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*The Timeless Teaching
From The Church
On Marital Love*

Spring and the impending summer find us spending more time driving for ministry and for pleasure. I have many confirmations in April and May when travel is more predictable, although an occasional blizzard can change plans quickly.

Driving can be enjoyable or a chore depending on the attitude we bring to it. Some love seeing the countryside and some experience road rage, angered by other drivers. As in all things the question is whether Christian charity guides us.

Earlier this year I was on retreat in California with the bishops of our region. I rented a car and drove on the labyrinth of multi-lane highways that is part of southern California daily life.

Being used to South Dakota driving where there often are long stretches when nary another car is encountered, it was a bit frightening. Cars would pass me by going well above the speed limit and changing lanes seemed to be almost a competitive sport. I must admit that after a while I was drawn into that hyper activity. It reminded me of an experience I had some years ago.

I was getting some exercise by running in downtown Madison, Wisconsin where I was serving as a diocesan official. Lost in thoughts, some probing and some fanciful, I was enjoying the time out of doors. A bit annoyed, I was forced to stop to wait for the traffic light to change so I could cross a two lane road with safety. As I did a car came speeding down the street clearly trying to make it through the intersection before the light changed. It was not to be. Cars entered the intersection from the other direction. The sound of the screeching tires was chilling. The near miss was a miracle. Had I ventured into the crosswalk a few seconds earlier in order to beat the light, I would have been directly in the way. It gave me pause. I said a

prayer of thanksgiving and for forgiveness for my annoyance.

It also caused me to reflect on the chances we take in life. It is hard to imagine what the benefit would have been to the driver for having made it through the intersection a few minutes earlier worthy of the risk of an accident. And yet all of us take chances like that throughout the intersections of our lives. When we drive we rely on the brakes to save us. What or who do we rely on for our 'spiritual brakes'? May it be Jesus Christ our Lord and savior who is the way and the truth and the life.

God gifted us with free will, the freedom to make choices. We can make good ones or bad ones, well thought out or spontaneous. We can go to the doctor or put it off as I recently did while fighting a winter malady. We can establish sound relationships with others based on respect and human dignity or gossip about and criticize them. We can steward our financial resources or squander them. We can allow the Holy Spirit as our guide and protector or choose to come to God only in times of trouble.

All of us on occasion speed through some of the intersections of our lives, not really thinking through the impact of our actions on others or on ourselves. We must live with the consequences physically and spiritually of sin. Yet they can be avoided or at least lessened with prayer, perspective and patience.

Had there been an accident that day I was running, the police and first responders would have arrived, a hospital would have been alerted and insurance companies would have been notified.

When we have an accident spiritually, chosen or imposed, we can trust that God will be there for us, to heal us and to forgive us if we honestly are contrite and seek Him out. But it would be better if we would slow down a bit resting in the Lord, praying for perspective in making good choices based on an informed conscience grounded in Church teachings, and then with patience wait for the light to change, the light of Christ to lead us to safety and happiness.



A personal note.

Happy birthday to me. Well not quite yet. My birthday is in September. It will be one of special note for I will turn 75 years old. I thank God for all those years and generally good health throughout them. Some were harder than others and some were truly beautiful gifts; most were a combination of the two.

I raise this because a number of people have asked me about the rumor that I am retiring. That is a rumor with some validity.

According to Church law every bishop when he turns 75 must submit a letter of resignation to the Pope. We continue to serve until it is accepted, usually at the same time as when a successor is named but not always.

So In September I will offer my resignation after having had the privilege of serving as the eighth bishop of Sioux Falls for twelve years. When it will be accepted is unknown. It could be quickly or it could take a while as it did after Bishop Carlson was transferred.

I encourage you to begin to pray for a new bishop who has a shepherd's heart as you did before I was named. Whether that prayer was answered you decide. But as in all things we will wait with patience for the light to change,

gaining perspective from the fact there have been eight bishops before, and trusting in God and in His way expressed through Christ's Church who will bring us the ninth bishop of Sioux Falls.

Drivers Prayer

Grant me, O Sacred Heart, a steady hand and a watchful eye,

That none shall be hurt as I pass by.

You gave life – I pray no act of mine take away that gift divine.

Protect those, dear Lord, who travel with me from highway dangers and all anxiety.

Teach me to use my car for others' needs

And never to miss for excessive speed the beauty of the world.

I pledge to drive with loving concern to my every destination, offering each travel hour to you in a spirit of reparation.

Most Sacred Heart, my auto companion, have mercy on me.

-Sacred Heart Auto League

SCHEDULE

June

- 2 11:00 Mass, Totus Tuus
Commissioning, Broom Tree, Irene
- 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3 11:00 Confirmation, St. John, Castlewood, Holy Rosary, Kranzburg and Immaculate Conception, Watertown at Immaculate Conception
- 1:30 Confirmation, Holy Name, Watertown
- 4 Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, Lakeside Park, Big Stone City
- 8 2:00 Holy Mass, Dedication of the Monastery of the Adoration Sisters and Closing the Cloister
- 9 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 11 Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, Lake Oahe, Pierre
- 12 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 16 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 21 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 5:30 Red Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 23 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 24 6:00 Mass of Elevation and Blessing New Episcopal Chair, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, MN
- 26 9:00 D-Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 11:30 Presbyteral Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 30 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

July

- 7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 9:30 D-Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 10 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood



Officials

Since publication of the May Bishop's Bulletin, the Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has decreed the following changes to priest assignments effective July 5, 2018:

Granted requests from

Reverend A.W. Ramos, Chaplain, Minnehaha County Correctional Facility and Jail, and at the recommendation of his medical providers, to retire from assigned ministry,

Reverend Gary Ternes, Chaplain, SD State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls and Springfield to retire from assigned ministry,

Reverend Mathew Vazhappily, CMI, Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle, Platte and St. Ann, Geddes, and in consultation with his religious superior, to ministry outside of the Diocese,

Reverend Andrew Young, Pastor, St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls to military chaplaincy in the United States Air Force under the direction of the Archdiocese for the Military Services

and appointed

Reverend Shaun Haggerty in addition to Vocations Director for the Diocese, to Pastor, St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls,

Reverend Steven Jones from Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Lesterville and St. Wenceslaus, Tabor to Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Vermillion and Sacramental Minister at St. Joseph Parish, Elk Point, St. Peter Parish, Jefferson and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Dakota Dunes,

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Every so often, I forget something about trees.

The other day I went to a few stores and picked up the necessary supplies to plant some flowers and vegetables and herbs for the planters on our deck. I bought the potting soil and the plants and a few new items for the season and then got to work.

After a few hours over the course of a few days, the deck was set and watered and lovely. I sat back and enjoyed the fruits of my labor in anticipation of actually eating the fruits of my labor. It was then, listening to the birds, that I noticed the trees by our sidewalk, just over the backyard fence. They had budded and now were growing bright, luminous lime-green leaves.

The birds were happy and I was happy.

Enjoying their beauty, something occurred to me. I have, over the course of my life, spent untold hours working on gardens and lawns. I have, each year, planted flowers and vegetables and herbs; I have watered and mowed lawns since I was a boy, week after week, month after month. I did all these things because growing things need to be planted and cared for; except for trees.

I have planted trees in my life, but most of them were there when I showed up and will be there when I leave. I enjoy their shady coolness in the summer and rake up their fallen leaves in the autumn, but I usually do not have to work on trees like I have to work on a garden or a lawn. Because of this, I forget something about trees.

I forget they are actually alive.

The trees around me can seem rather monolithic and a bit unchanging. I mean they grow leaves and lose leaves, and that is noticeable, but I do not really spend time noticing their growth, like I would notice the growth of flowers or vegetable plants. Trees simply seem ancient and mysterious to me.

Trees, in forests or simply in the back yard, provide shelter and nourishment to so much life, offering protection and peace of heart that comes from the gentle swaying of the branches and the soft sound of the wind through their

leaves. They simply seem to be there, always there, so I have to remember that they themselves are alive.

Because they are alive, they change and grow, as all living things do. They seem ancient and unyielding because to notice their growth you have to be patient, and take the time to notice the subtle changes that are marked in years and decades, not days and weeks. On Pentecost Sunday, sitting on the deck after a number of graduation receptions, as I chatted with Fr. Grant Lacey about his upcoming new assignment and move from Aberdeen, I was staring at the trees on the other side of the fence as we chatted.

As we talked, a small part of my mind was calculating how much they had grown since I moved in three years ago. As we talked about changes and assignments and moves, I thought trees, perhaps even more than mustard plants, best reflect the mystery of the Church in the world.

Each individual parish can seem rather monolithic and unchanging. It is easy to get that sense because the Church simply is, and is always there, offering protection and nourishment and gentle refreshment for the mind and heart. Yet, it is alive, changing and growing; a priest moves and a new one arrives, and things change; parishioners die and another is baptized, and things change. A parish goes through the beautiful cycle of the liturgical year, but each year it is different because the parish is different.

It is a gift of the Holy Spirit for us to remember the living, growing aspect of our parish because this knowledge challenges us to care for the gift of our parish family. Like all living things, it needs nourishment and care, it needs our time and attention and support to grow and to be the gift to the world it is meant to be.

When you walk into that parish church on the weekend, remember you enter into a living thing, growing, changing and becoming, and you are a necessary part of that life. Christ sends His Spirit to bring life to your parish, but it is for all of us to nourish and care for this gift which is as ancient, as mysterious, and as fragile, as a mighty tree.

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Reverend Jeffrey Norfolk from Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Vermillion to Chaplain, South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls and Pastor, St. Rose of Lima, Garretson and St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer

Reverend Barry Reuwsaat from Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Mitchell,

Reverend Jordan Samson, in addition to Director, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center and Pastor, Sacred Heart, Westport, Associate Vocations Director for the Diocese

Reverend Andrew Thuringer from Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Mitchell, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary, Aberdeen,

Reverend Anthony Urban from Pastor, St. Rose of Lima, Garretson and St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer, to Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Lesterville and St. Wenceslaus, Tabor,

and, Reverend Patrick Grode, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain,
Bishop, Diocese of Sioux Falls



The Most Reverend Robert Morneau,
Aux. Bishop Emeritus, Green Bay, WI



The Most Reverend Donald J. Kettler,
Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud

THE TIMELESS TEACHING FROM THE CHURCH ON MARITAL LOVE

As papal documents go, *Humanae vitae* (On Human Life) is short, readable and understandable.

As it reaches the 50th anniversary of being issued it provides both a summary of the Church's longstanding teaching on marriage and sexuality and a way forward in addressing many of the challenges surrounding marriage and families today.

That this encyclical remains as relevant now as when Blessed Pope Paul VI issued it, deep in the days of the sexual revolution, is no doubt a surprise to many who immediately wrote it off, thinking it presented an old fashioned view of marriage, contraception and sexuality in general.

Instead, the Catholic teaching expressed in *Humanae vitae*, which stands on Scripture and Tradition, remains important and relevant. Basic beliefs in how God made men and women, the nature of human sexuality, the nature of marriage, the nature and meaning of the conjugal act, God's call to husband and wife to co-create with Him, and the centrality of the family are all intertwined. They speak of a God of love who desires to build a people of love. (USCCB website)

And many have declared Pope Paul VI's words prophetic in laying out the likely consequences if the Church's tradition and teaching are ignored.

"I would encourage that *Humanae vitae* be read in its fullness and not rely on summaries or simplistic headlines often offered by those with personal agendas," said Bishop Paul Swain.

"It is a prophetic warning by Pope Paul VI which now fifty years later has sadly been realized. Of special note is the lessening of respect of men for women and the

Blessed Paul VI will be canonized as a saint on October 14 at the Vatican.

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breakdown in healthy family relationships. It also is a powerful affirmation of the fruits of mutual self-giving and the complementarity of men and women as God created us to be. Though written fifty years ago, there are many lessons applicable to our day,” Bishop Swain said.

HE WAS RIGHT

That the world is struggling in the very ways the pope articulated seems clear.

“Let them consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards,” wrote the pope.

The pervasiveness of pornography and the almost daily news of another woman being treated with complete disrespect add to the evidence. Not all of the blame can be placed on artificial contraception, “however, Paul VI was intuiting something of great moment, namely that once we commenced to redefine the nature of the sexual act, we placed ourselves on a very steep and slippery slope toward complete voluntarism, whereby we utterly determine the meaning of sexuality, of marriage, and even of gender,” said Bishop Robert Barron in a Word on Fire column issued last November.

“Fifty years ago, there was little evidence that what Paul VI was predicting would be true,” said Emily Leedom, director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

“Now, Catholics and non-Catholics alike read *Humanae vitae*, look at the world around them and can't help but say, ‘he was right.’ There's a sense of vindication in that. I think that simple victory can fuel our hearts to keep fighting the battle,” she said.

While *Humanae vitae* also provides a way forward, consistent with what the Church has always taught about these matters, families in the Diocese of Sioux Falls still have to live in the world as it is today.



“It seems more challenging now than ever to live a truly authentic Catholic life,” said Dylan Kessler, who with wife Marissa have two young sons and are members at Sacred Heart, Aberdeen.

“It's a great challenge to seek to raise children in the ways of the Church when we are assailed on all sides by secularism, moral relativism, and increasingly varied interpretations of what it means to live a good life,” he said.

“Perhaps the greatest challenge is to resist the temptation to despair at the world in which our children will grow up. I so desire my children to know as normal those things that ought to be permanent - the Church, marriage, traditional family, and true love, as the Author of Life intended it.”

SIGNS OF HOPE

There truly are signs of hope; examples from those who work with couples in marriage preparation and after.

“We are often inspired by the young couples that come to Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) weekends,” said Barbara and Bart Workman who coordinate the CEE weekends in the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

“There are many couples seeking the truth

about what the church teaches and they embrace the sacred call to a sacramental marriage. Marital fidelity is a complete giving of ourselves to our spouse,” said the Workmans, who are parishioners at Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls and have two children, one in college and one in high school.

“I see signs of hope in the number of young couples coming to the Church for marriage and those wanting to live the faith authentically,” said Brianna Mueller, who along with husband, Derek, lives on a farm near Ethan, SD. They were married last August and are expecting their first child soon. Brianna directs Youth Discipleship and Ministry, grades 7-12 for Holy Family and Holy Spirit parishes in Mitchell and she is currently a FertilityCare Practitioner Intern soon to finish her certification with final testing in November.

“The Creighton Model FertilityCare System is a response to *Humanae vitae*,” Mueller said.

“The program does a great job in training their practitioners in Church teachings and documents and how they are significant to the health and well-being of the married couple. I always try and share the fullness of what Natural Family Planning (NFP) offers: free, total, faithful, and fruitful.



Dylan and Marissa Kessler have two young sons and are members at Sacred Heart, Aberdeen.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Cornelius

“There is a level of evangelization that I did not expect to come from the work, but it does very naturally. So many come to me with a contraceptive mindset and it is extremely scary to step outside of that, and rightfully so, with all the garbage this world feeds us about contraceptives, sex and freedom.

“I meet people where they are at, learn why they are there, and invite them to something more,” Mueller said.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH ASK?

It is not uncommon for couples seeking marriage in the Church to be surprised at what the church asks of them in preparation for the sacrament. It does so in part to truly uphold the truth and beauty of the sacrament, and in part to help couples honestly be prepared for living out their marriage commitment.

“The diocese has long offered marriage preparation opportunities which include the teachings of Christ through His Church on marriage and sexuality as well as practical considerations of married life,” said Bishop Swain.

“These are presented both by clergy and married couples.

“In his apostolic letter on the family *Amoris laetitia* Pope Francis called on us to review and update these programs. I appointed a committee to undertake this task. They will soon be making recommendations on how we can improve the substance, approach and effectiveness of marriage preparation programs,” the bishop said.

The Kesslers have been part of that committee working with the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life.

“During these conversations with this group, we keep coming back to the fact that it is difficult to tell someone what to expect in marriage before they are married,” said Dylan Kessler.

“It’s tough to communicate to them that you can spend an entire week looking forward to a trip with your spouse, not for the trip itself, but because you’re excited to spend time in the car together just talking. Most engaged couples won’t understand that true love is not keeping track of whose turn it is to get up in

middle of the night to take care of a child. True love is knowing which one of you is better at cleaning up the vomit on the floor and which one is better suited to comforting the sick child. True joy in a marriage is listening to your oldest child tell you how much Jesus loves him or seeing the excitement in your youngest child’s face when he realizes that every one of the stations of the cross statues in the church contains Jesus.

“Married life isn’t able to be captured in a social media post. It’s best measured in the little moments of everyday joy that are simply too beautiful to ever try to communicate with words,” Kessler said.

In the Workman’s ministry, they try to make sure couples know they are not in it alone by sharing their own fears and doubts.

“There is something authentic about sharing our challenges and how we all can help one another overcome what can feel like an overwhelming obstacle to a joyful marriage,” they said.

“We reveal that in the sacrament of marriage we receive help through the

grace given from God. The sacrament of marriage is used to illustrate the relationship between Christ and the Church. Christ loved us so much that He was willing to give himself freely. As husband and wife, we are called to be the example to those around us. Again, we do this with the help of God's grace through the sacrament," said the Workmans.

Leedom said the goal of her office is "to reveal the beauty of God's plan for marriages and families and offer support along the way. Through offerings like "It's Great to Be You" which teaches adolescents God's beautiful plan for the human body, intentionally celebrating and holding up milestone anniversaries for couples, and supporting a holistic marriage preparation process, we seek to renew the family."

WHAT IS MARRIED LOVE?

In the current cultural setting, one finds little in the way of balance or integration - most every aspect of life has been "sexualized". In addition to pornography and other issues mentioned above, the general sexual objectification of all people, but especially of women and sometimes children, has led to corresponding negative impacts.

By contrast, here is an excerpt from Blessed Pope Paul VI's section on married love from *Humanae vitae*:

"This love is above all fully human, a compound of sense and spirit. It is not, then, merely a question of natural instinct or emotional drive. It is also, and above all, an act of the free will, whose trust is such that it is meant not only to survive the joys and sorrows of daily life, but also to grow, so that husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul, and together attain their human fulfillment.

"It is a love which is total—that very special form of personal friendship in

which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing no unreasonable exceptions and not thinking solely of their own convenience. Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for the partner's own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of himself.

"Married love is also faithful and exclusive of all other, and this until death. This is how husband and wife understood it on the day on which, fully aware of what they were doing, they freely vowed themselves to one another in marriage. Though this fidelity of husband and wife

by their nature ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents' welfare."

Because of these words, "Now 50 years later, the Church stands unwavering and affirmed in her decision to embrace and uphold life and assisting families to responsibly embrace the gift of life," said Leedom.

"Though Marissa and I hadn't sat down to read *Humanae vitae* in its entirety until this year, so much of our marriage and



Bart and Barbara Workman coordinate the Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends in the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography (Steve and Bev Parezo)

sometimes presents difficulties, no one has the right to assert that it is impossible; it is, on the contrary, always honorable and meritorious. The example of countless married couples proves not only that fidelity is in accord with the nature of marriage, but also that it is the source of profound and enduring happiness.

"Finally, this love is fruitful. It is not confined wholly to the loving interchange of husband and wife; it also contrives to go beyond this to bring new life into being. Marriage and conjugal love are

family life is rooted in what it contains," said Dylan Kessler.

"Reading the words that have so influenced our relationship made us realize the perfect order that exists within the Church. In this age of moral relativism, it's more important now than ever that we recall the words and spirit of *Humanae vitae* and remember that truth is not reliant on popularity, ease or comfort," Kessler said.

Marissa added, "I think one of the



Brianna and Derek Mueller were married last August at Holy Family parish, Mitchell.

Photos courtesy of Bethany Melvin Photography



marriage, already see the importance of both balance and communication.

“We often take time to discuss the balance in our lives - if we are taking enough time for prayer, family, and each other,” they said.

“Work on the farm or for any business owner is endless, but we have slowly grown to realize that sometimes the work needs to stop for the day to make other things a priority.

“And that is really at the heart of the matter: What do we make a priority? We know we want to keep prayer and family as our main priorities. In order to keep balance you have to make the things most important a priority and follow through. We know there are certain times of the year that are really busy for us and that we need to have a discussion on how to adapt so that our prayer and family life do not suffer.

“It is easy now to find time for each other. Something as simple as going to Mass, getting groceries together, or riding in the tractor can reconnect us” said the Muellers, who know things will change with the arrival of their baby.

biggest challenges to marriage today is communication. We have so many distractions in our lives that require more of our being to focus on each other and on those things that are most important. It's so important to us that we teach our children how to communicate, how to share their emotions, and how to love.

“I know that marriage is the purpose of my life. I feel peace in my life and joy in knowing that the family I am raising is in the service of God. I appreciate that *Humanae vitae* specifically mentions that a marriage is ‘cooperating with God in the generation and rearing of new lives.’ It's important that we allow God to be a part of the equation through NFP,” she said.

The Workmans said modeling stewardship has helped provide balance and integration in their lives.

“Our children have joined us as we served the Family to Family program by bringing clothes to families in need. This is a small way we live the beatitudes and become the hands of Jesus.

“As a couple we have come to the realization that we can't serve others if we don't go back to the spiritual well ourselves. So we are committing to our own spiritual development through retreats and other opportunities provided by the Church.”

The Muellers, still in their first year of

“We have talked about how we will have to be more purposeful in making plans to spend time together. We want to have a joy-filled marriage. We make an effort to be kind to each other, let each other know they are appreciated, and take up the opportunities to do the little things,” they said.

THE TIMELESSNESS OF CHURCH TEACHING

Through the years, many otherwise deeply faithful Catholics were caught up in the confusion of the world around matters of sexuality. Each succeeding pope has affirmed the teaching put forth by Paul VI and has sought to clarify the Church's constant teaching.

“We are called to act on informed consciences which means based on the teachings of the bishops and magisterium,” said Bishop Swain.

“One such important teaching was offered by Pope Saint John Paul II. He taught what has come to be called the Theology of the Body which is a positive and hopeful explanation of the beauty of the human person, sexuality and marriage. There are many written and media resources available that explain his teaching in understandable ways. Theology of the Body is taught in Catholics schools and religious education programs,” he said.

The sense of the timelessness and permanence of the Church’s teaching on marriage, from long before the issuance of *Humanae vitae*, offers a stability that is key to helping couples preparing for and

living out marriage today.

“We agree that hope is the key to understanding the beautiful truth about marital love,” said the Workmans.

“As we approach this milestone, we are comforted in knowing the previous generations have passed on this heavenly gift and it's up to each of us to pass on this gift to the generations that will follow. We are not discouraged - rather we are hopeful that God will bring this good work to fruition, and 50 years from now the Church will continue to celebrate the joy of marital fidelity,” they said.

Dylan Kessler points out that we all have responsibility to each other and help build up the Church.

“The Church is made up of individuals and relies on strong marriages. The best

way we can help build each other up is to engage with one another in an authentic way. Take the time to read *Humanae vitae* as a couple. Seek out those relationships that you admire and align yourselves with them. Invite those young couples you know over for dinner. Seek to invest in and mentor those couples that are early in their relationships or that may be struggling.

“As the Body of Christ, we are all responsible for each other, and we can only change the culture around us by moving beyond ourselves and reaching out to those that surround us.”

Resources on marriage preparation, natural family planning and much more can be found at sfcatholic.org/familylife.



Religious freedom is as American as apple pie and baseball. My wife makes the world's best apple pie, and I love to root for the home team. However, if I had to pick one of these three as absolutely essential to the health of our country, it's not a difficult decision. Without religious freedom, the America we know and love wouldn't exist. With the approach of Religious Freedom Week from June 22 to June 29*, it's a good opportunity to think about religious freedom and how we can best live it.

The timing coincides with the feasts of several saints who gave their lives for the faith. June 22 is the feast day of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More. It's the day that Bishop Fisher, an astute theologian and attentive pastor, was killed by King Henry VIII in 1535; Sir Thomas, who had been the King's chief counsellor, followed him to the executioner's scaffold two weeks later. June 29 is the feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul. Both were executed by the Roman emperor Nero.

In America, Religious Freedom is sometimes called our "first freedom" because it's literally the first right listed in the Bill of Rights. The honor given it by our Founders is seen in its textual placement prior to the freedoms of speech, press, assembly, and petition. It's the most important, so it's at the top of the list.

Religious Freedom, the Church teaches, "means that all men are to be immune from coercion ... in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs," and that it "has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person." It exists because all people are "impelled by nature and also bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth." Furthermore, "they are also bound

to adhere to the truth, once it is known, and to order their whole lives in accord with the demands of truth." (*Dignitatis Humanae*)

George Washington remarked in his farewell address, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, morality and religion are indispensable supports." Yet, using our religious freedom poorly risks "the liberty of self-ruin," as St. Augustine described the harmful tendency of ill-directed freedom. A nation full of "self-ruin" is a ruined nation.

The healthy exercise of religion is essential for the health and well being of the nation.

What might the proper exercise of religious freedom look like?

Eucharist worship is a transforming encounter with the Lord that continues working in us every day of the week. It changes our family life, our work, the books we choose to read or the shows we choose to watch, what we buy and when we shop, and how we think about societal issues. We love our enemies. The beatitudes move us. We propose the truth, especially those truths that most need an honest hearing in our day. We are not afraid, even in the midst of the world's turmoil, because we are possessed by Easter joy.

This short list could be anyone's. Any Catholic with a well-formed conscience can pick up the Gospels and a catechism, or the Lives of the Saints, and write his or her own list.

As St. John Fisher was led to his death he glorified God with the Te Deum and prayed for his king. St. Thomas More's last words were, "I am the King's good servant, but God's first."

They offer proof that our faith deepens and purifies the love of country. The sanctity of these men is evident in their martyrdom, but their deaths were prepared by entire lives of work devoted to God and neighbor. They were only able to die as they did



Christopher Motz
Executive Director
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because they first lived as they did.

We are blessed that our nation recognizes the God-given right to religious freedom. Our nation needs us to be fully alive in our faith. It's up to us to use that freedom well. May we be America's good servants, and Christ's first.

In the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Religious Freedom Week includes the Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, the vigil of St. Thomas More, patron of statesmen and lawyers, to be celebrated by the Most Reverend Paul J. Swain. In accord with the Church's tradition, those men and women who serve in government and law will be held in prayer. All are welcome.

****Religious Freedom Week is promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is the follow up to the Fortnight for Freedom observance in years past.***

DIOCESAN PRIEST, RELIGIOUS SISTERS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY, JUBILEES

Diocesan priest
25 Years



Rev. Chester Murtha

Father Chester Murtha grew up on the family farm outside of Woonsocket. He was ordained June 25, 1993. Father Murtha is currently serving as pastor of St. Agatha Parish, Howard with mission parishes of St. William of Vercelli, Ramona and Church of the Epiphany

Benedictine Sisters, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton
75 Years



Sister Grace Feldhacker, OSB

Sister Grace Feldhacker, OSB, grew up near Crofton, NE. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1943. Sister Grace was an elementary teacher for 34 years in North and South Dakota and Nebraska. She also volunteered many years at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. She is retired and resides in the Saint Joseph's Care Center.

60 Years



Sister Mary Carole Curran, OSB

Sister Mary Carole Curran, OSB, grew up in York, NE. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1956. She has taught at the elementary, secondary, and college levels and worked as a therapist and counselor. She is past executive director of Catholic Family Services in Sioux Falls and St. Louis. She has been a psychologist with Avera Medical Group Behavioral Health in Yankton the last five years.

Local
CHURCH

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25 Years

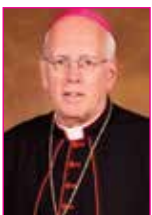


Sister Angelica de Jesus Eucaristia (Morales Rendon)

Sister Angelica de Jesus Eucaristia (Morales Rendon) a member of the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Sioux Falls, will celebrate her 25th jubilee on Aug. 25. Sister Angelica's current ministry is serving at Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, Sioux Falls.



Forty years ago this year St. John Paul II was elected by the Cardinals under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the 263rd Pope. He served for over a quarter century. His leadership, courage, humility and witness influenced my own faith life and millions of others, and continues to do so.



I am grateful to be able to lead a pilgrimage to Poland from October 12-20. Not only will we visit sites important to his life, but also those of St. Faustina and St. Maximilian Kolbe among others. I invite you to join me.

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70th Jubilees



Sister Mona Kirwin, OSB
Sister Mona Kirwin, a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on July 29. Sister Mona ministered in Catholic health care and later gave spiritual care to the sick and dying for a total of 50 years. In Sister Mona's "retirement" of 10 years, she serves as the chaplain for the women's correctional facility in Pierre.



Sister Muriel Spartz, OSB
Sister Muriel Spartz, a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on July 29. Sister Muriel spent 60 years in the field of education as a teacher, principal, director of religious education and pastoral ministry. She is now retired and resides at the monastery.



Sister Caroline Wolf, OSB
Sister Caroline Wolf, a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on July 29. She served in various ministries including teaching and working in parishes. She also operated a day care center. Sister Caroline is retired and lives in a local nursing facility.

60th Jubilees



Sister Adrienne Kaufmann, OSB
Sister Adrienne Kaufmann, a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on July 29. Throughout her life, Sister Adrienne served as an initiator of new endeavors and peace. For many years, she ministered in vocations and presently she assists in the Liturgy Office of her monastery and teaches part-time at Mount Marty College in Watertown.

60th Jubilees



Sister Sandra Meek, OSB
Sister Sandra Meek, a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on July 29. The three primary ways in which Sister Sandra served God were through health care, leadership in her religious community and in service to the Federation of St. Gertrude. She currently resides in Pierre.



Sister Rose Palm, OSB
Sister Rose Palm, a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on July 29. Sister Rose served for many years in campus ministry, teaching in elementary and secondary education, vocation ministry, spirituality and formation ministry. She is now retired and enjoys canning pickles and caring for the monastery plants.

25th Jubilee



Sister Marva Jean Hoeckelman, OSB
Sister Marva Jean Hoeckelman will celebrate her 25th jubilee on June 9. In earlier years, she was an elementary school teacher and bookkeeper. Sister Marva currently writes poetry and serves as a monastery archivist.

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Local CHURCH

Catholic Radio in the diocese taking on a new look and effort

Catholic Radio in the Diocese of Sioux Falls is now being operated by Real Presence Radio (RPR), a lay apostolate, based in North Dakota. RPR is working with Lamb Catholic Radio in an affiliate agreement.

Real Presence Radio has also entered into a purchase agreement to acquire the 94.5 FM signal in the Sioux Falls area which will provide a substantially-increased coverage area and consistent signals. The purchase is contingent on a review by federal regulators.

RPR, like Lamb Radio, is EWTN-affiliated. RPR's leadership has committed to including locally-produced programs. RPR currently operates in the Diocese of Rapid City, as well as across other sister dioceses in North Dakota and Minnesota.

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Regional Stewardship conference coming to the diocese in July

The 2018 ICSC Region VIII Stewardship Conference is coming to the diocese in July.

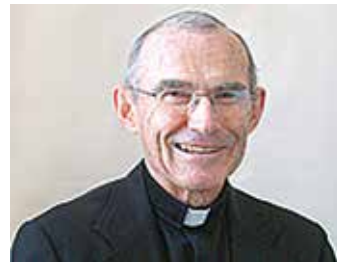
The two-day conference will provide an opportunity to gather with many parish and diocesan staff members from the ten Catholic dioceses in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Participants will learn best practices in Catholic stewardship and development, gain new ideas and valuable training to further the work of stewardship.

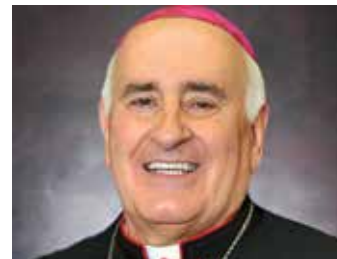
Entitled "A Disciples Response", the event will be July 26-27 at St. Michael Parish, 1600 S. Marion Road, Sioux Falls.

Thursday's activity runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. while Friday activity runs from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Keynote speakers for the conference include Most Reverend Robert Morneau, Aux. Bishop Emeritus of Green Bay, WI and Most Reverend Donald J. Kettler,



Most Rev. Robert Morneau



Most Rev. Donald J. Kettler

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS HOSTING NATIONAL CONVENTION IN THE DIOCESE IN SIOUX FALLS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their National Convention at the Denny Sanford Premier Center and Convention Center in Sioux Falls July 17-22.

The convention theme will be "Serve the Lord with gladness."

Over one thousand members of the Catholic Daughters from North and South America and Kenya are scheduled to attend the biennial meeting.

The event coincides with the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the South Dakota state court. The State Court encourages all attendees and South Dakota CDA members to join in the Friday July 20th Fun Night where CDA members are encouraged to wear their red,

white, and blue as they celebrate all things South Dakota.

Registered members will have the opportunity to attend a concert by award winning Catholic vocalist Kathy Troccoli on Tuesday, July 17.

A variety of keynote speakers will share messages of hope and motivation. CDA members will

be able to connect and share ideas with fellow sisters in faith. Workshops provide the opportunity to share goals, visions, and strategies for organizational success.

For further information please go to the state CDA website at <https://www.cdaskouthdakota.com> or visit your local CDA court.



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Literacy event draws crowd to St. Mary School, Salem



St. Mary Elementary School, Salem, recently hosted over 200 students from Salem, Dell Rapids and Oldham-Ramona, Pre-K through sixth grade for a day-long literacy event. St. Mary seventh and eighth grade students served as ambassadors for the event, helping to lead the various groups of students around the school.

The day allowed students to attend break-out sessions and meet chil-

dren's author Daryl Cobb. Cobb is from New Jersey and is the author of 17 children's books. He talked about what it takes to become an author and about the writing process.

Later that evening St. Mary also hosted over 175 attendees at an award celebration honoring students who received literacy awards.

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August 21: Proclaiming Jesus Christ

- directed by Fr. Tom Anderson

September 11: "Three States of the Church: Militant, Penitent & Triumphant"

- directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer

October 23: "What Do People Say Today About Angels?"

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ABERDEEN – Steve and Pat Darling will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 22. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Todd and Diane Mielke will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 8. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Albert and Kathryn Heier will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 3. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Ken and Carol Ann Miller will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 5. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Louis and Helen Thares will celebrate their 65th Anniversary on June 16. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BRANDON – Clyde and Betty Bigelow will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 21. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



CHAMBERLAIN – Bob and Arlene Ellis will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 21. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. James Parish.



CLEAR LAKE – Robert and Shirley Weber will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 3. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



DAKOTA DUNES – Leonard and Mary Grasso will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 8. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – Harry and Lois Gaspar will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on June 4. They have 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



DELL RAPIDS - Dick and Mary Lorenz will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 8. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



EPIPHANY – Greg and Gail Roberts will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 18. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Epiphany Parish.



ESTELLINE – Don and Shirley Linneman celebrated their 70th anniversary on May 24. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren. 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Francis de Sales Parish.



GETTYSBURG – Brian and Colleen Simon will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 12. They have 2 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



GETTYSBURG – Leonard and Rose Schatz will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 22. They have 3 children. 9 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



HARTFORD – Mike and Judith Fullenkamp will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 8. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 9 grandchildren (1 deceased), 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. George Parish.



HOVEN – Darrel and Ruby Rausch will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 23. They have 5 children, 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



HURON – Michael and Barrie Held will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 22. They are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



HURON – Ken and Hazel Witte will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 11. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



IDYLWILDE – Curtis and Eileen Hora will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 19. They have 2 children and are members of St. Boniface Parish.

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IDYLWILDE – Larry and Sharon Andersen will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 21. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Boniface Parish.



KIMBALL – Dale and Elaine Stanek will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 21. They have 5 children, 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Margaret Parish.



MADISON – Terry and Sue Olson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 3. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



MITCHELL – Donald and Jenette Garvis will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 10. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



PARKSTON – Jim and Joan Sommer celebrated their 60th anniversary Feb. 8. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



PARKSTON – Lloyd and Norma Jane Horstman celebrated their 60th anniversary on Apr. 29. They have 6 children, 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and are members of the Sacred Heart Parish.



PIERRE – Jim and Kathy Ellenbecker will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 1. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



PLANKINTON – Paul and Leanne Payne will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 22. They have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of the St. John Parish.



ROSHOLT – Darcy and Eileen Englund will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 11. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of the St. John the Baptist Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Vincent and Dolores Madsen will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 22. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Craig and Maure Weinkauf will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 9. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – James and Marion Bonnsetter will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 26. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren (1 deceased), 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ertis and Lynn Osterberg will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 7. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Steve and Donna Zimmer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 15. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ken and Marilyn Rasmussen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 15. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dick and Lucy Rye will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 4. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – LeRoy and Esther Vogel will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 16. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Lyle and Shirley Margeson will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 3. They have 7 children, 22 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dennis and Noreen Feterl will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 4. They have 3 children and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tim and Kathy Weber will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 3. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.

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SIOUX FALLS – Don and Lois Callies will celebrate their 45th anniversary on June 30. They are members of St. Michael Parish



SIOUX FALLS – Mark and Sue Salter celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 28. They have 4 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dr. Richard and Kathleen Ellenbecker will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 15. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 21 grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



VERMILLION – Howard and Alice Willson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 14. They have 2 children, 14 grandchildren and are members of St. Agnes Parish.



VERMILLION – Kent and Catherine Andre will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 18. They have 3 children and are members of St. Agnes Parish.



VERMILLION – Joe and Mary Edelen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 8. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Agnes Parish.



WATERTOWN – Brent and Stacie Volesky will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 19. They have 1 child and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Melvin and Judy Lantgen will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 18. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Howard and Delrita Hopper will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 2. They are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WHITE LAKE – Donald and Darlene Beckman will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 9. They have 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



YANKTON – Pat and Pearl Lyons will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 9. They have 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Lawrence and Irene Wubben will celebrate their 69th anniversary on June 1. They have 6 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Mike and Gerrie Healy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 8. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Frank and Jolene Kralicek will celebrate their 45th anniversary on June 23. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS – Gerald and Betty Higgins will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 9. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 24 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by June 15 for inclusion in the July 2018 edition to:
The Bishop's Bulletin
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Retired priests of the diocese gather with Bishop Swain



The retired priests of the diocese recently gathered at the Bishop's House for a luncheon. Twenty-two retired priests of the diocese were on hand for the luncheon and fellowship. Many of the priests on hand, while retired, still help out in various parishes across the diocese when the pastors of the parishes are away. (Photo by Gene Young)

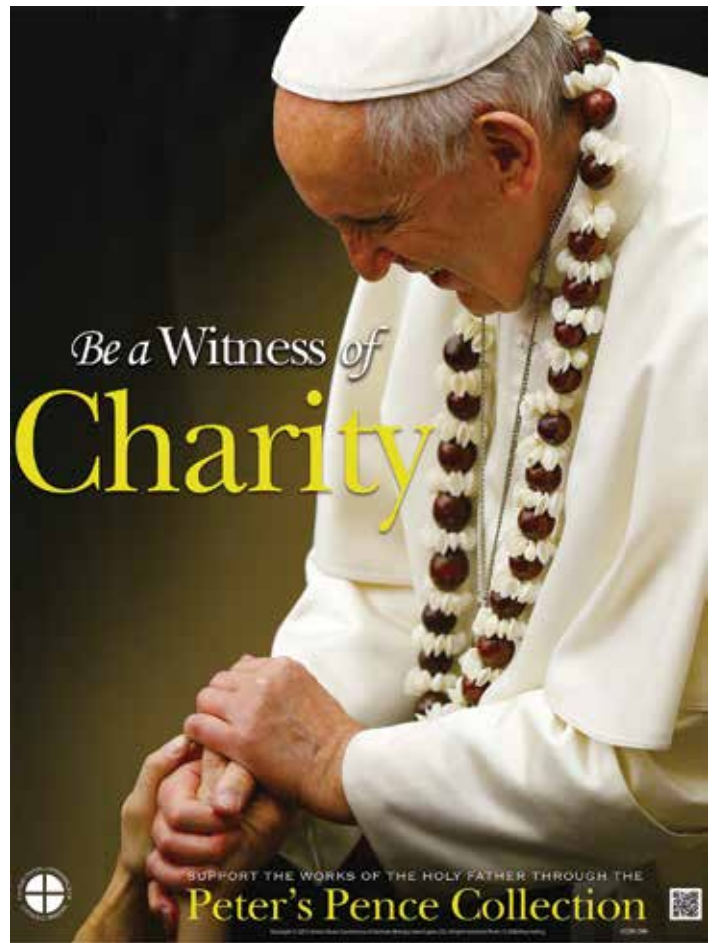
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Young adult ministry leaders discuss unique moment in church


Washington, DC (CNS) - About 130 leaders of young adult ministries from more than 60 dioceses across the country gathered at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC for the National Young Adult Ministry Summit to talk about the best ways to reach out to young adults. The summit, coordinated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry, was described by one young adult leader as "a unique moment in the history of the church" leading up to the October Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Pope Francis moves 12 sainthood causes ahead

Vatican City (CNS) - Pope Francis issued decrees recognizing that 12 candidates for sainthood, including U.S. Sacred Heart Brother Norbert McAuliffe, lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. The decrees promulgated by the pope are the first major step in the sainthood process. A miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession would be needed before beatification and another miracle would be needed for the person's canonization. Brother McAuliffe was born Sept. 30, 1886, in New York. After joining the missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart, he was sent to Uganda where he founded the order's first mission in Gulu, in the north of the country. He died there July 3, 1959.





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International Pilgrim Virgin Statue touring the diocese

June 5-25 - The World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the diocese as part of its Fatima Tour for peace in June. The statue will be at 21 parishes in its 22 days in the diocese. The first stop is June 5 at the St. Thomas Newman Center, 320 E. Cherry, Vermillion. The 21st and final stop in the tour of the diocese will be June 25 at St. Leo Parish, 100 E. 20th Street, Tyndall. For a complete list of dates and times you can see the statue, go to www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

Mitchell Catholic Schools host golf event

Friday, June 8 - Mitchell Catholic Education will host its annual charity golf scramble on Friday. There will be a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Lakeview Golf Course in Mitchell. There will be four person teams with a fee of \$75 per person which includes cart. Contact Nicole Fuhrer to register at 605-999-9127 or nfuhrer@ccfesd.org.

Recitation of the rosary planned

June 13 and June 21 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary on the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, Wednesday, June 13 and on the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Thursday, June 21 at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. All are invited.

Sioux Falls parish hosting rummage sale

July 20-22 - St. Lambert Parish, East 16th and Bahnson, Sioux Falls, will host its Rummage, Book and Bake Sale; hours Friday and Saturday are from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and on Sunday hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement hosting summer conference

Aug. 10-11 - "Living in The Supernatural" is the title of the Yahweh Shalom Conference in Yankton set for Aug. 10-11; Dr Mary Healy is the guest speaker for the annual Summer conference which begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. For more information or to register go to www.ajoyfulshout.com, call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or email at cottonwoodfrm@san-tel.net.

Mother of God Monastery

Jun. 11-15/Around the World Summer Youth program - sponsored by the Benedictine Multicultural Center in Watertown, this program provides a safe and enjoyable experience for children, ages 8-12 of all faiths and cultures. Children will "travel" to a different country each day of the week, exploring its culture, food, arts and sports. The cost is \$10 and scholarships are available.

Presentation Sisters

June 18/The 23rd annual Presentation Sisters' Golf Tournament, sponsored by Avera, Eide Bailly, LLP and Northern Valley Communications will be held Monday, June 18 at Moccasin Creek Country Club, Aberdeen. This 18-hole, four-woman scramble tournament will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$90 which includes green fees, breakfast, lunch and nominal donation. Proceeds from the tournament will support our Catholic education ministry for young children attending Catholic school in the Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese; for more information, please contact Barb Grosz in the Presentation Sisters Mission and Development Office at (605) 229-8391 or bgrosz@presentationisters.org.

Sept. 22/Women on the Prairie Conference will be Saturday at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen, even runs 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; \$15 registration fee; the speaker will be Gaye Lindfors.

Catholic Family Services

June 5/Catholic Family Services invites you to join our Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

June 5-July 17/Grieving the Loss From Homicide is a six week program held every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, this is a program for adults who have lost a loved one from the tragic and senseless crime of a murder; located at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; to register or questions please call 605-988-3775 or e-mail at cfs@sfcatholic.org

June 16-17/Youth Grief Camp-Catholic Family Services will be offering a Grief Camp for Youth and their Families at Broom Tree Retreat Center; this two day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support; the Grief Camp is non-denominational and is offered free of charge; call Catholic Family Services at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-988-3775 for more information.

July 31-Sept. 4/Grieving the loss of a spouse will be six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Sacred Heart Monastery

June 3rd/Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

June 22-24/Women's Discernment Retreat: Friday 5 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. for single Catholic women 21-45 years; cost: free; contact Sister Clarice at 605-668-6092 or shmyankton.vocationdirector@gmail.com no later than 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 20.

Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the June 16 session, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292

Spiritual Direction Ministry Formation for those discerning a call to be a spiritual director is now available on a tutorial basis at the Benedictine Peace Center. E-mail benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or call (605) 668-6292.

Silent Retreats/Schedule private retreat time at the Benedictine Peace Center. Come for the number of days that fits your schedule. Retreatants may request a spiritual director and are welcome to join the monastic community for Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist. Contact benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 or visit us at www.yankton-benedictines.org/Center.

Spiritual Direction/A spiritual director is an experienced companion-guide with whom you can share your experience of God, focus on and intensify your journey with God. Contact BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 for more information.

Broom Tree Retreat Center

Day of Recollection Schedule
Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested.

Aug. 21/"Proclaiming Jesus Christ" directed by Father Tom Anderson.

September 11/"Three States of the Church: Militant, Penitent and Triumphant" directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer.



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