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THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN

Enriched
by the variety
of newer cultures in our diocese





A few random thoughts as we move from spring to summer:

Weather

This was a brutal winter after a beautiful December.

In the last few weeks I have been in all corners of our 35,000 square mile diocese, commonly known as East River. I did that also when I first arrived nearly 13 years ago after being ordained and installed as your bishop.

The contrast is stark. Then there was severe drought, the land brown, the rivers and streams low. This year in all corners of our diocese standing water is deep and fields saturated interfering with spring planting. Instead of, as we usually do this time of year, praying for rain to nourish the crops, our prayer is for the rains to stop.

Many lives will be affected by this year's weather as they were so many years ago but in different ways. One of the great strengths of our diocese is the legacy of resilience of the farm and ranch families and those who support our agricultural base and depend on the land. They must adapt to the vagaries of the weather from year to year. To do so they take a leap of faith every year knowing that every year is unique.

The resiliency of those families past and present has established a spiritual context for us all which quite frankly is being tested in many ways by the secular culture, economic forces, political expediency and the evil one who takes advantage of all of these to unnerve us.

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the vital agricultural sector of our state as they face life changing challenges. May they be reassured by the words of our risen savior that if God provides for the lowly sparrow how much more will he provide for those whom he has gifted with faith, reason and hope. And let us support them in any way we are able.

Brakes

One thought occurred to me as Father Darin Schmidt drove me over hundreds of miles the

last few weeks. How dependent are we and how we take for granted the simple innovation of car brakes. Count the number of times we press down on the brakes as we go to the store or church or any other place. We hardly think about them, expecting them to work. It is to our peril when we are not attentive to insuring that they are in good working order. That is why we periodically need to have maintenance checks on our vehicles and other aspects of our earthly life.

There are spiritual brakes we also depend on – time tested church moral and social teachings; clergy, lay leaders in a variety of fields; maintenance of buildings; diocesan, parish and volunteers who teach our youth and who reach out the poor, sick, and lonely. When we let our spiritual brakes deteriorate, our souls are in peril. We need spiritual maintenance checks as well, beginning with regular examinations of conscience. Let us not neglect our spiritual brakes.

Being alive spiritually

From my column in The Bishop's Bulletin in 2010:

One of my favorite movies is the Sound of Music. Many will remember the opening scene when the novice Maria is on the mountain enjoying the vista which seems to open to the whole world and singing that this beautiful world which God created is alive. Surely she was alive with the Spirit at that moment, having risen above the everydayness of her life.

There is something truly spiritual about being up high and being able to see far beyond, knowing that there is even more farther beyond. It was interesting to note that during our pilgrimage to the Holy Land last November the number of mounts we climbed. Mount Carmel (the vineyard of God) where the Carmelites pray on the site where the prophet Elijah was moved; Mount Tabor, where Jesus in anticipation of his passion took Peter, James and John and was transfigured; the Temple Mount in Jerusalem; Masada high above the Dead Sea which was once a place of refuge and safety; Mount Nebo where Moses gazed across the Jordan Valley; the Mount of the

Beatitudes, where Jesus preached his inspiring and life-changing sermon on the mount.

Given all that is happening in the world, in our country, in the Church and in our personal lives, perhaps we need to climb a mountain at least figuratively to regain perspective and hope ourselves, to be more fully alive.

It is easy to get discouraged, feel overwhelmed even isolated and lonely. When we focus in on the immediate, our vision is limited and closed. When we raise our vision beyond the moment we gain perspective and discover ways to cope because we regain the hope that comes from knowing that Christ is with us and that ultimately God will prevail. We do sometimes wish He would hurry up a bit; but faith gives us the strength to persevere with such hope.

Scripture tells us that Jesus often escaped to the mountains to pray. As one poet put it: "He always loved the mountain tops, for there away from earth, He treads the mystic ways, and sees the vision of the Fairest Fair, as Heaven dawns upon His raptured gaze; the loneliness, the pain, the grief depart; surpassing gladness fills His Sacred Heart." (James Hayes, The Transfiguration)

We in South Dakota do not have high mountain tops, though we do have the glorious beauty of the plains which offer breathtaking vistas that lift us above the moment. What each of us has available that can help "the loneliness, the pain and the grief depart" is prayer, and especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, before Our Lord. Adora-

tion allows us to take a break from the churning around us and to focus on the powerful presence of Christ. It allows us to let go from doing or worrying and allows Him to envelop us with his love.

I have been impressed with the number of confirmation candidates who in their letters to me mention how Eucharistic Adoration experienced at Discipleship Camp, or Search retreats or other forums has changed their lives. It may be in part because the rest of their days are filled with multi-tasking phones, ears plugged with music and multiple flashing signs advertising and tempting them. Before the Lord in adoration, whatever our age, these distractions are gone and we are in a way up on the mountain where the world God created is alive and His love is real.

Maria in the Sound of Music heard the monastery bells ring calling her back home. She ran down the hill refreshed and alive with the splendor of God. And so must we return to our real world. But we can also return to the mountain top of adoration whenever we choose. Resting in the presence of the Lord guides us to live moral lives, strengthens us to defend the faith, and offers perspective on what and who is really important.

As I look at the pressures in my own life today, it is clear that I need to climb the mountain top and enter into the presence of the Lord more often. For in Him is our hope; in Him we can be truly alive.

Perhaps you do too.

SCHEDULE

June

- 1 5:00 Confirmation, Immaculate Conception, Waubay and Christ the King, Webster in Webster
- 2 11:00 Confirmation, St. John, Castlewood, Holy Rosary, Kranzburg and Immaculate Conception, Watertown at Immaculate Conception
1:30 Confirmation, Holy Name, Watertown
- 3 Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, Lakeside Park, Big Stone City
- 4 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 8 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 10:00 100th Anniversary Mass, St. John the Baptist, Lesterville
- 10 Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, Lake Oahe, Pierre
- 11-14 USCCB Spring Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 15 11:00 Mass, Women's Conference, Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls
4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 22 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 23 10:00 Final Mass and Reception, Holy Trinity, Hosmer
- 24-25 Installation of Bishop Elect, Donald J. Hying, Madison, WI
- 29 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 30 10:30 Mass of Thanksgiving, Good Shepherd, Centerville

July

- 8 9:00 D-Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 9 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood

Safe environment commitment of the Diocese of Sioux Falls...

...in order to be effective in fulfilling the Church's mission to evangelize and to remain true to Christ's calling for us all, believes its ministries and institutions must be safe places for children and adults. The Diocese, therefore, pledges to preserve safe environments in all of its facilities and catechetical programs. Those clergy, religious, diocesan, parish and school employees, and volunteers who collectively carry out the Church's ministries, remain dedicated to fulfilling its pledge to protect those children entrusted to her for formation in the Catholic faith.

Aware that some who have ministered in the name of the Church have caused harm, the Diocese of Sioux Falls also pledges to assist any who may have been harmed. As a diocese, we desire to help individuals heal from injury that has been caused to them. If you or someone you know has been abused, regardless of who caused the harm, please contact us. We pledge to cooperate with civil authorities in any investigation and we pledge to do our best to help facilitate a process for healing. Whether the need is for counseling, an opportunity to tell your story or something else, as a diocese, we stand ready to assist.

Our chancellor or victim assistance coordinator can be reached toll free at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-334-9861. We will do our best to help.



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How to do the impossible

When I was in high school, my friend Roger and I got into an argument. It was an odd argument that took place over our lunch trays one obscure day. We were discussing television and I mentioned that on Saturday night, I had stopped watching “The Carol Burnett Show” in favor of “The Love Boat.”

That was the beginning of a heated discussion about which was the better show. Roger had long been a fan of “The Carol Burnett Show” (as was I), but I enjoyed “The Love Boat” and was rather passionate in my defense of its quality.

Frankly, Roger was right. I am actually embarrassed about my position, but I was in high school, so what did I know, and Roger always had a better sense of quality in the arts, as he still does. I was thinking about this the other day when I heard that Tim Conway had died.

Just hearing the news instantly took my mind to sitting on my parent’s couch and watching “The Carol Burnett Show.” I took a little time that afternoon by honoring him as I thought best, by watching some of the old videos of his comic genius and simply being grateful that this gift was a part of my life.

And let’s be honest, there are few things better than watching Tim Conway make Harvey Korman laugh; seriously, just watching the two of them makes me laugh every single time.

One of the tributes that were posted on Twitter as the news of his death spread was from a fellow comedian, who gave an interesting description of Tim Conway’s talent, he said his comedy was “effortless.” I had never thought about it that way, but reading the words, I knew they were true.

Now, it is obvious that he worked hard at his craft, spending time behind the scenes honing his talent, because that is what a person striving for greatness does. Because the talent was there, it never seemed as if he worked at being funny. He was funny, naturally, and we responded naturally to him because there was a sense that nothing made him happier than making others laugh, and that is enticing.

When a person is struggling to accomplish something, trying too hard and not being quite successful, it can be uncomfortable to watch. We can sense when someone is “acting,” and the performance suffers. When a person tries too hard, all a person watching can see is the

“trying.”

This is, perhaps, why calling Tim Conway’s performances “effortless” is such a compliment. All we had to do was sit back, enjoy and let a naturally funny man make us (and Harvey) laugh.

As Christians, we know that the Lord has given us a mission, things to do and ways to be in the world. Anyone who takes this mission seriously knows how difficult these mandates are, the call to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, to cherish the poor, and to love, above all to love. We are called, over and again, to love like the Father, liberally, without borders or hesitation; to love as Christ loves us.

A daunting challenge? Definitely. Impossible? Probably.

Yet, I do not think the Lord Jesus gave us these mandates just to enjoy watching us try to do the impossible. I think He gave these mandates because He expected us to do it.

What makes it possible for us to do the impossible? The gift of the Holy Spirit, poured over us, sealed within us, alive through us, this gracious gift we celebrate and renew each Pentecost is the great reminder that the Spirit does the impossible through us. It is not for us to simply struggle and strive and fail. It is for us to be alive to this gift and let it flow.

It does not take a person a long time to discern a person who is trying to live Christianity with their own power and abilities. Occasionally I will watch some news program and there will be a Christian invited on to talk about some relevant issue, and sometimes I simply stare at the screen in horror as the faith we love and brings us life is used to justify casual cruelty.

So much effort being exerted to wrap personal desires and cruelty in the mantle of Christianity can be painful to watch, and even harder to accept.

We know what Christianity is supposed to look like, sound like, act like. We know what the Lord has asked of us. No, it is not easy, but embracing the Spirit’s power within us, this power that is already there, we can find ourselves doing it; all we have to do is relax, embrace the truth of who we are and what we possess, and then it is always Pentecost.

“Without me you can do nothing,” He said to us; but with Him, we can do everything, even the impossible.

We can even do it, effortlessly.



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Officials

The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has decreed the following priest assignment changes effective July 10, 2019:

Reverend Timothy Cone to Parochial Vicar for St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls upon his anticipated ordination to the priesthood.

Reverend Brian Eckrich from Parochial Vicar for Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown to Parochial Vicar for Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Reverend Thomas Hartman from Parochial Vicar for St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls to Pastor for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Groton and St. Joseph Parish, Turton.

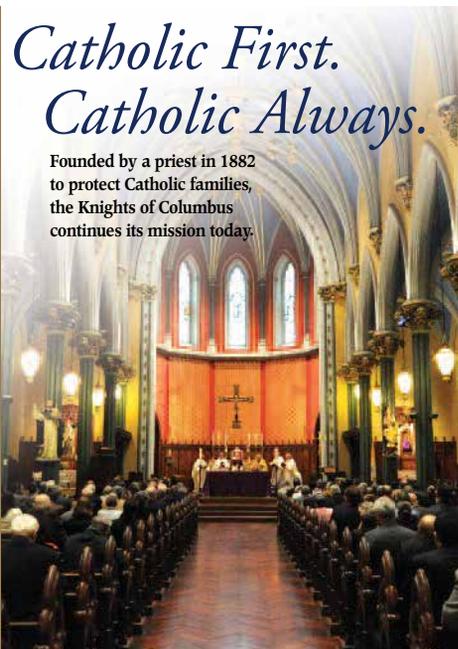
Reverend Joseph Scholten from Parochial Vicar for St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls to Parochial Vicar for Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Additional assignment changes are anticipated in future editions of The Bishop's Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,
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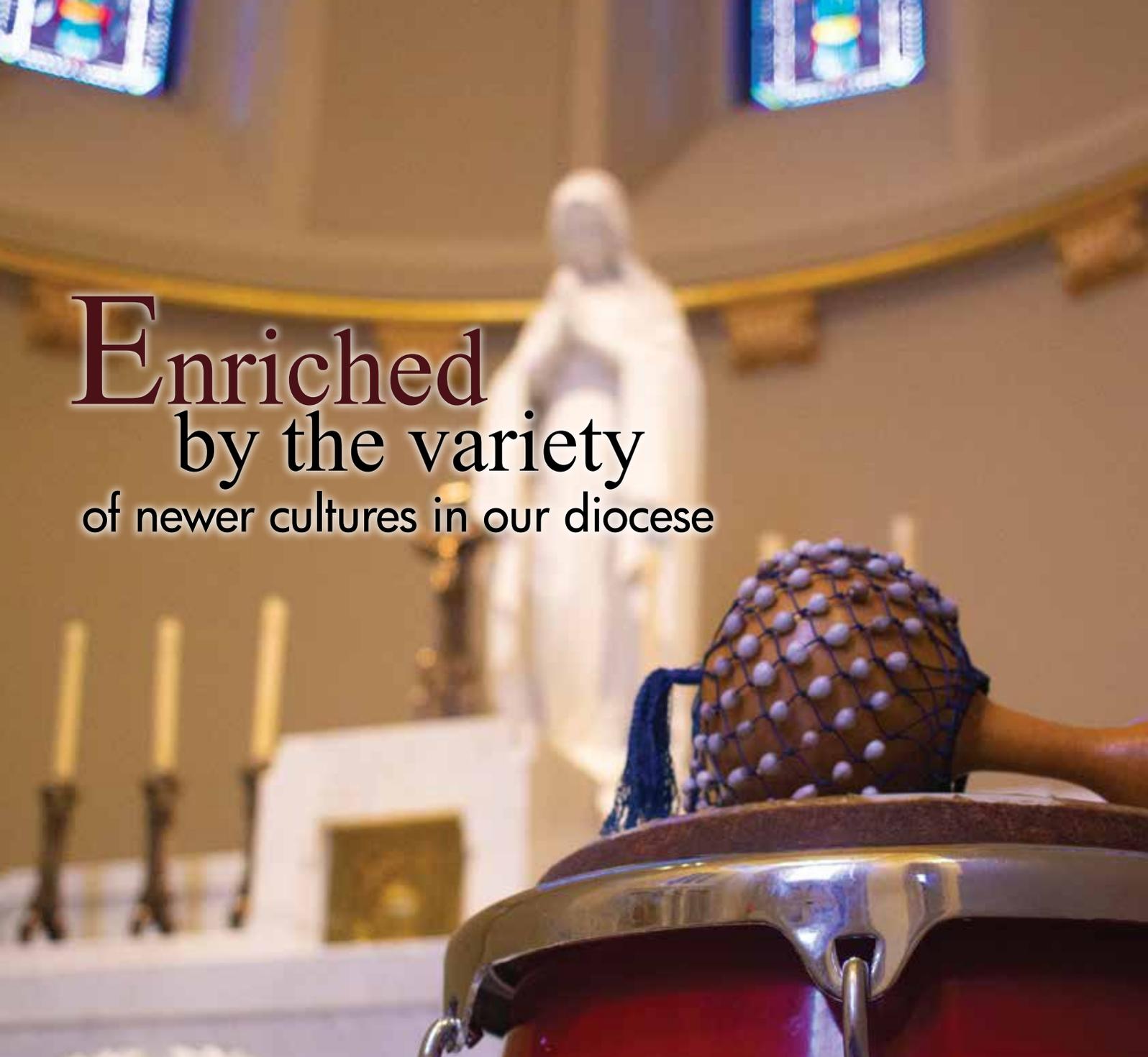


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Enriched by the variety of newer cultures in our diocese

THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DISPLAY

The more than 35,000 square miles east of the Missouri River in South Dakota have been inhabited by human beings for several thousand years. There was a long tradition of the Dakota people and their culture on these prairies. And in the last 150 years, cultures from various backgrounds, primarily European, came seeking opportunity, work and livelihood.

The same motive – seeking opportunity, work and livelihood - applies to a broad range of cultures newer to what is now the Diocese of Sioux Falls and they come from all parts of the world.

“We came to work,” said Xochitl Valencia, who with husband Victor have been here since the early 1980s. “We were young and saw opportunities,” she said. They have raised their family here, all six children attending Catholic school; the youngest will graduate from O’Gorman in two years.

If you want a sense of the universality of the Catholic faith, you can find it right here in the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

The list of Catholic communities who now live, work and worship in the Diocese of Sioux Falls is impressive. The list from the Cathedral of St. Joseph alone includes Sudanese, Eritrean (Kunaman), Burundi, Vietnamese, Hispanic and people from India,

the Philippines and elsewhere.

At Our Lady of Guadalupe, where the Valencias are members, there are Catholics who have moved here from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Cuba and other central and South American countries.

At St. Lambert, Sioux Falls, you will find Karenni from Burma, and at Holy Trinity, Huron you will find a community of Karen, also from Burma.

Scattered in parishes all across the diocese you will find families new to this part of the world who are here to escape persecution, who fled war or terror or who saw opportunities for their families.

It repeats a pattern laid down with the pioneers and the waves of immigrants from Ireland, Bohemia, Poland, Luxembourg, Germany, Scandinavia, and other countries where religious intolerance or the lack of opportunity forced people to look elsewhere.

Both the challenges and the joys faced by the newer cultures, whichever century they arrived here, are strikingly similar. Issues of language, loneliness, and loss from what and who they left behind, offset by the opportunity and faith in God that they are doing his will.

Chi Tran fled by boat, seeking to leave behind the Communist regime in Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975. He has been in Sioux Falls since 1980, part of a small but vibrant Vietnamese community who worships at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

While not dismissing the challenges, Tran said faith is a common denominator.

“Our Catholic tradition or faith are very much similar with the American culture,” he said.

“There are many challenges for example, the difficulty speaking and learning English, finding jobs, limited of transportation and

adapting to a new culture,” he said.

“We were born and raised as a Catholic in Vietnam; we always try to live the life according to God's will. Sometimes we fall short. But we believe that God will forgive us and we start over each day,” Tran said.

The long-running internal strife of Burma (now known as Myanmar), which includes religious and ethnic persecution, has meant hundreds of thousands of people have fled the country. Many still live in huge refugee camps in Thailand.

Sher Nay Khin and her family were among those who fled, but they ultimately were able to come to the United States. For the last 10 years, she and husband Doh Ko have been living in Huron, where a small Karen group settled because of work opportunities.

They are members at Holy Trinity, Huron and their son is in kindergarten at Holy Trinity School. They also have an 18-month-old daughter.

In addition to all the challenges of fleeing their homeland, spending time in a refugee camp and starting over multiple times, Sher Nay said “language and understanding people” are difficult.

But they are grateful for the parish “which helps us get through,” she said. “It’s good to be able to do for your son,” she said, noting how proud she and her husband are of him.

“After 10 years it is getting better,” she said.

Fr. Paul King, now pastor at St. George, Hartford, while associate pastor at St. Lambert, Sioux Falls worked with the Karenni. He said the parish welcomed them “and has supported them by donations of clothes, furniture, and also helped the families affected by two accidents as well as providing help in dealing with the insurance and legal issues after those accidents.

“A small group of parishioners helped families with purchasing cars or houses and in medical emergencies—helps in areas that are new to the families, are important and mean a great deal to them—letting them know that someone in the parish is there to help them navigate the hurdles or challenges. It could be something as simple as helping with bills or dealing with a car



DR. POORNIMA D'SOUZA
Parishioner of the Cathedral of
St. Joseph

breakdown to helping with looking for a house.

“Simple assistance with clothes or furniture donations especially for new families is deeply appreciated. These simple things are of great importance,” said Fr. King.

Dr. Poornima D’Souza has been on both sides – first as a newer arrival and now as one who assists those newer to the community. She and husband Felix, a software engineer, came to the United States through his job in the late 1990s, and to Sioux Falls for a job with Citibank in 2001.

“As regards to living here, integrating into the American society, and coping with cultural difference was a struggle,” she said.

“There were times when I was at an emotional low and wanted to return to the comfort of a loving family and familiar faces. But as time passed, I realized that out of uncomfortable situations comes the greatest learnings of life,” D’Souza said.

She pursued her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. She has been a liaison and parent educator for the Sioux Falls School District for 15 years, and is an

Adjunct Professor at Augustana University and Northwestern College teaching graduate online courses.

She has used her educational talents at the Cathedral helping newer families and communities. She and Felix help prepare all ages for sacraments, especially those getting ready for First Communion.

“Everyone has a duty to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to all. Each person is created for a particular purpose, and as Catholics, we all play a role in advancing the kingdom of God in this world. I am so privileged God has chosen me to be his instrument to teach religious education to the immigrant community in Sioux Falls,” D’Souza said.

“The Gospel exists for the entire world and the church is not confined to one culture or race or nationality and is the same Church in the United States as she is in India (the D’Souzas lived in Bangalore, India prior to coming to the U.S.).

“The Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites remain the same,” she said.

She points out that many of the same devotional practices that are popular in this

country are also popular in India. “Marian devotion on Saturdays and especially during the Nativity of our Blessed Virgin Mary draws hundreds of thousands of people from all faiths. Mother Mary is considered as a Universal Mother in India... Catholics in India also look to saints especially St. Joseph on Wednesdays and St. Anthony of Padua on Tuesdays for miracles, cures, and protection,” D’Souza said.

RELYING ON COMMUNITY

Earlier immigrants from Ireland or Bohemia and elsewhere tended to find each other, to create communities that offered support in the cultural adjustments, language and other daily struggles. Parishes across the diocese still proudly reflect this heritage as an acknowledgement of how important community was to their forerunners.

The same, where possible, is true today. Andrew Nyangamoi is a member of the Sudanese community and credits the connection of that community around St. Josephine Bakhita and the 4 p.m. Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

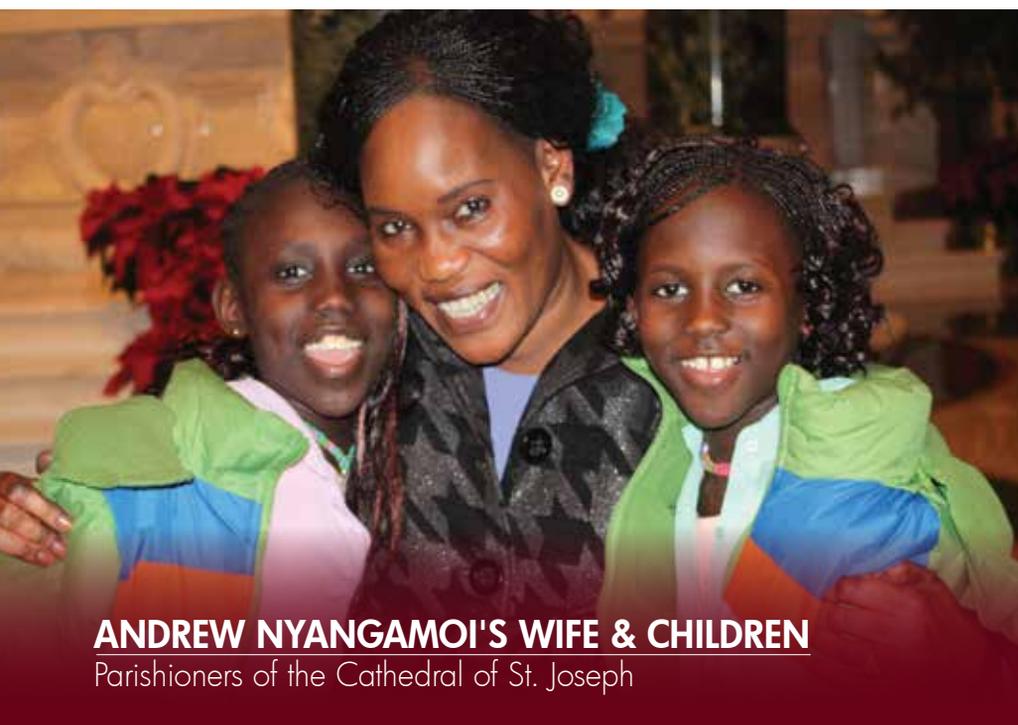
“The role that the Catholic faith played on us is allowing us to preserve our traditional practice and bringing up our children in Catholic faith,” he said.

“Bishop Robert Carlson (then bishop of Sioux Falls, now Archbishop of St. Louis) used to encourage us to celebrate East Festival, Christmas and Saint Bakhita in our African traditional way,” Nyangamoi said.

Now he finds himself as the more established member and has had to open his own heart to helping others who are newer.

“The big challenge that we have been facing is we are merged with other African ethnic group’s style of worship which are not much different than ours, like Kunama and Burundi.

“These groups are going through a lot of



ANDREW NYANGAMOI'S WIFE & CHILDREN

Parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Joseph

daily life challenges here in United States, unlike us who have been here 23 years. It is not easy for us to convince these but try to teach them how to be faithful, and it requires a big effort,” he said.

The creation of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in the mid-1990s “made such a difference,” said Valencia.

Before that, it was rare to find the Mass in Spanish, harder to encourage some of the traditional prayer and family practices that she and her husband grew up with in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Again, not unlike the Czech and Polish and German traditions carried on by generations of previous immigrants, Valencia was determined that her children would know both the customs she grew up with as well as the customs of the Church and culture here in South Dakota. The parish helped with both.

“There is community now and it is such a blessing. Our Lady of Guadalupe feeds what is most important,” she said. “My Catholic faith is everything to me. It is what I stand up for. My faith is what has directed me and cared for me, it’s what fills me with joy and blessings, has been the foundation of our family,” she said.

Now one of Valencia’s goals is to help others trust in where God is leading. Sometimes that means allowing ourselves to learn about others.

“The more we know the world of others, the better we will understand them and there is more possibility of assimilating each one as he is,” she said.

“And our world becomes wider and our priorities change. When we know more, we love more, making us free from fears,” Valencia said.

Chi Tran’s experience leads him to a similar view.



“We continue try to live and listen to God’s words. Love your neighbors, and forgive others. Always thankful of what you have in life and pray to God,” he said.

THE PASTOR PERSPECTIVE

Pastors of parishes with new cultures willingly share about the positive impact on their communities and on them personally.

Fr. Kristopher Cowles said his own experience learning Spanish continues to be instructive to his work as pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

“I never would have realized how difficult this was for them had I not been sent to Mexico to learn Spanish,” he said.

“While I could understand much of what was spoken to me, I often was unable to communicate the simplest needs to my host family, the other priests, or even my teachers.”

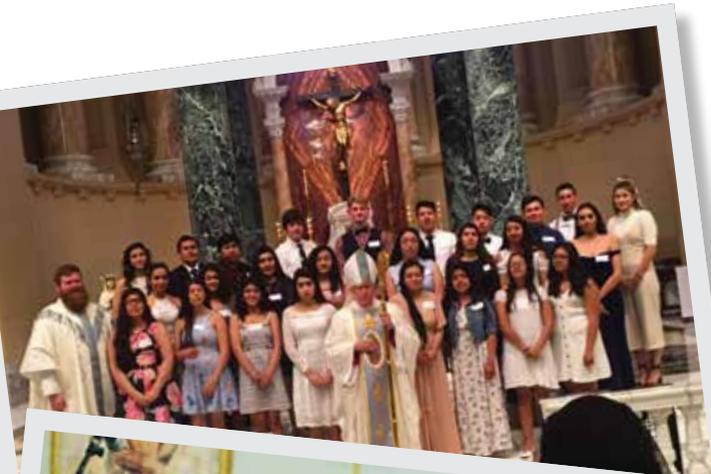
“Many of my parishioners who have come from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico left the majority of their families in their countries of origin, and for some of them, they know that they will never see them again.

“When relatives and friends die, they are unable to be present and also are unable to be there for their last moments of life on this earth. The loss they feel is intense,” said Fr. Cowles.

“While so many of them were considered successful doctors or teachers in their home country, here due to the need for further training or the inability to transfer their licenses, are relegated to jobs which are unfitting for their education.

And regarding language, “while many of my parishioners are fluent in both Spanish and English, the majority of the adults do not feel comfortable speaking English even though they have studied or have been surrounded by the language constantly. It can be easy to remain around others who speak the same language as you and because of this, many Latinos never truly master English. While they would like to learn, they are busy working 8-12 hours a day and simply do not have the energy at the end of the day to work on another language,” he said.

Because faith is such a uniting factor in the lives of these newer communities, Fr. James Morgan talked about the challenge of sacramental records as he works with people at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.



FR. KRISTOPHER COWLES

Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

“Most of the East African immigrants have spent time in refugee camps from 6 to 8 years, where baptisms, First Communions, and other sacraments took place,” said Fr. Morgan.

“In almost every situation, every ethnic group left their native country because of catastrophic situations, usually involving violence and oppression. The Kunamas were leaving their country (Eritrea) at a rate of 5,000 people a month at one point because of a despotic leader; the Sudanese because of ongoing tribal/religious war; the Vietnamese because of the communist takeover.

“These conditions engendered a

protectionist attitude once they arrived to America, which is helpful to them because it keeps them together as a community, but can be a detriment to true assimilation.

“Yet it’s a beautiful thing to see, for example, when the Kunaman community meets after the Bakhita Mass for bible study, and there are 30 to 40 adults, learning their Catholic faith in their native language, only because their English is not very good at this point.

“It is both poignant and fulfilling for a pastor to witness this,” Fr. Morgan said. “They need to keep their own traditions and customs alive as a part of their identity. Irish, Czechs, Germans – assimilated in their own way on their own terms many times without losing their identity. The same holds true for the new immigrants as it did for the old immigrants.”

The pastors note the universality of the Catholic faith that is present to their parishes in a different way.

“For the Cathedral having this variety speaks to the universality of the Church, and is especially meaningful at the Mother Church of the diocese,” said Fr. Morgan.

“The world as we know it is changing. It also gives parishioners a global perspective of the world outside of Sioux Falls. They bring a very deep-rooted faith due to their circumstances that is inspiring for people of the parish

“They also bring with them life experiences that make us thankful for what we have,”

he said. “We have lived in an era of relative peace. Many of these people have survived persecution, violence, oppression.

“The beauty of Catholicism, celebrating the Holy Eucharist together, is it brings us all together under the umbrella of the Church. Catholic worship transcends these perceived (and real) distinctions,” said Fr. Morgan.

Our commonly held faith “is essential as it gives a bedrock to each person that transcends where we live and allows each person to maintain an even keel even if they are uprooted by personal or political events,” said Fr. King.

“The Burmese families have this faith and that has allowed them to keep strong throughout the traumatic years of the civil war in their home regions which led to their displacement, their time in refugee camps in Thailand, and their moving to the United States,” he said.

Fr. Cowles points out that though we hold the faith in common, there are different expressions of it.

“Not every country or culture prays and worships in the same way. Each expression is rich with meaning,” he said.

“The faith within some of these cultures is so profound that it inspires others to grow in their faith, just as it challenges me to be a better priest.

“This may sound like I am speaking from my stomach, but every culture brings their own cuisine, allowing us to enjoy different flavors from multiple countries at celebrations and parish gatherings,” said Fr. Cowles.

“Different cultures were catechized in different manners, many by games or dramas. I have come to find that piñatas for instance, represent the seven deadly sins and when you destroy them, you are destroying sin but also tasting the

sweetness of having achieved virtue (the candy),” he said.

The pastors also speak to their own spiritual growth as they work with these newer communities.

“While every parish has challenged me to become a better priest, in a very particular way, because everything is new or different, I have had to grow, asking God for strength to be open-minded, patient, and joyful in my ministerial role,” said Fr. Cowles.

“They have increased my reverence and love for the Eucharist reminding me that I must be in God’s grace to receive the sacrament. They have also deepened my sense that marriage is a wonderful bond that you must enter into with a true commitment. They have reminded me that not just at times of sacraments, but other moments in life are meant to be celebrated in the faith - presentations at 3 years old, quinceañeras - celebrations of 15 years of life, and other events,” he said.

Fr. Morgan speaks of sometimes feeling more like a missionary than a diocesan priest, and is inspired by it.

“More often than not, my faith has been inspired by their love for the Church, their gratitude for being able to worship freely, their incredible devotion and deep prayer life,” he said.

“For many of them, Sunday is not a day where we give an hour to God, for them, you give the whole day to God. The liturgies are particularly inspiring. There is a particular joy to the Bakhita celebrations by virtue of their traditions and customs. Mass is in English, but the music can be in Arabic, Swahili and Kunaman.

“You get a sense that they know God...they have a real relationship with Jesus. They have a particular devotion to Our Blessed Mother which is edifying,” he said.

WELCOMING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

What is the call to each Catholic in the Diocese of Sioux Falls with regard to the newer members?

“The people I minister to are good, hard-working, devout, faithful, Catholics who want to be accepted for who they are but certainly want to fit in as good citizens and good practicing Catholics,” said Fr. Morgan.

“They want their children to grow up with a chance in life, and they want them to know and embrace their Catholic faith. They want to embrace the values of American culture that contribute to their moral good, and avoid those aspects of American culture that they see as disrespectful and degrading. They want their children to be contributing members of society, without losing their faith to the trappings of materialism and popular fads.

“They are no different from our ancestors in that they want a chance at a new life in this country, and the freedom to practice their religion without being persecuted for it. They don’t want to be looked upon as 'specimens' because they dress in their traditional attire; but looked upon as true Americans and Catholics who add to the beauty of the Church Universal,” he said.

Adds Fr. Cowles, “do not be afraid of the cultural influx. America has always been a conglomeration of different cultures and identities.



FR. JAMES MORGAN
Rector of the Cathedral of
St. Joseph

“The movement of many cultures isn’t undermining our American identity but actually reminding us of our immigrant roots. Nearly all of us are children of immigrants. When we forget that, we forget who we are. They are not usurping jobs and forcing us to change but bringing new wine to old wine skins. We just need to learn how to flex in our old wine-skins,” he said.

I remember pulling on my lime green wellies and trekking across town in perhaps the worst blizzard of my lifetime.

Even if five people can make it, I prayed, all this work will have been worth it. I arrived at the women's conference venue to discover no less than 20 men - fathers, brothers and husbands - hard at work with shovels, setting tables, and drying the snow covered floor.

Slowly, women began to arrive and I delighted when I counted the five I prayed for. But then, six, then 60, and then 300 scurried into the warmth. The joy in the room was palpable and electric.

Women from all stages and all walks of life greeted each other warmly, found a hot cup of coffee and waited anxiously for what God had in store for their heart that day.

Halfway through the conference, a young woman approached me. I knew her and her story and was acutely aware of the tremendous grief of miscarriage and infertility that had plagued her life over the last year. Yet, she approached me with a bountiful smile. "I can't tell you how much I've been anticipating this day. I knew God had something for me today and He has not disappointed. I spent the morning in the Adoration Chapel set up for us here. And God spent the morning consoling my heart, showing me His faithfulness and letting me sit on His lap. I missed the keynote. But that's exactly where He wanted me."

By the end of the day, it was clear that God had done something even greater than we imagined and I was overwhelmed at the site of it all when I was approached once more, this time by an elderly woman. She grabbed my hands in hers, a clear indicator that she had something important to say and I instinctively knew it would be wise.

She had a knowing smile and the most gracious sparkle in her eye, "We have been waiting for this for 50 years. Thank you."

As humans, we have a deep ache to be known and loved. We wrestle with the question of who we are and what we're made for. And even when we have found the answer, we often need to be reminded, encouraged and supported as we seek to stay rooted in that truth. The answers to these deep questions can only be found in Jesus Christ, revealed most perfectly in and through His Church.

A woman on a popular social media account recently shared that it was precisely because of the Church's teachings on women and the feminine genius that she became Catholic. Countless women commented expressing that they, too, found great freedom and abundance of life when they embraced their God-given identity as beloved daughters.

Perhaps that is why the young woman and elderly woman who approached me last year left such a lasting impression upon me. They were waiting for an opportunity to be reminded of an identity they had already discovered and amidst their seeking, in the presence of sisterhood, God revealed Himself in abundance.

Well, women of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, you need not wait any longer. Whether you're asking the big questions, or could simply use the reminder and encouragement in the trenches of everyday life, we are confident that Beloved: A Women's Conference will have something for you.

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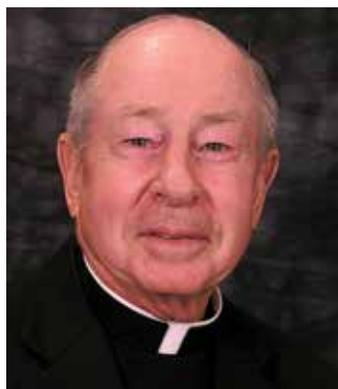
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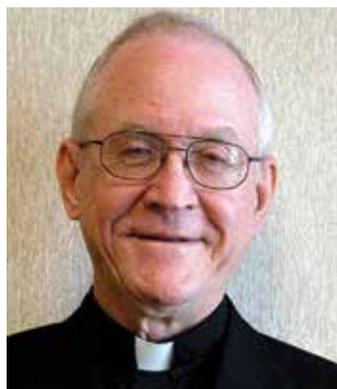
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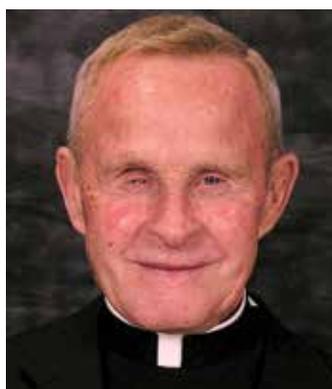
Msgr. James Andraschko

Monsignor James Andraschko grew up in Watertown. He was ordained in 1959. Msgr. Andraschko was founding pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, in 1988. He retired in 2005 and lives in Sioux Falls.



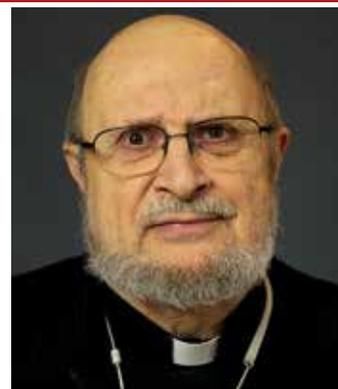
Rev. Bernard Rosinski

Father Bernard Rosinski, SCJ, was born in Detroit, MI. He made his profession of vows in the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1952 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1959. He retired in 2011 and lives in Chamberlain.



Rev. Roger Geditz

Father Roger Geditz is a native of Ipswich. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1969 by Bishop Lambert Hoch. Father Geditz retired in 2003 and now resides in Geddes.



Rev. John Rasmussen

Father John Rasmussen was born in southern Nebraska and was ordained for the Diocese of Lincoln in 1969. In 1980, he came to the Diocese of Sioux Falls and is now retired and living in Elk Point.

25 Years



Rev. A.W. Ramos

Father A. W. Ramos is a priest of the diocese ordained in 1994. He served in the prison chaplaincy ministry for the diocese until his retirement from active ministry in 2018.

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75th Jubilee



Sr. Mary Pius Gutoski, PBVM
Sister Mary Pius Gutoski, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 75th jubilee. For over 20 years Sister Mary Pius shared her love of learning with students in elementary schools in South Dakota and Minnesota. Her education journey continued to Flint, MI, where, for the next 22 years, she encouraged and inspired students in inner city schools. Sister is currently engaged in prayer ministry in Linden, MI.

70th Jubilees



Sr. Suzanne Cotter, PBVM
Sister Suzanne Cotter, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 70th jubilee. Sister Suzanne shared her smile and zest for life with students in South Dakota Catholic Schools for over 45 years. She also ministered in Mission Effectiveness for (Avera) Presentation Health System and as a pastoral and education associate in Sioux Falls for ten years. Now retired, Sister resides in Sioux Falls and is active in prayer ministry.



Sr. Vianney Mannie, PBVM
Sister Vianney Mannie, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 70th jubilee. For over 37 years, Sister Vianney served as a principal and educator in schools across SD, MN, and MT. Her service continued as director of Religious Education at St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, and then director of the Learning Resource Center at National American University in Sioux Falls. Now retired, she serves in prayer and part-time ministry in Sioux Falls.



Sr. Helen Jean Washtoak, PBVM
Sister Helen Jean Washtoak, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 70th jubilee. Sister Helen Jean served as an educator, principal and coordinator of religious education in schools and parishes throughout SD and MN for over 35 years. She also ministered in pastoral care at the Aberdeen Living Center and volunteered at Avera St. Luke's. Now retired, Sister Helen Jean continues in prayer ministry at Presentation Convent in Aberdeen.

70th Jubilees



Sr. Michelle Meyers, PBVM
Sister Michelle Meyers, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 70th jubilee. Sister Michelle has served over 60 years in education ministry at the junior high, high school and college level in cities throughout SD and MN. She continues her advocacy for women and prayers/actions in social justice and peacemaking ministries.



Sr. Mary Jane Gaspar, PBVM
Sister Mary Jane Gaspar, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 70th jubilee. During almost 40 years in education, Sister Mary taught and served as a principal in elementary schools, was elected to serve on the congregational leadership team and ministered as director of Religious Education at Sioux Falls parishes. Currently she is engaged in prayer ministry at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen.



Sr. Kay O'Neil, PBVM
Sister Kay O'Neil, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. Sister Kay has been an educator, author, speaker, counselor, campus minister, retreat director and witness of the Gospel to thousands of people. Dedicated to advocating for peace and nonviolent solutions, she works with Pax Christi groups throughout the area to educate and inspire others on social justice issues.



Sr. Pat Prunty, PBVM
Sister Pat Prunty, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. Sister Pat served as an educator in cities throughout SD and MT for 15 years. She served in pastoral and parish ministry on the Lakota reservations for 12 years and then in chaplaincy at Avera St. Luke's until her recent retirement. Currently she assists her community and serves on their Justice Commission.

60th Jubilees

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60th Jubilees



Sr. Elaine Garry, PBVM
Sister Elaine Garry, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. Sister Elaine taught for almost five decades in elementary schools throughout the region, to Presentation College, Aberdeen. She continued sharing her gifts as a spiritual director and is currently the pastoral associate at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, Brookings.



Sr. Mary Lou Geraets, PBVM
Sister Mary Lou Geraets, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. She taught in elementary schools for 22 years and served in the Student Services Center at Presentation College and in spiritual care in long-term care facilities. Currently she is cantor/song leader for liturgies at Presentation Convent and companion with senior Sisters.



Sr. Donna Brown, PBVM
Sister Donna Brown, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. She has served in a variety of ministries of growth and healing for over 60 years from dorm supervisor at Presentation Children's Home, Sioux Falls, to assisting in recreational therapy, an administrator at Avera Mother Joseph Manor and to holistic massage therapy.



Sr. Darlene Gutenkauf, PBVM
Sister Darlene Gutenkauf, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. For 18 years, she taught in schools in SD, MN and IA. She also served as the Sisters' Vocation Director and Director of Cojourners. She also worked with pastoral teams in rural SD and MN parishes for 20 years. Sister Darlene is retired and living in Aberdeen.



Sr. Joyce Meyer, PBVM
Sister Joyce Meyer, a Presentation Sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. Sister Joyce began her ministry as an educator in SD and MN. She worked as a spiritual director in CA before serving as lecturer, dean of students and spiritual director in Zambia, Africa. She was elected to congregational leadership, serving eight years as president. She is currently on the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Board and an International Liaison/Writer for Global Sisters Report.



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80th Jubilee



Sister Wilma Lyle, OSB
Sister Wilma Lyle, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 80th jubilee. Sister Wilma served as teacher, leader in the community, and worker of charity in the Church.

75th Jubilee



Sister Jane Frances Garcia, OSB
Sister Jane Frances Garcia, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 75th jubilee. Sister Jane Frances was a founding member of the Watertown community, did missionary work, nursing, and taught religious education and pastoral care in parishes, nursing homes and jails.

70th Jubilee



Sister Kevin Irwin, OSB
Sister Kevin Irwin, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 70th jubilee. Sister Kevin served in elementary, high school and college teaching, parish organizer and choir director, counselor, and team member for various ministries.

60th Jubilee



Sister Paulette Larsen, OSB
Sister Paulette Larsen, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 60th jubilee. Sister Paulette ministered as a registered nurse in Parkston, Tyndall and Yankton; Lincoln, NE and Canon City, CO and also does massage therapy with the sisters.

50th Jubilees



Sister Mary Kay Panowicz, OSB
Sister Mary Kay Panowicz, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 50th jubilee on June 15. Sister Mary Kay currently ministers in the monastery as procurator (business manager and treasurer).



Sister Barbara McTague, OSB
Sister Barbara McTague, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 50th jubilee on June 15. Sister Barbara is at St. Mary Parish in Sioux Falls doing Outreach.



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<p>Aug 20: I Surrender - directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer</p>	<p>Sept 17: TBA - directed by Fr. Tom Anderson</p>
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SPECIAL RETREATS

<p>Aug 2-4: Marian Retreat - directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer</p> <p>Oct 11-13: Inner Healing Retreat - directed by Mike Snyder & Jane Barz</p>	<p>Oct 20-24: Fall Priest Retreat - directed by Fr. James Steffes</p> <p>Dec 6-8: Couples Retreat - directed by Fr. John Rutten</p>
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50th Jubilees



Sister Patricia Ann Toscano, OSB
Sister Patricia Ann Toscano, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 50th jubilee on June 15. Sister Patricia Ann continues as director of liturgical music at the monastery, along with teaching private piano lessons and Music Methods Class Mount Martyr College.

25th Jubilees



Sister Francine Streff, OSB
Sister Francine Streff, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 25th jubilee on July 27. Sister Francine currently ministers in the monastery as gift shop manager.



Sister Erin Colgan, OSB
Sister Erin Colgan, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will celebrate her 25th jubilee on July 27. Sister Erin currently ministers in the monastery business office and gift shop.

Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament 25 Years



Sister Maria Elena Ramos, AP
Sister Maria Elena Ramos is a member of the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, Sioux Falls. She celebrated her 25th jubilee on April 30. Sister Maria Elena's current ministry is serving at Mater Ecclesiae Monastery as Novice mistress.

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Sioux Falls Catholic Schools change name to Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools

The Sioux Falls Catholic Schools will now be known under a new name, Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools.

Students from 20 different communities attend schools within the Catholic schools system, which was formed in 1991.



“This name change will send a message to students and families from outside of Sioux Falls that we welcome all students interested in a quality, faith-based education,” said Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools president Kyle Groos. “You don’t have to live in Sioux Falls to attend one of our schools.”

Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools includes six elementary schools for grades preschool-6th, one centralized junior high

(grades 7-8) and one high school (grades 9-12).

“We also feel this change will enhance our students’ and families’ understanding that they are part of a larger school system,” said Groos.

Approximately 2,600 students from 1,500 families attend the eight schools within the Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools System.

Cathedral of Saint Joseph celebrates centennial



The Cathedral of St. Joseph celebrated the centennial of its dedication earlier in the spring. The centennial events included a presentation on the restoration of the Cathedral that featured Duncan Stroik, lead architect of the Cathedral restoration (pictured above), an archive display, a historical presentation and celebration of the 100th anniversary Mass. (Photo by Phil Eisenberg, Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish, Sioux Falls)

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ABERDEEN – Mike and Kathryn O'Brien will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 21. They have 2 children and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Keith and Cheryl Schurr will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 23. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Tim and Eileen Nikolas will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 14. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Dave and Betty Weber will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 27. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Douglas and Rhoda Berkley will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 22. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Doug and Marcia Sturma will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 29. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Mike and Edie Mattern will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 24. They have 2 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ALEXANDRIA – Jerome and Judy Hoffmann will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 3. They have 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary of Mercy Parish.



BERESFORD – Kenneth and Betty Kaltenbach will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 15. They have 7 children, 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



BRANDON – Mark and Carla Gross will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 16. They have 3 children and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



CANTON – Mike and Sherry Kezar will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 14. They have 5 children, 20 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Dominic Parish.



CENTERVILLE – James and Gloria Adamson will celebrate their 69th anniversary on June 15. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and are members of Good Shepherd Parish.



ELK POINT – Tom and Kathy Sandau will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 28. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



GARRETSON – Deacon Donald and Ruth Wagner will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 28. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



GROTON – Robert and Theresa Schuring will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 20. They have 8 children, 29 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.



HARTFORD – Gerald and Lisa Dvorak will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 9. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. George Parish.



HOVEN – Bob and Mary Keller will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 21. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



HURON – Scott and Tammy Slepikas will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 15. They have 3 children and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



MILBANK – Dorrell and Jeanne Pelkey will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 11. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MILLER – Mike and Rita Beaner will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 7. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.

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MITCHELL – John and Teresa Sullivan will celebrate their 45th anniversary on June 7. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MOBRIDGE – Dick and Loretta Leonard will celebrate their 68th anniversary on June 11. They have 9 children (1 deceased), 24 grandchildren (1 deceased), 46 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



PARKSTON – Linus and Dorothy Schmidt will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 5. They have 7 children, 24 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



PARKSTON – Marvin and Eunice Welch will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 15. They have 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ROSHOLT – Albert and Marciel Braun will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 30. They have 6 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



SALEM – Dale and Shirley Weber will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 30. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Gene and Sarah Young will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 2 and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Don and Alice Blumhoff will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 25. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Verle and Evelyn Conner will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 6. They have 4 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Keith and Toni Halverson celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 10. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Rose Mary Rogers will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 13. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Julius and Marian Schultz will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 7. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ray and Connie Luke will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 2. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Greg and Denise Branaugh will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 2. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ken and Renee Keiser will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 17. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



TEA – Darrin and Sandy Tate will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 4. They have 2 children and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



WAGNER – Robert and Lisa Durham will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 2. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



WAGNER – John and Monica Soukup will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 8. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



WATERTOWN – Irv and Pat Lonneman celebrated their 50th anniversary on Apr. 19. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Bob and Susie Faehn will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 16. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

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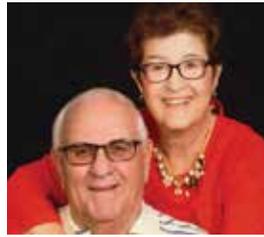
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WATERTOWN – Scott and Karla Dage will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 17. They have 5 children and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Arvis and Doretta Raml will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 8. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



YANKTON – Bud and Mary Jo Schneider will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 2. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON – Larry and Irene Hames will celebrate their 55th anniversary on June 29. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

Anniversary Submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by June 14 for inclusion in the July 2019 edition to: The Bishop's Bulletin 523 North Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or e-mail to: rkranz@sfcatholic.org.

Sister Rosalie Sitzmann

Sister Rosalie Sitzmann, OSB, a sister of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown, died on April 22.

She was 97.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 25 at the Mother of God Monastery in Watertown.

Interment followed at the Mother of God Monastery Cemetery.

Born Rose Georgene, in Kingsley, IA, on July 29, 1921, Sister Rosalie was one of thirteen children of George and Mary (Carel) Sitzmann.

Sister Rosalie graduated from Mount Marty High School, Yankton, in the spring of 1938 at the age of sixteen, entering



Sr. Rosalie Sitzmann, OSB Sacred Heart Convent, in Yankton in 1939.

She made her first monastic profession on June 24, 1941.

In 1961, Sister Rosalie joined 136 other religious women from the Sacred Heart Benedictines to become a founding member of Mother of God Priory in Pierre.

She was elected the second prioress of Mother

of God Priory in 1962, serving until 1967.

Sister Rosalie received her Registered Nurse diploma from Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in 1944 and a BSN from the College of St. Teresa in 1945.

In the early 1980's, Sister Rosalie entered a chaplaincy program, becoming certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and the College of Chaplains.

She was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings.

Seven of the nine daughters entered religious life and two of the three sons became Benedictine priests at Conception Abbey, MO.

BISHOP HOCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Diocese of Sioux Falls awards seven \$1,000 scholarships per year to enable a student to attend either Mount Marty College in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen.

The scholarships are available to new students, students already in college and non-traditional students interested in attending or already attending Mount Marty and Presentation Colleges.

Attending Mount Marty College:

Josslyn Erickson, St. Agatha Parish, Howard; Brookings Huron Deanery
Kassandra Gooley, St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls Deanery
Kylee Bulick, St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls Deanery
Alexandra Healy, St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls Deanery
Margaret Barnett, St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner; Yankton Deanery
Cassie Anna Hohrman, Holy Family Parish, Mitchell; Mitchell Deanery

Attending Presentation College:

Josephyne Clemens, All Saints Parish, Mellette; Aberdeen/Pierre Deanery

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Celebration set to honor Fr. Roger Geditz Sunday, June 2 - Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich, will host a reception for Father Roger Geditz on Sunday in the Father Bormann Hall from 2-4 p.m. Father Geditz is a native of Ipswich and was ordained a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 29, 1969. Correspondence may be sent to P.O. Box 496, Ipswich, SD 57451.

Recitation of the rosary planned Friday, June 7 - The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary is recited for the faithful departed each First Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Centennial set at Lesterville parish Sunday, June 9 - St. John the Baptist Church, Lesterville will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday. The day will include Mass at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Paul Swain, a meal, and a sale of cookbooks and other memorabilia.

Celebration set for Fr. John Rasmussen Sunday, June 16 - Father John Rasmussen will be honored with an open house to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The event will be held at St. Joseph Church, 605 E. Main St., Elk Point from 2-4 p.m. Cards can be sent to Fr. John at P.O. Box 456, Elk Point, SD 57025.

St. Thomas School, Madison, celebrating 90 years of education Sunday, June 23 - St. Thomas School in Madison is celebrating 90 years of education. The building was built in 1928 with classes beginning in January of 1929. All St. Thomas alumni are invited to a special day to commemorate this event. The day will begin with the 10 a.m. Mass offered for all St. Thomas alumni, followed by a tour of the school and lunch served in the school gym.

Sacred Arts Series concert set Saturday, June 29 - The Sacred Arts Series will host Transept with "Venetian Glory." The concert closes the season. Experience the majesty and splendor of Venice as voices and period instruments combine, including works for multiple choirs written for St. Mark's Basilica and its famous choir lofts. Tickets for the performance are \$25 or \$5. You can find out more about the Sacred Arts Series online at www.stjosephcathedral.net/sas/.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement hosting summer conference July 19-20 - "Experience the healing love of God" is the title of the Yahweh Shalom Conference in Yankton set for July 19 and 20; Father Richard McAlear will be addressing the conference on "Forgiveness and Mercy." The annual summer conference begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 9 p.m. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. For more information or to

register go to www.ajoyfulshout.com, call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or email at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net.

Sioux Falls parish hosting rummage sale July 19-21 - St. Lambert Parish, East 16th and Bahnson, Sioux Falls, will host its Rummage, Book and Bake Sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hours are Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch served Friday and Saturday.

Search for Christian Maturity retreat set Aug. 9-11 - Located at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls, the retreat is a student led, Roman Catholic program featuring talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession, and celebration of Holy Mass. A priest serves as spiritual director on the weekend. All high school and college age students and adults are welcome. Contact 605-371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com or www.siouxfallssearch.org for more information.

Pax Christi Southeastern SD to meet Saturday, September 14 - Pax Christi Southeastern SD meeting is set for 1-3 p.m. at Caminando Juntos, 617 E. 7th St., Sioux Falls. Contact Sister Pegge at 274-3735.

Applicants for permanent diaconate being accepted
Men of the Diocese of Sioux Falls are being invited to consider becoming a deacon. If you are thinking that God may be calling you to a deeper life of service to His Church and His people, you can apply for the next diaconate class being organized now. The diocese is accepting applications for a formation class that will begin in the fall of 2020. Contact your pastor or Deacon John Devlin if you would like to discuss this in more detail. You can call 605-988-3715 or dcnjohndevlin@sfcatholic.org.

Catholic Family Services

- June 4-July 16/Grieving the Loss From Homicide is a six week program held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30.
- Presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, this is a program for adults who have lost a loved one from the tragic crime of murder.
- Located at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. To register or questions please call 605-988-3775 or e-mail at cfs@sfcatholic.org
- July 30-Sept. 3/Grieving the loss of a spouse will be offered on six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss.
- Non-denominational and the cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Vocations office

- June 5-7/JP II Vocations camp being offered at Abbey of the Hills, Marvin; Father Shaun Haggerty, Father Jordan Samson and seminarians will lead the camp; the camp is for men 12-16 years of age; cost is \$200 and more information is available at www.sfvocations.com.
- July 28-Aug. 3/JP II Vocation Expedition returns with all things new; the expedition will be to the Rocky Mountains near Lander, WY. More information is available at www.sfvocations.com.

Mother of God Monastery

- Aug. 11-17 and beyond - The Journey into Spiritual Growth, a nine month program using the Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be offered at Mother of God Monastery, Watertown. For anyone desiring a renewed relationship with God and a greater prayer life, please consider this program. In addition to the retreat, there is a weekly guided program of prayer until the closing in May, 2020. For more information contact Sister Emily Meisel at sisteremily@hotmail.com or 605-886-4181.

Sacred Heart Monastery

- Residential Volunteer Program/Sacred Heart Monastery being offered for single females 21 years and older with no dependents who desire an exciting adventure while discovering direction and focus in one's life. The duration is three months to one year. Volunteer ministries include: gardening, receptionist, cleaning, dishes, assistance in the Gift Shop, kitchen, bakery, film library, and Care Center Activities, etc. Cost: one will provide for own financial, medical and personal needs. A stipend is included. For more details visit <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/who-we-are/residential-volunteer-program/> or call 605-760-2741.



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