic Christian Leadership Camp in the summer months. Each year beyond Gr. 8 there will be a host of activities and events offered for the students and their families.

There are also a number of initiatives to engage high school students. Activities for Gr 9 – 12's include:

- A Life Time of Hope, Life Time of Peace: A Creative Composition Competition integrated into the Career Studies curriculum that invites students to explore "What does God's vision for my life have to do with personal joy and peace?"
- Holy, Holy, Holy: The Grade 11 year will include a menu of weekend retreat options to make this experience accessible for everyone. Options for parent/child and family retreats will be offered.
- Reaching out: Mission trips, cultural exchanges and international retreats to expand their horizons, deepen their faith and experience the universality of the Church.

- We are Beatitude: A banquet honouring senior students will be hosted by Bishop Fabbro. Attendees will be identified through their reputation for living the beatitudes, and nominated by adults in their home communities.
- Personalized Prayer App for iPhone and Android: This app allows students to sign up for a service that sends personalized prayers straight to their phones.
- Web Portal: A robust youth-focused website, modeled after the excellent US site for 18-30 year olds, bustedhalo.com. Parents and families can use the portal to engage in activities and service projects complementing the work of their teens.
- 24 Hours of Service: The day will combine traditional service activities with time to reflect on what's different about a Christian call to service in this world.

Students and families can anticipate that each time they participate in an activity the Catholic community will

reach back one, three and six months later with resources, supports and invitations to further Youth and Family Ministry initiatives.

Soul'd Out's primary aim is to engage, strengthen and inspire the faith of the young people throughout the Diocese. Out team is working so that families and parishes become the primary beneficiaries of any renewal of the Catholic faith in southwestern Ontario.

There is a debt of gratitude owed to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwestern Ontario (www.ccfsw.ca). Their belief in this five-year plan and willingness to financially support this initiative is a great gift to the Diocesan family. I encourage you to review their web site and acquaint yourself with their great work.

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SOUL'D OUT and the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwestern Ontario

The Catholic Community Foundation of Southwestern Ontario was formed in 2011 as a community-based organization focused on giving hope and life to Catholic Values by supporting creative and one of a kind activities in our local communities. The loss of Catholic Values is evident and re-igniting them is a vital part of sustaining and growing the Catholic faith and the everyday value and importance of living the gospel in our daily lives.

When the Soul'd Out Catholic Youth Program emerged, the Foundation embraced this initiative emphatically. We committed to raising up to \$2 million over five years to support what we believe to be an effective and urgent investment in our Catholic youth. It is often stated, that youth are our future, and for the Church this is absolutely true. Investing in the sound formation of Catholic Values via enhancing the faith experience amongst our youth is a vital and profound need in a world that is constantly changing,

becoming more secular, confusing and isolated.

Our Catholic youth need our support, our encouragement and our demonstrated belief in the importance and goodness of Catholic Values. They need to realize how important these Values are to their daily lives, both as youth and as they move towards adulthood, parenthood and community leadership roles.

Soul'd Out is a unique, specially designed program that focuses on supporting 25,000 Catholic youth across the Diocese of London within an incremental, age appropriate and engaging set of educational events and experiences that will help them learn about, live and regularly engage with their Catholic faith and Catholic Values. It was the program's uniqueness, innovation and continuity over five years in connecting youth as they transition through high school into adulthood that captured the support and commitment of the Foundation.

We encourage all Catholics, parents, grandparents, relatives, single people and others, to embrace Soul'd Out as a valued community-based effort that delivers unique faith-based opportunities and growth experiences for our Catholic youth as they move towards their future adult roles. We are asking all Catholic individuals and families to consider financially contributing to the Foundation in meeting our goal in support of one of the most innovative, comprehensive and focused Catholic youth programs of our time.

Today, you can help by making a financial contribution to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwestern Ontario by going to our website www.ccfsw.ca or www.CanadaHelps.org or simply by mailing us a cheque to: 740 Hyde Park Road, P.O. Box 28115, Oakridge, RO, London, ON N6H 5E1.

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Social justice, faith and prayer will be key aspects throughout the week at camp. The strength of CCLC is its staff, which is made up of 20 faith-filled, dynamic post-secondary students. Staff members are dedicated to engaging and serving each and every camper.

When: June 30-July 4
July 7-11
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August 11-15
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Where: Camp Sylvan, a Scouts Canada Facility located on Highway 7 between Parkhill and Thedford. It is a 440 acre site with full service bunk houses, kitchen facilities and covered wagon sleeping amenities.

I believe that every youth should go to CCLC because it gives them an opportunity to expand their horizons. Not only do they get to make new friends from all over Southwestern Ontario but they also get the opportunity to learn about themselves. Campers entering grade 12 are at a different point in their faith and leadership journeys than campers entering grade 9, and at CCLC we get that.

What I love most about CCLC is that the program is unique for campers at different stages in their lives, from the activities you are interested in to the social justice issues you are faced with daily. At camp, there are opportunities to connect together in small groups, large groups, groups of the same age, and groups of different ages. Everyone at CCLC gets to know one another and leave as friends regardless of where they come from or who they knew going into the first day of camp.



Grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 this September?



I would encourage parents to register their kids because it is such a unique and rewarding experience. Regrettably I was never a camper at CCLC, but I have been lucky enough to counsel over the past few years and the change I have witnessed within myself through my camp experience has been profound.

My camp journey started in my final year of high school, a period of discernment for many, and I believe CCLC played an instrumental role in that discernment process. I remember leaving camp at the end of the week with such a strong conviction in my faith and a confidence in my leadership abilities that I had never before had. CCLC has had a positive impact on my life and will continue to do so in my faith life and everything I do.

Greg McKie
CCLC Associate Director

"In high school, there's such an intense pressure to be dating and to fit a certain image that it's hard to stay true to yourself all of the time. **Hearing all of this advice from leaders closer to our age had such an impact on me...** CCLC was an **AMAZING** experience and I wish every teenager could have a chance to go! I can't wait until next summer!" - **Student**

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

7:30 **Wake up** - Get ready for the day

8:15 **Breakfast** - Our food is hearty, healthy, & always homemade... In other words, delicious!

9:10 **Flag Pole** - Staff & campers meet for announcements, prayer, & opening activities

9:25 **Jam Session** - Grade-level groups explore leadership skills and abilities

12:00 **Lunch** - Back to the dining hall... Scrumptious!

1:00 **Camp Activities** - Campers self select activities based on personal interest. Sports, the arts, music and outdoor nature options are available

4:00 **Free Time**

5:00 **ID session** - These small group sessions draw campers into experiences of self-reflection and exploration

6:00 **Dinner** - Rich & energy boosting... Mouth watering!

6:45 **Evening Prayer**

7:00 **Mass** - Daily celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of CCLC

8:00 **Group Activity** - All campers and staff gather together for fun & games

9:45 **Nighttime Camp Activities** - A time for campfire, stargazing, songs, skits & s'mores!

10:45 **Evening Program** - Campers quiet their hearts and reflect on their day

11:30 **Lights out**



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Calling All Youth

By Claire Bondy
Youth Ministry

Make a mess, let your voices be heard, make some noise... These are some of the messages that Pope Francis imparted on the young people gathered in Rio for World Youth Day last summer. He is calling on the youth to step out in faith and proclaim their faith with their lives.

It is in this spirit that we are embarking on an initiative called Soul'd Out. Our primary efforts this year are to engage and inspire the 5000 Grade 8 students in the Diocese to help them find their voices. We will be providing them with opportunities to be messy, loud and joyful, and in the midst of that, to embrace their identity as

sons and daughters of a loving God.

The time of transition from elementary school to high school is filled with excitement and anticipation, but also some fear, trepidation, and uncertainty. It has the potential to be a pivotal moment in regards to their journey of faith, transforming it from the faith of their family to a faith of their own. This ownership comes over time, and entails questioning and exploration. It is our desire to provide support for these young people and their parents as they embrace their faith.

The programs and opportunities we are offering to these young people and their families will send a clear message that their Church cares for them. We want them to know they are a valuable part of their parishes and that everyone, from Bishop Fabbro, to the Youth Ministry Outreach

office, to their Pastor and parish staff, and the people in the pews beside them, wants to walk with them on this journey and values their presence in our faith communities.

Stay tuned for pictures of the mess that will take place at our GR8FESTIVAL on May 15 where 400 of our Grade 8 students will encounter faith at a high energy, action packed event. Listen for the noise of the students as they receive their "Tool Kits for Transition" from Bishop Fabbro in June. Watch for the responses to our Living Stones Challenge, giving young people an opportunity to reflect on their participation in the Sacramental life of the Church. Be aware, for the voices of these young people, secure in the knowledge that they are a part of a Church that cares deeply for them and embraces their place in our communities, will be heard.

NET Ministries

By: Mike McPherson,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry,
Mary Immaculate Parish

NET is an acronym, which stands for National Evangelization Team. NET is a Catholic missionary organization that brings together young adults from across Canada, trains them for five intense weeks and sends them out to begin their ministry. The mission of NET is to evangelize young Catholics, reaching them through retreats and parish ministry. The goal is to challenge these young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Catholic Church. NET is a part of the Church's urgent mission of evangelization to go out into the world to awaken the faith of those we serve by inviting them to live as Disciples of Christ. This ministry is powerful and can be a life changing experience for everyone touched by it. Incorporating NET into your faith community can be beneficial to all involved, and we look forward to welcoming NET back into the Diocese of London in 2015.



“...the Christian Community must help [parents] assume their responsibility of educating their children in faith.” (GDC 227).



Chris Bray

Chris Bray is a full time travelling Catholic worship artist and speaker. Having received multiple Gospel Music Association Covenant awards and numerous top 10 and #1 hit songs on Christian radio in Canada, his ministry has spanned North America from headlining the National March for Life rally on Parliament Hill for 25,000 people, the Air Canada Centre, working with great Catholic figures such as Matt Maher, Audrey Assad, Jackie Francois, Leah Darrow, Steve Ray, Ralph Martin, involvement in Life Teen, World Youth Day, NCCYM, and hundreds of conferences, retreats, schools and parishes. Visit www.chrisbraymusic.com to have Chris sing & speak for your event.

“Chris is an enthusiastic, Christ centered person who is talented in many ways. Chris is not only an accomplished worship leader and musician, but also an inspired composer.”

- Fr. Graham Keep

Generation Life in the DOL

We are pleased to announce that Generation Life has come to the Diocese of London for the first time and we hope they will return each year going forward!

What is Generation Life?
Generation Life is a team of young Catholic missionaries from the United States and Canada who spend a year traveling the world to talk to young people about the messages of Chastity and

Prolife (Human Dignity).

Why is Generation Life relevant for Teens?

Young people today want to find a joyful roadmap for their lives. The Generation Life missionaries offer a living, breathing, joyful witness and example of young people who are in love with their Catholic faith, yet who are still ‘normal’, everyday young people. It is so important for young people to meet role models that

demonstrate that living a life of faith and virtue is the true path to happiness and the most EPIC life ever!

Why bring Generation Life to your Parish or School?

Because these young missionaries give beautiful, succinct testimonies to their peers. In a world that is full of so many misleading role models and ‘norms’ for our teens, the Generation Life missionaries offer a fun, joyful, EPIC alternative to

young people. It is a great supplement to the ‘health education’ and religious ed. classes your grade 6-12 students are exposed to in school.

For more information regarding Generation Life (www.generationlife.org) In the Diocese of London, please contact: wotoole@dol.ca.





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Homily of Pope Francis at the Mass of Canonization

At the heart of this Sunday, which concludes the Octave of Easter and which Saint John Paul II wished to dedicate to Divine Mercy, are the glorious wounds of the risen Jesus.

He had already shown those wounds when he first appeared to the Apostles on the very evening of that day following the Sabbath, the day of the resurrection. But, as we have heard, Thomas was not there that evening, and when the others told him that they had seen the Lord, he replied that unless he himself saw and touched those wounds, he would not believe. A week later, Jesus appeared once more to the disciples gathered in the Upper Room. Thomas was also present; Jesus turned to him and told him to touch his wounds. Whereupon that man, so straightforward and accustomed to testing everything personally, knelt before Jesus with the words: “My Lord and my God!” (Jn 20:28).

The wounds of Jesus are a scandal, a stumbling block for faith, yet they are also the test of

faith. That is why on the body of the risen Christ the wounds never pass away: they remain, for those wounds are the enduring sign of God’s love for us. They are essential for believing in God. Not for believing that God exists, but for believing that God is love, mercy and faithfulness. Saint Peter, quoting Isaiah, writes to Christians: “by his wounds you have been healed” (1 Pet 2:24, cf. Is 53:5).

Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II were not afraid to look upon the wounds of Jesus, to touch his torn hands and his pierced side. They were not ashamed of the flesh of Christ, they were not scandalized by him, by his cross; they did not despise the flesh of their brother (cf. Is 58:7), because they saw Jesus in every person who suffers and struggles. These were two men of courage, filled with the parrhesia of the Holy Spirit, and they bore witness before the Church and the world to God’s goodness and mercy.

They were priests, and bishops

and popes of the twentieth century. They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful; faith was more powerful – faith in Jesus Christ the Redeemer of man and the Lord of history; the mercy of God, shown by those five wounds, was more powerful; and more powerful too was the closeness of Mary our Mother.

In these two men, who looked upon the wounds of Christ and bore witness to his mercy, there dwelt a living hope and an indescribable and glorious joy (1 Pet 1:3,8). The hope and the joy which the risen Christ bestows on his disciples, the hope and the joy of Easter, forged in the crucible of self-denial, self-emptying, utter identification with sinners, even to the point of disgust at the bitterness of that chalice. Such were the hope and the joy which these two holy popes had received as a gift from the risen Lord and which they in turn

bestowed in abundance upon the People of God, meriting our eternal gratitude.

This hope and this joy were palpable in the earliest community of believers, in Jerusalem, as we have heard in the Acts of the Apostles (cf. 2:42-47). It was a community which lived the heart of the Gospel, love and mercy, in simplicity and fraternity.

This is also the image of the Church which the Second Vatican Council set before us. John XXIII and John Paul II cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the Church in keeping with her pristine features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries. Let us not forget that it is the saints who give direction and growth to the Church. In convening the Council, Saint John XXIII showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit. He let himself be led and he was for the Church a pastor, a servant-leader, guided by the Holy Spirit. This was his great service to the

Church; for this reason I like to think of him as the the pope of openness to the Holy Spirit.

In his own service to the People of God, Saint John Paul II was the pope of the family. He himself once said that he wanted to be remembered as the pope of the family. I am particularly happy to point this out as we are in the process of journeying with families towards the Synod on the family. It is surely a journey which, from his place in heaven, he guides and sustains.

May these two new saints and shepherds of God’s people intercede for the Church, so that during this two-year journey toward the Synod she may be open to the Holy Spirit in pastoral service to the family. May both of them teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ and to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves.



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Luke 24:48-49

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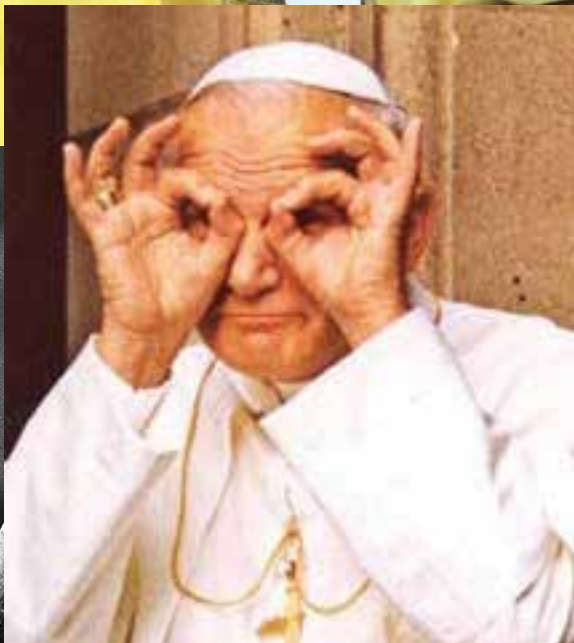
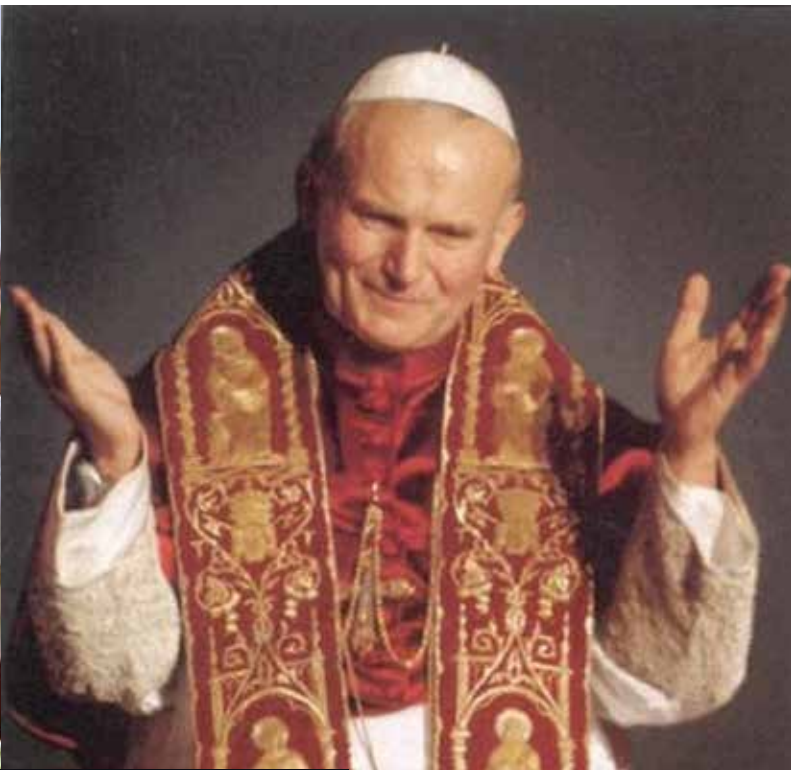
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