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(above and right) As they were called forward by name, Bishop John Iffert greeted candidates and catechumens at the annual Rite of Election, Feb. 26, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. The crozier Bishop Iffert carried belonged to Covington's sixth Bishop, William Mulloy, and features carvings of the gifts of the Holy Spirit around the shaft and of St. William at the crook.

(center) Bishop Iffert delivers his homily for the Rite of Election.

(right, top) Bishop Iffert signs the Book of the Elect for St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring. Each parish brings to Bishop Iffert a book with the names of the catechumens, who leave the service as the Elect — chosen ones of God.

(right, center) Lynn Mace, parishioner, Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Erlanger, was the lector at 2:30 p.m. service.

Catechumens and candidates gather with Bishop Iffert, Feb. 26, for annual Rite of Election

Laura Keener
Editor

The annual Rite of Election was held Feb. 26 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. In two solemn ceremonies, pastors and chaplains from 29 parishes in the Diocese of Covington and Thomas More University and Northern Kentucky University, presented 76 catechumens and 126 candidates to Bishop John Iffert.

Catechumens are unbaptized individuals seeking to enter the Catholic Church. During the Rite of Election each was called forward by name, received a blessing from Bishop Iffert and had their name inscribed in the Book of the Elect, which Bishop Iffert signed, declaring them the Elect — God's chosen people.

Candidates are baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. They, too, were called by name and received a blessing from Bishop Iffert.

Since August, both the candidates and catechumens have been

participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program at their parish. At this year's Easter Vigil they will receive the sacraments of initiation — baptism (catechumens), first Communion and confirmation (catechumens and candidates) — and will become the newest members of the Church.

"I want to begin today by welcoming everyone here," Bishop Iffert said as he began his homily, reflecting on the reason why the candidates and catechumens have been called to gather at the Mother Church to be received as the elect of God.

Some, he said, would say that today's celebration is a time to come to the Mother Church of the diocese and to meet the Bishop; others would say it's motivating to witness the number of people entering the Church, and still others would say it is to experience the Universal Church.

"That's not why we're here. We're here for a very narrow pur-

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WITH ONE HEART

EMPOWERING PRIESTS. IGNITING PARISHES. ENLIVENING THE FAITHFUL.

Take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey

As Lent is underway, the Disciple Maker Index survey is open in the Diocese of Covington through March 27. The Disciple Maker Index is a 75-question, multiple choice answer, survey that allows parishioners of the diocese to "reflect on their journey of discipleship and their parish's effectiveness in supporting that journey." The survey is available online at covdio.org/withoneheart.

Sample Question	My parish equips me to have conversations about my faith with family and friends by... Exhibiting care to members of our community (not necessarily Catholics) <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree nor Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree
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(above, left) Bishop John Iffert greets attendees at the DPAA kick-off dinner in Cynthiana, Feb. 28.
(center) Matt Hollenkamp, DPAA general chair, introduces Linda Rawe, DPAA leadership gifts chair and her husband, Randy.
(above, right) Attendees watch the 2023 DPAA “Rise and Do Not Be Afraid” video.
(right) Attendees smile as they wait for the DPAA dinner and program to begin.

At kick-off dinners, DPAA chairs report record donations and pledges in leadership gifts Phase 1

Laura Keener
Editor

Bishop John Iffert, Matt Hollenkamp, general chair and Linda Rawe, leadership gifts chair, welcomed over 120 guests to the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal kick off dinner, Feb. 28, at The Prizing House in Cynthiana, Ky.

This year’s DPAA theme is “Rise and Do Not Be Afraid.” The goal for this year’s DPAA is \$2.65 million. Eighty-three percent of the money raised through the DPAA is used to help fund diocesan ministries like care for retired priests, vocations, pro-life, Catholic Charities, religious education, campus ministry, Cristo Rey Parish and Thomas More University. Ten percent is used to fund service grants, which are awarded to various ministries who serve the poor and vulnerable in the local community. Like in year’s past, all monies collected over a parish’s goal is rebated back to the parish to help fund parish ministries and projects.

At the dinner, Mrs. Rawe announced the results from Phase 1 of the leadership gifts phase of the DPAA. Since February, a group of volunteer solicitors have been reach-

ing out to a group of select donors “to set the pace” for this year’s DPAA. These solicitors have brought in a DPAA Phase 1 record of \$544,280. That evening’s dinner, along

with the upcoming DPAA dinner March 2 in Hebron, is Phase 2 of the leadership gifts phase. Guests at the dinner in Cynthiana donated or pledged over \$27,000.

“We are so thankful for the gift of each of you and for your amazing support,” Mrs. Rawe said.

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Memorial Mass for the Loss of a Child

A Memorial Mass for any person who is grieving the loss of a child will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington.

The Mass is for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, early infant death, illness, suicide, accident or any other reason.

The Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Covington is sponsoring this service and wishes to emphasize that all people, not just Catholics, are invited to attend this Mass. Information on local support groups will be available at a reception following the Mass.



A Wired Family — Social Media & the Adolescent Digital Tribe

The Safe Environment Office of the Diocese of Covington welcomes Stephen Smith, founder of A Wired Family, March 7, 7–9 p.m., Bishop Brossart High School, Alexandria. Mr. Smith will speak on how social media is affecting not only the mental health of children and teens but also their privacy.

Adults only. No cost, no reservations required.



Lent at the Cathedral

Stations of the Cross —
Fridays, through March 31,
6:30 p.m.
No Stations March 10

24 Hours with the Lord —
Twelve consecutive hours of
Eucharistic Adoration and
confessions

March 10, Cathedral
Basilica of the Assumption,
noon-midnight

March 17, Holy Cross
Church, Latonia,
noon-midnight



Benedictines in Covington

An exhibit honoring the Benedictine legacy, brings together important artifacts from the history of Immaculate Conception Church at Stepstone in California, Ky.

The exhibit is on view now to March 31, 2023, in the Maes Crypt Chapel, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington.

The Cathedral’s open hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Mass.

For information on the Benedictine Oblates of St. Cosmas Deanery, Covington, or St. Walberg Monastery, Villa Hills visit CovOblates.org.

Parish Lenten Activities

Stations of the Cross
St. Joseph Parish, Camp Springs,
Monday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish,
Erlanger, Thursdays, 5 p.m.

**Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish,
Erlanger**
Exposition, Thursdays,
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Confessions, Fridays, 3– 3:30 p.m.

Bible study “The Holy Eucharist,”
March 6, 8 and 9, 6:30–8:30 p.m.,

Penance service, March 21,
6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, a reminder of our ‘campaign of Christian service’

Maura Baker
Staff Writer

With Ordinary Time coming to a pause, the Lenten Season began, Feb. 22. Community members, diocesan

staff and students from Covington Latin School came together for a Mass celebrating Ash Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Iffert.

In his homily, Bishop Iffert notes how the Lenten season is referred to sometimes as a “campaign of Christian service.” While the term campaign, he says, often calls to mind ideas such as a politi-

cal or military campaign, “clearly, none of these campaigns is what our prayer today is calling us to.” However, some qualities of these types of campaigns may still hold true to our Lenten campaigns.

“We remember that Jesus calls the children of the kingdom to be as cunning and diligent as those who seek profit in the ways of the world,” said Bishop Iffert.

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(far left) Bishop Iffert, with ashes on his forehead, consecrates the altar with incense. (center leeff) During the consecration, Bishop Iffert raises chalice at Ash Wednesday Mass. (left) Mass attendees pray in the pews after receiving the Ash Wednesday blessing. (below) Servers stand before the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Baker photos



JOHN CURTIS

BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND THE FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE

BISHOP OF COVINGTON

RESCRIPT

Whereas, in keeping with the penitential character of Lent and the immemorial practice of the Church, Catholics in the United States who have completed their fourteenth year are required to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent (*cf.* cann. 1251 and 1253; NCCB, Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence, November 18, 1966, n. 13); and

Whereas this year the Memorial of Saint Patrick, a day of celebration for many American Catholics of Irish descent, will fall on Friday, March 17;

Therefore, wishing to foster a joyful and reverent devotion to Saint Patrick and to honor the patrimony of the Irish people to whom he first proclaimed the good news of salvation, and in accord with canon 87 §1 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, I hereby dispense all the faithful who reside in the Diocese of Covington, as well as all those actually present in the Diocese of Covington, from the observance of the law of abstinence from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Furthermore, I urge all those who choose to make use of this dispensation to perform some additional work of penance or charity on that day, so that, following the example of Saint Patrick, they might unite themselves more fully to the Passion of our Lord.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Covington on the twenty-third day of February in the two thousand twenty-third year of our Lord.

+ John C. Iffert

Most Rev. John C. Iffert
Bishop of Covington

Jamie N. Schroeder
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Chancellor



Happy retirement

The Curia staff held a retirement luncheon, Feb. 28, for George (“Gar”) Read. For over five years Mr. Read has worked as the Diocese’s internal auditor, assisting pastors and principals in reviewing financial statements and procedures. Pictured (from left) are Bishop John Iffert, Mr. Read and Dale Henson, chief financial officer. Mr. Read is a parishioner at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Erlanger. On his first day of retirement, Mr. Read said he will begin planning his next vacation.



Bishop’s Schedule

March 4–5
DPAA Announcement
Weekend

March 7
Advisory Council meeting,
9:30 a.m.

March 11–12
DPAA Commitment
Weekend


March 13–16
St. Vincent Seminary visit

COMMENTARY

Churchmen of the Year

When they were working together some years ago at the Ukrainian Catholic University — the only Catholic institution of higher learning in the former Soviet space

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE



George Weigel

— Father Borys Gudziak and Father Sviatoslav Shevchuk did not imagine themselves occupying their present positions. Nor could they imagine that they would be at the center of epic historical events in 2022-2023 — defending order and decency in world politics amidst a brutal war.

In that wholly unanticipated circumstance, however, and from their current positions of responsibility in the Ukrainian Greek

Catholic Church, Major-Archbishop Shevchuk (the UGCC’s head) and Archbishop Gudziak (the archeparch of Philadelphia for Ukrainian Greek Catholics) have borne a powerful global witness to the truths of Catholic faith amidst a moral monster’s genocidal assault on the people of Ukraine.

When I first met Borys Gudziak at the home of mutual friends during a post-christening reception, he was a doctoral student at Harvard. And I hadn’t the faintest idea that I would eventually pass the dissertation he was writing (which had subsequently become an important book) to John Paul II over the papal dinner table. But on that Sunday afternoon in the mid-1980s, I did have the sense that this was someone with whom I would be in conversation for the rest of my life — and so it has been.

It was then-Father Gudziak who urged Major-Archbishop Shevchuk, the newly-elected head of the largest of the Eastern Catholic Churches, to meet with me when Shevchuk and I were both in Rome in April 2011. Eight weeks before, I had spent two hours with Metropolitan Hilarion Alfayev of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow, who had said more than a few bitter (and false) things about the UGCC during our encounter at the Library of Congress.

I had written a memorandum on that meeting, which Gudziak thought his former colleague should see while Shevchuk was meeting various Vatican officials (often starry-eyed about Russian Orthodoxy) after his accession to the metropolitan see of Kyiv-Halych. The new major-archbishop was terribly busy but made an hour available, during which I was struck both by his immediate friendliness and by his remarkable calm as he read through a memorandum that portended serious ecumenical difficulties for him — his only remark while reading the memo being an occasional, “Oh, dear.”

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Major-Archbishop Shevchuk has inspired his Church and the entire Ukrainian people through daily reflections that address Ukraine’s suffering through the lens of a cruciform faith. He has remained at his post as Kyiv has been bombed time and again by the aggressors, maintaining a rigorous schedule of prayer and liturgical worship that demonstrates his determination, and that of his entire Church, to maintain a spiritual life of praise, worship and intercession under the most challenging conditions. The major-archbishop has also worked indefatigably to educate the Roman authorities on the realities of the war, its cause, and Russia’s barbaric conduct of its “special military operation,” once giving Pope Francis a fragment of a Russian mine that had destroyed the

front of a Greek Catholic Church at the beginning of the war.

Archbishop Gudziak, while leading and renewing his archeparchy, has been tireless in supporting the university he and others built from scratch, which has remained in service to the country it is helping for. He has also been a most persuasive advocate for Ukraine’s cause in the United States, in Rome, and throughout Europe. I cannot imagine another churchman who could have held the attention of participants at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, as Gudziak recently did, as he spoke of the stakes in Ukraine as being nothing less than the foundational principles of Catholic social doctrine, including the dignity of the human person, the common good and solidarity.

In an environment dominated by elite concerns for the financial bottom line, Archbishop Gudziak got the “Davos People” thinking about the transcendent meaning of human life, which is unveiled every day when Ukrainians bravely face death, knowing that death is not the end of their individual stories, or the human story. It was a paschal, evangelical message far more powerful than any I’ve seen conveyed by Vatican diplomats at their occasional Davos appearances.


Major-Archbishop Shevchuk and Archbishop Gudziak are brilliant exemplars of apostolic zeal and courage. They can be such models because they are men of holiness. May they inspire all of us, and especially their brother bishops, to live the faith fearlessly, in and out of season — and in and out of danger.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. His column “The Catholic Difference” is syndicated by the Denver Catholic, the official publication of the Archdiocese of Denver.

Become and remain a ‘light of the world’

Somewhere along the way, about two minutes ago, I looked up the word “Lent” in a World Book dictionary. I found the definition to be less than impressive or inspiring, that is, “the forty weekdays between Ash Wednesday

ALONG THE WAY



Ray Smith

and Easter; observed in many Christian churches as a time for fasting and repenting of sins; Quadragesima ... the first Sunday of Lent.”

Please trust me and don’t yawn — there’s far more to it than that!

Not now, but sometime during the next few days — you pick the right time — try to expand that definition of Lent in your own words. Draw from past experiences and from what

you are experiencing as a Christian right now. Define it in a prayer or in a series of words that come to mind, one after another. For example: acceptance of the here and now, sacrifice, silence, sorry, giving, grace, appreciation, loving, caring, seeking, fear, indecision, pain, sin, patience, stubbornness and by all means, forgiveness. Don’t let me put words in your mind or in your personal notes. It’s a love task for you and the Holy Spirit.

What needs work in your life right now? What nagging habit or doubt or destructive attitude has crept in that you would love to see dash out? That might well be answered in the spontaneous words that travel from your mind to pen or keyboard. Don’t be discouraged if nothing

gets on your page at the first sitting or during that first walk you take with a handy notepad. If something comes to mind while driving, please pull over to a safe spot before trying to write it down or to record it. Heaven can wait.

Is there someone you know — stranger or loved one — who needs your prayers or a smile or a helping hand right now? Is there a bitter grudge or a seemingly unforgettable disagreement with someone that never has been resolved or settled peacefully that weighs heavier and heavier each day? Is it time for a special reconciliation that is long overdue?

Some years ago, a dear friend’s father had endured three heart attacks in short order. His life was in danger. Daughter and father had been estranged and out of touch for six long years. Eventually, during Lent, that daughter regretted that it took a serious health threat for her to take the first step toward their reunion and to what turned out to be a fruitful reconciliation for both who reunited and gave thanks for their renewed love and relief.

This year, our celebrant’s homily before Ash Wednesday’s week challenged us to be fortified by the Mass’s readings, while also urging each of us to become and remain a “light of the world.” The daily disappointing, disturbing and devastating news of wanton murders anywhere and everywhere, violent destruction of property, theft, street beatings, violent attacks in classrooms, on playgrounds and in school buses. The constant display of cruelty and brutality could not be more discouraging, he expounded. Yesterday on the news, I saw two young boys, cheered on by classmates, viciously attack and use a nine-year-old girl for a punching bag, loudly encouraged by

both sexes, believe it or not!

The beauty of Lent is that it can work wonders, but it needs our attention and cooperation — the sooner the better — because as you probably have noticed, it arrives quickly and flies away just when we were about to get “into it.”

Are you, no doubt, too busy with life and responsibilities to make the effort this time around? Of course! Is that a legitimate excuse to pass up this simple exercise this Lent? No. Need a little help, a nudge? Life happens. All struggle.

Thomas Merton once prompted my Lentercize with this unconditional surrender in his beautiful and unique self examination, Thoughts In Solitude:

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust in you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

The time is now, dear reader and friend...for you are the light of the world.

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A unique encounter

The readings for the second Sunday of Lent — Cycle A — are: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 and Matthew 17:5

On this Second Sunday of the Holy Season of Lent, we hear St. Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Church through the apostles Peter, James and John get to have a unique encounter with God... we get to “see” Jesus in all of His divine glory. For the first century Jew, to whom Matthew is specifically writing, they would immediately have seen a connection between

GO AND GLORIFY



Very Rev. Daniel Schomaker

Jesus and Moses. We, 21st century Christians, are able to see a connection between what happened on the Mountain of Transfiguration (sometimes referred to as Mt. Tabor) and what happens at each Holy Mass.

I am the pastor of Saint Augustine Parish in Covington, and in order to enter into our church building (even if you use the handicap ramp) you must ascend... you must make your way “up” the mountain as it were... like

Moses going up the mountain of Sinai and Jesus up the mountain of Tabor. Upon entering the church, the closer you get to the tabernacle, where the Lord is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, you must continue to go up... 8 steps. St. Augustine church has been designed, like many others, so that we can have a tangible and “sacramental” experience of climbing the mountain to meet God. A true and authentic encounter with God requires and ascendent dimension... specifically spiritually... raising our hearts and minds and spirits to heaven.

When we come before God, we are called to listen... “Listen to Him” the Father says to the apostles in the Gospel today. Unfortunately, if you are like me, you much prefer to talk. You and I have to explain to God everything that is going wrong and how we need him to help and fix it... even though “he knows what we need before we ask.” How many of us, however, really stop to obey the Father’s command to listen? Many times we are afraid to listen because we don’t want to hear what God has to say, because it contrary to our way we are thinking or our “plans;” and we really don’t want to change. But Jesus reminds us, as he does Peter, James and John... “do not be afraid.” Remember... unlike us, God is incapable of acting contrary to His nature... and as St. John reminds us, “God is love.” So, God cannot, not love us! Even in our stupidity when we stop loving Him through sin... he still loves us! St. Thomas Aquinas teaches us that Love is “willing the good of the other as other.” So God is always willing our good... what is there to be afraid of other than our own ego, selfishness and pride!

The response to the Psalm for this weekend is “Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.” Even in our fear of the unknown and what God may be asking of us, we need to echo the prayer of the psalmist which is also echoed in the prayer of St. Faustina: “Jesus, I trust in you.”

Let us all during this Holy Season of Lent, strive to listen more and talk less, let us raise our hearts and minds towards heaven and hear the voice of the Father and the teachings of the Lord Jesus, and let us not be afraid to follow where he calls... remember, God is always willing our good... which is His love for you and me!

Father Daniel Schomaker is pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Covington and director, Office of Worship and Liturgy for the Diocese of Covington, Ky

Moments of doubt

others the goal seems ambiguous — or fluffy, and I struggle to contribute.

One collecting prayer in our Liturgy of the Hours book transforms these moments of doubt into an expression of faith. I am grateful to Sister Deborah Harmeling who wrote it:


“God our Creator, by your loving design the world passes safely into darkness and returns again to light. We give into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems and our unfulfilled hopes. We commend each other and those who are needy to your care, knowing that you bring all things to completion. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is our unfailing light and hope and who abides with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.”

Unfinished tasks;
Unsolved problems;
Unfulfilled hopes —
You bring all things to completion.

Benedictine Sister Christa Kreinbrink is a professed member of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery, Villa Hills, Ky. She and other members of the community contribute to the community’s blog “Reflections from the School of the Lord’s Service” online at stwalburg.blogspot.com.

Sometimes one needs a wider perspective to see progress. Each Monday I look at my calendar to see what the week holds. Meetings, deadlines, trips to take someone somewhere, planning. The week can seem filled with small bits of business, repeats of prior weeks.

VIEWPOINT



Sister Christa Kreinbrink, O.S.B.

Periodically I pull out a calendar from a previous year to look for something, and then page through it. I am reminded of people that I met or worked with on a project, meetings that resulted in good decisions or outcomes. And if the result wasn’t so good or the effort failed, I may have learned from it.

For me it takes time to see the direction and evolution of work toward a goal. Whether it’s my own work or a committee, it doesn’t always seem worthwhile in bits and pieces. In some meetings we spin our wheels until the tread finds purchase. In

Up and down the mountain this Lent

Jesus’ Transfiguration is one of the most dramatic scenes in the Gospels. It is a central image of Lent, reminding us that during this season we are invited to ascend a high mountain with Jesus to live a unique spiritual experience.

Pope Francis has chosen the Transfiguration as the theme for his Lenten message this year.

GUEST



Sister Constance Veit, L.S.P.

Highlighting the voice coming from the cloud, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Mt 17:5), he asks us to listen to Jesus.

“Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us” in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy.

“May that Word not fall on deaf ears;” Francis writes, suggesting that

even if we cannot attend daily Mass, we can still study the daily bible readings.

In addition to the Scriptures, he writes, “The Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need.”

So our first task this Lent is to listen to Jesus speaking to us in the Word of God and in other people.

Pope Francis offers us a second Lenten proposal. Referring again to the Transfiguration, he suggests that we resist the temptation to take refuge in a religiosity made up of dramatic, mountaintop experiences, but that we “go down to the plain” strengthened by these experiences to be “artisans of synodality” in ordinary life.

As I reflect on this theme, I am transported back to Lent of 2020, when we were suddenly thrust into a surreal situation with the onset of COVID-19. The first weeks of the pandemic, which coincided with Lent, were intense on both the spiritual and practical levels.

Strangers in hazmat suits walked among us in our Home for the elderly and we were forced to bury ourselves under layers of PPE. As COVID struck more and more residents, a dark cloud hung over us — a mix of grief and fear of the unknown.

There were also moments of intense light, however. As we went into lockdown, we were deprived of daily

Mass, but we watched it online each day. We managed to find grace and strength through meditation on the Lenten readings and spiritual communions.

Even as we felt the shadow of death engulfing us, I had a strong sense that Christ was present in the midst of it all — not in his transfigured or risen glory, but in the vulnerability of his passion and death.

I also had a heightened sense of mission, believing that Christ was counting on me to love and serve the elderly to the best of my ability, despite the many obstacles continually posed by COVID. Regardless of the seemingly dire circumstances in which we found ourselves that Lent, we never doubted the presence of Christ in the person of the elderly, as our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan had always said, “Never forget that the Poor are Our Lord.”

Now that the pandemic has largely receded, we have descended the mountain, so to speak, back to a more normal life. Yet we are confronted with new issues indicating that life in our Homes will never be quite the same.

Our greatest challenge is the critical shortage of qualified caregivers to assist us in our apostolate. Like half of the nursing homes across the United States, our Homes have been forced to limit the number of new admissions because we have not been able to recruit and retain enough staff members to care for the full number of elderly residents we could accommodate.

How can it be, I often ask Our Lord, that at the very moment when the needs of seniors are greater than ever due to the ravages of the pandemic, and the population of older persons is growing exponentially, there are fewer caregivers prepared to meet their needs?

Individually and as a society, we need to show greater esteem and gratitude to caregivers. We need to advocate for more educational opportunities and incentives for young people to enter the field of geriatrics, for better working conditions, compensation and benefits, and for care and support for those experiencing exhaustion or burnout.

These suggestions may seem like a departure from our Lenten theme, but I believe that Our Lord is speaking to us through the elderly — whom St. Jeanne Jugan called the mouthpiece of God — and we need to listen.

As we deepen the ideal of journeying together in a spirit of synodality, let us come down from the mountain convinced that the eldest members of the human family are everyone’s concern.

Sister Constance Veit is the communications director for the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States and an occupational therapist.

Be Witnesses

*“Wake up the world!
Be witnesses of
a different way
of doing things,
of acting, of living!”*

— Pope Francis

Religious Communities in the Diocese of Covington

- Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery www.stwalburg.org
- Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis www.brothersofthepoorofstfrancis.org
- Passionist Nuns www.erlangerpassionists.com
- Sisters of Divine Providence www.cdpkentucky.org
- Sisters of Notre Dame www.sndusa.org
- Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker www.ssjw.org

Public and Private Associations

- Franciscan Daughters of Mary www.fdoofmary.org
- Missionaries of St. John the Baptist www.msjb.info

Karen Kuhlman Correspondent

When women are seeking guidance for discerning a religious vocation, Notre Dame Sister Marla Monahan, diocesan Vicar for Religious, suggests the search begin with the Women Religious of the Diocese of Covington. The Vocation Directors of the Diocese have walked that path themselves and welcome the opportunity to accompany those who follow today. Three vocation directors share stories about what drew them to their orders and reflect on the discernment process.

The Sisters of Notre Dame were Sister Ruth Lubbers’s teachers at St. John School, Covington, (now Prince of Peace) and Notre Dame Academy. When her family took walks in the neighborhood or attended events at St. John’s, they often witnessed the sisters sitting with their mending or relaxing on the porch at the end of the day.

“They always seemed to be having fun, having a good time together, and sometimes welcomed us to join them,” said Sister Ruth. “I felt very much at home as we spoke with them. Throughout my days as a student, I knew they cared for us. That was very important to me.”

The charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame is one of sharing and recognizing God’s goodness and provident care. “The first part comes from our spiritual mother, St. Julie Billiart; the second comes from our German roots and how God cared for our foundresses and sisters in Germany,” Sister Ruth said. “That sustains me; to be reminded of the good within life, within others, and within myself. God’s loving care in all of that allows me to be more trusting as I go about and proclaim God’s goodness. My parents were people of service, so my goal of being of service to others was part of my discernment. And service is an important aspect of the ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame.”

Divine Providence Sister Leslie Keener said, “Our name arose from those who witnessed what the Sisters were doing for people and referred to us as ‘sisters of providence.’ The Sisters became God’s providence for others by trusting in God’s provident care for themselves. That is who we still are today.”

Sister Leslie said that she was attracted to the lived charism of the Congregation of Sister of Divine Providence even before she knew what the written charism was.

“One of our virtues is simplicity. We try to be God’s providence to others in whatever way we can by simply showing up as ourselves, being authentic, and trusting God,” Sister Leslie said. “Trusting, in general, has always been difficult for me. The Sisters are ‘what you see is what you get.’ That allowed me to be myself, to grow into who I was becoming.”

Like Sister Ruth, Sister Leslie saw the Sisters of Divine Providence enjoying each other’s company.

“There was so much energy, and they were free to be themselves. That gave me, a shy person, permission to be myself,” Sister Leslie said. “God’s way of caring for me has been to surround me with people who are intentional about trusting in God and serving others. Sometimes, people speak of women religious as if we were a thing of the past. We are not. Our predecessors built schools, hospitals and universities; the mission now is with the poor, as our other missions continue to develop.”

As vocations promoter, Sister Leslie sees her ministry as a ministry of accompaniment. By accompanying women as they

A life of joy

discern a vocation, Sister Leslie can help determine if the Congregation is a good fit. If it is, she encourages her to continue her journey with the Congregation. If that is not, she helps her find a community that would be right for her.

“Perhaps a monastic community or a contemplative community would be a better fit,” Sister Leslie said.

Although some women entered religious life at a young age in the past, that is no longer the case. Sister Leslie entered at 24; women today enter in their 30s and 40s.

“That is a good thing!” said Sister Leslie. “People must have time on their own and some experiences before they make a life commitment.”

Sister Leslie continued, “In general, in walking with college students, I find they are afraid of making a bad choice that will ruin their lives. I explain that things can be changed if you make a choice that doesn’t fit. There are ways to pray through it, and as with most big life decisions, you have lots of chances along the way to say yes or no. That knowledge can take the pressure off.”

Sister Ruth adds, “The discernment process is similar to the engagement period for couples as they get to know each other better. The different stages of discernment give you comfort and the ability to reaffirm your decisions or lead you to realize that religious life is not your calling.”

Benedictine Sister Cathy Bauer of St. Walburg Monastery also came to her religious vocation at age 24 but wasn’t sure what her role would be. She knew

she was called to serve, but not in a newer community and not as a teacher.

The long-established monastic life of the Benedictines, with its rhythm of prayer calling the community back together throughout the day, their charism of hospitality and their mission of service, drew her to her vocation. Her desire to work among the poor and her background in social work led her to missionary work in Tanzania. By listening with the ear of her heart, she found her call to mission was in Kentucky.

Sister Cathy said, “Having more choices can make the decision-making process seem difficult or lead us to believe we would be happier if God gave us fewer choices. People often think, ‘There is only one way to do this, and I must do it correctly.’ But we know that life is like a garden of beautiful opportunities: The religious communities are very life-giving. In the decision-making process, by sharing our thoughts with others, we can make decisions about the future, leading to a life of joy.”

The Vocation Directors try to make it easy for people to find them and thus provide various opportunities for seekers to explore the possibility of a vocation throughout the year.

Vocation Ventures 2023, March 31- April 1, offers single Catholic women, 18-45 the opportunity to meet women religious from different communities. They will share their homes and vocation stories and offer a glimpse into religious life as lived today.

The Sisters remind us that parents and grandparents are in an excellent position to encourage a young person to contemplate a religious vocation. Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-14, 2023, and that presents an opportunity for a casual discussion with a young person about the importance of having women religious accompany us on our journey.

For more information about consecrated life in the Diocese of Covington, contact Sister Marla Monahan at mmonahan@covdio.org or (859) 392-1569.

The gift of hope

Karen Kuhlman
Contributor

Through its many ministries, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Covington lives the teaching of Jesus. Catholic Charities Jail Ministry unites the Fifth Beatitude, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy,” with the Fifth Corporal Work of Mercy, “To visit the imprisoned.”

Jail Ministry coordinator Dave Capella and his volunteers bring that mercy to the incarcerated, those about to be released, their families, friends and victims of crime. John Lubrecht, a Catholic Charities jail minister, has been visiting the Boone County Jail for four years. He has met with many inmates, but one young man and his family have made a lasting impression on him.

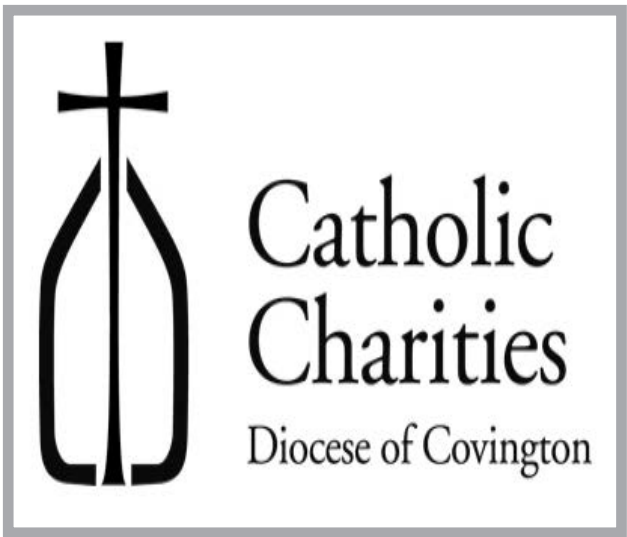
When John visits inmates, he never asks why they are incarcerated; he asks why they decided to meet with him. Do they want him to pray with them, talk with them or take a break from their cell?

A young man, who had never been in trouble before, was incarcerated at the Boone County Jail. He was emotionally in dire straits, and his mother was overwhelmed with worry about potential disastrous consequences. “My son, Paul, got in trouble, and I panicked. I’d had a previous association with Catholic Charities and reached out to them for help.” Dave Capella responded and emailed his volunteers, explaining the situation and requesting immediate assistance.

When John arrived at the jail 15 minutes later, he found a crying, broken 23-year-old man. From that day on, he visited the young man every Saturday for three years. John explained, “We think much is to be gained for the people who meet with us. We pray with them, talk with them; we are present to them. I tried to be that positive person Paul could talk with and count on. We hear a lot about transformational experiences; I witnessed a remarkable transformation.”

John wanted to ensure that once Paul was out, he would stay out. “I will work with you for as long as it takes, as long as you make me one promise; You are never going to go back.” Paul responded, “I promise you that when I get out of here, I am never coming back here. All I want to do is to be the greatest dad, son, and part of this community.”

Paul explains, “I thought about all I had done wrong. I felt so bad about how I had hurt my mom and uncle, and I didn’t want to do it again. I had hurt them so badly that I didn’t think they would ever answer the phone if I called, would never want to help me again. I would stand in the shower and cry — the only place where no one could see my tears. John helped me find ways I could do things differently.”



Catholic Charities' Jail Ministry is a presence ministry, and John has been a presence in Paul's life for four years. He's prayed with him, talked with him, shared his sorrows, rejoiced in his successes, and befriended him.

John suggested that Paul use his time to improve his body and soul. He encouraged him to give his life purpose by volunteering for any available job in the facility. The young man said yes to painting, maintenance, laundry chores — any opportunity that allowed him to get out of his head through labor.

As an additional physical component, John helped him devise a fitness program he could work on in his cell. Others in his pod followed his lead and began working out as well. Triceps dips on the edge of the bed, 1,000 sit-ups, and 1,000 pushups a day helped rebuild the physical Paul as John slowly refined the interior. Paul said, “being rebuilt physically helped me deal with my emotions; previously, I spent too much time in my head.”

An essential component of John's successful ministry to Paul was the unparalleled support from Paul's mother and uncle. In preparation for his weekly visits, John contacted Paul's mother and uncle, asking if there was anything they wanted to know or how he could best support Paul. His mother said the hardest part was seeing Paul behind bars, but she knew he had to learn from his mistakes. She leaned heavily on the support of John and her brother. With his background in law enforcement, her brother was impressed with John's commitment to visiting Paul week after week for three years.

“I grew up in the Methodist faith and also witnessed the work done by Catholics among the people of the community. I was grateful for John’s commitment to Paul, to go out to jail time after time. I don’t know if I could do that, do what John has done. There was so much stress on my sister, and John provided her with a bridge to Paul.”

John visited with Paul on Saturdays while the family visited during the week. Paul's uncle said, "The Jail Ministry's influence on rehabilitation is so important to society, and to see that is a blessing. It was a wonderful thing to observe the process of John showing up week after week and witness the rebuilding of a man."

Paul is now doing very well. He has done his time, completed his parole, gets to see his children, has taken the classes the Judge deemed necessary, and has been gainfully employed for over a year. He is doing so well that he is being considered for extra responsibilities by his employer. He enjoys those responsibilities and is anxious to learn all he can to move forward in life.

Paul doesn't know what he would do without his family, without his mother, his uncle, John Lubrecht, Dave Capella, and Catholic Charities. He is determined to become a good father, a good son and a good man. Along the way, he will have the love of his mother and uncle and the continuing friendship of John Lubrecht. John never let go of Paul during the most difficult days of the young man's life; he will not let go of him now that his best days are on the horizon.

Paul's story began in despair but continues now with the hope of a good life. And to Paul and his family, the knowledge that there is hope is the greatest gift.

Paul said, “The Jail Ministry would help so many others if there were more people like John to talk with, to help them get out of their heads. I went in broken, but with the help of my family and John Lubrecht, I came out better.”

Paul's mother and uncle are grateful for John's commitment to Paul and the others he serves through Catholic Charities' Jail Ministry. They hope their story will inspire others to consider volunteering for the ministry.

For information about the Jail Ministry Program or if you are interested in volunteering contact Dave Capella at dcapella@covingtoncharities.org or (859) 581-8974 ext. 117

Note — While John's story of dedication to Paul and his family is beautiful, Catholic Charities jail ministry volunteers typically don't visit one-on-one with inmates or get involved with family members to this extent. Catholic Charities volunteers visit in pairs and meet groups of inmates to read Scripture, pray, teach classes and listen. That is how the spirit moves within the ministry.

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Catholic Schools — Following Christ



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(above) One way that Bishop Brossart High School students and staff follow Christ is by attending an optional weekly Rosary on Thursday mornings before school.

In the Gospel of John 8:12, we hear Jesus say, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Each day our Catholic schools are teaching students how to be followers of Christ. We do this not only through the lessons in the classroom but also through our words and actions.

In today’s world, the culture is telling us and our children to follow all sorts of people and groups — especially online and on social media. But we are called to follow Jesus first and to be wary of others who may lead us astray.



This school year, we invite you to journey with our students and staff to see all the ways we are following Christ. And we encourage you to join with us in following Jesus each day through your words, actions, and prayers.

Kendra McGuire
Superintendent of
Catholic Schools,
Diocese of Covington



(above) Students and teachers at Saint Philip School celebrate that God is Good, All the Time!



(above) Students at Prince of Peace School follow Christ by collecting and donating meals to the Rose Garden Mission.



(above) Covington Latin School students spent their annual Day of Service out in the community doing service as they are encouraged to help those around them.



(right) Students and staff of Sts. Peter and Paul collect donations and assemble bags for the poor.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS



Closing the gender divide

Villa Madonna Academy High School has earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls’ access in AP computer science courses.

The prayer intention for March, as recommended by Pope Francis, is for victims of abuse; that those who have suffered harm from members of the Church, may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

The weekly TV Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption is broadcast locally on The CW, Sundays, noon to 1 p.m. Viewers can tune-in on the following channels: antenna 12.2; Spectrum 117 or 25; Cincinnati Bell 17 or 517; and DirectTV 25.

Holy Cross High School 25th annual Mulch Sale, selling 3 kinds of mulch and pine straw, includes delivery to your home, business or rental property anywhere in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties and students will put it anywhere on your property, starting April 1. Order online at www.hcmulch.com or call (859) 392-8999.

“Put Out Into the Deep,” Lenten Mission with Msgr. William Cleves, St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 7–8 p.m. Each evening Msgr. Cleves will focus on a Scripture passage, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Confessions will be offered during Adoration.

Fenians’ 31st St. Patrick Day Mass, 6:30 p.m., March 9, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. Choir selections by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Glee Club. Music by the Emerald Society Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Corps. Flourishes by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Our Lady of Knock Division and the St. Patrick Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Gathering at Molly Malone’s afterward.

The Bishop Brossart Softball and Volleyball teams will host its 2nd annual Euchre Tournament, March 10, Hegenaur Hall, Alexandria. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; tournament begins 7 p.m. Top prize is \$500. Cost \$25 per player (includes food, water and pop). Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Contact ckremer11@icloud.com to register or for more information.

Morning of Reflection on Lectio Divina, March 11, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ft. Mitchell, a mini retreat for anyone wanting to know more about their spiritual lives or the process of discernment. Presentation/discussion, 9 a.m.; Mass 10 a.m.; Holy Hour; confession 11 a.m. Everybody is welcome.

Sacred Heart Dinners, an opportunity for those discerning a call to the priesthood to meet with Father Conor Kunath and other clergy to ask questions. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend as well. The next dinner is March 12, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ft. Mitchell, beginning



Saints — a sure peg

Students at St. Patrick School, Taylor Mill, researched their favorite saints and then painted peg dolls to resemble the saints.

at 5 p.m. with Sunday Vespers, after which dinner is provided. To be included, contact the Vocations Office, (859) 392-1500 or your parish priest.

Memorial Mass for the Loss of a Child, March 15, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington. This Mass is being offered for parents and family members who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, abortion, suicide or any other reason. All are welcome. For information, contact the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office at (859) 392-1545.

“The Book of Wisdom” a workshop hosted by the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization and presented by Father Timothy Schehr, March 18 and April 22, 9–11:30 a.m., at the Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington. Father Schehr is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary’s School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. This book encourages readers to seek wisdom. But where do we begin such a search? Cost \$35. Register online <https://covidio.org/oce/catholic-bible-study/> or call (859) 392-1529.

The St. Cecilia Altar Society annual Spring Craft Bazaar, March 19, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Table rental, call (859) 356-8235. Tables are \$35 for a 9’x9’ space, which includes a table and electricity (first come, first served).

Bishop Brossart High School, Alexandria, Art Gallery will host the Elementary School Art Show, March 19, noon-4; March 24 and 25, before, during and after the Senior Play; and March 26, noon–4.

Thomas More University will host its 25th Bishop William A. Hughes Award Dinner, March 29, 6 p.m., Drees Pavilion, Covington. Three awards will be presented to individuals who have shown leadership in the community and made significant impact on Catholic education: Alan Pickett, executive director of Catholic Charities; Raymond G. Hebert, Ph.D., executive director of the Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III ’67 Institute for Religious Liberty (IRL); and Wilbert Ziegler ’53, J.D., honorary chair of the Thomas More University Second Century Campaign Steering Committee.

A personal Lenten Pilgrimage of five historic churches of the Diocese of Covington, April 1, rain or shine. Walk (or drive) any part of the 4.3-mile pilgrimage route. Start at any church on the route, any time. The churches: Cathedral Basilica of Assumption, St Benedict, St Augustine, St John Evangelist and then Mother of God — open at 9 a.m. for Eucharistic Adoration, with closing Benediction, 2 p.m.



Praying with patron saint

Bishop John Iffert celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Pius X Parish, Edgewood, Jan. 26. Michael Bischoff was one of those confirmed and took the name Carlo Acutis, the Church’s new blessed and patron of the Eucharist. He was graced to pray with a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis following the Mass.

Fish Frys

Our Savior Parish, Covington, March 31, noon–6 p.m.

St. Benedict Parish, Covington, March 3, 17 and 31, 5–7 p.m.

St. Mary Parish, Alexandria, March 3, 10, 17, 4–7:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Parish, Morning View, March 10, 17, 24, 31, 4:30–7 p.m.

All Fridays of Lent — Mar 3-Mar 31

Holy Cross District High School, Covington, 5–8 p.m.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Erlanger, 4–8 p.m.

St. Augustine, Augusta, every Friday through March 31, 5 p.m. until fish runs out.

St. Augustine Parish, Covington, 4–7 p.m.

St. Barbara Parish, Erlanger, 4:30–8 p.m.

St. Bernard Parish, Dayton, 5–7 p.m.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ft. Thomas, 4:30–7:30 p.m.

St. Edward Parish, Cynthiana, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; 5–7 p.m., (859)-298-5932

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Falmouth, Knights of Columbus, 4–7:30 p.m., (859) 321-9733

St. James, Brooksville, 4:30 p.m–6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Academy, Walton, 4:30–8 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Camp Springs, 4–7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish, Taylor Mill, 4:30–7:30 p.m.

St. Timothy, Union, drive-thru, credit card only, 4:30–7 p.m., Dine-in 5-7:30 p.m.

St. William Parish, Williamstown, drive-thru only, 4:30–7 p.m.

Mother of God offers Mass at noon. An informational booklet will be available at the church where you start your journey. RSVP CovLentenPilgrimage@gmail.com.

The Thomas More University Observatory and Professor Wes Ryle invite you to the next two lectures/night sky viewings: **“Fusion Power: Energy Savior or Hopeless Dream?”** on March 25 and “JWST: At Work At Last!” on April 29. Lectures are at lecture in Steigerwald Hall – Saints Center; with a 9 p.m. night sky viewing at the Thomas More Observatory. Event is free and open to the public, no reservations required.

Have you ever considered going on a pilgrimage? **“Journey to Egypt, a special part of the Holy Land,** where Abraham, Joseph, Moses and the Holy Family walked. Make your way through the Holy Land to follow in Jesus’ footsteps. Celebrate votive Masses in the very places where miraculous gifts became pages in the Gospel. If interested in learning more, please contact St. Henry parishioner Michael Portwood, (859) 878-6905 or e-mail pamarinedad@yahoo.com.

Retrouvaille helps couples on the brink of divorce restore their marriage

Maura Baker
Staff Writer

In July of 1998, Ed and Diane Fisher attended a weekend session of the Retrouvaille program: a Catholic-based initiative aiming to help couples on the brink of divorce. Twenty-five years later, the Fishers remain in their marriage and are still actively involved in Retrouvaille as the coordinators for the program in the Cincinnati area.

“It really helped us. It gave us tools to talk to one another in a calm and rational manner,” said Mr. Fisher, reflecting on his experience with Retrouvaille. “It got us back on track to realize that we’re the same people now as we were when we first got married, that we loved each other then and still love each other now.”

Retrouvaille describes itself as “primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.” The program seeks to



rebuild marriages and a loving relationship through communication. Presenters like Ed and Diane Fisher are not marriage counselors, but couples who share their stories and the tools they use to reform their marital relationships.

“Our last weekend in Cincinnati got 25 couples. We have three teams, all married, who went through the Retrouvaille program — and they all presented that weekend,” said Mr. Fisher, who also noted the involvement of a

priest in Cincinnati Retrouvaille’s past weekend. “We also have six follow-ups, and they last about four hours a piece on a Saturday.”

These follow up sessions are “core” to the Retrouvaille experience, giving coordinators a chance to reconnect and go over what they’ve learned past the initial weekend. According to Mr. Fisher, approximately 75 percent of couples who attend Retrouvaille remain married following the program.

With three sessions a year, January’s Cincinnati Retrouvaille session has passed — although, another comes around the corner as the next Retrouvaille weekend begins April 14. Couples interested in the program are invited to visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/> for information.

Lenten Eucharistic meditation 2: The hunger for God

USCCB/Eucharistic Revival Team

This Eucharistic meditation is designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer.

The grace I seek: to believe that Jesus longs to feed my soul with himself

Pray: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus, the Lord of Life, has given himself to you in the Eucharist. He is gazing upon you, his beloved child, with great love at this very moment. Pause for a few moments and wonder at his gift for you. Allow yourself to rest in his loving gaze. Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

Ask for the grace: Jesus, help me to believe you will satisfy every longing of my heart.



Share these openly and honestly with the Lord.

Scripture Meditation

The tempter approached and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.’ He said in reply, ‘It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’” (Matt 4:3-4)

Reflection Questions

Jesus desires to fulfill the deepest longings of our heart with himself — his Body and his Blood. Gazing upon the Eucharist, ask Jesus to show you how he wants to satisfy the hunger of your heart. Beg him to enter into that hunger with his Eucharistic presence.

Scripture Meditation

“But the serpent said to the woman: ‘You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.’ The woman saw that the tree was

good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.” (Gen 3:4-6)

Reflection Questions

What are the “fruits” your heart is hungering for? Are there times you have grasped at ways to satisfy this hunger in your heart, only to realize these things did not satisfy?

Closing Prayer

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect, First Sunday of Lent)

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New asteroids named for pope who led Gregorian calendar reform and three Jesuit astronomers — brings total to 32

Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Three Jesuit astronomers and the 16th-century pope who commissioned the Gregorian calendar have recently been honored with having asteroids named after them.

The new additions include: “562971 Johannhagen,” honoring Austrian Jesuit Father Johann Hagen, who was serving as director of the Georgetown University Observatory when Pope Pius X called him to Rome in 1906 to be the first Jesuit director of the new Vatican Observatory; “551878 Stoeger,” honoring U.S. Jesuit Father Bill Stoeger, a cosmologist and theologian who died in 2014; and “565184 Janusz,” honoring Polish Jesuit Father Robert Janusz, a philosopher and physicist on the staff at the Vatican Observatory.

A working group of the International Astronomical Union also approved of the designation of “560974 Ugoboncompagni,” honoring Ugo Boncompagni, who was elected Pope Gregory XIII in 1572.

The working group approved and published the names in its bulletin Feb. 7, the Vatican Observatory said in a press release Feb. 28. There are now 32 asteroids named after Jesuits.

Pope Gregory began the tradition of having papal astronomers and observatories. He commissioned German Jesuit Father Christopher Clavius to help with the reform of the calendar, which took his name, the “Gregorian” calendar, and still today is an internationally accepted civil calendar.

This is not the first asteroid named after a pope, however.

According to the Minor Planet Center’s asteroid orbital database, the “8661 Ratzinger” was named after Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, after it

was discovered in Germany in 1990.

The asteroid’s discoverer chose to name it after the German theologian, who was head of the Vatican Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith at the time, honoring him as “one of the most authoritative voices in the Vatican.”

“Under his supervision, the Vatican opened its archives in 1998 to enable researchers to investigate judicial errors against Galileo and other medieval scientists,” the center’s database said.

“According to the IAU, the assignment of a particular name to a particular asteroid — minor planet — comes about through a process that can, in some cases, take decades,” the Vatican Observatory said.

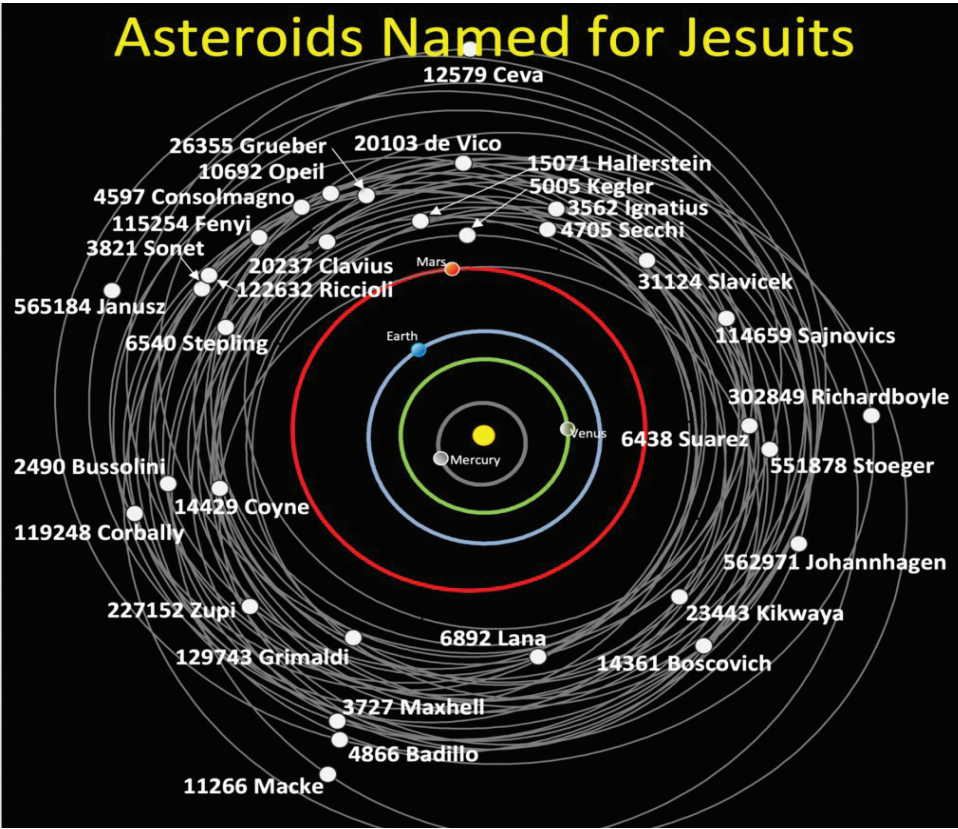
Only after the orbit of a newly discovered minor planet has been “determined well enough that its position can be reliably predicted far into the future,” it said, does the body receive “a permanent designation number, issued sequentially by the IAU’s Minor Planet Center” and then its discoverer is invited to suggest a name for it.

Naming rights cannot be purchased, it said, and “names of pets or names of a commercial nature are not allowed.” Proposed names are then judged by the working group committee.

The very first asteroid,

Ceres, was discovered by an Italian priest, Theatine Father Giuseppe Piazzi, in 1801. The 1000th asteroid to be designated was named Piazzi in his honor in 1923, a lunar crater was named after him in 1935 and a large feature on Ceres, possibly a crater, imaged by the Hubble Space Telescope has been informally named Piazzi.

More than 30 objects on the moon are named after Jesuits, starting with the Riccioli Crater named after Jesuit Father Giovanni Battista Riccioli, who developed the system, still in use today, of naming lunar objects. He led the naming and cataloging of many of the moon’s larger craters, including the “Sea of Tranquility” where the Apollo 11 mission landed three centuries later.



CNS photo/Robert Macke, via Vatican Observatory

This graphic from Feb. 1, 2023, shows the names and relative orbits of 32 asteroids named after Jesuit astronomers. A working group of the International Astronomical Union published Feb. 7, 2023, its approval of designating three new asteroids honoring individual Jesuits and it approved a fourth asteroid to be named “560974 Ugoboncompagni,” honoring Ugo Boncompagni who was elected Pope Gregory XIII in 1572 and led the reform of the calendar.



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Representatives from non-profit agencies and ministries across Northern Kentucky joined together with the Diocese of Covington Pro-life Office for a meeting, Feb. 21, in Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, Covington. The goal of this meeting was collaboration; the formation of a Pregnancy Care Network seeking to “improve the overall health and well-being of childbearing families in Northern Kentucky” by providing aid and support to families and mothers in need.

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Dialogue, not revenge, must prevail in the Holy Land, pope says

Justin McLellan
Catholic News Service

Rather than foment hate and seek revenge, Palestinians and Israelis need to engage in dialogue in the pursuit of peace, Pope Francis said.

After praying the Angelus with an estimated 20,000 visitors in St. Peter's Square Feb. 26, the pope prayed in a spe-

DPAA kick-off dinners

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In his remarks, Bishop Iffert talked about how the DPAA is not just fundraising but an opportunity to fill a personal need to respond to God's generosity.

"We believe, with our whole hearts that God has been gracious to us. That everything we have is a gift. That everything we have is given for us to steward, not to possess ... but to decide how it will be used for the good in the world. Because God has been so gracious to us and entrusted so much to our care, we have a need to respond to that by being generous to others."

The DPAA, Bishop Iffert said, is an opportunity that "corresponds to that need we have to steward what we have been given in order to care for others and participate with God in his loving and creative way."

The weekend of March 4 and 5 is DPAA announcement weekend, when the DPAA video will be shown at all Masses, in all parishes. With the video, parishioners will be able to hear from Bishop Iffert and several others who will share how ministries supported by the DPAA have benefitted them or the people they serve.

cial way for those in the Holy Land to "find the way of

brotherhood and peace with the aid of the international community."

Israeli and Palestinian authorities published a joint statement to that end Feb. 26 after a meeting in Aqaba, Jordan, that brought together the security chiefs of both countries for the first time in several years, along with senior U.S., Egyptian and Jordanian officials.

In the statement, both sides reaffirmed the need for "de-escalation on the ground" to prevent further violence and Israel committed to suspend Israeli settlement in the West Bank for a period of four months — a major source of tension for Palestinians who want to establish an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"How to stop this spiral of violence?" the pope asked Feb. 26. "I renew my call for dialogue to prevail over hate and revenge."

At least 62 Palestinians and 12 Israelis have been killed this year according to reports by the Palestinian Authority and Israeli foreign ministries, outpacing violence in the Holy Land last year which was the bloodiest on record.

Pope Francis also expressed his concern over recent terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso, where Islamic extremists took responsibility for killing more than 70 soldiers and taking five hostages in an attack on a military convoy Feb. 24.



Pope Francis addresses the estimated 20,000 visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus Feb. 26, 2023.

On the first Sunday of Lent, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading from St. Matthew in which the devil tests Jesus in the wilderness. He explained that Jesus does not succumb to the devil's efforts to tempt him and instead responds with the word of God.

"You do not argue with the devil," said the pope, "you do not dialogue with the devil."

He urged Christians to keep Scripture at the center of their lives, so that they may turn to it in moments of temptation as Jesus did.

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Ash Wednesday

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“This campaign begins with compunction, with sorrow for our sins. This is one way our Christian campaign is different than all the others. The others are focused on one’s own ego, ambitions, hungers,” but, according to Bishop Iffert, our Lenten campaign is the opposite. “It focuses on recognizing that we are limited and sinful.”

“We are invited to admit that we cannot be our own God, that we cannot do this on our own. That we cannot save ourselves — we are powerless and reliant on our God to pursue the way of holiness and sanctification.”

“And, when we repent, we begin to listen to God,” said Bishop Iffert, “when we undertake the facts; giving up our own egos and self interest and little hungers, we realize immediately that our energy should not be directed in those ways, but to the needs of the suffering, the oppressed...”

During Ash Wednesday Mass, the ashes of blessed palms from the previous Palm Sunday are smeared in the shape of the cross on the foreheads of the congregation. “Remember; that we are dust... but not just any dust. But, dust into whom God breathed his divine spirit, for whom God has taken our nature to himself. To whom God has promised eternal life.”

“So repent and believe in the Gospel,” Bishop Iffert concluded, “the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the hope of the this world and our only hope for eternal life.”

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Rite of Election

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pose today. It’s a declaration of fitness,” Bishop Iffert said.

For catechumens, Bishop Iffert analogizes the Rite of Election to a sports physical required of athletes, “to have the doctor sign off to say that you have a certain level of fitness to be able to engage in that sport ... you’re doing something very much like that today. Your parishes, those who are entrusted with your formation, ... those who have been walking along with you as sponsors, they have sent you here — to the cathedral and to me — to testify that you are fit now to enter into this season of purification ... to focus on the coming sacraments you are to receive, especially for those of you who are catechumens the sacrament of Baptism ... to desire with your heart and to seek to become

one with Christ.”

Reflecting on the Scripture reading, how death entered the world through the sin of one man — Adam, so to man has been redeemed through the gift of justification of one man — Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:12-19), Bishop Iffert explained that St. Paul is not only referring to physical death but also spiritual death.

“To be out of relationship with God. To feel only shame in the presence of God’s loving mercy. To be unable to converse with God. To be unable to accept God’s loving offer of friendship. This is spiritual death,” Bishop Iffert said. “That gift of the Holy Spirit, which you will receive in baptism, is the gift that you must cling to and allow to conform you toward Christ, so that you may be able to be strong and choose life instead of death.”

To the candidates, Bishop Iffert said, “You who have already been baptized into a Christian community, who

have already become brothers and sisters with Christ, who have already received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who have already been united in a real way to God’s people — you have no need for a declaration of fitness. Today, we invite you here to rejoice in that to rediscover the unity we already share. And to give thanks that the Holy Spirit is prompting you towards greater unity with us, so that here in our community, journeying on, engaging in this ancient struggle, you might find the gifts of the Church, the gifts of Christ and of grace that will strengthen you and lead you to your eternal reward. We welcome you as brothers and sisters.”

Bishop Iffert said that everyone, himself included, is called to a deepen their conversion to Christ.

“Thank you for accepting the invitation,” he said. “We give thanks to God for you today and we pledge ourselves to support one another in this whole new journey.”

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Sinner and sage: Despite troubled life, Caravaggio mastered spiritual meanings

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VATICAN CITY — Considered one of Caravaggio’s best masterpieces, “The Entombment of Christ” was covetingly confiscated by the French for its newly opened Louvre Museum as Napoleon swept down the Italian peninsula in the late 18th century.

The painting was one of more than 100 works of art Pope Pius VI was forced to give up as part of a peace treaty between Revolutionary France and the Papal States in 1797.

However, when the masterpiece was returned in 1816, it did not end up back in its original home: a side chapel in the Oratorians’ Santa Maria in Vallicella Church, also known as “Chiesa Nuova,” in Rome. Pope Pius VII instead put it safely in his picture gallery, where it can be admired today as part of the Vatican Museums’ vast collection.

While the canvas, which measures 10 feet by 6.6 feet, survived the plunder, its deeper meaning and function as an altarpiece is usually lost on most visitors. As Quatremère de Quincy, a French architect who fiercely opposed taking art away from Italy, warned in 1796: “Eradicating the context in which a work was created irreparably impairs its legibility.”

To explain how to read Caravaggio’s piece “in situ,” the Oratorians invited Alessandro Zuccari, a leading expert on Caravaggio and professor of art history at Rome’s La Sapienza University, to give a lecture at their church Jan. 24.

The massive oil painting was commissioned to decorate the wall above the altar in a chapel of the church. Completed in 1603, the work shows Nicodemus and the apostle John struggling with the heavy, lifeless body of Jesus to place him on an anointing stone and prepare his body for the entombment.

Caravaggio used Michelangelo’s Pietà in St. Peter’s Basilica for inspiration, Zuccari said, and created a similarly striking form of Jesus draped helplessly in someone’s arms and included a similar hand holding him up, gripping his flesh by the wound on his side.

It was also a nod to his namesake, he said. Born Michelangelo Merisi, Caravaggio wanted to be the Michelangelo Buonarroti “of the new century” and “emulate and outdo the great masters” with his new style.

In Caravaggio’s Entombment, three women are looking on with their own personal expression of grief and different gestures of prayer: the Blessed Virgin Mary extends her arms wide like a cross, Mary Magdalene bows her head and Mary, the wife of Clopas, throws her arms up and gazes toward the heavens.

Bathed in bright light, the crucified Jesus is the painting’s focal point, but his finger is firmly touching the anointing stone below with its sharp cornerstone edge glinting in the light and jutting out toward the viewer, Zuccari said. It is the prophetic sign of victory over death in Psalm 118:22, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

However, when the painting can be seen at the altar during Mass, the genius of Caravaggio’s composition truly comes through, Zuccari said. A copy of Caravaggio’s Entombment was put above the altar in 1797. The copy “is not exactly the best,” he said, “but it is at least useful” for getting an idea.

Father Maurizio Botta, an Oratorian priest at the parish, demonstrated the effect for Catholic News Service Jan. 25.

The painting’s cornerstone falls precisely at the center of the altar where the priest stands.

When the priest elevates the host, it appears as if he is reaching up to receive the body on the wall and suddenly, for the congregants kneeling, Nicodemus’ eyeline is focused on the host, not the viewer — both critical cues for the faithful to understand the moment.

Father Botta explained he does the same demonstration during catechism classes to show the children “the relationship between Christ’s body and him alive in the Eucharist.”

Oratorian Father Simone Raponi, the organizer of the lecture with Zuccari, told Vatican Radio that Caravaggio really understood “the modern sense of spirituality” promoted by the Oratorian’s founder St. Philip Neri.

So much attention has been given to Caravaggio’s “difficult” personality and behav-



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Michelangelo Merisi Caravaggio’s “Deposition From the Cross” shows Jesus, discarded by his enemies, but who will soon rise and become like the burial slab pictured under him — the cornerstone of humanity’s salvation.

ior, that his reputation as “the cursed artist” or as an anti-conformist further risks “removing Caravaggio from the real authentic (artistic, spiritual and cultural) context in which his work emerges and matures,” he said Jan. 20.

“In my opinion, he understood the meaning of modern spirituality: the divine can be glimpsed in reality” and not sought out in the abstract and what is beyond this world, he said.

Caravaggio was very close to and collaborated with members of the Oratorians while in Rome, he said, and understood the order’s charism.

It is not known whether Caravaggio ever met St. Philip, who died in 1595, Father Raponi said, but there is a legendary exchange between the two, which, whether it actually occurred or not, offers a life lesson.

He said, “St. Philip tells Caravaggio: ‘I see two wolves inside of you, one fighting the other, trying to tear each other apart.’ And the painter asks: ‘Which one will win?’ St. Philip responds, ‘The one you feed more.’”

St. Philip saw faith as something that had to come from within as an intimate relationship with God and to grow by “nourishing the soul,” he said.

“So, these lights and shadows that you somehow find in Caravaggio’s paintings, these two wolves, perhaps, that struggle, St. Philip teaches that the nourishment should be given to the light in Caravaggio’s life and in our lives,” he said.

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‘We are children of the Resurrection,’ say participants in Middle East Continental Synodal Assembly

BEIRUT — As the continental phase of the synod travels across the globe in February and March, with sessions in Europe, Oceania, North America, Asia, Africa and Latin America, the Middle East encounter fell during a time of grief following the tragic earthquake Feb. 6 in Syria and Turkey. Reflecting the richness and diversity of its apostolic churches, the Continental Synodal Assembly for the Middle East gathered Feb. 13-17 in Lebanon. Representatives from Eastern Catholic Churches — Maronite, Melkite, Syriac, Chaldean, Coptic, Armenian — as well as from the Latin Church — were present. In their closing statement, the Middle East assembly’s participants said their meeting “comes in difficult circumstances for our region,” especially economic and humanitarian, in particular “the devastating earthquake that struck our brothers in Syria and Turkey.” Participants “raised daily prayers for the intention of the victims, the wounded and the displaced in the stricken areas.” During the assembly, participants broke off into working groups where patriarchs and laypeople from all Eastern rites worked together. “I think this is a great beginning. It’s a new day in the life of the universal church,” Lebanese Maronite laywoman Suzy El Hage told OSV News. “I think the sun is rising on all of us and the Holy Spirit is very happy. ... We are from different countries and many churches (rites), but we have many things in common.”

Discovery of ‘Pilgrimage Road’ reveals archaeologists’ race against time

JERUSALEM — One of Israel’s leading archaeologists working on the Pilgrimage Road excavation near Jerusalem’s Temple Mount said that with so much new construction underway around the Holy City the rush is on to document and preserve the past before it’s too late. “Right now in Jerusalem we

have about 14 excavations running — and we have 30,000 registered antiquity sites in all of Israel,” said Yehiel Zelinger, a Jerusalem Region archeologist for the Israel Antiquities Authority with some 30 years experience in the field here. “We have to catch as much as we can right now because otherwise we won’t have the data,” he told OSV News. One of the major projects getting a lot of attention over the last decade is the discovery of what is believed to be a 2,000-year-old pilgrim walking path, or stepped street, in Jerusalem’s City of David National Park area. It connects the Pool of Siloam in east Jerusalem to the foot of the Temple Mount, and was likely familiar to Jesus Christ as well as the millions of Jewish pilgrims here during their ascent to the Temple. “The most important thing is to publish (findings) for the scientific community and for the public,” said Zelinger, who also teaches archaeology at a local university. “It has to be built on facts and once more we are trying to work with facts — coins, poetry, carbon footing, magnetic fields — all those things are methods that build up the story.”

Dominicans invite Catholics to join 9-month rosary novena and D.C. pilgrimage

WASHINGTON — The Dominicans are inviting Catholics nationwide to participate in a nine-month novena that will culminate with a day-long rosary pilgrimage this fall in Washington. To participate in the novena, Catholics are asked to recite a prayer nine times over the course of nine months — on the 30th of each month, from Jan. 30 to Sept. 30. People can say the prayer more frequently if they wish, and pray the rosary too. While the novena began on Jan. 30, the faithful can join at any time. At the end of the nine months, a pilgrimage will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on Sept. 30, the vigil of Rosary Sunday. The free event includes talks, adoration, confession, Mass, and, of course, praying the rosary. The novena text and more information can be obtained at rosarypilgrimage.org.

Spanish church vows to resist new ‘anti-life laws’

MADRID — Catholic bishops in Spain have bitterly criticized new laws liberalizing abortion and gender reassignments in their latest clash with the Socialist-led government of Prime

Minister Pedro Sánchez. “We are not doing well — indeed, we are following a path of ruin for the person and society,” Bishop Demetrio Fernández of Córdoba said in a Feb. 26 letter to the faithful. “It is as if all the demons had been unleashed, and we see lies, violence, human rights violations and evil in all its forms emerging everywhere. We cannot confront such evil with a political program — the demons can only be expelled with prayer and fasting.” The bishop made the comments as new laws were enforced allowing 16-year-olds to obtain abortions up to 14 weeks without informing their parents, and to re-register their gender without medical or legal procedures. In a Feb. 22 homily, Cardinal Carlos Osoro Sierra of Madrid said life and peace were being “ravaged and endangered daily” not only by violence and armed conflicts, but also by “such practices as abortion and euthanasia,” adding that defending life had become “the new frontier” for addressing social questions. Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Vatican’s nuncio to Spain, told a Feb. 21 conference at Madrid’s Catholic Francisco de Vitoria University the Sanchez government was “focused too much on objectives the church does not share.”

After papal visit, spirit of Iraq continues to revive

MOSUL, Iraq — From the devastating war in 2003 to the three-year occupation of Mosul by Islamic State militants, Iraq is often portrayed as a land caught in a spiral of violence and perennially doomed to remain in a state of instability. However, for Dominican Father Olivier Poquillon, Iraq is steadily rising from the ashes of war and taking its rightful place among the community of nations. While Iraq also has faced the global challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of economic inflation, the Dominican priest said the country is on the path toward rebuilding a lasting foundation for the new generation. Father Poquillon is representing the Dominicans to UNESCO’s flagship program “Revive the Spirit of Mosul,” an initiative that intends to rebuild the ancient city and its historical and religious landmarks that were destroyed or heavily damaged during the devastating occupation of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, commonly known as ISIL. Among the sites being rebuilt, the UNESCO program is also working toward rebuilding the Al-Tahera Syriac Catholic Church, which Pope Francis visited during his historic pilgrimage to Iraq in March 2021.



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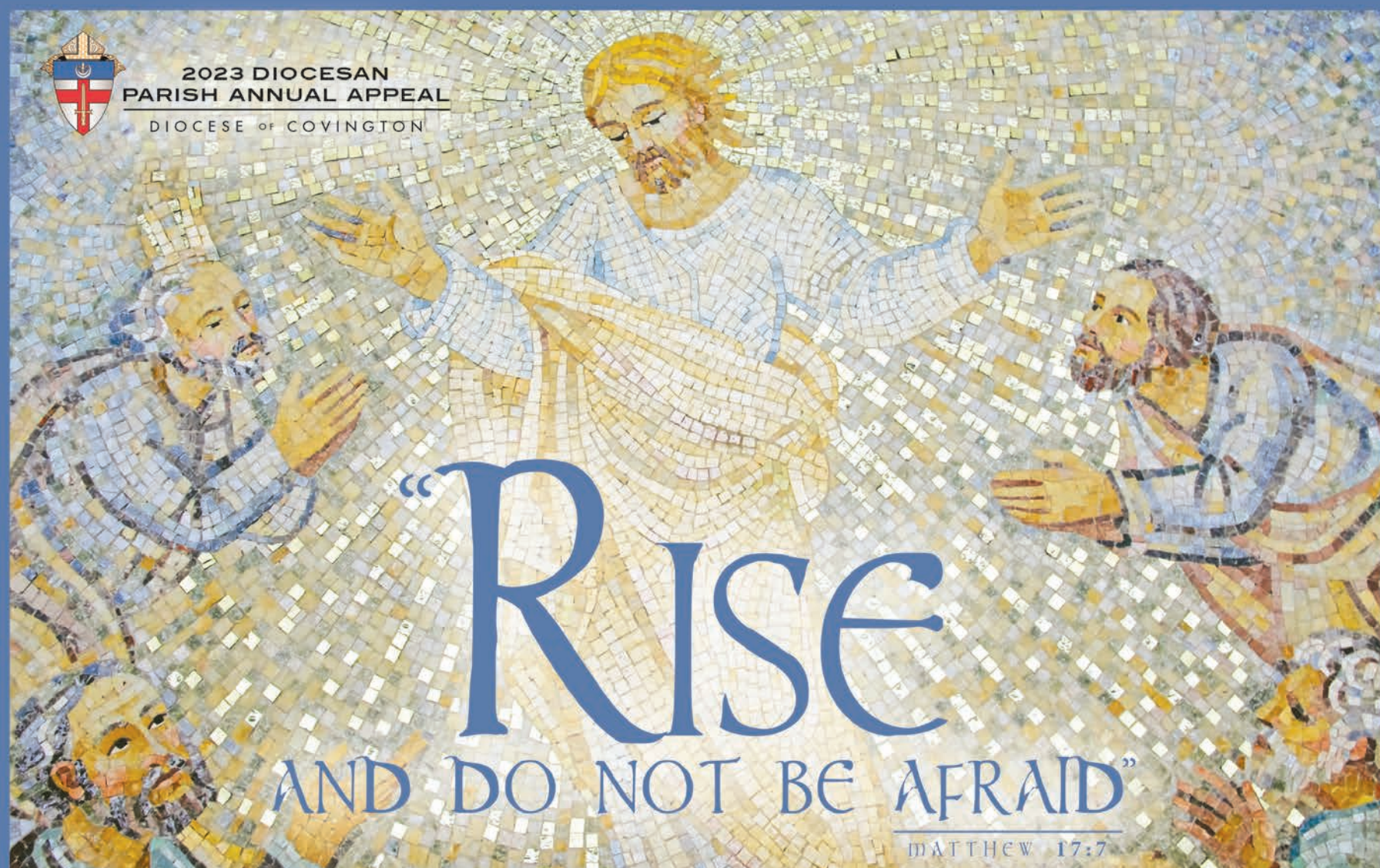
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