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May you and your family have a safe, enjoyable and blessed summer!
— The *Messenger* staff

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(left) Bishop John Iffert preaches the homily at the 2024 Thomas More University Baccalaureate Mass, May 10.

(right) Father Baiju Kidaagen, pastor, St. Pius X Parish, Edgewood, concelebrated the Baccalaureate Mass. Father Kidaagen graduated with his Masters from TMU this year.

(below left) Two members of the graduating class carry the gifts to the altar.

(below right) Thomas More graduating students in their gowns and tasseled caps stand during Mass.



Baker photos

The Lord 'soothes and encourages' against anxiety, Bishop Iffert tells graduates at Baccalaureate Mass

Maura Baker
Staff Writer

The 2024 graduating class of Thomas More University gathered with friends, family and faculty, May 10, the day before their commencement, to celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass at the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the university's Crestview Hills campus.

The well attended Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Iffert, and concelebrated with Msgr. Gerald Twaddell, chapel chaplain and TMU professor of philosophy, Father Raymond Enzweiler, interim dean of the TMU College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and Father Baiju Kidaagen, V.C., V.F.— a graduating student who received his master's degree from TMU this year.

In his homily, Bishop Iffert commented on how he had been "thinking of anxiety a lot, lately." He recalled a conversation with a friend of his who became a television news producer after college.

"I was complaining that we never hear enough positive news," Bishop Iffert said, "and he was very frank with me."

He said, Bishop Iffert recalled, "You think my job is to inform you and help you to be a better citizen ... my job is to make sure you watch again tomorrow." Bishop Iffert added, "The way he did that was to make sure that I was afraid of something."

"Two months ago," he continued, "I had a conversation with a young person not much older than yourselves," Bishop Iffert told the graduating class. "She spoke up to me and, she said, 'I don't know anyone in my age group who doesn't suffer from anxiety or some serious emotional and mental illness.' I've been thinking

about anxiety ever since."

Bishop Iffert commented on how much of our lives is spent being advertised and promoted to, and if there "isn't some connection."

He recalled the reading, how Paul, in Corinth, has an anxiety attack. "He's there to proclaim Jesus and he has had a vision of the Lord, and what we hear at the beginning of the reading from Acts of the Apostles today is God's soothing him from his anxiety. Do not be afraid, he says."

"Paul had good reason to be afraid," said Bishop Iffert, "but the Lord soothes him and encourages him."

"This is the way the Lord calls us behind our fears, our angers and anxieties. He comforts us, yes. He promises us that we are never alone. When we do the right thing for the glory of his name, he promises to be with us always. And he keeps that promise."

"This is the way God works in our life," he continued, "This is the way he strengthens us against anxiety. He assures us with his presence, then sends us on a mission. And it's precisely in embracing the mission ... we are freed from our fears."

As Bishop Iffert concluded his homily, he returned to the story of his friend, the news caster. "He went back to school," Bishop Iffert said, "he's a Lutheran pastor, now ... He no longer lives in that place of dealing in fear and anger. He has found another way to give himself in service to God and his fellow man."

"It's not a bad example of one whose heart was moved by Christ, that led him to serve ... May God be with you, and help you find your path."

For 25 years, Father Bach has gone where God leads

Bella Young

Multimedia Correspondent

After 25 years in the priesthood Father Gregory Bach has served four different parishes, the role of Vocation Director, and now the Diocese of Covington Chancery where he serves as Assistant to the Bishop and Vice Chancellor. In the year of his silver jubilee Father Bach took a moment to reflect on his journey to the priesthood and the experience of consecrated life.

Father Bach had known from a young age that he was called to the vocation of the priesthood, it was only a matter of being patient.

“I feel like the call was always there, but it was around First Communion that I really realized that was what was God was calling me to, the priesthood.”

Knowing his vocation at such a young age afforded Father Bach an opportunity to immerse himself in his church and community.

“I worked around the parish since probably the third grade doing little things here and there ... I played the organ in church; my life was centered around the church. During the summer months I would go to daily Mass and serve.”

He went on to explain how influential his pastors and fellow church members were.

“I was being helped along by the members of my home parish who went to daily Mass they were the best inspiration that I had in moving my vocation along. There was one family, two sisters and a brother, never got married, took care of their parents and the farm. They made the biggest influence in my life probably because they made every effort to get to Mass every day ... I did have three good priests along the way that helped, but the vocation was really fostered by watching



Father Gregory Bach



Parish, Covington, for one year. Father Bach has now settled into his role as assistant to the Bishop and vice-chancellor. Though this role is not where he originally saw himself, “I never thought I would be working in the chancery. I always thought I wanted a parish and a school.” From Northern Kentucky to Falmouth, Father Bach has learned, “it is just where God leads.”

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After graduating from seminary Father Bach was appointed to St. Henry Parish, Erlanger, where he served as parochial vicar for three years. During two of those years he served as chaplain for St. Henry District High School as well. Father Bach moved on to St. Francis Xavier Church, Falmouth, where he was the pastor for eight years. For seven of those eight years he served also as vocation director within the diocese.

During his time as vocation director, he saw 33 men through seminary into the vocation of the priesthood. The size and location of St. Francis Xavier allowed him the time and flexibility to pursue this additional role.

“It was a small city, kind of a country parish. The people took ownership of the parish so they were involved quite a bit which took a lot off of me especially when I started vocation work it was hard to be in two places at once,” Father Bach said.

It was eventually his work as vocation director that brought Father Bach to the Northern Kentucky area, where he later became pastor at St. Benedict



Bishop's Schedule

June 1

Cross the Bridge for Life, Riverboat Row, Newport, 10 a.m.

Vigil Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 4:30 p.m.

June 2

Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) procession and Campaign of Mercy kick off, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, 2 p.m.

June 4

Advisory Council, 9:30 a.m.

Diocesan Review Board meeting, 1 p.m.

Vespers and priests' Jubilee, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 4:30 p.m.

June 5

Building Commission meeting, 10 a.m.

Deans meeting, 1:30 p.m.

June 6

Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Thomas More University Board Of Trustees meeting, 1:30 pm

Rose Garden Home Mission “Partners in Hope” dinner, Receptions, Erlanger, 6 p.m.

June 7

Picnic for Women Religious lunch and cruise – BB Riverboats, noon

June 8

Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation, Holy Spirit Parish, Newport, 4:30 p.m.

June 9

Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 5:30 p.m.

June 11-14

USCCB Plenary Assembly for Bishops

June 15

Mass for the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Council, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 8 a.m.

June 17

Parish Kitchen 50th anniversary celebration, Parish Kitchen, Covington, 4 p.m.

‘Sun Meals’ program provides no cost meals and snacks for children throughout the summer

In a letter to school parents and caregivers, Laura Hatfield, director, School Lunch Program, announced that the USDA will once again be offering its summer meal program, “Sun Meals.” Sun Meals provides free meals and snacks to any child under the age of 18. No application or additional information is required.

“The Diocese of Covington School Lunch Program is dedicated to ensuring that all children in our community have access to nutritious meals, even when school is out,” said Mrs. Hatfield.



Sun Meals can be found at various locations such as schools, parks, and other community sites. To locate the nearest site in your area, including Boone, Campbell, Harrison, Kenton and Mason Counties, visit the USDA's

Summer Meal Site Finder at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder>. By entering your zip code or address, a list of locations, dates, and mealtimes will be provided.

These meals are available to all children under 18, regardless of income.

“We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this program to ensure your child receives nutritious meals throughout the summer,” said Mrs. Hatfield. “We pray

that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.”

Dr. Rachel Noll appointed acting head of school for Covington Latin

Staff report

In a letter to parents, May 22, Kendra McGuire, superintendent of Catholic Schools, announced that, on behalf Bishop John Iffert and Father Ryan Maher, pastoral administrator, Dr. Rachel Noll has been appointed acting head of school for Covington Latin School for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Dr. Noll was born and raised in Edgewood, and attended St. Pius X School and Villa Madonna Academy, Villa Hills. She obtained her bachelor's in social studies and master's in Secondary Education from Northern Kentucky



Dr. Rachel Noll

University and a doctorate in Educational Studies from the University of Cincinnati.

After teaching at both NKU and UC for six years, Dr. Noll worked in the corporate world for four years honing her leadership skills. Since 2020 she has been principal at St. Patrick School, Maysville, a K-12 parochial school. She is also the daughter of a 1953 Covington

Latin School alumnus.

“Dr. Noll respects the rigorous education Covington Latin School provides its students and is committed to upholding that same standard,” said Mrs. McGuire. “As an administrator, she is dedicated to providing support to staff and faculty as together they mold your gifted students into the next generation of spiritual and professional leaders in our Church and in our society. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Noll to the Covington Latin School community.”

Free clinic holds gold, seeks more helpers

Franciscan Daughter of Mary Mother Seraphina and Sheila Carroll, APRN and executive director of the Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing, along with volunteer Ellen Curtin, proudly display the Center's fourth Gold Standards award from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics.

Gold represents the highest level of achievement for breadth and delivery of services, responsiveness, staffing and administration.

The Center, which is the only free primary care facility in Northern Kentucky, is the health ministry of the Rose Garden Home Mission of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary in Covington. Besides healthcare, the Mission offers food and family resources to all who ask. Everything is free and relies entirely on donations and volunteers.

The Center's medical and dental clinics always need more help in serving the poor. To volunteer as a medical, psychological or dental professional or as a receptionist, e-mail rgmclinic@gmail.com. Even a few hours a year can be life changing. Donations of medical and dental supplies are welcome as well.



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FIRE Foundation Board continues ministry

Members of the Diocese of Covington FIRE Foundation Board met, May 10, to continue the process of bringing the FIRE Foundation's programs and processes to Catholic schools. In July 2023, Kendra McGuire, superintendent of Catholic Schools, announced that the Diocese of Covington had been accepted as a FIRE Foundation affiliate.

The FIRE Foundation, based in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri, was founded by parents who wanted their special needs children to attend their parish schools along with siblings and friends. Its ministry is to help provide the funding to allow Catholic schools to embrace inclusive Catholic education.

The diocese's FIRE Foundation Board is initially focusing its fundraising on four areas: funding a diocesan director of inclusive education position to help schools improve and advance services; funding for special education teachers or aides; providing resource materials, and providing training and trainees for teachers, teacher aides and anyone in the classroom.

Pictured (from left) are: Dr. Michelle Ulrich, assistant superintendent of Catholic Schools; Mary Kay McDaniel, All Saints Parish, Walton; Jane Zembrodt, St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs; Mike Murray, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ft. Mitchell; Mary Kay Laird, Blessed Sacrament Parish; Missy Hail, St. Agnes Parish, Ft. Wright; Jeannett Hasselbeck, St. Agnes Parish and Kayla Steltenkamp, Blessed Sacrament Parish and assistant professor, Thomas More University School of Education.

Update

Sunday Mass times at All Saints Parish, Walton, are being updated. Beginning the weekend of July 6-7 the Sunday Mass times are:

Saturday	Sunday
4:30 pm	8:00 am
	10:30 am
	The daily Mass schedule remains unchanged.



St. Augustine students brighten injured classmate's day

Yordi, a rising eighth grader at St. Augustine School, Covington, suffered a broken arm following a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo, May 21. As an act of Christian charity for their injured classmate, the entire school, less the graduated eighth graders, used the last few minutes of their end-of-year field day to parade to Yordi's house to offer him warm wishes, well-being and prayers. Watch the video at covidio.org/mercy.



Can voting for a politician in a particular political party be sinful?

Q: After the last presidential election, while in confession, I asked the priest this question and his response astounded me. He said voting for a Democrat was a mortal sin, their political stance on abortion demands this, and he went on to list all the party's dreadful practices he considered evil. I always vote for the person, regardless of their party connection. I did not agree with my confessor and believe that our church does not consider a party's stance as a reason for sin. I thought church and state were not connected. Am I wrong? I said I did vote for a Democrat and he continued to excoriate me



Jenna Marie Cooper

for this action. I was granted absolution but still did not feel comfortable with his reasoning. Please let me know how you think a Catholic should view this question.

A: First of all, I am sorry to hear that you had a difficult experience in confession. Nobody should be made to feel "excoriated" in the context of a sacrament.

But to answer your question, the short answer is: No, simply voting for a Democrat is not a sin in and of itself.

The longer answer is that the relationship between church and state is actually more complicated than it might appear at first glance, and there are a number of nuances to take into account when seeking to fully live out our Catholic faith as citizens in secular civil society. In terms of legal philosophy, the relationship between church and state is something that Catholic scholars have pondered for millennia. Although it is obvious that secular governments can often enact imprudent or even evil policies, there is a fundamental idea that all legitimate authority is ultimately granted by God and therefore ought to be respected.

In the United States we have a foundational principle of religious freedom, which concretely manifests itself in "separation of church and state." This means that the United States government is meant to be religiously neutral with no official state religion. Yet at the same time, Catholic legal philosophy recognized that the church and the state often have shared goals and mutual stakes in certain aspects of civil life. Further, we believe that Catholics are not only called to remain in communion with the church, but also to be good citizens and to take part in public life in a way appropriate to our own particular vocation and circumstances.

The upshot to this is that Catholics are called to vote according to their well-formed conscience so as to support the dignity of human life in all areas.

Thus, it would be wrong for a Catholic to vote for a

pro-abortion politician specifically because of the politician's pro-abortion stance (and this would apply regardless of that politician's party affiliation).

Still, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" acknowledges that "Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote" (No. 34). This same document goes on to observe: "There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons." But with the caveat: "Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil" (No. 35).

Voting for a particular Democrat who happened to be pro-life would clearly not be a sin, even if the majority of Democrats do tend to support abortion. And, on a case-by-case basis, it is morally permissible to vote for a pro-choice candidate if there are grave reasons to do so; for example, there may be no clear pro-life candidate, or in conscience you might discern that the pro-life candidate endorses policies that severely and unacceptably undermine human life and dignity in other areas.

Jenna Marie Cooper, who holds a licentiate in canon law, is a consecrated virgin and a canonist whose column appears weekly at OSV News. Send your questions to CatholicQA@osvcom.

A Eucharistic word: Christification

What does it mean to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist? How are our lives to be changed from such an encounter?



Michael R. Heinlein

In fact, the fruits of the Eucharist are many. They bring about a unity in diversity, wherein each member of the body — responding to grace — can live unique and compelling Eucharistic lives. The list is long, but I'm inclined to think St. Paul should be at its top.

While St. Paul is chiefly known to most of us for his letters — which make up nearly half of the New Testament, and from

which the Church is taught Sunday after Sunday — Paul's influence and reach cannot be underestimated. Not only is he one of the most significant and important Christians in our history, but also arguably one of the most influential persons in human history.

Paul's experience with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus led to the conversion of this one-time persecutor of Christians. That encounter Paul had with Christ was so real, in his view, it was no different than the

encounters Christ had with the Twelve while in their midst. Paul's unique experience shaped and informed the early Church so significantly, that Paul himself has become regarded as the "Thirteenth Apostle."

Paul came to know in his experience on the road to Damascus that his persecution of Christ's followers was a persecution of Christ himself. The nascent Christians that Paul once wanted to extinguish were one with Christ, members of his body by baptism, a bond strengthened and intensified through reception of his body in the Eucharist. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:53-56).

Paul's encounter with the risen Lord not only resulted in his conversion but also his efforts to both increase the membership of Christ's body and teach about the ramifications of the new life that incorporation brings. Paul's aim was to build up a community of believers who lived like they had "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:14). This is what shaped and motivated the impressive missionary undertakings in his desire to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. All of this made Paul's encounter with Christ something rooted in a tremendous Eucharistic faith.

Paul believed to the core of his being that the Eucharist is Christ's very body and blood — of whom he encountered and who dwelled in him. He proclaimed and taught that Christ's Eucharistic presence is real. Illustrating this, he wrote: "The cup of blessing that we

bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor 10:16). Not only is Christ's Eucharistic presence real for Paul, but by our Eucharistic encounter with Christ he comes to dwell in us, he changes us, he is united with us. By the Eucharist, we are Christified. So real is our incorporation into Christ's body, Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:19-20).

St. Paul's own martyrdom brought to completion a life lived completely in and for Christ. Paul exhorts Christians to give Christ "glory in the Church" (Eph 3:21), which means we are all called to give witness to Christ by our lives. While some might be called to do so to the extent of offering their very life by dying for Christ and the Church, we are all called to offer our lives to him and in his service.

Like Paul, then, we can live as Eucharistic witnesses by offering all of ourselves, as Paul put it, "as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1). This is Christification; this is Christ living in us.

Michael R. Heinlein is author of "Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I." and a promised member of the Association of Pauline Cooperators. His column has been provided by OSV News.

Reporting Misconduct in the Diocese of Covington

Anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Covington is asked to contact Ms. Julie Feinauer, diocesan victims assis-

tance coordinator (859) 392-1515. Professional assistance and pastoral support will be provided in confidentiality and with respect.

A copy of the "Diocesan Policies and Procedures for Addressing Sexual Misconduct" is available by contacting the Chancery, (859) 392-1510 or

visiting www.covdio.org and going to "Sexual Misconduct Policy."

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Cualquier persona que haya experimentado conducta sexual inapropia-

da por parte de un clérigo, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Covington está invitada a ponerse en contacto con Ms. Julie Feinauer, coordinadora diocesana para dar asistencia a las víctimas. Teléfono (859) 392-1515. Asistencia profesional y apoyo moral serán ofrecidos de una

manera confidencial y con respeto.

Una copia de "Normas y Procedimientos sobre Conducta Sexual Inapropiada" está disponible poniéndose en contacto con la Cancillería, Teléfono (859) 392-1510, o visitando www.covdio.org y marcando "Sexual Misconduct Policy."

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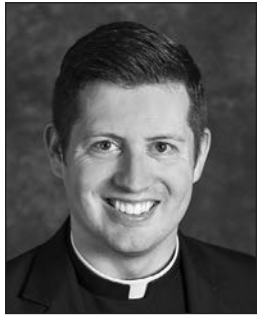
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No mere symbol

The readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi — Cycle B — are: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15 and Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

GO AND GLORIFY



Very Rev. Daniel Schomaker

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi — the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. As Catholics we recognize through sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition that when Jesus instituted what we call the Sacrament of the Eucharist, he did it as no mere symbol, but as truth.

When the Lord says, “This is my Body; this is my Blood,” he was in fact referring to his own body,

his own blood, his soul (these three which make up his humanity) as well as his divinity. In other words, on this feast day we celebrate the complete offering of Jesus Christ to the Father on our behalf.

In St. Mark’s Gospel, which we hear from in Cycle B of the Scripture readings, there is much to be fleshed out by a modern reader — remember he was initially writing to a Jewish audience. Statements like “prepare the Passover” is not just a passing phrase. What it means is: Go into the Holy City of Jerusalem, find someone who is selling lambs for the Passover feast, choose the best “unblemished, one year old, male lamb,” pay for it, take it to the temple, wait in long lines with all the other people (and lambs) who have traveled to Jerusalem, personally slit the throat of the lamb in the presence of the priest who will gather up its blood in a bowl to be sprinkled on the altar in the temple, skin the lamb, spit the lamb, cook the lamb and then bring it to the upper room where all have gathered to eat the lamb. Oh, and this doesn’t account for setting the table and having the liturgical items at hand for the prayers, and any other foods (like unleavened bread) and drinks (wine) necessary.

The point is that, in order to understand our belief in the “real presence” requires more than a surface reading of the Bible. There is so much more contained in Scripture than we can possibly imagine. They are “ever ancient, ever new” and speak to all peoples, of all cultures, of all times. This is because the Bible is the Word of God! And too, we cannot ignore the context in which they were written.

St. Justin Martyr (born in 100AD), whose feast day we celebrate June 1, in writing and defending the Christian belief in the Eucharist, shares that on the Jewish Feast of Passover, that sacrificial lamb after having been slaughtered and skinned, is placed on a spit in the form of a cross: “For the lamb, which is roasted, is spread out in the form of the cross. For one spit is transfixed right through from the lower parts up to the head, and one across the back, to which are attached the legs of the lamb.” (St. Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho).

What we can start to see, then, is how even in basic practice the manner in which Jesus would die for the salvation of the world is foreshadowed — the Paschal Lamb placed on a wooden cross.

It is also important that we understand that even though the lamb itself has been killed, the celebration of Passover — the sacrifice — is not completed. The sacrifice of the Passover feast comes to culmination with the consumption of the flesh of the lamb and the singing of hymns of praise.

For these reasons, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “By celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus’ passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory

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Eucharistic pilgrimage brings Christ to the world

During Pentecost weekend I participated in an historic event in New Haven, Connecticut. I was not there to take part in another protest at Yale University, or even to attend any of the graduation ceremonies taking place there. Instead, I joined hundreds of other Catholics for the launch of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

This four-pronged pilgrimage, which began simultaneously in New Haven, San Francisco, Brownsville, Texas and the Mississippi Headwaters in northern Minnesota, will cover 6,500 miles over the next two months.

These four routes will converge in Indianapolis in time for the National Eucharistic Congress in mid-July. The Eucharistic pilgrimage is the largest procession ever attempted in the Catholic Church — the most audacious event in Christianity’s 2,025-year history!

Although we encountered no signs of protest, I

was thinking about the recent unrest in our country as we processed with the Blessed Sacrament through the Yale campus Saturday evening in light rain. I could not help thinking how different our procession was from the recent university protests.

After all, we were following Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Good News incarnate, as he was carried in a monstrosity by Father Roger Landry, the Catholic chaplain at Columbia University.

What a providential choice it was that Father Landry

— so closely associated with “Ground Zero” of the protest movement — would be named as the only priest to walk an entire route of the pilgrimage.

Many other members of the clergy will participate in a portion of the trek, but Father Landry will himself carry the Blessed Sacrament along the entire eastern route of this historic journey.

In two talks over the weekend of May 18-19, Father Landry made several reflections that impacted my own eucharistic spirituality.

He spoke of Christian life itself as a eucharistic pilgrimage. We are pilgrims in a strange land he said, called to be always on the move.

This struck me in a particular way on Sunday morning as we processed through the streets of New Haven, a city just waking up to bistro brunches, dog walks and morning jogs. A few people seemed to pray with us as we passed them on the street, while others just stared with a look of curiosity.

We were walking in faith, bringing Christ out into the world, doing our part to reverse the indifference and contempt so rampant in our society.

We were trying to remind people that Jesus still lives among us and within us.

As we hastened along the streets of New Haven, I also recalled something Archbishop Christopher Coyne had said in his homily the evening before. A pilgrimage is “prayer embodied,” he suggested.

Each footstep lands both on an actual road and on the path of faith.

As Catholics I think our faith can be a bit “disembodied,” merely a private matter of the mind and heart. But this idea of prayer “embodied” became very real to me as my old legs began to tire during our fast-paced walk to the wharf in New Haven.

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Sister Constance Veit, L.S.P.

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Good works

In the May 17th edition of the *Messenger*, I read with interest the article about the kickoff of the Campaign of Mercy. The idea, as I understand it, is evangelization through works of mercy, or good works.

I thought back to the Fifth Sunday of Easter and the parable of the Vine and Branches and how this applies to the Campaign of Mercy.

In that Gospel reading from John 15: 1-8, Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches. The vine sends sap to the branches so they can grow and develop, growing leaves and eventually produce fruit. Without that sap, the vine withers and dies.

How does this apply to us? Jesus left us — the Church — as his mystical body on Earth. We can say that the Church is the vine Jesus talked about, and we, his disciples, are the branches. We come to the Mass to receive spiritual nourishment through sacramental graces and by receiving the Eucharist — the body and blood of Jesus — our spiritual food.

Nourished by that food we go forth and bear good fruit. So, what is this fruit?

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It’s when we volunteer our time for any charitable activity, especially at our parishes.

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when we perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Here are only a few examples.

It’s when we visit a person in the hospital or who is home bound or in a nursing home. It’s when we feed the hungry which includes making a meal for someone or donating to a food pantry or volunteering at a soup kitchen.

Works of mercy include forgiving offences by not holding a grudge against someone. When we comfort the afflicted, someone who has had a bad experience or who is sad and needs a kind word and support. We do this for each other all the time.

It’s when we bear wrongs patiently, not taking offense but by trying to resolve a potential misunderstanding. It’s not getting sucked into the negative and disrespectful posts on social media we see so much of in our society today.

It’s when we pray for someone.

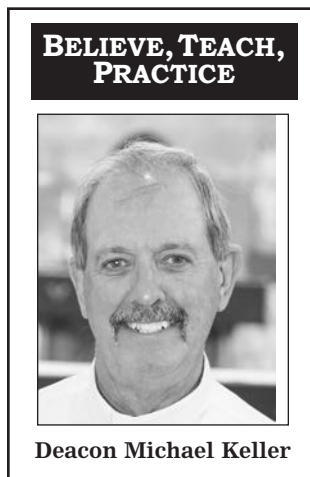
In other words, we perform good works when we do something, not for ourselves but for the benefit of someone else.

We need to stay connected to the vine, the Church, not only to receive spiritual nourishment but also because we need each other. We come together every week to celebrate the Mass as a community and we stay around afterward to socialize, we support each other through difficult times and we offer each other our prayers when needed.

This prepares us to bear the good fruit Jesus talks about in this parable.

This Gospel message is appropriate to the Campaign of Mercy. We are to stay connected to the vine, the Church, so that we can bear good fruit. So that we can put our faith into action by doing the good works Jesus calls us to. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel, “By this my Father is glorified.” And that is evangelization.

Deacon Michael Keller is assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carrollton, and Transfiguration Mission, Perry Park.



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Look inward to resolve war, famine, injustice, pope says

Justin McLellan
Catholic News Service

The social and political problems plaguing modern society can be resolved only by allowing the Holy Spirit to heal humanity's inner turmoil, Pope Francis said.

"Around us, we can say there is external chaos, social chaos, political chaos. We think of wars, we think of so many children who do not have enough to eat, so many social injustices. This is the external chaos," he said at his general audience in St. Peter's Square May 29.

"But," he said, "there is also internal chaos. Within each of us, we cannot heal the former if we do not begin to heal the latter."

Beginning a new series of audience talks, "The Spirit and the Bride," on the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the church, the bride of Christ in Christian theology, Pope Francis asked Christians to turn their "inner confusion into clarity through the Holy Spirit."

"It is the power of God that does this," he said. "Let us open our hearts so that he may accomplish it."

Pope Francis said that even in the first lines of the Bible, the Book of Genesis' account of God creating heaven and earth, "the Spirit of God appears to us here as the mysterious power that moves the world from its initial formless, deserted and gloomy state to its ordered and harmonious state."

"The Spirit creates harmony, harmony in life and in the world," he said, adding that the Holy Spirit is the one who moves creation from "chaos to cosmos, that is, from confusion to something beautiful and ordered."

And the New Testament recounts how the Spirit is present at key moments in the new creation, Pope Francis said, such as when the dove descends over the Jordan during Jesus' baptism or when Jesus breathes on the disciples and instructs them to "receive the Holy Spirit" just as God breathed life into Adam.

But it was St. Paul who "introduces a new element in the relationship between the Spirit and creation" by identifying the cause of the suffering present in creation as being "the corruption and sin of humanity that has dragged (creation) into its alienation from God."

"This remains as true today as it was then," he said. "We see the havoc that humanity has

made and continues to make of creation," especially on the part of those who have a "greater capacity to exploit its resources."

Pope Francis extolled the model of St. Francis of Assisi, who "shows us a way out, to return to the harmony of the Spirit: the way of contemplation and of praise."

Humanity's calling on earth, the pope said, "is about putting the joy of contemplating before the joy of possessing," noting that "no one has rejoiced in creatures more than Francis of Assisi, who did not want to possess any of them."

After his speech, Pope Francis spoke about the church's first celebration of World Children's Day, hosted in Rome May 25-26, and about meeting Ukrainian children who were injured in the war.

"War is always cruelty; these children must start to walk (with artificial legs), to move with artificial arms; they have lost their smile," he said. "It is awful, very sad, when a child loses his or her smile, let us pray for Ukrainian children."

The pope also asked for prayers for Palestine, Israel and Myanmar and other countries at war.

Pope Francis also noted that May 29 is the feast of St. Paul VI, "an ardent pastor of love for Jesus and the church and for humanity," and encouraged people to read "Evangelii Nuntiandi," St. Paul VI's apostolic exhortation on evangelization in the modern world which he said "is still current."

Written after the 1974 Synod of Bishops on evangelization, the document elaborated on the role of all Christians, and not only members of the clergy, in sharing the Gospel.



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Pope Francis greets a child as he rides the popemobile in St. Peter's Square after his weekly general audience at the Vatican May 29, 2024.



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PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Newsorthy



Isaac Stricker, son of Kyle and Cassie Stricker and rising senior at Villa Madonna Academy HS/JH, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. About one-quarter of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score.

The weekly TV Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption is broadcast locally on The CW, Sundays, 10–11 a.m. Viewers can tune-in on the following channels: antenna 12.2; Spectrum 117 or 25; Cincinnati Bell 17 or 517; and DirectTV 25.

Bishop Iffert and the priests of the Diocese of Covington will pray a Holy Hour for survivors of sexual violence and for the sanctification of priests, 3 p.m., every third Thursday monthly, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, offers Veneration of a relic of the True Cross, on the first Friday of every month, from noon–1 p.m. Confessions are offered concurrently. The monthly veneration is held in silence and concludes with a blessing and the opportunity for the faithful to come forward to personally venerate the True Cross relic. The monthly veneration is sponsored by the Knights and Dames of the Covington-Lexington section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC), Covington, is seeking adult and high school volunteers to tutor children in Grades K-9 in reading, English, and math in its Summer Academics programs held in June. Call Brandi at 859-630-9475 or email at blenihan@nduec.org. Volunteers 18 and older must be VIRTUS compliant.

Notre Dame Urban Education Center has open registration for the Summer Academics programs held Monday–Thursday from June 3–27, for students in grades 1-9. The Early Learning program for 4- and 5-year-olds is now accepting registrations. Early Learning begins on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and ends May 15. Call NDUEC at 859-261-4487, or email Sister Maria Therese at smtherese@nduec.org.

It is time for Spring cleaning! **The Sisters of Notre Dame are in need of items for their 102nd annual 4th of July festival.** We are looking for services, sports items, jewelry, gift certificates, antiques, anything you can think of. Regift to the sisters. If you have items to donate call Margie at (859) 392-8229 or e-mail mschnelle@sndusa.org. Item drop offs during the day at 1601 Dixie Hwy., Park Hills or arrange a pickup.

The Sisters of Notre Dame will be holding their 102nd festival on Thursday, July 4, and are looking for individuals or families that would like to volunteer from 11 a.m.—5 p.m. High School and middle school students can earn service hours and use them for the upcoming school year. Call Margie at (859) 392-8229 or email mschnelle@sndusa.org.

Graduating seniors connect here — the Newman Connection connects graduating seniors to the Catholic campus ministry at their chosen college before they get to campus. To connect, students or parents simply visit <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/> and fill out the form.

Bishop Brossart High School summer camps: Cheer Camp, June 3–5, 9–11a.m., grades 2–8, BBHS gym. Youth Softball Camp, June 4–6, 3–5:30 p.m., grades 3–8, MAC. Youth Baseball Camp, June 4–6, 9 a.m.–noon, grades 2-8, MAC. Girls Basketball Youth Camp, June 10–12, 9 a.m.–noon, grades 2–7, BBHS gym. Boys Basketball Youth Camp, June 17–20, 8:30–11:30 a.m., grades 2–7, BBHS gym. Lady 'Stangs Youth Soccer Camp, July 10–12, 8:30–11 A.M., grades K–8, MAC. Lady 'Stangs Volleyball Camp, July 15–17, BBHS gym, grades 5–9, 8–10:30 a.m.; grades 1–4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. BBHS Boys Soccer Camp, July 17–19, 8:30–11a.m., grades K–8, MAC. Visit bishopbrossart.org, select the Athletics tab, then Summer Camps.

St. Agnes parish, Ft. Wright, is hosting a free dinner date for married couples, June 15, 7–9 p.m. Come for good food, a short talk, a little music and a night to enrich your marriage. Jack Beers, a certified Catholic Mentor, will be speaking on the art of listening and how it can elevate any marriage. For information or to RSVP (limited seating) contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. Deadline to register is June 10.

- 2024 Parish Festivals**
- St. Augustine**, Covington June 7–8, 5–11 p.m
 - St. Paul**, Florence June 7, 5–11 p.m. June 8, 6–11 p.m.
 - St. Catherine of Siena**, Ft. Thomas June 7, 6–11 p.m., adults only Music Fest June 8, 5:30–11 p.m., festival
 - St. Joseph**, Camp Springs June 8, 4–11 p.m.
 - St. Therese**, Southgate June 13, 6–10 p.m., adults only June 14–15, 6–11 p.m.
 - St. Joseph Academy**, Walton June 14 and 15, 5:30–11 p.m., Pig Fest
 - Mary, Queen of Heaven**, Erlanger June 21–22, 5–11 p.m. June 23, 12:30–5 p.m.
 - St. Pius X**, Edgewood July 12–13. 6 p.m.–12 a.m. July 14, 4–10 p.m.
 - St. Thomas**, Ft. Thomas July 19, 6–11 p.m. July 20, 5–11 p.m.
 - St. Joseph**, Cold Spring Aug. 2–3, 6–11 p.m.
 - St. Philip**, Melbourne Aug. 17, golf ball drop and festival
 - Holy Cross District High School** Aug. 23, 6 p.m.–12 a.m. Aug. 24, 5:30–12 a.m.
 - St. Cecilia Parish**, Independence Aug. 30–31, 7–11 p.m., Sept. 1, 6–11 p.m. Family Day, Sept. 7, 1–10 p.m.
 - St. Benedict Parish**, Covington Sept. 20 and 21, 5–11 p.m.
 - St. Agnes**, Ft. Wright Sept. 27–29, Oktoberfest

Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m. and Tuesday, July 30, 7 p.m. For more information and to register, contact Angela Hobbs, BSN, RN, MMCP, at angela@giftofyourfertility.com or (270) 735-3883. Visit www.giftofyourfertility.com.

Bishop Brossart High School golf outings. Get your foursomes together for a great day on the course. Both outings will be held at A J Jolly Golf Course and include 18 holes with cart, a great dinner at the course, beer and refreshments, prizes and guaranteed fun. 35th Annual Ladies Outing, June 20. 44th Annual Men's Outing, June 21. Visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Cs1/> to register, donate or sponsor.

"Praise Fest," June 22, 2–8 p.m., St. Phillip Parish, Melbourne, featuring the following musical groups: 2 p.m., Mother of God Contemporary Ensemble; 3 p.m., Thomas More Praise & Worship; 4:30 p.m., Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Iffert; 6 p.m., Dan Walsh & Friends and 7 p.m., Lee Roessler. Food trucks available. Bring a cooler and chair.

Thomas More Summer Theatre Workshop, July 8-19, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This two-week long workshop is for students (grades 10-12) to explore and enhance their performing arts skills in a fun and supportive environment. The workshop will provide a unique blend of acting, voice, movement, and stagecraft workshops. Participants have the chance to collaborate with their peers, build confidence, and create lasting memories. To register, visit <https://form.jotform.com/240565535346055>.

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, (PAL) is a support group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30–8 p.m. at Catholic Charities, Latonia. It provides continuing education and support, at no charge, for parents with a son, daughter or spouse suffering from addiction to alcohol or drugs. No cost. Just come — 3629 Church Street, Latonia. For more information contact Client Care at (859) 581-8974.

Donate a bike — Change a Life! **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Covington started a new ministry, Pickett's Corner in 2023.** The new ministry distributes and repairs bicycles to those in need in the area. Most people receiving a bike use it for transportation to work, store or doctor appointments. Adult-size bikes need. E-mail pickettscorner23@gmail.com if you have a bike to donate. The volunteer team will pick it up.

Introductory online group classes for the Marquette method of Natural Family Planning (NFP),



Read, pray play!

Those words of advice have become a tradition to the students of St. Joseph, Cold Spring, each year as they begin their summer break. This year those very words were played out on the playground on the last day of school. Father A. J. Gedney volunteered to join in the last game of kick ball. There were lots of prayers from both teams as Father A. J. took his turn at bat. The outcome was an abundance of fun for both teams and a memory they are sure to carry with them for many years to come.

What every pilgrim discovers: Christ breathes new life into us

Sister Kathryn J. Hermes

Isn't it true that great things often have small beginnings? Like the mighty Mississippi which begins as a small stream — only 18 feet across — flowing gently from Lake Itasca in Northern Minnesota over 2,000 miles toward the Gulf of Mexico. And like the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage which launched on Pentecost! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, pilgrims took their first steps on a journey that will trace a cross over our land and which, after 6,500 miles of prayer and witness, will converge on Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress in July.

It is a historic moment, and not just because of the length of the pilgrimage. It is the reason for this collective act of belief in the presence and power of Jesus to change history that is breathing new life into our faith. As Archbishop Cordileone stated in a homily before leading 3,000-4,000 pilgrims across the Golden Gate Bridge, Jesus' way of love "has the power to change history, to change hearts, to bring the life of heaven to earth and to bring us to the life of heaven when we pass from this world to the next."

In full vestments, Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens stood among the pines at Lake Itasca to launch the Marian Route from Minnesota. He held high the Eucharist in a monstrance as he blessed the pilgrims at the beginning of their journey with Jesus. Bishop Cozzens reminded all gathered: "The revival has to begin with you and me, and has to begin with our repentance, humbling ourselves, turning from our sin.... That's when the power of the Holy Spirit will be able to inhabit our hearts... so that [you and] I can be the saint[s] that he's calling [us] to be."

Natalie Garza, a high school theology teacher in Kansas City and a pilgrim on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, will be accompanying the Eucharist for the next 60 days. She looks forward to living "a real expression and experience of discipleship." She is eager, as she says, "to witness with my body the truth that I have professed with my words many times, that Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharist."

Pilgrimages are this living of the faith publicly. It isn't timid. It isn't hidden. It's not kept in secret. It is visibly displayed. In his homily, Archbishop Cordileone compared it to the recently beatified Ulma family — a mother, father and their seven children — who were martyred in Poland by the Nazis for sheltering Jews. "Today, we publicly display our faith," he said as they began their procession to the Golden Gate Bridge. "We will take it to the streets with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually, all the way to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in two months."

All who join the Eucharistic pilgrimage, even if just for a few miles, have the opportunity to receive what every pil-



Bishop Cozzens raises the Eucharist in a monstrance at the shores of Lake Itasca.



grim has discovered. Archbishop Cordileone put it this way: "Christ breathes new life into us, his church." Archbishop Christopher Coyne of Hartford, Connecticut, who presided over the launching of the Seton Route, had another way of expressing it: "Our life as Christians is a pilgrimage along the path of salvation. But it is not a solitary one. It is one in which we walk together as the Body of Christ. In seeking after what God desires of us, we become pilgrims of no path but the one that he would have us follow."

More than a journey from one place to another, he added, a pilgrimage is about coming home. "It allows one to turn to God, to tend to what is most important to life."

The southern route is named after St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, a 16th-century Indigenous Catholic saint. He was instrumental in transforming the history of

Mexico by sharing the message and image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and he had a profound devotion to the Eucharist. Every day, he walked 15 miles to go to Mass, in a kind of pilgrimage toward the Lord.

"As we celebrate this great Pentecost Sunday, we ask the Spirit to enable us to give that witness as we go out, not only from this cathedral church, but to the world," said Brownsville's Bishop Daniel E. Flores during the May 19 Mass celebrated in English and Spanish, launching the Pilgrimage.

Those interested in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage can find out more at www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

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GRADUATION 2024

Families, schools, Bishop Iffert honor graduates

Baker, Keener and Young photos

Bishop John Iffert and Kendra McGuire, superintendent of schools, attended high school graduations in the diocese May 15 – 25. This is a pictorial salute to the class of 2024. God bless, grads!



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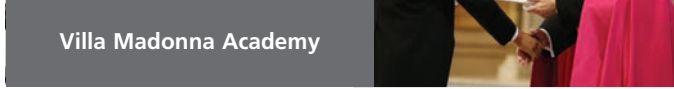
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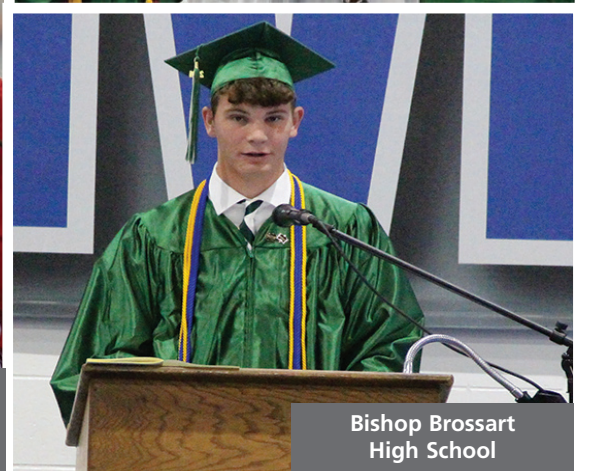
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GRADUATION 2024



May 2024

Dear Graduates of the Class of 2024,

At every graduation and baccalaureate Mass I attend this year, someone reflects on what the pandemic meant for the early high school or college days of this graduating class. Four years ago, there were no in-person graduations. Many common experiences were cancelled or recast.

Here's the question I have been asking these graduates. "Is your joy today any less substantial because you missed out on graduation four years ago?" The universal answer has been a resounding "NO." In fact, most say that today's joy is heightened and the celebrations more meaningful because people are so eager to rejoice in the Class of 2024's entire academic accomplishment and to be thankful that the months and years of struggle have borne fruit.

Now some of you, like me, lost family members to the COVID virus. I never want to minimize the grief or loss that lingers when someone is taken from our lives. There is a permanent loss that is real and lasting. I encourage us all, though, to distinguish between that grief and passing discomfort.

It is a mistake to confuse what is temporary with what is lasting. So many times, we let ourselves believe that the failure, setback, obstacle, low-point, sadness, loss of freedom, or acute grief that we are now experiencing is a permanent condition of life and we cannot see a path forward that can lead to joy. I like to tell myself and others all the time, "God has a future in mind for you and God can be trusted." Cling to that truth and let God lead you through low times and struggles.

Joy is not so much the fruit of a life without troubles, but a life with troubles well-faced. In 1963, at the National Prayer Breakfast, President John F. Kennedy quoted Reverend Phillips Brooks: "Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men (and women)! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks." (Some of you may have seen a similar sentiment attributed to Bruce Lee.) It is important, especially when challenged, to keep one's eyes on the promises of Christ and to stand in faith. Rely on the Holy Spirit for the strengths and gifts necessary to live life that is truly good.

Class of 2024, let this early lesson teach you that the good life, the joyful life, the successful life, the fully human life, flows from a life of virtuous self-giving — sacrifice. It is by living for the common good and bearing up with one another's risks and burdens that we come to know our deepest selves and avoid the shallow life.

Jesus calls this way of living "taking up your cross." During your formative years, we have had an opportunity, as a community, to share a once in a century public health crisis. It has been a shared cross. Many of us have grieved that your adolescence has been, in many ways, atypical. My prayer for you now is that this early experience will strengthen you, set you on the path of shared sacrifice, teach you to take up your cross and follow Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, help you to be atypically strong, compassionate, gentle souls who rediscover life lived for the common good.

Congratulations Class of 2024. Every generation hopes to shape the world for the better. May your dreams to build a better world than you found be fulfilled in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

Bishop John Iffert



2024 Graduates

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” (John 15:20-21)



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Pope tells children joy is good for the soul, always help others

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VATICAN CITY — To change the world, children must press ahead, be joyful, ask adults why there is injustice and always help others, Pope Francis told thousands of children gathered in Rome's Olympic Stadium for the church's first ever World Children's Day.

"We are gathered here at the Olympic Stadium, to 'kick-off' the movement of boys and girls who want to build a world of peace, where we are all brothers and sisters, a world that has a future because we want to take care of the environment around us," he said May 25.

About 50,000 people gathered in the stadium for a sunny afternoon of music, dance and even a brief friendly match in the center field between two teams made up of kids and retired Italian soccer champions. Multiple award-winning goalie, Gianluigi Buffon, placed a soccer ball in front of the pope's chair. The pope stood and kicked the ball from the sidelines to symbolically kick-off the game. The pope later signed the ball and the kids' jerseys.

The pope established the world day, which will include a Mass in St. Peter's Square May 26, after holding a smaller encounter at the Vatican in November 2023 with some 7,500 children from 84 countries dedicated to learning from young children and listening to their questions about the future.

That event "brought a wave of joy" and "left a lasting impression in my heart," he told the kids and those accompanying them in the stadium. He said he wanted that conversation to continue and expand to reach more children and young people, and "that is why we are here today: to keep the dialogue going, to ask questions and seek answers together."

The pope told the children he knows they are sad about war, and he recounted his meeting earlier that day with children from Ukraine, Palestine and other parts of the world experiencing war. Many of the children had been injured and were in Italy to receive care. Vatican News reported that among those at the audience was Yana Stepanenko, 13, who lost both legs from a Russian missile strike in Ukraine. She ran the 5K at the Boston Marathon in April to raise money for prosthetics for a Ukrainian soldier in need.

The pope asked the children in the stadium to pray for their peers who cannot go to school, who suffer from war, who have no food or who are sick and lack medical care.

"Dear children, let us press ahead and be joyful. Joy is healthy for the soul," he said, quizzing them to make sure



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Pope Francis signs a soccer ball for kids that played in a brief friendly match with retired Italian soccer champions during the first World Day of Children May 25, 2024, in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

they knew that Jesus loved them, and the devil did not. Dozens of children representing different continents

and countries gave the pope gifts, including two baskets of letters, 5,000 drawings and a pectoral cross modeled after the large and colorful "cross of joy" that was created for the world day and accompanied the events.

Riad, a young boy from Syria, gave the pope copies of photos taken in 2016 when Pope Francis invited 12 Syrian refugees, Riad included, to fly with him to Italy from a refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece.

"He's grown!" the pope said, looking at the young boy and the photos of him as a small child.

Between musical sets, children from different parts of the world asked the pope questions, such as what can children do to make the world a better place. Speak nicely, play together and help others, the pope replied.

How can people truly love everyone? a boy asked the pope. "It's not easy," the pope said. But start with just the people in one's own life, including one's classmates, and expand from there, he said.

When asked about why there were people without jobs or homes, the pope said all injustices were "the fruit of malice, egoism and war."

Those who "climb the ladder," crushing those below, are bad, and many countries spend money to build or buy arms while there are people going hungry, he said. He asked the huge crowd to be quiet for a moment of silence, praying for all those facing injustice and remembering that everyone shares a bit of the blame.

When asked how to help adults be more compassionate about those who are less fortunate, the pope said kids can help others and be a good example, and they can create "a true revolution" by always asking God and their parents, "Why?" such as why are there people living on the street or going without food.

He also urged the kids to visit their grandparents, who gave life, raised families and passed down their wisdom. "We have to respect," visit and listen to grandparents, he said.

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Justice Department sues pro-life activists over Ohio abortion clinic blockades

CLEVELAND — Just as a federal prosecution wound down against pro-life activists involved in an abortion clinic blockade in Washington, a Justice Department lawsuit filed in Ohio seeks to impose fines and penalties against two pro-life entities and seven pro-life activists involved in abortion clinic blockades in that state in 2021. In a May 20 complaint in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division, prosecutors charged the Michigan-based Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and Red Rose Rescue, an affiliated group, as well as Monica Miller of South Lyon, Michigan, who heads CPLS; Lauren Handy of Alexandria, Virginia; Laura Gies of Spring City, Pennsylvania; Clara McDonald of Brooklyn, New York; Father Fidelis Moscinski of the Bronx, New York; Jay

Smith of Freeport, New York; and Audrey Whipple of Canton, Michigan, with violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, or FACE Act, on June 4 and 5, 2021. The blockades occurred at Northeast Ohio Women's Center in Cuyahoga Falls on June 4, and at Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio's Bedford Heights Surgery Center the next day. Prosecutors seek civil penalties against most defendants of \$20,516 and a higher penalty of \$30,868 for defendants such as Handy who have previously been convicted of violating the FACE Act. Prosecutors also are seeking damages in the amount of \$5,000 for each person whose appointments were disrupted or delayed by the blockades.

No mere symbol

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of the kingdom." (CCC 1340)

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

Eucharistic pilgrimage

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When we reached the dock, we saw two boats — a beautiful luxury yacht and a much smaller fishing trawler.

Jesus, who called his disciples to be fishers of men, could only have chosen the fishing boat, so we quickly boarded the humbler vessel, following Father Landry and the monstrance.

We Little Sisters felt privileged to be able to accompany the "Perpetual Pilgrims" and a few journalists on this leg of the pilgrimage.

During our two-hour boat ride on Long Island Sound, we fixed our gaze on the monstrance, prayed and sang with the Perpetual Pilgrims.

We were never in danger of sinking, nor did we try to walk on water, but we did try to imagine what it must have been like for Jesus and his disciples each time they set sail on the Sea of Galilee.

When we arrived in Bridgeport, Father Landry and the small band of Perpetual Pilgrims continued on, but our participation in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage concluded.

We returned home, grateful for having been a part of history.

If you are going to be anywhere near one of the Eucharistic pilgrimage routes this summer, don't pass up the opportunity to participate in this historic experience.

May you come to know the joy of prayer embodied and may your faith in Jesus' personal love for you be rekindled!

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

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Pope: Quality education builds better human beings, not economic returns

Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — True education is accompanying young people to discover and build the common good through academic rigor and serving others, Pope Francis said.

“We need to move from the culture of the ‘I’ to the culture of the ‘we,’ in which a quality education is defined by its humanizing results and not by its economic results,” he told members of the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education in a written address given to them during an audience at the Vatican May 24.

The commission is an advisory body to the Jesuits’ Secretariat for Education and focuses on secondary and

commission reported in 2023 that there are more than 2,300 schools in the Jesuit global network, educating “more than 2 million students, from all kinds of religious, cultural, social and language backgrounds in 5 continents and more than 70 countries.”

In his prepared speech, which was given to the group, the pope wrote that the Jesuits must insist on how indispensable it is for educators to have “a true relationship with the Lord.”

The only way to help share “the treasure revealed in Jesus” with young people and help them “experience his liberating and salvific mystery” is for young people to see in their educators and parents “this relationship with God and a deep respect for others and for creation,” he wrote.

“Our schools must also be educators of educators, teachers of teachers,” he added.

Jesuit schools have allowed the message of the Gospel to be heard by each new generation while also being places of great academic and intellectual rigor, the pope wrote. “But the center has been and must continue to be Jesus. That is why the Jesuits, through the curriculum and school activities, worked so young people could come into contact with the Gospel, with service to others and, there-



CNS photo/Vatican Media

Pope Francis meets with members of the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education at the Vatican May 24, 2024. Members show him a map of the Jesuit global network of secondary and pre-secondary schools. Standing from left to right are: Jesuit Father José Mesa, worldwide secretary for secretary of the Jesuit Educational Association of South Asia; Ciara Beuster of the Educate Magis team; Éamonn McGuinness, community director of Educate Magis.

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pre-secondary education rather than universities. The

fore, contribute to the common good.”

The Jesuits believe that starting from a young age, people should learn to discover “God present in others, especially in the poor and the marginalized,” the pope wrote. “This is true education, accompanying young people to discover, in service to others and in academic rigor, the building up of the common good.”

As a matter of fact, he wrote, the Global Compact on Education he has promoted aims to revise educational efforts so that young people may be “prepared and begin to change the mentality of an education only for ‘my’ personal success, into the mentality of an education that leads them to discover the true fullness of life, when personal gifts and abilities are used in collaboration with others, for the construction of a more human and fraternal society and world.”

Without the global compact, he wrote, “our world, which already suffers so much violence and polarization, will not be able to create a hopeful future or overcome the serious challenges that affect it and that force us to become more aware that we share a common home.”

Education is a long-term effort that requires patience and an understanding that the end results are not always clear, he wrote. “Even Jesus did not have good results with the disciples in the beginning, but he was patient, and he continues to be patient with us to teach us that to educate is to wait, to persevere and to insist with love.”

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Carlo Acutis' canonization news leaves U.S. devotees 'over the moon' with joy

PHILADELPHIA — News that an Italian teen will soon be canonized has enthralled the soon-to-be-saint's devotees in the U.S. On May 23, Pope Francis formally recognized a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, clearing the way for him to be raised to the honors of the altar. Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15, lived a brief life of extraordinary holiness that was marked by a profound devotion to Christ and the Eucharist. Yet his down-to-earth enthusiasm for typical teen interests such as video games, pets and sports makes him a relatable role model who shows holiness is possible for all. "Blessed Carlo Acutis is an inspiration and intercessor for all young people, but especially for those who are drifting away or alienated from the church or who are skeptical about religion," Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, chair of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, told OSV News. "He demonstrates that having a clear reference point in Jesus Christ opens up the possibilities of a joy-filled and creative mission, but also and most importantly imparts a holiness through which the meaning and purpose of life is revealed."

Calif. Catholic groups urge Legislature to protect all minors from sex trafficking

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Catholics in California are urging state lawmakers to include all minors in legislation that would make it a felony to purchase or solicit a child for commercial sex, after the Senate Public Safety Committee limited the bill to include those 15 and under. Under current California law, purchasing or soliciting a child for sex is a misdemeanor offense carrying a maximum penalty of up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Senate Bill 1414 would implement harsher penalties for such offenders: making it a felony to solicit or engage in commercial sex with a minor with a maximum penalty of up to four years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. The original bipartisan legislation, spearheaded by state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, would have applied to all minors; however, the Senate Public Safety Committee amended the bill to give courts discretion as to whether such crimes would be misdemeanors or felonies and limited it to crimes concerning the purchase of minors under the age of 16. Critics of the original legislation argued it was overly broad, a claim Grove disputed. The amended bill unanimously passed the Senate May 23, but Grove and Catholic groups are calling on the Assembly to restore the bill's original intent and protect all minors. Kathleen Domingo, executive director of the California Catholic Conference, told OSV News that the state's Catholic bishops "join their voice to those legislators and other state leaders in advocating that all children under the age of 18 deserve our protection."

Anglican-Catholic dialogue examines churches' ethical teachings

VATICAN CITY — Recognizing that the Christian churches continually are called to grapple with new moral issues and that reaching different conclusions can complicate the search for Christian unity, a commission of Catholic and Anglican bishops and theologians has been studying how their traditions make decisions and what they can learn from each other. Members of the official Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) met May 11-18 in Strasbourg, France, to continue their examination of "how the Church local, regional and universal discerns right ethical teaching," according to a statement released May 27. "For the first time in its work, ARCIC III has chosen to include two case studies as part of its reflection — one where Catholics and Anglicans reached broadly the same teaching, and one where they did not. These case studies, on Enslavement and Contraception, illustrate the doctrinal and structural similarities and differences between the two communions and also serve to highlight unresolved questions," the statement said.

CRS leaders say unable to get aid to southern Gaza Strip since May 6

JERUSALEM — As tensions and the number of victims mount in southern Gaza Strip, Catholic Relief Services has not been able to get humanitarian aid through to the southern Gaza Strip since May 6 and it no longer has any supplies left in its warehouses in that area, said Jason Knapp, CRS country director for Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza. He also called for all crossings into Gaza to be opened for humanitarian aid. CRS

is the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. "Right now our distribution has been paused. We need to get things in from either Jordan or Egypt. In the last few days we have distributed everything we have access to," said Knapp. The agency's functioning capacity in Rafah in southern Gaza is still in place in partnership with local groups, but their ability to move things has been severely impacted by the Israeli incursion launched in early May that has caused nearly 1 million people to flee from Rafah. They now seek refuge in squalid tent camps and other war-ravaged areas. CRS head of Gaza Office Bassam Nasser said in a Whatsapp written exchange that looting of warehouses is rampant, adding that goods are only sold in stalls in the streets for cash and there is a critical shortage of feminine hygiene products, baby diapers, cooking gas, fuel and bottled water.

La. governor signs bill reclassifying abortion pills as controlled dangerous substances

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana lawmakers enacted legislation May 23 that would classify drugs used for both early abortion and miscarriage as controlled dangerous substances, and would criminalize improperly possessing the pills, such as lacking a valid prescription or their use outside the context of a professional medical practice. The state Senate voted 29-7 to concur with the House version of the bill previously introduced in the Senate by Republican state Sen. Thomas Pressly. In its original Senate version, Senate Bill 276 makes it a crime to intentionally give an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant woman without her consent, something Pressly said happened to his sister, Catherine Herring, in another state. The House amended the bill to include this drug reclassification and approved it May 21 in a 64-29 vote. Republican Gov. Jeff Landry signed the first-of-its-kind legislation into law hours after it arrived on his desk May 23. The legislation classifies mifepristone and misoprostol — the combination of drugs used in a

chemical or medication abortion — as controlled dangerous substances, a category also including medications that can be abused including narcotics. The same pill combination also has been prescribed to women who experience early pregnancy miscarriage to expel any fetal remains and residual pregnancy tissue from the womb. Louisiana prohibits abortion unless a woman's life is at risk or a pregnancy deemed "medically futile."

S.C. enacts ban on gender transition procedures for minors with exceptions

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Republican South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed into law a bill May 21 banning the provision or performance of gender transition procedures on minors by medical professionals with some exceptions. House Bill 4624, sometimes called the "Help Not Harm" bill, prohibits health care providers in the state from performing certain types of hormonal or surgical gender reassignments on persons under 18. The bill does include an exemption for providing minors "appropriate medical service" unrelated to gender transition, such as prescribing puberty blockers or hormone therapy for other conditions including precocious puberty, certain types of cancers, endometriosis, or sexual development issues. According to The Associated Press, the state becomes the 25th to enact such legislation, and leaves Virginia as the only state in the South that has not. In guidance on health care policy and practices released in March 2023, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine opposed interventions that "involve the use of surgical or chemical techniques that aim to exchange the sex characteristics of a patient's body for those of the opposite sex or for simulations thereof." Michael F. Aquilano, director of the South Carolina Catholic Conference, said in a May 23 statement the conference "is relieved that children will soon be protected from the harmful effects of gender transition practices."

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Park Hills Memorial Day Parade launches CovCath centennial

Covington Catholic High School proudly announces the commencement of its 100th-anniversary celebrations. The milestone event kicks off with Bob Rowe, principal, representing CCHS as the grand marshal of the Park Hills Memorial Day Parade.

Founded in 1925, Covington Catholic High School has stood as a beacon of academic excellence, spiritual growth and community service for a century. As the school embarks on this historic journey, all current Colonels, esteemed alumni, and the entire community are invited to

join in honoring its rich legacy and embracing its promising future. Throughout the year-long celebration, Covington Catholic will host a series of events and activities to commemorate this significant milestone.

Dillon Cain, CCHS rising senior, photos



(above) Seven decades of alumni prepare to board The Retired Colonel enroute to the Park Hills Memorial Day Parade, May 27.

(above center) As grand marshal, Bob Rowe welcomes everyone to the parade.

(above right) Father Eric Boelscher, pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs and pastoral administrator, CCHS leads the invocation.

(right) Bob Rowe, as grand marshal, leads the Park Hills Memorial Day Parade.

(far right) The Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School band makes its way past CCHS on Dixie Hwy.



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