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## Bishop Celebrates Chrism Mass

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Santa Rosa—Before most of the diocese's priests and religious and a packed St. Eugene Cathedral, Bishop Robert F. Vasa presided over the annual Chrism Mass on March 26, just prior to Holy Week.

He said the following to the assembled faithful.

My friends, I always look forward with eagerness to this opportunity to celebrate our Mass of Chrism. I take great joy in this Mass in which the entire diocese is drawn together in this single space. Here we gather with nearly all the presbyterate of the diocese, with five of our six counties represented. We gather with a significant number of the deacons and with the religious and the laity and the full expression of this particular Church, which is the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

My brother [priests], while this day may be somewhat  
*(see Chrism Mass, p. 7)*

## St. Eugene School Hosts Seder

During Holy Week, St. Eugene School students had a Holy Week that was once par for the course for all Catholics but today is somewhat unique. Some younger students also got to experience the Jewish roots of their Catholic faith with a Passover meal.

All of these activities helped emphasize the glory of the Resurrection for the students.

On Shrove Tuesday, the entire school participated in the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Stations of the Cross readings connected the Passion, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus to the students' everyday lives.

During Holy Week the second and third grade classes celebrated a Seder meal on Holy Thursday. The teachers used a wonderful prayer service that is not only

## ISIS Shoots, Beheads More Christians

Tripoli (Fox News)—The Islamic State expanded its extermination of Christians to another country with the release of a video Sunday, April 19, purportedly showing a mass execution of 28 Ethiopians in Libya.

"We express our condolences to the families of the victims and our support to the Ethiopian government and people as they grieve for their fellow citizens," National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said in a statement. "That these terrorists killed these men solely because of their faith lays bare the terrorists' vicious, senseless brutality."

The White House on Sunday evening condemned the video.

The video, released via militant social media accounts and websites, including the Middle East Media Research Institute, could not be independently verified by The Asso-

ciated Press. However, it corresponded to other videos released by the Islamic State group and bore the symbol of its *al-Furqan* media arm.



At this time, the United States intelligence community is assessing the video and has no reason to doubt its authenticity, sources said.

In the video, Islamic State militants in Libya shot and beheaded groups of captive Ethiopian Christians.

Ethiopia on Monday declared three days of mourning beginning Tuesday, when lawmakers met to discuss the killings and consider the country's possible response.

Ethiopia long has drawn the anger of Islamic extremists over its military's attacks on neighboring Somalia, whose population is almost entirely Muslim.

At one point in the video, the militant said in English  
*(see ISIS Shoots, p. 5)*



*(see Seder, p. 6)*

## Principal Crandall Wins Honor

Archbishop Hanna High School Principal Dennis Crandall has received the 2015 Bishop's Award for Excellence in Catholic Education.

Although Crandall knew he had been voted the honor, he did not know when he would receive it.



From L to R: Principal Dennis Crandall; Fr. Aaron Bandanadam, MF, Hanna's chaplain; Dr. John Collins, diocesan Schools superintendent; a student; Executive Director of Hanna Boys Center Brian Farragher; and Bishop Robert F. Vasa. (Credit: Lorna Sheridan, Sonoma Index Tribune)

*(see Principal Crandall, p. 6)*

## Cardinal George Dead at 78

Chicago (CNA/EWTN News)—Francis Cardinal George, OMI, who led the Chicago archdiocese between 1997 and 2014, died April 17 at the age of 78, after fighting cancer for nearly a decade.

Sr. Mary Paul of the Daughters of Divine Love, an international women's religious order with a congregation in the Archdiocese of Chicago, recounted how Cardinal George's predecessor Joseph Cardinal Bernardin had invited the order to Chicago. When he died in 1996, they didn't know what would happen next.



*(see Cardinal George, p. 8)*

# The Reminder Received from Religious

Near the end of 2014, the Holy Father proclaimed the Year of Consecrated Life, which is a reminder to us of how important Religious priests, Sisters, and Brothers are for the Church.

It can happen that our reverence for Religious stems from a profound appreciation for all they have done and continue to do for and in the Church.

If it stopped there, this appreciation would be appropriate but far too limited.

When I think of Religious, I think of a great book, *The Soul of the Apostolate*. There we find a comment by St. John of the Cross: “Let the men who are eaten up with activity and who imagine they are able to shake the world with their preaching and other *outward works* [emphasis added], stop and reflect a moment. It will not be difficult for them to understand that they would be *much more useful* [emphasis in the original] to the Church and more pleasing to the Lord, not to mention the good example they would give to those around them, if they devoted more time to prayer and to the exercises of the interior life.”

In an age when activity, personality, and popularity reign supreme, the thought of encouraging someone to focus more on reflection and interiority runs counter to the prevailing cultural trend. Hence the need for Religious.



From the Bishop

Bishop Robert F. Vasa is the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

St. John continues: “Under these conditions, by one single work of theirs they would do far more good, and with much less trouble, than they do by a thousand others on which they exhaust their lives. Prayer would merit them this grace, and would obtain for them the spiritual energies they need to bring forth such fruits. But without prayer, all they do amounts to nothing more than noise and uproar; it is like a hammer banging on an anvil and echoing over the neighborhood. They accomplish *a little more than nothing, sometimes absolutely nothing at all, and sometimes downright evil*. God save us from

such a soul as this, if it should happen to swell up with pride! It would be vain for appearances to be in his favor:

the truth is that he would be doing nothing, because no good work can be done without the power of God.”

This recognition that all depends on God and on prayer may not be consistent with our life experience. It may seem that any good that has been done or accomplished has been the result of careful human planning, diligent human work, clever human ingenuity, scintillating human personality, or wondrous human creativity.

There is no doubt that these are all useful and valuable. They may even, on their own, produce great human or secular results.

Yet if we believe St. John of the Cross, “without prayer, all they do amounts to nothing more than noise and uproar; it is like a hammer banging on an anvil and echoing over the neighborhood.”

In honoring Religious we remind ourselves that the real source of true “power for spiritually fruitful work is God. Religious stand in the Church, simply by their presence, as those who help us remember the centrality of the activity of God.

While this does not diminish the importance or necessity of definitive human activity, it assures that proper credit is given to God for the spiritual effectiveness of the activity. ❖

## El Recordatorio Recibido de Religiosos

Cerca del final de 2014, el Santo Padre proclamó el Año de la Vida Consagrada, que es un recordatorio para nosotros de la importancia que son los sacerdotes religiosos, hermanas y hermanos para la Iglesia.

Puede suceder que nuestra reverencia para los Religiosos se deriva de un profundo agradecimiento por todo lo que han hecho y siguen haciendo por y en la Iglesia.

Si se detiene allí, esta apreciación sería apropiada, pero demasiado limitada.

Cuando pienso en Religiosos, pienso en un gran libro, *El Alma de Todo Apostolado*. Allí nos encontramos con un comentario por San Juan de la Cruz: “Dejad que los hombres que son comidos con actividad y que se imaginan que son capaces de sacudir al mundo con su predicación y otras obras exteriores, deténganse y reflexionen un momento. No va a ser difícil para ellos entender que serían mucho más útiles para la Iglesia y más agradables al Señor, por no mencionar el buen ejemplo que darían a los que les rodean, si dedicaran más tiempo para la oración y para los ejercicios de la vida interior.”

En una época en que la actividad, la personalidad y popularidad reina supremo, la idea de alentar a alguien a centrarse más en la reflexión y la interioridad va en contra de la cultura corriente predominante. De ahí se ve la necesidad de los Religiosos.

San Juan continúa: “En estas condiciones, por una sola obra harían mucho más bien, y con mucho menos problemas, que lo que hacen por otros mil de los que agotan sus vidas. Con oración merecen ellos esta gracia, y obtendrían por ellas las energías espirituales que necesitan para producir tales frutos. Pero sin la oración, todo lo

que hacen asciende a nada más que ruido y alboroto; es como un martillo golpeando un yunque y haciendo eco sobre el barrio. Logran un poco más que nada, a veces absolutamente nada, y a veces francamente solo el mal. ¡Dios nos libre de un alma como esta, si sucede que se hincha de orgullo! Sería en vano por las apariencias ser a su favor: la verdad es que él estaría haciendo nada, porque ninguna obra buena puede hacerse sin el poder de Dios.”

Este reconocimiento de que todo depende de Dios y en la oración puede no ser consistente con nuestra experiencia de vida. Puede parecer que cualquier bien que se ha hecho o logrado ha sido el resultado de una cuidadosa planificación humana, el trabajo humano diligente, el ingenio humano inteligente, brillante personalidad humana, o la creatividad humana maravillosa.

No hay duda de que estos son todos útiles y valiosos. Incluso pueden, por sí mismos, producir grandes resultados humanos o seculares.

Sin embargo, si creemos que San Juan de la Cruz, “sin la oración, todo lo que hacen asciende a nada más que ruido y alboroto; es como un martillo golpeando un yunque y haciendo eco sobre el barrio.”

Al honrar a los religiosos nos recordamos que la verdadera fuente de verdadero poder “para el trabajo espiritualmente fecundo es Dios. Los Religiosos se ponen de pie en la Iglesia, simplemente por su presencia, como los que nos ayudan a recordar la importancia de la actividad de Dios.

Aunque esto no disminuye la importancia o necesidad de la actividad humana definitiva, asegura que el crédito apropiado se da a Dios por la eficacia espiritual de la actividad. ❖



### Catholic Terms to Know

**Church Doctor:** Someone whose teaching and doctrine are so sound, accomplished, and exemplary as to warrant special recognition by the Church. There are 36 total, four of whom are women.

## Pope Prays for Nepal Earthquake Victims

Vatican City—On Sunday, April 26, Pope Francis led thousands of people in prayer yesterday for the victims of Saturday’s earthquake in Nepal, during his Regina Caeli address.

After reciting the Marian prayer in St Peter’s Square, the Pope said, “I wish to express my closeness to the populations struck by a powerful earthquake in Nepal and in neighboring countries. I pray for the victims, for the wounded, and for all those who suffer because of this calamity. May they be sustained by fraternal solidarity.”

The Pope then recited a Hail Mary for the people who died following the devastating earthquake. The current death toll is currently over 6,200 people.

When news of the disaster first emerged, Pietro Cardinal Parolin sent a telegram on behalf of the Pope expressing his condolences. It read: “His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the earthquake and the resultant loss of many hundreds of lives in Nepal, as well as in neighboring countries. He expresses his solidarity with all affected by this disaster and assures those who grieve for deceased family members of his closeness in prayer.

“His Holiness commends the souls of the victims to the loving mercy of the Almighty and he offers encouragement to the civil authorities and emergency personnel as they continue their rescue efforts and assistance to those touched by this tragedy. Upon them all he invokes the blessings of the Almighty as a pledge of healing and consolation.”

Bishop Robert F. Vasa has requested a collection for Catholic Relief Services to aid Nepal. ❖



St. John Nepomucene; Feast: May 16

# Did James Foley Die a Muslim Convert or a Catholic Martyr?

by Joan Desmond

When James Foley was publicly beheaded by militants from the Islamic State, the grisly video of the American reporter's execution led some Catholics to praise him as a martyr for the faith.

But, later, other released hostages, who knew Foley, testified that the American had converted to Islam, and that his conversion appeared to be genuine.

Was Foley a Catholic martyr or a Muslim convert? asks *The New York Times*. And if he did formally embrace the religion of his captors, was that the free expression of his conscience, the result of violent coercion, or simply a tactic to secure a reprieve from the daily beatings he endured at the hands of ISIS?

Foley's mother, a practicing Catholic who regularly prays the Rosary, told *The Times* she had received conflicting reports from hostages who knew her son.

"What the hostages had told me was that by saying that he had converted to Islam, he would be left alone five times a day, without being beaten, so that he could pray," Diane Foley told *The Times*, adding that she believed her son died as a Christian and that he had helped many of his fellow hostages endure the harrowing conditions of their captivity.

Indeed, reports from released hostages identified Foley as the prisoner who received the most grueling punishment, but also the one known for small acts of kindness. While prisoners were pressed to the limit and starved, with fights breaking out, "Mr. Foley shared his meager rations. In the cold of the Syrian winter, he offered another prisoner his only blanket," *The Times* reported last fall.

Diocesan native Dr. Pia de Solenni, PhD, addressed this question of Foley's martyrdom in the wake of his execution, but before the reports of his conversion to Islam surfaced.

She raised a number of important points, including the fact that a Catholic martyr for the faith is a man or woman who pays "the ultimate price"—choosing death rather than repudiating their Catholic faith and love for Jesus Christ.

But she offers additional points that suggest Foley did not convert to Islam, and that the staging of his execution actually confirmed that fact.

"We know that IS/ISIS/ISIL generally offers its captives a choice: convert to their brand of Islam or die, as witnessed by the thousands of people fleeing Iraq these past few weeks. It could be that they only wanted Foley because he was a US citizen and that they would have killed him regardless, but I doubt it. I think they would have celebrated if he'd become one of them. Heck, they've got plenty

of Westerners joining them. The man who beheaded him is possibly a UK citizen," she wrote.

"I don't think it's insignificant that they 'made him stand against a wall and pose as if he had been crucified,'" she added, noting comments from another blogger.

However, it is also true that Islamic State militants executed Foley after their negotiations to extort money for his release failed to produce the desired results. The US does not negotiate with terrorists, and IS may have staged the beheading simply as a way to make Washington pay a political cost for that policy.

But there is still more to consider, including the fact that Foley's abduction by ISIS militants was not his first brush with captivity, though the Islamic State's treatment of hostages is known to be especially brutal. Previously, when he was abducted in Libya, his courage and faith testified to his striking personal qualities.

After he was released from captors in Libya, Foley wrote his alma mater Marquette University to express his gratitude for the support he had received during his captivity. In his letter, Foley described how regular recitation of the Rosary with Clare, a fellow captive, gave him hope and kept him sane.

"I began to pray the Rosary. It was what my mother and grandmother would have prayed. I said 10 Hail Marys between each Our Father. It took a long time, almost an hour to count 100 Hail Marys off on my knuckles. And it helped to keep my mind focused."

Let's pray for the soul of James Foley, and for his family, who must live with the fact that he was not only brutally murdered, but also beaten, waterboarded, and starved. And let's pray for all the nameless captives who are now enduring a similarly horrific fate at the hands of Islamic State. Women from minority religious communities have been forced to marry militants, and children have been deployed as suicide bombers. Innocent hostages abducted from their communities or snatched on the road face torture and death.

In the wake of the recent execution of 21 Coptic Christians by Islamic State militants, Pope Francis said, "The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out. I read about the execution of those twenty-one or twenty-two Coptic Christians. Their only words were: 'Jesus, help me!'"

"They were killed simply for the fact that they were Christians." ❖

This article appears courtesy of National Catholic Register.

## Idaho City's Ordinance Tells Pastors: Marry Gays or Go to Jail

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (*Washington Times*)—In a move many people of faith have feared and warned would eventually come, city officials in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, have laid down the law to Christian pastors within their community, telling them bluntly via an ordinance that if they refuse to marry homosexuals, they will face jail time and fines.

Jail time equates to 180 days and the fine is \$1,000. This is not for every offence. Rather it is for every day a pastor refuses to marry a same sex couple. Thus in the course of just one week, the pastor would face nearly three-and-a-half years in jail and \$7,000 in fines.

The dictate comes on the heels of a legal battle with Donald and Evelyn Knapp, ordained ministers who own the Hitching Post wedding chapel in the city, but who oppose so-called gay marriage, *The Daily Caller* reported.

A federal judge recently ruled that the state's ban on same sex unions was unconstitutional, while the city of Coeur d'Alene has an ordinance that prevents discrimination based on sexual preference.

The Alliance Defending Freedom has filed a suit in federal court to stop the city from enforcing the fine and jail sentence, saying in a statement from senior legal counsel Jeremy Tedesco that the government has overstepped its bounds, *The Daily Caller* reported.

"Many have denied that pastors would ever be forced to perform ceremonies that are completely at odds with their faith, but that's what is happening here — and it's happened this quickly," Mr. Tedesco said, *The Daily Caller* reported.

But the city sees it differently. As far back as May 2014, city officials were insisting that their ordinance is indeed in line with law.

"If you turn away a [same sex] couple, refuse to provide services for them, then in theory you violated our code, and you're looking at a potential misdemeanor citation," Coeur d'Alene City Attorney Warren Wilson told KXLY-TV months ago. ❖



St. Pietro Parenzo, martyred politician; Feast: May 21



St. Petronilla; Feast: May 31

### PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

#### MAY 2015

Fr. Bernard D'Sa SFX	5/1/94	Clearlake, CA
Fr. Gerard Gormley	5/4/85	Sebastopol, CA
Fr. Michael Cloney	5/11/68	McKinleyville, CA
Fr. Daniel Roa	5/16/08	Santa Rosa, CA
Fr. Juan Ramón Díaz de León	5/21/72	Retired, Nice, CA
Most Rev. Robert F. Vasa	5/22/76	Santa Rosa, CA
Fr. Carlos Ortega	5/22/99	Point Arena, CA
Fr. Eliseo Avendaño	5/22/10	Yountville, CA
Fr. Adam Kotas	5/22/10	Crescent City, CA
Fr. Mario Valencia	5/22/10	Napa, CA
Fr. Michaelraj Philominsamy	5/26/91	Windsor, CA
Fr. Tekleberhan Dini	5/27/73	Willits, CA
Fr. Gordon Kalil	5/28/94	St. Helena, CA
Fr. James Lantsberger, OMI	5/30/57	Benicia, CA
Fr. Thomas Diaz	5/30/81	Eureka, CA
Fr. Loren Allen	5/30/94	Occidental, CA
Fr. Luis Peñaloza	5/30/99	Guerneville, CA
Fr. Ray Rioux	5/31/94	Las Vegas, NV

# Living in the Valley of Tears

The week we put the April issue to bed was the week pilot Andreas Lubitz intentionally crashed the Germanwings airplane he was steering into a mountain side, pulverizing the plane and much on it.

As someone who has struggled with depression his entire life, the news that Lubitz purposely murdered 149 people while committing suicide and likely did so because of depression was, well, depressing.

And it was so because depression and mental illness already have a huge stigma. There is a reason people like Lubitz never come forward to say, "This is my condition."

That's not experienced by nearly anyone with cancer or some other chronic illness. Very few people are afraid to tell their employer or family members or significant others, "The doctor has determined I have cancer."

For those with Lubitz's condition, however, divulging such information is a very frightening prospect. And now he has made it that much more difficult because the stigma has grown by many degrees larger than the debris field he left in his wake.

If you don't have this condition or ADD or OCD or another neurological (i.e., genetic) defect, there is no way you can understand what it is like. This isn't a dig or a "dis." It is experience.

Even if we don't experience chemical depression, we all get sad because we all experience suffering. St. Thomas Aquinas, OP, wrote about depression. Bl. Enrico Rebuschini, MI, had bipolar disorder.

The great saints have always understood that to find happiness amidst great suffering is to do the most paradoxical thing: It is to embrace that suffering as either the passive will of God (i.e., He merely allows it for some greater good) or His active will (i.e., He wills something to happen, again for a greater good).

If we accept this approach as valid—and, indeed, who are we to argue with the likes of the Church's greatest saints?—it nonetheless follows that we have no responsibility to seek out suffering. Life is suffering. Life is a "valley of tears," as we say in the prayer Hail, Holy Queen.

So when pain and travail meet us on that rocky, narrow road we are told to take to paradise, what should be our response? How do we practically do this?

I don't pretend to have the answers. I do know this: An attitude of gratitude is key. So is service of others. Indeed if you want to shake yourself out of the doldrums, the quickest way to do so is to perform an act or acts of charitable kindness. And prayer. Lots of prayer. And of course we get counseling and take medication when it's appropriate. But

beyond those approaches, it's an open question. What do you think? How do we prevent another Germanwings-like disaster?

Email me at [dioceseofsantarosa@yahoo.com](mailto:dioceseofsantarosa@yahoo.com) with your (brief) thoughts. If we get enough responses we'll take the best and publish them in the next issue.

One group of suffering and likely depressed people who need our prayers are a group of unnoticed heroes. They are those who stay married even when society screams, "Divorce!" They stay married because they believe in the sanctity of marriage and that God was serious when He told us, "What [I] have joined, let no man rent asunder." Some stay married because, given their reputation as good Catholics in their communities, they don't want to give scandal. Others want to live as a witness to the permanence of the sacrament.

Regardless of their motivation, can we resolve to pray for these people? They are our neighbors, our friends, our family members, the people sitting next to us at Mass on Sunday.

Maybe they are us. If so, we would love to hear from you, even anonymously. You have a compelling story to tell, one our age needs to hear. ❖

*Brian O'Neel is Communications director for the Diocese of Santa Rosa, California*

## Letters to the Editor

What a blessed surprise to see the photo of Ven. Concepción Cabrera de Armida in the *North Coast Catholic*, March edition. If any of the readers belong to the Works of the Cross (Obras de la Cruz) or would like to receive more information about her and the spirituality of the cross, please contact my friend Luz Angelica Arana, RCSCJ ([luzangelica@sbcglobal.net](mailto:luzangelica@sbcglobal.net)). Jesus, Savior of mankind, save them, save them!

Qué sorpresa la bendición de ver la foto de venerable Concepción Cabrera de Armida en el periódico diocesano *North Coast Catholic*, edición de marzo. Si algún lector pertenecen a las Obras de la Cruz o le gustaría recibir más información de ella y la espiritualidad de la cruz, por favor póngase en comunicación con mi amiga Luz Angélica Arana, RCSCJ ([luzangelica@sbcglobal.net](mailto:luzangelica@sbcglobal.net)). ¡Jesús, Salvador de la humanidad, sálvalos, sálvalos!

*Harriet Burr  
Arcata*

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NOTE: Views of correspondents do not necessarily reflect those of this publication.



*St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi; Feast: May 25*

## Priestly Ordinations Increase 25 Percent

Washington, DC (*Catholic Herald*, UK)—The number of men expected to be ordained to the priesthood in the United States has increased by almost 25 percent in a single year.

According to data released by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 595 men are expected to be ordained to the priesthood in 2015, an increase of 24.7 percent compared with last year's figure of 477.

The number of men ordained to the priesthood in the US fell steadily from 994 in 1965, to 771 in 1975, 533 in 1985, 511 in 1995, and 454 in 2005, according to the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

The survey also reported that the average age of those graduating in 2015 was 34 and that a quarter of them were born outside the United States, with the greatest numbers coming from Nigeria, Poland, Vietnam, Colombia, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Most ordinands are cradle Catholics, although seven percent became Catholic later in life. Eighty-four percent said that both of their parents were Catholic and 37 percent were related to someone who is a priest or a religious.

About 70 percent said that they prayed the Rosary and participated in Eucharistic adoration before entering the seminary. Almost half said they were discouraged at some point from joining the priesthood.

Diocesan seminarian Mr. Andrew Pacheco will receive ordination to the transitional diaconate at St. Eugene Cathedral on Friday, June 5, 7pm. ❖

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Fr. James T. Monagle  
May 1, 1990

Fr. Thomas Keffer  
May 2, 2008

Fr. Desmond Devine  
May 11, 1995

Fr. James Clark  
May 20, 2008

Fr. James Gabriel  
May 24, 1988

Fr. Francis T. Moore  
May 26, 1974

Fr. Alphonse Weber, OFM  
May 27, 1963

Msgr. Michael J. Walsh  
May 30, 1982

# CALENDAR

**May 3**

**Living Rosary and May Crowning**

2:00pm  
Location: St. James Church  
125 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy., Petaluma, CA 94954  
Everyone is welcome!  
For more information, call St. James Church, 707-762-4256

**May 11**

**Ignatian Spiritual Exercises**

7pm  
Location: St. Rose Church Parish Hall, Room B  
398 10<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
The Spiritual Enrichment Center at St. Rose Church will have an introductory meeting for the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. The meeting's purpose is to explain the Exercises, although sign-ups for the program will be in early August. Those interested can take an application home.  
For more information, call 707-546-1781.

**May 13**

**Star of the Valley Church Women's Club**

Cardiologist Dr. Emily Conway will serve as guest speaker at Star of the Valley Church Women's Club at their lunch meeting on this date. She will discuss women's heart health and answer questions.  
For more information, call 707-539-6262.

**May 16**

**Picnic to support the San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**

11am-3pm  
Location: Sue Bierman Park  
216 Drumm St., San Francisco, California 94105  
Catholic families, singles, and Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity will gather in San Francisco. There will be a "bouncy house" and games for kids led by the Sisters. A Mariachi band will provide entertainment. Bring your own picnic food. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided while supplies last. Wear blue as a symbol of solidarity.  
For more information visit <http://www.sfcatholics.org/>.

**May 16-17**

**Lake County Passion Play**

Lake County Passion Play  
The 35th Annual Outdoor Passion Play will take place the weekend after Mother's Day, on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17 at 4:00 p.m. The play lasts about two hours at The Passion Play Grounds, 7010 Westlake Road, Upper Lake (off Hwy. 29, about 7 miles north of Lakeport). More than 150 players from many denominations re-enact this most touching of dramas. It is not a spectacle. Rather, it is a prayerful expression of the faith of the people involved; a truly Ecumenical experience. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Bring your own chair. No food, drink, pets or smoking. For more information, visit [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org), or call Judith Steele Lanfranco at 707-263-3174 or producer Fr. Phillip Ryan at 707-279-0349.

**May 28**

**Cardinal Newman Golf Tournament**

12:00pm  
Location: Windsor Golf Club  
1340 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Dr., Windsor, CA  
For more information, contact Terri Derr at [derr@cardinalnewman.org](mailto:derr@cardinalnewman.org) or call 707-546-6470.

**June 4**

**2015 St. Francis Solano School Mother-Son: Sonoma Stompers baseball game**

6PM  
Cost: Grandstand ticket price: \$13 per person. Ticket price includes a \$7 credit for food and beverages at the Stompers game and 10 percent off Sonoma Stompers gear  
Location: Arnold Field  
180 1st St. W, Sonoma, CA 95476  
Come join the fun and cheer on the Stompers.  
For more information, contact the school.

**June 11-14**

**Catholic Cursillo Weekend for Women**

Location: Angela Center  
535 Angela Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
The four day weekend commences on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday evening. Each weekend is different for each person but it always centers on the Eucharist, daily Mass, the Rosary, and a series of presentations designed to lead participants to personally encounter Christ.  
For more information, call Debbie Simonson 707-763-7165 or Dcn. Joe Olsen 707-536-7332 or visit [www.catholiccursillomovementofsantarosa.com](http://www.catholiccursillomovementofsantarosa.com)

**July 6-10**

**Camp RAD**

Location: Camp Cazadero  
5385 Cazadero Hwy., Cazadero, CA 95421  
For incoming seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.  
For more information, call Liliana Torres at 707-566-3371.  
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MUSTARD SEED CAMP THIS YEAR.

**July 24-26**

**Steubenville San Diego (youth conference)**

Cost: \$515 with a \$200 deposit.  
Location: University of San Diego  
5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110  
A weekend of faith, friendship, and fun for Catholic teens ages 14-19 years old. There is only room for 20 students  
For more information call 1-619-582-4571 or e-mail [margie@allforgodcatholic.com](mailto:margie@allforgodcatholic.com).  
To register go to [allforgodcatholic.com](http://allforgodcatholic.com).

**June 7**

**Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Christ the King Church**

On June 7, 1970, then-Bishop Mark Hurley dedicated Christ the King Church in McKinleyville. This summer marks the parish's forty-fifth anniversary. Check back for more information as things are "just in the planning stages at the moment," says pastor Fr. Michael Cloney.

**August 12**

**American Canyon Annual Golf Tournament**

11:30am-7:00pm  
Hosted by: Knights of Columbus Council No. 15750  
Proceeds: To benefit Holy Family Church building fund project  
Cost: \$150/person (includes lunch, golf, and dinner); \$500/foursome (includes lunch, golf, and dinner)  
Location: Eagle Vines Vineyards and Golf Club

**August 21-22**

**Male and Female He Created Them**

Location: St. Mary Cathedral Events Center  
1111 Gough St, San Francisco, CA 94109  
Empowering sexual integrity for individuals and couples, while building healthy, happy, and holy marriages.  
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St. Simon Stock, O Carm; Feast: May 16

(ISIS Shoots, cont.)



An Ethiopian woman at a prayer service commemorating 28 of her Christian countrymen murdered by ISIS

in a distinctly North American accent, "All praise be to Allah, the lord and cherisher of the world, and may peace and blessings be upon the prophet Muhammed. To the nation of the cross, we are back again on the sands, where the companions of the prophet, peace be upon him, have stepped on before, telling you: Muslim blood that was shed under the hands of your religion is not cheap.

"In fact, their blood is the purest blood because there is a nation behind them (which) inherits revenge. And we swear to Allah: the one who disgraced you by our hands, you will not have safety, even in your dreams, until you embrace Islam."

Nonetheless, he did not specifically mention the Ethiopian government's actions.

"I believe this is just another case of the IS group killing Christians in the name of Islam. Our fellow citizens have just been killed on a faith-based violence that is totally unacceptable. This is outrageous," *The Christian Post* reported Ethiopian priest Abba Kaletsidk Mulugeta as saying. "No religion orders the killing of other people, even people from another religion."

Earlier in April in Syria, ISIS asked for \$30 million to free up to 300 Assyrian Christians it has held captive since February. The Assyrians were captured after several village raids, and though a handful of them were later released, ISIS has warned the remaining captives will be killed unless they receive \$100,000 per individual.

An officer within the Assyrian Church's leadership said it is up to the international community to help, as the Assyrians do not have such money.

"They know we cannot come up with this kind of money, so they are hoping other groups and countries will come up with the money," the official said.

The release of the 29 minute video came a day after Afghanistan's president blamed the extremists for a suicide attack in his country that killed at least 35 people. ❖

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*And the King will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me" (Matt 25:40).*

Unless otherwise noted, all tours begin at 12pm.

Thursday, May 14 (5:30-6:30pm)

Friday, June 5

Thursday, June 18

*(Editor's note: If there is any possible way you can take this tour, do yourself a favor and take it. You are likely to be amazed. Many people including this writer have been, surprisingly so.)*

(Seder, cont.)

very true to the Jewish tradition of a Seder but also connected it to the Last Supper Jesus celebrated with His disciples.

The teachers put together lessons for the students about the deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt so they had solid background for understanding the tradition of the Jewish Seder meal.

The sixth graders developed their own Passion play, which they acted out with costumes, and they also enjoyed a Seder meal together on Holy Thursday. Each year the students take part in this event so they can deepen their understanding of our faith as they grow in maturity.

The kindergartners learned about the Easter story using a dozen plastic eggs, organized by number in an egg carton. Each plastic egg held a symbol to explain one part of the Easter story. Some of the symbols included a pebble, symbolizing the stone rolled in front of Jesus' tomb, a rose thorn, symbolizing the crown of thorns,



a small nail symbolizing the nailing of Jesus to the cross, a piece of rope, which was used to tie Jesus' hands to his back, a piece of purple material, symbolizing the purple robe Jesus wore before Pontius Pilate and also a piece of white material, symbolizing the cloth in which Jesus was wrapped.

It was truly beautiful how well the kindergartners could tell the Easter story using the twelve symbols.

During Lent many classes chose to do special projects including first grade stained glass crosses and fourth grade wooden match crosses. Throughout Lent and Holy Week the students had many lessons about Ash Wednesday, about the meaning and importance of Lent, about making a personal commitment of personal renewal during Lent, about the Stations of Cross, and especially about the meaning the resurrection has for all of us. ❖

(Hanna Principal, cont.)

And so it was during a meeting with representatives of the Western Association of Schools & Colleges on accreditation for the school that Dennis was told by Hanna's Executive Director Brian Farragher that he had to come immediately because there was a riot taking place outside amongst the students.

Now Crandall had never dealt with such an incident in his entire time at AHHS, so imagine his consternation when he heard the "news."

"Great," he was heard to have said. "There had to be a fight today of all days."

But when he emerged into the outdoors, he found several hundred people waiting for him.

Says Farragher, "Our intention was to surprise him. I think we were successful.... When he emerged from the cafeteria, he saw the bishop, his family, all the boys, and staff and [others] waiting for him. He was deeply moved. We are thrilled we could do something so special for such a special guy."

In presenting the award, Bishop Robert F. Vasa said that he was pleased and honored to be able to present this recognition to Crandall for his many years of service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Crandall also received a wooden greeting card students had made for him in the woodshop.

"He has served faithfully and well at both Cardinal Newman and Archbishop Hanna High Schools," said His Grace. "For 41 years he has dedicated himself in a truly joyous and devoted manner to the work of Catholic Schools, leading young men and women to Christ."

Afterward, Crandall made the following comments to *North Coast Catholic*.

"I'm definitely honored. There's no question about it.

"The surprise was unbelievable. They told me there was a riot on the playground, and out the cafeteria we went, and I walk out the door and I see a ton of people on the blacktop, all the students, all the staff, my wife, all of my kids, all of

# Newest Doctor of the Church: St. Gregory of Narek



Vatican City (Vatican Radio)—On Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis proclaimed the Armenian theologian St. Gregory of Narek (951-1003) a Doctor of the Universal Church.

The solemn proclamation took place during the introductory rites at the beginning of a Mass commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the massacre of Armenians in the Otto-

man Empire.

Prefect for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints Cardinal Angelo Amato, SDB, made the formal request for the proclamation, recalling the similar declaration, almost 100 years ago, of another Eastern saint as a Church Doctor, Ephraim the Syrian. Cardinal Amato noted that St. Gregory has been compared not only to St. Ephraim, but also to the Church Fathers St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Illuminator, the patron saint of Armenia.

St. Gregory of Narek, His Eminence said, was a "great theologian, mystic, and poet," who communicated his spiritual and ecclesial experience both by his life and his dogmatic teaching, "transmitting his theology along the path of beauty." Cardinal Amato said "the depth of the theological ideas of our Saint, the newness of his thought, and the force of his poetic words have always been appreciated both on the popular level and on the

level of the men of culture." St. Gregory's works have penetrated "every aspect of Armenia's religious life and culture."

Cardinal Amato pointed out four areas of special distinction in the doctrine of St. Gregory of Narek:

- The sense of sin and of the limits of man, who is incapable of speaking to and with God without the mediation of the incarnate Word.
- The dogmatic reflection on the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, in which he saw a reflection of the human soul, and especially an analogy with the three theological virtues.
- The defense of the supernatural efficacy of the sacraments and of their role in transmission and of the mediation of the Church, reaffirming the importance of divine grace and of the interior life, in contrast to the heretical tendencies of the Thondrakians, who claimed to go back to the origins of Christianity, denying the hierarchy.
- The devotion to the Virgin Mary, the *Panaghia*, "She who is nothing but holiness," the "All Holy," exalting "the absolute invulnerability of the Holy God-bearer in the confrontation with sin," in her role of Mediator, as a "bridge between God and man."

For all these reasons, said His Eminence, the pastors of the Armenian Church have often asked the popes to proclaim St. Gregory of Narek as a Doctor of the Universal Church, a request finally fulfilled by Pope Francis. ❖

my grandchildren. The accreditation team was there. I was embarrassed as heck. They say my face looked like a tomato.

"I've been in Catholic education my whole working life of 41 years. I have loved every single moment of my career, and I'm just really happy I've never had to work a day in my life. I don't work. I just get filled with joy to do the things I do. I've had stress and challenges, but I've been blessed beyond words.

"The Good Lord obviously had plan," he reflected. "Once I figured it out that this is what God put me on this earth to do, it's just like getting on a speed boat. No turning back. It was exactly why I was created. When you're working with that kind of blessing—I get to share my talents whatever they are with a lot of great people, students and staff—it's phenomenal.

"I get awarded every day. It's more than that now I get to put something on the wall. It's always nice to get recognized. I could say it's not that big a deal, but [receiving the Bishop's Award] felt pretty good.

"The best part," he says, "has been the e-mails and good wishes from people I hadn't spoken with in a while.

Crandall grew up in Sebastopol on Hessel Road. His family moved there when he was five. Then Hwy. 101 got placed through their house in Cotati so it was moved, and where it was moved to, they had seven acres on which they raised sheep and steers. Now he, his brother, his sister, and their families all have houses on the property. Interestingly, he and his brother married sisters.

Although he has spent his professional life in Catholic education, he never went to parochial schools as a student.

"I loved Church," he says, "and I went to CCD," but that was the extent of his pre-professional Catholic education.

For his undergraduate degree in atmospheric science, Crandall attended UC, Davis.

He says that he realized at the time, "I had to decide what job would I get up every day and I couldn't wait to

get to work. That's what I wanted to do. I know where that came from. At the time I did not. It just hit me, laying on the quad at Davis, looking up at the sky. I wasn't praying. I just thought, 'I need to figure out what I'm going to do with my life.'

"From that day forward I decided I need to find something I loved to do. I volunteer coached when out of college. I thought, 'I love working with kids. This would be fantastic.'

"After graduating from college [his teaching credential comes from Sacramento State], I received five job offers, and the lowest paying one was from Cardinal Newman. There was something about it I liked. I didn't know what it is then, but I do now.

"It felt good. My faith was very important to me, but I didn't know how much until that time. We'd be on retreat, and I'd think, 'Whoa. This is special.' Public schools kept trying to recruit me, but I could never leave because they didn't have the faith dimension. And once you understand that part of education, you can never go back, you know?

"It's the freedom. We're over there saying the Our Father and praying after the game. Public schools have to hide. That's a tremendous right we're granted in this country, and one we take for granted a lot. I've never taken it for granted because I've realized just how precious it is. The freedom to worship in whatever way you want to is critical."

At Cardinal Newman, he taught physics and advanced math. Then he was development director for seven years. Principal Tom Beecher made him his assistant principal, and after he left for the Diocese of San Diego, Crandall became principal, a position in which he served at CNHS until 2004. That is when went to AHHS.

"I didn't find the job," he says. "The job found me. I still love Cardinal Newman.

"Sometimes I talk with the Big Guy," he says, "and I say, 'Lord, it is not fair [how blessed I am]. Share some of this goodness with other people.'" ❖

(*Chrism Mass, cont.*)

routine for us, it is important that we allow it to be ever new and renewing for us. It is important that we work on making it ever new for ourselves and that we encourage attendance by the People of God. I'm sure you are well aware that a vast number of our Catholic people have no idea that this Mass is happening today. And a similar number have never considered attending the Mass of Chrism. While not this may not be new to us, it would certainly be a new experience, a very positive one for the people of the diocese whom we serve.

The same can be said of our own daily celebration of Holy Mass. We must actively work to assure that this very routine portion of our daily spiritual life stays ever fresh and new for us. We must remind ourselves daily that the Holy Mass is the source and summit of all of the grace of the day for us and for our people. Celebration of daily Mass must be our baseline as priests, if possible as deacons and religious, and as far as possible for the laity, as well.

Our renewal as priests of our promises today should include for us this internal resolution: To celebrate Mass every day between now and the next Chrism Mass. Every day.

Last year I focused on the renewal of the priestly promises. This year I want to focus on two of the oils: the oil of the sick and sacred chrism.

The blessing of the oil of the sick includes these words: "Hear us as we pray to you in faith and send the Holy Spirit—man's Helper and Friend—upon this oil which nature has provided to serve the needs of men. May your blessing come upon all who are anointed with this oil."

Two items of note there. First we call down Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. This oil, then, literally becomes for us the vehicle that brings that same Spirit through this oil into direct contact with those who are in a particular state of need due to illness.

This is indicated in the prayer: "May your blessing come upon all who are anointed with this oil."

Thus our blessing of the oil of the sick today travels with you and with this oil as you bring this healing ointment to those to whom we minister.

Thus this sacred blessed oil is entrusted to you. And as you bring this healing balm to the sick, you literally

become in the most important way the messenger of God's mercy. We are reminded we are messengers of mercy in the ministration of the sacrament of sick itself. We are also reminded that the Church is a Church of mercy.

This is particularly significant for us this year as Pope Francis has made the announcement that beginning on December 8, the Church will celebrate a Holy Year of Mercy.

The anointing prayer is one which the Fathers know well: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

This form for the sacrament of the sick incorporates both the theme of mercy and the active presence of the Holy Spirit. It's good to be reminded of the mercy of God and to remind ourselves and our people that the mercy of God flows through the Church and her sacraments. I say "sacraments" plural because we may need to be reminded that sacrament of reconciliation is most preeminently this sacrament of mercy and as such should be strongly encouraged and made regularly available to our Catholic people.

In his announcement of the Holy Year of Mercy, the Holy Father hinted at the need to foster greater use of the sacrament of reconciliation. In reflection, the Holy Year of Mercy might be subtitled the Year of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, too, we note that the formula of absolution begins with the reminder of God's mercy: "God the Father of Mercy ..."

God the Father of mercy, of sacrament. Anointing and reconciliation are sacraments of mercy.

The sacred chrism used in baptism, confirmation, and priestly ordination is consecrated with a more solemn blessing. In the midst of a longer prayer, we find these words: "And so, Father, we ask You to bless this oil You have created. Fill it with the power of your Holy Spirit through Christ Your Son."

An alternate prayer adds, "Pour out the gifts of Your Holy Spirit on our brothers and sisters who will be anointed with it. Let the splendor of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil."

The place signed with this oil is the Church. Thus may the splendor of holiness shine from our churches.

In the church, it is the altar of sacrifice that is likewise signed and sealed with sacred chrism. This is part of the

reason for our daily reverence of the altar at the beginning of Holy Mass.

It is not only these things that are anointed, but the people of God are anointed, first at baptism and then again at confirmation. And so may the splendor of holiness likewise shine on the world from them each of you, from each of you who have been anointed in baptism and confirmation that you might shine on the world a kind of holiness. And to us priests that we, too, be a reflection of the gifts of the Spirit poured out upon us.

The sacred chrism should stand as a reminder to us that it is the Holy Spirit Who plays a central role in our sanctification and the sanctification of the world

These oils going out to your parishes with you become literally a vehicle of that Holy Spirit.

We use the sacred chrism at baptism. The words are wonderful words.

After the baptism, you anoint the child on the head and take the chrism and say, "He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation—the wonderful gift of the Spirit—so that united with His people you may remain forever a member of Christ Who is Priest, Prophet, and King"

My brothers and sisters, these are not empty symbols. These spiritual realities the Spirit has imparted in the blessing, in the anointing.

At confirmation, we know the words well: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," using that sacred chrism to anoint the foreheads of those being confirmed.

And for us priests, sacred chrism is used in ordination to anoint the hands. The bishop prays, "Through the Father Who anointed Our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, may Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God."

Those are our priestly duties or preeminent nature, to sanctify God's people, to sanctify them and to offer sacrifice to God.

I pray, brothers and sisters, that our renewal of promises today and our blessing of these three oils is for us a reminder, a joyful reminder that the great gift of anointing that we have all received, and that we take that reminder and pledge ourselves and promise ourselves to the Lord that we will fulfill that ministry—priestly, prophetic, kingly—in the proper degree to our order to the fullness of our graced ability. ❖

## Hillary Clinton: "Religious Beliefs" Against Abortion "Have to Be Changed"

New York City (LifeSiteNews.com)—Speaking to an influential gathering in New York City in late April, Hillary Clinton declared that "religious beliefs" that condemn "reproductive rights," "have to be changed."

"Yes, we've cut the maternal mortality rate in half, but far too many women are still denied critical access to [abortion and contraception]," Hillary told the Women in the World Summit yesterday.

Hillary's reference echoes National Organization for Women (NOW) president Terry O'Neill's op-ed from last May that called abortion "an essential measure to prevent the heartbreak of infant mortality."



The Democratic presidential hopeful added that governments should throw the power of state coercion behind the effort to redefine traditional religious dogmas.

"Rights have to exist in practice, not just on paper. Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will," she said. "Deep-seated cultural codes,

religious beliefs, and structural biases have to be changed."

The line received rousing applause at the feminist conference, hosted in Manhattan's Lincoln Center by Tina Brown. She also cited religious-based objections to the HHS mandate, funding Planned Parenthood, and the homosexual and transgender agenda as obstacles that the government must defeat.

"America moves ahead when all women are guaranteed the right to make their own health care choices, not when those choices are taken away by an employer like Hobby Lobby," she said. The Supreme Court ruled last year that closely held corporations had the right to opt out of the provision of ObamaCare requiring them to provide abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilization to employees with no co-pay, a mandate that violates the teachings of the Catholic Church and other Christian bodies.

Clinton lamented that "there are those who offer themselves as leaders...who would defund the country's leading provider of family planning," Planned Parenthood, "and want to let health insurance companies once again charge women just because of our gender."

"We move forward when gay and transgender women are embraced...not fired from good jobs because of who they love or who they are," she added.

It is not the first time the former First Lady had said that liberal social policies should displace religious views. In a December 2011 speech in Geneva, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said perhaps the "most challenging issue arises when people cite religious or cultural values as a reason to violate or not to protect the human rights of LGBT citizens." These objections, she said, are "not unlike the justification offered for violent practices towards women like honor killings, widow burning, or female genital mutilation."

While opinions on homosexuality are "still evolving," in time "we came to learn that no [religious] practice or tradition trumps the human rights that belong to all of us."

Her views are reminiscent of the United Nations' Committee on the Rights of the Child, which presumed to instruct the Vatican last February that the Catholic Church should amend canon law "relating to abortion with a view to identifying circumstances under which access to abor-

tion services may be permitted."

During her New York speech, Hillary called the legal, state-enforced implementation of feminist politics "the great unfinished business of the twenty-first century," which must be accomplished "not just for women but for everyone—and not just in far away countries but right here in the United States."

"These are not just women's fights. These have to be America's fights and the world's fights," she said. "There's still much to be done in our own country, much more to be done around the world, but I'm confident and optimistic that if we get to work, we will get it done together."

American critics called Clinton's suggestion that a nation founded upon freedom of religion begin using state force to change religious practices unprecedented.

"Never before have we seen a presidential candidate be this bold about directly confronting the Catholic Church's teachings on abortion," said Bill Donohue of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

Donohue asked Hillary "to take the next step and tell us exactly what she plans to do about delivering on her pledge. Not only would practicing Catholics like to know, so would Evangelicals, Orthodox Jews, Muslims, and all those who value life from conception to natural death."

"In one sense, this shows just how extreme the pro-abortion caucus actually is," Ed Morrissey writes at HotAir.com. "Running for president on the basis of promising to use the power of government to change 'deep seated cultural codes [and] religious beliefs' might be the most honest progressive slogan in history."

He hoped that, now that she had called for governments to change religious doctrines, "voters will ... see the real Hillary Clinton, the one who dismisses their faith just the same as Obama did, and this time publicly rather than in a private fundraiser." ❖

(Cardinal George, cont.)

“When Cardinal George came in, he continued to be a father to us. He knows us personally, and he calls us by name,” she told CNA the night before the funeral.

When asked what stood out most about his example, Sr. Mary Paul answered, “His humility.”

She gave multiple examples of the Cardinal’s fatherly care for them and their love and affection for him in return. One time, when he was too sick to attend the Funeral Mass for one of the Sisters, he still came to the wake—obviously in pain—and received applause from everyone there.

Another time when the Sisters were looking for a new home in the archdiocese, the arrangement fell through, and he gave a sincere apology. “He has the humility to say I am very sorry that this didn’t work, before he passed,” Sr. Mary Paul said. “So for me that was a great humility.”

“Any time you see him, he will greet you,” said Sr. Immaculata, regional superior for the order. “He’s just humble. He doesn’t mind that he’s the big boss, but he will humble himself to be the first to say hi.”

Upon his passing, the National Catholic Bioethics Center, on whose board George served for years, released a statement, saying, “He was a valued advisor to the Holy See, one of the electors of Pope Benedict XVI, and a man who fearlessly advocated the truth of the Catholic faith, in season and out of season.”

That the late cardinal was a warm, fatherly figure to those who knew him was a common sentiment from many who attended prayer vigils for his repose, the Funeral Mass, and the subsequent funeral procession ending in his burial.

They described him as a man close to the people, evoking the image used by Pope Francis of good priests as “shepherds living with the smell of the sheep.”

As the funeral procession made its way to the cemetery following his Requiem, dozens of parishioners lined both sides of the street to wave goodbye.

Asked to describe the cardinal, people painted the picture of a man who was “down to earth,” “very personable,” and “very easy to talk to.” People at one parish related how he attended the church’s hundredth anniversary picnic last year and was seen “sitting at the table like an ordinary person,” chatting away with parishioners.

“He’s going to be sorely missed,” said Knights of Columbus member Greg Verbick, at one of several prayer vigils held for His Eminence.

“You would typically think that a cardinal wouldn’t be approachable. But that wasn’t the case with him. And you could feel the love coming from him for everyone.”

The local Knights were particularly impressed by his support for their organization—“He was a Knight,” they said with pride—but also his silent fight with cancer which

he had endured on and off since 2006.

“I don’t know how he was able to go on with his daily tasks the way he did,” said Verbick. “He hid it quite well, let’s put it that way. He suffered very silently, I can assure you of that. I don’t think he wanted anybody to realize the pain that he had. He just wanted to continue doing God’s work.”

All of this adulation and admiration would have surprised many in 1997 when George took over the archdiocese after the death of Cardinal Bernadin. Bernadin had arguably been the leading figure in American Church, especially for those who saw the Second Vatican Council as a break with Church history—the so-called “Spirit of Vatican II” Bologna school—versus those who saw the Council in continuity with Church history, orthopraxy, and Sacred Tradition—the so-called *Communio* school, led by then Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger who became Pope Benedict XVI.

Many in Chicago were nervous when Pope St. John Paul II appointed the decidedly *Communio*-leaning George as Chicago’s eighth archbishop. Several priests openly threatened revolt, and a number were quoted in various media as saying he needed to remember “they would not be ‘as branch managers’ who simply took orders from headquarters.”

One wonders how George, a Chicago native, must have taken this.

At age 13, he contracted polio. Not long thereafter, he had discerned he wanted to enter the priesthood. However, because of his medical history, the archdiocese rejected his admission to its minor (i.e., high school) seminary. Thus he entered that run by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Belleville, located in southwest Illinois.

On December 21, 1963, George was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Raymond Hillinger (†1971) at his home parish of St. Pascal Church.

He taught philosophy at several seminaries and universities from 1964-73, when he became Midwestern provincial for the Missionary Oblates. A year later, his order brought him to Rome to be its vicar general, a position he held for the next 12 years. While there he earned a second doctorate in theology in addition to the one he already held in philosophy. In 1987, he returned to the United States where he served as coordinator of the Circle of Fellows at the Center for the Study of Faith and Culture in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1990, St. John Paul appointed him bishop of Yakima, Washington, where he served for five-and-a-half years until May 27, 1996, when he was installed as the ninth archbishop of Portland.

He did not stay there long, because less than a year later, the Pope named him as Bernadin’s successor, making him the first native Chicagoan appointed to the post. George received the cardinal’s red hat the year after that.

At the end of his tenure, he was asked what he thought

his legacy might be. He replied, “I’ve always said that the only thing I’d like people to remember about me is that he tried to be a good bishop. I think I have been a good bishop, in many ways, and I take some pride in at least having tried my best. That’s enough. On the liturgical stuff, I knew it had to be done and that I was in a particularly key spot to see to that what’s most important in handing on the traditions of the Church, namely our way of prayer and our liturgy, was going to be more faithfully presented to the people. That meant a lot to me, because the worship of God is the most important thing we do.”

When asked about his reputation as a conservative, he observed, “The liberal/conservative thing, I think, is destructive of the Church’s mission and her life. I’ve said that publicly a lot at times. You’re taking a definition that comes out of nowhere—as far as we’re concerned, it’s a modern distinction—and making it the judgment of the Church’s life. It’s because we’re lazy. You put a label on people, you put a label on something, and it saves you the trouble of thinking.”

To show the respect had gained by the time of his retirement, the City of Chicago gave George the rarely-awarded Medal of Merit on December 10, 2014, the municipality’s highest honor.

Last year, he said cancer could be the cause of his death, but he was counting on prayers so he “might be of service to the Lord and His Church in the time left.”

“As one nears the end of his or her life, I think the Lord sends us signs through a transformation of desire that, finally, in the end, helps us recognize more clearly that the only thing that is important is life with God.”

His successor Archbishop Blase J. Cupich recalled Cardinal George as a man who was close to the diocese he led, “always choosing the Church over his own comfort and the people over his own needs.”

He praised the Cardinal for his example throughout his life, including his final battle with cancer.

“Let us heed his example and be a little more brave, a little more steadfast, and a lot more loving,” the archbishop said.

Archbishop Peter Sartain of Seattle, homilist at His Eminence’s April 23 Requiem Mass paraphrased one of the Cardinal’s sayings: “The only thing we take with us when we die is what we have given away. The only things that endure are our relationships with God and with each other.”

His Holiness also joined in praising the deceased archbishop, and said in an April 18 telegraph to Archbishop Cupich, “To all who mourn the late Cardinal in the sure hope of the Resurrection, I cordially impart my apostolic blessing as a pledge of consolation and peace in the Lord.”

George was interred at All Saints Cemetery in nearby Des Plaines next to his parents’ graves. He is survived by his sister and her family. ❖

### BISHOP’S CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

May 1	St. Vincent de Paul Church, Petaluma	7pm
May 2	St. Vincent de Paul Church, Petaluma	5pm
May 3	St. Thomas Church, Napa	11 am
May 4	St. Francis Solano Church, Sonoma	7pm
May 5	St. Francis Solano Church, Sonoma	7pm
May 6	St. Francis Solano Church, Sonoma	7pm
May 8	Resurrection Church, Santa Rosa	7pm
May 9	St. Aloysius Church, Point Arena	5pm
May 10	Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Fort Bragg	10am
	St. Elizabeth Seton Mission, Philo	2pm
May 14	St. Leo the Great Church, Boyes Hot Springs	7pm
May 15	St. Rose of Lima Church, Santa Rosa	7pm
May 16	St. John the Baptist Church, Healdsburg	5pm
	St. Peter Church, Cloverdale	7:30pm
May 17	St. Sebastian Church, Sebastopol	10am
	St. James Church, Petaluma	2pm
May 20	St. Helena Church, St. Helena	7pm
May 21	Our Lady of the Redwoods Church, Garberville	5:30pm
May 22	St. Joseph Church, Fortuna	6pm
May 23	St. Joseph Church, Crescent City	5pm
May 24	Eureka: Sacred Heart Church	2pm
	St. Bernard Church	
	Christ the King Church, McKinleyville	
	St. Mary Church, Arcata	
May 29	Holy Spirit Church, Santa Rosa	7pm



Bl. Antonia Mesina, martyr for chastity; Feast: May 17

# Catholic Schools News

## St. Vincent de Paul High School Wins Major Award



The yearbook company Jostens has awarded its 2014 National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award to the St. Vincent de Paul High School yearbook staff. This represents the second time in 15 years the school has received the honor.

According to Jostens, "Schools that continually strive to create a great yearbook for their students deserve to be recognized. We understand that a great yearbook program doesn't just happen and we're dedicated to helping schools strengthen theirs."

The National Program of Excellence Award was created to recognize those who excel in the creation and distribution of their yearbook and meet the following criteria:

- A meaningful book for all students
- A yearbook in every student's hands
- Effective project management

Said teacher and yearbook advisor Amy Waud-Reiter, "SVHS was one of 33 schools from California chosen for this award. I am extremely proud of the staff for all of their hard work and dedication."

## St. Francis Solano Students Discover Science Excellence

From March 24-26 St. Francis Solano School students participated in the Sixty-Second Annual San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair. They competed in the fair's middle

school junior division with over 120 students representing all Bay Area counties.

Four St. Francis Solano School students took home honors.

With her "(Don't) Burn, Baby, Burn: An Experiment Comparing the Effectiveness of Different Sunscreen Brands," seventh grader Lily Raaka placed second and received a special award from the United States Surgeon General for her project, whose focus was skin cancer prevention.

Raaka's classmate Christopher Berger received a third place award for his "Algae Happens: An Experiment Testing Algae Growth in Different Waters."

Another third place award went to eighth grader Emily Hengehold for "Sugar Rush: An Experiment to Determine if Seeing the Physical Representation of Sugar in a Can of Coca-Cola Will Affect One's Likelihood to Consume It."

Rounding out the group, seventh grader Dante Cavaz took fourth place for "Shooting Sharp: An Experiment Testing What Pellet Shape is the Most Accurate."

## Take Note

We began our Community Based Service Learning (CBSL) project at the start of our senior year, without a mentor. Luckily, with the support of CBSL Director Mr. John Contreras, we landed Mr. Bill Healy, biology teacher, as a mentor, who had previously taught us.

Occasionally Mr. Healy will teach with us, giving us a chance to model our class after how well he handles a classroom. He is extremely good at picking up the students' morale and lightening up the room's mood.

We both struggled choosing a project during our junior year, but when we learned *Take Note* (i.e., teaching the guitar) was an option, we knew it was a perfect fit. Because of how much playing guitar has opened up for us, we absolutely loved the idea of passing our knowledge and experience to our students. The two of us took the same guitar class during junior year. As a result, we had many ideas of how we would run our own class.

Through these classes we had witnessed many effective teaching techniques, as well as some we weren't so fond of. We wanted to bring this knowledge to our own guitar class in order to inspire our students to want to

learn more about the instrument, while having fun at the same time.

So far we are more than satisfied with our class' progress. Not only are the kids respectful, but they are interested in the subject matter.

We hope for our project efforts to go further than the limited time we have in the classroom. Our ultimate goal is to spark our students' lifelong interest in music, while setting good examples from which our kids can learn.

Although we are very impressed with our students' progress, we are much more enthusiastic about the interest our students now have in guitar.



By far the most challenging aspect of *Take Note* is that we are limited to one class per week. Not all the students own their own guitars. Those who do struggle to keep their instruments in tune. It is not easy to make progress with the guitar with this limited practice time. Also our class periods are 90 minutes long, and our students are in seventh and eighth grade, so it can be difficult to keep them focused for the entire class (we heavily rely on short breaks).

That said, we are extremely impressed with their progress under these circumstances.

If we could start over, we would most definitely include more fundraising early on so we could get our students playing outside of class.

—Augie Gamba and Logan Onstott

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## CARDINAL NEWMAN



Students at St. John the Baptist School in Napa put on a Passion Play during Holy Week.

# Happy Mother's Day!

... whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.

—Sirach 3:2-6

... whoever angers his mother is cursed by the Lord.

—Sirach 3:12-13, 16

Most of us know persons who have received the finest educations universities can bestow, who yet lead miserable lives because they have never achieved a capacity to love. On the other hand, we also know of men and women whose intellectual achievements are below normal but whose lives are filled with happiness because their mothers showed them how to love other human beings. It follows that in helping your child to satisfy his basic emotional needs to love and be loved, you give something as necessary as food for his full development.

—Msgr. George Kelly

But some of you [mothers] may say, "you are asking of us a lifetime of sacrifices!" Yes, yours is a life of sacrifice but not of sacrifice only.... It is through her [maternal] sacrifice that woman learns pity for the afflictions of others. Love for the happiness of her home does not close her within herself; the love of God, which through her sacrifice raises her above herself, opens her heart to all piety and sanctifies her.

"But," others may object, "the modern [world] demands that a large number of [mothers must work.]" We are not unaware of this.... Providence, which is constantly watchful in its government of humanity, has given to the spirit of the Christian family superior powers to mitigate and conquer such a social state and to avoid the perils which are doubtless hidden in it. Have you not observed how the sacrifice of a mother who, for special motives, must, beyond her domestic duties, also work to provide with hard daily toil for the upkeep of her family, not only conserves her children's love but makes it increase; and when religious sentiment and faith in God are the foundation of family life, their recognition of her difficulties and labor is even stronger.

If such is the case in your marriage, in addition to faith in God, Who always aids those who fear and serve Him, during the hours and days which you can dedicate entirely to your dear ones, add zealous attention to redoubled love, not only to assure the indispensable minimum for true family life, but also to transmit from yourself to the hearts of your husband and children those luminous rays of the sun which, even during the hours of exterior separation, comfort, foment, and nourish the spiritual frame work of the hearth."

—Ven. Pope Pius XII



Bl. Anna Rosa Gatorno; Feast: May 6

His Mother, sorrowing, saw her Son scourged: What pain she too must have felt! There are so many mothers who would like to have the joy of seeing their children grow up, initiated by them into the discipline of a good training and a healthy life, and who instead have to mourn the vanishing of so many hopes and weep that so much care and anxiety have come to nothing.

—Pope St. John XXIII

Mothers, do you teach your children the Christian prayers? Do you prepare them, in conjunction with the priests, for the sacraments that they receive when they are young: confession, Communion, and confirmation? Do you encourage them when they are sick to think of Christ suffering to invoke the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the saints? Do you say the family Rosary together? ... In this way you bring peace to your homes: *Pax huic domui* (Peace to this house). Remember, it is thus that you build up the Church.

—Bl. Pope Paul VI

While it must be recognized that women have the same right as men to perform various public functions, society must be structured in such a way that wives and mothers are not in practice compelled to work outside the home, and that their families can live and prosper in a dignified way even when they themselves devote their full time to their own family....

... Love for his wife as mother of their children and love for the children themselves are for the man the natural way of understanding and fulfilling his own fatherhood.

—Pope St. John Paul II

What is a mother? Who shall answer this?

A mother is a font and spring of life,  
A mother is a forest in whose heart  
Lies hid a secret ancient as the hills,  
For men to claim and take its wealth away;  
And the like the forest shall her wealth renew  
And give, and give again, that men may live.

—Francis Cardinal Spellman

The infant Samuel must have learned from his mother Hannah how "to stand before the LORD."

—CCC, no. 2578

The Son of God who became Son of the Virgin also learned to pray according to his human heart. He learns the formulas of prayer from his mother, who kept in her heart and meditated upon all the "great things" done by the Almighty.

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# News Briefs

## Diocesan

### Ukiah teen group elects new officers

Election of officers for the ACTS youth group at **St. Mary of the Angels Church** in Ukiah was held on April 8, 2015. **Sierra Nuñez** was chosen president, while John McDonald was elected vice-president. The group also selected **Ariana Mendoza** as secretary and **Jimena Malfavon** as treasurer. To make sure that all members have the opportunity to serve as leaders, the new set of officers will serve a maximum of four months, after which, they can only be elected again after a year. The acronym ACTS represents arts, culture, talent, and spirituality (as well as service).

Then in preparation for the **Jubilee of Mercy**, St. Mary of the Angels Church celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday with its **Spring Festival** on April 12, 2015. The Divine Mercy devotion included a holy hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, blessing of images, and a sung bilingual Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A novena, which began on Good Friday, preceded the Sunday observance. The spring festival was highlighted by a **FoodFest**, which featured dishes from Mexico and India, the latter prepared by Fr. Biju Thalupadath, the parish's parochial vicar. Other activities included an egg hunt, bake sale, and a "Treasures of the World" indoor yard sale.

### The lonely library?

**Star of the Valley Church** in Santa Rosa is encouraging people to visit its parish library.

There are volumes of materials, neatly organized and ready to be borrowed. You're welcome to browse, sit, and read or borrow on an honor system a variety of books, cassette and video tapes, and CDs.

The library is open during office hours on weekdays from 8:30am-2:30pm (except on Thursdays when it is closed from 12:00-1:00pm for an AA meeting).

The parish is also hoping people will join **The Monday Afternoon Group**, which meets every Monday 1-2pm. This very special charity group quilts, knits, and crochets items such as small Afghans, sweaters, and hats. All fabric and yarn will be provided. For more information, call **Eleanor Donovan** at 707-833-6373.

### Cathedral prayer vigil

**St. Eugene Cathedral** is informing diocesan Catholics and all people of good will that it hosts a prayer vigil each Thursday night at 7pm in the cathedral to intercede for the diocese and the nation, as well as all persecuted Christians around the world. After all, prayer "is the most powerful resource we have."

### Cursillo weekend for women announced

The **Cursillo** movement of the diocese has announced it is holding a retreat for women next month. See the Calendar section for more details.

## California

### Assisted suicide bill on fast track to make euthanasia legal in Golden State

Sacramento—A bill to legalize assisted suicide is making its way unimpeded through the **state Senate** along party lines.

Sponsored by Napa **State Sen. Lois Wolk** (D), SB 128 has so far passed out of both committees before which it has come and has done so with no Republicans voting for it and no Democrats voting against it. Committees are stacked five to two in favor of the Democrats, who have a near super majority in both houses of California's Legislature.



Lois Wolk

At this writing, it is awaiting a hearing in the **Appropriations Committee**. According to Capitol sources, no legislator, Republican or Democrat, is leading the fight against Sen. Wolk's measure. Several Democratic senators

are not expected to support the bill. However, there is concern some Republican senators might break with traditional GOP opposition to such legislation and vote to make assisted suicide and thus euthanasia law.

### California legislator introduces bill to stop forced abortion coverage

Sacramento (LiveActionNews.org)—The state of **California** thinks churches should be forced to provide abortion coverage to its employees, no matter what its convictions, but one California legislator tried to make sure that can't happen.

California **Assm. Shannon Grove** (R-Bakersfield) introduced **AB 1254** in an effort to stop the state from its strong-arm tactics that came when the California **Department of Managed Health Care** (DMHC) issued a policy requiring mandatory abortion coverage on all of the insurance providers in the state.



Shannon Grove

Since churches and religious organizations provide health insurance, the result of this regulation was that churches are now forced to fund the death of unborn babies, violating their morals and consciences.

Grove says that's unacceptable.

"No one, especially religious organizations with moral objections, should be forced to pay for abortions in their healthcare plans," she notes. "Not only is this an unconscionable assault on our most fundamental freedoms, it flagrantly violates federal law."

According to Grove's office, AB 1254, "would simply require the DMHC to follow federal law and prohibit discrimination against healthcare companies selling health insurance policies without abortion coverage. This bill in no way prohibits health insurance companies from providing abortion coverage; it just removes the abortion coverage requirement."

One person speaking in opposition to the bill was Margaret Russell, professor of Constitutional Law at Jesuit-run Santa Clara University, a school that Russell admits has been impacted by the DMHC's decision.

Nonetheless, the bill failed in the Assembly Health Committee on a party line vote. **Assm. Jim Wood** (D), who represents a district that stretches from Sonoma to Del Norte Counties, voted against the measure.



Jim Wood

### Bill would require pro-life centers to promote abortion

Sacramento—A bill by an extreme pro-abortion freshman Democratic assemblyman from **San Francisco** is moving quickly through the Legislature. If made law, life-affirming **crisis pregnancy centers** would have to give their clients referral information to local abortion providers.

**AB 775** by **Assm. David Chiu** (D) requires that these life-affirming centers must:

- Post a notice stating: "California has public programs that provide immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services (including all FDA-approved methods of contraception), prenatal care, and abortion, for eligible women. To determine whether you qualify, contact the county social services office at [insert the telephone number]."
- Give a printed or digital copy of this statement to clients onsite.

If the center is unlicensed (meaning, it does not hold a license from the state of California or have a licensed medical provider on staff) and primarily provides pregnancy-related services, it is required to:



David Chiu

- Post in their entrance and waiting area a notice stating: "This facility is not licensed as a medical facility by the State of California and has no licensed medical provider who provides or directly supervises the provision of services."

- Give copy of this statement to clients onsite
- Include this statement in all digital and print advertising

Chiu's bill forces pregnancy centers to give women information that is already publicly available to clients who are already receiving free services.

It passed the **Assembly Health Committee** on party lines, including a vote by Assm. Jim Wood, a Democrat who represents northern **Sonoma County** and all of **Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte** counties. It did the same in the **Assembly Judiciary Committee** on April 28.

As **NCC** prepared to go to press, a spokesman for Democrat **Assm. Marc Levin** of **San Rafael**, who represents southern **Sonoma County**, said he did not know how his boss would vote but noted his boss favors the abortion license. A spokesman Democrat Assm. Bill Wood, a graduate of Justin-Siena High School who represents Napa and Lake Counties did not return **NCC's** call for comment.

## National

### Woman in coma gives birth, reawakens

Harriman, Tennessee—A **Tennessee** woman named **Sharista Giles** was five months pregnant when a December car accident put her in a coma.

Doctors told the family she would never come out of that state, but her family never gave up hope.

Then, adding to the stress, doctors delivered Sharista's baby boy in January, with the infant weighing less than two pounds.

The child is now over 6 pounds, and his mother has awakened from her coma. She can open and blink her eyes, squeeze her hand, and feel sensations.

Beyond this, the prognosis of this woman on whom doctors had given up hope is uncertain.



Sharista Giles

### Kansas passes nation's first abortion dismemberment ban

Topeka (Associated Press/LiveActionNews.org)—**Kansas Governor Sam Brownback** (R) has signed the nation's first law banning dilation and extraction (D&E) abortion procedures. Typically performed during the second trimester, these abortions work by ripping preborn babies limb-by-limb.

Abortion rights supporters said the procedure is often the safest for women seeking to terminate pregnancies during the second trimester. The procedure accounted for about 9 percent of abortions last year in Kansas, where most pregnancies are terminated in the first trimester and the state already bans most abortions at or after the twenty-second week.

"This dangerous law dictates to qualified physicians how they can practice medicine and treat their patients," **Julie Burkhart**, founder and CEO of the abortion clinic Trust Women, said in a statement.

"This is a horrific procedure," Brownback spokesman **Eileen Hawley** countered. "[The governor] hopes the nation follows suit."

The procedure is banned except when necessary to save a woman's life or prevent irreversible damage to her physical health. Doctors cannot use forceps, clamps, scissors or similar instruments on a fetus to remove it from the womb in pieces.

With similar proposals making their way through legislatures across the nation, pro-abortion activists are fighting not only against the passage of the ban but against the name itself. They strongly object to such laws being called "**dismemberment bans**."

Yet descriptions by abortion proponents, such as late-term abortionist **Warren Hern** and the **National Abortion Federation**, set the record straight.

Indeed, there is no actual dispute about whether or not D&E abortions dismember living human beings.

Despite this, reports the *Washington Times*, "Two abortion rights groups that operate clinics with abortion services, **Trust Women** and **Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri**, said they're considering challenging the new law in court."

**Chart-topping Benedictine nuns release new album**  
 Kansas City—Together with the joys of the Resurrection and feasting, this Easter brought an added delight: The new album by the hit-making, Missouri-based **Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles**.

“Many people do not realize that the Easter season lasts well beyond Easter Sunday, for a full 50 days in fact! Hopefully our recording will help bring many to a fuller awareness of the the Easter season in its entirety,” **Mother Cecilia Snell, OSB**, prioress of the community, told CNA.

The nuns’ new album *Easter at Ephesus* brings listeners through the whole of the Easter season, including Ascension and Pentecost. Released March 3, readers can order it through our local Catholic bookstores: **Simply Sacred, Cathedral Books and Gifts** (both in **Santa Rosa**), and **St. Joseph Books** (the latter in **Napa**) and is on the **De Montfort Music** label.

This makes the Benedictines’ fourth album with the label, which had made the cloistered community chart-toppers. The group has been *Billboard’s* Best-Selling Clas-



sical Traditional Artist for three years in a row, and their albums for Lent and Angels and Saints were *Billboard’s* Top Traditional Classical Albums in 2013 and 2014.

The album’s 27 tracks include pieces in both English and Latin; traditional hymns and compositions by the community; chants and four-part pieces such as **Palestrina’s Sicut Cervus**; and range from “This is the Day” to “Come, Holy Ghost.”

Mother Cecilia says, “The hymns and chants of Paschaltide convey not only the joy of the Risen Christ, but also deep and humbling gratitude for the great work of our redemption. He rose, and He is alive! We do not tire of singing His praise as He lives among us, in His Risen and glorified Body in the tabernacle.... We pray that the recording reflects the sentiments of gratitude, joy and zeal in our hearts that come with this glorious season!”

Looking to the future, the prioress said the community has “actually been considering recording another Christmas album for quite some time, and now that we’ve covered Advent, Lent and Easter, perhaps the time has now arrived—maybe even for this coming Christmas!”

“There are other themes as well that we could envision covering in the future: the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, another devoted to the saints. We will have to see as the days progress if any of these have a place, and if so, what the timing would be. Of course we know, any future recordings will all be in God’s good time if He wills them so!”

**Bill advances to ban abortion groups from teaching in Alaska schools**

A bill aimed at giving Alaskan parents greater freedom in directing the education of their children, including the right to opt out of standardized tests and controversial sex instruction classes, has been amended to prohibit **Planned Parenthood** and other organizations that perform abortions from teaching in public schools.

**Alaska state Senate Bill 89** was amended and passed out of that body’s **Education Committee**.

The amendment would prohibit a school district from contracting with an “abortion services provider” and prohibit schools from allowing an abortion services provider to teach sex education.

This would not be the first time Planned Parenthood was opposed in its efforts to reach children in public schools.

**STOPP (Stop Planned Parenthood)** is one of several national organizations that actively oppose **Planned Parenthood’s** efforts to reach public school students with sex instruction messages. According to STOPP’s website, Planned Parenthood’s “sex instruction steals parents’ rights

to decide what their children learn about sexuality,” while also “breaking down natural inhibitions and teaching them they can consent to dangerous sexual acts at a very young age.”

Planned Parenthood material “instructs children they have a right to pleasurable sex,” STOPP maintains. “It includes sexual role playing and requires proficiency in sexual foreplay.”

STOPP adds that Planned Parenthood programming “only pays lip service to abstinence; it encourages sexual activity,” while keeping parents largely in the dark regarding the specific details about its curriculum.

According to *Alaska Dispatch News*, SB 89 sponsor **Sen. Mike Dunleavy** (R-Wasilla) defended the effort to ban Planned Parenthood from teaching sex education in Alaska, saying parents believe when their children go to school they are learning core subjects like math and science.

As far as allowing groups like Planned Parenthood, which is the largest provider of abortions in the nation, access to children in public schools, Dunleavy said, “We’re not outlawing abortion services providers; we’re saying, ‘Take it out of the school.’”

In email alerts to supporters, Planned Parenthood officials in Alaska have called the amendment an “extreme proposal” because it specifically targets them, “the largest nonprofit organization in the state of Alaska focused on sexual and reproductive health education.”



Mike Dunleavy

**International**

**Canada Supreme Court: Catholic schools have right to teach Church views**

Ottawa (CNA/EWTN News)—**The Supreme Court of Canada** has unanimously ruled that Catholic schools in the province of **Quebec** must be allowed to teach from a

Catholic viewpoint during a state-mandated religion and ethics class.

“To tell a Catholic school how to explain its faith undermines the liberty of the members of its community who have chosen to give effect to the collective dimension of their religious beliefs by participating in a denominational school,” the justices wrote in their 7-0 March 19 decision.

In July 2008, the province introduced a mandatory religion and ethics class and required it to be taught without regard to any religion. Even in Catholic schools, teachers were barred from voicing a preference for any faith.

The rules would mean that if a student in the class asked about a Catholic perspective on a religion, a teacher would not be allowed to answer.

Additionally, the province dictated the course must be taught regardless of whether a school receives state funds.

The **Jesuit-run Loyola High School in Montreal** challenged the law.

“This ruling makes clear that the government is on dangerous ground if it seeks to force a private organization to act in a manner completely contrary to its deepest faith convictions,” Canadian attorney **Gerald Chipeur**, who represented the school, said March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

The court’s decision means that “faith-based schools are free to operate according to the faith they teach and espouse.”

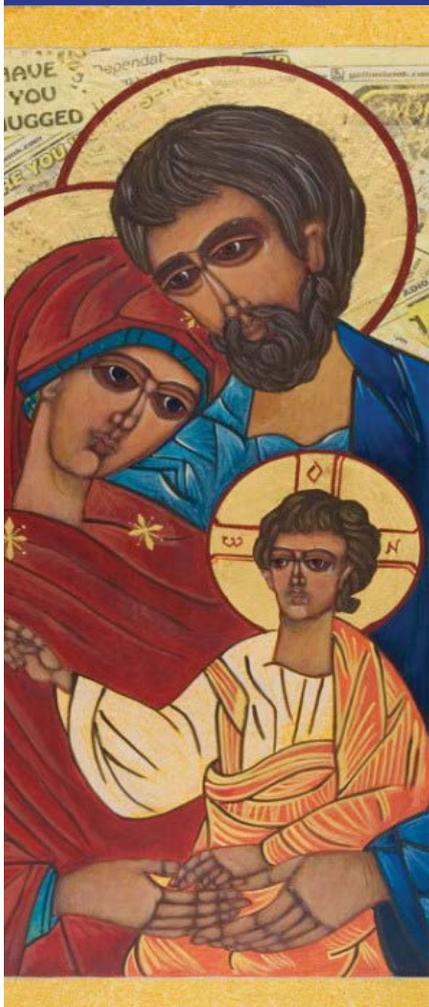
Chipeur’s law firm, **Miller Thompson LLP**, is allied with **Alliance Defending Freedom International**, the global arm of the American religious freedom legal group.

ADF International’s Executive Director **Benjamin Bull** said the government “cannot require a private, religious school to tell its students that their faith is no more valid than a myriad of other, conflicting faith traditions.”



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“All faith-based organizations must be free to speak and act consistently with their faith, or religious freedom is not at all free.”

The court ruling noted that the requirement interferes with parents’ right to transmit their Catholic faith to their children, “not because it requires neutral discussion of other faiths and ethical systems, but because it prevents a Catholic discussion of Catholicism.” Transmission of religious faith is “an essential ingredient of the vitality of a religious community.”

Undermining lawful religious institutions’ character and disrupting religious communities’ vitality represents “a profound interference with religious freedom,” the court said.

While the court’s ruling against the province requirement was unanimous, the justices split 4-3 on how to resolve the situation. The majority ruled that the matter should be sent back to Quebec’s **Minister of Education**, meaning that Loyola High School may now reapply to the **Education Ministry** for an exemption to teach the program. The ministry’s decision must be guided by the court ruling, **CBC News** reports.

**Benoît Boucher**, who represented Quebec’s attorney general, said the ruling shows it should be mandatory for all students in the province to have a thorough understanding of diversity.

#### New rector at prominent university

Rome—**Pope Francis** has named **Fr. Michael F. Kolarcik, SJ**, as rector of the **Pontifical Biblical Institute**.

Born in **Westminster, British Columbia**, Fr. Kolarcik entered the **Society of Jesus** in 1968 at **Guelph, Ontario**, and received holy orders in 1979, at **Toronto** and then went on to earn his doctorate in biblical studies in 1989.

He then began teaching at **Regis College**, Toronto, and remained there until 2014.

All through his time in Toronto, Fr. Kolarcik helped minister to the Slovak parish in **Mississauga**, Ontario, and the Czech parish in Toronto.

Additionally, he has lectured and taught at **Campion College, Regina, Saskatchewan** and the **Aloysianum in Bratislava, Slovakia** from 1994-2003, and **Hekima College in Nairobi**.

#### British Prime Minister Lauds Christianity, Laments New Martyrs

London (CNA/EWTN News)—Easter is a perfect time to take note of all that Christianity has done for **Great Britain** and to support those persecuted for their faith, **Prime Minister David Cameron** said in his Easter message.

“The church is not just a collection of beautiful old buildings,” Cameron said in an April 4 video message posted on YouTube.

“It’s a living, active force doing great works right across our country.”

Cameron expressed solidarity with the persecuted church and encouraged his country to be proud of their Christian heritage.

“Yes we’re a nation that embraces, welcomes, and accepts all faiths and none, but we’re still a Christian country.”

He said Christians must speak out against injustice and show their support for those persecuted for their faith.

Cameron spoke of Christians around the world who are “being threatened, tortured, even killed” for their faith.

“To all those brave Christians ... we must say, ‘we stand with you.’”

“In the coming months we must continue to speak as one voice for freedom of belief,” he said.

His government has also supported Christianity at home by investing in the restoration of churches and cathedrals and passing laws protecting religious freedom, Cameron said.

#### NZ order denies its foundress went to pot

Auckland, New Zealand—**Mother Suzanne (Mary Joseph in religion) Aubert**, foundress of one orphanage, two hospitals, and two religious orders, and whose beatification cause is being investigated, is also reputed to have once been an *aficionado* of



David Cameron

medical marijuana, something her religious descendants deny.

There is no evidence that Mother Aubert ever used or grew cannabis, her order says, despite claims made in a new film about the drug in **New Zealand**.

According to a press release from the **Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party**, a new film called *Druglawed* mentions Mother Aubert. *Druglawed* had its premiere in **Auckland** in January.

The film, which is a documentary about the cannabis issue in New Zealand, is scheduled for a world premiere in **Dunedin**, New Zealand, in “the coming months,” and will be shown on the film festival circuit.

According to the Party’s press release, “the film also documents New Zealand’s first cultivator of medical cannabis, Mother Mary Aubert.”

Another media report stated that Mother Aubert “concocted medicinal brews of cannabis hemp to ease menstrual pains as well as to help asthmatics and recovering alcoholics.”

The order founded by Mother Aubert, the **Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion**, sent a statement on the issue to *NZ Catholic*. The statement was based on information from scientist **Max Kennedy**.



Mother Aubert

It said that stories about Mother Aubert experimenting with or being the first person in New Zealand to cultivate cannabis (marijuana or hemp), are based on anecdotal accounts “many times removed from a direct source.”

Such accounts stem from the 1960s, the statement continued.

It also quoted a DSIR toxicologist’s paper from 1971 which stated that, before 1965, the drug (marijuana) was virtually unknown in New Zealand. [Mother died in 1929.]

“No cultivation of the plant was known, and few of the general public knew anything at all about it,” the paper stated.

The Sisters’ statement added that, “at the **Home of Compassion**, with its considerable archive of material available, no physical or documentary evidence is known that [Mother] ever used or grew marijuana.”

The statement concluded that, given the paucity of evidence, it is unlikely that stories about Suzanne Aubert and marijuana have merit.

The Roman postulator for Mother Aubert’s cause for sainthood, **Fr. Maurice Carmody**, said it is a pity she is being used for “party political purposes.”

In *The Story of Suzanne Aubert*, **Jessie Munro** wrote that “exactly what plants went into Mother Aubert’s medicines, and in what proportions, is no longer known.”

“She tended to guard the recipes zealously, with a certain dramatic secrecy.

“Ultimately, the recipes disappeared — lost, or more likely, as in the traditional stories, destroyed by [Mother].”

#### Holy See uses diplomacy to aid Middle East Christians

Vatican City (CNA/EWTN News)—In the face of increased persecution of Christians in the **Middle East**, the **Holy See’s** diplomatic arm is developing a strategy to shed light on Christian martyrs, helping those remaining to stay in their homeland and to foster interreligious dialogue.

A visible effect of this commitment is a joint statement issued by the **United Nations Human Rights Council** March 13, which was drafted by the Holy See together with **Lebanon** and **Russia**.

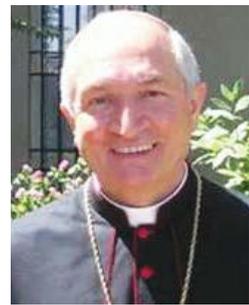
According to **Archbishop Silvano Maria Tomasi**, the permanent observer of the Holy See to the UN in **Geneva**, the statement “is news in the world of the Human Rights Council, since it is the first time we explicitly mention the category of Christian persons.”

The joint statement clearly recognizes the abuses suffered by persons from any religious, ethnic, or cultural background simply because they want to exercise their religion.

The document represented a sort of “road map” for Holy See diplomacy. Since the release of the joint statement, the UN Human Rights Council discussed in an April 1 special session the situation in **Nigeria**, where the radical Islamist group **Boko Haram** has killed more than 15,500

since 2012.

The Holy See’s final goal is help build a network able to stop the persecution of Christians and of any other religious group, and to back the building of pluralistic societies with solid political systems, capable of protecting fundamental human rights.



Archbishop Tomasi

#### Report: Vatican declines to approve French ambassador’s nomination over homosexuality

Rome (catholicculture.org)—In January, the French government appointed **Laurent Stefanini** as its ambassador to the **Holy See**, but three months later, the **Vatican** has not approved the appointment—leading to European media reports that the lack of approval stems from Stefanini’s homosexuality.

*Le Monde* and *Corriere della Sera* reported that **André Cardinal Vingt-Trois** of Paris interceded with **Pope Francis** on behalf of the nomination of Stefanini, a former official of the French embassy at the Vatican. *La Croix* reported that **Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran**, the former Vatican foreign minister who now serves as president of the **Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue**, also supports the appointment.

However, according to *Le Monde*, Pope Francis decided to “freeze the dossier,” while *La Croix* reported that French **President François Hollande** maintained his support for Stefanini in a recent private conversation.

The French government is officially denying any problems.

A French government spokesperson confirmed that Francis and Stefanini met April 18, Reuters reported, calling it “extremely rare for the pope to get directly involved in the naming of ambassadors.” Another French-language media outlet covering the Vatican reported that the two men prayed together.



Laurent Stefanini (Credit: Alain Jocard/AFP/Getty Images)

Vatican spokesmen declined to comment on Thursday, and the French government has said little, but experts on Vatican diplomacy said the possibility of what they believe would be the first openly gay Vatican ambassador is complicated.

**Massimo Faggioli**, a church historian at the **University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota**, who focuses on the papacy, said France was “poking a finger in the eye of the Vatican” by appointing an openly gay man and then speaking—even off the record—when his appointment hadn’t clearly been approved.

Faggioli said he thought it was hypothetically feasible that the Vatican might accept a gay ambassador, but seeing the topic in public violates “the basic rules of diplomacy. Revealing why an ambassador has been rejected is not typical . . . Once it came out, it became a matter of principle. Diplomacy is imminently the field of practical things.”

Another person very familiar with the Vatican diplomatic scene, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person still works in the church, said the Stefanini case embodies the different forces at play in the Francis era when it comes to the place of gay people.

“This is what they are wrestling with. On the one hand,

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Massimo Faggioli

the church wants to be for the dignity of all human persons. And the church values freedom of religion and of conscience. In the Catholic intellectual world [being gay] is a non-issue. The question is: Is he qualified to do the job? But those are not the questions that are being asked now. It's: 'If we accept this, are we condoning a certain lifestyle?' And then the pope is seen as being too soft," said the person.

Earlier this month, when news that the candidacy appeared stalled first enthralled European media, Vatican spokesman **Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB**, said "any host government has the right to grant *agrément* or refuse it for their own reasons."

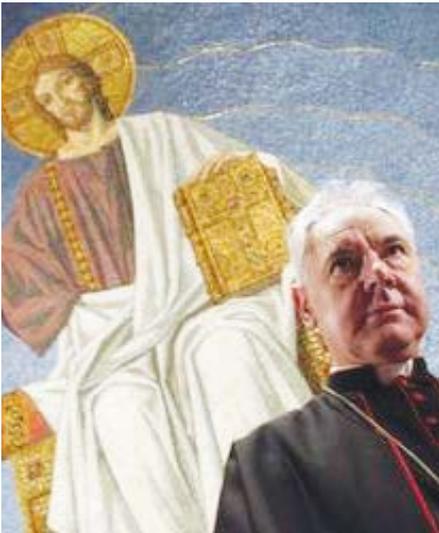
An *agrément* is a formal diplomatic approval of another country's choice of ambassador.

The Vatican has in the past rejected potential ambassadors over their personal lives, including divorced and remarried Catholics or Catholics married outside the Church.

### Müller suggests new task for Congregation for Doctrine of Faith

Vatican City (*Vatican Insider*)—In one of the numerous interviews he has given over the past few weeks focusing on this October's **Ordinary Synod on the Family**, **Gerhard Ludwig Cardinal Müller**, prefect of the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith**, spoke about a new task for his dicastery. It is a task that is never been mentioned in the documents outlining the precise competencies of the former **Holy Office**.

In an interview with French Catholic newspaper *La Croix*, the German cardinal stated, "The arrival of a theologian like **Benedict XVI** in the Chair of St. Peter was no doubt an exception. But **John XXIII** was not a professional theologian. **Pope Francis** is also more pastoral and our mission at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is to provide the theological structure of a pontificate."



Gerhard Ludwig Cardinal Müller

So according to Müller's statement, the former Holy Office must "theologically structure" Pope Francis' pontificate. And this is probably the reason why the prefect gives public statements on such a frequent basis, like never before.

This is a significant piece of news bearing in mind what is stated in article 48 of *Pastor Bonus*, the apostolic constitution on the Roman Curia promulgated by **John Paul II** in 1988: "The proper duty of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is to promote and safeguard the doctrine on faith and morals in the whole Catholic world."

The Pope "by the will of Christ Himself," as Francis recalled at the end of the 2014 Synod, is the "supreme Pastor and Teacher of all the faithful" (*Code of Canon Law* 749). Until a few decades ago it was the Pope himself who personally presided over the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (the last to do so was **Paul VI**), precisely because of this task which, by virtue of the Petrine primacy, only he has the power to exercise. A primacy which belongs to the **Bishop of Rome**, which involves presiding "in charity" and resolving theological questions where needed.

Cardinal Müller's words—which introduced the new task of "provid[ing] the theological structure of a pontificate," a task that had not been formalized until now—went practically unnoticed. While on the one hand his words open up new doctrinal scenarios in relation to Church tradition, on the other they seem to suggest that, according to Müller, the current pontificate—and St. John XXIII's too—lacks sufficient theological "structure."



Wangfujing Cathedral

### Reclaiming the human figure: Art exhibit uses body, form to evangelize

Rome (CNA)—Can a portrait of a human face evangelize? Curators of a brand-new traveling art exhibit say the answer is a resounding, "Yes."

"There is really great Christian art being made today and we need to promote and support it," stated **Terrence McKeegan**, an organizer of the "**One Faith: East and West**" exhibit featuring contemporary Christian artists from three continents.

"Figurative art has been a common denominator across all

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### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Please join us on Monday, May 25th, as we pray for those who died in war that we may live in peace, and for all those who are buried in our cemeteries. In Santa Rosa, the Knights of Columbus provide beautiful American Flags on Patriots Hill creating an inspirational tribute.

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*Catholic Cemeteries ... A Legacy of Faith*

cultures, pagan or Christian, until very recently, and the attack on figurative art is really an attack on humanity itself," he added.

The exhibit seeks to recover a classical, Christian view of the human person made in God's image, rather than a "bizarre" or "grotesque" view of man in the artist's image, seen all too often in the twentieth century, say organizers.

The exhibit debuted the **Feast of St. Joseph**, March 19, in **Beijing's Wangfujing Cathedral**, and then traveled to **Moscow's Pokrovsky Cultural Center** in mid-April, followed by two weeks at **New York University's Catholic Center** in June. The tour is global and so is the art, an "innovative and ambitious" undertaking, said McKeegan. ❖

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# Following the Monastic Path at Redwoods Monastery

There is a walking trail on the Redwoods Monastery's property that winds along the bank of the Mattole River in Humboldt County. Like the waterway it follows, it goes up and down gentle ravines and through running creeks.

The river bank is fortified by the roots of giant redwoods, and the water is crystal clear. Occasionally we see fish—large steelhead and baby salmon—along with eels, ducks, and river otter. Then the trail swerves away from the river and enters an ancient grove of redwoods. Some giants have fallen and are decomposing on the mountainside, while new redwoods grow from out of old stumps. Everywhere there are signs of regeneration—rebirth—and renewal. Hope. The Easter Mystery reflected in the very earth on which we live.

Over 50 years ago, a group of sisters from the Cistercian Monastery of Nazareth in Brecht, Belgium, left their homeland, their families, and their monastery to travel to an unknown and rugged wilderness in the Lost Coast area of Southern Humboldt County. Most did not speak English or have any experience of American culture.

They were cloistered contemplative nuns who embarked on their pioneer journey the very day the Second Vatican Council began (October 11, 1962). Vatican II's spirit marked the foundation of Redwoods Monastery, with the Sisters eager and energized to adapt the Cistercian charism to yet another culture and age while always maintaining fidelity to our Benedictine Cistercian heritage.

Today, hospitality to guests is an important ministry of our monastery. We run a guesthouse that is open during the summer for weekend and weeklong retreats. Redwoods also hosts an immersion experience for Santa Clara University students interested in learning more about our spirituality and life. In addition to this, we offer a weekend especially geared for young women seeking vocational discernment and an introduction to contemplative prayer.

This year it will take place May 28-31. Contact Sr. Suzanne Mattiuzzo at [vocationdirector@redwoodsabbey.org](mailto:vocationdirector@redwoodsabbey.org) for more information.

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Our life is a pattern of prayer, study, meditation, and manual labor that is woven into the fabric of community, centered on Christ as our Lord and brother. We meet Him daily in the Eucharist, in *lectio divina*, and in the "everydayness" of our monastic vocation. Whether it is working at honey, tending the vegetable garden, cleaning the guest house, or cooking dinner, we strive to do all with a mindfulness that "the divine presence is everywhere" (*Rule of St. Benedict* 19:1).

If you would like to find out more about our life or purchase Monastery Creamed Honey, please visit our website. ❖



## Star of the Valley Church Forms Legacy Society

Santa Rosa—Star of the Valley Church has launched a new program called the Legacy Society. Its purpose is to give anyone who wants to provide for the parish after their death do so.

The announcement heralding this new effort says, "We know it is important for you to take care of yourself and your loved ones first, but we hope that you will also want to take care of Star of the Valley. As you know, Star of the Valley is an exceptional parish that has been taken care of by many generations of parishioners. It has provided both physical and spiritual care and comfort to parishioners and to others in the community.

"Legacy giving is easy. It is a gift that is given after your death. Arranging for a future gift with your financial advisor or attorney is very simple. It should only take a few minutes to complete the paperwork. You will become a member of the Legacy Society when you submit a document confirming your commitment, and the parish will not be advised of the amount that you have decided to donate until your will is read. In this way you will be able to establish future support for the parish without interrupting your current financial needs."

Star of the Valley will honor Legacy Society donors with a permanent plaque naming every Star of the Valley Legacy Society member. In turn this will sit in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. Furthermore, each year, the parish will host special recognition events for members and their families.

Those who would like to know more are encouraged to contact the parish office at 707-539-6262. ❖

Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists but without losing our joy, our boldness, and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed [of] our missionary vigor!

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, no. 109*

## The Wisdom of Saints: Worry and Fear vs. Hope and Confidence

What should be our attitude? It should be one of complete, disarming, childlike confidence in God, but as by now we so well know, confidence must be worked at. It is a virtue....

Let me suggest some down-to-earth recommendations.

*First*, avoid worry at all costs.... Christ could not have been plainer in telling His first followers and telling us, "Do not be afraid; do not let your hearts be troubled." In a word, do not worry.

*Second*, watch your thoughts. What we think determines what we are. We become what our minds make us. Therefore think thoughts of confidence, favor thoughts of trust, encourage only thoughts that give you courage....

We cannot allow all kinds of negativisms, all kinds of fears and phobias to find haven in our minds and still expect that we will have confidence in God. We will become victims of the specters of our own minds.

Favor every kind of thought that gives you courage; discard every kind of thought that discourages.

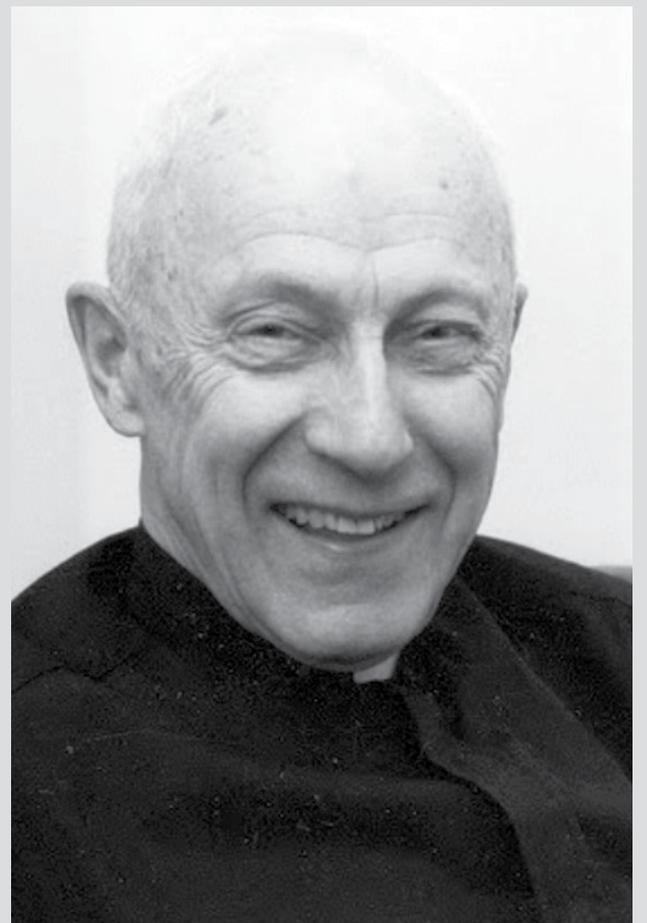
*Third*, keep telling yourself that there is no such thing as chance in the world. We must keep reminding ourselves that God is behind everything; He is within everything; He is beneath everything that we casually say "happens" in our lives. That is not true. Nothing "happens" in our lives, nothing. Be sure that "all things work together unto good," as St. Paul tells us, provided we love God and have the wisdom to see that no matter what befalls us, it is somehow planned by the all-loving providence of God.

We make a lot of mistakes. Others make mistakes. But God never does.

This is perhaps the acid test of confidence in God, to believe in Him so totally that we are sure, without wavering, that He uses our mistakes and those of others somehow, not only for our good, but mysteriously, for our greater good.

He uses even our sins and the sins of others to work out the designs of His providence. ❖

—Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, SJ



Fr. John Hardon, SJ

# Ask the Institute of Psychological Studies (IPS)

Advice from psychological experts, drawing on Catholic faith and modern psychology

by William McKenna, MS

**Q:** Is ADD/ADHD even a real disorder, since most children show some of the symptoms some of the time? How can I tell if my child might have it?

**A:** Put simply, yes, ADD/ADHD is a true psychological disorder, and we have decades of research to bolster this claim.

One of the biggest misconceptions about ADD/ADHD is that a child can “develop” ADD/ADHD from things such as a lack of discipline.

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Research has conclusively shown that ADD/ADHD is a neurological disorder. It occurs when the child's frontal lobe does not properly function. The frontal lobe controls what is known as executive functioning. Executive functioning has to do with such factors such as knowing when to hit the gas in the car or when to remain silent when someone else is talking. In other words, the frontal lobe controls a person's ability to resist their impulses.

Imagine a life, therefore, where you want to please your parents by staying quiet, but you just seem unable to do so no matter how hard you try. That is the world of the child suffering from ADD/ADHD.

It is true that most children will show some of the disorder's symptoms at varying points. One way to measure whether or not a child's behavior has gone from a phase to a significant problem is to measure it with a three-tiered system: frequency, intensity, and duration. The following will hopefully demonstrate that system.

Oftentimes children struggle to behave during Mass. However when we think about it, asking most children to sit still for an hour can be difficult. Therefore you will want to see if your child's symptoms continue in places after Mass (duration), if those symptoms cause disturbances that become overwhelming for your family, your child, and your child's school (intensity), and whether this disturbance seems to occur more days than not (frequency). If this is the case, then it may be time to speak with a therapist.

The most important thing to remember is that if your child suffers from ADD/ADHD, neither you nor anyone else is to blame, *especially the child*. Your first step will be to contact a mental health professional, particularly one who specializes in this area. They can provide you with a clearer picture about what your child is experiencing. Also remember that this disorder is treatable, and you are not alone. Many families struggle with children who suffer from ADD/ADHD. Know that for some it can dissipate over time and for others it is a lifelong condition.

Finally, be willing to take an active part in your child's treatment. Children do much better when they know their parents and other family members are in their corner rooting them on and ready to pick them up if they falter. ❖

*Mr. McKenna is clinical extern at the IPS Center for Psychological Services. Have a practical question related to psychology and faith? Write to askips@ipsciences.edu.*

## The Power of the Rosary

by Carole Duncan

In 1980, Pope St. John Paul II told the Catholics of Fulda, Germany, “We must prepare ourselves to suffer great trials before long, such as will demand of us a disposition to give up even life, and a total dedication to Christ and for Christ ... With your and my prayer it is possible to mitigate this tribulation, but it is no longer possible to avert it, because only thus can the Church be effectively renewed. How



many times has the renewal of the Church sprung from blood! This time, too, it will not be otherwise. We must be strong and prepared, and trust in Christ and His Mother, and be very, very assiduous in praying the Rosary.”

This sense of urgency is what prompted Fr. Isaac Relyea to say at last year's Napa Valley Catholic Men's Conference, “*The Rosary is no longer an option.*” This is true if we want to persevere in our faith.

During the Cold War, the West seemed in danger of a Soviet takeover. Pope John XXIII authorized the bishop of Fatima to write to all the bishops of the world, inviting them to join with pilgrims to Fatima on the night of October 12-13, 1960, to pray the Rosary for peace and for Russia's conversion.

About a million pilgrims responded to the request and spent the night outdoors in a bone chilling rain before the Blessed Sacrament praying the Rosary. And in addition to

this, over 300 dioceses throughout the world joined them.

The Rosaries and sacrifices of millions obtained an astonishing intervention. Shortly after, on the night of October 24, 1960, the Soviets' new long range R-16 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) unexpectedly blew up during a test, killing three hundred top military leaders and scientists. This set Russia's nuclear program back twenty years.

March 25, 1984, Feast of the Annunciation, Pope St. John Paul II called for a Rosary crusade because of the grave danger to world peace. It was on that day that the Pope, in union with the bishops of the world, consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On May 13, 1984, feast of Our Lady of Fatima, one of the largest crowds in Fatima history gathered at the shrine to pray the Rosary for peace. That very day an explosion at a Soviet naval base destroyed two-thirds of all missiles stockpiled for the Soviet's Northern Fleet. The blast also destroyed the workshops needed to maintain the missiles as well as hundreds of scientist and technicians. Western military experts called it the worst naval disaster the Soviet Navy had suffered since World War Two. Four years later, during the night of May 12, 1988 as thousands prayed the Rosary at Fatima, another mysterious explosion wrecked the only factory that made the rocket motors for the Soviet's deadly SS 24 long-range missiles, which could carry 10 nuclear bombs each.

These are just a few stories that show the power of the Rosary. Our Blessed Lady told the children at Fatima, “If my request are fulfilled, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not Russia will spread her errors throughout the world promoting wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated.

One of the last things Our Blessed Lady told the children of Fatima was, “In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph and there will be peace.”

Let us place ourselves under the protective mantle of Our Lady and her Rosary. She will light the way in these times of darkness. ❖

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## Contraception: More Bad News

by Alice Heinzen and NCC staff

At the end of 2014, health outlets released studies showing contraceptive users have a higher incidence of multiple sclerosis. In early 2015, neurologists shared that women who use contraception have a higher risk of a specific type of brain tumor called a glioma.

Now there is more bad news.

A preliminary report given in San Diego at the Digestive Disease Week meeting informed the audience that use of oral contraceptives appears to be linked to inflammatory bowel disease (IBS).

IBS causes inflammation of the lining and wall of the large or small intestines causing diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and rectal bleeding.

As reported by MSN.com and other news outlets, Dr. Hamed Khalili, a clinical and research fellow of gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, based his findings on the data from the United States Nurses Health Studies.

His conclusions came from studies of the health of about 233,000 women from 1976-2008. He compared those who never used birth control pills (BCP) to those who did and found that BCP users have a three times greater risk of a specific form of IBS known as Crohn's Disease.

This report showed an association between BCP and IBS, not a cause-and-effect relationship. However animal studies have shown the colon is more vulnerable to inflammation when estrogen is given. It changes the permeability of the colon, Khalili explained.

Then in April, neuroscientists at UCLA announced they have found that two key brain regions responsible for emotion and decision-making are thinner in women who take the Pill.

“Artificial substances in the drug block natural hormones triggering changes in brain shape and function, according to the study in the journal *Human Brain Mapping.*” ❖

*Alice Heinzen directs the Office of Family Ministry for the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis.*

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# This Month in History...

## 150 years ago

St. Bernard Church in Eureka was founded.

## 50 years ago

On Sunday, May 16, 1965, Bishop Leo T. Maher, first ordinary of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, dedicated the new St. Bernard School following a Mass honoring the parish's centennial.

On May 17 and May 23, Bishop Maher and his secretary, then-Fr. John Brenkle presided at two ceremonies honoring the diocese's Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) members. The first took place in Eureka, where 72 were honored, and the second occurred in Napa, which saw 198 receive the accolades of the afternoon.

On Ascension Thursday, May 27, Bishop Maher dedicated the totally new St. John the Baptist Church in Healdsburg. Fr. Arthur A. Adamski, CR, served as pastor at the time.

Designed by architect Thomas Fruith and built by Santa Rosa contractor E.H. Chapman, a newspaper article on the event noted the building was designed "specifically for the new liturgy." The "split-nave, sloped floor plan brings the congregation close to the sanctuary. No one is farther than 70 feet from the altar. There is no Communion rail, but the sanctuary is set off by three elevated steps and green-gold carpeting."

The article also noted that the church's mosaics were designed by Alec Anderson and were executed by Alfonso Pardinias, of San Francisco and Mexico, respectively.

After the 6pm dedication and Mass that immediately followed, His Excellency confirmed 75 candidates.

## 30 years ago

Fr. Gerald Gormley received holy orders on May 4 at St. Columba Church, Long Tower, Derry, Northern Ireland. The late Bishop Mark Hurley ordained him. Father attended seminary at All Hallows College in Dublin. After

ordination to the diaconate, he served at St. Rose Church in Santa Rosa. Fr. Gormley currently serves as pastor at Sebastopol's St. Sebastian Church.

During the same visit, Bishop Hurley ordained Fergal McGuinness and Desmond Devine to the diaconate. McGuinness, who was ordained on May 2 at St. Patrick College, Maynooth, went on to receive holy orders and now serves as pastor at St. Peter Church in Cloverdale, as well as serving in the diocesan curia with the marriage tribunal.

Raised to the diaconate the next day, Des Devine also went on to be ordained to the priesthood. He died on May 11, 1995.

Wendy Lann, then-student body president at Justin-Siena High School in Napa, was one of two people from 3,600 California applicants awarded the prestigious Japan-United States Senate Scholarship.

The monks of Mt. Tabor Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Redwood Valley opened their Emmaus retreat house.

In front of a crowd of 700 people, Bishop Hurley blessed a new nursing pavilion at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa.

St. Apollinaris School's eighth grade girls' basketball team won the Parochial Girls Athletic League title, compiling a 13-1 record by scoring over 500 points that season.

## 25 years ago

Fr. James T. Monagle, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Cotati, died suddenly on May 1. Prior to that pastorate, he had served as pastor at St. Francis Solano Church from 1976-1989.

## 20 years ago

Hannah Boys Center celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary with an open house on May 7. Several politicians and

humorist Mike Pritchard attended.

Jim Ritchie, then-instructor and athletic director at St. Helena School, was given the "Sr. Bernadette McCarthy Educator's Award" by the Diocesan Board of Education. The award had been presented April 29 at St. Helena Church. The award was created in 1983 in memory of Sr. Bernadette, an Ursuline religious, who served many years on the board.

Eighth graders at St. Bernard School took a class trip to the state capitol. They later toured UC, Davis, visited a Berkeley art museum, and saw *The Phantom of the Opera* in San Francisco.

Parishioners at St. Mary Immaculate Church in Lakeport began meeting to discuss the needs of their community's elderly.

Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann spoke to parishioners of Queen of Peace Church in Clearlake on euthanasia. He gave three verbs on which he wanted attendees to concentrate: to let die; to die; to kill. These three verbs, he said, sum up the debate over euthanasia/assisted suicide. In 1995—just like now in 2015—a legalization bill was making its way through the Legislature, and it seemed likely there would be a voter initiative to legalize assisted killing on an upcoming state ballot. At the time, *The Redwood Crozier* noted, "Education, prayer, and reflection are all necessary for us to clearly look at this issue and challenge us to really live out the gospel message of Jesus which emphasized the giving of life!"

In Napa, Catholic Charities opened Choix de Vie, a residence for single, pregnant teenagers. Residents learned parenting, cooking, and budgeting skills, as well as help toward their obtaining their high school diploma.

## 5 years ago

Bishop Daniel F. Walsh ordained three transitional deacons to the priesthood: Fr. Eliseo Avendaño-Díaz; Fr. Adam Kotas; and Fr. Manuel Valencia Flores. ❖

# Pope Francis: "Don't Mess With Children!"

Rome (CNA/EWTN News)—Pope Francis said Wednesday that children are never a mistake and castigated adults for building faulty systems that leave children exploited and abandoned rather than treated as the blessings they are.

"Brothers and sisters, think about this well: You don't mess with children," the Pope told pilgrims present in St. Peter's Square for his April 8 General Audience.

He spoke in reference to the difficult circumstances many children are unfortunately forced live in due to soci-

etal and familial problems. The theme served as the focus of his address.

"We think about the children who are not wanted or abandoned, the children on the streets, without education or health care, children who are abused, who are robbed of their youth and childhood," he said.

There are some who try to "justify themselves," saying that it's a mistake to bring these children into the world due to the poverty, hunger and fragility they suffer, the Pope continued.

For a child to experience these things "is shameful," he noted, but quipped, "Let's not offload our sins onto children."

A child, he said, "can never be considered a mistake. The mistake is the world of adults, the system that we have built, which generates pockets of poverty and violence, in which the weakest are hit the hardest."

Francis' focus on the suffering of children came after previous reflections on the blessing and gift they are to parents and the world. The theme fits into his ongoing catechesis on the family, which he began last fall in preparation for October's Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family.

"Children are never a mistake, and their sufferings are only reasons for us to love them even more," the Pope affirmed.

He continued, saying that each child who begs for money on the street and who is denied medical care and education is "a painful cry that goes directly to the heart of the Father, and accuses the system that we adults have built."

Far too often these children become the prey of criminals who exploit them for either commerce or violence, the Pope said, noting that even children in wealthy countries frequently live "heavy dramas" due to family crisis or inhu-

mane living conditions.

"In every case, their childhood is violated in body and soul," he said, explaining that social stability, the promotion of the family, the lack of crime and the possibility of decent work all contribute, "without a doubt," to assuring children of a good home.

No matter the circumstances, Francis said, no child is forgotten by their Father in heaven, and "none of their tears are lost, just as our responsibility is not lost."

He explained that when it comes to the sacrifices one needs to make for children, none are "too costly."

The Pope then pointed to the many "extraordinary parents" who make great sacrifices for their children every day, and said the Church puts herself at their service "with maternal solicitude and decisively defending their rights."

"The Church, for her part, has always transmitted the blessing of the Lord to children and to families," Francis said. He prayed families would always care for their children and not worry about "counting the cost."

It's necessary for children to see this, he said, "so that they may never believe themselves to be mistakes, but always know their infinite worth."

Francis closed his address by praying that children will never have to suffer from "the violence and arrogance of adults." ❖



St. Madeline Sophie Barat; Feast: May 25

# May: The Month of Mary Our Mother

by Ward Pettibone

Queen of All Saints. Refuge of Sinners. Star of the Sea.

Mary has many titles. Perhaps none is so touching, though, as that used by Jesus as He hung on the cross: “Mother” (John 19:27).

Mary is not only the mother of God the Son, but our mother as well, and this comes both from Scripture and the great Catholic tradition of Marian devotions, which get particular attention in May.

She is the greatest of all saints, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men. She was present at the Crucifixion and remained with the disciples in the days before Pentecost. She is believed to have been present at the Resurrection and Ascension. The Church celebrates the major events of her life as liturgical feasts. Her great prayer, The Magnificat, is recited every evening in the Liturgy of the Hours. The Second Vatican Council wrote more extensively about Mary than any council before, and it gives us a “brilliant theology” in *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church), no. 61: “She is our Mother in the order of grace.”

The Faith’s teaching about Mary, however, is often misunderstood by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The core of the teaching is that God freely chose to elevate the Blessed Virgin to be the mother of His only Son. In accepting this responsibility (cf. Luke 1:38), she became Jesus’ associate in the redemption of mankind. She was preserved—by God’s grace in preparation for this—from all stain of original and personal sin throughout her entire life.

She was rewarded for her cooperation by being assumed into Heaven, body and soul. From there she reigns as Queen of Heaven, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the Universe, and the Queen Mother (this was an actual office in the Davidic kingdom called the *gebirah*).

It is important to note that Catholics do not at all make Mary equal to Jesus. Jesus is God the Son. Mary is still a creature and works in all things only *through* and *with* her Son. Being of infinite value, the sacrifice made by Jesus was *completely sufficient for the redemption of mankind*. Mary’s cooperation was incorporated purely out of the love of the Father.

At the Annunciation, the angel told Mary the Holy Spirit would “overshadow” her (Luke 1:35). This was the same word used to describe the glory of the Lord filling the Tabernacle (Ex 40:35). Both Matthew and Luke make clear that the oldest creeds are correct in referring to Mary as “ever-virgin.”

Some object to this because the Gospels speak of Jesus’ “brothers and sisters.” However, Hebrew had no word for cousin or aunts or uncles or the like. For instance in Genesis 14:14, Lot is called Abraham’s “brother.” Yet Genesis 11:28 and 12:15 conclusively demonstrate the man was his nephew.

In any case, the great event of the Incarnation—God made man by being conceived in the womb of Mary—is sometimes mistakenly referred to as the Immaculate Conception. In actuality, it is called the Virgin Birth.

The Immaculate Conception refers to Mary’s conception, that from the first moment of her life, God preserved her from all sin. This means that in her whole life, she was always in a state of grace.

Thus Mary is seen as the “new Eve” (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 55). In Genesis we see the parallel between Mary and Eve spoken of by the Church Fathers: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Gen 3:15).

For this complete enmity to exist, the “woman” must never have been subject to the serpent, even for a moment, thereby implying an Immaculate Conception. At the Annunciation, the angel referred to Mary as “full of grace” (Luke 1:28). As God’s grace is completely opposed to Satan’s power, Mary being “full of grace” would, again, imply that she was conceived immaculate, that is, without the stain of Original Sin.

Bl. Pope Pius IX (1846-78) proclaimed the Immaculate

Conception as a dogma in 1854: in anticipation of the merits of her Son, Mary obtained this great grace. It is incorrect to say, however, that the doctrine was “invented” at this time. Dogmas are teachings of the Church that are held as being revealed by God and are therefore binding on the faithful (i.e., Catholics must believe them). They are formally defined under two conditions only: 1) when there is a controversy or; 2) when the Church believes the faithful can be helped by drawing emphasis to an already-existing belief.

It was for this second reason the dogma was defined; there was no widespread doubt about the doctrine (Pius IX was highly devoted to the Virgin and hoped this dogma might inspire others’ devotion). Indeed Pope Clement XI (1700-20) had made December 8 a holy day of obligation back in 1708. In 1846, the bishops of the United States at the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore declared Mary Immaculate as patroness of this nation. As with all Church Tradition, the belief itself dates to at least the apostles and certainly Church Fathers, and the first celebration of it dates from an observance by Syrian Christians in the fifth century.

Although few scriptural passages directly refer to the dogma of the Assumption of Mary’s body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life, the arguments in its favor are concerned in part with the fittingness of the privilege, namely, Mary’s freedom from sin, her motherhood of God the Son, and her participation in the salvation of mankind. All point toward this honor.

But according to Ven. Pius XII (1939-58), the Assumption is in fact a consequence of the Immaculate Conception.

In his words, “These two singular privileges bestowed upon the Mother of God stand out in most splendid light at the beginning and the end of her earthly journey. For the greatest possible glorification of her virgin body is the complement, at once appropriate and marvelous, of the absolute innocence of her soul, which was free from all stain. ... [S]he shared in [Christ’s] glorious triumph over sin and its sad consequences” (encyclical, Ven. Pope Pius XII, *Fulgens Corona* [“Radiant Crown”], no. 21).

Just as Mary shared in Jesus’ work, so she shares in his glory. As He ascended, Body and Soul, into heaven, so she was assumed in her glorified body, just as the glorified

bodies of all the redeemed will be taken up on the last day. (It should also be noted that Mary did not “ascend” into heaven. It is a fine distinction, but Christ alone ascended into heaven by His own power. Mary, on the other hand, was *assumed* by God.)

The tradition of Marian devotion goes back to the early Church. The Bible instructs us to call on those in heaven and ask them to pray with and for us. Certainly Mary, the greatest of all saints, should be similarly invoked. Jesus is, of course, the only mediator between God and man, but this does not mean that we should not ask others to pray for us, especially those already in heaven who have already been sanctified!

It has been said that the most important form of honor we can offer to the saints is imitating how they lived and related with God. And so we should imitate Mary and her total submission to this will (cf., Luke 1:38; John 2:5).

Hebrews 12 opens with this exhortation: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us.” Here the author refers to the race already run by those same witnesses whom we call saints, of whom Mary is the foremost.

One of the greatest forms of Marian devotion is the Rosary, which developed as an imitation of the Divine Office. Throughout the day, every day, monks would pray all 150 Psalms. The laity, being mostly illiterate at that time, would substitute Hail Marys. This tradition may go as far back as the second century. In any case its power has been attested to by great Catholics throughout the ages.

In the words of Bl. Pius IX, “Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary.” The late Bishop Hugh Doyle of Pittsburgh (†1950) said “no one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary. Either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary.”

Pope St. John Paul II (1978-2005) counted the Rosary as his “favorite prayer” alongside the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen (†1979) said simply that “the power of the Rosary is beyond description.” This is “the prayer of saints,” when the hands and lips are occupied with the prayers and the heart and mind meditate on the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption. The prayer serves to direct the soul towards the model set by Christ and His first disciple, Mary.

That God so raised a mere creature to such heights gives Catholics great joy. This joy shines through in a beautiful prayer spoken by Pope Francis, worth quoting in full:

Mother of the silence that preserves the mystery of God, deliver us from the idolatry of the present, to which those who forget are condemned. Purify the eyes of pastors with the balm of memory: that we might return to the freshness of the beginning, for a praying and penitent Church.

Mother of the beauty that blossoms from fidelity to daily work, remove us from the torpor of laziness, of pettiness, and defeatism. Cloak Pastors with that compassion that unifies and integrates: that we might discover the joy of a humble and fraternal servant Church.

Mother of the tenderness which enfolds in patience and mercy, help us burn away the sadness, impatience, and rigidity of those who have not known what it means to belong.

Intercede with your Son that our hands, our feet, and our hearts may be swift: that we may build the Church with the truth in charity.

Mother, we will be the People of God, on pilgrimage towards the Kingdom. Amen. ❖

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# Noticias en Español

## Marcha por la Vida: El aborto mata la inocencia y esperanza de México

México, DF (ACI/EWTN Noticias)—El pasado 25 de abril se realizó la **IV Marcha Por la Vida** en la **Ciudad de México** con más de 10 mil participantes. El recorrido comenzó en el **Monumento a la Madre**. Luego de un pequeño concierto y dos testimonios se dirigieron hacia la **Asamblea Legislativa**, donde se aprobó el aborto hace ocho años.

Esta marcha, indicaron se da como respuesta a la acción de inconstitucionalidad presentada por la **Comisión de Derechos Humanos** del estado de **Tlaxcala** ante la **Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación** para que ya no se considere el aborto como un delito y que se pueda practicar en cualquier momento del embarazo.



Ángel Souberville, director de la organización **Pasos X la Vida**, declaró a ACI Prensa, que un 60 por ciento de los asistentes fueron jóvenes. También hubo niños, familias y adultos pero la presencia de la juventud fue la más significativa.

“Nosotros estamos haciendo una campaña, que tomamos de **Estados Unidos** para crear una generación pro-vida. Estamos adaptándola a **México** porque queremos terminar con el aborto en todo el mundo. Queremos ir ciudad por ciudad para terminar con esta gran molestia ciudadana, con esta inconformidad ante la muerte de miles de niños.”

Durante el recorrido los asistentes lanzaron consignas como “¡Si quieren nuestro voto, defiendan la vida!” y “Ministros (jueces), decidan ¡sí a la vida!” Además, portaban pancartas donde se leía: “Si quieres la paz, defiende la vida” y “Déjalo nacer, tiene derecho a vivir.”

“Nosotros vivimos en un mundo muy materialista. En ese contexto, los niños vienen a traer amor. A ellos no les importa si tienen o no algo. Ellos son felices con una hoja de papel. Con el aborto estamos terminando con esa inocencia y esa felicidad que a los adultos nos trae esperanza.”

Por otro lado, Souberville señaló que en medio de un contexto materialista y de agitación laboral, los niños son quienes aportan “la dulzura, la paz y la inocencia al mundo. Nuestra sociedad está acabando con la esperanza de México y también estamos abriendo puertas a los problemas demográficos como Europa porque no tendremos quien nos mantenga en un futuro,” dijo.

Al llegar a la sede de la Asamblea Legislativa, los manifestantes guardaron un minuto de silencio en memoria de los **140 mil niños** que no pudieron nacer en los últimos ocho años. Sin embargo, esta cifra no hace un recuento de la cantidad de abortos clandestinos que se realizan todos los días. Según la organización pro-vida **YoInfluyo**, cada 30 minutos ocurre un aborto en el Distrito Federal.

Entre los testimonios que alentaron a los asistentes, uno de los que destacó fue el de **Marco Antonio Cabeza**.

“Cuando su mamá estaba embarazada, le contaron que su bebé tenía parálisis cerebral y que lo mejor era abortarlo. Su mamá dijo que no. Ahora es un joven de 25 años que habla cuatro idiomas y tiene una carrera universitaria. Él es una prueba de que no porque tengan una discapacidad no eres menos que nosotros,” dijo a ACI Prensa Ángel Souberville.

Terminada la marcha, aproximadamente unas cuatro mil personas se dirigieron a la Suprema Corte de Justicia para pedir a los ministros (jueces), que respeten el derecho a la vida.

## ¡Salvemos a Serra! El Papa lo canonizará pero lo quieren fuera del Capitolio de EEUU

Los Ángeles (ACI/EWTN Noticias)—La campaña “**Salvemos a Serra**” busca evitar que se retire del **Capitolio**

de **Estados Unidos** la imagen del **Beato Junípero Serra**, considerado el Padre de **California**. Un parlamentario abiertamente homosexual pretende reemplazar la estatua de Serra por la de **Sally Ride**, fallecida astronauta y activista gay.

Si vives en California, contacta a tu legislador aquí: <http://www.salvemosaserra.com/vivo-en-california/> Si no vives en California, firma la petición en CitizenGo.org:

<http://www.citizenngo.org/es/21687-salvemos-fray-junipero-serra>

El Capitolio de Estados Unidos acoge en su rotunda 100 estatuas que recuerdan a importantes figuras de la historia de la nación. Entre ellas la imagen de Fray Junípero Serra, misionero español del siglo XVIII y evangelizador de lo que es actualmente California.

**San Juan Pablo II** beatificó a Fray Junípero Serra, que era un **santo Latino**, el 25 de septiembre de 1988. El **Papa Francisco** anunció que lo canonizará este año, durante su visita a Estados Unidos.

La iniciativa de retirar la imagen del Beato es promovida por el **senador Ricardo Lara** y fue aprobada por el **Senado de California** el pasado 13 de abril, por 22 votos contra 10. Todos los 22 votos a favor provino de los **demócratas**. Todos los 10 votos a la oposición provino de **republicanos**.

“Extracción de su estatua sería una afrenta a los gente de California,” dijo el senador Jeff Stone (R-Murrieta).

Sin embargo, para que la propuesta del cambio de imágenes sea definitiva, el gobernador de California, **Jerry Brown**, y la asamblea del estado deben aprobar la votación.

En este marco, la campaña “**Salvemos a Serra**” promueve que los ciudadanos del estado de California se pongan en contacto con sus legisladores para pedirles que se opongan al retiro de la imagen del Beato Junípero Serra. A la campaña también se pueden sumar quienes no residan en California.



“Los hispanos en Estados Unidos necesitamos tu apoyo para que se mantenga la presencia de nuestro primer santo en el Capitolio” se expresa en la página de la campaña [www.salvemosaserra.com](http://www.salvemosaserra.com).

La campaña explica además que “Ricardo Lara es el primer político latino de California que admitió públicamente ser homosexual y que ha manifestado en reiteradas ocasiones su desdén por la **Iglesia Católica**.”

“Lara quiere eliminar a un futuro santo y personaje hispano de la rotunda del Capitolio para reemplazarlo por la primera astronauta lesbiana.”

Si bien reconoce que Sally Ride, la primera mujer astronauta puede ser “un personaje admirable para muchos, pero de ninguna manera tuvo en California el papel de Fray Junípero Serra en el establecimiento del estado.”

Para firmar la campaña **Salvemos a Serra**, y evitar así que la imagen del próximo santo sea retirado del Capitolio de Estados Unidos, puede ingresar a: <http://www.salvemosaserra.com/>.

## El Papa Francisco recuerda sus “habilidades” en el fútbol

Vaticano (ACI)—[Es sabido por todos que el **Papa Francisco** es un gran aficionado al **fútbol** y que su equipo es el **San Lorenzo de Almagro**, uno de los más importantes de **Argentina** y del que tiene, además, el carné de socio.

Pero lo que hasta ahora se desconocía es que de joven fue un “patadura,” es decir, no muy bueno dando patadas al balón. Lo ha confesado él mismo en una breve entrevista al portal digital deportivo de **Argentina TyC Sports**.

La entrevista no dura ni un minuto. En él, el periodista le hace una serie de preguntas sobre su afición que el Pontífice responde gustosamente. “¿Usted jugaba al fútbol?” le pregunta al comenzar, a lo que el Pontífice responde: “Ehh, soy patadura.” El entrevistador le vuelve a decir:



“Pero de que jugaba, de defensor o...” “No, no, era patadura... yo más bien,” dice el Papa.” El periodista insiste y le dice: “¿Atrás iba...?” Y Francisco, sonriente le explica: “Si, pero más bien jugaba al basket.”

A continuación, el periodista le pregunta: “Y cuando jugaba al fútbol en el barrio, ¿era de atrás?”

El Papa le responde afirmativo: “De atrás.”

“¿Y era de pegar (a los rivales)?” insiste el periodista.

“No me acuerdo,” señala Francisco, y se ríe.

La siguiente pregunta es sobre los jugadores que por aquel entonces integraban su club, en concreto si eran Farro, Pontoni y Martino. Curiosamente, estos tres jugadores son considerados toda una leyenda en Argentina y se les apodó como “el terceto de oro,” el “trío de oro” e incluso “los tres mosqueteros” porque son considerados una de las mejores delanteras del fútbol argentino de la mano del San Lorenzo.

Francisco, haciendo gala de una memoria prodigiosa, responde que “**Blanzina, Vanzini, Basso, Zubieta, Grecco, y Colombo**,” así como “**Imbellone, Farro, Pontoni, Martino, y Silva**.”

“¿Fue a ver mucho el San Lorenzo?” le pregunta el periodista. “El 46 (por el año 1946) entero,” comenta el Papa. “¿El 46 completo con locales y visitantes?” “No, no, no, visitante solamente en Ferro, con aquel famoso gol de Pontoni en Ferro,” aclara Francisco.

El Papa Francisco ha manifestado en muchas ocasiones su simpatía por el San Lorenzo de Almagro. En Argentina recuerdan la Misa que ofició el entonces arzobispo de **Buenos Aires**, Jorge Mario Cardenal Bergoglio, por los 100 años del Club en 2008.

Entonces, el futuro Papa presidió la celebración en las instalaciones del club, adonde acudía con su padre cuando era pequeño.

Este equipo de fútbol tomó los colores azul y rojo del manto azulgrana de la **Virgen de María Auxiliadora**. Según el diario deportivo, “**Olé**” en la homilía de aquél día, el Cardenal Bergoglio dijo: “No importamos los colores de otro lado, se los pedimos a la Virgen. Nunca saquen a María Auxiliadora del club porque es su madre, ya que San Lorenzo nació en (el Oratorio) San Antonio bajo la protección de la Virgen.”

## ¿Quiénes son los magnates que pagan el ataque contra Arzobispo de San Francisco?

San Francisco (ACI/EWTN Noticias)—En un costoso anuncio a página entera en el San Francisco Chronicle, cien “representantes” católicos atacaron al Arzobispo de San Francisco (Estados Unidos), Mons. Salvatore Cordileone, luego de que este pusiera orden en temas de moral en las escuelas católicas de la arquidiócesis.

Los cien firmantes del anuncio, autoproclamados “católicos comprometidos inspirados por el Vaticano II” acusaron al Arzobispo estadounidense de “ir en una dirección que es completamente opuesta a donde el Papa Francisco está yendo, y crear una atmósfera de completa intolerancia”.

La principal exigencia que hizo este grupo de “católicos” el pasado 16 de abril fue que el Papa Francisco **remueva** (see *Noticias en Español*, p. 20)

## CALENDAR

### ¡Atención! ¡Atención!

Los invitamos a ver Televisión Católica Saboreando la Verdad con P. Mario Valencia todos los Domingos de 9:00 a 9:30am en Azteca América San Francisco. Síguenos en: youtube/saboreandolaverdad o radiocatalicasantarosa.podbean.com.

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(Noticias en Español, cont.)



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de su puesto al Arzobispo de San Francisco y coloque a un Prelado “fiel a nuestros valores”

En febrero de este año, Mons. Cordileone anunció una serie de modificaciones a los manuales de profesores y de personal para las cuatro escuelas secundarias de la arquidiócesis, y propuso nuevas cláusulas morales para los contratos de los docentes.

Las nuevas medidas de la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco buscan evitar que los docentes afecten la moral sexual de los estudiantes con su comportamiento personal o se sumen al activismo público en posiciones contrarias a la doctrina católica, en temas fundamentales como el aborto y la defensa de la vida; o el mal llamado “matrimonio” gay.

Esto ha motivado la ira de un grupo de poder cercano al lobby gay que puede pagar un anuncio a página entera en el San Francisco Chronicle el cual, de acuerdo a los periodistas estadounidenses Phillip Matier y Andrew Ross, puede costar varias decenas de miles de dólares.

Precisamente el sitio web *First Things* reveló quiénes son algunos de los supuestos “católicos comprometidos” que financian la campaña de demolición contra el Arzobispo de San Francisco.

**Charles Geschke**, uno de los firmantes—apuntó *First Things*—“es el copresidente de Adobe Systems, que tuvo en 2014 4,147 millones de dólares en ingresos.”

“Él ha dado más de 200 mil dólares a la Campaña del Partido Demócrata para el Congreso y 40 mil dólares para el Comité Nacional del Partido Demócrata.”

La agencia Reuters informó que la compensación básica anual de Geschke es de más de 4,1 millones de dólares.

Otro de los firmantes, **Louis J. Giraud**, es socio de la firma de abogados Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP, “donde está enfocado en fusiones y adquisiciones de compañías con ingresos de 50 millones de dólares hasta 2,5 mil millones de dólares,” según indicó *First Things*.

**David Grubb**, que también apoya la carta contra el Arzobispo de San Francisco, es el presidente de la firma de construcción Swinerton Inc. “Luego de que una grúa

torre de 240 toneladas operada por un subcontratista contratado por su firma cayó y mató a cinco personas en 1989, él le dijo a un subcomité del Congreso que ‘no nos ocupamos de los registros de seguridad cuando se trata de contratar subcontratistas.’”

“La compañía contratada por su firma había sido citada por 59 infracciones entre 1985 y 1988, con multas propuestas que sumaban 110 mil dólares,” explicó la web.

Por su parte, **Larry Nibbi**, otro de los firmantes, es el jefe ejecutivo de Nibbi Brothers Construction, que tuvo 199 millones de dólares de ingresos en 2014, según *Engineering News-Record*.

Su compañía fue citada por tres serias violaciones a la Administración de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacional en 2011, luego de una “falla catastrófica” que afectó a tres trabajadores de un proyecto de construcción de unos 40 millones de dólares.

Otro de los firmantes contra el Arzobispo de San Francisco, **Clint Reilly**, tiene una fortuna estimada en 100 millones de dólares y ha trabajado para políticos favorables al aborto como Nancy Pelosi.

*First Things* también cita al relacionista público Sam Singer, quien “no firmó, pero ha hecho mucho para promover la carta.”

De hecho, Singer publicó o dio retuit en más de 40 ocasiones a tuits que difundían el anuncio contra Mons. Salvatore Cordileone.

*First Things* recordó que, en un perfil difundido en el SF *Weefly* en 2014, un periodista escribió: “cuando tu lugar de trabajo esté envuelto en llamas; cuando tu amante amenace con revelar tu familia ilegítima; cuando tu restaurante sirva hamburguesas con E. coli; cuando tus empleados inadvertidamente maten a un pequeño niño; cuando una bestia salvaje causa desmanes en tu centro de trabajo, es mejor que llames a Sam Singer.”

El Arzobispado de San Francisco señaló que “el anuncio es una tergiversación, de la enseñanza católica, una tergiversación del contrato de los profesores (de la arquidiócesis), una malinterpretación del espíritu del Arzobispo.”

“La mayor tergiversación de todas”, subrayó la arquidiócesis estadounidense, “es que los firmantes presumen de hablar por ‘la comunidad católica de San Francisco’. No es así.”

Por su parte, Eva Muntean, a cargo del sitio web *SFCatholic.org*, señaló que “es verdaderamente asombroso que un grupo de autoproclamados ‘católicos prominentes’ ha llegado a ser tan egocéntrico que ellos creen que pueden exigir que el Santo Padre remueva un Arzobispo porque se rehúsa a sacrificar la enseñanza de los valores católicos a los niños en nuestras escuelas católicas.”

“Estamos junto al Arzobispo Cordileone y apoyamos su liderazgo”, aseguró Muntean. ❖

## Will US Greet First Latino Pope by Kicking Out Future Latino Saint Junípero Serra?

Rome (CNA/EWTN News)—As the U.S. prepares for Pope Francis’ trip later this year, one Vatican official says efforts to remove the statue of Spanish missionary Bl. Junípero Serra from the capital offers a poor welcome for history’s first Latin American pontiff.

California’s recent vote to replace the statue of the Franciscan missionary from the National Statuary Hall is “shocking,” especially ahead of Pope Francis’ upcoming visit, said Dr. Guzman Carriquiry Lecour, Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

During an April 20 press briefing at the Vatican, Carriquiry Lecour questioned removing the statue of “this Hispanic saint from the Capital of Washington, at the precise time when the first Hispanic Pope in history” will come to the U.S. capital to canonize him.

Axing the statue just months before the papal visit in September, “would not be an extraordinarily nice welcome from a country that proposes multicultural tolerance,” he said.

Fr. Serra helped establish the California missions in the 1700s, many of which became the centers of major cities like San Diego. The state’s government, however, is seeking to replace the statue of the Franciscan missionary with that of the late Sally Ride, the first female American astronaut in space. Some observers, however, believe the main reason liberal politicians are pushing for her statue to replace that of the soon-to-be saint is that she was a prominent and accomplished lesbian.

The Vatican official criticized the Golden State’s decision to bury “into oblivion or ideology the extraordinary contribution of the Hispanic Catholic missionary who has origins, not only in the United States, but in California.”

Located in the Capital building in Washington, DC, the National Statuary Hall houses statues from all 50 States. Each State is represented statues of two of its prominent historical citizens.

Alongside former President Ronald Regan, Spanish-born Junípero Serra’s statue represents California, which has a Latino population of more than 37 percent.

“What can this initiative (to remove the statue from the capital) mean in a state in which many thousands of Hispanics live, the majority of whom venerate Bl. Junípero Serra?” Carriquiry Lecour said.

California’s Democrat-controlled state Senate voted 22-10 on April 13 to replace the statue of Junípero Serra, although the decision awaits further approval from the state Assembly and Gov. Jerry Brown.

Born November 24, 1714, in Mallorca, Spain, Bl. Junípero played a key role in the evangelization of California. The missions he founded took in thousands of Native American converts to Christianity and taught them technological development skills.

As part of the lead up to the canonization later this year, the Pope will visit Rome’s Pontifical North American College on May 2 for a day of reflection on the California missionary.

In an April 20 interview with CNA, college rector Msgr. James Checchio said it would be sad if Junípero Serra’s statue was removed, on account of “all the great contributions,” he made, “not just to the Church and evangelization of peoples, but also for California itself.”

From the point of view of those receiving formation at the PNAC, Junípero Serra is “a man who was heroic in giving of himself for the mission of evangelization,” he said.

“He’s a good example for us, and an inspiration for us, and so certainly our men see that—especially our Latino men, and our men from the Southwest and California dioceses.”

Pope Francis will canonize Bl. Junípero Serra on Sep. 23 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. ❖



St. Cristobal Magallanes Jara, mártir mexicano; Feast: May 21



St. Atiliano Cruz Alvarado, santo indígena de Argentina; Feast: May 21

# Obituaries

## Teresa Furtado Silveira

Mrs. Teresa Silveira passed away after a long illness on March 10, 2015, at home with her loving husband Jose C. Silveira and family in McKinleyville. Mrs. Silveira was born June 1937 in Ponte da Fajã Grande, Ilhas das Flores, Azores Islands.

She was the daughter of the late Jose Valadao Furtado and Elisa Louisa Furtado. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, brother Antonio Valadao, sisters Etelvina Matus, Ines Furtado all of Arcata, Lucia Furtado of Hanford, California, Ema Freitas of Santa Cruz Flores, Azores, several in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Mrs. Silveira came to the United States in 1966 and lived in Arcata and McKinleyville all her life. She worked in various positions in the area until she couldn't any longer, most recently as a jeweler. She enjoyed the outdoors, including gardening and any activity near the ocean. Most of all she cherished the time with her family and friends.

Her Requiem Mass took place at St. Mary Church in Arcata on March 18.

## Elsie Katherine Pialorsi

Elsie, age 92, of Arcata passed away on January 30, 2015. She was born on June 9, 1922, in Orick, California, to northern Italian immigrants Guisepppe "Joseph" Antonioli and Teresa Gozzi. Like most dairy families, all children worked the farm, so she learned to milk cows at a young age.

Elsie spent all of her early years on the farm in Orick and attended the local school. In 1939, she met and married fellow Italian and love of her life, Antonio "Anthony" Pialorsi. The newlyweds moved "into town" for work. They were a hardworking couple who embraced what the new world had to offer.

In 1951 they moved to Italy for a few years to re-establish their roots and expose their children RoseAnn and Angelo to their Italian heritage. In the years following, Elsie and Anthony were socially active in the local branches of the Sons of Italy and the Italian Catholic Federation. They were also devout Catholics and lifetime members of Arcata's St. Mary Church. In the 1970s, through guidance by a Franciscan priest, they became involved in missionary work with the rural indigenous peoples of Bolivia.

During their 20 year-plus fascination with Mizque, a small town in the Andes, they were adventurers who drove multiple times from Arcata to South America, bringing supplies, education, and technology to assist the impoverished area.

They divided their retired lives between Bolivia, Arcata, and regular trips to Italy to visit family left behind in the old country. Elsie was a real lady—elegant, gracious, kind, and thoughtful—and family and friends were her passion and delight. She was the perfect hostess, always in the kitchen preparing something for the unexpected guest. Her guests enjoyed many Italian-inspired meals around her dining table in Arcata; and during the summer months, all would partake in the barbecues accompanied by her garden and orchard bounty at their Willow Creek cabin. She loved animals, especially her canine companion of 16 years, Nina, and the neighborhood birds that she fed daily.

Her funeral Mass took place February 5 at St. Mary Church in Arcata.

## Teresa A. Madison

Miss Madison, a long-time resident of Arcata, died February 9 in her home.

Born November 1, 1951, in Denver to Lawrence and Mary Madison, she attended Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming. She graduated from Humboldt State University in Arcata in 1982 with a double major in Journalism and Resource Planning Administration. She began working as an aide for both the City of Eureka and the City of Arcata in 1985, and became a permanent part of the City of Arcata family in 1988, when she was hired by then-Public Works director Frank Klopp. All told, she worked at Arcata City Hall for almost 30 years.

Teresa took pride in any assigned task, whether it involved passing out waste reduction brochures, putting

up water pollution prevention posters, or organizing the City's recycling. She was very proud of working for the city and always performed cheerfully any job she was given. Teresa possessed a sweet, good-humored nature. She embraced everyone she knew as an extended family member. Coworkers were invited to her home for Christmas gift exchanges, taught her how to drive, and planted a western red cedar in memory of her father in the Jacoby Creek Forest. Teresa always took the time to check in with people at work to make sure everyone was all right. Coworkers knew Teresa loved cats and took delight in how much she enjoyed receiving feline-decorated mementos. One coworker remembers how thrilled she was when he took her along to see owls in the city's forests. As another coworker put it, "Teresa had a lot of appreciation in her, not just of cats, mind you, but of all things decent. We need more of that in the world..." The City staff will miss her and the warmth she brought to City Hall.

As a dedicated member of St. Mary Church of Arcata, Teresa faithfully attended Saturday evening Mass, helped with the church school, and was an altar server, an unusual role for a woman to fill.

Teresa was a great animal lover. With the help of the Sunny Brae Animal Clinic, she adopted and spoiled special needs cats. She volunteered at the Companion Animal Foundation from the time it opened in 2002. CAF recognized Teresa in 2014 for over 2,000 hours of volunteer service.

She also greatly enjoyed socializing with her many friends, had a wonderful outlook on life, and was always willing to help others whenever and wherever she was able.

Teresa is survived by her mother, Mary Madison, of Casper, Wyoming, her two sisters Claudia Madison and Cynthia Madison, both of Casper, and her brother and his wife, David and Sasha Madison, of Houston. She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence V. Madison.

Her Requiem Mass happened on February 21 at St. Mary Church of Arcata.

## Nydia Suarez



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Nydia Suarez passed away March 14, at age 79. Born September 28, 1935, and formerly of Miami and Havana, Cuba, she moved to Santa Rosa 19 years ago to be near family and help raise her grandchildren. Beloved teacher, wife, mother, and grandmother. Married to Arturo Suarez until his death in 1996. Her funeral Mass took place March 25 at Holy Spirit Church in Santa Rosa.

## Rita (née Carniglia) Hall

The resident historian of Santa Rosa's West End neighborhood, Rita Hall passed away March 20, 2015, following a short illness.

Born in 1925 in Santa Rosa, she lived in the city her entire life and was a 1943 graduate of Ursuline High School and matriculated from Santa Rosa Junior College in 1946.

Rita met the love of her life, her husband, Jack Hall, on a blind date. They married in 1953 and raised their four daughters in their west Santa Rosa home where they lived until Jack passed away in 2003. Rita was expecting her first great-grandchild, Jack Henry, this June.

She filled her life with the people she loved—her family, friends, and neighbors—and she opened her lovely home for many celebrations, especially at Christmas and for her famous Independence Day parties. She and Jack enjoyed traveling, and she was an avid historian with a special focus on the Italian neighborhood in West Santa Rosa where she grew up. She was involved in many activities at St. Rose Church and School, where she organized fashion shows and taught physical education. She was also an active member of the Italian Cultural Foundation.

Rita's memorial service took place at St. Rose Church on March 28.



Rita Hall

## Mary Bogdanowicz

Mary passed away March 23, 2015. She was born July 26, 1927 in Johnston, Rhode Island, to Francis and Hazel Cain. She grew up in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and moved to Napa in 1974.

She married the love of her life, Anthony M. Bogdanowicz in 1947. He died in an automobile accident in 1957, and she spent the rest of her life focused on her children, grandchildren, and serving the St. Apollinaris Church community as well as the Young Ladies Institute at St. John the Baptist Church in Napa for almost 25 years.

She enjoyed spectator sports and shared her passion for football, baseball, NASCAR, and drag racing with her children.

Her funeral Mass took place March 31 at St. Apollinaris Church.

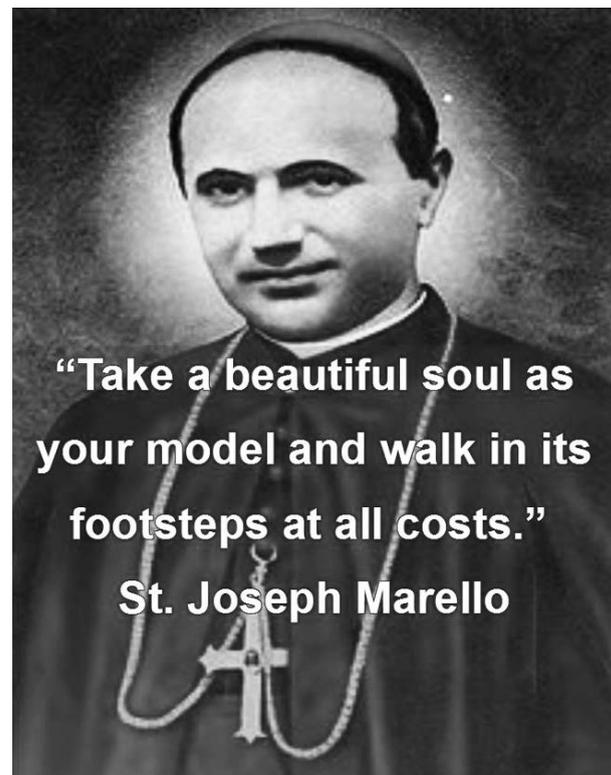
## Adeline Rose Burlake

Born August 3, 1931, in Chicago, Adeline died at age 83 on April 20, 2015, in Crescent City. Mrs. Burlake was a 21-year resident of Del Norte County. Her Requiem Mass took place on Saturday, April 25, at St. Joseph Church, Crescent City. ❖

### Prayer for the Recently Deceased (to be said at Mass)

Eternal Father, I unite myself with the intentions and affections of Our Lady of Sorrows on Calvary, and I offer You the sacrifice Your beloved Son Jesus made of Himself on the cross and renews on this altar:

1. To adore You and give You the honor due You, confessing Your supreme dominion over all things and the absolute dependence of everything upon You, Who are our one and last end.
2. To thank You for innumerable blessings received.
3. To appease Your justice, irritated against us by so many sins, and to make satisfaction for them.
4. To implore grace and mercy for myself, for [name of the deceased], for all afflicted and sorrowing, for poor sinners, for all the world, and for the holy souls in purgatory.



St. Joseph Mareello; Feast: May 30

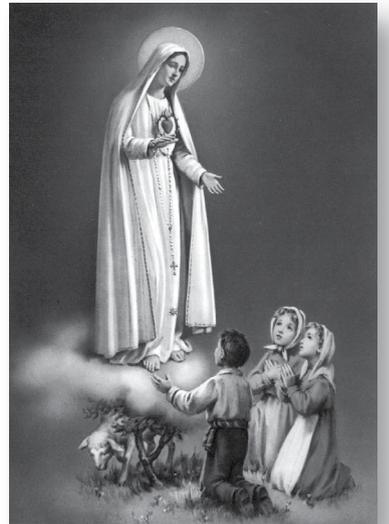
# NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE

*If My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

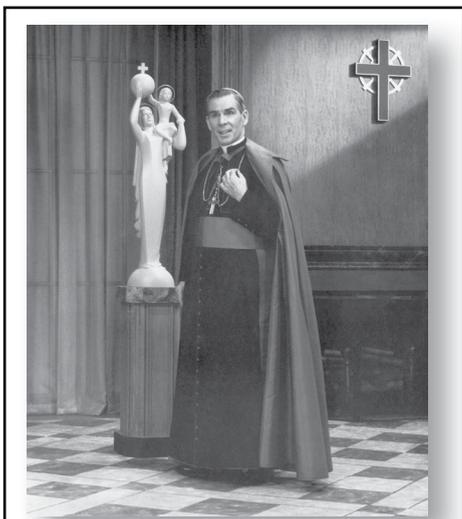
It is certain that America is at the most crucial moment of her history. At this time we would do well to keep in mind the power of the Rosary and the message of Fatima. The Rosary is not merely a devotion, it is a weapon. Never has this weapon been more needed than it is today.

The Rosary has proven itself as a weapon of protection. Some of the battles in which victory was attributed to the Rosary are: The battle of Lepanto in 1571, which the Church commemorates on October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary; the battle of Vienna in 1683 and the battle of Belgrade in 1716. These battles were won against all odds by the power of the Rosary. In each instance Europe was saved from the forces of Mohammed.

In the 20th century we have witnessed many examples of Rosary victories. After WWII, the Allies partitioned Austria into four zones. The Russians were in control of the most important section; Moscow, interested in maintaining its control in Austria, garrisoned a very large number of troops there. It was then that a Franciscan priest, Fr. Petrus Pavlicek, began a Rosary Crusade to save Austria. The Communists tried many times to take complete control but were not successful. In the meantime Fr. Petrus continued recruiting more members for the crusade. By April 1955 the crusade had 500,000 members. The Chancellor of Austria was summoned to Moscow, and was received on May 13th. He wrote: Today, a day of Fatima, the Russians are still hardened. Pray to the Mother of God that she aid the Austrian people. It seemed all was lost, but it was at this moment that God intervened. In May 1955 there was a miracle. The Russians suddenly granted independence to Austria. During the thanksgiving ceremony in Vienna all of the speeches attributed the victory to the Virgin of the Rosary.



In 1964 Brazil came under Communist control and it was quite probable that all of South America would fall. Fr. Patrick Peyton had been organizing the Family Rosary Crusade in Brazil and during that time more than 5.5 million people attended. Once again the Rosary was victorious. The civil and military chiefs of the liberators were almost unanimous in attributing the victory to Our Lady of the Rosary. On April 25, 1974 the Communists came to power in Portugal. Four teachers launched a National Rosary Crusade and obtained pledges of a million Rosaries. In November of 1975, without bloodshed, the Communists relinquished their power. Those four teachers founded a new religious order known as Alianca de Santa Maria (the Alliance of Holy Mary), which continues to promote the Rosary in Portugal and abroad.



In 1952 Bishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote *"The World's First Love"*, a beautiful book about Our Lady. It includes a prophetic chapter titled *"Mary and the Muslims"*. Bishop Sheen makes it very clear that it is no mere accident that the Blessed Mother, in the 20th century, should have revealed herself in the little village of Fatima, so that to all future generations she would be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Fatima was the name of Mohammed's daughter. Bishop Sheen believed that Our Lady of Fatima would convert the Muslims. We believe she is our only hope for the United States and the world.

The culture of death has gained significant control in our political affairs in recent years. It is obvious that we cannot overcome this evil on our own. Politically speaking, we are in the minority. That should not discourage us because God always works with minorities. When victory comes, there will be no doubt that it is the result of the power of God, not the actions of men.

We are now engaged in a war against worldwide terrorism perpetrated by those who profess to be Muslims - disciples of Mohammed. The fact that our culture has surrendered so many of its core Christian values to the Culture of Death fuels their determination to convert or destroy us. For that reason, we must take up our most powerful weapon: the Rosary. It has saved us in the past and it can save us now. We must ask Mary for the grace to convert our enemies and ourselves. Our prayers and the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will help to establish the reign of Christ the King.

On November 9, 1976, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) said: *"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the Anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel"*.

It is time to launch a National Rosary Crusade to save America and the world. If you are moved to pledge one Rosary a day, for the conversion of America and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. That way we can keep track of the number of people making pledges. Also, please feel free to make copies of these materials and pass them on to your family and friends. If you have a computer you can check out the web site: [www.nationalrosarycrusade.com](http://www.nationalrosarycrusade.com). Please direct questions to the P.O. Box below or our email address at: [questions@nationalrosarycrusade.com](mailto:questions@nationalrosarycrusade.com). With Our Lady's help we can bring about another great Rosary victory!

**Amar A Dios,  
Carole Duncan and Jeannine Eason**

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To read the entire chapter by Bishop Sheen about *"Mary and the Muslims"* you may go to our web site: [www.nationalrosarycrusade.com](http://www.nationalrosarycrusade.com)

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## NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE PLEDGE

On this day I pledge to join the National Rosary Crusade by praying five decades of the Rosary every day to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in reparation for my sins and the sins of America.

If you are already praying a rosary a day, just add the intentions of the National Rosary Crusade to that rosary.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Individual  Family: Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: National Rosary Crusade, 1370 Trancas St., Box 355, Napa, CA 94558-2912

# Youth Page



## To Colorado With Love

by Stephen Morris

My wife and I have a five- and three-year-old, and we recently took them on their first plane ride.

What an experience. Constant “What is that, this, the other thing?” and, “Are we there yet?” But all was well, and I was blessed to see the world through their eyes.

Our destination was Denver, home to some of my wife’s family. And of course, like many of you, I’m the dad that “drags” the family to Mass. “YES, kids, even when we’re on vacation!”

I’ve learned to immediately Google the local parish and Mass times because apparently no one seems to know that mystical and hidden information. (Must be very difficult to remember since Easter—or was it Christmas?—where the church is located.)



We found a vibrant parish called the Shrine of St. Anne, located in Arvada, a cozy little town west of Denver. The church is made of red brick, and it towers over the street with an imposing strength and matches the rough edges of the towering Rocky Mountains that loom in the distance.

My wife and I immediately felt welcome as we were greeted by a sharp-dressed gentlemen with firm handshakes and knowing smiles. We creaked into the wooden pews off to the side hoping not to bring attention to our fervent praying that our children would behave. (“God, please keep my son from yelling ‘I farted!’ in the middle of the consecration ... again.”)

There was actually a buzz before Mass began that caught our attention. Other parents of young children must have been reciting the same prayer. But, hey, we were foreigners, and they were on home turf.

The buzz was from family after family entering the rickety pews. I lost count of all the under-50 dads who led their families in to the church that morning. The pews were packed. I shoulder-tapped the father of three sitting in front of us and asked, “Is this the children’s Mass?” He assured me this was a regular old Mass, and there just happens to be a lot of young families there.

*Happens to be, I thought. How can we “happen to” have*

*more families in our diocese’s parishes? Hmmm.*

My discernment was interrupted by the announcements shared at the beginning of Mass. BTW, I looked it up in the *Catechism*, and it’s okay to do that. Really. Phew!

In any event, the lector and pastor told the congregation about a slew of activities and goings-on for the parish that demonstrated this parish was awesome.

Mass started, and the familiarity of the Divine Liturgy was warmly wrapped around my family. A few short prayers later, my little one had to go potty. I felt at home.

Granted, this wasn’t my home parish, but the experience is hopefully similar to what many faithful have enjoyed, a true celebration of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

Church away from the comforts of home.

I challenge you to venture out from your parish and celebrate the joy of the gospel in a foreign town. How fortunate Catholics are to find the Paschal Mystery celebrated universally in every parish. Our songs, sermons, and social activities may vary greatly but the Mass is the same. His sacrifice and love for us is the same.

Thank you, Colorado, for this great reminder. ❖



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- ◇ TBA Orientation, Introduction, Spirituality & Methodology
- ◇ Jan 3, 2015 Creed I - IV
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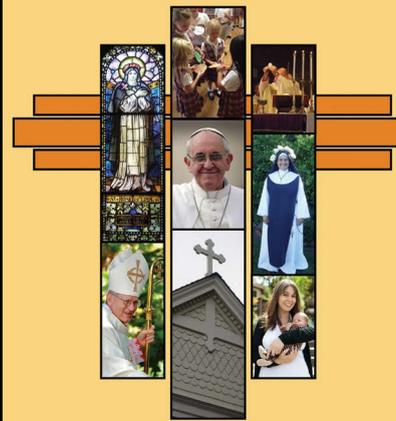
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