Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina to Visit the Archdiocese of San Francisco

The relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina will be at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Parish (Sausalito) of the Archdiocese of San Francisco for veneration on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

During his religious life, Padre Pio was a much sought after confessor, renowned as a mystic with miraculous powers of healing and knowledge. He is most revered for having borne in his body the stigmata of Christ, which are wounds that correspond to the five wounds that Jesus suffered in the crucifixion. Padre Pio bore the stigmata for fifty years, from 1918 to his death in 1968. Upon his passing, the wounds completely disappeared. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 2002.

Church Breaks Ground On Long-Awaited Building in American Canyon

July 18 Maria Sestito Napanews.com

After 24 years of holding mass in schools, gymnasiums and other rented spaces, Holy Family Catholic Church in American Canyon is finally getting its own house of worship.

A well-attended groundbreaking at the site off Antonina Avenue, behind the church’s current location in a commercial building on the same street, took place on Saturday.

“I am thrilled,” American Canyon resident Terry (see American Canyon, page 4)

Santa Rosa Street Evangelization

Recently in downtown Santa Rosa, Young Adults from the St. Paul Street Evangelization team exemplified evangelical charity when their information table was set up next to the Planned Parenthood table. Here is their first-hand account of how they responded.

By the St. Paul Street Evangelization Team

The city of Santa Rosa intentionally created a public square and hosts a Wednesday Night Market event over the summer, it’s a hybrid of farmer’s market and outdoor music festival. Our St. Paul Street Evangelization team, comprised of our diocese young adult group, was only on our second night when Planned Parenthood was station next to us.

Ian Parelius (red shirt) and I were setting up when we realized that condoms would be handed out right next to rosaries. We struck up a polite conversation with Elis ("proud shirt") when we needed to borrow scissors to cut zip ties off the rosaries. We (see Street Evangelization, page 4)
“Communion Services” in the Absence of a Priest

I use my space in the North Coast Catholic this month to communicate to all the people of God a Directive already shared with the priests of the Diocese regarding “Communion Services”. In the Instruction on the Eucharist issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments on March 25, 2004, we read:

165. It is necessary to avoid any sort of confusion between this type of gathering (Communion Service without Mass) and the celebration of the Eucharist. The diocesan Bishops, therefore, should prudently discern whether Holy Communion ought to be distributed in these gatherings.

166. Likewise, especially if Holy Communion is distributed during such celebrations, the diocesan Bishop to whose exclusive competence this matter pertains, must not easily grant permission for such celebrations to be held on weekdays, especially in places where it was possible or would be possible to have the celebration of Mass on the preceding or the following Sunday. Priests are therefore earnestly requested to celebrate Mass daily for the people in one of the churches entrusted to their care.

It has become common in a number of Parishes and Institutions in the Diocese of Santa Rosa for Deacons and Laity to hold Communion Services in the Absence of a Priest on both Sundays and weekdays whenever a priest is not available for the celebration of Holy Mass. Often these Services are held on scheduled days, sometimes weekly, sometimes several times each week. The practice, while popular, is not consistent with the Instructions from the Holy See, cited above. Our respect for the Most Holy Eucharist requires that we take very seriously the Directives of the Church. Opinions about what should be done in our Parishes will certainly vary but what surrounds the Eucharist demands of us a deep fidelity to the Church and her Instructions.

Therefore, I have explained to the priests of the Diocese that the following is to be observed:

1) As a general policy, Communion Services instead of Mass are not allowed either on Sundays or on weekdays. Those who have been asked to do them in the past may no longer do so.

2) Information about the times for Masses at nearby Parishes and Chapels is to be published regularly in Parishes of the Diocese so that those who are able may travel to other sites for Mass.

3) Pastors are encouraged to make arrangements, when they are unable to celebrate Mass, for a Parish Leader to be instructed to lead the Community in Prayer according to the Approved Rites. The Rites include leading Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer or a Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. A lay person leading the Service may read a text prepared by the Pastor. Only a Deacon may preach. These Services are to be conducted without the Distribution of Holy Communion.

4) Deacons may also expose the Blessed Sacrament for a period of adoration followed by Benediction. Distribution of Holy Communion is not permitted in conjunction with Benediction.

5) This policy is not intended to impede those persons charged with the important duty of bringing Holy Communion to the Sick and to Shut-ins.

6) Under no circumstances are those charged with the duty of bringing Holy Communion to others to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in their own homes.

7) These Regulations become effective on August 1, 2018.

—Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of Santa Rosa

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Washington D.C., Jul 20 (CNA/EWTN News) - As Judge Brett Kavanaugh prepares for Senate confirmation hearings, the Supreme Court nominee's record is being examined for indications of how he might handle a move to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Kavanaugh is widely considered to be a constitutional originalist and known to be a practicing Catholic, and how he might approach a hypothetical move to overturn the landmark abortion case is expected to dominate the confirmation process.

President Trump made numerous public commitments to appoint pro-life judges and justices as part of his presidential campaign but, as previous presidents have found, it can be hard to predict how a nominee might rule once on the court. Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy, whose resignation opened the seat for which Kavanaugh has been nominated, were appointed by Ronald Reagan but voted to uphold abortion rights while on the court.

During Senate confirmation hearings candidates traditionally underscore their commitment to existing precedent and their judicial impartiality, and steer clear of responding to hypothetical cases. As a result, Senators often focus questions on previous decisions reached by a nominee in lower courts. Ahead of Kavanaugh's hearings, attention is now turning to his 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Because of the unique circumstances and demographics of the District, challenges to local abortion laws are almost unheard of, so there are few direct examples look at. The most high-profile case Kavanaugh has heard on abortion came last year.

The case involved a 17-year-old unaccompanied minor trying to enter the country. While in a government shelter, she sought access to an abortion. Government workers denied her request. In his hearing of the case on appeal, Judge Kavanaugh sided with the government, who argued that there was no "undue burden" placed on the girl by making her wait until she was either released to a sponsor, or returned to her home country.

The Court of Appeals eventually decided in favor of the abortion, but Kavanaugh issued a strong dissent, saying the decision was based on "a constitutional principle as novel as it is wrong." He said that the decision created a new right for unlawful immigrant children to abortion on demand from the government.

The American Civil Liberties Union, who acted on behalf of the minor (given the name Jane Doe in the case) called Kavanaugh's reasoning a "cause for concern when it was issued last year, [but] it's taken on far more importance now."

Writing on the ACLU's website July 18, Brigitte Amiri, who was in court on behalf of Jane Doe, said "Given that Judge Kavanaugh allowed the government to further obstruct Jane Doe's access to abortion, we should all be gravely concerned about what his appointment means for the future of Roe."

Kavanaugh has previously called Roe v. Wade "binding precedent" which he as a judge had to "faithfully follow." But, as Amy Howe noted July 18 on scotusblog.com, precedent that was binding on him as an appeals court judge would be available for him to overturn on the Supreme Court.

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had a good laugh that the scissors had recently been used to cut open bags of condoms... and thus began a friendly dialogue for the next 3 hours. Weather we liked it or not, we were stuck next to each other, and we made the best of it.

These days we are plagued by division and groups of people yelling at one another, therefore we celebrated that our tables could be next to each other and still be charitable.

The Holy Spirit put Elis next to us for a reason and Ian was more than apt for the role of evangelizer.

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Known popularly as “Padre Pio,” the saint was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, and baptized Francesco Forgione. He first expressed his desire for priesthood at age 10. In order to pay for his preparatory education, his father, Grazio Forgione, emigrated to the United States in 1899 where he worked for several years. Francesco entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order at age 15, taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest in 1910 at the age of 23. God. The veneration of the relics of saints dates back several years. Francesco entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order at age 15, taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest in 1910 at the age of 23.

Veneration at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church

Star of the Sea is a parish within the Archdiocese of San Francisco, both are consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate her birthday on September 8th by hosting the relics of Saint Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who exhorted all to pray the Rosary.

Veneration of the relics of Padre Pio at Saint Mary’s in Sausalito extends over two days, commencing with an opening prayer ceremony on September 8. The relics are on display in the church on this day until 4:30 p.m. The Vigil Mass of Sunday—in which homage will be paid to the Saint—will round out the first day. On the following day, Sunday Mass will be offered at 7:30 and at 9:30 a.m. Veneration of the relics will take place on this day in the chapel between 8am and noon.

Relics

In the Catholic Church relics are physical objects associated with a saint or a candidate for sainthood —part of the person’s body or something with which he or she was in contact. Relics are not worshiped but venerated, that is treated with religious respect. Touching or praying in the presence of such an object helps a faithful individual focus on the saint’s life and virtues, so that through the saint’s prayer or intercession before God, the individual will be drawn closer to God. The veneration of the relics of saints dates back to the early centuries in the Church’s life.

The relics of Saint Pio which will be available for public veneration at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church include: a glove he wore to cover the wound on his hand; crusts of his wounds; cotton-gauze with the saint’s blood stains; a lock of his hair; his mantle; and a handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died.

Please help Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church plan a successful veneration by making a reservation (optional) @ https://padre-pio-relics-sausalito.eventbrite.com.

Hendricks said. Hendricks, like many members of the dedicated congregation, has donated to the cause himself, allocating money every month to the building fund.

The first building planned for the site will be an all-purpose center costing roughly $3.25 million, Ralph Andino, church attorney and congregation member, said Saturday. The church has already saved $1 million for the project and plans to finance the rest, he said. The center is expected to be complete by the end of next summer and, Andino said, when it is paid off in “hopefully” five years, work will begin on their second building: an actual church.

Andino said that he expects the congregation to grow, especially after they have more space.

The congregation is currently made up of 1,000 families and counting, he said, but it started in 1994 with just a handful of families. Some of those first members are still around, Andino said, happy to see the church’s groundbreaking.

“It’s a generational sigh of relief,” he said. “There were a lot of tears being shed today.”

American Canyon Mayor Leon Garcia said that the first mass came together simply by word of mouth.

The congregation quickly outgrew location after location, said Garcia, who is also a congregation member.

“What joyous day,” he said. “We have waited so long for this.”

“Everyone’s glad,” said Rodel Elpedes. Elpedes, a congregation member since 2011, said that the church has grown so much over the years because it is welcoming to the entire community.

“Everyone knows everyone,” he said. “Everyone is a neighbor, everyone is a friend— it’s like family.”

The church’s multicultural identity was clear during the groundbreaking as speakers read in both English and Spanish and a song was sung in Tagalog. Andino said that there are three masses every weekend, including a bilingual English/Spanish mass, and that Hispanic and Filipino families are a large part of the church congregation.

Even the church’s current pastor brings diversity. Reverend Father Frederick K.A. Kutubebi, who is from Ghana, took over as the new parish administrator of Holy Family Parish in June 2011. Within a year, the church was moved from the Community Center to the rental space on Antonina Avenue, which costs about $9,000 in rent each month.

Kutubebi said that the new location has helped the congregation grow, but that a new church building is still needed.

“Building a church it has not been easy,” he said, but it’s worth it because it will benefit the community. “My desire is to help the community, especially the poor and the seniors,” Kutubebi said. “I need your support.”

Hendricks is a big fan of Kutubebi—he even held a sign during the groundbreaking that read: “We love Fr. Fred.”

“He works very hard,” said Hendricks, who sits in the front row each week and is often the last to leave the building. “When I come out of the church... he’s still out there talking among the people.” He values connecting to the community, Hendricks said, and is spontaneous and has a great sense of humor.

“He’s amazing,” Hendricks said.
The Vatican's apostolic visitor to Medjugorje, Archbishop Henryk Hoser, has begun his pastoral mandate at the site of the controversial Marian apparitions. According to the Vatican's press release on May 31, Hoser's appointment as apostolic visitor was announced on May 31 as an "exclusively pastoral" role. It is for an undetermined length of time and will continue "at the desire of the Holy See."

Hoser's assignment is to ensure "a stable and continuous accompaniment" of the parish community and of pilgrims who visit the shrine "whose needs require special attention." The archbishop did not comment on the validity of the alleged apparitions.

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"Holy Mass, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a massive frequency of the Sacrament of Penance, accompanied by other forms of piety: The Rosary and the Way of the Cross," are all at the center of the site's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he said. Quoting the day's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, he said, "'Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture.' The Holy Father, the universal pastor of the Church, takes these words of the prophet as his own. He sends us there, where the people exist and live, where the faithful gather to seek the light of salvation."

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In January 2014, a Vatican commission concluded a nearly four-year-long investigation on the doctrinal and disciplinary aspects of the Medjugorje apparitions, and submitted a document to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

When the congregation has analyzed the commission's findings, it will finalize a document on the site, which will be submitted to the pope, who will make a final decision.

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These apparitions are said to have continued almost daily since their first occurrence, with three of the original six children – who are now young adults – continuing to receive apparitions every afternoon because not all the "secrets" intended for them have been revealed.

Since their beginning, the alleged apparitions have been a source of both controversy and conversion, with many flocking to the city for pilgrimage and prayer, and some claiming to have experienced miracles at the site, while many others claim the visions are non-credible.

Pope Francis visited Bosnia and Herzegovina in June 2015 but declined to stop in Medjugorje during his trip. During his return flight to Rome, he indicated that the process of investigation in the apparitions was nearly complete.

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"The first apparitions, which were to children, the report more or less says that these need to continue being studied," he said, but as for "presumed current apparitions, the report has its doubts," the pope said.

On multiple occasions, the pope has said he is suspicious of the ongoing apparitions, "I prefer the Madonna as Mother, our Mother, and not a woman who's the head of an office, who every day sends a message at a certain hour. This is not the Mother of Jesus."
A Time of Choosing

By Chris Lyford

Recently I have had interactions with a community where the rule of gossip and accusation enveloped the people like a cloud of odorless, tasteless poison. Innocent individuals, though imperfect, were set upon by the rest of the community and told to leave. More disturbing than anything was the fact that those who were charged to shepherd the people seemed to be asleep at the switch. The resulting confusion gave way to a complete splintering of any semblance of unity. Sheep without a shepherd.

In the first reading of Sunday July 22nd, the Prophet Jeremiah echoes God’s promises, which are both challenging and consoling:

“Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 23:1-6

We have entered into the time of choosing. Do not be deceived by the sound and the fury surrounding you. All that is necessary to be revealed to make your informed choice has been revealed. The only path to safety is to humbly choose to serve the Lord. It is horrifying and disheartening to see so many choose destruction—and to see them so jubilant at their choice. For you, though, when assault comes from without, acknowledge God, take the next right step, and be a sign of hope to those around you. When you stumble of your own fault, acknowledge God, and seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation if necessary. When betrayal comes from the midst of those you love, shake it off and take the next right step. When it is too much for you and you can’t go on, go to a quiet place and rest a spell, then be a sign of hope to those around you. You choose whom you will serve (Joshua 24:15) by what you do. Choose the Lord.

In the midst of this time of trial, know that the Lord intends not the destruction of those who resolutely serve Him, but a future and a hope. “Call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you.” (Jeremiah 29:12-14)

The Lord has not forsaken you. It pleases Him to let the goats reveal themselves. Know, in the midst of the storm, that your redemption is at hand. You find your way to it by choosing, with persistence, to acknowledge God, take the next right step, and be a sign of hope to those around you. ♦

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Croatia’s World Cup Soccer Coach Clings to The Rosary as He Finds Success

Zagreb, Croatia, Jul 11 (CNA) On Sunday, Croatia’s soccer team lost to France 4-2 in the championship game of the 2018 World Cup, after running victoriously through a string of soccer powerhouse houses in the tournament.

Here’s one reason Catholics in the US might be rooting for the small Central European country: Croatia is a deeply Catholic country, and the coach of its national team, Zlatko Dalic, is a man of sincere faith.

Dalic said recently that his current success is due to his faith in God, and that he always carries a rosary to hold onto in difficult times.

Dalic spoke about his faith on Croatian Catholic radio when the World Cup began.

“Everything I have done in my life and in my professional career I owe to my faith, and I am grateful to my Lord,” Dalic said.

Croatia got a ticket to the final match of the World Cup after defeating England 2-1 in a game that went to overtime July 11.

“I can be very happy with my life,” Dalic said, adding that “without strong faith and that motivation, it would be very difficult to achieve it.”

“When a man loses any hope, then he must depend on our merciful God and on our faith,” he said.

In that sense, Dalic explained that “I always carry a rosary with me” and “when I feel that I am going through a difficult time I put my hand in my pocket, I cling to it and then everything is easier.”

Regarding the expectations of the Croatians for the success of their selection at the 2018 World Cup in Russia, he indicated that “I know what our people expect, how many people love Croatian football and our team.”

He stressed that “finding the good in life always brings satisfaction, happiness, a result. Man must always be honest with himself and with others.”

Before the July 11 game, Dalic said of his Cinderella-story team: “we do not fear anyone, not even England.”

The coach is 51 years old, married and has two children. During his youth he played on Croatian soccer teams, among them Hajduk Split, Inter Zapresic and Varteks Varazdin.

In 2000, he finished his career as a professional soccer and started coaching Croatian teams. In 2010 he went to Saudi Arabia to lead the teams of Al-Faisaly Harmah and then Al-Hilal. A year later he moved to the United Arab Emirates to be the coach of the Al-Ain club.

In October 2017 he was appointed head coach of the Croatian national team.

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Don’t Step Back Too Far

By Julie Sparacio

I read a book that left me profoundly moved. The book is Speak, by Laurie Halse Anderson. Based on a similar experience of the author, it is a novel about a teenager in her first year of high school who has become isolated from her friends and is often a target of bullying. Her teachers see her as a careless or lazy student, her parents don’t have or don’t take the time to understand why her grades have plummeted, and she rarely speaks. It eventually becomes apparent (spoiler alert) that she was raped by an upper classman at a party, right before the start of the school year. I have worked with many victims of sexual assault and worked many years in high schools, so the words and emotions resonated with truth.

As can often be the case, the adult in her life were careless with their interpretation of what they were seeing. They missed the signs of trauma, and isolation that seem so apparent. What made it difficult for the adults in the book and can make it difficult in real life is that teenagers don’t come right out and tell you what they’re bothering them. Maybe some kids do—but as a general rule—it’s like a game of twenty questions to get to the bottom of things. And that’s assuming that you realize that the mood and behavior are something other than hormones, or a teenager attempting to assert themselves! As parents, we all do the best we can, but this world is different than what we knew growing up. Our children, particularly our teens, are facing a scary, confusing world, where the factual truth as we knew it has been changed and re-arranged. There is so much contradicting information out there, I wonder how our kids are supposed to navigate it clearly, and come up with truth? And we as parents—we want to be, we try to be vigilant, and yet stuff just gets past us. It’s a hard reality to accept that we are not the only influencers of our children.

Interestingly, given my work with victims, I found myself wondering about the boy—the rapist. I am not in any way excusing his behavior. He was wrong, and his attitude and arrogance were horrific. But I couldn’t help wondering—he is only 17—can he be helped? Can he be made to understand what he has done, the damage he inflicted? Can he change? Or once a creep, always a creep? What about the classmates who bullied her? Can they be changed? I heard a story about a boy who bullied a girl in middle school, for an entire year. He was merciless. It impacted her self-esteem, her willingness to reach out socially, her grades, and her physical health. Five years later, as these students were set to graduate, this young man, came up to the girl and apologized. He acknowledged the harm and asked forgiveness. The girl never spoke of the bullying, until after the apology so that came of his own volition. So the nasty behavior—was that just an aberration and not who he was raised to be, or not who he has become? There is a difference between bullying and rape, obviously, but the question here is—at what point can a teenager be brought back from bad behavior? How bad does it have to be before they can’t be changed, or is there always hope?

My point here is that parenting teens is really hard. They can be fun and funny, a source of pride, and an absolute delight. They can also be bears, moody, exasperating, pains in the neck! As they grow in independence, it gets easier to step back, to give them the space they need to learn and mature. And I think sometimes, with total confidence in our teens, we step back a little too far. When they don’t want to talk, we allow it, thinking they have a right to privacy and independence. While none of that is wrong—that distance can seem the size of the Grand Canyon to a teen in turmoil. I heard often from teens about how impossible it seemed to talk to their parents—loving parents who were eager to help and support. It’s a fine line between giving space and creating a perceived, canyon size gap.

I know this has become my mantra—but talk to your kids. Make a point of family dinners—often. Talk about respecting themselves and others—I know you probably already have, but do it again. Watch TV with them so you know what they are seeing—and talk about the stuff you find objectionable. Be specific. If you see your child changing, or hanging with different friends—talk about it. It may be schedules that keep them apart, or it may be social status. Don’t let your child be a bully, instead talk about being bold enough to stand up for those who are getting picked on. Talk to your kids about appropriate boundaries, about abusive relationships, sexual, physical, and emotional. Most importantly, let them know that you are there to support them, no matter what. Say the words—your kids may know in their hearts, but they need to hear it out loud. They may roll their eyes at you—because teens are masters at the eye roll—but inside their hearts will still be full—with the real message you are giving—that your love for them is rock solid.

Guarding the Vulnerable

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Toronto Archbishop Calls for Prayers After Mass Shooting

Toronto, Canada, Jul 23 (ACI Prensa) - Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto will offer a special prayer for the victims of a mass shooting Sunday night that left two dead and a dozen injured in the city’s Greek-town neighborhood.

“Please join me in praying for all those injured and killed in the wake of the Sunday evening Danforth shooting,” said Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, in a statement released on Twitter.

“I will be asking all Archdioceses of Toronto churches to offer a special prayer intention for victims of violence in our community.

On July 22, shortly after 10 p.m., a man armed with a handgun entered several restaurants on Toronto’s Danforth Avenue, opening fire at several groups of people. Police have not released his identity or uncovered a motive. Terrorism is being investigated as a possibility.

The people killed in the shooting have been identified as a 10-year-old girl and an 18-year-old woman. The shooter was also found dead, but it was unclear if he was shot by police or if he died from a self-inflicted gunshot.

John Tory, the mayor of Toronto, said that he was “outraged” by the attack, thanked the first responders who arrived at the scene to help the injured.

“This is a tragedy and on behalf of all Toronto residents, we are extending our prayers to all the innocent people attacked tonight, their families and their friends,” Tory wrote on Twitter.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted that he would be keeping the city in his thoughts in the aftermath of the shooting, and that Canadians would be standing by the city.

“The people of Toronto are strong, resilient and brave - and we’ll be there to support you through this difficult time,” said Trudeau.

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The Genius of Woman: Dignity > Sameness

By Lizzy Joslyn

Denver, Colo., Jul 24 (CNA) - This week, CNA says farewell to our summer intern, Lizzy Joslyn. In her final week at CNA this summer, Lizzy offers “The Genius of Woman,” a four-part series of interviews and profiles, based on Pope St. John Paul II’s “Letter to Women,” and interviews with seven Catholic women from very different walks of life. This is the second piece in that series:

John Paul II’s 1995 “Letter to Women” was written to praise and encourage women to embrace the beauty that God gave them—the “feminine genius”—despite social and cultural messages telling them to become something different.

In contemporary society, the pope wrote, “women’s dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude. This has prevented women from truly being themselves and it has resulted in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity.”

The pope, on the contrary, encouraged viewing and valuing women from the perspective of their dignity, and the natural complementarity of men and women, that “the love of God and the love of man and woman are expressed in a different way in the two sexes, but both are essential for the full development of the ‘human’ as much as manhood does, but in a different and complementary way.”

Rejecting women’s instinct for nurture and self-sacrifice is a part of a modern effort that “overcorrects” gender imbalances and discrimination against women, “by either repressing men and suggesting that men are bad and pushing them down… or on the other hand by trying to treat women as men,” said Michelle La Rosa, managing editor at CNA.

Careers and vocations based in self-giving are often looked down upon by a “feminist” society. Adding a family, or focusing on motherhood, can also be the source of criticism for some women in contemporary society.

But the Church lifts high the call for women to serve, regarding such selflessness with great respect and importance. John Paul II, speaking of Marx, wrote, “For her, ‘to reign’ is to serve! Her service is ‘to reign!’” The same can be said for every woman’s-and person’s—call, he said.

In light of that encouragement, some Catholic women have learned that lesson—“to reign is to serve.”

“Humanity itself owes much of its survival to the fact that women are nurturing,” said Amy Shupe, a teacher at Christian Brothers High School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Their talents in this area does not necessarily restrict them to one vocation. La Rosa and Ginny Kochis, a blogger on Catholic motherhood, both mentioned the life of Saint Zelie Martin—a woman who worked and raised a family with her husband, Louis Martin, who also worked.

“If a woman doesn’t want to work full time, if she wants to be a stay-at-home-mom, if men or women want to prioritize relationships and family above work, it’s almost seen as weakness and women are looked down upon if they can’t have it all,” said You-Tuber Lizzie Reezay.

Two women shared their vocation stories with CNA—they are wildly different, but both expressions of the “feminine genius” that John Paul II celebrated.

Women educating, raising generations to come

Amy Shupe felt a calling to dedicate her life to teaching a subject she never found easy. Her early years in school, she said, involved a lot of standardized test-taking. Seeing her poor results on such tests—particularly in math—discouraged her.

Her teachers’ reactions didn’t exactly uplift her, either.

“They didn’t point-blank,” tell her she couldn’t achieve higher scores in math, she said, but teachers would place a lot of weight on their students’ scores.

“You kind of get the feeling that…it’s gonna be a real struggle for you, so maybe you should think about something else,” Shupe said.

In high school, though, she began to receive greater encouragement from her teachers. That’s when she discovered that she wanted to be that same source of encouragement for students who felt like they couldn’t do math.

“I have to help other people not feel the same way that I felt,” she said.

Now, Shupe is a high school teacher at Christian Brothers High School in St. Louis, Missouri. A 2017 recipient of a prestigious teacher’s award, the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award, she invests copious amounts of her time and energy to the growth of her students.

“I work very hard at my job. I’m constantly thinking about it,” she said.

The role of a teacher can most certainly be taken on by men or women, but there’s something to be said for the emotionally intuitive side of women that lends itself to working with children, she said.

A mother of two children, Shupe exercises similar skills at work and at home.

“My number one role…is mom,” she said. “First, I’m a mother. I have two kids and I take care of them. And so then I think it easily translates into my classroom. You know, while those boys are not my flesh and blood, but I do know that… they have parents that are looking out for them,” said Shupe. Granted the trust of her students’ parents, she said, they are “put in my care day after day after day and I’m not there just to help them with math. I’m there to help them…learn about life… and have good influence on others.”

A Bride of Christ

A nun.


What Christ sees: His bride.

Sister Maria of the Capuchin Poor Clares in Denver, Colorado grew up in a strong Catholic household, but she never thought she would commit to the consecrated life.

In her younger years, Sister Maria was never a very committed practitioner of the faith, she said. She attended Mass and received the Sacraments not “out of my own conviction,” she said, but more “out of duty” to follow along with her family.

Things began to change one summer when she attended a retreat—one priest’s homily on God’s love “struck” her.

“This priest, I remember very, very clearly… he was talking about the love of God and he said, you know, ‘God loves us all the time, every moment. If he would just stop to love this one moment, we would just stop existing!’

Astounded by the gravity of this statement, Sister Maria began her search for ways to serve the God whose love, she had found, allowed her very existence.

The next summer, she went on a mission to a poverty-ridden mountain town in Mexico.

“There, she said, found the poorest—yet, the richest—people.

“They were so pure and simple and giving and generous and they treated us like we were angels from God… they offered everything they had, they took us into their homes,” she remembered. “This pure life!”

Inspired after the mission, Sister Maria began to frequent a monastery near her home. The sisters, she observed, had a strangely similar poor-yet-rich complex. It took her months to admit it to herself, but Maria finally decided to discern her calling to be a nun.

A strong woman, says the world, is independent.

(see Genius of Women, page 17)
From The Marriage and Family Life Office

By Pax Christi, Deacon Dave and Carlin Gould

Greetings to our family in Christ! The month of August is upon us and our summer garden is ripe with tomatoes, green beans, and zucchini. August is always such a wonderful time to be able to harvest fresh vegetables growing right in your own backyard!

August is also the month when we celebrate two famous saints: St. Monica (August 27th) and St. Augustine (August 28th). Theirs is a story of family and faith, of struggle and pain, of joy and patience in the Lord.

Monica was a Christian but given in marriage to a pagan man of her home town who had a violent temper. They lived with her mother-in-law who also had a strong temper. Monica could have become very bitter, but she lived her Christian faith in charity and piety, which her husband resented but for which he respected her. Over time, by her example, she was able to convert both her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Monica was widowed at age 40, one year after her husband’s baptism. How many of us are able to keep calm in a stormy marriage, praying for our spouse, knowing it is the job of both husband and wife to lead each other to heaven? St. Monica is a great example of how one can act when married life is not what is expected.

Monica had three children, the oldest being Augustine. Like any modern day mother, Monica worried about her children. The younger two children entered religious life, but not Augustine! He was good looking, intelligent, and at 19, after his father died, left home and lived with his girlfriend, much to his mother’s distress. Augustine and his girlfriend had a child together out of wedlock and were together for about 15 years. He lived a very self-centered life, seeking only pleasure. Augustine realized that he was searching for God but unfortunately was controlled by pride and lust. Monica shed many tears and pleaded with him to change his life but he ignored her. How many of us have children who have turned away from what they have been taught in the faith to seek the pleasures of the world? The problems we have today in our modern families are nothing new.

Monica was persistent in her prayers for Augustine to seek a life in Christ. She sought spiritual direction from the Bishop of Milan who turned out to be another saint, St. Ambrose! Augustine finally did open himself up to the Christian faith in his search for God and also sought direction from Bishop Ambrose. Augustine finally converted and was baptized at the age of 31 along with his son and some friends. He left his old ways behind and completely turned his life around was eventually ordained a priest and then became Bishop of Hippo! Augustine wrote of his struggles in his book Confessions. In it he said, “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” He found the peace his soul was searching for when he finally turned his life over to God. St. Augustine is a Doctor of the Church, meaning that his profuse writings have depth in orthodoxy and theology that to this day guide the faithful to a fuller understanding of faith.

St. Monica is the patron saint of difficult marriages, disappointing children, victims of adultery, victims of verbal abuse, and the conversion of relatives. St. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and sore eyes. Remember these saints and pray for their intercession when you are facing family difficulties. Remember you have Saint friends in high places (heaven) who are hearing your prayers with great compassion and understanding and are willing to bring those prayers to Jesus. Saints Monica and Augustine, pray for us!

The Marriage and Family Life Office is here to answer your questions and can guide you to resources to live the life God wants for you and your family. Give us a call (707-566-3305) or email (familylife@srdioce.se).

Pax Christi,
Deacon Dave & Carlin Gould
Co-directors of the Family Life Office

Priest in Scotland Wants to Visit in Jail the Man Who Robbed Him

Motherwell, Scotland, Jul 21 (CNA/EWTN News) - Father Patrick Hennessy, who was robbed and attacked in May at his rectory in Scotland, says he has forgiven his robber and wants to visit him in prison to give him pastoral care.

Michael McTaggart, 41, was sentenced to four years imprisonment July 17 at Glasgow Sheriff Court for the May 13 robbery of Fr. Hennessy, 73.

Fr. Hennessy told the Scottish Catholic Observer after the sentencing that “it’s a heavy sentence for the guy.”

“I would now actually go and visit him in prison if it could be arranged because he obviously needs some help.”

Around 9-40 pm on May 13, McTaggart knocked on Fr. Hennessy’s rectory door. Fr. Hennessy is pastor of St. Columbkille’s in Rutherglen, in the Diocese of Motherwell, and is known regularly to help those who come to his door with donations of food.

McTaggart grabbed the priest and demanded money.

“Father Hennessy gave him two pink collection envelopes he believed to contain £10 each and five pounds from his pocket,” prosecutor Louise MacNeil told the court, according to Glasgow Live’s Ashlie McAnally.

McTaggart continued asking for money, and Fr. Hennessy gave him a donation box, thought to have had about GBP 100 ($130).

While McTaggart went through the envelopes in the donation box, Fr. Hennessy was able to run into the street and alert neighbors, and McTaggart fled.

(see Scotland Priest, page 14)
Courage Conference Celebrates Father John Harvey

By Perry West

Philadelphia, Pa., July 22 (CNA) - The Catholic group Courage International hosted its 30th annual Courage and EnCourage conference last week, which aimed to offer men and women with same-sex attraction inspiration from the organization’s founder, the late Father John Harvey.

“This year we had the opportunity to remember the legacy of Father Harvey who is our founding director,” said Ann Schneible, communications director for Courage International.

“This is really important, especially for our new members who joined since he stepped down from the position in 2008,” she told CNA.

More than 300 people attended the conference, which was hosted on July 12-15 at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pa., where Harvey was born. The event also recognized what would have been the priest’s 100th birthday on April 14. He died in 2010.

Among the conference speakers were Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia and Johnnette Benkovic, host of the EWTN series Women of Grace. Schneible said many of the speakers personally knew Harvey, giving witness to the priest’s gentleness, patience, and humor.

The conference also featured a panel of Courage and EnCourage members and chaplains, who shared their personal experiences of Harvey.

Schneible said the event’s theme, “faithful to the mission,” was inspired by a quote from Father Harvey.

“He said he wanted to be remembered as having been ‘faithful to a mission.’ He wasn’t just serving people out of obedience; he really had a heart for this ministry, especially for the people….He really ministered to the whole human person – heart, mind, and soul.”

Born in 1918, Harvey joined the novitiate of the Oblates of St Francis de Sales 18 years later. With master’s degrees in psychology and philosophy, he was ordained a priest in 1944. He began Courage in 1980 at the request of Cardinal Terence Cooke, a former Archbishop of New York.

“We had a chance to learn about his life and the stories from other members, who shared their experiences with them. So we got to see this man be brought to life for those who didn’t know him. This person who had overseen this wonderful ministry,” she said.

Schneible also pointed to the community experience the conference offered to people with same-sex attraction. Courage’s core values, she said, are “all community based.”

“Our members, they have this shared experience. ....Everyone has a unique story. What really binds them, maybe beyond their experience of same-sex attraction, is their commitment to the Church,” she said.

“That’s why the name of this ministry is Courage. They have this courageous commitment to living the Church’s teaching authentically on [chastity]. And, that brings a bond with it.”

The first Courage meeting was held in 1980, and the initial group developed the five foundational goals of Courage – chastity, prayer and dedication, fellowship, support, and good role models.

Courage International offers support for people with same-sex attraction who have chosen to pursue a chaste lifestyle. EnCourage supports family members and friends of people with same-sex attraction, teaching them how to encounter their loved ones with compassion.

“What’s really special about this yearly event is that it’s really an opportunity to let our members come together. They see old friends, they get to pick new friends, and it really has the feeling of a family reunion,” said Schneible.

They have this courageous commitment to living the Church’s teaching authentically on [chastity]. And, that brings a bond with it.

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Planned Parenthood Asked to Prove Fetal Tissue Was Not Sold for Profit

Oakland, Calif., Jul 21 (CNA) - Attorneys for David Daleiden, a pro-life advocate and journalist who released videos on Planned Parenthood’s fetal tissue procurement, have asked the abortion provider to prove it has not sold fetal tissue for commercial gain.

Daleiden was the project head for the pro-life group Center for Medical Progress, which in 2015 released several videos of conversations with Planned Parenthood executives. The videos alleged that Planned Parenthood affiliates were illegally selling fetal body parts for profit. Those accusations have since been dropped.

The recent legal action is part of Planned Parenthood Federation of America v Center for Medical Progress, in which a court ruled last August that the videos had been obtained illegally.

At a July 19 hearing at U.S. District Court in Oakland California, Daleiden’s defense team, including attorneys from the non-profit Thomas More Society, asked the court to compel Planned Parenthood to prove that its affiliates have not profited from fetal tissue transactions.

The attorneys have specifically asked for documented invoices.

Planned Parenthood has said previously it followed federal laws that forbid entities to “acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any human fetal tissue for valuable consideration.”

“We invite them to prove it,” said Peter Breen of the non-profit Thomas More Society, and a member of Daleiden’s legal team.

“The law is simple. If the payments received for fetal body tissue exceeded the allowable costs, then Planned Parenthood and its affiliates were first, engaged in criminal conduct, and next, making a profit off of selling aborted baby parts,” Breen said in a press release Thursday.

Planned Parenthood said questions about the invoices have “zero bearing” in the case.

Daleiden’s videos appeared to show numerous Planned Parenthood and StemExpress employees discussing the procurement and sell fetal body parts. In 2014 and 2015, Deleiden posed as an employee of Biomax Procurement Services, a false-front biomedical research company. The National Abortion Federation filed a suit in 2015, stating the videos had been obtained illegally. In a court ruling last August, Deleiden and the Center for Medical Progress were barred from releasing more videos.

“Planned Parenthood is suing Mr. Daleiden because they claim that his investigative videos are ’misleading’ and ’broke the law,’ ” said Breen.

“But they are being asked to prove their ridiculous accusations. The idea that this huge profiteer thinks that they can just say something without having to produce relevant evidence is preposterous.”

Pro Life Novena Begins August 3rd

The Committee on Pro-Life Activities is initiating a Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. This nine-week effort will include prayer and fasting for the intention that this change in the membership of the Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. The Novena will also include materials to help educate the public about how Roe v. Wade is not health care, is bad law, and fails women.

The Novena takes place from Friday, August 3, to Friday, September 28. Individuals are urged to sign up for the Novena as part of the USCCB Call to Prayer at www.usccb.org/pray. Those who sign up will receive weekly email or text message reminders to pray and fast along with a fact about Roe to share with others including their two U.S. senators (through NCHLA/ Human Life Action).

Today, Cardinal Dolan, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued a statement urging “all people of good will” to participate in this prayer and education effort. We ask that you please join Cardinal Dolan in promoting this Novena through all channels available to you. To assist you in spreading the word, we are providing a sample template letter from your bishop to his priests along with sample bulletin announcements.

Additional resources to assist you in promoting the Novena and educating the public on Roe are being posted to the Novena homepage.

Fact sheet: Do You Know Roe? featuring nine facts about Roe. These are the nine facts that will accompany the weekly email/text on each of the nine Fridays. http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm

Thank you for your continued, prayerful leadership in the cause of human life!
Human Trafficking in Developed Countries More Common Than Previously Thought

Washington D.C., Jul 21 (CNA/EWTN News) - As many as 1 in 800 Americans is currently a victim of human trafficking, according to a new global report which found much higher rates of modern-day slavery in developed nations than previously believed.

Andrew Forrest, founder of the Global Slavery Index, called the report “a huge wakeup call.” “The pressure to respond to this appalling human crime must shift from poorer countries to richer nations that have the resources and institutions to do much better,” he said in a July 19 statement.

“It’s widely accepted that most crimes go unreported and unrecorded, because the victims are marginalised and vulnerable,” Forrest said. “This report demonstrates, straight from the mouths of some of the 40.3 million victims of modern slavery, that these deplorable crimes continue happening out of sight, and at a tragic scale.”

“We cannot sit back while millions of women, girls, men and boys around the world are having their lives destroyed and their potential extinguished by criminals seeking a quick profit.”

Published each year by the Walk Free Foundation, the Global Slavery Index compiles data to estimate the number of people being trafficked globally.

The index defines modern-day slavery as any exploitative situation that an individual cannot leave “because of threats, violence, coercion, abuse of power, or deception.” This includes sexual exploitation, forced labor, and child labor.

It also includes forced marriages, the report said, noting that women make up 71 percent of people trapped in modern-day slavery today.

More data sources—including surveys and face-to-face interviews—in this year’s report resulted in significant increases in the estimates of people being trafficked in many developed nations.

The report identified North Korea as having the highest prevalence of modern slavery—with about one in 10 people classified as modern-day slaves—followed by Eritrea, Burundi, and the Central African Republic.

However, developed nations in the West, including the U.S. and UK, also have much higher rates of human trafficking than previously thought, it said.

The 2018 report estimated that some 403,000 people are trapped in modern-day slavery in the U.S.—seven times higher than previous figures. In the UK, that figure is estimated at 136,000, nearly 12 times higher than earlier estimates.

Last month, the U.S. State Department released its 2018 Trafficking in Persons report, which assesses countries around the world based on how their governments work to prevent and respond to trafficking.

In presenting the report, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo emphasized that the problem of trafficking is one that is found much closer to home than many people realize.

“Human trafficking is a global problem, but it’s a local one too,” he said June 28. “Human trafficking can be found in a favorite restaurant, a hotel, downtown, a farm, or in their neighbor’s home.”

The fight against human trafficking has been a priority for Pope Francis. In December 2013, he told a group of ambassadors that the issue worries him greatly, saying “it is a disgrace” that persons “are treated as objects, deceived, assaulted, often sold many times for different purposes and, in the end, killed or, in any case, physically and mentally harmed, ending up discarded and abandoned.”

In March 2014, Pope Francis signed an ecumenical agreement with Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby, by which the Church and the Anglican Communion agreed to support an anti-slavery, anti-human trafficking initiative, the Global Freedom Network.

The following year, the pope focused on the theme in his World Day of Peace message. He appealed to “all men and women of good will” and to “the highest levels of civil institutions” who witness “the scourge of contemporary slavery.” He urged them “not to become accomplices to this evil, not to turn away from the sufferings of our brothers and sisters, our fellow human beings, who are deprived of their freedom and dignity.”

At a June 2016 summit, the Pope emphasized the importance of listening to victims of trafficking.

He reiterated that message earlier this year, telling young people that they are in “a privileged place to encounter the survivors of human trafficking.”

“Go to your parishes, to an association close to home, meet them, listen to them,” he said.

The Vatican has organized numerous conferences on human trafficking, focused on both raising awareness and discussing means of fighting modern-day slavery and helping victims reintegrate into society. 

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Do You Want to Grow in Love?  
Keep Jesus Close, Pope Says

By Hannah Brockhaus

Vatican City, Jul 22 (CNA/EWTN News) - A Christian can stay on the right path to Heaven, and grow in love for God and his neighbor, only by keeping close to Christ and his love, Pope Francis said Sunday.

"When one moves away from Jesus and his love, one loses oneself and existence turns into disappointment and dissatisfaction," the pope said July 22. "With Jesus at our side we can proceed with security, we can overcome trials, we progress in love for God and for our neighbor."

"To find the right orientation of life," everyone needs the truth—which is Christ—to guide and enlighten their path, he continued.

Speaking before the Angelus, Francis reflected on the day's Gospel reading from Mark, which tells of Jesus' pity on the crowd of people, who “were like sheep without a shepherd.” In this passage, Jesus is “the realization of God's concern and care for his people,” he said.

Jesus is moved with compassion for the people in need of guidance, but he does not perform a miracle, the pope noted. Instead, he teaches them. "Here is the first bread that the Messiah offers to the hungry and lost crowd: the bread of the Word."

Pointing to how Jesus and his disciples had been searching for a place to rest, but the crowd had followed them, Francis said, the same thing can happen to today. "Sometimes we fail to realize our projects, because an unexpected emergency occurs that messes up our programs and requires flexibility and availability to the needs of others."

He said when this happens, "we are called to imitate Christ." As it shows in the Gospel, Jesus did not ignore the people. He had compassion on them, came down to them, and "began to teach them many things," something Christians can learn from.

"The gaze of Jesus is not a neutral or, worse, cold and detached look, because Jesus always looks with the eyes of the heart," the pope said. Jesus' heart "is so tender and full of compassion, that he knows how to grasp the even more hidden needs of people."

Jesus' compassion on the people is not "an emotional reaction of unease," it is much more, he continued: "it is the attitude and predisposition of God towards man and his history."

In this example of Jesus, Christians find a model of love and service toward others, he said.

After the Angelus, Pope Francis added a note about recent reports of the shipwrecking of boats filled with migrants in the Mediterranean Sea. "I express my sorrow in the face of these tragedies and assure my memory and my prayer for the missing people and their families," he said.

He also made an appeal to the international community to act promptly to prevent the reoccurrence of such tragedies and to guarantee safety and respect for the rights and dignity of all people.

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At the sentencing the judge, Martin Jones, addressed McTaggart, saying, "You have pled guilty to an extremely serious offence … You used violence to extract money from him and pulled him in to the house after you had obtained money and threatened him in the vestibule of the premises."

"The time has come to realise if you continue offending this way your sentences are going to get longer and longer."

At the time of the assault, McTaggart had been released early from a previous sentence.

Fr. Hennessy said the St. Vincent de Paul Society will now handle donations at St. Columbkille's, and is operated out of the parish hall.

The Motherwell diocese commented that “the safety of priests and religious living in parishes is paramount. In light of recent incidents, the diocese has offered support to all priests to review the security measures across all presbyteries and parish halls.”

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Why Some Polish Priests Are On a Pilgrimage ‘Relay’ This Summer

Czestochowa, Poland, Jul 21 (CNA/EWTN News) - There are 900 priests and almost 100 seminarians in the Archdiocese of Czestochowa. But the people of this Polish diocese are praying that more young men will answer a call to the priesthood. This summer, their priests have taken those prayers to the streets.

“The prayer of priestly hearts and feet for vocations” is a pilgrimage chain - a kind of pilgrimage relay - through the parishes of the archdiocese, begun on July 16 and concluding August 20. Each day of the pilgrimage chain, priests from one deanery, or region, of the archdiocese will walk from parish to parish, while praying the rosary and fasting for vocations to the priests.

Each day’s journey is a walk of between 12 and 25 miles, according to the archdiocese, during which a priest carries a wooden cross inscribed “Jesus, I am looking for you,” along with relics of Pope St. John Paul II or St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

Lay Catholics have joined those priests who have already completed a day’s journey, walking along between towns and joining in the recitation of the rosary.

Bishop Andrzej Przybylski, an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese, spent July 19 walking and praying for vocations.

“This is a humble pilgrimage for vocations,” the bishop said. “We want to go from Church to Church and pray for vocations.”

The image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, also called the “Black Madonna,” is greatly revered by Poles and is a pilgrimage site for Catholics from across Europe.

In 1717, Our Lady of Czestochowa was crowned Queen and Protector of Poland by Clement XI.

Archbishop Waclaw Depo of Czestochowa has offered a daily blessing to the pilgrimage, according to the archdiocese.

Nicaraguan Priest Appeals for Intervention to Prevent Massacre of Protesters

Managua, Nicaragua, Jul 20 (CNA/EWTN News) - A Nicaraguan priest has called for an international community to intervene to prevent the massacre of protesters by the country's government and its para-military supporters.

Protests against president Daniel Ortega which began April 18 have resulted in more than 300 deaths, according to local human rights groups. The country's crisis began after Ortega announced he is doing is unjust. This is a genocide because there's no other name for it,” Fr. Gutierrez said.

The priest appealed: “Don't let us die. Please, intervene, do something.”

On July 17 the indigenous neighborhood of Monimbó was attacked by paramilitary parties with ties to president Daniel Ortega.

In the interview, the priest said that the paramilitaries carried out a four hour attack in Monimbó: “with heavy military weapons, they're desecrating churches and destroying lives.”

The priest explained that the Monimbó neighborhood is made up of simple people and that “for three months the government has lashed out against the population all over Nicaragua, including Monimbó, which has remained steadfast with great courage. But now they're killing us.”

With regards to statements made by the Archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes, during another interview with the COPE radio network, Fr. Augusto said that “he supports everything that the Church and the bishops are saying. But they (Ortega's government) no longer want to listen to reason, so there has to be international support to intervene and save the country.”

“This is not war because the people are defending themselves with what they can, roadblocks, stones, makeshift mortars. They (the government) are determined to celebrate July 19 over the blood of the people. And they can't keep on governing over the dead and ordering to kill,” he stated.

July 19 Lay Catholics will participate in the 100th anniversary of the ouster of the Somoza dictatorship by the Sandinista National Liberation Front, of which Ortega is the leader.

La Vanguardia news reported July 20 that at a pro-government celebration attended by thousands of supporters that day, Ortega charged the Nicaraguan Bishops’ Conference with complicity in a coup attempt. He based his accusation on the bishops' proposal that he hold early presidential elections in March 2019.

The pontiff challenged the Organization of American States and called on his followers to “not let down your guard” and to “exercise defense” in the midst of the grave crisis rocking the country.

Ortega said that he is the victim of “a conspiracy armed and financed by internal and external forces,” and disqualified the bishops as mediators in the crisis because they have “taken sides.”

In a July 14 statement, the Nicaraguan Bishops’ Conference denounced “the lack of political will by the government to dialogue” and seek real processes to lead the country to a true democracy.

Finally, Fr. Gutierrez stated that Nicaragua is “in a state of emergency,” and that an “anti-terrorist” law was recently passed such that “all those who support the men at the roadblocks, or according to [the government] are collaborating against them, they're going to put on trial.”

Barricades and roadblocks are now found throughout Nicaragua, and clashes frequently turn lethal. Bishops and priests across the country have worked to separate protesters and security forces, and have been threatened and shot.

Nicaragua's crisis began after Ortega announced social security and pension reforms. The changes were soon abandoned in the face of widespread, vocal opposition, but protests only intensified after more than 40 protestors were killed by security forces initially.

Anti-government protesters have been attacked by “combined forces” made up of regular police, riot police, paramilitaries, and pro-government vigilantes.

The Nicaraguan government has suggested that protesters are killing their own supporters so as to destabilize Ortega's administration.

The Church in Nicaragua was quick to acknowledge the protesters' complaints.

The pension reforms which triggered the unrest were modest, but protests quickly turned to Ortega's authoritarian bent.

Ortega has been president of Nicaragua since 2007, and oversaw the abolition of presidential term limits in 2014. He was also leader of Nicaragua from 1979 to 1990.

National

New Arizona Law Awards Custody of Frozen Embryos in Favor of Birth

By Christine Rousselle

Phoenix, Ariz., Jul 19 (CNA) - A new Arizona law awards contested custody of frozen embryos to the parent seeking to “develop them to birth.” A Catholic bioethicist told CNA it was a “positive development” in an otherwise unusual ethical situation.

The law, which came into effect July 1, is first of its kind in the United States. It was partly inspired by a custody dispute over frozen embryos. Ruby Torres, a 37 year old woman from Arizona, and her ex-husband John Joseph Terrell created the embryos prior to Torres' treatment for breast cancer, when she was told she was unlikely to conceive after radiation and chemotherapy. They married shortly thereafter, divorcing three years after she had finished cancer treatments.

Seven embryos were created and remain frozen in storage. Torres told the judge during divorce proceedings that she wanted the embryos, calling them her last chance of having a biological child. Terrell protested, saying he did not want to become a father or be responsible for supporting a child.

Last year, the judge ruled that the embryos should be donated, but not to Torres. She appealed this decision. The law does not apply retroactively to this case or other similar cases.

In other custody disputes, judges have ordered frozen embryos to be either destroyed, remain frozen until an agreement can be made, or donated for use in research purposes. Rarely have they been awarded to a person seeking to actually gestate a child.

Should an embryo be successfully carried to birth, the Arizona law does not make the unwilling party liable for child support.

Critics of the law say that it “forces” people to become parents against their will. Dr. Ted Furton, director of publications at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, said that this argument is the result of a mentality that considers embryos to be property, not human life.

“As soon as you produce embryos, the man and wife are parents,” Furton told CNA in an interview. “Parenthood doesn't happen later, it happens at that moment.”

“So, they're already parents. What they don't realize when they say 'I don't want to be a parent'--it's too late.”

(see News Briefs, page 16)
Oregon Catholic School Leader Charged with Embezzling $50K

Eugene, Oregon, Jul 18 (CNA/EWTN News) - A former advancement director at a Catholic school in Oregon has been charged with embezzling more than $50,000 from the school and its scholarship program.

Sean Jones, 42, was indicted on July 12 by a Lane County jury on numerous counts of theft, computer crime, and forgery.

Jones was the advancement director for O’Hara Catholic School in Eugene, Oregon, and served on the board of directors for the Open Door Foundation, which sponsors students from low income families at the school.

Eugene police said Jones embezzled $3,900 from the school itself and $50,800 from the scholarship organization. Jones has pleaded not guilty.

According to the local CBS affiliate, the authorities said, “It is believed that he used his position to forge documents and fraudulently obtain access to financial accounts in order to divert funds for his personal use during a three year period.”

The police also said the school and scholarship organization have given their full cooperation in the case.

“O’Hara Catholic School and the Open Door Foundation disclosed fraudulent banking activity in May of this year. Since then, the foundation and the school have been working diligently with the Eugene Police Department on the investigation of this fraudulent activity,” said a joint statement by O’Hara Catholic School and the Open Door Foundation.

“While this has been a difficult time for the foundation and the school, we are grateful for the expertise and guidance from the Eugene Police Department and the Archdiocese of Portland.”

Upcoming 2018 People of Life Awards to Recognize Extraordinary Lifetime Achievements

Washington July 24 The upcoming 2018 People of Life awards will recognize the extraordinary lifetime achievements of three inspiring individuals: an advocate for persons with disabilities, a diocesan priest involved in abortion healing ministry, and a leader in the effort to oppose assisted suicide.

The awards will be presented during the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Leadership Conference taking place July 29 to August 1 in Phoenix, Arizona. This year’s award winners are Janice Benton, Monsignor Joseph Ranieri, and James J. Hanson (who will be recognized posthumously). Over 125 diocesan, state, and national Catholic pro-life leaders and guests from across the country will attend the event with the Most Reverend Thomas Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, the Most Reverend Brenda Cahill, Bishop of Victoria, and the Most Reverend Eduardo Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix. Bishop Olmsted and Bishop Cahill serve on the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The People of Life award recognizes Catholics who have answered the call outlined by Pope Saint John Paul II in The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae, 1995) by dedicating themselves to pro-life activities and promoting respect for the dignity of the human person. It is bestowed in honor of their significant and longtime contributions to the culture of life.

Even before beginning her nearly 15 years as the executive director of the National Catholic Partner- ship on Disability (NCPD), Janice Benton had already spent 25 years in ministry and advocacy for and with persons with disabilities. Jan has been a prophetic voice in upholding the dignity of every human life, especially the marginalized and those at risk of neglect or assisted suicide.

Monsignor Joseph A. Ranieri is the Coordinator of Pasto- ral Care of Priests in the Archdiocese of Washington, where he has also served as parish priest, pastor, and in countless other roles throughout his 60 years of priesthood. Monsignor Ranieri assists his diocesan Project Rachel Ministry in many capacities. He is also an active member of the Project Rachel Ministry National Training Team for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Finally, the secretariat will honor James J. Hanson posthumously for his tireless efforts to oppose assisted suicide and for his own personal witness to the dignity of every human person, especially those facing a terminal illness. J.J. Hanson served as president of the Patients’ Rights Action Fund, promoting measures that protect patients’ civil rights and working against efforts to legalize assisted suicide.

The awardees join 31 other People of Life award recipients since the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities established the award in 2007. More information on previous recipients and on the People of Life campaign is available at www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/people-of-life/people-of-life-award.cfm

Local

Bravery Under Fire: EWTN to Air the Heroic Story of Irish Army Chaplain Father Willie Doyle

Irondale, AL (EWTN) – He was so brave during the First World War that he ran countless times into “no man’s land” to drag fellow soldiers to safety. He was so devout that he would arise early to swim and pray in an icy lake, yet he was “such a jovial character” that everyone wanted to hang out with him.

He was Father Willie Doyle, and he was an Irish Catholic Jesuit, who enlisted as a Chaplain in the British Army in 1915 because he wanted to be on the battlefield with soldiers when they most needed a priest. Learn all about his amazing life, including his “Bravery Under Fire,” when EWTN’s newest docudrama premieres at 10 p.m. ET, Sunday, Aug. 12. (Encores air at 3:30 p.m. ET, Thursday, Aug. 16; 9 a.m. ET, Saturday, August 18; and 1:30 p.m. ET, Sunday, August 19. Find EWTN at www.ewtn.com/ channelfinder.)

While Father Willie’s early life sets the stage, his story really comes to life after the outbreak of the First World War when the 42-year-old priest joined the British Army, 16th Irish Division, as a Catholic Chaplain.

“All denominations loved him,” said Director/Pro- ducer Campbell Miller. “They knew no matter what happened, even if they were out in no man’s land and left for dead, Father Willie would come for them. He didn’t just come once. He came multiple times a day. He would drag that soldier back if injured or, if they weren’t going to make it, he would lie down beside them and give them the last rites.”

Miller said all the soldiers wanted to be in Father Willie’s dugout because it appeared to them that no one who fought near him was killed. However, that changed in August 1917. Father Willie went out on the battlefield to rescue two men, and was caught in a mortar attack.

Says Miller: “Father Willie wanted to give the men that passed away a dignified Christian burial. It feels very odd that this could not be awarded to him because they never actually found his body. He was blown to bits.”

This might seem like a sad ending, but Miller says no one who looks at Father Willie’s life ultimately comes away sad.

“I would have wanted to hang out with Father Willie” he said. “Here was a man who gave up his life for his friends. You see that there was no fear. You see, in his limited time on earth, the respect people had for him and the impact he had on so many people while he was alive—and even afterward from the pamphlets he wrote. ‘Shall I Become a Priest?’, one of his pamphlets, brought many to the priesthood. When you see what he accomplished, you can’t help but get inspired.”

Father Willie’s cause for canonization, which was put forward in 1943, has languished. Miller says: “My hope for this film is that it will cause people to again look at his cause for canonization.”

EWTN Global Catholic Network, in its 37th year, is the largest religious media network in the world. EWTN’s 11 TV channels are broadcast in multiple languages 24 hours a day, seven days a week to over 275 million television households in more than 145 countries and territories. EWTN platforms also include radio services transmitted through SIRIUS/ XM, iHeart Radio, and over 500 domestic and inter- national AM & FM radio affiliates; a worldwide short- wave radio service; the largest Catholic website in the U.S.; electronic and print news services, including Catholic News Agency, “The National Catholic Regis- ter” newspaper, and several global news wire services; as well as EWTN Publishing, its book publishing division.
But what if there is strength in dependence—on God?

John Paul II, in expressing his thanks for consecrated women, wrote, “Following the example of the greatest of women, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, you open yourselves with obedience and fidelity to the gift of God’s love. You help the Church and all mankind to experience a ‘spousal’ relationship to God, one which magnificently expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with his creatures.”

This specific and crucial mission, to “help the Church and all mankind to experience a ‘spousal’ relationship to God” is one only women can fulfill. And, because of the world’s disdain for obedience and quietness, this noble mission is also often looked down upon.

Although Sister Maria lives behind closed doors, she lives pray for people outside those doors. “We are here for the world, for the sake of others,” she said.

To some women, a life like Sr. Clare’s might seem impossible—too simple, too humble, not empowered.

Consecrated life, like motherhood, is sometimes regarded as less significant work than traditional employment.

“People are so afraid of permanent commitment,” said Sister Maria, adding that she has seen fewer and fewer vocations to the Poor Clares.

A strong woman, says society, is a woman who isn’t afraid to invest in herself and do what she pleases.

But a strong woman of faith, says God, is a woman who isn’t afraid to fully commit herself to Christ.

Not only do “feminists” disregard the gravity of such commitment, but they also constantly reach for ways to prove that they are not “different than men, instead of trying to compete or equal in their own way,” the nun said.

Even when it comes to roles in the Church.

“Some groups continue to demand priesthood for women,” she said, but this “doesn’t make much sense.”

Considering Mary, she said, there are many opportunities for women to have a strong influence on the church.

Mary “never claimed to be one of the apostles…. She had her own role, and continues to have it in the church,” she said. “Who can be more important…. her role in salvation history…. than Mary’s?”

Disclaiming that she did not encourage priesthood for women, she added, “In a way, Mary was a priest. She was the first one who carried Jesus…. The body of Christ is Mary’s body. The Eucharistic Body, in a way, is Mary’s flesh.”

“Every Communion, you carry Jesus,” she said, and, quoting St. Francis, “You give birth to Jesus through your good works.”

Sister Maria referenced St. Clare’s teachings: “We can carry Jesus the same way that Mary carried him…. Mary carried Jesus in her womb for nine months, but the faithful soul can carry him spiritually, always.”

Women, she said, should embrace the roles in the church that God has offered to them rather than scrambling for more roles. If man and woman were the same, she said, it wouldn’t be as beautiful.

Ultimately, each woman—and man, for that matter—is called to be vigilant of God’s wish for their life, said Sister Maria.

“It’s a journey that never ends. You will always be receiving the vocation from God every day and answering to a vocation every day,” she said. “Do not be afraid to give yourself to Christ.”

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Humble Service and Merciful Love To America

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

On August 30, the feast of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, we Little Sisters of the Poor will launch a jubilee year celebrating the 150th anniversary of our Congregation’s arrival in the United States.

Our pioneering Little Sisters arrived in America during a particularly painful period in our nation’s history. The nativist movement of the 1850s, the Civil War and the failures of Reconstruction left an enormous human toll, vast economic devastation and a profound racial divide in their wake.

Like a healing balm, the Little Sisters of the Poor brought a much-needed infusion of humble service and merciful love to America.

The Little Sisters personified the Church’s preferential option for the poor and most abandoned.

The second mark of originality in the Little Sisters’ charism of hospitality was its universal embrace. In a century characterized by anti-immigrant propaganda and blatant racial discrimination, the Little Sisters opened their doors to the needy elderly regardless of race, religion or nationality—Catholic and non-Catholic, immigrant and native-born, black and white.

Third, through their compassionate care for the infirm and the dying the Little Sisters offered a powerful witness of the sacredness of every human life until the very end, regardless of personal status, ability or wealth.

The Industrial Revolution had encouraged a utilitarian mindset that treated human workers as machines and erroneously associated self-worth with status and wealth. Those perceived as unproductive were cast aside. The Little Sisters’ loving care of the poor and their companionship of the dying offered a counterbalance to the dehumanizing forces at work in 19th century American society.

Finally, the Little Sisters of the Poor brought to America a powerful testimony to absolute faith in God’s Providence. They arrived with almost nothing and set up shop in empty buildings, depending on the generosity of the local community to provide all that was needed for the care of the poor.

On seeing all that the Sisters received in their first collecting rounds, the Mother Superior in one Home welpt as she exclaimed, “O Providence! O Providence!” The Sisters in another Home expressed their sense of wonder, “Divine Providence provided according to our needs … We were quite overcome with gratitude towards the good God; who disposed so well people's hearts in our favor.”

These four characteristics of our Congregation’s charism, personified by our pioneering Little Sisters, brought a unique Gospel message to 19th century America:

- The preferential option for the poor and most abandoned;
- Universal charity, without regard for race, creed or nationality;
- Profound reverence for the dignity of every human life;
- Absolute trust in Divine Providence.

In fact, these values might be even more urgently needed today, as Pope Francis suggests: “The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. . . . Heal the wounds, heal the ills. . . . You must start from the ground up.”

Please join us in thanking God for his Providential care of our Congregation and the many blessings of these past 150 years!

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.
Regulaciones Diocesanas referente a “Servicios Comunitarios” en Ausencia de un Sacerdote

Se ha hecho muy común en un número de Parroquias e Instituciones en la Diócesis de Santa Rosa que los Diacinos y Laicos hagan Servicios Comunitarios en ausencia de un Sacerdote en días Domingos y días de semana cuando un sacerdote no está disponible para la celebración de la Santa Misa. Recientemente estos Servicios se dan en horario regular, algunas veces semanalmente, u otros, varias veces en la semana. La práctica, aunque popular, no es consistente con las Instrucciones de la Santa Sede, nombradas en la Congregación para el Culto Divino y La Disciplina de los Sacramentos.

Por lo tanto, para clarificar los asuntos de la Diócesis, por la presente dispongo:

1) Como póliza general, Servicios Comunitarios en lugar de Misa no están permitidos ni los Domingos ni días de semana.

2) Información del horario de Misas en las Parroquias y Capillas cercanas deben estar publicadas regularmente en las Parroquias de la Diócesis para que vayan a Misa los que puedan viajar a otros lugares.

3) A los Pastores se les anima a arreglos, cuando ellos no puedan celebrar Misa, para que un Uden Parroquial sea instruido a dirigir oración en Comunidad de acuerdo a los Ritos Aproados (Celebraciones Dominicales en la Ausencia de un Sacerdote—el cual está disponible en Inglés y Español). Los Ritos incluyen la posibilidad de Laudes, Vísperas o Celebración de la Liturgia de la Palabra. Solamente un Diácono puede predicar en estas ocasiones. Un laico dirigiendo el Servicio puede leer un texto preparado por el Pastor. Estos Servicios deben ser conducidos sin la Distribución de la Sagrada Comunión.

4) Diacinos también pueden exponer el Santísimo Sacramento por el período de adoración seguido de la Benedición. Distribución de la Sagrada Comunión no está permitido en conjunto con la Benedición con el Santísimo Sacramento.

5) Esta póliza no tiene la intención de impedir a las personas que tienen a cargo la importante tarea de traer la Sagrada Comunión a los enfermos y confinados.

6) Los que tienen la responsabilidad de llevar la Sagrada Comunión a los demás bajo ninguna circunstancia han de reservar el Sagrado Sacramento en sus hogares.

7) Estas regulaciones se hacen efectivas a partir del 1º de Agosto del 2018.

Dado en la Cancillería, Santa Rosa, 3 de Julio del 2018

—Robert F. Vasa, Obispo de Santa Rosa

**165. Es necesario evitar cualquier confusión entre este tipo de reuniones (Servicio Comunitario sin Misa). Los Obispos diocesanos, por lo tanto, valoren con prudencia si se debe distribuir la Sagrada Comunión en estas reuniones. Conviene que esto sea determinado, para lograr una mayor coordinación, por la Conferencia de Obispos, de modo que alcanzada la resolución, la presentará a la aprobación de la Sede Apostólica, mediante la Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos. Además, en ausencia del sacerdote y del diácono, será preferible que las diversas partes puedan ser distribuidas entre varios fieles, en vez de que uno sólo de los fieles laicós dirija toda la celebración. No conviene, en ningún caso, que se diga de un fiel laico que “preside” la celebración.

166. Así mismo, el Obispo diocesano, a quien solamente corresponde este asunto, no conceda con facilidad que este tipo de celebraciones se realicen en los días de semana y, sobretodo en los lugares donde el domingo precedente o siguiente se ha podido o se podrá celebrar la Fucarística. Se ruego a los sacerdotes que, a ser posible, celebren diariamente la Santa Misa por el pueblo, en una de las iglesias que les han sido encomendadas. (Instrucción de la Eucaristía, Congregación del Culto Divino y Disciplina de los Sacramentos, 25 de Marzo del 2004. **

¿Cuál es el deber de los Padres de Familia, hacia sus hijos, en relación a los 10 Mandamientos? 

Preguntas Al Diácono Mario

Pregunta: Alma de la Iglesia de Mission Dolores.

En el libro de Deuteronómino 6:4-9, en relación a los 10 Mandamientos del Señor, Dios a través de Moisés le dijo al pueblo de Israel, y por supuesto también a todos nosotros; lo siguiente: “Escucha, Israel: Amaras a Yave, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con todas tus fuerzas.

Graba en tu mente y en tu corazón, los Mandamientos que yo te entrego hoy, Enséñalos, fielmente a tus Hijos y Hijas, habla de ellos en casa, cuando estés de viaje, cuando te acuestas, y cuando te levantes”. Cuando un padre de familia, Obedece los Mandatos del Señor, Dios a través de Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. (Celebaciones Dominicales en la Ausencia de un Sacerdote—el cual está disponible en Inglés y Español). Los Ritos incluyen la posibilidad de Laudes, Vísperas o Celebración de la Liturgia de la Palabra. Solamente un Diácono puede predicar en estas ocasiones. Un laico dirigiendo el Servicio puede leer un texto preparado por el Pastor. Estos Servicios deben ser conducidos sin la Distribución de la Sagrada Comunión.

Nadie puede Enseñar, lo que No sabe.

Me pregunto cuántos padres de familia se saben de memoria y en orden: Los 10 Mandamientos? Yo sé, que Todos se los saben, Pero, por aquellos dos, que No se acuerdan, se los voy a enumerar:

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Los 10 Mandamientos, como su palabra lo indica, son Mandatos, No son: “Las 10 Sugerencias” Como algunos, que Solamente quieren Obedecer, lo que ellos quieren; lo que se ajuste a su “Estilo de Vida”. Los Mandamientos vienen en solo paquete, si desobedecemos Uno solo, es como que estemos, desobedeciéndonos Todos! Los mandamientos de Dios, son como las direcciones o recomendaciones del Doctor, que te dan impresas en un frasco de medicinas, que te dicen que hacer, o que No hacer para estar vivo y saludable en esta vida.

Los Mandamientos de Dios, son: Reglas morales (vea Los 10 Mandamientos, pagina 20)
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Cantó para el Papa Francisco y ahora causa sensación en el programa "The Voice Brasil"

RÍO DE JANEIRO (ACI Prensa) - La cantante católica Larissa Viana, que cantó al Papa Francisco durante la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud Río 2013, ha causado sensación en las redes sociales con su presentación en el programa “The Voice Brasil” el pasado 19 de julio en las audiciones a ciegas.


La joven contó al jurado que ella es católica y que viaja por el país “cantando música católica”.

“También canto música popular, porque creo en la belleza de la música. Considere que la gente, que es artista, necesita ser muy fiel a lo que es bello y que transforma la vida de las personas”, afirmó.

La presentación de Viana conmovió a los usuarios en las redes sociales y se convirtió en uno de los temas más comentados.

A través de su cuenta de Facebook, la cantante católica indicó que “tener a las cuatro sillas volteadas tan rápido fue genial! Lo que es más especial que estar en aquel escenario, al frente de personas que admiró tanto y haciendo lo que amo, es recibir el cariño de todos ustedes”.

La joven de 22 años y originaria de Petrópolis llegó a interpretar cinco canciones. Una de ellas fue “Salve Regina” en la Vigilia de Oración Juventud (JMJ) en Río de Janeiro.

“Lo que intentamos con las pastoral y evangelización es que dejen de trabajar, que se aseguren de la música católica”.

Incluso, destacó, la religiosidad popular también es una fuente de inspiración para que sigan por ese rumbo, colocando personas especiales que apoyaron al cantante “cambiando el rumbo”.

“Yo me entendi como artista a partir de mi relación con la música católica”, narra que empezó a estudiar canto a los nueve años y luego comenzó a “cantar en ministerios de música”.

“Inicialmente quería ser médico, pero Dios fue encaminándome para que siguiera por ese rumbo (la música), colocando personas especiales que apoyaron a este joven para que siga adelante”, reveló.

Entre las personas que guiaron a Viana está la cantante católica Ziza Fernandes. Después de un encuentro entre ambas en Petrópolis, la joven fue invitada a presentarse en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud (JMJ) en Río de Janeiro.

En ese entonces, Ziza Fernandes era la directora musical de los actos centrales de la JMJ y le pidió a Viana que cantara “Panis Angelicus” en la Misa de apertura que se celebró en la playa de Copacabana.

La joven llegó a interpretar cinco canciones. Una de ellas fue “Salve Regin” en la Vigilia de Oración y otras ante el Papa Francisco en la Misa de Envío.

Viana, que actualmente estudia canto lírico, afirmó que fue “una experiencia muy bonita donde se fue Iglesia, comunidad y se compartió la Eucaristía”.

Este año la cantante participó en la grabación de la versión en portugués de la JMJ Panamá 2019.

“La grabación del himno de la JMJ fue una experiencia maravillosa y muy ligeramente común, compartir y entregar de todos los que estabamos allí expresó la joven a través de su página de Facebook y dijo que “eso es ser Iglesia! ¡Eso es la JMJ”!

La religiosidad popular: Clave para evangelizar en mercados de Ciudad de México

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO (ACI Prensa) - ¿Cómo evangelizar a comerciantes en uno de los mercados más grandes de Ciudad de México? Un sacerdote encontró la clave en la religiosidad popular.

La Merced es un barrio céntrico de Ciudad de México, principalmente dedicado al comercio, con pocas residencias. Es también conocido por la Plaza de la Aguilair, lugar en el que según la leyenda los aztecas encontraron un águila comiendo una serpiente y decidieron fundar Tenochtitlán.

El P. Gabriel Piña es el párroco de Santo Tomás Apóstol Las Palmas, en el corazón de La Merced. Su trabajo, dijo a ACI Prensa, se ha enfocado en fomentar la religiosidad popular.

“Se van formando núcleos de evangelización en diversos puntos de los mercados, y también puntos de comercio ambulante”, explicó.

“Buscamos a la gente que se acerque, movida por la religiosidad y por la devoción hacia algunos santos”.

Dijo que ejemplo de esto es la masiva participación de los comerciantes en los Via Crucis de Cuaresma.

“La Cuaresma es un tiempo muy saturado de actividades, en esta línea de religiosidad popular”, dijo.

Sin embargo, el carácter comercial de la zona hace difícil un trabajo permanente, pues los feligreses no viven cerca, sino que llegan a La Merced para trabajar y luego regresan a sus casas en las periferías de Ciudad de México.


“Las actividades que tenemos de religiosidad popular las hacemos cuando todavía están aquí, y las de evangelización ya de trabajo formal, con un proceso, los hacemos cuando terminan de trabajar”, dijo.

Los comerciantes “se dan un tiempo, no se van inmediatamente, esperan un rato, y ahí hacemos las catequesis y las reflexiones”, destacó.

Un trabajo agobiado por el crimen

Pero la pastoral de La Merced afronta un desafío adicional por la cercanía con el barrio de Tepeyotl, base de diversas bandas de crimen organizado: la delincuencia.

“Lo que intentamos con las pastoral y evangelización es disminuir la delincuencia, acercarnos a las personas”, explicó el sacerdote.

“Nos acercamos a los lugares donde están esos focos, donde se concentran más los delincuentes, y donde hacen sus planes. Pues si bien están distribuidos por toda La Merced, hay puntos donde se concentran para organizarse”.

Incluso, destacó, la religiosidad popular también apela a los delincuentes.

Pero la violencia, dijo, no está restringida a las zonas difíciles del centro histórico de Ciudad de México, sino que afecta “a todo el país y pega mucho en la zona metropolitana” de la capital mexicana.

Dijo que los feligreses “a veces se resisten un poco a quedarse un rato más. Muchos de estos hermanos que trabajan aquí viven en la zona metropolitana”, explicó.

“Ahi es donde tienen miedo, corren más riesgo. Por eso no siempre se esperan, porque saben que se arriesgan a ser asaltados en el camino de regreso a su casa”, lamentó.

Parroquia Santo Tomás Apóstol Las Palmas, en La Merced, Ciudad de México. Foto: David Ramos / ACI Prensa.

Una pastoral de la esperanza

El P. Gabriel Piña señaló que frente al drama de la delincuencia y la violencia en México, trabajan constantemente por alentar a las personas para “que no pierdan la esperanza de que las cosas pueden cambiar y mejorar”.

“Algo que les llena mucho es que vayamos con el Santísimo y hagamos horas santas”, destacó.

El P. Piña señaló que a estas personas “les decimos que confíen en la ayuda y la providencia de Dios. Que lo que ocurra afuera no te quite la paz, incluso en un asalto”.

“Sabes que siempre Dios está contigo y Él es el dueño de la vida y de todo. Tú aquí podrás seguir trabajando y recuperarte de lo que pierdas. Trata simplemente de no perder esa paz, porque entonces sí lo pierdes todo”, dijo.

Más de 60 mil Peregrinos a Pie y en Bicicleta para ver a la Virgen de Guadalupe

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO (ACI Prensa) - A pie y en bicicleta, 64.400 peregrinos llegaron a la Basílica de Guadalupe en Ciudad de México el 22 de julio, tras recorrer más de 300 kilómetros desde el estado de Querétaro.

Los peregrinos llegaron en tres grupos al hogar de la tímida de San Juan Diego, tras caminar 17 días: primero lo hicieron 300 ciclistas, sobre el mediodía 23 mil peregrinos y finalmente 36.400 varones, conocidos como los “soldados de la guadalupana”.

Los tres grupos de peregrinos, que colmaron la Basílica de Guadalupe desde las 6:00 a.m. del domingo, fueron recibidos por el Obispo de Querétaro, Mons. Faustino Armendariz Jiménez.

Hemos acompañado a ciclistas de Querétaro en su Peregrinación al Tepeyac. Dios bendiga a esta columna de fe que ama a Santa María de Guadalupe.

En la primera de las tres Misas que celebró junto a los peregrinos, Mons. Armandzarí Jiménez les alentó a no tener miedo “de dar nuestro tiempo a Cristo”.

“¡No tengamos miedo de pasar nuestro tiempo de descanso con Jesús y de tener un tiempo compartido con Él! Sí, abramos nuestro tiempo a Cristo para que Él lo pueda iluminar y dirigir”, dijo.

Al celebrar la Misa para las mujeres que peregrinaron a pie, el Obispo de Querétaro les recordó que solo descansando en Jesús “se puede encontrar la paz (vea Noticias en Español, página 21)
Hablando de la clase de Relación de Amor:

Cuando una pareja de novios, está bien enamorados, llega el nuevo a hacerla la visita a la novia y quizás ya han pasado 5 horas y el novio le dice a la novia: “Ya me tengo que ir” y la novia le contesta: “Pero, mi amor, No te vayas”. Si ahora, es un novio, a quien, te lo digo, tienen que hacerse: “¿Maestro, que tan bueno tengo que ser, para ganarme la vida eterna?”

Pregunta que muchos hacen. Jesús responde: “Tú debes de amar al Señor tu Dios, con todo tu Corazón, y con toda tu Alma, y con toda tu mente. Este es el más grande y Primer mandamiento. Y el Segundo es así: Tú debes amar a tu prójimo, como a ti mismo. Al final de nuestras vidas, vamos a ser juzgados por la Regla del Amor. Que tanto amamos a Dios, Y que tanto amamos al Prójimo. Cuando Dios llega a tu vida, una de las primeras áreas donde tú miras una diferencia: Es en tus relaciones con las demás personas; es aquí, donde tú puedes Medir, como anda tu relación con Dios. Si por ejemplo, cuando llegas a una fiesta, Todos quieren estar lo más lejos de ti…quizás es una señal, que tus relaciones con las otras personas y con Dios No andan tan bien!

Dios nos manda a que tengamos una relación personal con El; Pero, así como la cruz es Vertical también es Horizontal, Indicándonos, la relación que debemos tener con el prójimo.

Hablando del amor al prójimo, les voy a hacer un Test, para tu propia reflexión personal:

Supongamos que alguien llegara con una noticia que hay un gran incendio en South San Francisco donde tú tienes tu casa, Y tu comienzas a orar diciendo: “Diosito mío: “Que No se me queme mi casa”, de alguna forma, como:  Oración vacía, porque cuando oras diciendo: “Que No se me queme mi casa”, de alguna forma, como:  Oración vacía, porque cuando oras diciendo: “Que No se me queme mi casa”; de alguna forma, estas insinuando: Que las otras cosas…No hay ningún problema…No importan que se quemen! Pero, Mi casa, que No se me queme.

Como mencione anteriormente: Siete mandamientos, solo tienen sentido con Relación al prójimo. Esto lo ilustró con el siguiente ejemplo: Supongamos que: Rick, toma su avión Privado, para irse de vacaciones a Hawái y el avión va sobre el mar, y de repente comienza a fallar y se estrella en el mar, y solamente el queda vivo, y logra llegar a una isla, donde él es el Único ser humano, que habita en esa isla. Su avión tiene final del equipo de rescate es que lo se comieron los tiburones! Entonces, vienes la gran pregunta:

¿El mandamiento No robarás, tendría sentido? NO, porque, No hay nadie, a quien robarle. El Mandamiento de: No mataras, No mentiras, No cometeras adulterio, ninguno de estos Mandamientos tendría sentido, sino es, en Relación al Prójimo.

Podemos decir entonces, que: La mejor forma, que tenemos de honorar a Dios es: Las de ser una bendición en la vida de otras personas. Lo que tu Odias, que te hagan a ti…No se lo hagas a otras personas.

Cualquier acto de Obediencia hacia los Mandamientos es un acto de Adoración a Dios.

¿Porque La obediencia es tan agradable a Dios? La respuesta es: ¿Porque, es prueba que tu realmente lo amas?

Tú debes de ser la causa, que, a través de ti, Dios sea amado (No rechazado), por otras personas.

 Padres de familia: La Obediencia y la Enseñanza de los 10 Mandamientos comienza en la casa, con el Papa, como Pastor de su rebaño. La casa (No la escuela, ni la Iglesia), tiene que ser el Primer lugar, donde se Enseñe, a Amar a Dios, sobre Todas las cosas!

Hablando de Obediencia:

Hay muchos que han perdido a su mama, o a su papa; o a ambos. La buena noticia, es que: Nosotros Podemos y Debemos, seguir honrandose a nuestros padres, AUN ya fallecidos, haciéndolos sentir Orgullosos, de sus hijos, llevando una vida, Agradando a Dios, en todo lo que hacemos.

Por qué la gente dirá de ti: “Que buen trabajo, hicieron los padres de esa persona”

Contrario, si tu llevas una vida bien desordenada, lleno de todo tipo de pecados, Tu estas poniendo a tus padres en una posición Vergonzosa, porque la gente dirá de ti: “Que pobre trabajo”. hicieron los padres, de ese hijo o hija”

Queridos padres de familia, quizás ustedes No podrán evitar cometer errores en la crianza de sus hijos, pero, tienen la gran Responsabilidad, hacia sus hijos y hacia ustedes mismos, De al menos, No cometer los mismos errores, que sus padres, pudieron haber cometido con ustedes!

No existe en la tierra un padre de familia perfecto, como también No existe un hijo o hija perfecto. A todos los hijos, le digo que: No importan que tan buenos o males fueron o han sido sus papás, Todos estamos, llamados a Honrarlos!

El cuarto Mandamiento de la ley de Dios dice: Honraras a tu Padre y a tu madre. Es de notar que este Mandamiento, dice Honraras, No dice Amaras, Y esto es, por aquellos padres, que fueron con sus hijos abusivos, violentos y que los abandonaron; a estos No obliga el Mandamiento a Amarlos, pero sí a Honrarlos, porque ellos te trajeron al mundo!

Honrarlos con lleva, a Perdonarlos, así como Dios Te perdona a Ti, No guardar ningún: Rencor, odio, resentimiento; lo cuales son como un cáncer terminar en el alma.

Para terminar:

Entre mis oraciones, antes de levantarme por la mañana esta pedirle a Dios: Que No permita que haga Nada, Fuera de su Santa Voluntad.

Que me ayude a ser fiel a sus Mandamientos. Te hago una cordial invitación para que el día de hoy, y por el resto de tu vida, tomes la Resolución de ser un mejor papa, una mejor mama, para tus hijos, Enseñándoles, a obedecer los Mandamientos de Dios.

Ora a Dios, para que tu mayor deseo en la vida, sea: Hacer la Voluntad de Dios, y No la tuya. Que se haga realidad, en tu Mente y en tu Corazón, lo que expresas en la oración del Padre Nuestro, cuando dices: “Señor, Hágase tu Voluntad en la tierra, como en el cielo!”

Dios te ama! ¡Dios te bendiga! ☺

Zuniga es Diácono de Misión Dolores
Why A Famous Social Justice Priest Opposed Birth Control

July 25th Catholic News Agency

During the early cultural battles over birth control in 1920s America, social thinker Monsignor John A. Ryan brought a unique perspective to the debate: he argued that contraception hurt solidarity and other efforts to ensure a decent living for workers and their families.

“In the late 19th and early 20th centuries workers were many times exploited by those who employed them. The working class was subjected to poor working conditions, low wages, and long hours. Ryan was their defender,” Prof. Clement A. Mulloy, a history professor at Arkansas State University, told CNA July 24. “Ryan believed workers were entitled to a normal family life which he equated with children, preferably in a large family.”

Even payment of a “living wage” to workers was a moral obligation of employers. This living wage meant “a decent livelihood” for a worker and his family, not merely subsistence pay. He took this position from papal encyclicals like Leo XIII’s Rerum Novarum, which condemned abuses of capitalism and defended the worker.

Critics of this “living wage” approach found inspiration in thinkers like Thomas Malthus, who claimed population growth would tend to outpace the ability to produce food. “They would counter that workers had too many children and “if they could just limit the size of their families, then they would have enough money to support themselves,” Mulloy said. “In other words, their poverty was their own fault. Consequently, those who were affluent were relieved of any responsibility to help the poor.”

Ryan was not a socialist. Rather, he backed Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal. His support was so strong that he became known as the “Right Reverend New Dealer.” Born in Minnesota in 1869, the priest was ordained for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and later became a professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He became a prominent advisor for the U.S. bishops before his death in 1945 at the age of 76.

The priest is not well known for discussing birth control, but he wrote about it in many articles and in his famous book “A Living Wage.” Mulloy discusses this aspect of Ryan’s thought in his essay “John A. Ryan and the Issue of Family Limitation,” which appeared in the 2013 issue of the Catholic Social Science Review.

“Ryan advocated ‘social justice’ in the sense that he believed government and employers had a duty to improve conditions and not just blame the poor for their plight,” Mulloy said. “Ryan believed there was plenty of wealth to support the population, if it was just distributed properly.”

Birth control advocates in the 1920s particularly wanted birth control practiced by the working class. In their view, the Industrial Revolution had produced uneducated, unskilled and “unfit” workers who were “breeding out of control.”

These attitudes were not purely scientific. Rather, they were accompanied by ethnic and religious animosity.

“The working class tended to be Catholic, while the wealthy tended to be white Anglo-Saxon Protestants and tended to have small families,” Mulloy said. “So there existed a certain fear or animosity.”

“Ryan, again, was the defender of the working class. He referred to the working class as the ‘saving remnant’ of civilization. He stated they were fit, morally fit, because they engaged in the sacrifice and hard work of raising large families.”

For Ryan, widespread use of birth control would have long-term detrimental effects on society, not just individuals. He predicted that birth control would lead to “enervating self-indulgence” across society. Husband and wife would treat each other as instruments of pleasure, and not cooperate with God to improve conditions and not just blame the poor for their plight.”

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“Breeding out of control,” Mulloy explained. “As a result, he predicted that people would lack integrity, a work ethic would deteriorate, people would become less patriotic, and more concerned with making money and not higher pursuits,” said Mulloy.

Population decline would also have harmful effects, in Ryan’s view, including damaging economic effects. Mulloy reflected on these predictions.

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CALENDAR
AUGUST 2018

August 5th
Sacred Heart Festival
Sacred Heart Church, Eureka, CA 10 – 6pm Tacos, Chicharrones, Tamale, Burritos, Elotes, Frutas, Raspados, Postres, Games 2085 Myrtle Ave, Eureka, California 95501 (707) 443-8429

August 5th
Knights of Columbus BBQ St. Eugene’s
The Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Fundraiser Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, August 5, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Menu includes half a chicken, coleslaw, beans, bread roll & ice cream for $16. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, July 8th, in the PLC from 8:00 am -12:00 noon and in the Parish Office starting July 9, from 9:00 am — 4:00 pm. (707) 542-6984

August 18th
Religious Education Congress
“Called to be Holy Families”
8:30am - 4:30pm Diocese of Santa Rosa Department of Religious Education
Presents its annual Religious Education Congress “Called to be Holy Families” Held at Cardinal Newman School, 50 Ursuline Rd., Santa Rosa
Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. Speakers: John Galten, Deacon David & Carlin Gould, John Hamlon, Steve Patton, Jesse Romero

August 24th - 26th
Marriage Encounter Weekend
A Marriage Encounter weekend is an amazing opportunity to get away with your spouse and to focus on your relationship with each other and with God. Learn tools needed to deepen these relationships. The next weekend is August 24 - 26 in Sacramento. For information call (916)489-3464 or go to http://www.sacramentowme.org.

September 9th
The 40th Annual Carmelite Benefit Dinner
Will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 hosted at the Carmelite House of Prayer, 20 Mount Carmel Dr., Oakville; from 2-6 pm. A Buffet Style Dinner with BBQ Tri-Tip and Chicken, Homemade Salads, Savory Beans, Dessert; Sciambra Bread with excellent Napa Valley Wine on the table. Live entertainment; Silent Wine Auction and Live Auction featuring gift items and exceptional Napa Valley Wine; Door prizes. Raffle tickets with a chance to win a wine refrigerator fully stocked with Napa Valley Premium Wines; 1st prize, $2,000; 2nd prize, $1,000; 3rd prize $500, 4th prize $250; 5th & 6th prize, $125. Advance Tickets - Adults $60, Children 12 and under free hotdog dinner. Tickets purchased at the Door $70. Tickets are available at the Oakville Carmelite Monastery or by calling 944-2454 weekdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, by September 1, 2018.

September 9th
Mass for Loved Ones
As has been our tradition for nearly 20 years, Catholic Charities will have Mass said to remember and honor the special people and moments in our lives. Join us at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church 3700 Lassen St, Napa, CA Sunday, September 9th at the 9:00am Mass. Send us the names of your loved ones and we will include them in our upcoming celebration of remembrance at this special Mass. 987 Airway Ct, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Phone: (707) 528-8712

September 12th
NFP Class Napa
Beginning September all engaged and married couples are invited to the next English natural family planning course. More info call 707 738-4535

September 13th - 16th & 20th - 23rd
The Catholic Cursillo Movement
The Archdiocese of Portland is having a Cursillo in Christianity for men & women at St Rita’s Retreat Center just south of Grants Pass, OR. The Cursillo is a 3-day opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and in communion with your fellow Catholics. The women’s Cursillo is Sept 13-16. The men’s Cursillo is Sept 20-23. Car pools will be arranged for transportation. Contact Bob (677-1952), Randy (840-6262) or Patrick (530-559-2100) for additional

October 20th
NFP Class
All engaged and married couples are invited to the next English natural family planning course. Class 1 is Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 7-9 p.m. in Santa Rosa. For more information, please call (707) 542-3635 or go to http://www.ccli.org.

Ongoing
Thursdays 7:00pm
“Pray for Priests” prayer group St. Sebastian Parish
Is God calling you to enrich your prayer life in the very meaningful way? If so, you are welcome to come to our parish “Pray for Priests” prayer group on Thursdays, 7-8pm in St. Sebastian’s church. Weekly attendance is not a requirement, join us when you can.

To have your calendar event listed please email us! Srdioce@srme.org

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human population. Birth control advocacy was among the strategies advanced by this movement, alongside marriage restrictions or involuntary sterilization. The last strategy was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1927 and over 60,000 people were forcibly sterilized out of the belief their ability to have children was a threat to social welfare.

The priest argued that involuntary sterilization was unnecessary and would have harmful effects on society. If “imbeciles,” the then-scientific term for the mentally disabled, would be forcibly sterilized, then other socially marginalized groups, such as Mexicans and African-Americans, would be targeted next. “In some ways Ryan’s arguments against sterilization are more interesting than other Catholic theologians because Ryan considers the harmful effects to society from involuntary sterilization which the other theologians do not bother with,” Mulloy said.

In the 1920s, Ryan was among a minority of Catho-
lic theologians who did not believe that involuntary sterilization was an evil in itself. It had not been defined as such in Church teaching. When Pope Pius XI’s encyclical Casti connubii condemned the practice as inherently evil in 1930, the priest accepted this teaching.

While Ryan acknowledged and made use of “natu-
ral law”-style arguments, Mulloy wrote in his Catholic Social Science Review essay, “Ryan realized this would have little impact on most Americans, since it was a purely intellectual argument with no reference to utility or social welfare.”

Pope Paul VI reaffirmed Catholic teaching on con-
traception in his 1968 encyclical Humanae vitae, but the hostile reaction from many Catholic and non-
Catholic leaders continues to this day.

August 14: St. Maxmilian Kolbe

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Pope Francis Advances Sainthood Causes of Young Teens

VATICAN CITY - Pope Francis issued decrees advancing the sainthood causes of four candidates, including two young teenagers who heroically lived the Christian virtues.

At a meeting July 5 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, the pope signed a decree recognizing the heroic virtues of Alexia Gonzalez Barros, who offered her sufferings from a malignant tumor for the Church.

Gonzalez was born in Madrid in 1971. Her parents were members of Opus Dei and passed on their faith to their five children. She made her first Communion in Rome and the following day attended the weekly general audience May 9, 1979.

She ran up to St. John Paul II as he greeted pilgrims and received a blessing and a kiss from the pope.

Several years later, her life dramatically changed when doctors discovered a tumor that gradually paralyzed her. Throughout her illness, she offered her sufferings for the Church and the pope and would often pray, “Jesus, I want to feel better, I want to be healed; but if you do not want that, I want what you want.”

She died Dec. 5, 1985, at the age of 14.

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According to the website of his canonization process, Acutis placed the Eucharist “at the center of his life and called it ‘my highway to heaven.’”

Before his death in 2006, Acutis offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church.

The other decrees signed by the pope recognized the heroic virtues of:

- Pietro Di Vitale, an Italian layman and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. He was born in Sicily in 1916 and died in 1940.

Recognizing the heroic virtues of a person is one of the first formal steps toward canonization, or sainthood. In most cases, a miracle attributed to that person’s intercession is needed for beatification, the next step toward sainthood.

“Together in Hope”

An Ecumenical prayer event to gather in solidarity and honor our resiliency and recovery from the North Bay Fires.

Oct 7th 2pm at Cardinal Newman & St. Rose campus

Mission & Purpose

Hope.

Paschal Mystery: Suffering, Death, Resurrection.

Body of Christ is people, not stuff that was lost

Intentional space for prayer and fellowship.

Order of Events:

1pm

Rosary “Coast to Coast”

Procession around St. Rose / Newman

2pm – 3:30pm

• General address and prayer from Bishop

• Additional speakers/prayer leaders

• Bells, Hope Cross, Stations

• A.C.T.S. prayer schedule

• Personal/Private prayer space

• Praise & Worship

• Choir (Gospel / Sisters)

• Blessing over personal mementos

9:45pm

Begin 12 hour Prayer Vigils at designated locations in Sonoma Co.

Additional Areas:

• Food

• Family (children)

• Ministry and memorial

• Recovery service(s)

• First responders
El congreso de este año tendrá un formato diferente que años anteriores no nos separaremos de la conferencia más grande a los talleres más pequeños.

Fees for the Congress is:

- Able to visit exhibitors after Mass, after each presentation and during lunch.

Menu:

- Roast Turkey Sandwich
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap
- Vegetarian Sandwich

The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events: exhibits, liturgies and conferences ($30 before August 1st and at the door of the event.

Cost:

- $10.00 Early bird registration by August 1st deadline.
- $15.00 after August 1st and at day of event.

Reminder: Congress is an annual religious education event. We are unable to offer childcare this year. If you must bring your children, they must be registered and they must accompany you. We ask that they be your sole responsibility so they do not disturb the other delegates.

Address, City & Zip Tel. #

Make check to Dept. Rel. Ed.

Mail the registration with Check or Cash to:

Department of Religious Education
P.O. Box 1297, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
Attention: Carmen Perez Aanenson

La Diócesis de Santa Rosa - Departamento de Educación Religiosa

El 18 de agosto, la Diócesis de Santa Rosa ofrecerá un día de oración y compartimiento para todos los adultos en la Diócesis.

El congreso de este año tendrá un formato diferente que años anteriores no nos separaremos de la conferencia más grande a los talleres más pequeños.

Sin embargo, todavía ofreceremos una variedad de presentaciones durante el día en vaivén.

Recursos de formación y enriquecimiento para ustedes y para sus comunidades de fe.

La oportunidad de escuchar y de renovarse con la sabiduría ofrecida por los conferenciantes es un verdadero don y una bendición.

### Estamos presentando los asistentes:

- Osvaldo Guzmán
- Alfredo Meléz
- Padre Daniel Roa
- Jesse Romero
- Rafael Hernandez

### Información:

#### Lugar:
El Congreso de Educación Religiosa tendrá lugar en las instalaciones del Colegio Cardinal Newman en Santa Rosa. La liturgia se celebrará en el gimnasio. Los presentaciones se realizarán en el auditorio. El gimnasio y el auditorio se encuentran en 4300 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa.

#### Contenidos:
El costo de inscripción cubre todas las actividades: conferencias, almuerzos y obras de arte. El costo es $30 antes del 1 de agosto de 2018. Los boletos se encontrarán disponibles después de esta fecha, los boletos estarán en la mesa de "check-in".

#### El Menú:
Cada persona puede traer su comida. Se venerarán almuerzos, debe ser ordenados y pagados con anticipación. Si desea comprar un almuerzo por adelantado, el costo es $35. El día del evento el costo es $35.

#### El precio de la comida por adelantado será de $10.00.

#### Los boletos serán enviados hasta el 8/4/18 después de esta fecha, los boletos estarán en el gimnasio en la mesa de "check-in".

#### En el congreso, será seguro de recoger su libro del programa.

### Envió esta forma de: Nuevo con su Cheque o giro postal a:
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P.O. Box 1297, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
Attn: Carmen Perez Aanenson

### Forma de inscripción:
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### Registros:
- Se puede registrar ahora. Fácil de registrarse. Solo llena el registro y regrese al Departamento de Educación Religiosa. Como tenemos una cantidad limitada de asientos por favor registre temprano. Si no registra temprano, el costo es $30. El día del evento el costo es $35.

### Hora del programa:

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### Programa del asistente:

#### 10:00AM - 11:00AM
- John Galten

#### 11:15AM - 12:15PM
- John Hamilton

#### 1:00PM - 2:15PM
- Jesse Romero
- Steve Patton

#### 2:30PM - 3:30PM
- Deacon Dave & Carlin Gould

#### 4:30PM - 5:30PM
- Jesse Romero

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