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THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



*You Are Helping
Create Disciples*



When we face significant transitions in life we often look back with wistful memories. As I near retirement as your bishop, I have started looking back with wistful memories of all that has transpired over these twelve plus years. They include many blessings including so many of you and your generosity in so many ways, decisions I should have considered more carefully, and so many examples of God's love and mercy and God's surprises.

Allow me to share with you excerpts from my Bishop's Bulletin columns which capture some of the themes that have guided me over these years and guide me still: trust in Jesus Christ and the power of prayer.

From February 2009:

"One topic that brings us together in our diversity is the weather. And we have had quite a bit to talk about this winter. Weather affects our plans and our attitudes.

As we travel through the seasons of weather, and the seasons of life, we know that there are uncertainties, changes that we cannot predict but to which we must adapt. We also know from history that those who went before endured rough winters, economic slowdowns and parish and personal trials. They endured because their faith in the love and mercy of God reassured them. Our call as followers of Christ is to, like them, assure that the unchangeable truths of Christ are not lost in the uncertainty and that the changeable realities are allowed to take the course God wills.

The story is told of a grandmother who read to her granddaughter the verses on the creation of the world from the Book of Genesis. When she finished, the little girl seemed lost in thought, 'Well, what do you think of it all?' Grandma asked. 'Oh, I love it,' replied the granddaughter 'It's so interesting. You never know what God is going to do next!'

That is a wonderful expression of faith. We cannot know what is going to happen next, but we can be sure that it will be good if we open our hearts to God's will and God's way. This is not to suggest that we not engage in the world and just sit by and wait. We help the stranded motorist; we support those who are unemployed, we pray for those hurting, we together seek to solve the problems of our day. Christ calls us to be the light of the world, we are his instruments, we reach out in love and care for one another because we are committed Catholics who live our faith.

As followers of Christ, we count our blessings and thank God for them and bear our crosses with trust. We can be optimists, ambassadors of hope, because we know what God the Father has accomplished in sending His Son as our Savior. We know the gift of His Church that continues His redeeming mission. We know his sacrificial act of love and that we are never alone. We know that our destiny is in Him and not in this passing world.

It is that certainty in God's continuing presence among us that can provide assurance as we face the rigors of winter, the rollercoaster rides of the economy, and the personal losses. One of my best friends was killed on a snow-covered highway just before Christmas. I grieve his loss; I also am grateful for the years of his friendship.

We pray each Sunday in the Creed, 'We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.' The Book of Genesis reminds us that what God has created is good. As people of faith, may we thank God for the gift of each day and face the challenges with hope. May we by our plans and attitudes declare, "I love it. It's so interesting. You never know what God is going to do next."

From February 2007:

"There is an old saying often used in sports, 'He doesn't have a prayer.' It suggests that a person does not have much of a chance to achieve what is being sought. I am not sure where that expression came from, but it is not true. Everyone has a prayer; we just don't always use it. It is true however that there are times when for one reason or another we may not be able to achieve or receive whatever it is we might wish. I for instance will never experience a full head of hair again. I can

still pray for it but I suspect God has already answered that prayer.

Sometimes He surprises us. I had a professor in seminary who suggested that I powder my head to reduce the glare that might distract people at Mass. God has taken care of that. As a bishop I get to wear a zucchetto and miter which reduce the glare. That was not in response to a prayer of mine I can assure you.

We all have a prayer. In fact we have many prayers. Some are written such as the Liturgy of the Hours or memorized over the years such as the Our Father. Some are spontaneous when we confront a particular situation for which we seek God's counsel or consolation. Some are reflective as when we contemplate the beauty of a rose, a moving passage of scripture or our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Some are in petition for the needs of others or ourselves. Each is a beautiful expression of our belief in a loving and merciful God.

Over the years I have learned that no one prayer form is enough. I need them all. Sometimes my mind is so active that quiet meditation is hard so I turn to written prayers or familiar ones like the rosary. Other times after enduring the noisiness of our society, I need the quiet of being alone with God in adoration or meditating on scripture or laying my concerns before the Blessed Mother. Sometimes I need to vent a bit, and lay before God my fears, my sins, my needs and my hopes. I al-

ways need the highest form of prayer in the Church, Holy Mass, to lift me beyond my self-focus, to remind me of God's saving love, and to invigorate me with the grace of the Holy Eucharist.

People have said to me that they tried prayer but that it didn't work or didn't do any good. We ought not approach God like a clerk at the store with our list of needs and expect instant fulfillment. Someone wrote that God is like a Father, not a grandfather. Like any good parent who is gentle and yet demanding for their child's good, Jesus is compassionate toward us so great is his love for us, and He is demanding of us, so great is his love for us.

As recorded in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus prayed in the Garden, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.' (Mk. 14:36)

If we approach God ready to discover what his will is for us we will always have a prayer that can be answered in a way that allows us to cope with the challenges that come our way with hope. A Lenten theme this year might be: *how open am I to discover and accept His will for me? Do I have a prayer?*

Trust in God and prayer. Thank you for allowing me to share these thoughts with you over the years.

SCHEDULE

February

- 1 10:00 Catholic Schools Week All Schools Mass, SFCS at the Augustana Elmen Center, Sioux Falls
1:45 Catholic Schools Week All School Mass, St. Mary, Dell Rapids
- 2 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3 11:00 Confirmation, St. Mary, Sioux Falls
2:00 Confirmation, St. Katharine Drexel, Sioux Falls
- 9 5:30 Confirmation, St. George, Hartford
- 10 1:30 Confirmation, Christ the King, St. Lambert and St. Therese, Sioux Falls at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 12 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood, Sioux Falls
- 16 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 17 1:30 Confirmation, SS. Peter and Paul, Dimock and Sacred Heart, Parkston at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 23 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 24 11:00 Confirmation; Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish, Sioux Falls
3:00 Confirmation, Holy Spirit and Holy Family, Mitchell at Holy Spirit in Mitchell

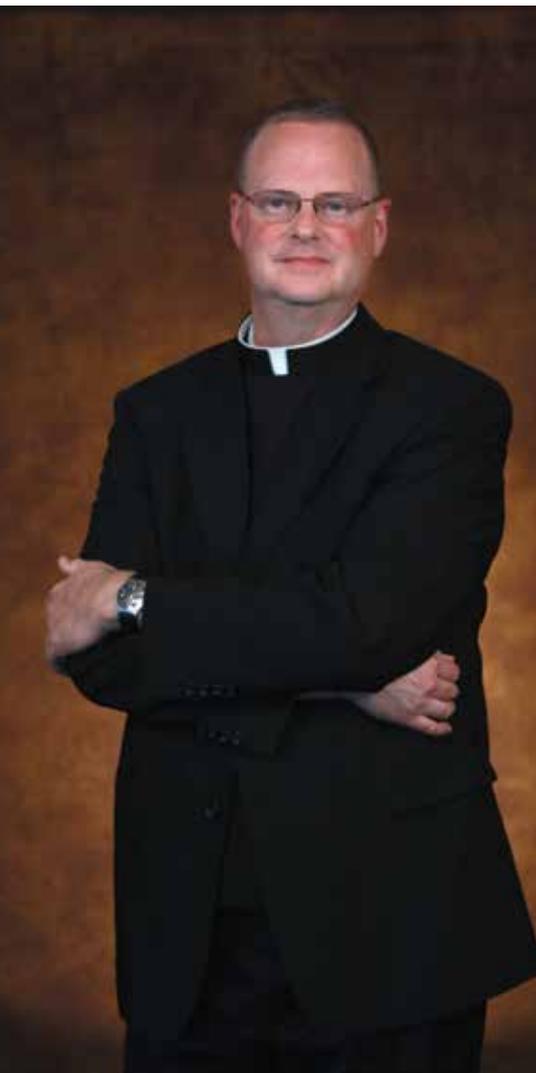
March

- 2 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3 10:30 Confirmation, All Saints, Mellette and St. Bernard, Redfield in Redfield
2:00 Confirmation, Epiphany, Epiphany, St. Agatha, Howard and St. William of Vercelli, Ramona in Howard
- 7 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 9 5:00 Confirmation, St. Peter, Colman, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton and SS. Simon and Jude, Flandreau in Elkton
- 10 8:30 Confirmation, St. Rose of Lima, Garretson and St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer in Huntimer
1:30 Rite of Election, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 12 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood, Sioux Falls

Editor's note: Bishop Swain is now 75 and as church law requires of all bishops, he has submitted his resignation to the Holy Father. He will continue to serve until it is accepted.

Prayer for a new bishop

Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to shepherd your people and the Holy Spirit to make your people one. Look with favor upon those who will select our new bishop. Give them your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak your will to them. We thank you for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests and people in love, truth and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the brokenhearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering and be a power against the evil of our day. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



Years ago I was walking the dusty roads in Afghanistan, and I had a thought.

It was hot, really hot, and as I walked, sweatless in the desert heat, I began to think about winter and how nice winter can be, cold and brisk; how walking in winter can be such an invigorating experience.

I started thinking about how much I missed walking the dogs in the wild wind chill, how sweet it is to see them run through the snow, frost growing on their whiskers.

It was that kind of heat I was walking through, the kind that makes 40 below wind chill seem inviting. I was not kidding myself, I knew it was just a small way to make the heat seem a bit less oppressive, and so I just let myself go with it for a bit.

Ultimately, I started thinking about ice fishing, and that made me smile. It had been years since I had gone ice fishing, and the heat of the dusty road made me miss it. So I made a decision right then.

When I got back home, I went to Runnings in Pierre and spent a ton of my deployment income on getting myself set up for ice fishing. I bought the tent, auger, propane heater, rods, scoop and the acquired the accoutrements I would need.

Then, the unthinkable. For the next year or so, we just did not have enough ice to go fishing and so it was not until I moved to Aberdeen that I had the chance to finally use my equipment. My friend Micah and I drove out to Pierre, linked up with my friend Ted and we went out to the river to fish in 55 below wind chill, just as I had dreamed so long before.

We discovered on the river that the tent did not open as it was supposed to, and the heater no longer worked. We went back to Runnings and got a small propane tank and heater, but it meant we would have to have it burning in the tent, but we assumed it would be fine because the wind whipping through the tent would provide ventilation.

The ice fishing was incredibly fun even though we did not catch a single fish. We did, however, catch a lot of laughs and stories, and we made some memories. We laughed about the cold, the lack of fish and the absurdity of the situation. Micah and Ted, who had not

met before, became friends and, all in all, it was a great day.

We spent the night at Ted's house, and I woke up at 3 a.m. with a screaming headache, which was odd. I later found out that all three of us woke up about the same time with the same headache. We discovered we had carbon monoxide poisoning from the heater.

Since everyone was fine, it was just another thing to laugh about.

I have had the chance to go ice fishing a few times since then (actually catching fish) and each time has been an enjoyable gift, a chance to remember there is beauty, even in the midst of a frozen January.

Sometimes, when it gets quiet and we are just focused on fishing, I will look at that hole in the ice by my feet, gazing into the water below, somehow mystically alive with light and mystery, I simply stop and think about the wonder of the moment I am living; just enjoying the gift of friends and fishing and laughter and quiet and life.

It makes me think of the Rule of Saint Benedict and his insistence that those living the monastic life find balance in their lives. This ancient wisdom challenges us to remember that the joy of life is not found in establishing priorities, but in discovering balance.

Work is important, family is important, prayer is important, play is important, but wisdom reminds us that life is not a matter of deciding which is more important, but of finding a balance with all the important things in our lives. If we are too busy to stop and enjoy life, at least a little, then we have forgotten why we are living at all.

The Rule of Saint Benedict does not, of course, seek this balance for its own sake, as great as it is; this balance is meant to free us enough that we might discover the presence of Christ in all we do, and in this, love him more and more deeply.

Laughing with friends on a frozen lake, walking the dry roads of Afghanistan, the work I do, the quiet moments of reading and thinking, rest, exercise, preparing meals, eating those meals, the list is a lifetime long, and it all matters. Finding our balanced heart in them all reveals the wonder of Christ, always there, always loving, always sympathetic when his followers just can't seem to catch a fish.

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Bishop Paul J. Swain anoints Preston Brue, a member of St. Magdalen Parish, Lennox, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls, during one of the early confirmation liturgies this year. The parishes have the option of having their young people confirmed at the Cathedral. (Photo by Gene Young)

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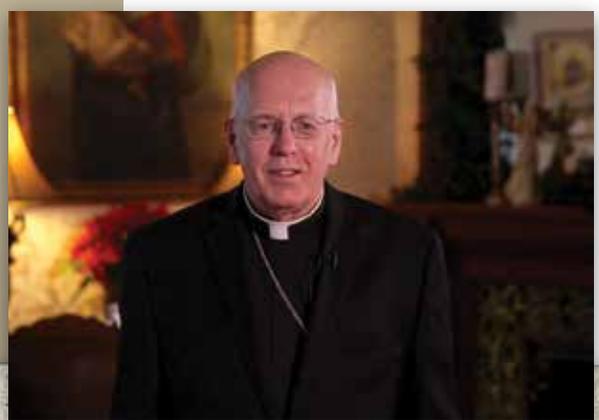


The programs, activities and events supported by the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal are making better and more disciples in the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

That is probably not what is on the mind of most donors when they consider their gift to the annual diocesan appeal, and it surely is not on the mind of the youth and young adults deepening their faith at discipleship activities.

But there is plenty of good evidence that it is happening. Take Grace and Phil Eisenberg for example.

Grace grew up in Aberdeen, Phil in Sioux Falls. Both attended a wealth of discipleship activities – Totus Tuus, Discipleship Camps, Youth Rallies and retreats. They even met at one of them. Today they are a young married couple active in their faith. Grace teaches at St. Mary Catholic School, Sioux Falls and Phil is the finance and operations manager at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.



Discipleship

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Their journey of faith illustrates the power of forming discipleship at an early age – a goal established years ago by Bishop Paul Swain and made possible through the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal.

“Discipleship is about coming to know Jesus Christ in a deeper and more personal way,” said Bishop Swain.

“That is what the ministries supported by the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal seek to do – form disciples. Some do it directly, others support the work of those ministries or the work that goes on in the parishes, but it is always about leading us closer to Jesus Christ,” he said.

“And it is the work of all of us – our baptismal call – to evangelize,” said Bishop Swain.

“By supporting the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal you are participating in evangelization and helping form disciples,” he said.

This year’s Catholic Family Sharing Appeal kicks off on the last weekend of February and as usual coincides with the beginning of Lent. The appeal funds a wide range of diocesan ministries, and parishes also benefit by retaining donations that exceed the parish goal.

“I don’t think I would be where I am if it wasn’t for these different programs that the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supports,” said Phil Eisenberg, who said his faith-filled Catholic family encouraged him to attend youth conferences, discipleship camps and more.

“But it was once you are there and you experience it ... out of that grew a confidence and a love, for Christ above all, but for the ministry of Christ’s church. Out of that comes the desire – I want that for my life,” he said.

Grace Eisenberg said her experiences with discipleship-related programs in her growing



Priestly Formation

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up years directly led to her desire to teach in a Catholic school.

“If I would not have experienced the community and the life that a freshman in high school can experience at discipleship camp I would never have been convicted to go into a job that (some consider) sacrificial,” she said.

Fr. Anthony Urban, ordained in 2011 and now pastor at St. Wenceslaus, Tabor and St. John the Evangelist, Lesterville, included all the discipleship activities as influences on him, and he added Operation Andrew dinners to the list.

“These things provided the opportunity to think about my faith and to think about what God might be calling me to at the time,” he said.

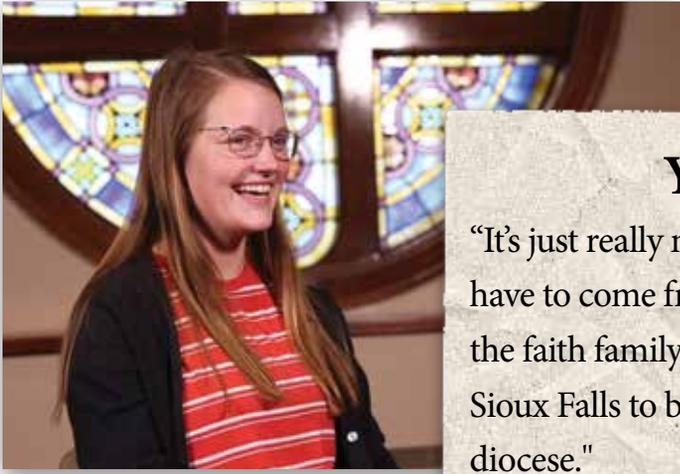
Now in hindsight, he sees how those experiences laid a foundation not only for his vocation, but also in his current work as a pastor.

“Teaching in the Totus Tuus program taught me how to teach and it’s one of the things a pastor needs to do... some of these things have helped me transmit the faith in a better way. It’s an acknowledgment that as a priest I’ve grown in my own prayer life and experiences – the foundations were laid years ago, and I’m still building upon them,” Fr. Urban said.

The Catholic Family Sharing Appeal provides for much more besides discipleship programs, including seminarian education and Newman Centers.

Edann Cloos, originally from St. Charles Parish, Big Stone City, attends Northern State University and has found a home at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center.

As a transfer student she missed out on the usual orientation activities where one meets other students.



Youth Events

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“The Newman is really how I got to know a lot of people. The Focus team was really awesome introducing me to people and the campus minister signed me up for everything,” Cloos said.

“Knowing that you can go there any given day and any given hour and there is someone there ... a friend that you always have. I also joined the bible study which was really cool,” she said.

Like the Eisenbergs, Cloos had years of experience with Totus Tuus at the parish level, discipleship camps, youth rallies and retreat programs like Search. She said those events were particularly helpful to her coming from a small parish with few people her age.

“It’s just really nice to know that you don’t have to come from a big town to be part of the faith family. You don’t have to be from Sioux Falls to be part of the Sioux Falls diocese. That took me a long time to figure out,” Cloos said.

But what does that mean to her ongoing faith life to have made connections and developed friendships through these Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supported discipleship events?

“My friends from the youth events definitely lead me closer to Jesus and challenge me in new ways to grow in my faith,” she said.

Cloos said having all the various discipleship experiences in her background made a huge difference last year when she was struggling.

“I needed Jesus and I signed up to be a D-Camp counselor, and while there signed up to do to Search and now I’m directing a Search in March. I’m so thankful that it’s something I turned towards when I was struggling. I’m so grateful those things are there and I’m not the only one who struggles and needs them,” she said.

Grace Eisenberg had a different view of Newman ministry from her childhood years watching her mom, Kayla Heller serve at St. Thomas Aquinas.

“For all of my growing up I was able to experience this Catholic world of college-age students who really cared about me and my family. And I got to see my mom work in that way with her faith,” she said.

“Seeing the community that comes with the Newman Center, and then when I got to junior high there was youth group which fed into all the discipleship activities ... having all those things available to me really changed my life and made me want to pursue my faith for the rest of my life, to discover it and grow in it,” Eisenberg said. Now in her 4th year as a Catholic schoolteacher, she is also sharing it.

Whether from a large or small parish, your parish priest is one of the most visible signs of the

work of the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. Seminary education and formation receive significant support from the appeal.

“There is no better sign than when you go to Sunday Mass and you see the priest ... that priest is up there because of your gift,” said Phil Eisenberg, who spent time discerning his own possible priestly vocation. Though discernment lead him away from the priesthood, the time in seminary only enhanced his love of the Church.

“Post seminary, post discernment about priesthood I was praying about what God wanted me to do and it kept resonating that I loved the Church and wanted to be part of its activities,” said Eisenberg, who is in his 9th year at Cathedral. He uses all his various discipleship experiences in his work and he relishes the opportunity to share them with others.

“I meet young people in the parish and I can kind of point them in various directions ... those different programs cover so many aspects of the diocese and diocesan life,” he said.

“I think the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal is the thing that really helps parishes get traction and move ahead. You look at a parish and all the people that are involved and make it work ... they have been formed by all these programs. It all works together in harmony and at the parish – where the boots are on the ground, the wheels are turning thanks to the gifts to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal,” he said.

Fr. Urban agrees. “One of the fruits of the discipleship programs is from my time teaching Totus Tuus I see men and women who are now married and having kids or are priests. It’s the reality that seeds are planted in some of those efforts, like discipleship camp, or Totus Tuus or youth conferences and we don’t know what’s



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going to become of those people, but we see them grow, bit by bit year by year and it's really impressive to see."

"I think what our diocese has done is provide a good support system for parishes whether they are big or small. As a priest I feel supported by all the ministries, and I try to reap the fruits from them but also contribute to them as well," he said.

An example that extends beyond the discipleship programs is preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Couples work with their parishes of course, but marriage preparation is supported at the diocesan level in a range of ways, including the FOCCUS, an instrument used to help couples discuss important topics.

The Eisenbergs, married less than two years ago, worked with their pastor and among other preparations for the sacrament, attended Engaged Encounter which helped them communicate better.

"It tackles those tough questions and it was hugely important for us ... to discuss those topics that we didn't even know we needed to discuss ... it was really helpful for us," said Phil Eisenberg.

Fr. Urban also references many other Catholic

Family Sharing Appeal supported ministries as benefiting his work as a priest, which includes years as the diocesan master of ceremonies.

"In those years I was in and out of the office regularly, working with communications or IT and as a parish priest I reference other offices like the Marriage Tribunal, Catholic Family Services...also the Vocations Office and the Finance Office. It is a good resource for our parishes, answering questions about a lot of things I'm not an expert in – I can rely upon their guidance," he said.

"The Catholic Family Sharing Appeal is meant to help us look at the bigger picture of what the diocese offers us – even though we might not partake in all of the ministries that are offered, we contribute financially so that someone can take advantage of them. And I think that helps us understand that as one parish or a couple of parishes that we are a small part. Cardinal (John

Henry) Newman uses the verbiage of being a link in the chain – we are all unique links in that chain but important as well," Fr. Urban said.

The baptismal call given to each person invites us to become disciples and to support the work of forming disciples through opportunities like the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal.

"The experience of being formed as disciples leads us to share our love for Christ and his Church – which is precisely what discipleship is about – coming to know Christ more deeply and knowing that we need to share that love with others," said Bishop Swain.

"While many of our programs focus on the young since they are our future, becoming a disciple can happen regardless of our age. I encourage you to seek your own development as a disciple," he said.

2019 Parish Share

The forming of disciples is not something that happens immediately, it happens over time through various experiences, circumstances and opportunities. Your gift to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal assists with providing these programs and ministries to allow the Holy Spirit to work.

The question is often asked, "what is my donation doing?" or "How is my gift making a difference?" If you are reading this publication, which allows us to tell how the Holy Spirit is working in our diocese, you helped make that happen through your gift to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal.

As Catholics we come together every weekend as one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic church to give praise and thanksgiving to God for the gifts He has given us. Likewise, we are asked to return these gifts to the Lord. The Catholic Family Sharing Appeal is the one time each year we come together as one family to give in a prayerful, sacrificial way that allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through each of us in an extraordinary way. What we accomplish together is greater than any one person or parish could do alone.

Each of us, when participating in the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal help to continue building God's Church – helping us all be disciples through youth events, Newman centers, grief counseling, TV Mass, prison ministry and so much more. Your financial gift and gifts of prayer continue to changes lives just like the stories told in this edition of the Bishop's Bulletin.

Please prayerfully consider how you are being called to participate within your parish to support the ministries of the diocesan church.

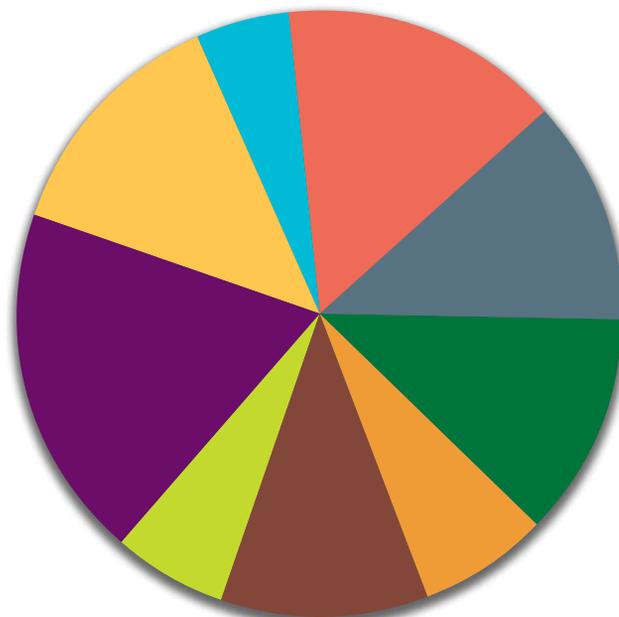
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Aberdeen	St. Mary Parish	\$95,000
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Artesian	St. Charles Parish	\$3,800
Beresford	St. Teresa of Avila Parish	\$22,800
Big Bend	St. Catherine Parish	\$200
Big Stone City	St. Charles Parish	\$11,200
Bowdle	St. Augustine Parish	\$14,500
Brandon	Risen Savior Parish	\$94,800
Bridgewater	St. Stephen Parish	\$11,300
Britton	St. John de Britto Parish	\$16,700
Brookings	St. Thomas More Parish	\$131,000
Bryant	St. Mary Parish	\$6,900
Canton	St. Dominic Parish	\$21,600
Castlewood	St. John Parish	\$11,000
Centerville	Good Shepherd Parish	\$9,500
Chamberlain	St. James Parish	\$32,000
Clark	St. Michael Parish	\$15,200
Clear Lake	St. Mary Parish	\$17,000
Colman	St. Peter Parish	\$18,000
Dakota Dunes	St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish	\$27,000
Dante	Assumption Parish	\$14,800
Dell Rapids	St. Mary Parish	\$66,000
DeSmet	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	\$15,600
Dimock	SS. Peter & Paul Parish	\$18,500
Eden	Sacred Heart Parish	\$17,500
Elk Point	St. Joseph Parish	\$32,800
Elkton	Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	\$22,100
Emery	St. Martin Parish	\$15,000
Epiphany	Church of the Epiphany Parish	\$13,000
Estelline	St. Francis de Sales Parish	\$8,000
Eureka	St. Joseph Parish	\$6,600
Faulton	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	\$31,000
Flandreau	SS. Simon & Jude Parish	\$30,600
Florence	Blessed Sacrament Parish	\$11,100
Fort Thompson	St. Joseph Parish	\$700
Garretson	St. Rose of Lima Parish	\$21,600
Gary	St. Peter Parish	\$7,200
Geddes	St. Ann Parish	\$10,500
Gettysburg	Sacred Heart Parish	\$31,700
Grenville	St. Joseph Parish	\$9,700
Groton	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	\$22,000
Harrisburg	St. John Paul II Parish	\$14,000
Hartford	St. George Parish	\$52,000
Henry	St. Henry Parish	\$10,000
Herreid	St. Michael Parish	\$12,500
Highmore	St. Mary Parish	\$12,000
Hoven	St. Anthony Parish	\$32,000
Howard	St. Agatha Parish	\$19,000
Humboldt	St. Ann Parish	\$25,000
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In the mail

Editor's note: You may have heard that the Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen recently announced plans to build new residences in Aberdeen and Sioux Falls to meet the changing needs of the Sisters. Here in their own words, the leadership group of the Sisters offer the backdrop to making this decision, and the reasons why it will enhance their mission.

The first Presentation Sisters came to Dakota Territory in the 1880s, the Aberdeen congregation was founded in 1886 with Aberdeen being the central location. As time went on the Sisters lived and served in many locations with clusters in Aberdeen and Sioux Falls.

As apostolic women the Sisters say, "Where one Sister is we all are." As technology has advanced and the desire to age in place is more feasible, the congregation has chosen to build for this new reality in two locations for two primary reasons – to enhance community life and to forward our mission of alleviating oppression and promoting human dignity as we remain committed to our life-giving ministries.

"Our sisters have been in prayer and dialogue for the last two years communally discerning how we want to forward our mission and enhance our communal well-being. One of our core values is to do nothing alone; rather we seek to connect with others who can work with us in furthering the message of the Gospel," explained Sister Vicky Larson. For this reason, the Sisters will work in partnership with Avera in developing these residences.

In Aberdeen, Presentation Place will be constructed adjacent to Avera Mother Joseph Retirement Community in a separate building that is linked to Avera Mother Joseph Manor. In Sioux Falls, Presentation Center will be constructed south of the Walsh Family Village near the Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health

Center campus.

"Changing health needs of the Sisters, a smaller carbon footprint, and better stewardship of resources are all reasons for the new residences. Together, we are looking ahead and looking forward to what we need to be about in the future," stated Sister Lucille Welbig.

Our Presentation Heights convent in Aberdeen is an important part of our heritage, yet this much space is no longer needed. We hope to put this space to use to benefit our mission.

While numbers of Sisters are declining across the globe, we believe that God is doing something different with religious life, and a new form of religious life is emerging. "We continue to want to have a thriving and exciting community life that is close to our mission and ministries where our sisters have traditionally served. We believe this can happen through our new residences," commented Sister Mary Thomas.

Presentation Place in Aberdeen will have 16 rooms and Presentation Center in Sioux Falls will have 20 rooms for Sisters, including guest rooms. The Sioux Falls residence will provide a community living environment at one location. Both sites will have group dining space, sacred space, and leadership space for offices, meetings and retreats.

In Aberdeen, assisted living and long-term care at Avera Mother Joseph Manor will be right next door for Sisters who need a higher level of care. Sisters in Sioux Falls have ready access to Avera Prince of Peace Retirement Community.

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary began Eucharistic Adoration in 1906 at the request of Bishop Thomas O'Gorman. Continually, we lift up the needs of the diocese in prayer. Throughout the decades, 217 Sisters have



The leadership team of the Presentation Sisters is (l. to r.): Sr. Janice Klein, Sr. Vicky Larson, Sr. Mary Thomas and Sr. Lucille Welbig. (Photo courtesy, Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen)

The Presentation Mission is to joyfully incarnate the compassion and justice of Jesus as Nano Nagle, our foundress, did, so that our neighbors, locally and globally, might live with hope.
~From Presentation Sisters documents, 2018.

been involved in education and education ministries, 155 were engaged in health care, 87 in supportive services and 74 in extended ministries. Presentation Sisters have also lived out their commitment to social justice, which is more difficult to measure yet no less vital.

Sister Janice Klein summed up the Sisters' Core Values statement, "we desire to journey faithfully with God who is always leading us towards the future, together, in hope and joy. We are also aware of our own historical congregational planning experiences of moving from past to present to future with great energy, commitment, and fidelity. Therefore we remain committed to God, our Church, our Mission and one another."

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Pilgrims from diocese travel to Washington, D.C. to promote culture of life



Bishop Paul J. Swain blessed pilgrims from the diocese (pictured above, left) as they prepared to head out to attend this year's March for Life event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Two bus loads from the Diocese of Sioux Falls carried 99 pilgrims on the journey. The group departed on January 16 and returned to the diocese on January 20. This was the 46th annual March for Life. This was the seventh year the Diocese of Sioux Falls sent busloads of pilgrims to attend.

Amber Smith, Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown, was one of the pilgrims from the diocese (pictured above, right).

(Left, top, photo by Gene Young and above, right photo by Arriana Haman, Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown.)



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Local CHURCH

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish coming back from fire inside the church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls, endured a fire shortly before Christmas on December 19.

But now, the parish is coming back, "rebuilding our community and church," according to Father Kristopher Cowles, pastor for the parish.

The pastor and parishioners pivoted quickly in setting about to keep the Christmas season, the parish's many celebrations and the traditional reenacting of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem all on track.

Part of the effort had to be transferred to the parish's gym next door to the church. "We will not stop but we will continue with the grace of God," said Father Cowles. "Thank you to all for your prayers. We will gladly receive them."

The cleaning and restoration work is already underway and making progress.

Father Cowles has also offered many thanks to those who have supported the parish's comeback and rebuilding effort through prayer and donations of time, talent and treasure.

Help is still being sought and accepted by calling the parish at 605-338-8126 or via email at olgparish@sfcatholic.org.

(Photos courtesy, Father Kristopher Cowles, pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls)



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The Gift of Hope concert to feature Mark Schultz

The Gift of Hope concert, which supports the work of Catholic Family Services will be Saturday, March 23 with two performances this year.

The shows will be at 3 and 7 p.m. at the O’Gorman Performing Arts Center, Sioux Falls.

This year, Christian music performer and Dove award winner Mark Schultz returns as the featured artist.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 605-988-3765 or by visiting CCFESD.org.

The concert supports Catholic Family Services’ Gift of Hope Fund for people of all faiths, ages and walks of life who experience grief, despair, abuse, loss or pain of separation.

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Mark Schultz

healing from the ministry of Catholic Family Services.

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

“The Women of the Eucharist” presentation draws faithful to Cathedral Parish hall



Annie Fulkerson, featured speaker (above) at “The Woman of the Eucharist” presentation addresses the group in attendance at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Parish Hall (pictured at right). Fulkerson is a wife, mother, scientist and Catholic media specialist. Fulkerson and her presentation were sponsored by the Office of the Marian Apostolate. (Photos by Tim Stanek)



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UPCOMING RETREATS

SILENT RETREATS

Men's 2019		Women's 2019	
February 21-24	October 24-27	February 7-10	August 8-11
March 21-24	November 21-24	March 7-10	September 5-8
September 19-22		May 16-19	October 17-20
		June 20-23	November 7-10

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

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.

February 12: Resting with God: Living in His Glory - directed by Fr. Joe Vogel	March 12: St. Joseph: Our Protector on Earth and Intercessor in Heaven - directed by Fr. Anthony Urban
April 9: What Are People Saying About Miracles - directed by Msgr. Richard Mahowald	

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Local CHURCH

Sacred Heart Monastery sisters pitch in to help those in need



Sacred Heart Monastery's mission committee collected non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Contact Center to help the center make a difference. Pictured are (from l. to r.): Ss. Maribeth Wentzlaff, Marietta Kerkvliet, Patricia Heirigs, Kathryn Burt, employee Kevin McDonald (in the back), S. Marita Kolbeck (in the front), employee Barbara Hermanek-Peck, S. Sharon Ann Haas and Novice Theresa McGinn. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)

ADVENT BABY SHOWER RECEIVES HELP FROM O'GORMAN JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, PARENTS



The donations to the Advent Baby Shower got a boost from O'Gorman Junior High students, their parents and administrators who pitched in to help out and collect goods and deliver them to the diocese. Each year, the Advent Baby Shower collects donated items to help new moms who cannot afford some of the basic necessities they need for their infants. Donations come from across the diocese throughout the month long effort that coincides with the season of Advent. (Photo by Gene Young)

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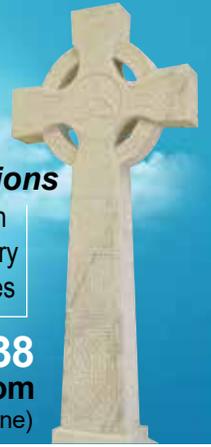
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Local CHURCH

Children receive First Communion at St. Paul Parish, Marty



First Communion was celebrated at St. Paul Parish, Marty, for seven children on Sunday, January 13. The seven children are pictured with Father Cathal Gallagher, pastor and the two altar servers. (Photo courtesy, Cathy Kreeger, St. Paul Parish, Marty)

Sacred Arts Series ready for next performances



The next Sacred Arts Series performances are on the horizon at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls. On Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., Dr. Jared Ostermann, organist, will perform.

Dr. Ostermann, the Cathedral music director, is an accomplished concert organist and has been awarded numerous prizes at national and international organ competitions. He will play an all-Bach concert on the Cathedral's renowned Hendrickson pipe organ.

Then on Saturday, Mar. 16 at 7 p.m., The University of Sioux Falls Concert Chorale will perform. The Concert Chorale is the primary choral ensemble at the University of Sioux Falls, and couples performance and community service on its yearly tours in the USA and abroad.

Admission to each of the next two performances is free although a free will offering will be accepted at each.

(Photo courtesy, The University of Sioux Falls Concert Chorale, Sioux Falls)

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DISC Mission Grant applications available

The DISC Mission grant application forms for 2019 are now available. Any mission or Catholic organization in the national or international community may benefit from these grants. Past grants have ranged from \$250-\$1,000.

The grant application must be submitted through a DISC member diocese. In the case of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, that DISC member is Dawn Wolf, Information Systems Director.

The completed application with the description of the program or ministry for consideration must be submitted by April 30. You can find the application at <http://www.discinfo.org/membership/mission-grant/> and return it to Dawn Wolf, Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, dwolf@sfcatholic.org.

Bon Homme Knights of Columbus gather for annual feed



The Bon Homme Knights of Columbus Council #4002 recently gathered for the annual council feed in advance of one of their monthly meetings. Many state, district and local members attended. (Photo courtesy Bill Minow, treasurer Bon Homme Knights of Columbus #4002, Tyndall)

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ABERDEEN – Ray and Camille Schmidt will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Feb. 25. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Jim and Bev Bauer will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Feb. 10. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BRANDON – Dan and Betty Mostek will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 15. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



BROOKINGS – Dave and Sue Karolczak celebrated their 50th anniversary on Jan. 25. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



LAKE ANDES – Leo and Shirley Dvorak celebrated their 60th anniversary on Jan. 3. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mark Parish.



MADISON – Dale and Pat Lauck will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Feb. 14. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



PIERRE – Bob and Jan Fuller will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 8. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of SS. Peter and Paul Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Michael and Rita Donovan will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Feb. 8. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



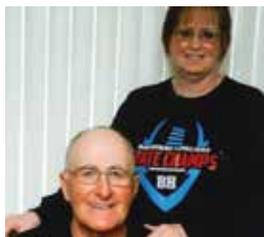
SIOUX FALLS – Allen and Joann Gundvaldson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 15. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SISSETON – Joe and Marian Valentine will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Feb. 7. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 10 grandchildren (1 deceased), 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



SISSETON – Jim and DeeDee Forrette will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Feb. 11. They have 7 children, 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



TABOR – Joe and Diane Cap will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Feb. 9. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by February 15 for inclusion in the March 2019 edition to:
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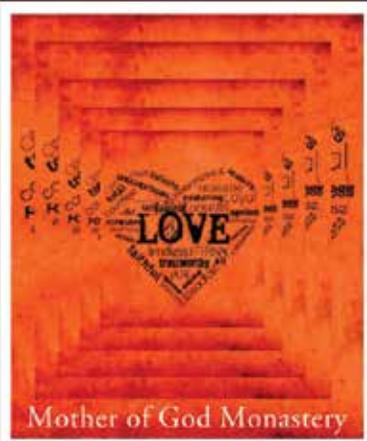
Corrections

In the January edition of The Bishop's Bulletin, we misspelled John and Cathy Maguire's last name in the Committed in Christ section. Maguire is the correct spelling.

In the November edition of The Bishop's Bulletin, Joan M. Lanners of St. Mary Parish, Clear Lake was omitted from the necrology. She passed away on Feb. 13, 2018.

Also, in the November edition, Viola Jenks of Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell, was omitted. She passed away on Feb. 20, 2018.

We regret the error and omissions.



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Sister Mary Aileen Huettl

Sister Mary Aileen Huettl, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died December 24 at the Presentation Convent, Aberdeen.

She was 91.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Mary Aileen was celebrated Dec. 29 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mary Aileen was born April 6, 1927 to Mary Lucile (Doyle) and George R. Huettl at Britton. She attended a rural elementary school and graduated from Central High School in Aberdeen in 1945.

In January 1948 she entered Presentation Convent while attending St. Luke's School of Nursing in Aberdeen, graduating in 1950. Sister Mary Aileen made her first profession of vows August 10, 1950. She received a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI in 1966



Sister Mary Aileen Huettl, PBVM and a Master's degree in Social Work from Catholic University, Washington, DC in 1968.

Sister Mary Aileen ministered as a geriatrics nurse, medical-surgical nurse and head medical-surgical nurse at various locations through 2007 when she retired into prayer ministry at the Presentation Convent.

Sister Mary Aileen is survived by her Presentation Community of Sisters, sister-in-law Kathy Courtney, nephew Ted (Lucie) Huettl and nieces Patrice, Julie, Sheila and Ann Huettl.

Sister Mary Hemeyer

Sister Mary Hemeyer, OP, died Jan. 7, at St. Dominic Villa, Sinsinawa, WI.

She was 88.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Dominican motherhouse, Sinsinawa, WI, on Jan. 14.

Burial followed in the Motherhouse Cemetery.

Sister Mary was born Oct. 14, 1930, in Mitchell, the daughter of Fredrick and Elizabeth (McAvinney) Hemeyer.

Sister Mary made her first religious profession as a Sinsinawa Dominican Aug. 5, 1950, and her perpetual profession Aug. 5, 1953.

Her religious name was Sister Muritta.

She taught for 20 years and ministered in various roles as support staff for 30 years. Sister Mary served in South Dakota,

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Sister Mary taught at St. Joseph, Sioux Falls, 1961-1969.

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No place for “religious test” in government, says Senate
Washington, D.C. (CNS) - The U.S. Senate unanimously adopted a resolution in January “to reaffirm religious liberty and condemn religious tests for federal officials.” “This isn’t a Republican belief, this isn’t a Democratic belief, this is an American belief,” said Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebraska, who sponsored the resolution. “This is a super-basic point: no religious tests,” he said in his remarks from the floor before the vote. “If someone has a problem with this resolution, what other parts of the Constitution are you against? Freedom of the press? Women’s right to vote? Freedom of speech? This isn’t hard,” he added. “No religious tests for serving on the federal bench. We should in this body rebuke these anti-Catholic attacks.”

Catholic Schools Week celebrated across the country
Washington, D.C. - National Catholic Schools Week was celebrated across the country. This year the theme was: “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Young people today need Catholic education more than ever,” said Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, California, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Catholic Education. He also stressed that “being rooted in faith does not endanger the academic quality of Catholic schools, but in fact is their very motivation for excellence in all things.” In a statement released for the observance, he said: “Following Christ’s example of loving and serving all people, Catholic schools proudly provide a well-rounded education to disadvantaged families, new arrivals to America and to all who seek a seat in our schools.”

Louisiana Catholic school features full-sized saints
Independence, LA. (CNS) - St. Padre Pio, St. Teresa of Kolkata and St. Michael the Archangel are among the saints keeping a close watch over students at Mater Dolorosa School in Independence. The wall-sized images and their words adorn the back of every classroom as part of a multi-phase revitalization plan for the school by principal Cheryl Santangelo. “When I got here last year, the building was deplorable,” said Santangelo. “The carpet was here when my daughter went to school here (35 years ago).” Reaching out to friends and church members, the principal raised \$11,500 in two weeks. An anonymous donor also contacted her about renovating a classroom.

Vatican releases guidelines to help fight trafficking
Vatican City (CNS) - The Vatican has created a set of pastoral guidelines to inspire and improve the church’s work in addressing the crime of human trafficking and the care of its victims worldwide. The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development released its “Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking” at a Vatican news conference. “Pope Francis’ insistent teaching on human trafficking provides the foundation for the present pastoral orientations which draw also from the long-standing practical experience of many international Catholic NGOs working in the field and from the observations of representatives of bishops’ conferences,” the text said. “While approved by the Holy Father, the orientations do not pretend to exhaust the church’s teaching on human trafficking.”



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Parish Dinners/Socials

Feb. 24/St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, will host a church bazaar with dinner, raffle, games, bingo and a bake sale; Sunday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; the meal will include broasted chicken, potatoes, mac and cheese, corn, salads and desserts; cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids (preschool-5th grade) and free for kids under 3.

S.F. parish hosting adult education

Tuesday, Feb. 5 - Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, will have adult education on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The presenter will be Father Kevin O'Dell, pastor, St. Therese Parish, chaplain at Augustana College and the University of Sioux Falls. Father O'Dell will be discussing "Death and Dying: What Happens and What Does the Church Provide for Me?" There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation. Contact Kathy Davis at 371-2320 for more info.

Going Deeper opportunity ahead

Feb. 8-10 - There is still time to register for the Going Deeper Retreat at the Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center in Marvin. This retreat is open to youth in grades 9-12 who are actively involved in their parish and are striving to grow in the faith. There will be opportunities for silence and prayer, receiving the sacraments and experiencing a much deeper understanding of how to pray and how to know what God is desiring in your life. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

Retreat planned for farmers, spouses

Feb. 8-9 - Farmers and their spouses are invited to the Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center near Marvin for a retreat that will focus on hope, stress, communication and faith. "Harvesting Hope" will begin with supper at 6:30 p.m. Friday and will conclude Saturday at 3 p.m. There is no registration fee but a free will offering will be collected. No one will be turned away, however advanced registration is required for meal planning purposes. Register online at www.abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200.

Sioux Falls parish hosting parish mission

Feb. 25-28 - Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, is hosting Father Larry Richards from Pittsburgh, PA Feb. 25-28 from 7-8 p.m. each night.

Special needs advocate luncheon planned

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - A Special Needs Advocate Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday at noon at the Country Club of Sioux Falls. Being an advocate for a child with special needs is an important role. It may be the most challenging role you fulfill. Join Brittany Schmidt, owner of Autism Behavioral Consulting, to learn why your leadership is important and how you can become an even better advocate. Free to everyone, thanks to the generous sponsors from First Premier Bank / Premier Bankcard. Register by Feb. 15 at sfcatholic.org/advocate.

Retrouvaille being offered in the diocese

Mar. 1-3 - Retrouvaille, a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for a couple to heal and renew their marriage relationship, is available the weekend of March 1-3 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, near Irene. For more information, or to register, contact (605) 988-3755.

Search for Christian Maturity Retreat set

Mar. 1-3 - Located at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, the retreat features talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession and celebration of Mass; a priest serves as spiritual director on the weekend. It is open to all high school and college age students and adults. Contact 605-371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com or www.siouxfallssearch.org.

Diocesan youth rally set

Sunday, March 24 - Contact your parish leader to register for the Aberdeen Youth Rally on March 24. Emily Wilson, a Catholic speaker, author, and musician who travels the world sharing her faith through witness and worship will be featured. Sign up for an afternoon of fun, prayer, and a great message about becoming a witness of truth. Details can be found at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

Mother of God Monastery

Feb. 9/"Creative Meditation with Clay" will be offered at Mother of God Monastery on Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Using Scripture and prayer imagery along with molding clay will provide a creative and insightful day. Contact Sister Emily Meisel at 605-886-4181 to register.

Feb. 15-16/Myers-Briggs, "Who am I and Who is My Neighbor" will be offered at Mother of God Monastery, Waterown. The event runs Friday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. This workshop is a helpful tool for self awareness and spiritual growth. For more information or to register contact Sister Emily Meisel at 605-886-418.

Presentation Sisters

Mar. 2/Presentation Sisters Women's Lenten Retreat will be held at St. Mary Church, Sioux Falls on Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The speaker will be Gaye Hanson. Contact Barb Grosz at 605-229-8391 or bgrosz@presentationisters.org to register by February 27. Registration fee is \$15; refreshments will be served and scholarships are available.

Diocesan EVENTS

Catholic Family Services

Feb. 5 and Mar. 5/Catholic Family Services is hosting a 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 caregivers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Feb. 4/Surviving Divorce Program-winter session begins in Sioux Falls; sessions are held on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials. To register, contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 cfs@sfcatholic.org; scholarships are available.

Feb. 26-Apr. 2/Grieving the loss of a child meets for six Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief; non-denominational; cost is a donation; call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Mar. 15-17/Grieving the loss of a loved one weekend non-denominational retreat for adults who are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. The retreat begins 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. Space is limited.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Feb. 16/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer. For more information or to register, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

Starting Mar. 6 and Mar. 13/Lenten Scripture Studies/The morning series, Life Eternal, is facilitated by Sister Doris Oberembt, meeting Wednesdays 9:30-11 a.m. starting Mar. 6. The Parables in Matthew and Luke, facilitated by Sister Mary Jo Polak, meets Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Mar. 13. For more information, <http://yanktonbenedictines.org/center/> click on the Scripture Study page, or call 605-668-6292. The registration deadline is Feb. 25 so that books can be ordered.

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