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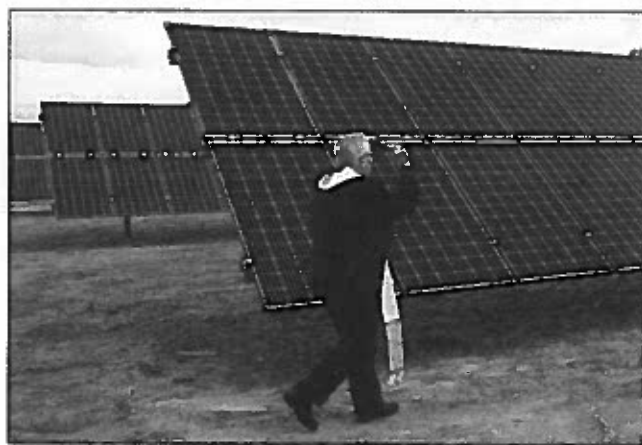
Sisters' solar panels now draws 50% of their electrical power from sun

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

BAY SETTLEMENT — True to their religious community's founder, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross continue to care for God's creation of Mother Earth. On Aug. 28, the sisters held a dedication and blessing of 280 solar panels located behind their motherhouse. Along with 416 panels that were installed in 2014, the community of 50 sisters now draws 50% of their convent's electrical power from the sun.

"The sisters are real educators," said Bishop David Ricken, who joined the sisters and special guests for the morning celebration and blessed the new panels with holy water. "Part of their charism as Franciscans is to follow the principles of St. Francis, who loved creation so much," he told *The Compass*. "So they are real educators in how we are using energy and making our lives more sustainable so the next generation can benefit."

Sr. Ann Rehauer, community president, told guests in her



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Bishop David Ricken uses holy water to bless the new solar panels installed on the property of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Bay Settlement. The blessing and dedication took place Aug. 28.

welcome address that — thanks to grants from Focus on Energy (\$58,932) and RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good program (\$20,000), along with gifts from more than 30 donors and an estate gift — the new solar panels will allow the sisters to increase their solar energy output from 28% to 50% of their electrical needs.

"Our community strives every day to live more sustainably," said Sr. Rose Jochmann, who is chair of the community's sustainability committee. "We want to make choices that will use our earth's resources wisely and care for the earth."

Our full story appears in the Sept. 13 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last night I returned to Rome from my Apostolic Journey to Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius. I went as a pilgrim of peace and hope, to share the message of Christ as the true foundation of fraternity, freedom and justice in our world. In Mozambique, I encouraged the authorities to work together for the common good, the young to play their part in building up their country, and bishops, priests and religious to give a generous "yes" to God. In Madagascar, I shared my hope that people there, with their traditional spirit of solidarity, will be able to contribute to a future of development, combined with respect for the environment and social justice. I also encouraged many contemplative nuns, bishops, priests, religious and young people to respond generously to God's call.

+ Pope Francis,
September 11, 2019

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Scouts gather for Mass, receive certificates of recognition

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

CHAMPION — Dozens of Catholic Scouts, dressed in blue and tan uniforms decorated with merit badges and emblems, were recognized for doing their duty to God and country at the 2019 Scout Mass held Sept. 7 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

Bishop David Ricken, assisted by Fr. Daniel

Schuster, an Eagle Scout, presented certificates to Scouts who have earned a Catholic emblem during the past academic year. Thirty-four Scouts, along with their Scout leaders and families, attended the Mass, which was followed by a reception outside of the shrine chapel. Also joining Bishop Ricken at the altar were Fr. Mark Mleziva, vocation director for the Diocese of Green Bay, Father of Mercy Thomas Reagan,

shrine chaplain, and Deacon Larry Mastalish of St. Bernard Parish in Green Bay.

In his homily, Bishop Ricken told the Scouts that Scouting offers many important skills and values, including reverence.

"Reverence means respect for the dignity of God and the dignity of others," he said.

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5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

About St. Francis of Assisi

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

1 Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4, was born in Assisi in either in 1181 or 1182. He died on Oct. 3, 1226, and lies buried in the basilica named for him at Assisi.

2 Even though he was baptized "Giovanni," his father started calling him "Francesco," which meant "Frenchman."

3 Francis founded the Franciscans (Order of Friars Minor) and the Poor Clares (with St. Clare).

4 Francis' love of animals includes the tale of his preaching to birds, immortalized in Giotto's fresco: "The Sermon to the Birds."

5 Francis was the first person credited with receiving the stigmata, the wounds of Christ's crucifixion.

Building a culture of missionary discipleship

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Three years ago, after consultation with my staff, and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I announced a new vision and mission for the Diocese of Green Bay. This new vision and mission is centered on building families and communities of discipleship that discover Jesus, follow Jesus, worship Jesus and share Jesus with others. The vision and mission serve as our answer to why we do what we do, especially here in our diocesan offices, also known as the curia.

As we began our work to implement this new vision and mission, we recognized that we needed to embrace a new culture, a new way of being. So again, after prayer to the Holy Spirit, we wrote a culture statement and identified the core values that would guide our work. The culture and values speak to who we must become in order to bring this vision and mission to life.

The process to bring this culture to life has been ongoing over the past couple of years. Through training and development, we continue to grow in our understanding of the culture and we challenge each other daily to live our values. While bringing the culture to life is an ongoing process, I have witnessed a shift in our offices as we seek ways to explore potential, connect to inspire, embrace people's hearts,

empower to act, and nurture abundant life and growth.

Having set this foundation, this past year we have started to focus even more on what we must do to bring our vision and mission to life and how we must do it. In other words, we began to shift our focus to strategy or mission planning. Just as many of our parishes are in the process of parish mission planning, within the diocesan offices we have begun a process of mission planning. We see these processes as mutually beneficial in that parish mission planning can inform and support curia mission planning, and curia mission planning can enhance and support parish mission planning.

Through this planning process, we recognized that our priority is to call forth and form leaders who love Jesus and live his mission. To help us do this, I recently announced to our staff two goals that I have set for us to achieve over the next five years.

Discipleship Goal: By 2025, we will call forth and form 1,000 missionary leaders who will mobilize 25,000 missionary disciples who disciple at least two others.

Vocations Goal: By 2025, we will call forth and form 30 seminarians to be missionary leaders in the priesthood.

Now some may be wondering, how did we arrive at these numbers? We recognized that if we are going to lead all people to the Kingdom of God, as our vision states, we must begin by reaching a critical mass that will tip the scales in building a culture of missionary discipleship.

The entire column appears in our Sept. 13 issue.



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

Parish SNAPSHOT



Lynn Greisinger participates in the monthly Eucharistic Adoration at St. John the Baptist Church in Howard. Adoration is held the first Thursday of every month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes at the 6:30 p.m. closing service.

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