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The season of Lent is a time for reflection, for prayer and for preparation to experience the joy that comes with Easter, confident that Christ has already conquered the world. I always appreciate Lent as a time to slow down and reflect on what is happening in my life, identifying ways in which I may have wandered off from my journey toward holiness, and then commit to make a midcourse correction.

Each year I seek a personal theme or focus to guide me during these 40 days in the spiritual desert of my soul. The need for prayer in the midst of our chaotic world is evident. My theme this year is to pray in a deeper way to fight off the work of the Evil One who lurks in the attacks on religious liberty.

There are some incredibly troublesome trends in our culture which undercut the dignity and freedom of us all and which we ignore to the peril of souls and society.

I recently attended a Workshop for Bishops sponsored by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. While the speakers were extraordinary, the topics discussed were sobering.

Over two days we were informed about gender ideology which Pope Francis has declared as a “global war against the family”. Its sudden widespread acceptance without considering its long term implications in our culture creates special challenges in Catholic schools, health care institutions and parishes. The real tragedy is its harmful impact on individuals especially children.

Another topic was the destructive pervasiveness of pornography which touches all ages, all genders, and all economic states and is especially harmful to spousal and family relationships.

Even more worrisome, if that is possible, was the discussion of medical personnel manipulating embryos to produce designer babies with multiple parents known and unknown. The long term consequences of such “engineering” are scary for both the children resulting and for the safety and stability of society.

Also discussed was the aggressive political movement to legalize euthanasia. It is reflected in the growing movement in the states to authorize physician assisted suicide.

There is currently an effort in South Dakota to place legalizing this immoral practice on the state ballot next year. We must begin to prepare for that possibility and the other attacks on religious liberty here at home.

Four years ago, in preparation for the 2012 elections, the statement, *Stay the Course for Truth, Civilly*, was issued in which I noted that

These seem like dark days given the attacks on life and freedom by our own government and the seeming indifference of so many. Winston Churchill proclaimed in the dark days of World War II: “Never, never, never give up”. We will not. We will never give up in standing up for truth and justice as Christ proclaimed. That is what the crucifix teaches in symbol and that is what we proclaim as disciples of Christ. That is our calling and our mission this election season and every day that follows.

The dynamics of 2016 elections and its aftermath reinforce the importance of our standing strong for truth and justice, always with charity. In this land of the free and home of the brave, our call as Catholics and

faithful citizens must resound more loudly than ever and our mission impels us more urgently than ever to “fight the good fight of faith” (*1 Tim.* 6.12) in the public and private square while keeping our eyes fixed on Christ and the coming of His Kingdom where we have our true citizenship (*Phil.* 3.20).

The sad fact is that there is a growing number of men and women, even among identifying Catholics, who no longer believe in traditional values and Catholic doctrine on faith and morals. What is more, in the context of what Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called a “dictatorship of relativism”, adversity to the Church and her teachings in the broader culture is growing in strength and influence. This has resulted in active efforts to marginalize the Church and her leaders and, what is worse, in open attacks against the free exercise of religion which is as citizens of the United States of America our “most cherished freedom”.

Our sacred task will only be accomplished when accompanied by prayer. In the late 1880s, “in order to obtain help from God

needful in times of such difficulty and trial” Pope Leo XIII, who erected the Diocese of Sioux Falls, directed that among other prayers regular recitation of the Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel be offered around the world.

Given the nature of our times, that seems a worthy Lenten practice that might be extended into the Easter season and Ordinary Time. Therefore, I strongly urge all of us to daily offer the Saint Michael prayer, and where appropriate as communities of faith it be prayed at Masses of course at the discretion of the pastor. Some parishes already pray in this way with great effect.

Together in prayer, and with the help of Almighty God and the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we will stay the course for truth and work for the full restoration of religious liberty in our land and in our world.

May this Lenten season be one of reflection, of prayer and of conversion. May it also be one of joy.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SCHEDULE

March

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| 1 | 12:00 | Ash Wednesday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 2 | 11:00 | Presbyteral Council Meeting, Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls |
| | 5:00 | Shepherd's Voice LIVE, Lamb Catholic Radio, Sioux Falls |
| 4 | 10:30 | Confirmation, Holy Name Parish and Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell |
| | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 5 | 8:30 | Confirmation, St. Joseph the Workman Parish, Huntimer and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Garretson at Huntimer |
| | 1:30 | Rite of Election, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| | 6:00 | Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 11 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 12 | 10:30 | Confirmation, St. George Parish, Hartford |
| | 6:00 | Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 14 | 12:00 | Pray at Planned Parenthood |
| 16 | | 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Dinner, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 18 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| | 6:00 | Confirmation, St. Boniface, Idylwilde/ Mayfield and St. George, Scotland at Idylwilde |
| 19 | 10:00 | Confirmation, St. Mary Parish, Dell Rapids |
| | 2:00 | Gift of Hope Concert, O'Gorman Performing Arts Center, Sioux Falls |
| | 6:00 | Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 22 | 7:00 | Confirmation, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison |
| 25 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 26 | 1:00 | Confirmation, St. Mary, Clear Lake, St. Francis de Sales, Estelline and St. Peter, Gary at Clear Lake |
| | 6:00 | Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 30 | 11:00 | Chrism Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| | 12:30 | Clergy Luncheon |

April

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| 1 | 11:00 | Diocesan Discipleship Day address, Ramkota, Sioux Falls |
| | 5:00 | Confirmation, Ss. Peter and Paul, Dimock and Sacred Heart, Parkston at Dimock |
| 2 | 9:00 | Confirmation, St. Peter the Apostle, Platte and St. Ann, Geddes at Platte |
| | 1:00 | Confirmation, St. Agatha, Howard and Epiphany, Epiphany at Howard |
| | 6:00 | Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 6 | 5:00 | Shepherd's Voice LIVE, Lamb Catholic Radio, Sioux Falls |
| 8 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 9 | 11:00 | Palm Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |



Watching three periods of hockey to learn how to journey in Lent

I am not sure if it was in honor of this icy winter or if it was just something I found oddly lacking in my life, but it occurred to me a few months ago, that in 53 years I had never seen a hockey game. I had never been to one, or even seen one

I come from a hockey city, but somehow the decades went by and I just never experienced it. So a few months ago, I decided to fill this gap, and I called Father Barry Reuwsaat and asked if he wanted to go to an Aberdeen Wings game and he said yes and the next day someone offered me free tickets and I took all this as a sign from God that I was meant to go.

The night before I went to my first hockey game, I spend some time on the internet getting to know what the game was all about. I knew the most basic aspects of it; it was played on ice, the players skated and they needed to make a goal to score a point. All in all, pretty rudimentary; so I learned a bit more about the lines and the penalty box and whether or not fighting was good for the game.

Then I asked Fr. Barry if it was going to be cold, and he assured me I might want to wear a coat and hat. We drove to the Odde Ice Center and found our chilly metal seats and the game began.

It was fantastic. I really didn't know what to expect, and so the whole experience was new and exciting. I was lost in the cheering and the cowbells, the wild music and the screaming siren when the Wings scored a goal, and the people around me simply having fun.

It only took me about three minutes to become an Aberdeen Wings fan, and a hockey fan as well. At that first game, I didn't spend a great deal of time learning about strategy or the finesse of the game, I mostly just sat in awe of the players. I was trying to figure out how they could do what they do.

I watched these young men, on both teams, tear from one end of the rink to the other, forwards, backwards, rushing the puck, plowing into each other, challenging each other in a large group around the goal, and all on skates, all on ice. I tried to imagine what it would be like to be able to do all that on skates.

I would mostly likely not even be able to stand on skates, must less perform the athletic feats these young men performed with such ease, such grace and skill. In addition, it was obvious within a few seconds of watching, that they were having a lot of fun doing what they were doing. They were playing hockey, hanging with their friends and part of a team;

and they are the perfect age to be chasing their dream like it was a puck skidding across the ice.

Because they are good players, having fun and enjoying the support of the crowd, they are easy to cheer for; and because they are young and challenging life, it is easy to hope they succeed.

And because they are so gracefully athletic on the ice, they became for me Lenten prophets who skated by me, demanding that I learn, in my own way, to do what they do.

As I've made my way over ice-covered lands these last weeks, and watched the Aberdeen Wings skate to victory, I have thought of the words of Robert Frost:

Some say the world will end in fire, / some say in ice. // From what I've tasted of desire / I hold with those who favor fire. // But if it had to perish twice, / I think I know enough of hate / To say that for destruction ice / Is also great / and would suffice.

Frost uses the perfect metaphor of ice to express the way casual cruelty and hatred can fill our world and our society, can encase our hearts; the fear that ices our minds and souls. How we deal with that ice depends on us. We can allow ourselves to be captured by it, slowly, as ice traps all in its path; that can be the nature of hatred and fear, it can grow so slowly that we scarce notice how it is affecting us.

We can also fall, breaking ourselves on the ice, wounded and in pain, we grow bereft of hope, of love.

Or, we can have the grace, the athletic subtlety to transcend, to glide over the ice that can seem to envelope everything around us. We are neither wounded by it, nor do we give into it. To find this ability again, and again, is the Lenten challenge, to be, as St. Paul reminds us each Ash Wednesday, "ambassadors for Christ."

The choice is hard, it takes effort, it takes thoughtfulness, it takes humility and strength and the desire to be transformed. The fear is great around us, the ice strong, but we wear the ashes that say we wish to rise above, and the skates that say we can.

In this hockey game, we already know who wins.

As the Second Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation teaches us: "By your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. By the working of your power it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect."

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Bishop Paul J. Swain is pictured with the REACH confirmation students following the celebration of the sacrament at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. REACH is the diocesan ministry to provide Religious Education for All Children including children with special needs. Also pictured is Father Ed Anderson, spiritual director to the ministry. (Photo by Gene Young)

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The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words lencten, meaning “Spring,” and lenctentid, which literally means not only “Springtide” but also was the name for “March,” the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

LIVING LENT with Joy

Since we have the advantage of knowing that Jesus has won the victory over death, you would think that living with joy, whether in Lent or any other time, would be relatively easy.

But that is not the case for most of us. We struggle with the challenges of life, with mundane routine, with issues and concerns that don't seem to resolve in ways we think best.

Maybe it is simply the human condition. Maybe we don't truly understand joy.



Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 4 4-7

“Joy is experiencing the presence of God especially in the Eucharist and prayer,” said Clare Becker.

“Yet Christ is also present in those snippets of the day when I feel his warmth and assurance even when I’m overwhelmed by distress or indecision,” said the longtime member of St. Lambert, Sioux Falls who now resides at Laurel Oaks, part of Avera Prince of Peace, Sioux Falls.

“Joy is not going around extremely happy all the time,” said Deacon Thomas Hartman. “Just because we are Christians doesn’t mean we can’t feel sad, lonely, angry - we don’t have to suppress these feelings but accept them knowing with peace that God is with me in them.”

“Also knowing we have support of many brothers and sisters in Christ to share the burden,” said Hartman, from Milbank, who is in his final stretch of preparation at Holy Apostles Seminary before ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sioux Falls in June.

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Beloved,
do not be
surprised
that a trial

by fire is occurring among
you, as if something
strange were happening
to you. But rejoice to the
extent that you share in
the sufferings of Christ,
so that when his glory is
revealed you may also
rejoice exultantly.”

1 Peter 4:12-13

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Truly, truly,
I say to you,
you will
weep and

lament, but the world
will rejoice; you will
be sorrowful, but your
sorrow will turn into
joy. So you have sorrow
now; but I will see you
again and your hearts will
rejoice, and no one will
take your joy from you.”

John 16:20, 22



Sister Vicky Larson

“I think sometimes people miss out on joy because they expect joy is the same as happiness,” said Sister Vicky Larson, an Aberdeen Presentation sister currently working in St. Paul, MN.

“Certainly, joy is sometimes happy such as when I have played “peek-a-boo” with my toddler nieces or nephews and they get the giggles or when I have sung camp songs with junior high students at Presentation Leadership Camp,” she said.

“But I think joy is not always the same as feeling happy. Joy can accompany the sense of satisfaction I feel when I know I have worked hard to make a difference for a patient or for a student nurse. I think joy can sometimes encompass profoundly sad experiences if I also look for hope in the promises of Christ,” said Sr. Vicky.

“For me joy is that fruit of the Holy Spirit which seeks another for its fulfillment,” said Becker. “Reaching out to others I strived to find Christ’s presence. Each person I meet is an invitation to encounter Christ and an opportunity to be Christ-like to another.”

Age does not seem to be a factor in seeking, recognizing and living with joy.

“I look around and I’m lucky, despite challenges,” said Barb Schwan, 86 and a resident at Davis Court Apartments, part of Avera Mother Joseph Manor Retirement

Community in Aberdeen. She endured a broken leg which because of complications landed her twice in the community rehabilitation unit. “You need a good attitude and faith helps,” said Schwan who grew up Catholic in Roscoe, SD but has lived in Aberdeen since 1953.

Her toughest test came five years ago when in less than five months she lost her husband and a daughter. “I just prayed and prayed, faith got me through it,” Schwan said.



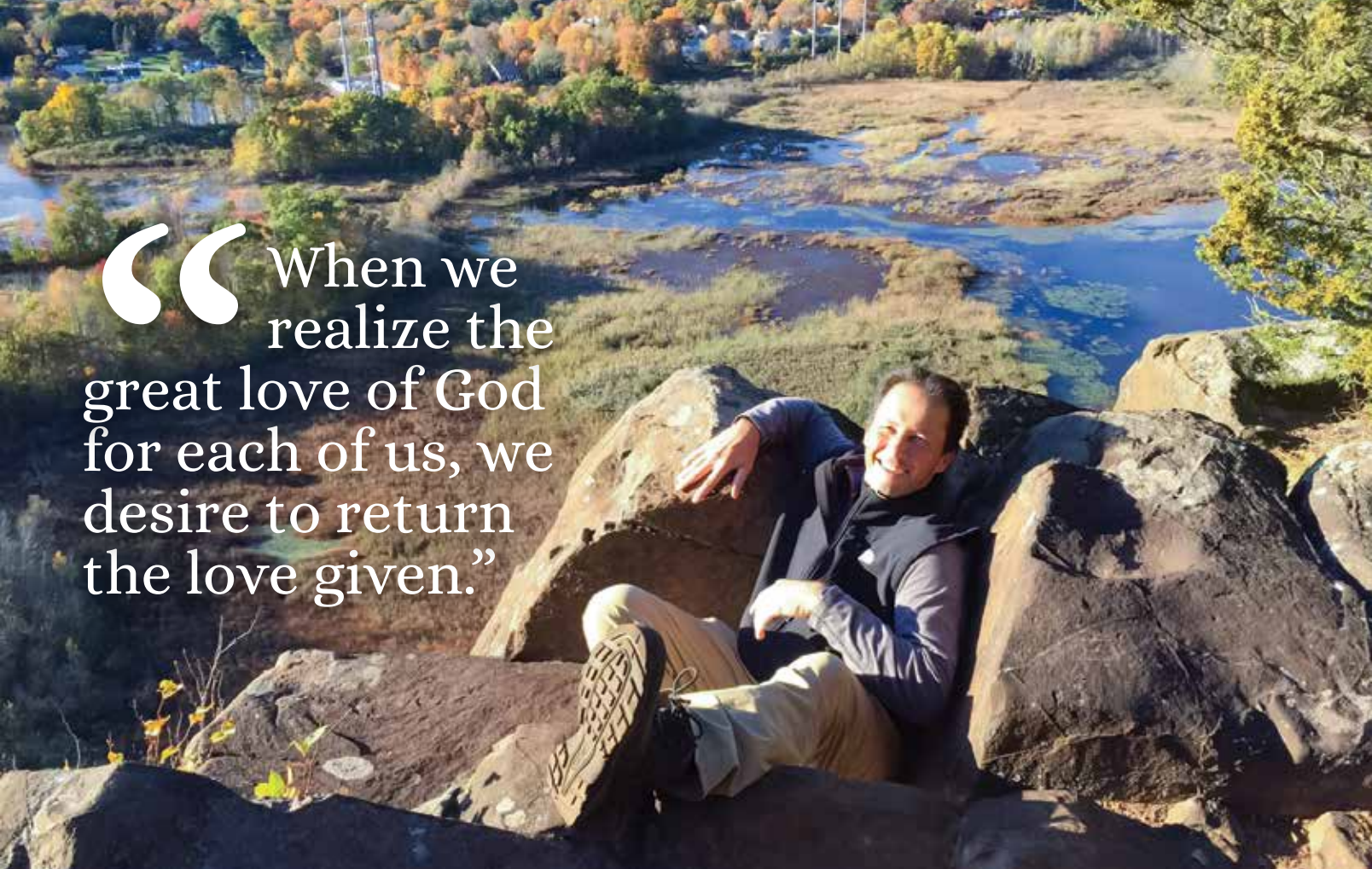
Barbara Schwan, left, and Hazel Anderson visit the chapel at Avera Mother Joseph Manor Retirement Community.

Her fellow Davis Court resident, Hazel Anderson, who is 89, said living with joy comes from and has everything to do with her faith. “I had to grow into it (over time) ... I read about what Jesus went through and try to live every day for him,” she said.



Michael Kovash participated in the March for Life in Washington, DC this past January.

O’Gorman High school junior Michael Kovash said people with joy see the potential for beauty in everything.



“When we realize the great love of God for each of us, we desire to return the love given.”

“Where does this come from? It comes from being met by Something that meets their needs,” Kovash said. “When someone has discovered that which fulfills their deepest needs, the response is a profound positivity towards all of their circumstances. Every moment there is a possibility for a beautiful encounter! Someone who lives with this certainty has infinite reasons for joy.”

Kovash cites the experience of the faith he witnessed in the homeless during two recent trips – the March for Life in Washington, DC and the Communion and Liberation Encounter gathering in New York.

Why was their faith more evident?

“Because they need it! We need it just as much as them but their need is more evident to them because they have physical poverty. Joy is easier to come to when one has a profound knowledge of his own need. Because if I don’t need Christ, why is He important? In the light of my destiny, what matters most is what I need. Therefore, we

need to live with a deeper knowledge of our need and our thirst for Christ,” said Kovash.

Scripture makes explicit this connection between knowing the poverty of our lives, whatever that may be, and the glory offered in Jesus Christ. We believe that through Christ we can find joy whatever crosses are in our lives. In fact, we can rejoice in those crosses.

“Having experienced the sudden and unexpected death of my dad last summer, I have missed my dad, I have cried and felt a whole host of confusing feelings that are a normal part of grief, yet I experience joy when I see my dad’s best qualities and characteristics living on in the lives of my siblings and their children,” said Sr. Vicky.

“Though the first Christmas without dad was incredibly painful, I also felt joy at the celebration of the birth of Jesus. My grief did not go away, but it did not overshadow my joy,” she said.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas Hartman hiking on the Mattabesett Trail, near Holy Apostles Seminary in Connecticut.

“Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.”

Luke 6:22-23

“Lent is a great time to show that the Gospel is effective.”



Deacon John Devlin, who ministers at St. Michael parish in Sioux Falls, serves as a Global Fellow for Catholic Relief Services.



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Lent might be a great time for growing in our understanding of these truths of our faith. The season can remind us of our own poverty through the traditional acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The liturgy itself seeks to aid us.

“Lent is a great time to show that the Gospel is effective,” said Deacon John Devlin, who serves at St. Michael, Sioux Falls and was also recently trained to be a Global Fellow for Catholic Relief Services. He encourages use of the Rice Bowl as a good tool for families.

“We hope that families really use this to bring prayer in their homes, maybe prayer they would not ordinarily do, for people in need around the world and in the United States and the missionaries who are working on their behalf,” he said.

Another idea is the simple meal on Fridays

in Lent “to encourage people to unite themselves with the poor around the world in eating what they would eat. It helps us become aware of what others are dealing with on a day to day basis,” Devlin said.

The Rice Bowls, available in every parish, come with a Lenten calendar, prayers and suggestions on how to deepen our Lenten experiences of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There is even a Rice Bowl app for smart phones, Devlin said, “with daily alerts that might assist you in living Lent in a better way this year.”

Hartman encourages some self-reflection in our Lenten practices.

“... it’s a great time to reflect on suffering and embracing the crosses that God entrusts us with, but we can also take on some sufferings voluntarily and give them to God,” he said. “When we realize the great love of God for each of us, we desire to return the love given. As Christ gave himself

completely for us, so we desire to give our self completely to him.”

“It’s also a practical training tool, that if we do these acts of penance, we learn to embrace suffering in little ways. This prepares us for sufferings that come our way that are greater. Faithful in small matters equals faithful in larger ones,” said Hartman.

The ranks of the saints are full of witnesses of how to live with joy, whether in Lent or anytime.

“In my presence and in the presence of others, try to be always joyful, for it is not fitting that a servant of God appear before the brothers or other men with a sad and glum face,” said Saint Francis.

St. Teresa of Avila, a doctor of the Church, begins her autobiography with this line, “Having virtuous and God-fearing parents would have been enough for me to be good if I were not so wicked.”

And though not found in her writings, this saying is often attributed to her and seems to fit with her concern of taking ourselves too seriously, “From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us.”

St. Pope John XXIII was noted for his joy and humor. When asked how many people worked at the Vatican he famously responded “about half of them.” His humor remained intact as he faced cancer and death. “My bags are always packed,” he said.

This brings us to St. Thomas More, who was to be executed for not supporting King Henry VIII as head of the Church.

Most might recall him saying “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”

But the joy of his faith and his trust in God, despite the troubling thought of leaving his family, remained with him to the very end.

As he neared the scaffold and the executioner he asked a few bystanders, “see

me safe up, and for my coming down, let me shift for myself.” As he put his head on the block, he moved his beard out of the way, advising the executioner, “My beard has done no harm.”

St. Thomas More, and all the saints, managed to avoid the five impediments to joy listed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

INDIFFERENCE neglects or refuses to reflect on divine charity; it fails to consider its prevenient goodness and denies its power.

INGRATITUDE fails or refuses to acknowledge divine charity and to return him love for love.

LUKEWARMNESS is hesitation or negligence in responding to divine love; it can imply refusal to give oneself over to the prompting of charity.

ACEDIA or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness.

HATRED OF GOD comes from pride. It is contrary to love of God, whose goodness it denies, and whom it presumes to curse as the one who forbids sins and inflicts punishments. (CCC 2094)

Contemplating these seems to fit well with Becker’s plan for living Lent.


“Lent is that period of time to grow in my faith, to re-discover the immensity of God’s love, to distance myself from daily distractions and to journey more intimately with Christ,” she said.

“I am invited to accompany Jesus through those final days of perfect obedience, pain, emptiness, redemption and glorification,” Becker said. “And there is joy in walking so closely with Christ knowing that no suffering I could ever endure would not have already been experienced by him for my redemption. What a great joy to be so loved!”

Devlin said he’s open to helping people and parishes have a deeper and more joyful Lenten experience by using his CRS Global Fellow training.

He’s available to preach in parishes or speak to service groups “about what’s going on and to heighten the awareness of Catholics ... there’s a fundraising element, but that’s not the main purpose,” he said.

“They want people to know, to go to their website and to realize what a beautiful beneficial agency this is representing them (Catholics) to the poor of the world,” he said.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

March is here and I am thankful to march again, or at least I hope I can.

At the beginning of January I had knee surgery for an old sports injury, and I have been hopping on crutches and hoping to get off them. However, it is not all that bad. In fact, slowing down helps to see things more clearly.

In order to march and make some progress we occasionally need to stop and make sure we are actually following our marching orders, instead of marching just to march. Lord knows many people like to march in our country, but whose giving the orders and where is it all leading?

With spring now present, we are all geared to get up and go. However, God gives us Lent and tells us to whoa; hold your horses. He says come and stay with me and listen to me and get my "marching orders" first.

We all want to march, seize the day, take advantage of the opportunity, and get the most out of life. However, we need to stop and ask the giver of life what we are here to march for; this is discernment. We need to stop and listen. Sometimes getting injured or being forced to hop around in life is what it takes to hear the Lord and his marching orders.

I am mindful of St Ignatius of Loyola, a 16th century Spanish saint who founded the Jesuits. Before his conversion, he injured his leg in battle from a cannon ball. While he laid in bed for several weeks to recover, he became bored and began to read the life of Christ and the lives of the saints, because there was nothing else to read. In short, he listened to the one who was giving him marching orders, and he was reading about the lives of those who marched before.

Through this experience, when he recovered, he no longer marched in battle against flesh and blood again. Instead he marched in battle against the evil one. We have all been blest in the church because he marched for God. Few saints have had more impact on the church than St. Ignatius and his Jesuits.

I am also mindful of our seminarians who often hop along in seminary, allowing God

to heal them and speak to them, hoping to get out. This is a place of discernment and getting marching orders. However, receiving orders doesn't last forever, there is a time to execute. When seminary is done it is time to march into battle, spiritual warfare.

This June we will have six men lace up their boots for spiritual battle in the priesthood. Six men will be ordained to the priesthood. These men have listened and heard God while in seminary and are ready to take the field. Look out because they will trample underfoot all evil in their path. No evil is safe from a man of God.

I am excited about this year's ordination. We have some holy and talented men who will be ordained and ready to serve in our diocese. You thought we had good things going on in our diocese before, just watch what happens when these six come marching in. I call it God's title wave of grace.

How about us, what are we marching for?

We want to get up and go and God may say "whoa."

What is our calling? What is our vocation?

We need to slow down and listen, maybe we need a broken leg, time in prayer, time in the seminary. We all need time to listen, but when we get our orders we need to march and waste no time.

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Prayer has many different forms and changes people's lives in many different ways. For Bernardo and Carmela Sanchez of Sioux Falls the Power of Prayer has touched their lives in a deep way.

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This group is the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious community dedicated to praying for others. They are women who have a special place in Bernardo and Carmela Sanchez's hearts.

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"I feel like they are part of my family. They are part of my heart," said Bernardo Sanchez.

That love for the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament has led these parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls to joyfully take a leap of faith to donate all of the painting and staining for a permanent home for the sisters.

"I cannot wait for that day. I told them 15 years ago that someday you will have your own monastery. If I am still here in Sioux Falls, I will help out as much as I can. Now that day is getting closer so now I am so happy to help them," said Bernardo Sanchez, owner of Sanchez Painting.

"We pray for the sisters. For this building for a long time," said Carmela. "For fifteen years because they have such a small space there. Such a small kitchen to cook for everybody and I am so happy for them."



Bernardo Sanchez staining a door as part of his work. Bernardo and his wife will donate painting and staining work for the new home being planned for the Perpetual Adoration sisters. (Photo by Brian Cooper, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

Carmela and Bernardo's dream to build the Sisters' a permanent home continues to get closer because of their faith and generosity. They hope that others will be inspired as they have been to help build a monastery dedicated to intercessory prayer on the campus of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

"I'm so excited. I will pray for my husband to do all that painting. To have the money for all that paint and I think we can do it. He can do that project," said Carmela.

"Everybody who gets to know this message I'm sure they would like to get involved in this new project coming up," said Bernardo.

The Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, like all religious communities in the diocese, welcome your prayer requests. To make a request, learn more about the community or to participate in the monastery project go to www.perpetualadorationsisters.org.





At John Paul II School, Mitchell, students, teachers and family members took part in Bingo, Bananas and Bonding. The group played bingo, snacked and prayed the rosary together. (Photo courtesy, Robin Cahoy, principal, John Paul II, Mitchell)



At St. Joseph School, Pierre, fourth grade students celebrated Catholic Schools Week one day by dressing up as saints. (Photo courtesy, Darla Braun, principal, St. Joseph School, Pierre)



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The K-5th grade students at St. Thomas School, Madison, had an amazing time all through Catholic Schools Week including during their all school photo. (Photo courtesy Cate Luvaas, principal, St. Thomas School, Madison)



At St. Mary School, Sioux Falls, one of the highlights of Catholic Schools Week was writing and sending cards and letters to diocesan seminarians. (Photo courtesy, Courtney Tielke, principal, St. Mary School, Sioux Falls)



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Bishop Dudley Hospitality House receives significant donations from two benefactors



The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, Sioux Falls, recently received significant donations aimed at the house's ongoing needs. Pictured (above, left): Greg Branaugh of D & G Concrete Construction, Inc., a general contractor that specializes in the construction of roads and highways, presents Chad Campbell, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House executive director, with a check for \$500. The proceeds came as a result of the Associated Contractors of South Dakota presenting Branaugh's company a "Build with the Best Award" for its work.

As part of the award, Branaugh's company received the \$500 for the charity of its choice which was the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

Pictured (above, right): Members of the Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council #1578, Sioux Falls and staff from Fareway Stores in Sioux Falls off load a donation of laundry soap for the house. In addition to the laundry soap, the Knights also donated coffee makers, bedding and personal toiletry items as well as a check for \$1,850. (Photos by Gene Young)

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Sioux Falls Catholic Schools announces new president

Sioux Falls Catholic Schools has named Kyle Groos its new president.

The decision followed a lengthy search, interviews with Bishop Paul Swain, Sioux Falls pastors, SFCS board members, faculty, administrators and area business owners.

Groos is the long time O'Gorman High School principal and will take over after president Robert Wehde retires later this spring.

Groos has been at O'Gorman since 2003 and will officially begin his new role July 1.

"I am blessed, honored and humbled to have the opportu-



Kyle Groos

nity to lead Sioux Falls Catholic Schools. I look forward to working with many outstanding individuals who are dedicated to our mission and vision. I love everything that SFCS stands for and what we have been able to accomplish as a system since 1991," says Groos.

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The Gift of Hope concert supports work of CFS

The Gift of Hope concert will be held later March 19 at 2 p.m. at the O'Gorman Performing Arts Center, Sioux Falls.

The performer this year is Mark Schultz, Christian music performer and Dove award winner.

The concert will provide an afternoon of music and stories to benefit Catholic Family Services which provides counseling, adoption and grief services to all in the diocese.

Tickets are selling quickly and can be purchased by call-

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ing 605-988-3765 or by going to any Sioux Falls Hy-Vee location.

Concert-related expenses are financially sponsored or donated, allowing 100% of all proceeds to go to the benefit of the Gift of Hope Fund.



Mark Schultz in performance. (Photo courtesy, Mark Schultz)



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Lenten regulations for Catholics:

Lent begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday. The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer and fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity.

All Fridays through the year, especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need; but together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult their priest.

Catholic Daughters offer scholarship

Court Mother Teresa of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is awarding a \$300 scholarship to a graduating senior who is an active member of a Sioux Falls parish and attending a post-secondary school in the Fall of 2017.

Applications are available in your parish office. An essay is required. The deadline for submission is May 1, 2017.

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Cathedral Arts Series welcomes back mainstay of series in March

The Cathedral Sacred Arts Series welcomes back The Rose Ensemble to the series March 18 at 7 p.m. at The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, with a concert dedicated to French music in honor of Cathedral architect Emmanuel Louis Masqueray entitled "Musique et Masqueray."

The Rose Ensemble is a professional group from the Twin Cities that has been a mainstay of the Sacred Arts Series over the years.

This year will mark the group's fourth appearance in the series.

As part of their effort, the Rose Ensemble will bring a concert of French choral music. The group is actually presenting the program at four of Masqueray's landmark churches in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, as well as at the Cathedral of

Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

The program will include a brief presentation by University of Minnesota Professor Alan Lathrop on the history and architecture of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

"Rose Ensemble concerts are always stunning," said Dr. Jared Ostermann, DMA, director of Music and organist, Cathedral of Saint Joseph and artistic director for the Sacred Arts Series. "This performance, so closely tied to our landmark Cathedral, promises to be especially memorable."

Tickets for the March program are \$20 or \$10 and are available at www.sfcatholic.org/SAS or the Cathedral parish office.



The Rose Ensemble.

Still time to be part of Discipleship Day

There is still time to be part of Discipleship Day 2017 in the diocese.

The event is set to be held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center March 31 and April 1.

The theme for the event is "The Heart of the Gospel" and it is being called a conference for adults responding to the new evangelization.

The conference begins Friday evening at 7 p.m. with opening worship and will run through the celebration of Mass at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

There will be time for Eucharistic Adoration, breakout sessions, hearing from Bishop Paul J. Swain and from the conference's two keynote speakers, Deacon Ralph Poyo and Bob Rice.

Deacon Ralph Poyo has many years of ministry experience and has devoted his life to the full time work of evangelization.

Bob Rice is the leading youth ministry expert at Franciscan University. He is a professor and the director of the Masters in Catechetics program at the University and has a passion for leading worship, speaking and writing.

Discipleship Day is an annual conference for adults seeking to respond to the call of the New Evangelization in their homes, workplaces and parishes. Whether a person is directly involved in parish ministry or seeking to be a disciple in their



Deacon Ralph Poyo



Bob Rice

daily life, the conference is offered as a great opportunity.

You can find out more and register at www.discipleship.org or by contacting the diocesan Office of Discipleship & Evangelization at 605-988-3766 or via e-mail at discipleship@sfcatholic.org.

Cost of the conference is \$40. Lodging, if need, is separate.

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PRIESTS AND SISTERS GATHER TO PRAY AND MORE IN WATERTOWN



Priests from the northeast region of the Sioux Falls Diocese recently joined the sisters of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown. They viewed a presentation by Sherry Weddell entitled "Forming Intentional Disciples," then prayed together at Vespers and, after, shared a meal and conversation. (Photo courtesy, Mother of God Monastery, Watertown)

Discernment retreat hosted at Sacred Heart Monastery



Sister Clarice Korger, vocations director at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton and Sister Maribeth Wentzlaff, Campus Ministry director at Mount Marty College, Yankton, recently held a Discernment Retreat for MMC students. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)

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March for Life pilgrims from diocese make a statement and a difference

The 44th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. included a contingent of pilgrims from the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Two busloads of pilgrims traveled from the diocese to Washington, D.C. making a statement in support of the culture of life.

Emily Leedom and Eric Gallagher of the Office of Disciple-

ship and Evangelization worked to put together the trip.

This was the fifth year the diocese coordinated a trip to the March for Life.

The pilgrimage included participation in the March itself as well as participation in the Catholic Youth Rally and free time to visit the sites of the nation's capital.



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BRANDON – Doug and Vicki Aaseng celebrated their 45th anniversary on Feb. 19. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



FLANDREAU – Elmer and Betty Hinricher celebrated their 70th anniversary on Feb. 17. They have 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and are members of Sts. Simon and Jude Parish.



HARTFORD – Ronald and Iona Sechser will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Mar. 4. They have 7 children, 18 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



IPSWICH – Gary and Kathy Braun celebrated their 40th anniversary on Feb. 19. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Holy Cross Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Richard and Donna Hansen celebrated their 65th anniversary on Feb. 24. They have 5 children, 11, grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Gary and Alice Parks will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Mar. 2. They have 3 children, 5, grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Christ the King Parish.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, by March 15 for inclusion in the April edition to:
The Bishop's Bulletin
523 North Duluth Avenue
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Correction

In the February edition of The Bishop's Bulletin, we made an incorrect listing in the anniversary notices. Instead of listing Ray and Bernice Spiering, we listed him as "Tray" so the correct listing should have been:

ABERDEEN – Ray and Bernice Spiering will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 4. They have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

We regret the error.

Bishop Hoch scholarships applications available

The Diocese awards a \$1,000 scholarship in each of the six deaneries, to enable a student to attend either Mount Marty College in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen.

To obtain an application, contact your pastor, the Financial Aid Office at Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Applications are due March 15.

Applications must be returned to the Office of Catholic Schools, 523 North Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2714.

Knights of Columbus recognized and honored in Tyndall and have a legacy of family membership



A second and third degree ceremony was held recently in Tyndall hosted by the Bon Homme Council #4002 of the Knights of Columbus. Pictured at left, top, are members of the Bon Homme Council #4002 after K. of C. State Deputy Thad Liebig presented the council with its Star Council plaque at St. Leo the Great Parish, Tyndall.

Pictured at left, bottom, are Joe, George, Jacob and Stan Jaeger, four generations of Knights, during the recent degree ceremony and the plaque presentation. (Photos courtesy, Bill Minow, Bon Homme Knights of Columbus Council #4002)



Traditional Latin Mass celebrated in Salem

The traditional Latin Mass, also known as "The Extraordinary Form," is offered every Sunday at noon and on each Holy Day of Obligation at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 240 W. Vermont Avenue, Salem, SD 57058.

You can find out more by calling 605-425-2600 or going on line at www.salem-catholic.org.

Sister Antonette Krumm

Sister Antonette Krumm, a sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died Jan. 27 at the Presentation Convent, Aberdeen.

She was 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 31 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen.

Burial followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Aberdeen.



Sister Antonette Krumm, PBVM Margaret "Margie" Krumm was born January 18, 1931 in Bowdle to Clara (Dewald) and Valentine Krumm.

Margie graduated from Hosmer High School in 1949 and taught at various rural country schools from 1949 to 1955.

She entered Presentation Convent September 4, 1955 and made her first profession of vows on August 12, 1958, receiving her religious name of Sister Antonette.

Sister Antonette taught in the diocesan elementary schools at Dell Rapids, Madison and

Aberdeen as well as in Mound, MN from 1958 to 1987 and also ministered as a caregiver to our senior sisters from 1987 to 2004.

She worked tirelessly as a volunteer at the Presentation Convent and especially enjoyed working with the Development Office and Health Care Office staff from 2005 to the present. Sister Antonette is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters; three sisters: Donna Kunkel, Akron OH, Kay (Darwin) Ulmer, Roscoe SD, Fran (Kenneth) Hieb, Hosmer, SD; a sister-in-law Carol Krumm, Aberdeen SD and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Valentine and Clara Krumm, and one brother, Joe Krumm.

Deacon Edwin Gruhot

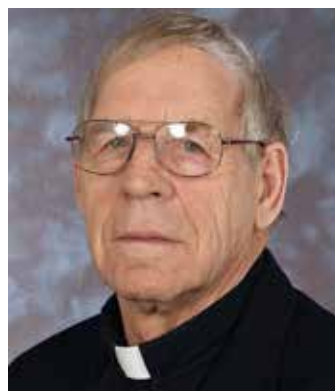
Deacon Edwin Gruhot, a deacon of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, died Feb. 14 at his home in Lake Benton, MN.

He was 79 and had been ordained for 26 years at the time of his death.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 18 at Risen Savior Church, Brandon.

Burial followed at St. Genevieve Catholic Cemetery, Lake Benton, MN.

Deacon Gruhot had retired from assigned diaconal ministry in 2014.



Deacon Edwin Gruhot

Edwin Gruhot was born to Max Gruhot and Lottie Przymus on March 4, 1937 at Ghent, MN. He was the sixth child in a family of seven children. He had a twin brother, Elmer.

He married Marjo Stanke in 1958.

Ed was active in the Brandon community including working on the incorporation of Brandon as a city and various other projects.

He served as mayor of Brandon for several years.

He was ordained a Deacon in the Diocese of Sioux Falls in 1991 and served at Risen Savior Parish in Brandon until 1999.

At that time Deacon Ed and Marjo moved to their lake home on Lake Benton, which was a home the family had built. He served as administrator of St. William Parish in Aurora until 2014, when he retired from active diaconal ministry.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife, Marjo; son Jon (Diane) of Sioux Falls; daughter Juliann (John) Gille of Elk Point; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sisters, Maxine St. Aubin and Darlene Berndt; brother Donald

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(Dina) Gruhot; and many other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Lottie; and three brothers, Elmer, Leonard, and David.

Sister Mary Anthony Menting

Sister Mary Anthony (Isabel) Menting, SCSC, a member of the Holy Cross Sisters community, a Franciscan community, died Feb. 9 in Merrill, WI.

She was 85.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 15, in Holy Cross Chapel, Merrill, WI.

Burial followed in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Merrill, WI.



Sister Mary Anthony Menting, SCSC

Sister Mary Anthony was director at the Berakhah House, Sioux Falls from 2000-2006.

Sister Mary Anthony was born Oct. 22, 1931, in Phlox, WI, to Frank and Cecilia (Heinzen) Menting.





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Pope greets U.S. grass-roots groups, saying they help 'communities thrive'

Modesto, CA (CNS) - Pope Francis congratulated more than 600 representatives of grass-roots organizations for responding with mercy to society's hurting people during the opening of the four-day U.S. regional World Meeting of Popular Movements. In a letter to the assembly, the pope said the work of the organizations and the people involved "make your communities thrive."

Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, read the pope's message. The letter encouraged wide-scale community organizing because it achieves social justice. The pope expressed hope that "such constructive energy would spread to all dioceses because it builds bridges between peoples and individuals. These are bridges that can overcome the walls of exclusion, indifference, racism and intolerance."

Counteract vitriol by toning it down, talking less, listening more, pope says

Rome (CNS) - Addressing the fear of immigrants, dissatisfaction with a "fluid economy" and the impatience and vitriol seen in politics and society, Pope Francis told Rome university students to practice a kind of "intellectual charity" that promotes dialogue and sees value in diversity.

"There are lots of remedies against violence," but they must start first with one's heart being open to hearing other people's opinions and then talking things out with patience, he said in a 45-minute off-the-cuff talk. "It necessary to tone it down a bit, to talk less and listen more," he told hundreds of students, staff and their family members and friends during a visit to Roma Tre University.

Special Olympians show world that "every person is a gift", pope says

Vatican City (CNS) - The athletes of the Special Olympics witness to the world the beauty and value of every human life and the joy that comes from reaching a goal with the encouragement and support of others, Pope Francis said. "Together, athletes and helpers show us that there are no obstacles or barriers which cannot be overcome," the pope told representatives of the Special Olympics World Winter Games, which will take place in Austria March 14-25. "You are a sign of hope for all who commit themselves to a more inclusive society," the pope told the group.

USCCB leaders urge Trump to protect religious liberty

Washington, DC (CNS) - Catholic Church leaders in a recent statement said they were encouraged that President Donald Trump may be considering an executive order to protect religious freedom and said they would be grateful if he would move forward with the pledge that his administration would "do everything in its power to defend and protect religious liberty. As Christians, our goal is to live and serve others as the Gospel asks. President Trump can ensure that we are not forced from the public square," said the statement from committee chairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal marks 50th anniversary of founding this year

New Orleans, LA (CNS) - For the past 50 years, Patti Gallagher Mansfield has kept the Champion Wiremaster stenographer's notebook, 5-by-8 inches, safely tucked away among her most cherished, sacred items in her dresser drawer. One was given to each of the 25 students from Duquesne University and La Roche College who attended a weekend retreat in February 1967 at The Ark and The Dove Retreat House outside of Pittsburgh. Between the tan covers are page after page of Mansfield's handwritten reflections in blue ballpoint pen of the things that happened on that three-day retreat.

"Who would have ever imagined that what I would record in this notebook would have any significance to over 120 million Catholics all over the world?" Mansfield, now 70, said. The weekend -- now called the "Duquesne Weekend" -- is acknowledged as the birth of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement in the United States, which has spread throughout the world.

New Mexico school a beacon of hope, faith for Native American youth

San Fidel, NM (CNS) - National Catholic Schools Week has come and gone, but the work of forming students in a faithful Catholic environment is never finished for teachers, principals and school administrators across the country. The presence of Catholic schools is especially needed in some of the poorest areas of the country. By providing a quality education, the church helps young people in poor communities to realize their potential.

This is exactly what principal Antonio Trujillo is accomplishing at St. Joseph Mission School in rural San Fidel in the Diocese of Gallup. Trujillo arrived at the school six years ago and saved it from the brink of closure. By integrating Catholic values into the students' everyday education, Trujillo and his staff are creating a hopeful future for the largely Native American student body in an area of the country where hope can sometimes be hard to find.

Vietnam-born priest offers to swap U.S. citizenship to allow refugee in

Washington, DC (CNS) - A Vietnamese-born Salesian priest has offered to President Donald Trump that he would trade his own U.S. citizenship with a refugee to allow into the United States someone from one of the countries Trump listed in his Jan. 27 travel ban. Father Chuong Hoai Nguyen, a Salesian of Don Bosco, who is serving in California, is a refugee-turned-U.S. citizen. He came to the United States as one of the Vietnamese "boat people" following the 1975 collapse of South Vietnam.

His citizenship offer came recently in an open letter to the president the same day the president issued an executive order that suspended the entire U.S. refugee resettlement program for 120 days and banned entry of all citizens from seven majority-Muslim countries for 90 days. The order has been held up in court. Father Nguyen said he has heard nothing from the White House since his open letter to Trump was published.

Parish Dinner/Socials

Mar. 5/St. Peter Parish, Colman, will host the Sandy Entringer and Gary Hemmer Memorial Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, with serving from 9-11 a.m. at St. Peter Parish Hall, Colman. Freewill offering with proceeds going to St. Peter Church Youth Programs.

Mar. 8/Empty Bowls, the annual Lenten fund raiser to support agencies that feed the hungry in the community will be held in the O'Gorman High School cafeteria from 5-7 p.m.; costs is \$5 for meal only; \$20 for families of 4 or more and \$15 for pottery bowl and meal; this year, proceeds will benefit the St. Francis House.

Mar. 12/Church of the Epiphany will host its annual sausage supper; serving will be from 3-7 p.m.; Costs ar \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 11 and \$1 for pre-schoolers.

Mar. 19/St. Patrick Parish, Montrose will hosts its ham dinner with serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mar. 24/St. George Parish Fish Fry will be Friday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the parish center 408 S. Western Ave., Hartford; free will offering will be accepted.

Mar. 24/St. Michael Parish Boy Scout Troop 346 will host its annual spaghetti supper and silent auction; serving will be 5-7 p.m. in the St. Michael gym, 1600 S. Marion Rd, Sioux Falls; cost is \$6 per person with a \$25 family limit.

Apr. 1/Catholic Daughter's Court St. Christina will hold its annual salad luncheon and card party at St. Nicholas Church, Tea at 11:30 a.m.; this year's theme is "Awake From Your Slumber, a New Day Has Dawned"; tickets are \$8 per person.

DVD series being shared in Sioux Falls

Mar. 12-Apr. 4 - "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron is a dvd series that will be shown from 7-8:30 p.m. on the Tuesdays from Mar. 7 through Apr. 4 in the parish hall of Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls.

Parish hosting forum on end of life decisions

Saturday, Mar. 25 - St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, will host a forum on "Catholic Teaching on End of Life Decisions" on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the parish; speakers will include Father Ed Anderson and Dr. Glenn Ridder.

Annual carnival, auction set in Dell Rapids

Sunday, Apr. 2 - St. Mary Catholic School, Dell Rapids, will host its 44th annual carnival and auction. The event begins at 11 a.m. with the carnival and lunch. The event runs through 5 p.m. Raffle tickets can be obtained through the school.

Catholic Family Services

Mar. 3-5/Grieving the loss of a loved one weekend non-denominational retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. The retreat begins on Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Sunday at noon at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, near Irene. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867. Registrations are limited.

Mar. 6 through Apr. 10/New program-The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide-begins Monday at Immaculate Conception Church, 309 Second Ave. SE, Watertown. Sessions are held Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For more information contact Margi at 605-988-3775. To register, contact Immaculate Conception at (605) 886-4049 or Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775. Scholarships are available.

Mar. 7 and Apr. 7/Living with Chronic Illness group, a free educational support group will meet the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls. For details please call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Mar. 25/Grieving the loss from suicide on Saturday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This retreat is a program for adults who have lost a loved one to suicide; open to the public and offered free of charge. To register, call the parish office at 605-886-4049 or Catholic Family Services at 800-700-7867.

Apr. 6/Children's Grief Program, directed by Mary Weber, the program begins Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. To register for this program or for more information contact Catholic Family Services 605-988-3775.

Mother of God Monastery

Mar. 11/Meeting God Within Me: Centering prayer from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Harmony Hill Hall, Watertown. No previous experience in centering prayer is needed; suggested donation is \$30 and includes lunch; contact Sister Emily to register at 605-886-4181.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Mar. 4/Lenten Morning of Reflection: "A Season for Transformation" will be offered 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton. Sister Jeanne Ranek is the presenter for the event, which will include short talks, prayerful silent times and reflective sharing in small groups. Suggested donation is \$15. Register by e-mail at BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu or phone 605-668-6292.

Mar. 5/Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

Mar. 10-12/Discernment retreat offered: Would you like some time to pray and reflect about the life choices that are yours? Are you a single Catholic woman of at least 20 years of age? Would you like some guidance in the ways of discernment? Do you feel drawn to consider religious life? The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton are offering a Discernment retreat March 10-12. Contact Sister Clarice Korger by March 8th. E-mail: shmyankton.vocation-director@gmail.com; telephone: 605-668-6092.

April 13-16/Paschal Triduum Retreat: Enter the silence and experience the rich liturgies of Holy Week with the monastic community of the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. This retreat begins 4:30 p.m. April 13, Holy Thursday, and ends with noon dinner on Easter Sunday. Optional conferences explain the symbolism of each liturgical event. For more information go to www.yanktonbenedictines.org/center-events. To register, e-mail BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292 before April 7.

Spiritual direction and personal retreats are offered at the Benedictine Peace Center year round by arrangement. Contact us at benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292, or visit us at www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center.

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

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