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DPA leadership team celebrates success of 2021 DPAA

Laura Keener

The Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal leadership chairs, Randy Rawe, general chair and Karen Riegler, leadership gifts chair, had a lot to celebrate, Aug. 19, at the DPAA grant distribution and celebration. This year the DPAA exceeded its goal of $2.6 million with 44 parishes over goal. As of Aug. 19, $2,566,148 in gifts and pledges have been made to the 2021 DPAA. All monies collected over a parish’s goal are rebated back to the parish for parish ministries and projects.

The highlight of the DPAA celebration is the distribution of service grants to diocesan offices, parishes and schools and local social service agencies serving those in need in the community. This year, $200,000 in DPAA grants were distributed (see listing on page 3).

"For 37 years, the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal has allowed our Church to provide the educational, human, pastoral, and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in our diocesan faith community. This appeal is a true example of Gospel stewardship, and reflects God’s request to us ‘to love one another as I have loved you.’ We have been provided with many blessings in our lives, and it is our responsibility to gratefully cherish and steward these gifts in a faithful manner.”

In addition to DPAA grant recipients, DPAA parish teams and Curia directors attended the DPAA celebration. Because last year’s DPAA celebration was cancelled due to the pandemic, Bishop Roger Foisy and Mr. Murray recognized and thanked the 2021 DPAA leadership chairs, Mr Rawe and Mrs. Riegler, as well as the 2020 DPAA leadership chairs, Mary Paula Schuh, general chair and Mr. Rawe, leadership gifts chair, at the event.

"Through the DPAA, we have witnessed outstanding examples of volunteerism and giving at both the parish and diocesan levels,” Mr. Murray said. “Whether you are here tonight as a parish team member, a member of a diocesan ministry or..."
In September 1871 — 150 years ago — Mother of God Parish in Covington, Ky., dedicated its second (and present) church building. Ulysses S. Grant was president of the United States, the Most Rev. Augustus Tewebe was the new Bishop of Covington, the Roebling suspension bridge was barely five years old, and the heartbreak of the Civil War still haunted the people of Covington. Thirty years earlier, in 1841, German immigrants established “Mutter Gottes Gemeinde” (“Mother of God Parish”).

Already, on Sept. 9, 1871, the Cincinnati Daily Gazette proclaimed the new Mother of God Church a “magnificent edifice.” Designed by the Cincinnati architectural firm of Walter and Stewart (William Walter and William Stewart), the new church building was a prime example of Italian Renaissance Revival architecture.

The new edifice was meant to impress. Twin 200-foot bell towers and a 150-foot-tall dome soared over the city. In fact, the bell towers remained the tallest structures in the city for almost a century. Paintings of the four evangelists — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — still adorn the pendentives of the dome in the church’s interior. Their artist, Wilhelm Lamprecht (1838-1922), became internationally famous, completing art works in 300 churches in the United States and Canada before returning to his homeland of Germany.

In 1872 Swiss artist Melchior Paul von Deschwanden painted the church’s exquisite Stations of the Cross. Further embellishment of the church’s interior came in 1880-81, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the parish’s founding. At that time, the parish commissioned a number of well-known artists and artisans to complete the church’s interior. They included Johann Schmitt, Wenceslaus Thien, the Schroeder brothers (Frederick and Henry), and Louis Kreyenhagen.

The church’s stained-glass windows were imported from the firm of Mayer and Company in Munich, Germany in the late 1800s and the early 1900s. Mayer and Company evolved from the Royal Institute for Glass Painting, which was created to preserve and resurrect the largely lost medieval art of stained-glassmaking. This firm, still in business, became well known throughout the world for what has been called “Munich-style stained glass.”

In celebration of 150 years of this magnificent church building, the parish will be premiering a 22-minute documentary on the art and architecture of Mother of God Church. Featuring astounding video and drone footage, the documentary will be available for free viewing on the parish’s website after the 150th anniversary event. The parish anniversary event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m. at Summit Hills Country Club, Crestview Hills. The festivities will include a hot buffet, a cash bar, the documentary premiere, and the celebration of:

- Father Michael Comer’s 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood
- Deacon Tom Dushney’s 40th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate

Reservations required. Cost: $25 adults; $10 child (12 and under). Reservations can be made at the Mother of God Parish office (119 W. 6th St., Covington, KY) or by calling Carol Fausz at (859) 409-3730.
### 2021 DPAAA GRANTS

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### Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grants

| HONK | 1,411.12 | Help 124 Pleasant Street, Covington |
| St. Augustine Parish Center, City Heights | 1,411.11 | Assistance to low income residents |
| TOTAL | $2,822.23 | |

### Operation Rice Bowl Grants

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...or a representative of a non-profit ministry located in our faith community, we thank you for your continued stewardship. May God continue to bless you all.”

At the end of the year, the Diocese of Covington promised their prayers as he looks forward to beginning his retirement in October.

“I want to add my thanks to our pastors, parochial vicars, Sister Janet (Bucher), our parish life collaborator, who work very, very hard and for their dedication to and love of God’s people,” Bishop Foys said.

“Nineteen years ago when I came to the diocese it was a difficult time for the Church and a difficult time in the life of our diocese and a difficult time in my life... it’s a traumatic thing to be uprooted from everything you’ve known. Through it all I knew that the Lord was with me,” Bishop Foys said, attributing that confidence to the words of assurance spoken to him by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, former nun to the United States, when announcing Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo’s words of assurance spoken to him.

“Don’t worry. God will give you the grace that you need,” Archbishop Montalvo had said.

“It’s true. God gives us the grace we need to do what we need to do, even in the most adverse circumstances,” Bishop Foys said. “I want to take this opportunity, in my final days (before retirement), to thank all of you — the people of the diocese. Even through the most hateful days I have never once regretted saying ‘yes’ — yes to priesthood or yes to the episcopacy — because this is what God wants me to do and what God has sent me to do. We can never regret doing what the Lord calls us to do.”

“I have been blessed to be your bishop and I hope that by my being your bishop, you have been blessed.”

![Father Kalamazi installed pastor, St. Anthony Taylor Mill](image)

Bishop Roger Foys installed Father Ivan Kalumuzi as pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Taylor Mill, Aug. 21. This is Father Kalamuzi’s first assignment as pastor. He is the bishop’s 15th pastor. During the Rite of Installation, a procession to the sacramental places within the church takes place. One of the places is the ambo, where the Word of God is proclaimed. “Here Father Ivan, you will proclaim Christ the way, the truth and the life, in this way feeding the faithful from the table of God’s word. Believe what you read here, teach what you believe and practice what your preach,” Bishop Foys instructed the new pastor at the ambo.

At the conclusion of the rite of installation Bishop Foys presented Father Kalamuzi to parishioners, who accepted their new pastor with a round of applause.

“I’ll Be Short”: first synopsized the foundational propo-
sitions of a long-standing “social contract” with the
American workforce. It then analyzed the societal factors that were con-
tributing to its erosion in the aftermath of the
decline of the era of the “Great American Prosperity” (circa 1947-
1973). He refers to the state of economic affairs from 1981 to 2007 as the
Great Recession. A key premise intrinsic to the social contract was an expectation that, as companies and busi-
nesses prospered, workers would enjoy advance-
ment in wages and benefits as well as the ensuing positive supports for local communities.

In addition, the social contract underwrote a second pivotal provision, namely “that working people were paid enough to support a family, old age and unemployment pro-
tection, a decent work environment, and the right to
special work.” Bishop Murphy wrote: “In the conclusion of his work, Professor Reich contended
that the principles of the social contract are neither
“liberal” nor “conservative”; rather, they stand “at the
moral core of America.”

Over the past two decades, the issue of the “social con-
tract” with workers has surfaced periodically as a topic of
the Labor Day statements issued by the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops. For instance, in 1995
the USCCB statement was entitled “Renewing the Social
Contract, Resuming the Dignity of Work and the Rights
of Workers.”

That 1995 statement stressed that the adage “an honest
day’s work for an honest day’s pay” grounds a “social con-
tract” with workers as well as “the responsibility of employers and society to workers.” Furthermore, society has a correlative responsibility to assure men and women
“that everyone who can work has the opportunity to do so.”

The moral demands of that “social contract” can be con-
cisely summed up: “...every business — regardless of its
size, function, or organization — must respect the basic
human rights of workers which include a living wage suf-
ficient to support a family, old age and unemployment pro-
tection, a decent work environment, and the right to
organize and bargain collectively.”

The 2010 annual Labor Day statement again addressed
ship of workers to employers. It opens with a brief review of the teaching of Pope Leo XIII in “Rerum Novarum” (“On the Condition of Labor,” 1891), the first papal social encyclical. The distinctive characteristic of “Rerum Novarum” constructed a foundation for Catholic social doctrine which would evolve over 150 years. Those planks in the platform for justice included the following tenets: 1) the right of workers to a just wage and the concomitant ethical rejection of the so-called “wage-contract” theory; 2) the right and duty of the State to intervene on behalf of the poor (viz., the industrial workers) for the common good; 3) the defense of private property; 4) the right of workers to form worker associa-
tions (viz., unions); and 5) the condemnation of the ideo-
logical extremes of Liberal Capitalism and of Marxism.

St. John Paul II in “Laborum Exercens” (“On Human Work”), has 1981 social encyclical commemorating the 90th anniversary of “Rerum Novarum, resoundingly confirmed that the labor question remains historically central to
Catholic social doctrine. “Laborum Exercens” acknowledges both the continuity and the evolution of Church social teaching. In that
framework, the theme of human work continues to be “a constant factor both of social life and of the Church’s teaching.” St. John Paul II reaffirmed “the fact that human work is a key probably the essential key to the whole social question” (LE, n.3).

Accordingly, the “Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church” comments that work becomes the key “not only for economic development but also for the cultural and moral development of persons, the family society and the entire human race” (CSDC, n.280).

“Laborum Exercens” also highlights the urgent problem of development on the international scene by noting the stark contrast between “the rich nations and the poor nations.” In recent decades there has existed a growing “disproportionate distribution of wealth and poverty and the existence of some countries and con-
tinents that are developed and of others that are not.” Such contrasting states of affairs “call for a leveling out and a search for ways to ensure just development for all”.

Concern for the vulnerable: ‘...the biggest issue is employment ...
to provide everyone with the opportunity to nurture the seeds that God has planted in each of us: our talents, our initiative, and our innate resources ...

The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work.”

-Pope Francis, “Fratelli Tutti,” n. 162

insurance, and similar programs.

At its origins Church social teaching centered on the
pivotal provision, namely, “that working people were paid
enough to support themselves and their families.”

In this regard, the “Compendium of the Social
Doctrine of the Church” (2004) states that during that era “events of an economic nature produced a dramatic social, political and ethical dislocation.”

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Doers and hearers

The readings for the twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time — Cycle B are: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, and Mark 7:1-6, 14-15, 21-23.

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition” (Mark 7:6-8).

Woe! Jesus always seems to let the Pharisees have it. Is it that he so disliked the Pharisees? Were they really that bad? All they were trying to do was to see to it that every rule, every regulation, every ritual was observed to the letter. Is there anything wrong with that? Why such harsh treatment?

Perhaps we can find the answer in what follows these verses wherein Jesus says, “How well you have set aside the commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition. You nullify the word of God in favor of your traditions that you have handed on. And you do many such things” (Mark 7:9-13).

What really matters? Well, in the second reading today from the letter of St. James we read: “Be doers of the Word and not hearers only deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:22, 27). And there it is!

Religion that is pure and undefiled cares for others, looks out for the less fortunate, reaches out to those who are in need, seeks peace, unity, fidelity, and above all, love. Don’t misunderstand me. Rules, regulations, rituals are important and are part and parcel of our lives. But the supreme rule is that of love.

Jesus, himself, tells us that the greatest commandment is this: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments” (Matt 22:37-40).

So, where does this leave us? Are we truly disciples of the Lord? Do we love the Lord our God with our whole heart, soul and mind? Do we love our neighbor as ourselves? Are we selfless or selfish? Do we put ourselves first or do we look to the needs of others, to the common good? Are we indeed doers of the word and not just hearers?

Do we promote peace, unity, fidelity and love or do we wallow in discord, dissonance, faultiness and hate? Do we live what we say we believe or do our actions betray us? These are important questions and the answers are just as important. Only we can answer these questions for ourselves after looking deep within our heart and soul.

May we all be doers and not only hearers of the Word. May the Lord and others see in us lives that are truly heart, soul and mind. Do we love our neighbor as ourselves?

In the three decades since the Revolution of 1989, Poland’s many cultural achievements include mastering the craft of creating the 21st-century historical museum. Examples include the Warsaw Uprising Museum in the national capital; Krakow Under Nazi Occupation 1939-1945, built on the site of Oskar Schindler’s factory; and The Family Home of John Paul II — Papal Museum, in the late pope’s hometown, Waclaw. Each of these exemplary museums combines a traditional, linear approach to telling a historical story, using the artifacts often found in such exhibitions, with brilliantly executed interactive displays that lead the visitor “into” the history being explored. I know of nothing so well done in the United States; the Polish museums put the Smithsonian’s Museum of American History to shame.

The greatest of these contemporary Polish efforts is Polin: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews, which is built on the site of the wartime Warsaw Ghetto and opened in 2013. I spent many hours there in October 2016 and left with the thought that this might be the greatest historical museum in the world. Using the contemporary Polish method of combining traditional ways of historical storytelling with digital and interactive displays, Poland (which in Hebrew can mean either “Poland” or “Here you shall rest”) unveils a complex, too-often tragic, and unfailingly interesting story of overlapping cultures with rigorous honesty and palpable compassion. Religious and cultural artifacts, paintings and photographs, and those interactive displays combine to immerse the visitor in a millennium of human experiences and encounters, all of which teach important truths. Polin’s 450-page catalogue has an honored place in my home, and I never cease to amaze by its riches.

During my visit to Polin in 2016, I was struck by how much of the history of Hasidic Judaism in Poland and Lithuania was somehow familiar. And then I figured out why: it was thanks to two wonderful novels by the late Chaim Potok: “The Chosen,” published in 1967, and its sequel, “The Promise,” published in 1968. I recently re-read both books and was struck again by how much of an education in central and eastern European Jewish history this potok: “The Chosen” and “The Promise” between David Malter and his reform-minded colleagues in a modern Orthodox yeshiva, and the scholars at the venerable Hirsch Talmudic academy who refuse to concede an inch to modern methods of studying ancient texts, mirror some of the modern-day challenges in the U.S. Church. How can we learn from what modern methodologies, linguistic studies and historical research teach us about the Bible without treating the Scriptural text as a literary corpse to be dissected? How do we gratefully receive and honor ancient rituals and forms of worship while avoiding their fossilization and allowing for their development? How do religious authorities interpret ancient texts, and do their rituals and forms of worship change? These are some of the questions that Polin addresses.

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The ‘Bear’ facts on life

Somewhere along the way, on Jan. 26, 1983, to be exact, Paul Bear Bryant passed away at the age of 69 “Bear” Bryant was one of the most successful college football coaches of all time, considered by many to be the greatest ever college football coach. He “made” his name at the University of Kentucky and later at the University of Alabama where he amassed a record number of 232 gridiron victories at that school — a record that stood for many years. After his death, “The Magic Bank Account” was found in his wallet. The author is unknown.

Imagine that you had the following prize in a contest: Each morning, your bank would deposit $86,400 in your private account for your use. This prize, however has rules:

— Everything you spend during each day would be taken away from you.
— You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
— You may only spend it.
— Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another $86,400 for that day.
— You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
— The bank can end the game without warning. At any time it can say: “Game over!”
— It can close the account and you will not receive a cent.
— What would you do? Would you buy anything and everything you wanted? Right! Not only for yourself, but for all your people and all the people you don’t know, because you could not possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny and cent — all because you knew that it would be replenished in the morning, right?

Actually the game is real!

Each of us is already a winner of this “prize.” We just can’t seem to see it sometimes.

Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us. What we haven’t used up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank, so to speak, can dissolve your account at any time without warning.

What will you do with your daily 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about and remember to enjoy every second of life, even the bitter ones that so much can be learned from, and in the end, time races by much more

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Hypocrisy in the Church is ‘detestable,’ pope says at audience

Carol Glatz
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VATICAN CITY — Hypocrites are afraid of the truth, fearful of who they really are and incapable of truly loving, Pope Francis said during his weekly general audience.

“In his reproach to St. Peter, St. Paul uses the term ‘hypocrisy,’ which ‘the apostle wanted to combat forcefully and convincingly,’ the pope said.

Hypocrisy can be seen as a ‘fear of the truth. It is better to pretend rather than be yourself,’ he said.

Wherever people are living ‘under the banner of formalism, the virus of hypocrisy easily spreads,’ he said, mimicking the kind of strained, forced smile one might see — a smile ‘that doesn’t come from the heart,’ but comes from a person ‘who tries to get along with everyone,’ but, in the end, gets along with no one.

‘Hypocrites are people who pretend, flatter and deceive because they live with a mask over their faces and do not have the courage to face the truth,’ he said. ‘For this reason, they are not capable of truly loving’ because they are limited by their ego and cannot ‘show their hearts transparently.’

Hypocrisy can be hidden at a workplace ‘where someone appears to be friends with their colleagues while, at the same time, they stab them behind the back due to competition,’ he said.

It is not unusual to find hypocrites in the world of politics, when someone lives one way in public and another way in private, he added.

‘Hypocrisy in the Church is particularly detestable. Unfortunately, hypocrisy does exist in the Church and there are many hypocritical Christians and monks,’ he said.

Jesus, too, condemned hypocrisy, Pope Francis said, asking people to read Chapter 21 of the Gospel according to St. Matthew to see how often Jesus condemned such behavior.

‘Let’s not be afraid to be truthful, to speak the truth, to bear the truth, to conform ourselves to the truth, so that we can love. A hypocrite does not know how to love,’ he said.

‘To act otherwise than truthfully means jeopardizing the unity of the Church, that unity for which the Lord himself prayed,’ the pope said.

At the end of the general audience, the pope greeted athletes competing at the Paralympics in Tokyo. He thanked them for showing the world what hope and courage look like.

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“All this pretending, he said, “suffocates the courage to truth at all times, everywhere and in spite of anything can easily be evaded,” he said.

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The ‘Bear’ facts on life
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quickly than you think.

So, take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here’s wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending that random, anonymous offering found on the passed-away personage of one of the most vigorous, passionate, self-disciplined individuals in the history of sports get me thinking, so I could not resist finding out more about him, his life, his beliefs, his guidelines for living, working and winning, what he apparently loved doing most of all.

I found some of Bear’s most sumptuous revelations about living, loving, learning and winning among his following quotes carefully harvested from a myriad of deep and revealing sentiments about getting the most out of one’s brief time on earth.

On living:
— In life, you’ll have your back up against the wall many times. You might as well get used to it.
— Sacrifice. Work. Self-discipline. I teach these things and my boys don’t forget them.
— There’s a big difference between wanting to and willing to.
— Expect the unexpected.

On winning:
— Winning isn’t everything, but it sure beats anything that comes in second.
— If they don’t have a winning attitude, don’t give it in at halftime.
— Concentrate on winning the second half.
— Good, not evil. Success, not failure in order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it.
— When you make a mistake, there are only three things you should ever do about it.
— Admit it. Learn from it. Don’t repeat it.
— You never know what a horse will pull until you hook him to a heavy load.
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— Never be too proud to get down on your knees and pray.
— You have called your mother today! I wish I could.
— Heaven for coaches’ wives.
— There ought to be a special place in heaven for coaches’ wives.

Pope Francis leads his general audience in the Paul VI Hall at the Vatican Aug. 25, 2021.
Registration open for SUMMIT21 Eucharistic retreat

SUMMIT21, the diocesan Eucharistic retreat will be held this year, Oct. 8-10, at Notre Dame Academy. Information and registration forms are available at https://covdio.org/summit21/. As in years past, original art has been created for this special event (formerly called YOUTH 2000). Brooke Donelan, a senior art student at NDA, worked closely with two local artists, Fran Hemmer and Marlene Steele, who are both graduates of NDA and members of the Women’s Art Club.

SUMMIT21 runs Friday, 6:30–10:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.–10 p.m.; and Sunday 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and is open to youth ages 13–22. Register by Sept. 29.

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During Year of Family Pope Francis asks faithful to reflect on moving ‘towards a better education of children’

David Cooley
Messenger Contributor

The seventh chapter of Pope Francis’ post-synodal apostolic exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia – On Love in the Family” is entitled “Towards a Better Education of Children.” In that segment the Holy Father explores in great detail how adults — especially parents, but also teachers and other role models — influence the moral development of children. Young members of society observe and imitate their older family members, teachers and principals perhaps more than we might like to think. So, whether at home or in a school setting, we must realize that we are all responsible for not only forming young minds but also shaping healthy consciences. We are all parental figures “fostering good habits and a natural inclination to goodness” in our young people (see AL, nn. 261-264).

Parents or guardians are always the primary educators of their children, however, they very often rely on schools and extracurricular activities to ensure the complete basic formation of their children. In school the lessons that we are taught at home are validated. “The family is the primary setting for socialization, since it is where we first learn to relate to others, to listen and share, to be patient and show respect, to help one another and live as one. The task of education is to make us sense that the world and society are also our home; it trains us how to live together in this greater home,” writes Pope Francis (AL, n. 276).

Kendra McGuire, superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Covington, faces the multifaceted challenges of working toward a better education of children, both as a mother of six and as an administrator. Her first priority in both of these roles is provide the children in her care with the opportunities to become who they were created to be and to, ultimately, get to heaven. She agrees with Bishop Roger Foys that the primary reason for a Catholic school system is to pass on the faith to the next generation, and that is her approach when partnering with principals and teachers.

“One of the things that our schools have to do is make sure that our faith is not just another subject.” Mrs. McGuire said. “Faith has to permeate through everything we do because in order for people to really be engaged in the faith they have to see how it relates to every aspect of life.”

Mrs. McGuire said that all teachers in a Catholic school, no matter what subject they teach officially, are religion teachers because they are role models, standing in the place of Christ and teaching through their interactions and how they respond to questions and situations.

“Even in a math class or a science class, things will come up that pertain to the faith and the teachers need to be ready with an appropriate Christian response.” And, she said, that it is important for them not to miss the many teachable moments that come up during a school day, because those are the lessons that sometimes children remember most.

Fren a practical standpoint, Mrs. McGuire knows that schools carry a large load of academic responsibilities and they can only do so much. While schools should be reiterating the good things that children learn in home, parents and caregivers must also echo the Gospel message in the home.

“That’s a big challenge,” she said. “How do you help what the children learn in school to carry over into their home?”

Mrs. McGuire said that everything should start with prayer.

“As parents, we have to continue to make sure that children understand how important our faith is. One big thing that families need to do is pray together,” said Mrs. McGuire. “Start the day with prayer, pray before meals, before bed; this helps children stay centered and recognize that they are called to give their entire day to God. Families need to make Mass a priority and understand that Sunday is a day to focus on God and your family.”

In her own family Mrs. McGuire makes sure that they all participate in activities together at the parish, such as Stations of the Cross or other ministries. During Advent they light an Advent wreath at their dinner table.

“Any time we can be together with the larger faith community, we try to do that. And, any time we can bring the faith into the house, we try to do that,” she said.

Her husband, Adam, said that faith is the number one priority in their house and guides all of their activities and decisions.

“We pray as a family before we travel and we try to bring the faith into the difficulties and challenges that the children face in life,” Mr. McGuire said.

Mr. McGuire is a police officer, so they both have demanding careers and often find themselves working on different shifts. They depend on each other as a team.

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“We are not always home together, but we trust each other and count on each other to take care of things while we are away,” said Mr. McGuire. “That being said, we try to do as much together as possible. We always try to make time for family. We like to hang out outside, play sports and go boating.”

Even though they both work, Mr. and Mrs. McGuire each coach soccer and encourage their children to get involved in activities as much as possible.

Mr. McGuire said that he is very proud of his wife as the superintendent, and he is impressed with the way she leads the schools in the Diocese of Covington. “I’ve always known she was destined for great things. She is very faith-based and education is very important to her,” he said.

When challenged to consider concrete ways teachers can keep their students interested in the faith, Mrs. McGuire didn’t hesitate.

“There are teachers who have started religious clubs. Many of our schools have clubs — like a chess club or sports club — but some have a rosary club, for example. These are ways we can demonstrate to our students that our faith should be an enjoyable part of their lives,” she said.

“We encouraged our classrooms to have a place dedicated to the faith. They might have a prayer corner with books, statues and pictures; things that draw your attention and keep you focused on Christ.”

Mrs. McGuire said that learning to spend quiet time during Eucharistic adoration or journaling can also be very beneficial to young people.

“Students also have busy lives; we need to give them opportunities to have quiet time in order to listen to God,” she said. “Read Scripture out loud and then take time to reflect on or write about it.”

In his concluding section of “Amoris Laetitia,” entitled “Passing on the Faith,” Pope Francis writes, “Handing on the faith presumes that parents [and teachers] themselves genuinely trust God, seek him and sense their need for him, for only in this way does ‘one generation laud your works to another; and declare your mighty acts’ (Ps 144:4) and ‘fathers make known to children your faithfulness’ (Is 38:19).”

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Adam and Kendra McGuire and their six children at St. Cecilia Parish, Independence, following the First Holy Communion of their daughter in May 2020. Mrs. McGuire is superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Covington, Ky. As a mom and educator, Mrs. McGuire said, “Faith has to permeate through everything we do because in order for people to really be engaged in the faith they have to see how it relates to every aspect of life.”
The prayer intention for September, as recommended by Pope Francis, is that we all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people’s courageous choices for a simple and environmentally friendly lifestyle, as mentioned by Pope Francis in his December 2nd Angelus address.

After a 24 year hiatus, the Ladies Stagette event, “Denim and Heels,” at St. Mary School, Alexandria, is back, Sept. 18. Pooled drinks, raffles, silent auctions, split the pots, games, and music. Doors open at 7 p.m., ends midnight. Tickets $40. Contact allison.leedy9@gmail.com.

**St. Thomas High School Homecoming**

St. Thomas High School Homecoming, Sept. 25, for anyone who attended for at least one year between 1949 and 1980 and plus one guest. Former teachers and one guest are also invited to attend. Cost $50 per person and RSVP is required. For information and RSVP form go on facebook under St. Thomas High School/Grade School, Ft Thomas, KY. 

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**St. Anne Retreat Center, Women’s Retreat, Sept. 10-12.**

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**Bishop Brossart High School Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony**

Sept. 18, reception 6 p.m.; induction, 7 p.m., Settler Center. This year’s class includes: Jennifer Hartig Carver, ’91; Brad Dunlevy, ’92; Barb Kohls, Nathan Mutuch, ’97; Jacob Rieger, ’10; Dianna Simon, ’94; Ron Hiester, ’66 (Tom Settler Service Award); and the 2007 Football Team (Team of Distinction). Cost $30. Contact agrey@bishopbrossart.org to make reservation.

**Summer Festivals**

**St. Joseph Academy, Walton, Pigfest. Aug. 27-28, 5-11 p.m.**

**St. Paul Parish, Florence, Aug. 27, 6-11 p.m., Aug. 28, 5-11 p.m. and Aug. 29, 4-9 p.m.**

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Aug. 28**

**St. Cecilia Parish, Independence, Labor Day Festival, Sept. 4, 6 p.m.-midnight; Sept. 5, 4 p.m.-midnight and Sept 6, 1-9 p.m.**

**St. Barbara Parish, Erlanger, Sept. 10, 6 p.m.-midnight; Sept. 11, 5 p.m.-midnight and Sept 12, 2-8 p.m.**

**St. Patrick Parish, Mayville, Sept. 10-11, 6-11 p.m.**; Sept. 12, noon-3 p.m.

**Cristo Rey Parish, Florence, Sept. 11, 3 p.m.-midnight**

**Holy Cross High School, Latonia, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.-midnight; Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m.-midnight**

**St. Timothy Parish, Union, Sept. 17, 6-11 p.m.**; Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m.-midnight; Sept. 19, 12:30-6 p.m.

**St. William Parish, Williamstown, Sept. 19, noon-8 p.m.**

**St. Benedict Parish, Covington, Sept. 24 and 25, 6 p.m.-midnight**

**St. Agnes Parish, Ft. Wright, Oktoberfest, Oct. 1 and 2, 5 p.m.-midnight; Oct. 3, 3-8 p.m.**

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Community of NKY, Sept 3, 7:15–8:45 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs.

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The Todds laughed when asked if they could have imagined themselves being involved in such a ministry. Chris was a sales rep who called on bicycle shops in a three-state area, and Susan spent many years in sales and also taught English as a Second Language classes at Delgado Community College, where she first got to meet the Sisters Servants of Mary who were enrolled to earn an associate’s degree in nursing.

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“She would tell me to go to sleep because I would be up trying to help him go to sleep.”

“This will fulfill a need that they have, for sure,” said Hebert, whose nursing background gives her extensive experience in caring for patients. “The sisters can’t do it all, but they do so much.”

Sister Lourdes Garcia said the five inaugural members — four women and one man — into the Fraternity of the Lay Sons and Daughters of St. Maria Soledad, who founded the congregation in 1851 in Madrid, in keeping with the biblical imperative: “I was sick and you visited me.”

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“There are nine Sisters Servants of Mary living at the congregation’s motherhouse in the Gentilly neighborhood of New Orleans, but the demands for their service far exceed their ability to care for all of those who request their presence.

To expand the reach of their ministry, the Sisters Servants of Mary in early August invested five laypeople — four women and one man — into the Fraternity of the Lay Sons and Daughters of St. Maria Soledad, who founded the congregation in 1851 in Madrid, in keeping with the biblical imperative: “I was sick and you visited me.”

“They become our brothers and sisters and very, very close family,” Mother Lourdes said in the convent chapel night.

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Most of all, they are there to sit with and pray for the primary caretaker.

The new caregivers work with the sisters to tailor their prayer and formation to serve in the ministry of presence.

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For Aloma Lykes, a parishioner of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in New Orleans, the decision to consider joining the new fraternity grew out of personal experience. In the final week of his life in December 2018, her husband, Winston, was only in hospice for one week, and it was such a blessing just to have this little, bitty nun deal with his 280-pound-plus husband.

“She would pray. She wouldn’t sit down. She stood the whole time. She was walking and praying, walking and praying.”

One of the sweetest memories Lykes holds in her heart was right before Christmas, when eight nuns, who wear all-white habits, walked up the long ramp outside her home and entered to sing Christmas carols.

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The new lay members of the new fraternity are the husband and wife team of Susan and Chris Todd, parishioners of St. Patrick Church in New Orleans who are retired from sales jobs; Barbara Hebert, a retired nurse who attends St. Matthew the Apostle Church in River Ridge; and Elsa Villa, a former Mexican diplomat who is a parishioner of the King Parish in Terrytown.

“This will fulfill a need that they have, for sure,” said Hebert, whose nursing background gives her extensive experience in caring for patients. “The sisters can’t do it all, but they do so much.”

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ENTERTAINMENT
“Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins” (Paramount) Silly and ponderous, yet morally interesting, action adventure, adapted from the world of Hasbro toys by director Robert Schwentke. A wandering loner who knows for money finds his life transformed when, under the patronage of the heir to a powerful clan of ninja warriors, he’s offered the chance to train with their leaders. But his loyalties are conflicted by the fact that one of the group’s primary enemies has the ability to trace his father’s murderer and thus satisfy his lifelong thirst for revenge. Characters torn between good and evil, a message about restraint in the exercise of force and an ethical warning to the protagonist’s trust for payback to help to elevate the proceedings out of a macho wink of facile special effects and martial arts fighting. While it’s a fantasy squarely aimed at adolescent boys, the brutal, though bloodless, nature of the film’s relentless combat may give parents pause. Frequent harsh but stylized violence, a vengeance theme, fleeting sexual humor, a mild oath, at least one use of rough language, a couple of cross terms. CNS: A-H; MPAA PG-13. (Continued on page 14)
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- A-I — general patronage
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- A-III — adults
- L — limited adult audience
- O — morally offensive.

“Reminiscence” (Warner Bros.) Pretentious neo-noir, set in a flooded, dystopian Miami where people use advanced technology to retreat into the past. An expert guide in the process falls for an alluring client but their affair is abruptly broken off by her sudden disappearance, after which he becomes obsessed with locating her, despite the warnings of his business partner and best friend.

Dialogue burdened with philosophical reflections on time and memory make it unlikely that viewers will feel especially invested in the protagonist’s quest while the speed with which the main relationship becomes sexual is among the factors that make writer-director Lisa Joy’s thriller fit for grown-ups only. Much stylized violence, including gunplay and torture, a vengeance theme, semi-graphic premarital sexual activity, numerous crude and crass terms. CNS: A-III; MPAA: PG-13.
Pope encourages people to rediscover importance of Sunday liturgy

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis encouraged new courses of action for parishes to help people understand the importance of Sunday Mass and parish ministries, a top Vatican official wrote in a message. The message was sent on behalf of the pope Aug. 23 to the 1st National Liturgical Week, by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. The meeting, held Aug. 23-26 in the Italian city of Cremona, brought together pastoral workers, religious and priests to discuss ways to encourage the faithful to attend the Sunday liturgy and participate in other liturgical celebrations, rites and the sacraments.

In the written message, the cardinal said the pandemic and its restrictions, which had prevented the faithful from gathering like before, underlined the importance of the liturgy in Christian life. But, what happened during the pandemic and the difficulty in resuming liturgical activities, he wrote, “confirmed what was already observed at Sunday assemblies on the Italian peninsula, an alarming indication of the advanced stage of an epochal change.” It had been noticed, even long before the pandemic, there has been a shift in how people perceive “time” and “space,” which has had repercussions on the meaning of Sunday for most people and how most people experience community and the family, he said.

Pope sends aid to those hit by disasters in Haiti, Bangladesh, Vietnam

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis will be sending nearly a quarter of a million dollars to help people in Haiti, who are struggling in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake during a global pandemic. The Vatican’s Dicastery for Integral Human Development said in a communique released Aug. 24 that the pope had decided to send “an initial contribution” of $235,000 (200,000 euros) to assist the earthquake victims during this “emergency phase,” following the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that struck Haiti Aug. 14. At least 2,200 people died, more than 12,000 others were injured and nearly 10,000 houses destroyed, according to local authorities. The donation is meant to be “an immediate expression” of Pope Francis’ “feeling of closeness and paternal encouragement” for the people there.

The money will be distributed — in collaboration with the Vatican’s nunciature in Haiti — to those dioceses most affected by the disaster, the dicastery said. It will add to the aid being sent throughout the Catholic Church thanks to efforts led by bishop conferences and numerous charitable organizations.

Richest nations urged to tackle financial turmoil worsened by pandemic

WASHINGTON — Leaders from the world’s 20 largest economies are facing “make-or-break” decisions that can boost health care, reduce poverty and address the impact of climate change in developing nations when they meet in October in Italy, said the executive director of an alliance of faith-based development and debt relief advocacy organizations. The ques-
tions facing the Group of 20 nations, or G-20, range from chart-
ing a path to ease the debt burden of poor countries to ensur-
ing more equitable distribution of vaccines in response to the coronavirus pandemic, said Eric LeCompte, executive director of Washington-based Jubilee USA. “The key to recovery from the pandemic will be ensuring that decision-makers are accountable to follow through on what they say they are going to do,” LeCompte explained during an Aug. 24 webinar, “Poverty and COVID-19: Challenges and Solutions,” sponsored by Georgetown University’s Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs.

Court ruling upholding Texas abortion law called ‘long-awaited victory’

HOUSTON — A spokeswoman with Texas Right to Life said a federal appeals court ruling upholding the Texas Dismemberment Abortion Ban is a “long-awaited victory” for Texans. They are celebrating, “Anyone can see the cruelty of dis-

memberrment abortions, ripping a child’s body apart while her heart is still beating,” said Kimberly Schwartz, the organization’s Director of Media and Communication. “We’re grateful the judges recognized this horror.” The Aug. 19 ruling from the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, based in New Orleans, upheld the state’s 2017 law, reversing previous court rulings that blocked it. It also revived an earlier ruling by a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit upholding a block on Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton appealed the panel’s ruling and the full court agreed to hear the case. A majority of the 14 judges who heard the case ruled in favor of Texas; three judges on the 5th Circuit recused themselves. The case is expected to be appealed to the Supreme Court. The law was first passed and signed into law in 2017 but has never gone into effect because of court challenges.

Bishops concerned prenatal Down syndrome test will become routine

BERLIN — German bishops are concerned that a decision guaranteeing Germany’s women the right to pay for prenatal women’s blood tests to detect Down syndrome will lead to abor-
tion. Matthias Kopp, spokesman for the German bishops, said that already about 90% of cases in which an embryo has an extra chromosome result in termination of pregnancy. Report-
ed the German Church news agency KNA. He expressed con-
cern that the prenatal test eventually would be applied on a routine basis. “We as a Church are observing with concern that the new, noninvasive prenatal diagnostic test procedure very often does not follow therapeutic aims,” Kopp said. “On the contrary, in the view of the Church, these tests promote an alarming trend in the direction of a regular selection.” What was needed was early information, counseling and support in which the issue of ‘termination of pregnancy’ was not the focal point, he said. A joint federal parliamentary committee gave the approval for the change, which is expected to take effect in the spring of 2022, KNA reported.

Bishop: Church has ‘sacred duty’ to speak truth about human person, gender

ARLINGTON, Va. — The topic of transgendiorn is dis-
cussed routinely in the news, on television shows and in schools. The prevailing ideology—that a person can change his or her gender—is impacting Catholic families, too, said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington. After consulting with experts in theology, bioethics, clinical counseling, civil and canonical law, as well as with priests, Bishop Burbidge issued a “Catechesis on the Human Person and Gender Ideology,” Aug. 12. He also released policies to be followed in Catholic schools and faith formation and youth ministry programs. The Catholic Church has “a sacred duty and obligation — out of our love for our young people and God’s family — to speak the truth,” said Bishop Burbidge. “Not only to speak the truth but to explain why we believe what we do and to give Catholics the language they need to explain this to others.” The shepherd’s resource begins by explaining the Catholic understanding of the nature of human beings. “To be a human person means to be a unity of body and soul from the moment of conception,” the document said. As a result, our God-given bodies are “nothing foreign nor a burden, but an integral part of the person.” The document can be found at bit.ly/gendercatechesis.
2021 DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL

Every year we are called to participate in the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. We are encouraged to prayerfully consider our response as faithful stewards of the gifts which God has generously given us, and support the essential ministries, programs and shared services of the Diocese. As we have been transformed by Christ’s Body and Blood this year, we invite you to join us on our mission to assist those in need, a mission that can only be accomplished with your help and your support. Please consider making a donation today to this year’s Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal to help us continue our mission.

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