Diocese of Covington will participate in monthlong global prayer marathon for end of pandemic

Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service
VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

“The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world,” in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary, “to pray for the end of the pandemic,” said the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in a press release April 21.

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“Perhaps a rosary recited in common before or after daily and week-end Mass — or at least a decade of the rosary,” Bishop Foys said.

“However you choose to take part my hope is that we will have people praying with the rest of the world to Our Blessed Mother in the month of May seeking her intercession for an end to the pandemic.”

At the Curia, each morning after Mass a decade of the rosary will be recited over the intercom so that diocesan staff can pray together from their offices. During the month of May at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, the rosary will be prayed after daily Mass. Parishioners are also encouraged to pray the rosary at 6 p.m. on Mondays, “as a way to be united in prayer as a parish,” Father Ryan Mahler, rector, said. Parishioners are also encouraged to pray the rosary every day in May as part of the global prayer marathon.

The pope will open the monthlong prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31, the council said.

The Messenger staff contributed to this report.

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker celebrated May 1 to honor dignity of work and workers

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St. Joseph is one of a few saints to have two feast days. St. Joseph’s feast day on March 19 is an ancient liturgical designation, established on the Western calendar in 1479. Today it honors St. Joseph as the earthly father of Jesus, patron of the dying and of the Universal Church.

His second feast day, the solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker, was established in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. In his document “Allocation to the Christian Association of Italian Workers” Pope Pius XII said, “We are happy to announce to you our determination to institute — as in fact we do institute — the liturgical feast of St. Joseph the Worker, assigning it as the first day of May . . . . (The) humble worker of Nazareth not only personifies before God and the Church the dignity of the man who works with his hands, but is always the provident guardian of you and your families.”

This new feast day was instituted to not only increase devotion to St. Joseph but also as an answer to the May Day celebrations for workers sponsored by the Communist Party.

During the past 150 years the popes of the Catholic Church have stressed the importance of the dignity of all workers.

On May 11, 1941 Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical Rerum (Continued on page 6)

Statue of St. Joseph the Worker at St. Francis Xavier Church, Falmouth, with the parish’s relic of St. Joseph in the reliquary.

Yeamans photo
Camp Springs DPAA window project is an ‘expression of faith’ of parishioners then and now

Laura Keener

At St. Joseph Parish, Camp Springs, its 2021 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal rebate project was not made known by a small, still voice — it was revealed by the wind.

The protective coverings of the 10 stained-glass windows lining the nave of the charming country church had yellowed over the estimated 50 years since they were installed. So much so that the beauty of the windows behind them were all but completely obscured. During a recent wind storm, one of the protective coverings blew out.

“We had talked about replacing them since I got here three years ago,” said Father Ryan Stenger, pastor. “This past fall, we had heavy winds and one of the covers blew out and shattered all over the hillside. It became a more urgent project.”

Father Stenger said that insurance covered the replacement of the storm-damaged cover; but the parish still had nine more window coverings to replace. Additional inspection revealed that the windows had sustained damage due to age and heat buildup between the windows and the coverings. The $60,000 project included installing new frames and recementing the panels, cleaning the exterior of the windows, replacing a few broken panels of glass and stabilizing some areas that had bubbled or cracked. The work was completed by Easter 2021.

“The new covers make the church look a lot nicer. You can see the windows from outside and the light comes in the church a lot more brightly now,” said Father Stenger. “The new coverings also protect the windows better; they are vented so the heat doesn’t build up.”

With the DPAA, any monies a parish collects over its diocesan goal is rebated back to the parish for parish projects. Typically, St. Joseph Parish, Camp Springs, collects about $5,000 over its goal each year and Father Stenger said that the parish is on track to do the same this year.

And while this year’s DPAA rebate won’t cover the entire expense of the window project, it will cover a “large chunk.”

Father Stenger said that the new coverings are allowing new light to stream into the church adding warmth to its liturgies. The new light also had him second guessing himself.

“When the windows were first put in I was walking outside the church and it looked so bright inside that I thought I had left the lights on,” he said. “I went in to turn the lights off and saw that it was just the sunlight inside the church.”

The stained-glass windows, themselves, were donated by parishioners and installed between 1905 and 1912 — a time when the parish was experiencing renewal after a short period of neglect. According to the “History of the Diocese of Covington,” by Rev. Paul Ryan, Father Joseph Haustermann, pastor from 1894 to 1909, had in mind to relocate the church to a more central location, “As a result, both the buildings and the church property were neglected.” Parishioners, “bitterly opposed the proposal.” Only 18 months after Father Haustermann’s resignation and the appointment of pastor Father Charles Woeste, “St. Joseph Parish was restored to its normal condition.” The determined parishioners, with their pastor, increased the beauty of the church by adding the stained glass windows and three large oil paintings by renowned artist Louis Lapointe.

For current parishioners and their pastor, restoring the stained-glass windows means more than protection from the weather.

“In our case, the windows are an expression of the faith of the parishioners who came before us who donated and sacrificed to make this happen,” said Father Stenger. “Also, the windows bring beauty into our church and into our liturgy. Beauty is a way that God reveals himself to us and a way that we express our love for him in our worship. When we are able to bring greater beauty into the liturgy and into our churches, I think it helps us draw closer to God and to experience him more in our worship.”
The name Joseph — help to increase faith

Father Jordan Hainsey
Messenger Contributor

Joseph (Czech, German, Scandinavian), Joseph (Greek), Giuseppe (Italian), Josef (Polish), José (Portuguese, Spanish), Josef (Rumanian), Joseph (Russian), Joseph (Gaelic)

Names are central to life. When a child is born, he or she receives a name that will carry with them for the entirety of their life. It is something they respond to, something they write, and something that becomes known to others. Names are connected to identity.

Names too are important in holy Scripture. For a person to know the name of another, meant power for that is what makes the story of the Burning Bush so important — God reveals his very self, his very identity to Moses. The name Joseph comes from the Latin form of Greek taken from the Hebrew name (Yosef) meaning “he will add”; “he will increase.” In the Old Testament Joseph is the eleventh son of Jacob and the first with his wife Rachel. Because he was his father’s favorite, his older brothers sent him to Egypt and told their father that he had died. In Egypt though, Joseph became an advisor to pharaoh, and was eventually reconciled with his brothers and saved them from utter famine. He not only increased their supply of food, but their faith in God.

This name also occurs in the New Testament, belonging to St. Joseph the husband of Mary, and of Joseph of Arimathea, the one who would offer his tomb for Jesus’ burial. Another derivation has the name meaning praise, Arimathea, the one who would offer his tomb for Jesus’ burial. Another derivation has the name meaning praise, to St. Joseph the husband of Mary, and of Joseph of Arimathea, the one who would offer his tomb for Jesus’ burial.

Our St. Joseph was known as a “just man,” an “upright” man, and he was true to his name. As foster father of the Man, and he was true to his name. As foster father of the Man, and he was true to his name.

The Information below includes reported cases from the Curia, schools, parishes, organizations and religious houses in the Diocese of Covington. There are over 8,000 students in diocesan schools, not including administrators, faculty and staff and hundreds of priests, employees and volunteers at the Curia and in parishes, organizations and religious houses. The Curia, schools, parishes, organizations and religious houses.

Positive Cases
Active positive cases: 8
Recovered positive cases: 863
Total ever positive cases: 871

Currently Self-quarantined
Close Contacts: 10
Close Contacts with COVID case in household: 12


Catechetical Process — virtual course
Are you a catechist, religion teacher, or parent who wants to get better at teaching the Catholic faith? Join Father Andrew Young on Thursday, May 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a virtual course on Catechetical Process. Learn about the history and development of Catechesis. Discover the primary role of the catechist and discuss best practices for teaching the faith effectively.

Jesus (Christology Part 1) — virtual course
Who is Jesus? Who can we really know about Him? Was he the historical Jesus? How have we Christians developed our understanding of Jesus over the 2000 year history of the Church? If you’re interested in learning more about the person of Jesus, join Father Michael Barth on Saturday, May 8, and Saturday, May 15 from 9 to 10 a.m. for the virtual course “Jesus” (Christology Part 1).

To register visit https://covdio.org/catechesis-and-evangelization/
The Cross … the ‘burning bush’ of the New Testament

The opening chapter, of Monika K. Hellwig’s “Understanding Catholicism” (2002) is revealed “God revealed as Powerful Compassion.”

The late Georgetown University professor (d. 2005) singled out the story of the burning bush in Exodus 3:14 as the key moment of divine revelation in the Old Testament. She interpreted this theophany as “an exercise of the compassion of God.” God’s covenantal pledge of redemption will liberate the Hebrews from political, economic, and social oppression in Egypt and “call them into divine intimacy as the people of God in freedom, dignity, and responsibility for one another.”

That dramatic proclamation of the revelation of the one God reveals “… the powerful compassion and ultimate claims of that God for human persons and societies.”

As the trajectory of salvation history unfolds, the definitive moment of God’s self-communication will be the Redemptive Incarnation. In truth, the resurrection of Jesus ultimate in which “the burning bush of Christians” in the New Testament.

That core Christian doctrine—the resurrection of the Lord—fulfills the typology of the burning bush and the saving presence of the Lord (YHWH) in the call of Moses and in the enunciation of Exodus and Sinai covenant with Israel.

That message of salvation encapsulated in the opening verses of the Book of Exodus stands as a paradigm of “how God is present in new life that bursts forth out of suffering fidelity.”

Thus, the resurrection of Jesus in the New Testament becomes the final and radical sign of the “compassionate power of the Father vindicating and fulfilling the human self-oblation of Jesus in a transforming radiance of divine splendor and peace.”

The unveiling of the mysterious divine name in the theophany at the burning bush is a pivotal moment in salvation history for YHWH reveals his name as a promise and a pledge—”I am who I am.” (Ex 3:14)

Biblical commentaries have offered a variety of translations of this enigmatic divine name emanating from the theophany of the burning bush. Perhaps the most satisfactory interpretation emphasizes the dynamic presence of the God of the covenant—”I will be with you.” For instance, the late Father Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P. (d. 1994) explained the sense of YHWH: “He who is always with you.” For us, this is “I AM” (Greek “egoimi”).

The designation “I AM” (Greek “egoimi”) is recorded nine times in the Fourth Gospel. In two instances, namely, 8:18 and 18:19, the expression is used in an absolute sense in the context of John F. O’Gorman’s observation that the phrase focuses on “the divine presence in Jesus,” a recognition of “the unity between God and Jesus.”


Father Kerris interprets the implications of John 8:28 thus: “Jesus shows he is divine through his life-giving death on the cross: When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am, and that I do nothing on my own, but what the Father taught me” (John 8:28).

Again, verse 58 proclaims, “Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be I AM.”

Redemptorist Father Anthony J. Kelly and Salesian Father Francis J. Moloney collaborated in writing “Experiencing God in the Gospel of John” (2003). The Australian Catholic scripture scholars take note of several passages in the Gospel according to John where the church looks back to the revelation of the divine name in the theophany at the burning bush. (Ex 3:14)

For example, Jesus in his Farewell Discourse prepares his disciples with this admonition: “I tell you this now before it takes place, that when it does take place that you may believe that I AM.” (John 13:19). The authors explain the passage: “What is soon to take place will reveal how the God of the Father and Son will become newly invincible in fulfillment of the promise. The holiest of divine names—YHWH, I am he.” (Ex 3:14) — resonates with past experiences and the future.

Catholic theology in the 20th century has been engaged with a renewal of the ancient Christian tradition of a spiritual/allegorical reading of Sacred Scripture. The writings of the late Cardinal Yves Congar and of Pope Benedict XVI in their exegesis of the divine Name in Exodus 3:13 in relationship to the Gospels serve as models of this approach to biblical hermeneutics.

In “Jesus Christ” (1966) Cardinal Yves Congar (d. 1995) had expressed a rich biblical Christology in an essay “Christ in the Image of the Invisible God.” In the biblical context of Exodus 3:14: “I will be with you”—the divine Name conveys the sense of divine presence as “an act that is towards us, for us, with us, endlessly immanent, endlessly before us.”

From that standpoint, Cardinal Congar, an influential priest-theologian at the Second Vatican Council, interpreted the divine Name in Exodus 3:14 by dramatizing the unfolding momentum and crescendos of the key events of revelation as history: “Who am I? You will see me by my acts. I will be what you see me when I am free from you, when I feed you in the desert, when I lead you to Sinai to receive my Law and to enter into covenant with me, when I thus make of you my people, when I guide you to the Promised Land and bring you inside its borders. I will be He who dwells among you…”

In a word, the presence of the living God creates salvation history: “Finally in the fullness of time, at the end of so many comings, of which none was total or definitive, I will be He who comes into your people, in whom dwells you, bodily.” In the fullness of time the living God will be “the true manna, the true serpent raised in the desert, the true manna for your spirits.”

Again, in “Jesus of Nazareth” (2007) Pope-Benedict XVI did not articulate the redemptive meaning of the Cross and Jesus’ presence in the burning bush. Perhaps the most satisifying divine name emanating from the theophany of the burning bush is the Cross. The highest claim of revelation, the “I am he,” and the Cross of Jesus are inseparably one. What we find here is not metaphysical speculation, but the self-revelation of God’s reality in the midst of history for us.”

Four decades earlier, Pope Benedict, then Father Joseph Ratzinger, had already incorporated the typology of the ineffable divine Name, “I am who I am” (YHWH) revealed in Exodus 3:14 into his biblical Christology in his “Introduction to Christianity” (1979). In that major dogmatic study of the Creed, as a young theologian he had noted that the Gospel of John portrays Jesus “as him in whom the story of the burning bush first attains its true meaning.”

The Holy Father’s early theological synthesis of this theme was inventive: “Christ himself, so to speak, appears as the burning bush from which the name of God issues to humankind.” By applying to himself “the ‘I am’ of Exodus 3:14,” the Johannine Jesus is the “name, that is, the ‘involvement’ of God.”

The typology of Exodus 3 informs the substance of Christology—“The name is no longer merely a word but a person: Jesus himself.”

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“The Cross … the ‘burning bush’ of the New Testament” is a statement that in “liturgical celebrations, in songs and prayers the name of God in the form of the Tetragrammaton YHWH is neither to be used or pronounced.”
Burdurs and sufferings help us grow in faith


The weekend will hear from the beginning of the 13th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. It is the “story” of the “Vine and the Branches.” In case you have forgotten, it’s a part of chapter 15 of the Gospel according to St. John. It is the “story” of the “Vine and the Branches.”

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A guide for the journey

Somewhere along the way, it recently occurred to me once again that when you are ready to grow into it, we are on a journey.

I think that whole notion was triggered as I reflected upon the remarkable Gospel I heard a couple of Sundays ago about the sojourner of two discip-

Along the Way

Ray Smith

What would Cardinal Meyer say?

Unfortunately forgotten in most U.S. Catholic circles today, Cardinal Albert Gregory Meyer, archbishop of Milwaukee from 1952 to 1968 and archbishop of Chicago from 1969 to 1987, was one of the country’s leading churchmen in the mid-20th century. A biblical scholar and a deeply holy man, Meyer played a crucial role in the first three periods of the Second Vatican Council. On November 19, 1962, for example, he made an important intervention at a critical moment in the council’s first period: a brief speech on the inadequacies of the draft document on divine revelation then being considered.

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… Rooted in subjectivism, pragmatism, relativism, agnosticism and atheism.

The current administration in Washington and its congressional allies embody, in a particularly aggravating way, the hostility to the deep truths built into the human condition that is not served like Cardinal Meyer and Archbishop Archbishop Hallinan in 1960. Yet when warnings are raised about the threat posed to our democracy by the Biden administration’s embrace of a concept of the human person that denies biological reality and reduces us to bundles of morally equivalent desires, those who point out what’s wrong with it (including many who try to emulate Cardinal Meyer’s respect for opponents) are accused of being prigish, insensitivestrong, insensitive traffickers in abstractions, and the rest of progressive Catholicism’s litany of epithets.

Are we saying anything different about the roots of the West’s civilizational crisis than what Cardinal Meyer and others said in 1960?


And while Cardinal Meyer would, I think, have applauded this display of courage and well reasoned lay initiative, he might also wonder why so few bishops have written or said similar things in defense of truth and reality, and thus in defense of democracy.

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Feast of St. Joseph the Worker  
(Continued from page 1)

Novarum (Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor). It is an open letter to all Catholic patriarchs, primates, archbishops and bishops addressing the condition of the working classes.

Forty years ago, Pope John Paul II stated in his encyclical *Laborum Exercens*, “The Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated and to help guide changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

At his morning Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1, 2020, Pope Francis said, “Let us pray for all workers. That all would be paid justly and may enjoy the dignity of work and the beauty of rest.” In his homily Pope Francis said, “The work human beings do is nothing more than the continuation of God’s work. Human work is the vocation received from God.” While pointing to a statue of St. Joseph “with his work tools in hand,” Pope Francis prayed that St. Joseph would “help us fight for the dignity of labor so that there is work for all and that it would be worthy work, not slave labor. May this be our prayer today.”

During this Year of St. Joseph, on the solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1, let us implore even more for the dignity of work and workers.
Research with fetal tissue from elective abortion called ‘deeply offensive’

Julie Asher
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee April 20 called on the Biden administration to fund research ‘that does not rely upon body parts taken from innocent children killed through abortion.’

“The bodies of children killed by abortion deserve the same respect as that of any other person,” said Archbishop Joseph N. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

“Our government has no right to treat innocent abortion victims as a commodity that can be scavenged for body parts to be used in research,” he said.

His remarks were a reaction to a notice the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, posted April 15 in the grants area of its website announcing the end of a Trump administration ban on research involving human fetal tissue acquired from elective abortions.

In addition, NIH and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will no longer convene the Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board.

The previous administration also terminated contracts with outside institutions that used fetal stem cells for research.

According to Bell Call, a news outlet on Capitol Hill, the decision to lift the ban came after 26 House Democrats wrote to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, urging this policy change.

The new law created a nationwide umbilical cord blood program designed to collect, derive, type and freeze cord blood units for transplantation into patients to mitigate

and to even cure serious disease,” Smith said April 14.

“Pursuant to the law, it also provided stem cells for research,” he said, adding that new cord blood program was combined with an expanded bone marrow initiative, whose main sponsor was the late Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla.

The reauthorization bill for the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act authorizes $23 million to be appropriated for fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024. It also authorizes $30 million to be appropriated for fiscal years 2023 through 2025 for the bone marrow transplant program.

“This continues funding at the same levels authorized in the 2015 authorization bill,” Smith said.

“Each year nearly 4 million babies are born in America. In the past, virtually every placenta and umbilical cord was tossed as medical waste,” Smith said in his comments on the floor. “Today doctors have turned this medical waste into medical miracles.”

“Not only has God in his wisdom and goodness created a placenta and umbilical cord to nurture and protect the precious life of an unborn child,” he continued, “but now we know that another gift awaits us immediately after birth. Something very special is left behind — cord blood that is teeming with lifesaving stem cells.”

According to Smith, one of “the best kept secrets in America” is “umbilical cord blood stem cells and adult stem cells in general are curing people of a myriad of terrible conditions and diseases — over 70 diseases in adults as well as in children.”

CONGRATULATIONS
KATHERINE
UC DPT
Class of 2021
Scouts recognized as future leaders, encouraged to grow closer to Christ and his Church

The annual Scouting Awards will, again this year, be distributed to scout leaders and the scouts will receive their awards at their parishes.

In letter of congratulations to each scout, Bishop Roger F. Deeley said: “Today we look for people like you to become future leaders in youth ministry, faith communities and our Church at large. The scouting program is meant to help you develop a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and his Church. This closer relationship, together with the values you learned while achieving your medals, can become a solid foundation for your Catholic faith. As your Bishop, I am very proud of your growth in faith and your dedication to the Diocese of Covington’s scouting program.”

Scouts awarded this year are featured below:

American Heritage Girls and Girl Scout Awards

American Heritage Girls — Statement of Faith
We believe that there is one true God. Father, Jesus Christ, His one and only Son, and the Holy Spirit — Creator of the universe and eternally existent. We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We believe each person is created in His image for the purpose of communing with and worshiping God. We believe in the ministry of the holy spirit, who enables us to live a new life. We believe that each individual is called to love the Lord and God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship, and integrity.¹

AHG KY 3120 — Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington

I Live My Faith Medal — to help girls appreciate more deeply the place God and religion occupy in their daily life.

L. Judy

L. King

AHG KY 1412 — St. Timothy Parish, Union

Tenderheart Medal — to help girls grow in awareness of who they are as children of God in the family of the Catholic Church and to explore and perform works of charity for their families and neighbors.

A. Reynolds

Parvuli Dei Emblem

Parvuli Dei — to increase the awareness of God’s presence in daily life especially at home and in the community.

C. Paig

B. Mann

L. Newport

M. Schmidt

E. Stricker

Boy Scouts of America — The Scout Law Prayer
Dear Lord, Bless all those everywhere who contribute to shape the hearts, minds and bodies of young people. Let us remember what they have taught and apply it daily.
When facing danger and death, let us be Trustworthy.
If we see hypocrisy and falsehood, let us be Loyal.
When we find unkind words and mean materialistic pride, let us be Helpful.
When we find people in despair, let us be Friendly.
In an atmosphere of ill manner, let us be Courteous.
When we find others weak and in need of encouragement, let us be Kind.
Though teasing and rude scoffing are common, let us be Obedient.
While others grumble and grudges, let us be Cheerful.
In an environment depleted by waste and overconsumption, let us be Thrifty.
When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave.
As we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean.
While resenting, let us remember to be patient.
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High School Principal

Newport Central Catholic High School (www.ncchs.com), a co-educational Diocesan high school of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, KY, is seeking a Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. With diverse community roots reaching back to 1903, NCC today remains a testimony to the enduring faith and hope of all parents who want their sons and daughters to grow with the Church in soul, mind, and body. The school provides its 250 students (grades 9-12) with a diverse, comprehensive secondary school education, including general, college-prep, honors, and AP-level and dual-credit course offerings. The successful candidate must be a spiritually motivated practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, with excellent communication skills, a passion for spiritual and catechetical leadership, a strategic academic vision, knowledge of current educational methods, and proven managerial skills. The Principal has primary responsibility for the overall operation of the school and must be committed to the mission and philosophy of the Diocese of Covington and NCC. Prospective candidates should show evidence of accomplishment or willingness to become skilled in the following activities: board relations; community and external relations; curriculum development; faculty/staff development; fiscal management; fundraising; parent and alumni relations; plant management; recruitment and professional development; student activities management; student recruitment; and teacher/staff development. An advanced degree is highly preferred, and eligibility for Kentucky certification, or a commitment to attain such certification, is required. Applicant inquiries will be accepted through Monday, May 17, 2021. Interested individuals should email, fax, or mail a cover letter, a comprehensive resume or CV, a recently prepared Baptismal Certificate, transcripts of academic preparation, and a list of at least five references with contact information to Stephen Koplay, SPHR, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011-3115, Fax 859-392-1589, or skoplay@covdio.org.

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“Voyagers” (Lenagaye) This tedious sci-fi parade about the positive and negative aspects of human nature pits an aggressively beautiful girl against a gentler peer for the leadership of their fellow crew members on board a spaceship staffed by teenagers and bound for a distant planet. The two also become rivals for the favor of a female comrade. Writer-director Neil Burger’s flat thriller, which also features Colin Farrell as the lone adult on the craft, fails to arouse interest in, or sympathy for, its colorless characters and will likely leave viewers feeling lost in space. Much violence with some gore, considerable sexual content, including an unskilled yet graphically presented nonmarital activity, an offensive premarital encounter and artificial insemination. CIS: A-III; MPAA: PG-13.

“Demon Slayer: The Movie: Mugen Train” (Sony) Created and marketed, largely if not exclusively for the fan base of the Japanese comic book and television franchise from which it’s derived, this animated feature offers others neither timetable nor roadmap. As the steam-powered vehicle of the title thunders through the night in early-20th-century Japan, screenwriter Koyoharu Gotoge and director Haruo Sotozaki fill in the backstory of a flame-haired fiend hunter while also following the efforts of the boy with whom he eventually allies himself to figure out why passengers aboard the train keep disappearing. The kid is aided in his investigation by two peers, one of whom handy with a blade, the other endowed with superpowers — but only when he’s asleep. Dubbed into English. Mature themes, frequent knife violence with blood effects. CIS: A-III; MPAA: R.

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A guide for the journey (Continued from page 1)

and who “find themselves in deep conversation with the Teacher Himself.” And, of course you noted that “they don’t realize it at a time.” We too, once enlightened, would want to hurry up, find the 11 apostles and parrot the good news of the risen Christ, just as was done by the women who ran to the apostles from the empty tomb after their amazing discovery. But alas, the apostles would not have believed us either.

Getting back to Luke, the two “downcast” men, one Cleopas and the other unnamed, are “troubled” and walking along the road to a village called Emmaus, while “discussing all the events of the past few days. Jesus comes alongside and listens to their conversation, but these men do not know it is Jesus,” which is not their fault, for Scripture says they were “kept from recogniz- ing him.” The men explain to Jesus that they are disappointed because their hopes are “seemingly” unfilled and they are “confused about what the women have seen at the tomb.”

Wonder what they were thinking during Jesus’ gentle rebuke: How foolish you are and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” (Luke 24: 25-26). Ms. Brodie steps in here with, “Then, Jesus explains the Old Testament stories, from Moses to the prophets, and how they all fully and completely point to the Christ.”

The light finally goes on while at table when “Jesus gives thanks and breaks bread with them, they recognize him immediately, Jesus disappears and they rush back to Jerusalem that very evening, find the 11 apostles, and tell him what happened.” Jesus’ main point, echoes Ms. Brodie, “is that all that has happened with him has already been predicted and written down by Moses and the prophets and is now being fulfilled. Jesus wants them — and us — to know that although things look hopeless and they might have doubts, they have to look no further than Scripture to understand what happened and what will happen.”

First, Christ must suffer, then he is glorified. It’s all a part of God’s plan. Spiritually, the meaning of the name Cleopas is “The Glory Of The Father.” Having shared those insights, with Ms. Brodie’s generous writ- ten assistance, I hope you are feeling what I am feeling and what the two Emmaus travelers felt: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24: 32).

May you continue to feel it because we all travel that “amazing road daily through life and Jesus walks right beside us.”

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Catholic leaders urge India to deploy military to help with pandemic

NEW DELHI — As COVID-19 continues to claim thousands of lives daily in India, some Catholic leaders have called on the federal government to deploy the military to deal with the crisis before it worsens. “The second wave of COVID-19 is surely a national calamity and the entire nation is struggling as thousands are dying and hundreds of thousands are getting infected daily,” said Auxiliary Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas of Ranchi, former secretary-general of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India. “The federal government should consider deploying military personnel to assist the civil administration to effectively deal with this alarming situation of people dying in fear,” he told ucanews.com April 27. “Whatever the country faced national calamities such as a flood, drought, earthquake, cyclone or any such crisis, the Indian military played a crucial role to restore normality,” said Bishop Mascarenhas. “It is high time that the government deployed the army and other wings of the defense forces with their huge resources and trained manpower to tide over this calamity that has already crippled the economy and taken a huge toll on the population.”

‘Patients are ... dying in front of my eyes,’ says India hospital director

THRISSUR, India — Catholic hospital directors in India told Catholic News Service they did not have enough facilities to treat patients as India set records for the number of COVID-19 deaths — numbers many people believe were underreported. “The situation is very bad. No beds available anywhere in the hospital,” a doctor at a private hospital on the outskirts of the southern Kerala state, told CNS April 27. “There are no new patients coming because no beds, no oxygen,” Father P.A. George, director of the Holy Family Hospital in New Delhi, told CNS. “I have no place even in emergency (area) to give oxygen. Patients are just dying in front of my eyes. Feeling so distressed and frustrated and helpless. It is horrible and the disaster is beyond the imagination. Please pray to God (to) give us strength to save some lives,” said the priest, who heads the largest Catholic hospital in New Delhi. Though the hospital has a limit of 346 beds, it is accommodating nearly 400 patients, he added. In Gujarat state, Syro-Malabar Father Thomas Nadakukal, director of Claret Hospital in Rajkot, told Catholic News Service April 26, “We have to turn away around 600 cases daily. We are struggling to get oxygen in time to save the lives of those admitted.” He said 40 of the 70 beds in the hospital, he added, are set apart for those needing oxygen treatment.

Vatican approves strengthening safety-guarding studies, research in Rome

ROME — The Centre for Child Protection at Rome’s Pontifical Gregorian University has been transformed into a Vatican-approved academic institute with its own faculty and ability to award advanced academic degrees. Starting Sept. 1, 2021, the university’s center will become the Institute of Anthropology offering interdisciplinary studies on human dignity and value and expanding its scope in research, the university said in a press release April 27. The Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education approved the change April 15, allowing the center to broaden its work, develop its own academic faculty and award a licentiate in safeguarding and a doctorate in anthropology, in addition to the current diplomas in safeguarding. The university’s rector, Jesuit Father Nuno da Silva Goncalves, said, “With this decision, our university rejuvenates and intensifies its commitment to the work of protecting minors and vulnerable people and supporting safe environments which promote respect for human dignity.” The new institute will also “deepen the interdisciplinary dimension of education and research, recognized by all as fundamental to addressing issues surrounding abuse and its prevention,” he noted.

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