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Weekly E-Newsletter

October 6, 2022

Celebrating 100 years of service

Mass celebrating Centenary of the Founding of the Little Sisters of Saint Francis held in Archbald



For nearly 100 years, the Little Sisters of Saint Francis have spread joy, hope, happiness and a love of the Gospel wherever they have gone.

As the religious congregation prepares to celebrate the centenary of its founding in 2023, many of the Catholic sisters who minister to the poor and marginalized in the United States gathered for Mass at Christ the King Parish in Lackawanna County on Oct. 1, 2022.

“Today is a big day for us because we are launching the centennial celebration of our foundress, Mother Kevin Kearney, who founded the Little Sisters of Saint Francis in Uganda, East Africa, in 1923,” Sister Lucy Marindany, LSOSF, said.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Eucharistic celebration.

Two sisters, Sister Nancy Kamau, LSOSF, and Sister Julietha Mduma, LSOSF, currently live in the convent at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Eynon and serve local missions that benefit many people in the Scranton area.

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Eight men called to Candidacy for Permanent Diaconate



As a member of Saint Ann Parish in Shohola, Frank A. Fanelli has served his community through the Knights of Columbus for several years. He has proudly helped to distribute thousands of meals over that time but is now looking to serve his community in a new way.

On Oct. 1, 2022, Fanelli was one of eight faith-filled men who took a step toward ordination as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Scranton during a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

“I’ve had the calling for a while. It (Mass) was actually tear jerking. This is the first step in a long process,” he explained. “I’m just looking to help people.”

The Mass, in which the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist, included the Rite of Candidacy.

During the Rite of Candidacy, Bishop Bambera accepted the men to formally enter the diaconate formation process as Candidates. Over the next four years, these men will receive spiritual, theological and pastoral formation, and upon completion, will be called to ordination as permanent deacons.

The Rite of Candidacy is the first official recognition of the positive signs of a man’s vocation to the permanent diaconate.

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"Be a Catholic Man" Conference to take place Saturday in Wilkes-Barre

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7th Annual Diocese of Scranton

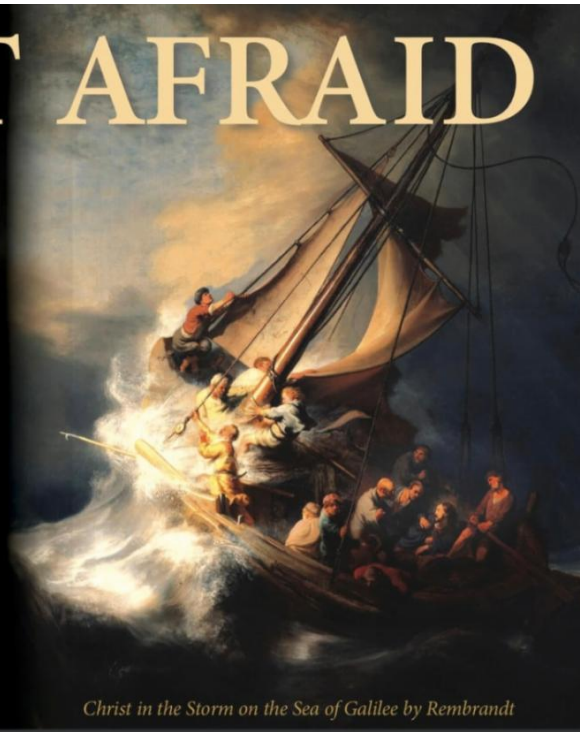
Be a Catholic Man Conference

Holy Redeemer High School

159 South Pennsylvania Ave. • Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Saturday, 8 am - 3:00 pm

Oct. 8, 2022



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee by Rembrandt

The 7th annual "Be a Catholic Man Conference" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre.

The conference runs from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$40 and includes conference admission, lunch and coffee.

This year's speakers include Dr. Ralph Martin, president of Renewal Ministries, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization; Kevin Wells, former sports reporter with the Tampa Tribune and best-selling author; and Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R., one of the eight founding members of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

In addition to speakers, there will also be Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the Rosary, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation.

[For More Information or to Register for the "Be A Catholic Man Conference"](#)

Diocesan Annual Appeal funding helps pregnant mothers and their newborns

October is Respect Life Month

*"Without this place, I have no idea what I would have done. . .
I am so grateful that I found Shepherd's Maternity House,
the staff here is wonderful."*

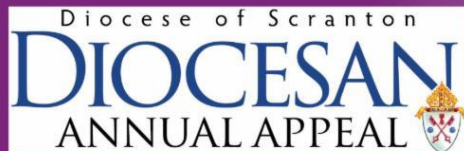
- Jessica

New Mom staying at Shepherd's Maternity House



By supporting **Catholic Social Services**, Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg is able to offer love and support to mothers and infants in their time of need.

The agency also serves as a lifeline to tens of thousands of other families and seniors by providing food, clothing, shelter and other necessary assistance.



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

Your generosity to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal reaches many of our friends and neighbors throughout the 11 county area of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

October is Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church and one of the many things that funding from the Diocesan Annual Appeal supports is Catholic Social Services, which operates Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg.

Shepherd's Maternity House provides a loving, safe, supportive environment for pregnant women or women who have just given birth, along with their infants.

Gifts to the Appeal provide necessary support that fulfills basic needs and builds the future of our Church. God calls us to share our gifts with others to build up the Kingdom of God.

No gift is too small to make a difference!

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Bishop celebrates Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi at Scranton Kitchen



On October 4, 2022, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera visited the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton to celebrate the Feast Day of the popular saint.

Widely known as the patron of animals, Saint Francis of Assisi is also the patron of environmentalists, merchants and Catholic Action.

Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen feeds the hungry in collaboration with volunteers and donors from all faith communities. The Kitchen provides a free, hot, nutritious meal to all guests every day of the year. Staff and volunteers strive to be of assistance to others and serve with a spirit of compassion, dignity and respect.

[Watch the Video on the Diocese of Scranton YouTube Channel](#)

True discernment requires knowing oneself, Pope Francis says



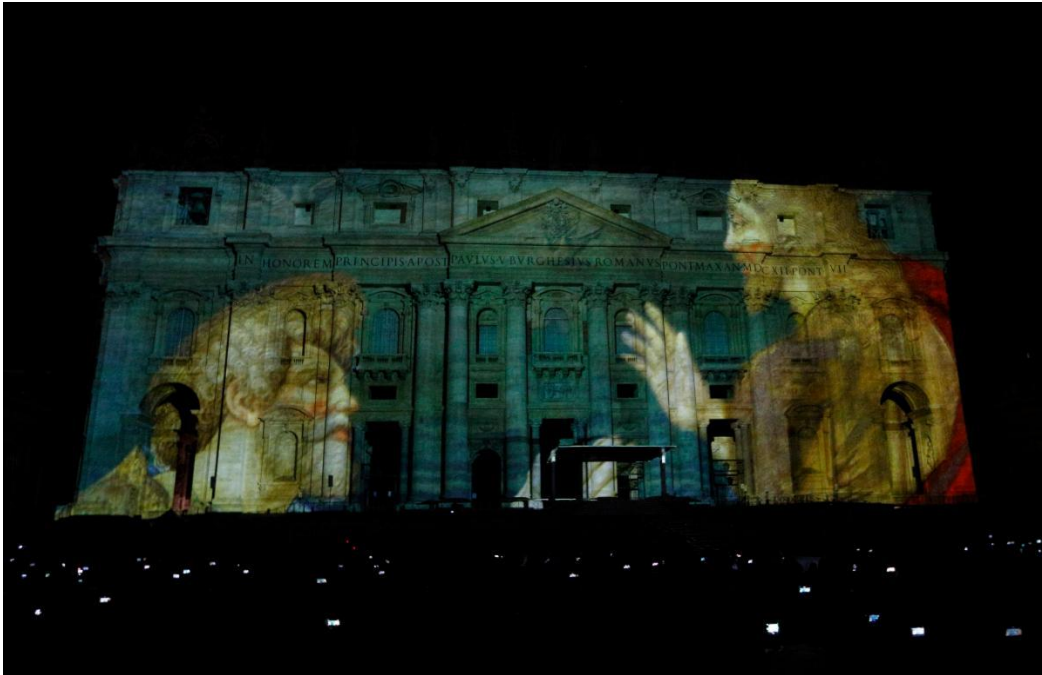
To know oneself is a gift and a grace that allows Christians to properly discern between feelings and convictions, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Oct. 5, the pope said that knowing oneself requires "patient soul-searching" and the awareness of one's "way of acting, of the feelings that dwell within us."

"It also requires that we distinguish between emotions and spiritual faculties," he said. "I feel' is not the same as 'I am convinced.' 'I feel like' is not the same as 'I want.' Thus, we come to recognize that the view we have of ourselves and of reality is at times somewhat distorted. To realize this is a grace!"

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**Thousands attend premiere of film on St.
Peter's Basilica**



As thousands of people sat in the dark in St. Peter's Square, they watched fish jump from the facade of the basilica, saw the word "no" form and dissolve three times and heard an actor reciting the part of St. Peter speak about the overwhelming love and mercy of Jesus.

They also heard tenor Andrea Bocelli sing four songs, including "The First Noel" from the soon-to-be released Christmas album he made with his children Matteo and Virginia.

The nighttime event Oct. 2 was the premiere of "Follow Me," an eight-minute film about the life and faith of St. Peter.

Using "video mapping," images of St. Peter from the basilica's collection and that of the Vatican Museums were turned into 3D video clips and projected onto the facade of the basilica, which is built over the presumed tomb of the apostle.

The film was to be shown every 15 minutes between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. until Oct. 16.

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**All are invited to Eucharistic Adoration
tonight (Oct. 6) in Laflin**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



The First Thursday of
Every Month

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

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