



Every life – cherished – chosen – sent

That theme was reflected during the Diocesan observance of Respect Life Sunday, which included a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera on October 7. The Bishop stressed that this sacred season calls us to focus our prayers upon our commitment as followers of Jesus to treasure and preserve human life from the moment of conception to natural death. As a Church, he said, we have and should continue to work tirelessly to create a culture that moves beyond a cavalier attitude that has sadly resulted in far too many lives being lost through abortion, euthanasia, physician assisted suicide and capital punishment. *Please see page 3.*

Youth sharing hopes, dreams at Vatican Synod

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – With songs, poetry and dance – including hip-hop – young people shared with Pope Francis and members of the 2018 Synod of Bishops some of their life stories, hopes, dreams and, especially, questions.

The focus for the Synod, which began Oct. 3 and continues through Oct. 28, is “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.”

The late-afternoon gathering Oct. 6 brought more than 5,000 young people, mostly Italian high school and university students, to the Vatican audience hall.

Young adults from several countries told their personal stories of



Pope Francis arrives for a gathering with young people and members of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican.

finding faith; one young man recounted his teen years of crime, detention and finally jail; another spoke of his recovery from addiction; a young Italian woman spoke of volunteer work, living and working in a Syrian refugee camp in Lebanon; and another young woman talked about her current discernment as a

novice in a religious order.

Then the questions came: What can we do to prevent teen suicide? How do we find meaning in life? How can we fight discrimination and inequality? How can we counter fear of foreigners?

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The Young Church



Members of the ‘young Church’ filled the Cathedral of Saint Peter last year for the #leaveamark Mass. This year’s liturgy and gathering is set for November 4. See pages 6-7.

Pennsylvania Bishops Pledge Support for Independent Sex Abuse Survivors' Compensation Program

The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania issued the following statement on September 21, 2018:

Since the release of the grand jury report on August 14, we the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania have reflected deeply on the ugly record of clergy sexual abuse in our Commonwealth, and on times when Church leadership failed to protect our people over a period of decades.

We fully acknowledge that the Church sometimes failed the most vulnerable among us — children and young adults. We deeply regret the suffering of survivors and any decisions that failed to protect them.

As the Pennsylvania General Assembly returns for the fall legislative session, assuring the protection of children and help for survivors of sexual abuse should rightly be one of its top priorities. As various alternatives and programs are proposed, we will support all reasonable and constitutional efforts focused on helping survivors and their families on a path toward healing.

We recognize our responsibility to provide an opportunity for sexual abuse survivors whose cases are time-barred from pursuing civil claims to share their experiences, identify their abusers, and receive compensation to assist their healing and recovery.

To that end, we commit ourselves to creating or participating in an independent, voluntary program that will include a panel of qualified experts to review individual cases and determine financial assistance. We understand that this compensation program will require substantial fiscal commitment and all dioceses will be seriously impacted. We stress that it is most important for all experts serving on this panel to be independent of the influence of the Church or of any institution in which children may have been abused.

We believe such a program will expedite the process for survivors to present their cases to experienced, compassionate experts who will determine an outcome for each case in a swift, efficient manner. In doing so, the panel

will provide a resolution to survivors and allow them to avoid difficult and prolonged litigation. We believe an independent panel is the best option, considering a window or reviver of the statute of limitations will inevitably result in bankruptcy for dioceses. Bankruptcy would cripple the ability of a diocese to provide compensation and healing for survivors, while vastly reducing or eliminating social service programs that greatly benefit all Pennsylvanians by serving some of the most at-risk people in our communities.

We hope that as the program develops it will be open to any youth service organization, private or public, to opt into it to fulfill its obligations to survivors of abuse. We welcome legislative support for such a program.

We cannot undo the harm that childhood sexual abuse has caused, but in humility and repentance we hope the path forward offers a way toward healing for survivors and their families.

Diocese Requires Safe Environment Protocols for Employees and Volunteers

With the beginning of the new school and religious education year, the Diocese of Scranton Safe Environment Advisory Committee stresses the importance of following state and Diocesan protocols for employees and volunteers.

All employees who work with children must obtain the PA State Police Criminal History Check, the PA Child Abuse History Certification and the FBI Federal Check with fingerprinting. Volunteers serving children must also complete background checks. Those volunteers that have lived continuously in Pennsylvania for the past 10 years also need to obtain the two state background checks. If volunteers lived out of state during the 10-year timeframe, they are required to complete the FBI federal check in addition to the two state certifications.

The Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) sexual abuse prevention training is compulsory for all employees and those volunteers who interact with children. Individuals identified as mandated reporters of child abuse are expected to complete training on this topic. For a schedule of training sessions, please refer to the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org (Child Protection/Safe Environment page).

Parish and School Staff Key to Compliance

As the Compliance Officer for Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Hawley, Fran Peters tracks the progress of back-



Kathy Bolinski, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, conducts a training session for mandated reporters of child abuse. The session was held at Saint Ann Basilica Parish in Scranton.

ground checks and training for all clergy, staff and volunteers.

Every staff member and church volunteer, whether they interact with children or not, is required to attend both Mandated Reporter Training and VIRTUS sessions, sign the Code of Conduct and have all background checks done.

"It took some time, but all the members of our parish family understand the need for this and are very easy going with the process. Compliance is the standard," Fran said.

At Saint John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport, Principal Rich Cummings and Safe Environment Manager Ann Wilson oversee the program.

"The implementation of these requirements is completed using a checklist detailing the six-part process and is free of charge for volunteers," Ann said. "We strive to go above and beyond to keep our children safe."

Father Connell A. McHugh, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Drums, said "we have always done our best in regard to implementing the Safe Environment program." He keeps abreast of all developments; for example, by reading the VIRTUS updates that arrive on a regular basis.

"At Good Shepherd, we do give the Safe Environment program the highest priority," he stressed.

Another important component of the program is the work of the Safe Environment Advisory Committee.

"This forum provides an opportunity for us to share our experiences and to learn how to help people deal with a societal problem that touches families, organizations and institutions — secular and religious, public and private," said committee member Monsignor Vincent Grimalia. "Education is an important component of prevention and healing

for the various forms of abuse and bullying. We need to promote educated and informed thinking to better understand the causes of abuse, and learn ways of improving methods to prevent, to protect and to provide helpful support for abuse victims."

Kathy Bolinski, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, said the

Diocese is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals responsible for directly implementing the Safe Environment program.

"This is a significant task with the amount of documentation that must be collected," she said. "These folks are on the front lines in helping to ensure that we keep our children safe."

U.S. BISHOPS' PRESIDENT: CHURCH LEADERS MUST FACE TRUTH OF ABUSE

ROME (CNS) — The president of the U.S. bishops' conference welcomed Pope Francis' pledge to fight attempts to cover up cases of sexual abuse and to stop offering special treatment to bishops who have committed or covered up abuse.

"On behalf of my brother bishops in the United States, I welcome the statement of Oct. 6 from the Holy See which outlines additional steps Pope Francis is taking to ensure the faithful are protected from the evil of sexual assault," Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo said in a statement released Oct. 7 in Rome.

The cardinal, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is in Rome for the Synod of Bishops. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, conference vice president, also is in Rome for the synod, and the two U.S. leaders were expected to meet privately with Pope Francis Oct. 8 as questions continue over the handling of years of allegations of sexual misconduct by former Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington.

In a statement Oct. 6, the Vatican said Pope Francis had ordered a thorough review of the archives of Vatican offices to study how the allegations were handled.

"The Holy See is conscious that, from the examination of the facts and of the circumstances, it may emerge that choices were taken that would not be consonant with a contemporary approach to such issues. However, as Pope Francis has said: 'We will follow the path of truth wherever it may lead,'" the Vatican statement said.

Cardinal DiNardo, who earlier had requested a full investigation, said, "The truth will ensure the terrible sins of the past are not repeated. The courage of abuse survivors who first brought the horrific truth of sexual abuse to light must continue to be matched by our courage as pastors to respond in justice."

Every life – cherished – chosen – sent Diocese Observes Respect Life Sunday

The celebration of Respect Life Sunday every October highlights the Catholic Church's respect for the sanctity and dignity of life spanning all stages and conditions, from conception to natural death. It celebrates the life of the unborn, persons with disabilities, the deaf, the ill, and those in the last stages of earthly life. The liturgy is also offered for victims of abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty.

This year's observance took on added significance, as noted by Bishop Bambera in his homily at the Mass on October 7 in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. "Tragically, while the Church has worked tirelessly to promote an end to abortion and to preserve life in all of its stages, some among us – particularly church leaders who have proclaimed from pulpits the vital need to respect life – have stolen it from the most vulnerable in our midst. The sad reality of our lives as Catholics, impacted by the report of the 40th statewide Grand Jury investigating sexual abuse of children by members of the clergy, reminds us that we have much more work to do if our voices are ever to be regarded as credible in this vital conversation," he said.

The Bishop emphasized that this moment in the life of our Church has brought us to a new and broader understanding of the sanctity of human life. He cited Pope Francis' frequent reminders that every person – from the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, to the criminal who is least supportive of our values "has an inviolable right to life" and "is a masterpiece of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

"To that list belongs victims – survivors – of sexual abuse and all who are exploited and deprived of their God-given dignity," Bishop Bambera said.

"As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, may we reaffirm our commitment to the sanctity of life – even in the simplest of ways – and by our example, our forgiveness and our loving service, work to lead others to the truth that 'every life cherished, chosen and sent' by God."



Students, including those from the Holy Redeemer and Notre Dame School Systems, participated in the Mass.



Bishop Bambera accepts offertory gift from a resident of Saint Joseph's Center.

Photos/Mike Melisky

Pennsylvanians for Human Life educates through media, releases two new videos

Pennsylvanians for Human Life, in honoring October as pro-life month, has released two new videos.

The first video, featuring John Frank, a young man who has lived with Down's Syndrome, speaks eloquently about the value of life, the challenges of living with Down's Syndrome, the importance of social programs that have made his life easier and the purposefulness of his life in his community and at his local parish. "I see life as it is, and it's wonderful," he said.

He shared his dreams, the value of friends, the pain of bullying, and ultimately the sanctity of life that he embraces.

Additionally, John speaks to women who may be faced with a challenging pregnancy, carrying a child diagnosed with Down's Syndrome and contemplating abortion.

John, who works at Holy Rosary Church in Hazleton, recognizes the support of his parish community as he shares his joy in living, in spite of challenges.

The first video is dedicated to Betty Caffrey, past president of PHL Wilkes-Barre, in honor of her recent 90th birthday.

The second video, also in support of life, features Dr. Ralph and Betsy Leon who travelled from Virginia to tell their son's story.

John Paul Raphael was conceived when his mother was 45 years of age. Subsequent genetic testing revealed that John Paul Raphael had a genetic anomaly that would likely result in a stillbirth.

With tremendous courage, love for their ninth child, commitment to their faith, their God and the direction of the Holy Spirit, Betsy gave birth to John Paul Raphael just a few months ago and in this video shares their journey through her pregnancy and the birth of their child, telling of the grief outweighed only by the joy of holding their son.

The video captures the baby's life and death in such a deep and emotionally raw perspective, with images that are both magnificent and sad, and ultimately this couple expressed the joy his life brought them, the strengthening of their marriage and their faith as they allowed God to be the author of their baby's life.

In the end, Betsy addresses women who are faced with a crisis pregnancy, empowering them to accept grace and allow themselves to be loved by the child they carry.

Betsy and Ralph dedicated their video to the Holy Spirit who guided their journey and strengthens them on the road of healing.

To view both videos, visit Voice of John website at voiceofjohn.org and scroll to A Matter of Life.

Both videos are produced and directed by Maryann Lawhon and edited by Jason Bass.

To access the videos online visit the website at <http://maryannlawhon.wixsite.com/voiceofjohn2/matter-of-life>.

To arrange for a presentation in your area please contact Maryann Lawhon RN, President of PHL Hazleton at 570-764-5428 or your local PHL Chapter.

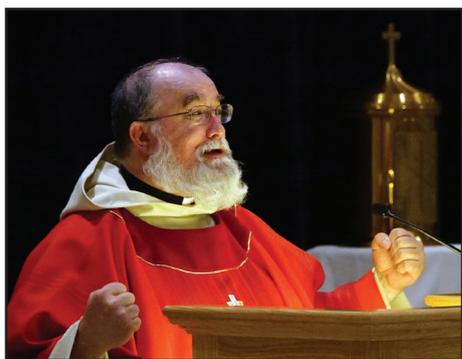
Pennsylvanians for Human Life addresses the issues of abortion, infanticide, suicide, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Be 'agents of reconciliation'

Red Mass celebrated for those engaged in the law

The annual Red Mass was celebrated on Friday, October 5, in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Bishop Bambera was the principal celebrant.

The Red Mass is attended by judges, lawyers and legislators for the purpose of invoking God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. Its traditional name is derived from the color of vestments worn by the celebrants of the Mass, symbolizing the tongues of fire which indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Reverend Richard G. Malloy, S.J., Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for University Ministries at the University of Scranton, gives the homily.

In his homily, Reverend Richard G. Malloy, S.J., Ph.D., suggested that lawyers and our legal system are apt places for the Holy Spirit of God to be operating. "At your best, lawyers are, like the Holy Spirit, counselors, advocates. Good lawyers are those who inspire integrity, intelligence and insight. At your best, you who practice the law, demonstrate clarity, courage, and, dare I suggest it, compassion," he said.

Father Malloy, S.J., Assistant Vice President for University Ministries at the

University of Scranton, also compared practitioners of law to those who vigilantly watch – guardians – looking for justice and truth.

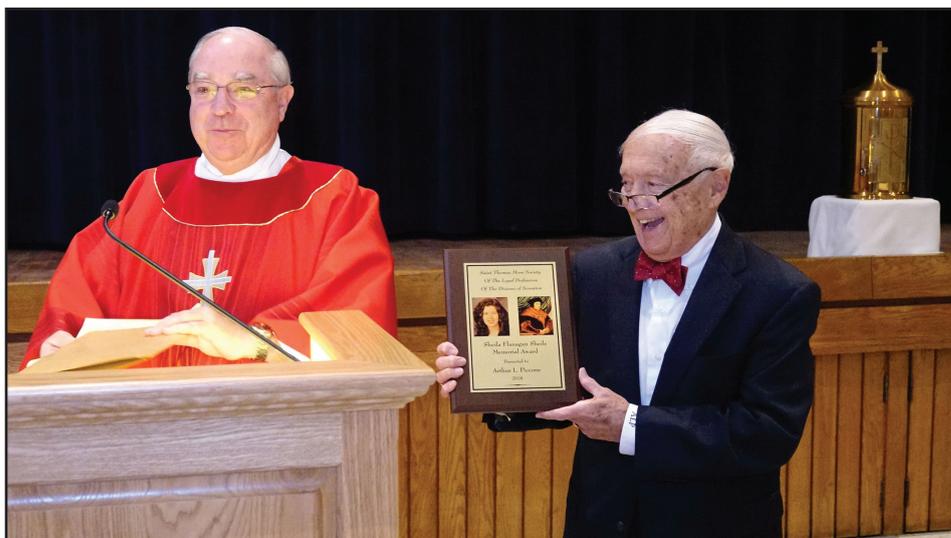
"As you stand watch over our community, you are called to be, and are, agents of reconciliation," he said. "And, we desperately need you to be like this Good Samaritan in the Gospel who goes out of his way to help the battered, bruised and beaten person lying hurt by the side of the road.

"We need those of you in the legal professions to stand guard, to watch, to be advocates for a just and loving society. To advocate for those who have no power. In a courtroom rich and poor, white and black, male and female should be treated equally. The law must be used to guard the rights of everyone, not favor one group over another."

Returning to the principle of reconciliation, Father Malloy cited how our nation today is bitterly divided. "The new creation for which we hope in faith must be brought about by those who can reconcile divergent attitudes and opinions. You must watch and guard and struggle to improve our political dialogue. You must safeguard community and justice for all. That's how you will be agents of reconciliation.

"You are our advocates. We pray, trust and hope you are open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as you watch over our legal systems. You come today to ask God to show you how to be agents of reconciliation and Good Samaritans."

For the Diocese of Scranton's Red Mass, members of the bar associations in the 11 counties that comprise the Diocese and the Diocesan Tribunal staff are invited to participate.



The Saint Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Scranton will present its annual Attorney Sheila Flanagan Sheils Memorial Award to a member of the Society for exhibiting the values, steadfast faith and conscience of Saint Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers, statesmen and politicians. This year's recipient is Attorney Arthur L. Piccone, Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn law firm in Kingston. Presenting the award (left) is Deacon Attorney Robert P. Sheils. *The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky*



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

October 9-11 – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Ecumenical & Interfaith Affairs Meeting, Chicago

October 21 – Mission Sunday Mass, Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

'Lord, you have the words of everlasting life'

Institution of Readers Rite for Permanent Deacon Candidates



Bishop Bambera celebrated the Institution of Readers Rite for eight candidates for the permanent diaconate at a Mass on Saturday, September 29, in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Candidates for the permanent diaconate are instituted as readers at the beginning of their third year in the five-year formation program. This ceremony is the Church's public commissioning of the candidate to serve the people as a reader of the Word of God. The candidates, listed with their home parishes, are pictured with Bishop Bambera after the Mass. From left: Eugene N. Blockus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lake Silkworth; Joseph Sudano, Saint Vincent de Paul, Milford; Peter J. Lemoncelli, Saint Ann's Basilica, Scranton; Angel Luis Rivera, Saint Luke, Stroudsburg; Gerard P. Pernot, Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea; Joseph R. Marcellus, Saint Thomas More, Lake Ariel; Joseph J. Chmiola Jr., Saint Jude, Mountain Top; John C. Jorda, Gate of Heaven, Dallas. *The Catholic Light Photo/Mike Melisky*

Bishop Bambera told the assembly that the rite that we celebrate with our deacon candidates today attests to their desire to respond to the Lord's call to discipleship in a profound manner.

"Your ministry as lectors and bearers of God's Word is essential to the life of the Church," he said. "As Jesus Christ made all things known to us and then entrusted his Church with the mission of preaching the Gospel to the whole world, you will assist in this mission, and so take on a special office within the Christian community. You will be given a responsibility in the service of our faith, namely, to proclaim the Word of Life in the liturgical assembly, to instruct children and adults in the ways of the gospel, and to bring the message of salvation to those who have not yet received it. What an awesome yet humbling responsibility!"

The Bishop continued, "Your journey to this day and ultimately to ordained ministry in the Church comes at an incredibly challenging moment in our history as a local Church. In the face of so much suffering that has emerged in countless numbers of lives because of the tragic reality of abuse – in the midst of feelings and emotions fraught with sadness, betrayal, anger and disillusionment – the authentic mission of the Church must continue. For that to occur, the Church looks to generous, faithful souls like you to carry us forward to a better place for all.

"My brothers, know above all else, then, how vital it is that, in the midst of fulfilling this responsibility, you live the message that you proclaim."

TANNERSVILLE – Our Lady of Victory commemorated its 50th anniversary as a parish during a special Mass on September 23, with Bishop Bambera as the principal celebrant. Father Richard Czachor, pastor, and priests of the Diocese concelebrated.

The Bishop encouraged parishioners to recall how their parish has grown from its humble beginnings in a little wooden church on Route 611, to the vibrant community it is today.

“You’ve come a long way to this beautiful parish complex,” he said. “But I suggest something. Your great, great gift and that for which you should all be recognized and appreciated is – as beautiful as this complex is – has little to do with a building. It really does. What it has to do with is the community of faith, and life, and love that you’ve built over the past 50 years.”

Following the Mass, a formal dinner was held at Stroudsmoor Country Inn at Ridgecrest in Stroudsburg with more than 200 parishioners and special guests attending.

The anniversary celebration will conclude with a parish mission October 14-17 led by Reverend Kevin Cronin, a Franciscan missionary. He will reflect on God’s love for us all with talks and prayer services. The parish mission is open to the public.



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Mike Melisky*

Notre Dame Regional School System Mass

During this year’s observance of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese, Bishop Bambera has celebrated Masses in each of the four regional school systems. The last of these Masses was celebrated for the Notre Dame Regional School System at Our Lady of Victory Church in Tannersville on October 3.



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Mike Melisky*



Young Church to Gather with Bishop Bambera on Sunday, November 4

“Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate,’ to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on,” said Pope Francis at the most recent World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. “No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark.”

For the past two years, hundreds of young people and families gathered in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. #LeaveaMark brought together public and Catholic high school students, college chaplains and students, young adults, families, women and men religious, priests, directors of religious education and youth ministers from throughout the Diocese.

Bishop Bambera is inviting the young church to gather once again this year in the Cathedral on Sunday, November 4, for a special Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

“The energy and enthusiasm of all who attended was joy-filled and promising for the future of our Diocese,” said Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and

Seminarians. “We wanted to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week with this event once again this year as we encourage the young church to live as intentional and missionary disciples in our world today. We are excited that this year’s #LeaveaMark will coincide with the conclusion of the 150th Anniversary year.”

Students and young adults from throughout the Diocese are helping plan the event. Promotions, liturgy, and reception subcommittees are working hard to build upon the foundation of the previous gatherings. Abbe Truschel, a senior at East Stroudsburg University, attended the event the past two years. This year she is volunteering on the committee.

“I decided to serve on the committee because I loved attending #LeaveaMark the past two years and wanted to enhance the experience, helping it to be the best it could possibly be,” she said. “I’m looking forward to seeing the youth and young adults of the church share in a special day that celebrates us answering Pope Francis’ call to ‘leave a mark.’”

For more information about this event, contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org.



Members of the #LeaveaMark18 planning committee met recently to discuss this year’s event and signup to serve on various subcommittees (promotions, liturgy, reception). Seated from left: Shannon Kowalski, Diocesan Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Dominick Costantino Jr., Diocesan Vocation Program Coordinator; Abbe Truschel. Standing: Sister Mindy Welding, IHM; Lauren Palmiter; Father Rick Malloy, SJ; Olivia Zehel; Elizabeth Arbie; Matthew Cunningham; Chloe Pearce; Thomas Cunningham; Annie Yanik; Stephen Hineline; Christine Skiro; Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Seminarians and Vocations; Katy Windels, Diocesan Coordinator for Service and Social Justice; Robert Yanik, Kathy Yaklic and Father Joe Elston.

Grotto Network at the University of Notre Dame Partners with Diocese

Sarah Yaklic, a native of the Diocese of Scranton, is currently the director of the Grotto Network at the University of Notre Dame. Through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and their website, they strive to meet young people where they are and connect with those who have fallen away from the Catholic faith.

The Grotto Network will help promote #LeaveaMark18 through their digital avenues, create some printed publications, offer webinars for our local high schools, colleges and universities, and have special Skype interviews from the 2018 Synod in Rome.

At #LeaveaMark18 on November 4, Sarah will offer a reflection at the end of Mass about her experience in Rome at the Synod and how she is living out her Catholic faith, which started in the Diocese of Scranton, as a young adult in our world today. She will

also be involved with a few activities at the reception following the Mass in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Grotto Network will be at both the Mass and reception to capture highlights of the day and interviews with our local young adults to be featured on this national platform.



Reviewing plans for #LeaveaMark18 are, from left: Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Seminarians and Vocations; Dominick Costantino Jr., Diocesan Vocation Program Coordinator; Shannon Kowalski, Diocesan Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry; and Sarah Yaklic, director of the Grotto Network at the University of Notre Dame.



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THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE

The #LeaveaMark event on November 4 will conclude the 150th Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Scranton. It will provide the opportunity for the young adults who gather to accept the invitation to shape the future of the Church of Scranton for generations to come.



At a Bold Choices young adult retreat, participants are focused on prayer, making choices based on faith, the art of discernment, and finding their passion and living it fully.

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The young people at the Synod also posed other questions:

What can the church do to help young Christians in countries where they are a minority? How are young people supposed to respond to their peers who ask about the sex abuse scandal and are convinced the church is “a lair of people more interested in money and power than good?”

Pope Francis said the young people’s use of the word “consistency” or “coherence” was striking.

“It’s a strong word: consistency. The consistency of life,” he said. “When you see an inconsistent church, a church that reads the beatitudes to you, but then falls into the most princely and scandalous forms of clericalism – I understand you. I understand.”

A Christian, he said, must put into practice the beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12 by being poor in spirit, pure of heart, meek and merciful, working for justice and peace.

And, especially if one is a priest or religious, he said, “follow the path of the beatitudes, not the path of worldliness, the path of clericalism, which is one of the ugliest perversions in the church.”

Young people, too, he said, “must be consistent in your journey and ask yourselves: ‘Am I consistent in my life?’”

The day before, young people from around the world told Pope Francis and members of the Synod of Bishops that they no longer want to remain on the sidelines

but want to take an active role in the church.

Young men and women from Chile, Argentina, Australia and Panama were among the delegates who addressed the synod in its opening days and spoke candidly about their hopes for the Catholic Church to address the challenges they face in the modern world.

“Young people don’t just want to be treated as such,” said Silvia Retamales, a member of the Chilean bishops’ youth office. “We need a different and open church that doesn’t close the doors on social, sexual and ethnic minorities.”

The role of women in the church, she added, must also be strengthened in areas “of real decision-making and participation in our communities.”

“I would like to be part of church in which everyone has a place and in which the voice of each member is considered without ‘demanding’ a certain prototype of faithful, in a profound encounter with the diversity in which Christ manifests himself,” Retamales said.

Mariano Garcia, national coordinator of youth ministry in Argentina, said the church needs to take greater care of young people, especially the poorest.

Many young men and women, he said, “live under the scourge of poverty – young people with their social, economic and cultural rights violated, wounded by the exclusive systems we are immersed in and that do not favor equality, equity and justice for true human development.”



The Diocese conducted a number of #PartnerwithFrancis listening sessions to gain insights from young people to offer to the Synod of Bishops occurring this month in Rome. Pictured is a session held at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore.

Diocese insights part of Synod conversations

In 2017, the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations hosted listening sessions throughout the Diocese and online surveys to gather the voices of the young church and those who work with them in our 11 counties in order to submit a comprehensive report to the Vatican in preparation for the Synod of Bishops. Over 500 individuals participated in the #PartnerwithFrancis initiative. Now, our feedback from the Diocese of Scranton is part of the global conversation about *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*.

A sampling of our hopes for the Synod:

“A recent report claims that nearly 50% of all teenagers will lose their “Catholic identity” by their late 20s! Sadly, the joy of the Gospel has not yet reached so many of my peers. My hope is that the Synod of Bishops gathered with Pope Francis will be humble enough to listen to young people in order to learn about issues that are important to them, to hear their needs and anxieties, as well as to share in their dreams and desires for the future. We as the Church must then be able to articulate our faith in such a way so that it is in dialogue with these experiences of our young people. Otherwise, an entire generation – *my generation* – will miss out on the beauty of sharing in a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community!”

– **Father Ryan P. Glenn**, Assistant Pastor, Saint John Neumann Parish, Scranton

“I participated in a #PartnerwithFrancis listening session when I was on the Holy Cross Habitat for Humanity trip last summer. It was a great experience, and I think it is great that our Diocese and the Catholic Church at-large care about what we have to say. I hope the feedback from our Diocese as well as from other young people from around the world will have great results in Rome this month.”

– **Conor Nealon**, freshman, University of Scranton

“I’m excited and eager to see how the Synod on *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment* will move not just our Diocese, but all of Catholic culture. The synod is first an affirmation to me that our Holy Father and the bishops of the Church understand that young people have a lot to offer. Pope Francis and the bishops are making us their focus for a whole month – they’re letting us do the talking and they’re listening. Once the synod is concluded it is our job, as a Diocese and as young people, to see that the effects are felt in the Diocese of Scranton. I have no doubt that our young people will take up the charge!”

– **Shannon Kowalski**, Diocesan Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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***Eucharistic Adoration - Praise & Worship Music -
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**Monday, October 15, 6:30PM, Saint Boniface Parish,
326 Washington Blvd., Williamsport**

**Friday, November 16, 7:00PM, Saint Matthew Parish,
78 Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg**

**Monday, December 3, 6:30PM, Nativity of Our Lord Parish,
127 Stephenson St., Duryea**

**For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org
or call 570-780-2996.**

Ladies of Charity Plan 'Recollection Day'

WILKES-BARRE — The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton announce they will host their annual Day of Recollection on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the day's program, which includes speaker's presentation at 10 a.m., recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m., and celebration of Mass with Father Richard Cirba at 11 a.m.

Following the Eucharistic liturgy, a luncheon will be served in the parish cafeteria.

During the day, a collection basket for pro-life donations will be available. New members to the Ladies of Charity are always welcome.

Cost for the luncheon is \$16 per person. Reservations are required by Oct. 28.

For reservations, forward payment check, payable to Ladies of Charity, to: Barb Thoma, 665 Nuangola Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707.

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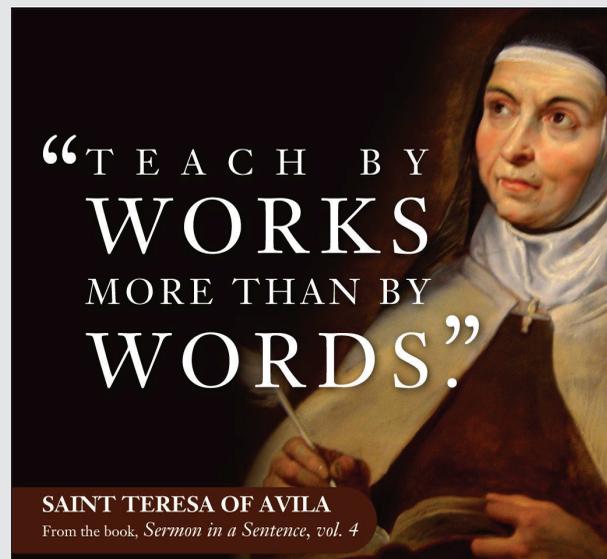
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Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus -- Oct. 15



Prayer Requests for Priests

The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule for the next three weeks is as follows:

Oct. 11, Father John Doris; Oct. 12, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty; Oct. 13, Father Michael Drevitch; Oct. 14, Father Cyril Edwards, V.E.; Oct. 15, Father Joseph Elston; Oct. 16, Monsignor John Esseff; Oct. 17, Father Joseph Evanko; Oct. 18, Monsignor William Feldcamp; Oct. 19, Father Samuel

Ferretti; Oct. 20, Father Michael Finn; Oct. 21, Father Paul Fontanella; Oct. 22, Father Richard Fox; Oct. 23, Father Martin Gaiardo; Oct. 24, Father Andrew Gallia; Oct. 25, Father J. Duane Gavitt; Oct. 26, Father Anthony Generose, J.V., V.E.; Oct. 27, Father Richard Ghezzi; Oct. 28, Father Ryan Glenn; Oct. 29, Holy Cross Father Anthony Grasso; Oct. 30, Father Joseph Greskiewicz; Oct. 31, Monsignor Vincent Grimalia.



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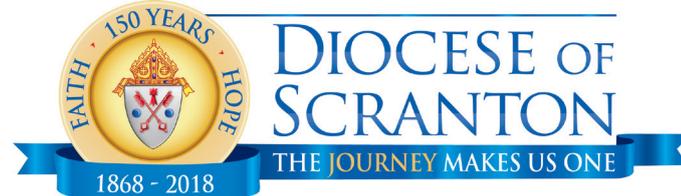
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Educators celebrate 150th Anniversary of Diocese at Teachers' Institute



By Sister Leonita Duhoski, RSM

Educators from the four Diocesan School Systems gathered in Wilkes-Barre for the Annual Diocesan Teachers' Institute on Monday, September 24.

The theme for the event, "We are Part of the Journey," reflects the theme for this year's observance of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese, "The Journey Makes Us One." As Catholic educators, the assembly shares the rich legacy of educating the young in the faith by Church leaders and by consecrated religious who, in the words of Bishop Bambera, "journeyed to the unknown and underdeveloped regions of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania to serve the mission of the Church."

Monsignor David L. Tressler, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the educators and expressed his appreciation to them for continuing the legacy of Catholic education through their commitment, professionalism and service to the Church of Scranton.

Bishop Bambera was principal celebrant and homilist at the liturgy. Concelebrants included Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Monsignor John A. Bergamo, Reverend Cyril D. Edwards, Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, Reverend Donald J. Williams, and Reverend Joseph D. Verespy. Also in attendance were Parish Life Coordinators Sister Mary Ann Cody, IHM, and Anthony Butel, and Deacons Andrew A. Fazio and William F. Behm.

Alluding to the readings selected for the Mass; namely, the call of Moses in the Book of Exodus and the mission of the twelve apostles in the Gospel of Luke, Bishop Bambera reminded the assembled that like Moses, who was used by God "as an instrument to bring life and freedom to his chosen people," the twelve apostles were also "engaged in the mission of Jesus and used by God as instruments of life and love."

Bishop Bambera continued, "Moses and the twelve and countless numbers of individuals down through the ages have been used by God to nurture and sustain a

people he calls his own. That's the way in which God has chosen to work in salvation history. The key for understanding the success of all of these unlikely disciples is their humility and their recognition of the radical need for God to take hold of their lives and to bring his plan to pass."

He added, "...in the particular roles that have been entrusted to us as teachers, administrators, counselors, coaches and Church leaders – we are Moses and the twelve *today!* We are the unlikely ones who have been called by God to this moment in the history of this portion of God's Church...our presence here today is testimony to how God works mightily in our lives – even and more often than not through unexpected events, circumstances and individuals."

As a final note of encouragement, Bishop Bambera offered this remark: "As unlikely and as ill-equipped as we may see ourselves to be – at this moment, God has called all of us – and especially you – to nurture the lives of thousands of young people – to impart knowledge and values – and by the example of our lives, to give them a reason to hope."

At the conclusion of the liturgy, a Prayer of Commitment, led by Monsignor Tressler, was recited after which seven teachers were recognized for 25 or more years in service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Scranton.

Presented by Bishop Bambera and assisted by Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Chief Operating Officer, the Saint John Paul II Award was presented to: Albert Callejas, Holy Cross High School; Lauren Gedrich, Holy Rosary Elementary School; Kathleen Kaiser, Holy Redeemer High School; John Mardyniak, Holy Family Academy; Roseanne Skaluba, Saint Clare/Saint Paul Elementary School; and Josephine Toomey, Wyoming Area Catholic School.

The educators then proceeded to Holy Redeemer High School for the keynote address given by Mrs. Jennifer Seechock, M.S., director of Counseling



Pictured with Bishop Bambera and Diocesan Catholic Schools officials are recipients of the Saint John Paul II Award for 25 or more years of dedicated service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Scranton. First row from left: Monsignor David L. Tressler, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Simkulak, Holy Rosary Elementary School; Kathleen Kaiser, Holy Redeemer High School; Bishop Bambera; Josephine Toomey, Wyoming Area Catholic School; Roseanne Skaluba, Saint Clare/Saint Paul Elementary School. Row 2: Kathleen Gilmartin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Lauren Gedrich, Holy Rosary Elementary School; Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Schools/Chief Operating Officer; Michele Long, Assistant Superintendent of Schools. John Mardyniak, Holy Family Academy, and Albert Callejas, Holy Cross High School, were also recipients of the award.



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Mike Melisky



Mass was celebrated at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Wilkes-Barre. After the liturgy, the educators then proceeded to Holy Redeemer High School for the keynote address given by Mrs. Jennifer Seechock, M.S., director of Counseling Services at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Scranton. Her topic was *Creative Interventions for Grieving Children*.

Services at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Scranton. She has been employed at the facility for the past 11 years, having first served as bereavement coordinator. Her experience comprises 13 years in the area of hospice care. Previously, she was employed at VNA and the Lupus Foundation.

She received a bachelor of science degree in human services and a master of science degree in human resources administra-

tion, both from the University of Scranton.

During her time at Sacred Heart Hospice, Mrs. Seechock participated in developing several bereavement programs for children. Two of these endeavors are *Camp Healing Hearts* and the *Dragonfly Program*. Another program, *Life Has Changed*, is a series for those who have lost a spouse.

In her presentation, *Creative Interventions for Grieving Chil-*

dren, Mrs. Seechock provided educators with information on the grieving process for children, and offered practical ways for attending to their needs as they navigate through loss. The specific points of the presentation included these sub-topics: Developmental Ages and Possible Reactions to Illness and Death, How Children Grieve Differently than Adults, and Suggested Activities to Assist Bereaved Children.

OCTOBER 15, 2018
7:00 PM

The Universal Call:

A REFLECTION ON THE CANONIZATION
OF OSCAR ROMERO

Join us for a showing of the 2009 film,
Romero and a discussion on social justice, Latin
America, and the meaning of sainthood.

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Office for Parish Life

Join Us For The WORD Convocation

(Convocation for Catechists)

Saturday, October 20, 2018
Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton



Registration is now open. [Click here](#) or go to: www.dioceseofscranton.org.

The Office for Parish Life invites DREs, catechists, RCIA teams, Youth Ministers, those on parish WORD Commissions, Catholic School teachers and anyone engaged in Ministry of the Word to share in the WORD Convocation.

The Keynote Speaker will be **Joan Weber** offering a presentation entitled, "Calling Families to Be Living Gospels." Pope Francis tweeted that Catholics should be living Gospels in the world. How can we support our families in deepening their faith and then witnessing to it? The keynote will offer parish leaders strategies for helping families break open the Word, have faith conversations at home, and accept Jesus' invitation to be missionary disciples by living out the Gospel in their everyday lives.

Joan Weber is Coordinator of the National Workshop Series and Lifelong Faith Formation at the Center for Ministry Development. She also serves as the Co-Coordinator for Young Neighbors in Action. She holds a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Creighton University and a Certificate in Faith and Justice. Joan is the former president of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association and content editor and author for the USCCB's book *Connecting Young Adults to Catholic Parishes*.



The convocation will also feature **Rich Curran**, Founder and Executive Director of Parish Success Group/Catholic Ministry Training and Consulting. Rich will offer two workshops, "Teaching through Apprenticeship" and "Structuring Parish Formation to Keep Continuous Contact with Parents and Adults."

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Mass, followed by the keynote presentation, lunch and a variety of workshops. Workshops will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

AN EVENING FOR THOSE WHO MINISTER TO MARRIAGE

Saturday, November 10th, 2018

6:00PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503



Please join us for a gathering of all those involved in Marriage Ministries across our Diocese: Pastors, PreCana Team members, Parish Sponsor Couples, FOCCUS Facilitators, NFP Trainers, etc. If you are involved – *or would like to be* - in any Marriage Ministry, through your parish or through the Diocese, come join us for a presentation, followed by desserts and conversation.

Jim Merhaut,
an inspiring
presenter and the author
of *Your Catholic Family:
Simple Ways to Share
the Faith at Home* and
many other books and
articles, will speak on the topic of
"Marriage: A Journey of
Expanding Appreciation for Others".



PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5:

Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, Office for Parish Life.

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2018 Ministry Skills Workshop Series

"Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue, and Intercultural Competencies"

November 17, 2018

9AM-3PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton



Ecumenism and the Interfaith Dialogue: Fr. Alex Roche will explain Vatican II's call to dialogue with our fellow Christians and those of other faiths, what has happened since the Council to continue this dialogue, and how the dialogue plays out in parish life.

Cultural Diversity and Parish Unity: Alejandra Marroquin will unpack best practices for parishes with culturally diverse populations to encourage integration and unity within the Church.

Fr. Alex Roche is Pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lake Silkworth and Chaplain at Misericordia University and Holy Redeemer High School.

Alejandra Marroquin is the Adult Behavioral Health Coordinator for Lackawanna/Susquehanna Counties. For the past 12 years Alejandra has worked with the Hispanic-Latino community in the greater Scranton Area, giving presentations and interviews in relation to the Hispanic-Latino community and immigration awareness.

The cost of registration for this workshop is \$30,
payable to The *Diocese of Scranton*.
Register online at : www.dioceseofscranton.org

For more information or questions,
contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213



Catholics gather to develop national pastoral plan for Hispanic ministry

Diocese delegates participate in National Fifth Encuentro in Texas

Catholic News Service and Staff Report

GRAPEVINE, Texas (CNS) – With hearts full of excitement and joy, about 3,000 Hispanic ministry leaders from across the U.S., including a delegation from the Diocese of Scranton, participated in the National Fifth Encuentro September 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas.

The gathering, also known as V Encuentro, was the culmination of a multiyear process of discernment and consultation that began at their parishes. It brought under one roof about 2,700 diocesan representatives, 125 bishops from 159 dioceses and archdioceses across the country, and other members of Catholic organizations. During the four-day event, they planned to continue the discernment process to develop a national pastoral plan for Hispanic ministry.

Pope Francis captivated the audience with a video message that was received with a standing ovation.

“I see that the Fifth Encuentro is a concrete way for the church in the U.S. to respond to the challenge of going beyond what is comfortable, business as usual, and to become a leaven of communion for all those who seek a future of hope, especially young people and families that live in the peripheries of society,” the pontiff said.

He also urged them to continue the process of pastoral conversion at all levels through an encounter with one another centered in the adoration of Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, welcomed the crowd and addressed the need for healing and accountability sparked by the clerical sex abuse scandal.

“As bishops, we have fallen short of what God expects of his shepherds. By this we again ask forgiveness from both the Lord and those who have been harmed, and from you, the people of God.” Cardinal DiNardo said.

He emphasized the efforts being made to support and accompany survivors in their healing and to implement stronger protections against sexual abuse.

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Los delegados de la diócesis participan en el quinto Encuentro Nacional en Texas

de noticias católicas y el informe de prensa

Grapevine, Texas (CNS) – con corazones llenos de emoción y alegría, cerca de 3.000 líderes de ministerios hispanos de todos los Estados Unidos, incluyendo una delegación de la diócesis de Scranton, participaron en el quinto Encuentro Nacional del 20-23 de septiembre en Grapevine, Texas.

El encuentro, también conocido como V Encuentro, fue la culminación de un proceso multianual de discernimiento y consulta que comenzó en sus parroquias. Trajo bajo un mismo techo a unos 2.700 representantes diocesanos, 125 obispos de 159 diócesis y Arquidiócesis de todo el país, y otros miembros de organizaciones católicas. Durante el evento de cuatro días, planearon continuar el proceso de discernimiento para desarrollar un plan pastoral nacional para el Ministerio Hispano.

El Papa Francis cautivó a la audiencia con un mensaje de video que fue recibido con una aclamación de pie.

“veo que el quinto encuentro es una manera concreta para que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos responda al reto de ir más allá de lo que es cómodo, de lo habitual, y de convertirse en un fermento de comunión para todos aquellos que buscan un futuro de esperanza, especialmente los jóvenes y las familias que viven en las periferias de la sociedad,” dijo el Pontífice.

También les insistió a continuar el proceso de conversión pastoral a todos los niveles a través de un encuentro con el otro centrado en la adoración de Jesucristo.

El cardenal Daniel N. DiNardo de Galveston-Houston, Presidente de la Conferencia de obispos católicos de Estados Unidos, dio la bienvenida a la multitud y se dirigió a la necesidad de curación y rendición de cuentas provocada por el escándalo de abuso sexual clerical.

“Como obispos, nos hemos quedado cortos de lo que Dios espera de sus pastores. Con esto volvemos a pedir perdón tanto por el Señor como por los que han sido heridos, y por vosotros, el pueblo de Dios,” El cardenal DiNardo dijo.

Enfatizó los esfuerzos que se están haciendo para apoyar y acompañar a los sobrevivientes en su curación y para implementar protecciones más fuertes contra el abuso sexual.

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Representando a la diócesis de Scranton en el quinto Encuentro Nacional en Texas fueron, desde la izquierda: Catherine Butel, Secretaria Diocesana para la vida parroquial; Alejandra Marroquín y Gladys Guardia, equipo diocesano V Encuentro; Luis Rivera, Coordinador de integración cultural parroquial, oficina para la vida parroquial; y el padre Jaime Pérez Restrepo, Vicario Parroquial en San Mateo de East Stroudsburg.

Representing the Diocese of Scranton at the National Fifth Encuentro in Texas were, from left: Catherine Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life; Alejandra Marroquin and Gladys Guardia, Diocesan V Encuentro Team; Luis Rivera, Coordinator for Parish Cultural Integration, Office for Parish Life; and Father Jaime Perez Restrepo, Parochial Vicar, Saint Matthew in East Stroudsburg.

Realizing the Fruits of the V Encuentro for the Church of Scranton

Here in the Diocese of Scranton, ten parishes participated in the small group process of V Encuentro in the Spring of 2017. More than 200 adults joined in the Diocesan V Encuentro day in 2017, during which the participants identified six priorities for action in regard to Hispanic ministry and parish integration. This information as taken by the Diocesan V Encuentro Team to the Region III Encuentro Day in April of 2018, and the results of the Regional event were incorporated into the working document for the National Encuentro. Representing the Diocese of Scranton for the National V Encuentro were: Alejandra Marroquin, Gladys Guardia, Luis Rivera, Father Jaime Perez Restrepo and Catherine Butel. These delegates identified several “next steps” for our local church, including:

- Regather with the whole Diocesan V Encuentro Team to share learnings and to define a local pastoral plan for Hispanic Ministry;
- Participate in training for intercultural competence – and bring this training out to our parishes;
- Provide a workshop on liturgical music for Hispanic Music Ministries;
- Continue to expand access to all Diocesan formation opportunities for parish members of Hispanic descent and Spanish language learners;
- Provide Spanish language portions for all Diocesan communication media, like *The Catholic Light* and the Diocesan website;
- Foster the development of spiritual movements and retreats in a united manner in the church, with English and Spanish language participants; and,
- Consider a Diocesan observance of Hispanic Heritage Month by 2019.

Realized los frutos del del V Encuentro para la diócesis de Scranton

Aquí en la diócesis de Scranton, diez parroquias participaron en el proceso de grupos pequeños de V Encuentro en la primavera de 2017. Más de 200 adultos se unieron en el V día de encuentro diocesano en 2017, durante los cuales los participantes identificaron seis prioridades para la acción en relación con el Ministerio Hispano y la integración parroquial. Esta información fue tomada por el equipo diocesano V Encuentro a la Jornada de Encuentro de la región III en abril de 2018, y los resultados del evento regional fueron incorporados al documento de trabajo del encuentro nacional. En representación de la diócesis de Scranton para el V Encuentro Nacional fueron: Alejandra Marroquín, Gladys Guardia, Luis Rivera, padre Jaime A. Pérez Restrepo y Catherine Butel. Estos delegados identificaron varios “próximos pasos” para nuestra iglesia local, incluyendo:

- Reunirse con todo el equipo diocesano V Encuentro para compartir lo aprendido y definir un plan pastoral local para el Ministerio Hispano;
- Participar en la formación para la competencia intercultural – y llevar esta formación a nuestras parroquias;
- proveer un taller sobre música litúrgica para los ministerios de música hispana.
- Continuar expandiendo el acceso a todas las oportunidades de formación Diocesana para los miembros de la parroquia de ascendencia hispana y estudiantes de habla española;
- proporcionar en español todos los medios de comunicación diocesanos, como la *luz católica* y la página diocesana del web
- Fomentar el desarrollo de movimientos espirituales y retiros de manera unida en la iglesia, con participantes en los idiomas de Inglés y Español; y,
- considerar la observancia Diocesana, del mes de la herencia Hispana ya para el 2019.



Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., was inaugurated as the University of Scranton's 27th president on September 21. Bishop Bambera gave the invocation at the ceremony. Here Father Pilarz is flanked by two of his predecessors, Reverend Herbert B. Keller, S.J., and Reverend Joseph M. McShane, S.J.

Catholics gather to develop national pastoral plan for Hispanic ministry

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"Amidst this darkness the Encuentro is a light that shines and illuminates the way forward. The enthusiasm, compassion, the love and the joy of the Encuentro process is a means of grace. A gift to us as we rebuild the church," the cardinal told the Encuentro participants.

Remembering the nearly five decades of Encuentros in the United States, Mercy Sister Ana Maria Pineda, a theologian at Santa Clara University in California, called the Texas gathering a historic moment.

"We are the elders and the offspring of the sacred history woven with the many threads of the past and the present and looking toward the future," she said. "We recall the past and how God has traveled with us throughout these many decades as Catholic Hispanics, Latinos."

International guests included Archbishop Christophe Pierre, nuncio to the U.S.; Guzman Carriquiry, secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America; and bishop-representatives from the Latin American bishops' council, or CELAM, as well as from Canada, El Salvador and Mexico.

Through a process of missionary work, consultation, leadership development and community building, the Encuentro seeks to develop better ways in which the Catholic Church responds to Hispanic Catholics in parishes around the country and to strengthen them as leaders and missionary disciples.

Hispanics represent about 40 percent of U.S. Catholics and nearly 60 percent of millennial Catholics, according to research from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

Hispanic Catholic leaders are living an important moment in the history of the Catholic church in the U.S. and are called to rise and continue the work of building the church, Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said during the closing Mass.

"The Encuentro has made us see our missionary reality and responsibility as Hispanic Catholics in the United States," he said. "But most important, the Encuentro has made us reflect on the personal 'encounter' with Jesus Christ."

Archbishop Gomez reminded the faithful that they're missionary disciples on a journey, just like those who walked with Jesus in Galilee and Jerusalem.

The journey eventually reached Latin America and was sealed with God's love in the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, who entrusted him with the mission of building the church in the Americas.

"Jesus entrusted the mission of his church in the New World to a layperson. Not to a priest or a bishop. Nor to a member of a religious order," Archbishop Gomez said. "You are the children of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our present times; you are the spiritual heirs of Juan Diego. The mission that was entrusted to him, is now entrusted to you."



V ENCUESTRO

DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS: TESTIGOS DEL AMOR DE DIOS
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE

Reverend Walter Plominski Dies in Rochester

Reverend Walter Plominski, 75, went home to meet the Lord on Oct. 4, 2018.

Father Plominski recently celebrated his 50-year jubilee. He was a native of Wilkes-Barre and served in many parishes in the dioceses of Scranton and Rochester.

He was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Felicia (Plominski) Palmer, and his brother, Frank Plominski.

He is survived by a sister, Bernadette (Dale) Orr; sister-in-law, Patricia



Reverend Walter Plominski

Plominski; stepmother, Margaret Kolojechick

Palmer; nine stepbrothers and stepsisters; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on October 9 in Rochester. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, 150 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618.

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"En medio de esta oscuridad, el encuentro es una luz que brilla e ilumina el camino a seguir. El entusiasmo, la compasión, el amor y la alegría del proceso encuentro es un medio de gracia. Un regalo para nosotros mientras reconstruimos la iglesia," dijo el cardenal a los participantes del encuentro.

Recordando las casi cinco décadas de encuentros en los Estados Unidos, la hermana de la misericordia, Ana María Pineda, una teóloga en la Universidad de Santa Clara en California, llamó a la reunión de Texas un momento histórico.

"Somos los ancianos y la descendencia de la historia sagrada tejida con los muchos hilos del pasado y el presente y mirando hacia el futuro," dijo. "recordamos el pasado y cómo Dios ha viajado con nosotros a través de estas muchas décadas como hispanos católicos, latinos."

Invitados internacionales incluían al arzobispo Christophe Pierre, Nuncio en los Estados Unidos; Guzmán Carriquiry, Secretario de la Comisión Pontificia para América Latina; y obispo-representantes del Consejo Episcopal latinoamericano, o CELAM, así como de Canadá, el Salvador y México.

A través de un proceso de trabajo misionero, consulta, desarrollo de liderazgo y construcción comunitaria, el encuentro busca desarrollar mejores formas en las que la iglesia católica responda a los católicos hispanos en las parroquias de todo el país y fortalecerlos como líderes y discípulos misioneros.

Los hispanos representan alrededor del 40 por ciento de los católicos de Estados Unidos y casi el 60 por ciento de los católicos milenarios, según la investigación del centro de investigación aplicada en el apostolado(CARA).

Los líderes Católicos Hispanos de están viviendo un momento importante en la historia de la iglesia católica en los Estados Unidos y están llamados a levantarse y continuar el trabajo de construir la iglesia, dijo el arzobispo de los Ángeles, José H. Gómez, durante la Misa de clausura.

"el encuentro nos ha hecho ver nuestra realidad misionera y nuestra responsabilidad como católicos hispanos en los Estados Unidos," dijo. "pero lo más importante, el encuentro nos ha hecho reflexionar sobre el 'encuentro' personal con Jesucristo."

El arzobispo Gómez recordó a los fieles que son discípulos misioneros en un viaje, al igual que los que caminaban con Jesús en Galilea y Jerusalén.

El viaje llegó a América Latina y fue sellado con el amor de Dios en la aparición de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a San Juan Diego, quien le confió la misión de construir la iglesia en las Américas.

"Jesús confió la misión de su Iglesia en el nuevo mundo a un laico. No a un sacerdote o a un obispo. Ni a un miembro de una orden religiosa," dijo el arzobispo Gómez. "ustedes son los hijos de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en nuestros tiempos actuales; sois los herederos espirituales de Juan Diego. La misión que se le confió, ahora se le confía a usted."

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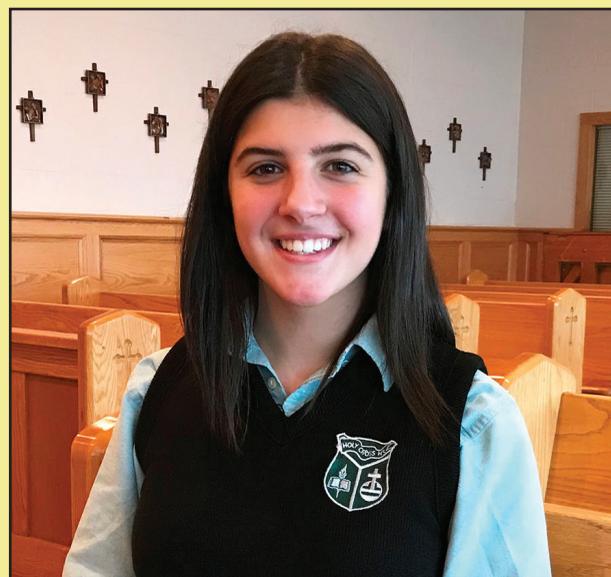
The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.

Principal Michael Reese recently announced that Sarah Liskowicz, a senior at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre**, was named a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program, honoring her exceptional academic promise.



To learn more about the academically excellent and faith-filled community at Holy Redeemer High School, come to their Open House on Sunday, October 21, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the school, located at 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilkes-Barre. Call the school at 570-829-2424 or visit them at www.holyredeemerhs.org for more details.

Caroline Kranick, a senior at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, has been named a National Merit Scholar. An active member of the student body, she is involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Mock Trial, and IHM Dual Enrollment Program with Marywood University. Caroline is also a member of the soccer, basketball, and track and field teams.



The students, faculty and administration cordially invite interested students and their families to explore all the academic and extra-curricular activities available at **Holy Cross High School** by attending their Open House on Sunday, October 28, from 12 – 3 p.m. at the school, located at 501 East Drinker Street in Dunmore. For more information, call the school at 570-346-7541 or visit them at www.hchspa.org.



Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green recently held elections for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Pictured are Vice President Emma Ratchford, Secretary Cara McCall, President Madeline Bormes and Treasurer Ben Rothwell. Since 1929, NJHS has honored middle school students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.



Holy Rosary School in Duryea recently celebrated Grandparents Day with a school-wide Mass, which included Joe Butcher and his granddaughter Paige Kaminsky. A luncheon and musical program for the grandparents of the Kindergarten and 1st grade students followed the liturgy.



The Artist in Residency Program began at **Epiphany School in Sayre** in September; during this film and media residency, taught by Rand Whipple, students will learn stop motion animation, film, and green screen techniques so they can conceive and create digital books. The program will conclude on November 13 with a “Red Carpet Presentation” to the parents showcasing the students’ work.



Diocese of Scranton Vocations Director Father Don Williams celebrated the Feast of the Guardian Angels with the students and faculty of **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Father Williams spoke with the 7th and 8th graders about vocations. Those in attendance included John Evans, Jillian DelBalso, Michael Fino, Principal Jim Jones, Father Williams, John Gillespie, Jaden Evanoski, Cassie Gdovin and Aydetn Langdon.



Bethany McEwen, a student at **Saint Agnes School in Towanda**, received an honorable mention at a recent forensics competition for her recitation of “Monster Mama” by Liz Rosenburg. Assisted by team coach Mrs. Stacie Cox, Bethany will represent her school at the regional forensic competition later in October.



Students from grades Pre-K to 3rd at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** are learning about fire safety during October’s Fire Prevention Month. They recently enjoyed a visit from Marshall from Paw Patrol.



Julia Rossi and Katie Thornton, 8th grade students at **La Salle Academy in Jessup**, demonstrate some “hands-on” learning with an ionic bonding saltwater circuit.



Second grade students at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** pose with school counselor Mrs. Elizabeth Devine after reading “Creepy Carrots” and learning about how to show courage.



Students and their families as well as the faculty and staff at **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport** collected paper towels and toilet paper for the victims ravaged by Hurricane Florence.



Students at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** celebrated the beginning of the 2018-19 school year by visiting the school's annual Scholastic Book Fair where they could purchase a variety of books.



Celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Father Bert Kozen, school chaplain, blesses the "animals" of PreK-3 through 1st grade students at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport**.

The National Junior Honor Society at **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** recently held inductions. Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship and Character — the five tenets of the society — were highlighted during the ceremony attended by students in grades 3rd through 8th and the inductees' families. Newly inducted officers outlined the responsibilities of the new members as part of one of the nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious student recognition programs.



The Student Council of **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** recently held a bake sale to assist with Hurricane Florence Relief and presented a check for \$130 to William Goldsworthy, director of the American Red Cross in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, and Susquehanna counties. Pictured are Student Council moderator Mrs. Walsh, Vincent Contardi, Hayden Foland, Mr. Goldsworthy, Kendall Morris, Principal Rishcoff and Anna Weiss.

The newest members of the Peer Listeners Program were formally introduced to the student body as they took their Pledge of Confidentiality at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg**. These specially trained students meet with fellow students who would like to confidentially talk about a school or personal issue, including having classroom difficulties, a disagreement they have had with family or friend, or relationship troubles.



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Pictured on left is Mikayla Dearborn from Montrose. On the right is Emily Becker from Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake.

Pray and Give Generously on **OCTOBER 21, 2018**

World Mission Sunday



A Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton at 12:15 on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant. Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will concelebrate. The homilist will be Father Dominic Obour, Assistant Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Archbald. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass.

Diocese of Scranton

Bishop Bambera's Letter for World Mission Sunday

My dear friends in Christ,

You are a mission! I suspect that such a statement may surprise us and even have us scratching our heads in wonder. And yet, the Church reminds us – particularly during this month of October – that we are not simply called to be missionary disciples, but are a mission ourselves. A “mission” involves movement, typically going from one place to another for a very specific and important purpose. When the Church speaks of disciples as a “mission,” it speaks of an interior movement of one’s heart and soul outwardly for the purpose of evangelization, a movement inspired by the gifts of the Spirit stirring us to share our faith in word and in deed.

Pope Francis draws on this image as he writes to the Church – and specifically to young people – in his annual message for World Mission Sunday, which we celebrate on October 21. “Every man and woman *is* a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth,” he writes. Our Holy Father’s words echo the sentiments shared in his encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis addresses the Church in his message for World Mission Sunday to come out of ourselves to inspire, to serve, and to preach the Good News. He speaks of the youthful zeal in young men and women that cultivates an “infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfillment in life.”



Who better to take charge of the mission of inspiring and cultivating joy in our world than our youngest disciples? They possess a particular appreciation for the value of searching for truth and meaning. They embody a joy that is sometimes eclipsed or tucked away in the lives of older disciples because of life’s many responsibilities and distractions. Pope Francis speaks of the power within us all to lead people to Christ, the One who fulfills our hopes and desires. He calls upon young men and women to motivate all – old and young – to embrace the call to holiness and mission.

As the Church reflects on the theme of this year’s World Mission Sunday, “Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all,” let us all pray for a resurgence of that childlike faith of which our Lord speaks. We seek what is at the core of our faith, a life dedicated to sharing the Gospel in all that we do. With humility and trust, we turn to God who has given us this unique call but also gives us the grace to accomplish it. The words of our Lord from the Gospel of Mark which we will hear on World Mission Sunday come to mind: “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mk. 10:45). Together, we pray for the strength to live as Christ lived and to serve as He served. Together we seek to serve and not be served.



Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
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—From the message of Pope Francis for the 2018 World Mission Sunday celebration.



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By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
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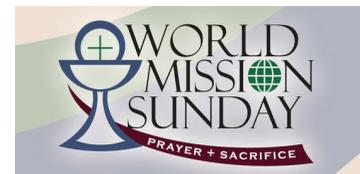


Each October, the Church focusses Her prayer and reflection on the needs of the missions locally and abroad. For many in the “mission” world, October is synonymous with the missions because it is a dedicated time to educate others of this unique work entrusted to the Church and how our prayers, involvement, and sharing of resources is crucial to the support of our brothers and sisters near and far.

In fact, as we approach World Mission Sunday this October 21, it is my hope that we will renew ourselves and each other in support of the critical work of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. World Mission Sunday is set aside each year as “one Sunday to help the whole world.”

That, my friends, is a tall task and a humbling responsibility.

Recently, my parishes have been invited to participate in a stewardship pilot program. One hears the word stewardship and



understandably leaps to the bottom line of the parish regarding needed funds to support the church financially. Indeed, we want more from you, but we don’t need your financial support alone.

Stewardship is a response in recognition of the gifts that we have received from God. We’re called to recognize that these gifts first and foremost belong to God who gives them to us to be used and to be multiplied. We are entrusted with so much that we’re called to be thankful for it and to share it with others.

What a wonderful way to consider the support of the missions.

The National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies challenges us to recommit ourselves “to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.”

What I find so compelling about this call to recommitment is that the life of the “missionary” is so broad. We do not have

to ship off to a distant land and spend our lives in direct service to the poor.

Many of us would find this difficult or impossible to accomplish — perhaps because age, illness, family commitments, and other challenges make such a move simply not possible. But as the Church has taught consistently and as Pope Francis has reminded us, we are all missionaries and, as such, that call unfolds in many ways.

During this missionary month of October, we commit ourselves to be missionaries and pray for the grace to see how pivotal our individual participation in the missions is. Our mission may not be to travel to a faraway place. It’s perhaps to do what we can in sharing our prayers, support, and resources.

Just as Sunday can help the whole world, we depend on one person after one person to help the world. Saint James reminds us, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). We give thanks for the gifts from above and share them with all those in need.

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U of S to Host Lecture by Holy See's United Nations Envoy

A lecture on "Global Migration: Shared Responsibility and Solidarity" by Archbishop Bernardito C. Auza, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Organization of American States and Titular Archbishop of Suacia, will be held at the University of Scranton Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The lecture, which is free of charge and open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the McIlhenny Ballroom of the DeNaples Center on the University's campus.

Archbishop Auza's talk will draw on the United Nations' work on behalf of migrants through the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which is expected to be the first, intergovernmental negotiated agreement, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations, to cover all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner.

The 2018 concluding session of intergovernmental negotiations



Archbishop Bernardito Auza

on migration was the culmination of a nearly two-year process. The agreement details 23 international objectives, including the eradication of human trafficking and "use of migration detention only as a measure of last resort."

In his statement, Archbishop Auza said the Global Compact is the "first-ever comprehensive framework on migration and will serve as the international reference point for best practices and international cooperation in the

global management of migration, not only for Governments, but also for non-governmental entities among which are the faith-based organizations, who are truly the hands and feet on the ground to assist migrants in difficulty."

A native of the Philippines, Archbishop Auza was ordained a priest in 1985. He earned a doctorate in theology and entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1990. He served at the Apostolic Nunciature in Madagascar, Bulgaria and Albania, and in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican. In 2008, he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti and that same year was ordained Titular Archbishop of Suacia. He was appointed Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Organization of American States in 2014.

For more information about the lecture, contact the University's Office of Government and Community Relations at (570-941-4419) or email: community@scranton.edu.

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Harrisburg Women's Conference to Celebrate 'Humanae Vitae'

The fourth annual Women's Conference hosted by the Diocese of Harrisburg will celebrate the enduring spirit and legacy of *Humanae Vitae*, as the Catholic Church continues to observe the 50th anniversary of the monumental Vatican II document.

Open to all women, the conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Bishop McDevitt High School, 1 Crusader Way, Harrisburg.

Headlining the event will be guest speaker Jennifer Fulwiler, well-known radio personality and author who will deliver the keynote address: "Pro-Choice to Pro-Life Conversion."

The women's conference will include 36 workshops, Holy Hour, Catholic exhibitors, Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), lunch, music ministry by Women at the Well, and celebration of Mass by Bishop Ronald Gainer of Harrisburg.

Registration is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women.

Diocese to Host Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Seminars

The Diocese of Scranton will host a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training seminar on Thursday, October 18, and again on Saturday, October 27, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour certification course that introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, and builds an understanding of the importance of early intervention.

The training program is designed for adults who regularly interact with adolescents (12 to 18 years old), particularly parents, teachers, coaches, youth leaders and volunteers.

The course teaches participants the risk factors and warning signs of a variety of mental health challenges common among adolescents, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders, disruptive behavior and substance abuse.

Not intended to instruct in a diagnosis or provide therapy or counseling, the program offers a five-step action plan to support an adolescent who is developing signs and symptoms of mental illness or is experiencing an emotional crisis.

Course fee is \$10, including all materials and lunch. Early registration suggested since classes fill early. To register, email clynd@ecneahec.org or call (610-379-2001).

Daybreak Youth Retreat November 9-11

The Daybreak retreat, to be held November 9-11 at Saint Gabriel's Retreat House, Clarks Summit, is a peer-facilitated retreat specifically for 8th and 9th grade students. The weekend will focus on forming good communication skills and healthy Christ-centered relationships with oneself, with

family, and with friends. Students will come away with a better understanding of how to be the face of Christ for other people, new friendships and the tools needed to make old friendships even better! For more information, visit www.dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-2213 EXT.1155.

Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion.

If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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The Office for Parish Life will be hosting information sessions and discussions on Voting with a Catholic Conscience, using the USCCB's 2018 "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." Dates for upcoming events are listed below.

If your parish is interested in hosting one of these sessions, please contact Katy Windels at Katy-Windels@dioceseofscranton.org. We will continue to publish more dates throughout the month.

October 23, 6:30-8 PM

Mary Mother of God Parish, Scranton

October 25, 6:30-8 PM

Saint John Neumann Parish, Lords Valley

October 30, 6:30-8 PM

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport

TBD

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingmans Ferry

Pittston Parish Announces Schedule for 61st Saint Jude Novena



Friday at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday devotions are offered at noon and 4 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions precede all Novena devotions, except on Sunday.

Scheduled Novena homilists are as follows: Friday, Oct. 19, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Monsignor John Bendik; Saturday, Oct. 20, 12 noon and 4 p.m., Father Jeffrey

Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Sacramental Minister at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m., Father Jeffrey Walsh, V.E., and 5 p.m., Father Joseph Verespy.

Monday, Oct. 22, 12 noon, Father James Alco, and 7 p.m., Father Michael Drevitch; Tuesday, Oct. 23, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Ryan Glenn.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Seth Wasnock;

Thursday, Oct. 25, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Thomas Maloney, pastor emeritus.

Friday, Oct. 26, 12 noon and 7 p.m., Father Louis Grippe; Saturday, Oct. 27, 12 noon and 4 p.m., Father Jeffrey Walsh, V.E.

On the Feast of Saint Jude, Sunday, Oct. 28, Father Walsh will celebrate the Novena's closing liturgies at 12 noon and again at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the parish office at (570-654-0263).

Group Plans October 13 Outdoor Rosary Rallies

A group of Diocesan faithful dedicated to an increase in devotion to the Blessed Mother will host consecutive public Rosary rallies on Saturday, Oct. 13, in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties.

Commemorating the 101st anniversary of the final Marian apparition at Fatima, Portugal, on Oct. 13, 1917, the outdoor Rosary devotions will coincide with the 23,000 rallies being sponsored that day throughout the country

by "America Needs Fatima" for greater spiritual conversion and reparation for sins.

The Rosary Crusade in Scranton begins at 12 noon with a public prayer rally at Lackawanna County's Courthouse Square on North Washington Ave., with prayers and Rosary recitation led by Josie Roman.

Three hours later, at 3 p.m., an outdoor Rosary rally will be hosted at the Fatima shrine on the grounds of Saint Joseph's Oblate

Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, director of the seminary, will lead the devotion and public recitation of Rosary prayers, to be followed by celebration of Mass in the seminary chapel.

Local musical artist and vocalist Ernie Pappa will provide the music ministry at both events. All faithful are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Josie Roman at (570-342-5614) or the Oblates of Saint Joseph seminary at (570-654-7542).

End-of-Life Healthcare Focus of King's Lecture

WILKES-BARRE — "Being There: What Contemporary Health Care Owes Persons at the End of Life" will be the topic for the annual Feast of Saint Francis Lecture, to be hosted by King's College on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium of the McGowan School of Business on campus.

Guest speaker for the free public lecture will be Mercy Sister Patricia Talone, past vice president of Mission Services for the Catholic Health Association, who will focus on the increased confusion, pain and suffering often associated with end-of-life care and discuss the Catholic Church's ethical and pastoral approaches to the subject.

Author of the book *Feeding the Dying: Religion and End of Life Decisions*, Sister Talone will compare secular notions of death with the teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi. Her presentation is sponsored by the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King's.

Sister Talone currently serves on the board of the Mid-America Transplant Services and was a board member of the National Catholic AIDS Network for more than ten years. She earned her master's degree from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, and a doctorate in theological ethics from Marquette University, and served as a visiting fellow at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington.

The McGowan School of Business is located at the corner of North River and West Union streets, Wilkes-Barre. Free parking will be available in on-campus lots. For more information, contact Dr. Bernard Prusak, director of the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, at (570-208-5900 ext. 5689).

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Weekly Bible Study — OCT. 12, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — OCT. 12, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers every Friday from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square, North Washington Ave., in downtown Scranton (weather permitting). Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer

devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Fatima Rosary Devotion — OCT. 13, in honor of the 101st anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima; hosted by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. in the parish church; devotional service also includes benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession, and hymns of praise. Social will follow in the parish hall; all faithful are welcome.

"America Needs Fatima" Public Rosary Rally — OCT. 13, sponsored by Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Hawley, in conjunction with more than 23,000 Rosary rallies across America offered as a penitential prayer gathering for blessings on the United States through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and in reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Public Rosary Rally held from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Bingham Park in Hawley. For more information, contact Catherine Hansen at (570-226-9281).

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — OCT. 13, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 11 a.m. Devotion

includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church. All faithful are welcome.

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Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — OCT. 13 & 27, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at St. Peter's Cathedral, (570-344-7231).

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Father Ciszek Day Slated October 21

SHENANDOAH — The Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League invites all faithful for the annual observance of Father Ciszek Day on Sunday, Oct. 21, celebrating the exemplary spiritual life, works and unwavering faith of Jesuit Father Walter J. Ciszek.

The day will be highlighted by the celebration of Divine Liturgy at 2 p.m. in Saint Casimir Catholic Church, 229 North Jardin St., Shenandoah.

Serving as principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Alfred A. Schlert of Allentown. A social will follow the liturgy in the church hall.

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Prayer League Center, 218 West Cherry St., Shenandoah, will be open to visitors earlier in the day from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Father Ciszek served the Jesuits as a teacher and missionary in Eastern Europe. It was during this ministry that the Catholic priest was arrested by Soviet authorities and imprisoned for numerous years in a labor camp in Siberia.

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Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion — OCT. 14, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting — OCT. 15, hosted by St. Barbara Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Memorial St., Exeter; prayer group meets every Monday at 11:15 a.m. Mass is celebrated at 12:10 p.m. following recitation of the "Flame of Love" Rosary. All faithful are welcome.

Monthly Evening of Marian Devotion — OCT. 15, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and the Legion of Mary; devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fatima prayers, hymns, and newly composed music for the Scriptural mysteries led by Ernie Pappa, who will facilitate the evening. All are invited to attend.

"Alpha" Spirituality Course Sessions — OCT. 16-NOV. 20, hosted by St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 330 North Maple Ave., Kingston; weekly series gatherings offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. "Alpha" courses provide a safe and open environment to explore life issues and a path to happiness through Jesus Christ; sessions include meal-sharing, video screening and faith discussions in the context of small group interaction. All faith questions are welcome and encouraged. Pre-registration requested; contact the parish office at (570-288-6446).

Living Rosary Devotion — OCT. 17, hosted by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township; Rosary prayers in honor of the Blessed Mother will be recited at 7 p.m. Social will follow in the church hall; all faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-881-8702).

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — OCT. 17, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions. Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marelllo. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

Weekly Bible Study — OCT. 17, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — OCT. 17, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — OCT. 17, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. All faithful are welcome.

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Weekly Bereavement Support Group — **OCT. 17-NOV. 13**, hosted by the Bereavement Ministry of the parish community of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Veronica, Hawley; support group will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (following celebration of Mass) in the parish hall. Six-week program offered to those seeking healing by addressing topics dealing with the grief process. For more information, contact Rosemarie at (570-390-4196) or the rectory office at (570-226-3183).

Fall Preached Retreat: "The Passion of Jesus Christ" — **OCT. 19-21**, hosted by St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit; open to both men and women. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m. (no meal served) and concludes following the noon meal on Sunday. Retreat director: Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh. For more information and reservations, call (570-586-4957) or email: kporter@epix.net. Deposit is required.

PHL Respect Life Banquet November 5

WILKES-BARRE — The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will host their Annual Respect Life Banquet on Monday, Nov. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. at Genetti's Best Western in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Keynote speaker for the evening program will be David Bereit, acclaimed author, speaker and founder of "40 Days for Life" — the anti-abortion pro-life network that boasts more than 2,000 local leaders and 750,000 volunteers in over 700 cities in every state in America.

Advance reservations are required; the cost is \$35 per person. To secure reservations, forward payment to: PHL, 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (please include phone number). No tickets will be sold at the door.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — **OCT. 20**, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at Little Flower Manor, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes-Barre. For more information, contact Rose Bordi at (570-445-5457).

Bereavement Support Gatherings — **OCT. 21**, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m., and the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m., in the Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit. All are welcome; no registration is required.

Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites — **OCT. 21**, canonically established community of the Diocese of Scranton; gatherings are usually held on the third Sunday of every month at Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, Luzerne County. All are welcome, especially those who feel called to a deeper consecration in life and wish to experience Carmelite spirituality and community. Call Ann Marie Fierro (570-454-4493), Nicole Tranguch (570-751-4729) or Marie Schimmelbusch (570-822-6561) for more information.

22nd Anniversary Celebration of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of Unborn" — **OCT. 21**, prayerful commemoration begins at 2 p.m. at the Knights' Tomb of the Unborn, located at the

top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton; Rosary prayers will be recited. All Knights of Columbus of the Wyoming Valley and area faithful are invited to attend. For more information, contact Patrick Umbra at (570-822-3597).

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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

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First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese

Masses & Devotions

— hosted by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton; held at the parish's Church of the Transfiguration, 213 W. Green St., West Hazleton. Holy Hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held from 5 to 5:45 p.m., followed by celebration of Mass at 6 p.m.

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; held at Saint Stanislaus worship site, 666 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Confessions are heard beginning at 6 p.m., followed by recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 7 p.m.

— hosted at Sacred Heart Church, 554 Main St., Weston; Mass with Eucharistic procession celebrated at 6:30 p.m. (confessions heard prior). Mass followed by Litany of the Saints and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour includes recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and silent prayer with closing benediction.

Pro-Life Rosary Vigils

— sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square (on North Washington Ave.) in downtown Scranton. Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayerful devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

— held outside the offices of Planned Parenthood, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre; group gathers at 9 a.m. Rosary prayers are offered for an end to abortion.

Eucharistic Adorations

— hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the celebration of the 6:50 a.m. Mass and continues until 8 p.m. For more information, call the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2).

— sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; hosted each month by Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton. Begins with Mass at 12:05 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. with the Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Communion service and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

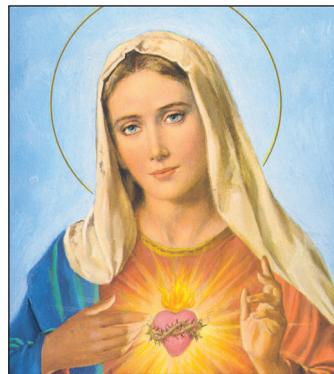
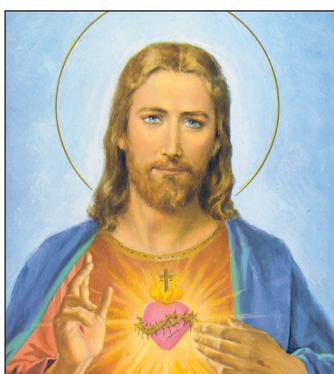
— offered for the special intention of vocations to the priesthood; hosted by Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Saint Ann's St., west Scranton. Adoration begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes with benediction at 4:45 p.m.

Healing Masses

— hosted by Saint Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a prelude of contemporary music and Marian hymns. Celebration of Healing Mass follows at 7 p.m. and includes anointing blessing and prayers for healing; recitation of the Rosary will also be offered, led by Adele Garofalo. Music ministry for the evening will be provided by Ernie Pappa.

— hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca; celebrated at 7 p.m. in Saint Mary Church, 715 Hawthorne St. For more information, call the parish rectory (570-457-3412).

Blue Army Reparation Vigil



The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **November 2** at Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction, litany and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15 p.m.



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Spiritual Events Throughout the Diocese

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — OCT. 23-DEC. 18, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena devotion offered on nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap.: Spiritual Counselor & Wonder Worker." All faithful

are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — NOV. 1, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6

p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at St. Peter's Cathedral (570-344-7231).

First Friday Marian Devotion & Healing Mass — NOV. 2, hosted by St. Lucy Parish at St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., west Scranton; begins at 6:30 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary and devotional prayers led by Adele Garofalo. Healing Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., including prayers for healing and anointing blessing. Music ministry provided by Ernie Pappa. All faithful are welcome.

Women's Prayer Breakfast — NOV. 3, hosted by Women of the Worker at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport; featuring a presentation on "The Eucharist" by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.

Event opens with celebration of Mass at 8:30 a.m. at the parish worship site of Annunciation Church, 702 West Fourth St., Williamsport; breakfast and program follow beginning at 9:30 a.m. at The Fleming Center, 720 West Fourth St., with speaker's address at 10:30 a.m. Cost: adults, \$15; youth (ages 12 to 18), \$10. Registration requested by Oct. 23. To register, email: wowsjw@gmail.com or call (570-323-9456).

Monthly Ladies Afternoon of Recollection — NOV. 3, hosted by the Ladies Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., west Scranton; gatherings are held on the first Saturday of the month beginning at 1 p.m. Centered around the theme of prayer, sessions are offered for the spiritual enrichment of its members and the larger community; meetings end at approximately 2:15 p.m. and are followed by fellowship in the church hall. Anyone interested in attending may receive handout

materials and Scripture readings in advance by emailing: melkite.scranton@gmail.com.

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — NOV. 7, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — NOV. 14, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly prayer service held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). All are welcome. For more information, call (570-346-5404).

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Evangelization Institute

Catholic Happenings

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Recital — OCT. 12, featuring Alessandro Pittorino, organist; 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performance is open to the public free of charge.

Free Community Luncheon — OCT. 13, sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton; lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall at 240 S. Poplar St., Hazleton. Meal is offered to the community free of charge. All are welcome.

Annual Fall Festival — OCT. 14, sponsored by SS. Peter & Paul Parish in west Scranton; beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the church hall, 1309 West Locust St. Featuring homemade ethnic foods, including pierogi, pigs-in-the-blanket, potato pancakes, halushki, and traditional Portuguese foods & desserts; event also includes homemade bake sale items, theme basket raffle, games, and children's activities.

Weekly Bingo — OCT. 15, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dickson City; bingo games held every Monday evening, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Early bird games begin at 6:40 p.m.; regular games start at 7 p.m. Admission fee includes 20 games; progressive jackpot each week. Homemade food sold before the bingo; homemade pizza available during the games and for take-out. Return coupon for new players; door prizes awarded each week. Van shuttle service provided free of charge from Carbondale and Scranton. For more information, call (570-489-2091).

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — OCT. 17 & NOV. 7, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes

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**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 27TH**

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8:00 – 9:00

Main Program
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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on years of service. Awards have been presented in the following categories:

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for ten or more years of service.

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Saint John Neumann Award
for five or more years of service.

Saint Therese Award for three or more years of service in Special Education.

Saint Martha Associate Award for three or more years of service.

The list of this year's honorees can be found on www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated annually in parishes across the United States on the third Sunday in September. This year, Catechetical Sunday fell on September 16, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Catholic bishops of the United States have declared the theme for the 2018-2019 catechetical year as: *Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ*.

Bishop Robert Barron, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, writes: "We are living in a secularized society which continues to squeeze Christianity to the margins, or completely out of engagement with Jesus Christ and

the Church...At the same time, we are blessed with an incredibly generous cohort of faithful who are sacramentally graced to give Gospel witness in their homes, schools and workplace, if only they were invited, trained and supported in their outreach as missionary disciples.

"It will take the whole Church's witness and engagement of the 'Nones,' inside and outside the walls of the church and across society, to reach out, accompany them, and share the joy of the gospel with them."

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

CTV LOCAL ORIGATION IS BOXED IN BOLD BORDER, OTHER PROGRAMMING IS FROM EWTN

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 AM	EWTN SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY
1:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	G.K. CHESTERTON
2:00 AM	ICONS SPOTLIGHT						EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	DEFENDING LIFE	EWTN GALLERY	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION			ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING
3:30 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	OUR FAITH IN ACTION	PAPAL AUDIENCE(3:50AM)	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH
3:40 AM			CONTEMPLATION		FORGOTTEN HERITAGE		BEHOLD THE MAN
4:00 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	CONSUMING THE WORD	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS
4:30 AM	THE WILD GOOSE	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM			CATHOLICS COME HOME
5:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS					
5:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS
6:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL						STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	HOLY LAND ROSARY					
7:00 AM	LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
7:30 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)					
8:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	YOU AND THE GOD OF MERCY	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	BUGTIME ADVENTURES
8:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MY TIME WITH JESUS
9:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS					FAMILY THEATER
9:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	WOMEN OF GRACE				BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT
10:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM		THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	LIVE WITH PASSION
10:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m. "DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.					
11:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)					
11:30 AM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	10 COMMANDMENTS OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE
1:00 PM	IN CONCERT	FATIMA: HEAVEN'S PEACE PLAN	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	IMAGES OF MARY	QUEEN OF HEAVEN	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY	EWTN BOOKMARK
1:30 PM		CALL TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION
2:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG						
2:30 PM	REFLECTIONS						
3:00 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					
3:15 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY					
3:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK					
3:45 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	CALL TO COMMUNION
4:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	A FORCE FOR GOOD	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE
4:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS					
5:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)					
5:30 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA		CHURCH AND POOR
6:00 PM		THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					
6:30 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY		
7:00 PM	YOU AND THE GOD OF MERCY	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK					
7:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	
8:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)			
8:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	
9:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK	
9:30 PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	FATHERS FOR GOOD	CROSSING THE GOAL	BEHOLD THE MAN	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	
10:00 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE					
10:30 PM							WEB OF FAITH 2.0
11:00 PM							
11:30 PM							

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homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Annual Pasta Dinner — **OCT. 18**, sponsored by the Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave., Scranton; dinners served from 5 to 8 p.m. in the church hall (take-outs available beginning at 4 p.m.). Dinner includes penne pasta & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and coffee. Cost: adults, \$9; children (ages 5 to 11), \$4. Tickets available at the door or by contacting the parish office (570-343-6092).

Fall Festival & Chicken Dinner — **OCT. 20**, sponsored by Visitation of the BVM Parish in Dickson City; held from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 625 Dundaff St., Dickson City. Homemade stuffed boneless chicken breast dinner includes salad, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverage; sit-down and take-out service available. Event includes basket raffle and bake sale. Dinner cost: adults, \$12; children's chicken nugget dinner: \$5. Advance reservations encouraged; limited tickets at the door. Contact the parish office at 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City; phone: (570-489-2091).

Summer Throwback Festival — **OCT. 20**, hosted by Holy Rosary Parish, 240 South Poplar St., Hazleton; held immediately following the 4:15 p.m. Mass until 7 p.m. in the church hall. Festival foods available for eat-in or take-out service include potato cakes, hot dogs & hamburgers, waffles & ice cream, and cold beverages. Trick tray items will be on display, with tickets available for purchase for the drawing on Nov. 3 at the Family Pasta Dinner.

Annual Craft Fair & Home Showcase — **OCT. 21**, sponsored by the Holy Cross High School Parent Club; held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross High School, 501 E. Drinker St., Dunmore. Featuring more than 95 vendors

displaying jewelry, festive candles & soaps, candies, ceramics, pottery, home-décor items and more; also includes basket raffle, door prizes and homemade food for sale. Admission fee: \$3 (senior citizens & students, \$2). For vendor information, call (570-614-3727). All proceeds benefit Holy Cross school programs.

Catholic Worker Farm Dinner Benefit — **OCT. 21**, sponsored by the Social Justice and Stewardship committees of St. Therese Parish in Shavertown; roasted pork dinner fundraiser will benefit the work at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm in Harveys Lake. Dinner held from 2 to 6 p.m. in the parish's Father Sammons Hall, located in the church basement; event includes basket raffle and other activities. Dinner cost: \$15 per person, includes roast pork tenderloin and side dishes (take-out orders available). Advance reservations only; no tickets will be sold at the door. For advance tickets and more information, contact the parish rectory office (570-696-1144).

University Lecture: "Global Migration: Shared Responsibility and Solidarity" — **OCT. 23**, sponsored by the University of Scranton, featuring Archbishop Bernardito Auzas, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. in the McIlhenny Ballroom, DeNaples Center, on the U of S campus. Open to the public free of charge; no registration required. For more information, call (570-941-4419) or email: community@scranton.edu.

University Event: Meet the Author & Book Signing — **OCT. 24**, sponsored by the University of Scranton's Panuska College of Professional Studies, featuring JoAnn Kuehner, author of *Oh, for the Love of Haiti*, chronicling her 30 years of experiences helping the poor of Haiti, and founder of "Hope for Haiti," an international charity providing assistance to Haitians; held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Kane Forum of Leahy Hall,

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51st Annual Family-Style Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner — OCT. 24, hosted by St. Luke Church, 120 Kendall Ave., Jersey Shore; lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner served from 4 to 7 p.m. (take-out orders available all day). Featuring pork & sauerkraut, knockwurst, mashed potatoes, dumplings, homemade applesauce, bread, homemade dessert and beverage. Cost: adults, \$9 in advance, or \$9.50 at door; children (ages 6 to 12), \$3.50. Tickets available by calling the parish office (570-745-3301) or Sue at (570-398-0352).

Pork Roast Dinner — OCT. 27, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermy; sit-down dinner served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (take-outs available from 2 to 4 p.m.). Menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, rolls, and variety of homemade desserts. Theme basket raffle will also be held. Dinner cost: \$12 per person. For more information and tickets, contact Annette at the rectory office (570-876-1061).

Piggie Dinner — OCT. 28, hosted by St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church, 143 West Division St., Wilkes-Barre; served from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the parish's Padden Hall (school cafeteria). Dinner includes pigs-in-blanket, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverage. Cost: adults, \$10; children (under age 10), \$5. For more information, call (570-823-3791).

Meatloaf Dinner & Basket Raffle — NOV. 3, sponsored by Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas; served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall (take-outs available from 4 to 7 p.m.). Meatloaf dinner includes mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, cole slaw, homemade applesauce, rolls and dessert pie. Cost: \$10 per person. Advance reservations only; tickets available at all weekend Masses or by calling (570-675-2121).

Night at the Races — NOV. 3, sponsored by the Royal Parents Club of Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at the school, 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. Admission fee: \$10 (adults only), includes food and refreshments; horses may be purchased for \$10 each. Event also includes special prize auction and basket raffle drawings. For more information, contact Holy Redeemer High School at (570-829-2424).

Family Pasta Dinner — NOV. 3, hosted by Holy Rosary Parish, 240 South Poplar St., Hazleton; held immediately following the 4:15 p.m. Mass until 7 p.m. in the church hall. Advance tickets only; available after all Masses until Oct. 31. Cost: adults, \$10; children (under age 10), \$5. Event also includes drawings for tricky trays and children's games.

Annual Roast Beef Dinner — NOV. 4, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish in north Scranton; dinner held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Stirna's Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Scranton (take-out orders available). Cost: adults, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door; children (under age 10), \$5. Advance tickets available at the parish rectory, 316 William St., Scranton; call (570-342-4881).

Toy Bingo — NOV. 4, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1 p.m. Admission fee: \$10. Seating is limited; advance reservations are encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Mary at the parish office (570-823-4988).

Election Day Pasta & Meatball Dinner — NOV. 6, sponsored by St. John Bosco Parish, SR 93, Conyngham; sit-down dinners served from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parish center (take-out orders begin at 3:30 p.m.). Theme basket and raffle drawings will also be held. Dinner includes pasta & meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade dessert and soft beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; children (ages 10 & under), \$5. Tickets available by calling the parish office (570-788-1997);

following all weekend Masses or at the door.

Third Annual Ukrainian Orphanage Fundraiser — NOV. 10, sponsored by the Orphan Outreach Ministry of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Gilbert (Brodheads ville); tricky tray games party to be held in the parish's McCawley Hall at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Route 209, Brodheads ville, with proceeds to benefit an orphanage for disabled children in war-torn Ukraine. Doors open at 9 a.m.; drawings begin at 12:30 p.m. Food and beverage items will be available for purchase. Admission cost: \$10, includes two sheets of tickets; additional sheets available for purchase. Theme basket raffle donations will be accepted at the parish office. For more information, contact Sandie Flannery at Flannery@QOPchurch.org or call (570-350-9652).

Designer Purse Bingo — NOV. 11, sponsored by the Ladies of Mary of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Buttonwood, Hanover Township; hosted at Warrior Run Fire Hall, 316 Academy St., Warrior Run. Prizes feature signature name-brand purses; includes 20 games,

with four specials available. Admission fee: \$20 (in advance); \$25 (at door). For tickets, contact Bonnie (570-762-7342); Donna (570-466-4077) or Susan (570-371-3490).

Parish Presentation: "Changing Habits" — DEC. 1, sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women of St. Benedict

Parish in Wilkes-Barre; program begins at 7 p.m. in the parish church hall, 157 Austin Ave., Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre. Show features the entertainment ensemble "Changing Habits," an outreach ministry of Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas. Free-will donation is requested; all proceeds will benefit area needy. Refreshments to follow.

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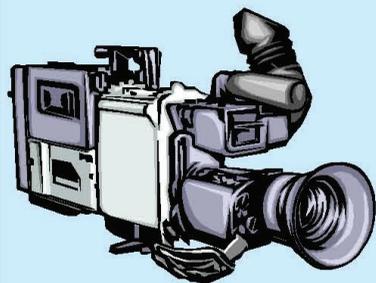
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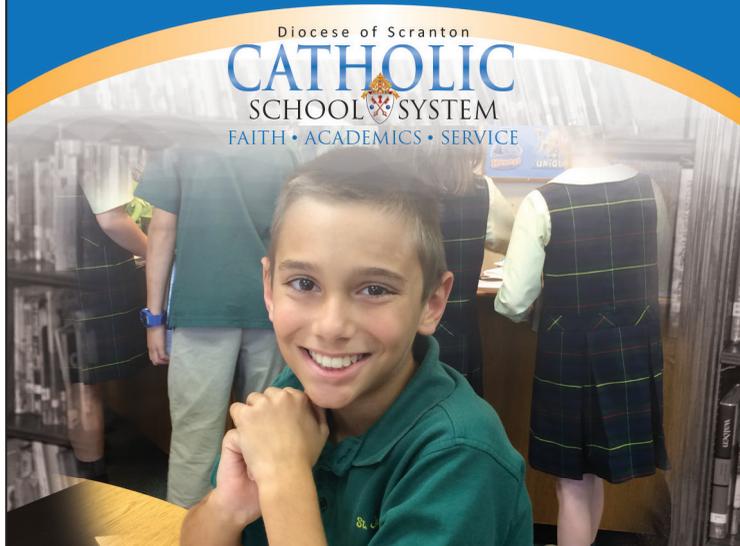
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