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Intersession Program Responds to Student Interest, Provides Unique Opportunities

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — Sandwiched between the first and second semesters, a month-long term of study called intersession is enriching the educational experience at St. Augustine High School.

More than 700 students — the entire student body — participate in intersession by choosing one from among a list of elective courses, including sailing, cooking, marine biology, architecture and criminal justice, all of which are offered exclusively during intersession.

Seniors have the option of either enrolling in a class or taking advantage of the many internship opportunities also available. Working closely with its community partners, the school has been able to offer internships in the fields of finance, medicine, law and education, among others.

Principal James Horne describes intersession as “a fantastic enrichment of the college-prep program we’ve been known to offer.” He explained that a solid academic program, one that provides everything necessary to prepare students for college, still “leaves out a grand portion of what’s wonderful about learning.” And intersession is intended



THE SKY’S THE LIMIT: Saints student Jack Downey gains firsthand experience in aeronautics during St. Augustine High School’s intersession program.

to fill that gap.

The types of courses and internships offered during inters-

session are generally the result of students’ recommendations, he said, and give students the oppor-

tunity to learn about the things that interest them.

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Local Man’s Dream of a Catholic Baseball Team Becomes Reality

Fundraiser to be held April 5 at St. Brigid Parish

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — For 22 years, Dan Cassidy has dreamed of founding a Catholic baseball team.

He envisioned a team that would travel the world, playing games against professional sports organizations and sharing the Catholic faith at every opportunity.

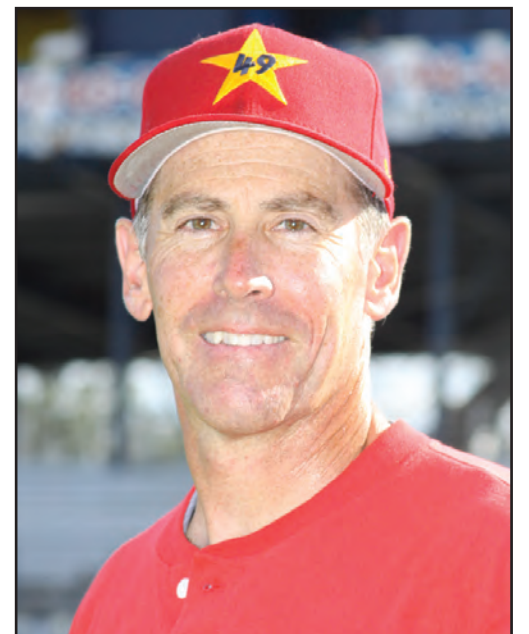
Today, that dream has come true: Cassidy, a former minor-leaguer who coaches baseball at St. Katherine’s College in Encinitas and has his own physical therapy practice, is the founder of the Catholics in Action sports ministry.

“The Lord unfolded this plan and I never lost the desire to do it,” said Cassidy, a mem-

ber of Queen of Angels Parish in Alpine. “But I realize now, looking back, how I had to be formed. I had to be formed in the Catholic faith ... and I had to be formed as a coach.”

Over the past two decades, he has studied theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville and amassed 12 years of coaching experience.

Cassidy’s vision for “the Catholic Church’s first international evangelical baseball team” was inspired by his experience with Athletes in Action, a sports ministry that is part of Cru (formerly called Campus Crusade for Christ). In 1991, he traveled with Athletes in Action to various Latin American countries. There, as the only Catholic member of a Christian baseball team, he and his teammates competed against national teams.



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DAN CASSIDY

First Kick-off Luncheon for Annual Catholic Appeal Sees Strong Turnout

Bishop shares vision of 100-percent participation in Appeal

By Denis Grasska

PASTORAL CENTER — For the first time, a kick-off luncheon was held for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA).

More than 130 people, representing three-fourths of the parishes in the diocese and including more than half of the pastors, attended the luncheon Jan. 15 at the diocesan Pastoral Center.

The theme for the 2014 Appeal is “Called to Serve.”

Damian Esparza, director of the diocesan Office for Development, said the kick-off luncheon was intended “to bring our diocese together” and to share how the ACA impacts a wide variety of ministries and programs, including Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, marriage and family life, Imperial Valley parish development, and vocations for priests and religious life.

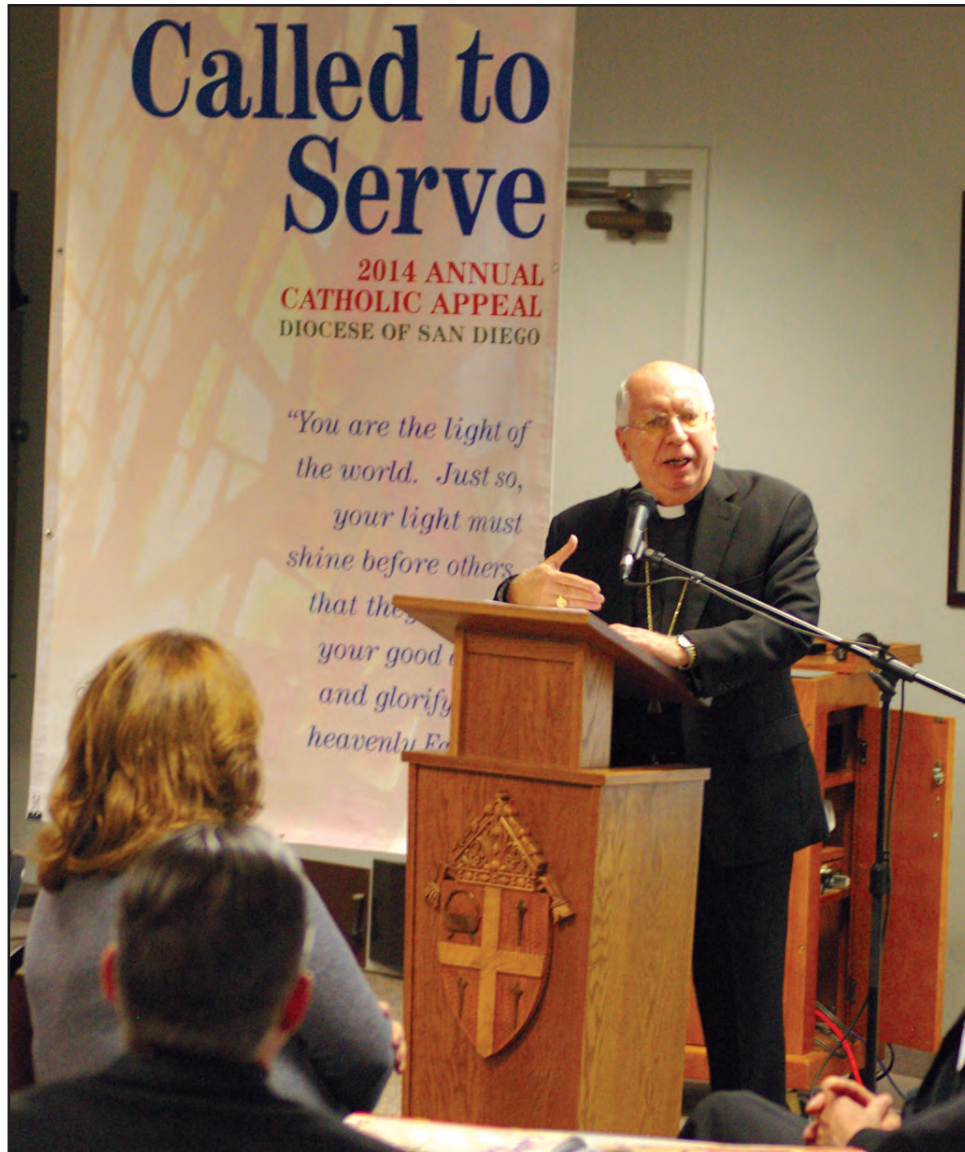
Esparza said he was encouraged by the strong turnout and the fact that the diocese’s parishes were so well-represented at the event.

After leading a brief prayer at the start of the luncheon, Bishop Cirilo Flores shared his thoughts on the ACA.

“I often repeat that our faith is lived in our parishes; our faith is put into action at our parishes,” he said. “The Annual Catholic Appeal reminds us that we are part of the larger diocesan Church.”

The bishop expressed his vision for an ACA in which every Catholic in the diocese would participate. Recognizing that some are unable to contribute financially — either with a one-time payment or with a series of 10 installments throughout the year — the bishop suggested that such people fill out a pledge card with the offer of their spiritual support.

“Who cannot make a pledge, a promise, of prayer for the success of the campaign?” Bishop



SHARING HIS VISION: Bishop Cirilo Flores addresses attendees at the diocese’s first Annual Catholic Appeal kick-off luncheon Jan. 15.

Flores asked.

Explaining the rationale behind the diocese’s annual ACA kick-off luncheon, Esparza told *The Southern Cross*, “It’s a great way to bring our parishes together and share how we are making a difference.”

At the luncheon, attendees received a glossy parish leadership guide, which included parish goals, the case for support, a recommended implementation plan for parishes, and informa-

tion on the new online giving system.

They also heard presentations from three speakers on how the ACA benefits their ministries, and national speaker Leisa Anslinger on “Stewardship: What It Is and Isn’t.” The three diocesan speakers included Sister RayMonda Duvall, executive director of Catholic Charities; Father Matt Spahr, director of the diocesan Office for Priestly Formation; and Father Mark

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Pope: Get Your Children Confirmed

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY — Many Catholic parents go to great lengths to ensure their children are baptized, and they must make similar efforts to see that their children are confirmed, Pope Francis said.

Without confirmation, he said, young people will remain “halfway” on the path of Christian maturity and membership in the Church.

Confirmation “unites us more solidly to Christ. It completes our bond with the Church,” Pope Francis said Jan. 29 at his weekly general audience.

The sacrament “gives us the special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith, to confess the name of Christ and to never be ashamed of His cross,” the pope said.

Confirmation solidifies and increases the grace given at baptism, “which is why it’s important to make sure our children and young people receive this sacrament. We all make sure that our children are baptized, which is good, but perhaps we’re not quite so diligent in making sure they are confirmed.”

“If you have a child or young person at home who hasn’t been confirmed and is the right age to receive the sacrament, do everything possible to make sure it happens,” he said.

Especially for those who were baptized as infants, the pope said, confirmation is a time to affirm one’s personal decision to follow Christ and to be a member of His Church.

Pope Francis told the crowd, estimated by the Vatican at about 25,000 people, that the Holy Spirit, “so important for the Christian life,” is given to believers in a special way through confirmation.

The Bible and Catholic tradition speak of seven specific gifts of the Holy Spirit, the pope said, but he promised not to give the crowd a pop quiz by asking people to list them. Instead, he gave the answers: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

Through the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis said, “Christ himself is present in us and takes form in our lives. Through us, He is the one — listen carefully — He is the one who prays, forgives, spreads hope and consolation, serves our brothers and sisters, draws close to the needy and the least, creates unity and sows peace.”

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Sacred Heart School Awarded Grants to Go Green

By Karina Lopez

BRAWLEY — One hundred years ago, Sacred Heart School opened its doors to students.

Over the years, the building has undergone changes here and there, yet for the most part, it is the same building that welcomed its students on horse and buggy.

In an effort to bring the old building into the 21st century, school Principal Brian Barrett began to look for opportunities to replace the outdated and energy inefficient lighting fixtures and air conditioners.

Back in March, Barrett applied for a grant through the Imperial Irrigation District’s Learning Energy Awareness

Program to assist the school in its effort to go green.

“It was a pretty complicated process,” Barrett said. “We had to show photographic evidence of each lighting and [air-conditioning] unit to prove that it was worth replacing.”

To Barrett’s surprise, the school was awarded not one, but two grants totaling \$70,000.

“I was ecstatic,” Barrett said when he was notified of the first grant in September and the second in December. “It just felt so good.”

With the money, the school was able to update all of its indoor and outdoor lighting fixtures in addition to most of the air-conditioning units during the winter break.

Barrett said the students noticed the difference in lighting right away and can now use the change in their lessons.

“They’re learning about the environment and going green and LED lights, so it’s a great learning tool,” he said.

Since introducing LEAP in 2012, the IID has assisted schools in the realization of energy-efficient upgrades to their facilities through financial incentives.

In 2012, 45 schools participated and received more than \$1.26 million in incentives; in 2013, 61 schools participated and received more than \$1.9 million in rebates, according to an IID press release.

“Most school districts are con-

tinually burdened with limited budgets, particularly for facility upgrades,” said Sabrina Barber, IID assistant energy manager. “Through the financial assistance of this program, school officials are able to move beyond initial costs associated with implementation of energy efficient upgrades towards the realization of long-term energy cost savings and continue to focus on providing a first-rate education to our children.”

Imperial Valley Press

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St. Didacus School Turns 75

SAN DIEGO — St. Didacus School, named after the patron saint of San Diego, is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

In honor of this milestone, Bishop Cirilo Flores joined the parish and school community Jan. 26, celebrating Sunday Mass in a packed church that included faculty, staff, school parents and uniformed students.

A special gala also will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (Harbor Island). Special invitations are being sent to alumni and generous supporters of the school. The following day, alumni are invited to attend Mass at the church, followed by a brunch and open house at the school.

That the school has been educating students for 75 years, Principal Maria Tollefson said, is a testament to its academic excellence, its strong Catholic identity, and a supportive parish and school community.

Father Mike Sinor, pastor of St. Didacus Parish, echoed those sentiments.

“For a Catholic school to celebrate its 75th anniversary demonstrates a strong desire by the parish, parents and leadership of the parish school over the decades to pass on the gift of Catholic faith,” he said. “St. Didacus is and has always been a Christ-centered school. In addition to Catholic faith, strong values and academic excellence have been hallmarks of the school from its very beginnings.”

St. Didacus School opened in September 1939, under the leadership of its then-pastor, Msgr. Luke Deignan. It began with just six classrooms and an enrollment of 160 students in grades one through eight. Five women religious from the Sisters of the Holy Cross staffed the school, with Sister Rita Jane Doesh serving as principal.

During the 1940-1941 academic year, the school added a ninth grade, which was later eliminated in 1953, when new four-year Catholic high schools opened in the area.

The school held its first graduation in 1941.

Msgr. Charles P. Young became pastor in 1969. When the Sisters of the Holy Cross were recalled to their motherhouse, Msgr. Young brought five Sisters of Mercy to San Diego from Tuam, Galway County, Ireland. At that time, there were 339 students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade.

During the 1980s, a computer center was established. An extended day care program was opened in 1989, from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., to meet the needs of working families. A preschool was opened in 1992 as another way of increasing enrollment in the K-8 program.

In 1995, the last Sister of Mercy left the school. At that time, the former convent was named Mercy Hall in honor of the sisters; it now houses a computer lab, science lab, art room, staff lounge and offices.

The school is currently staffed by 27 lay personnel. Lay principals have led the school since 1989.

The preschool was expanded by the addition of a separate building on Felton Street. The library was moved to the main school building when a mobile kindergarten building was added in 2003.

As its surrounding area changed from a middle class neighborhood to a diverse ethnic and economic area, St. Didacus School has continued to reflect the neighborhood population it serves and to meet the needs of the Catholic community in the parish and surrounding area.

The ethnic composition of the school is considered one of its strengths and most distinctive characteristics. Presently, the school has students who have come from Albania, Brazil, China, Ethiopia, Mexico, Nigeria, Romania, Russia, Poland and Vietnam.

Despite a decline in enrollment in

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MILESTONE: Bishop Cirilo Flores poses with students after Mass Jan. 26 at St. Didacus Church, where the parish community celebrated the 75th anniversary of the parish school.

Living in Remodeled Convent, Pope Benedict Is Not Cloistered, Aides Say

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY — In retirement, Pope Benedict XVI follows a daily schedule similar to that of any retired bishop or religious: He prays, reads, strolls, talks with people and offers them spiritual advice, the Vatican spokesman said.

Although he “lives in a low-key way, without public attention, that does not mean he’s isolated or enclosed in a strict cloister,” Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told *Vatican Radio*.

Marking the one-year anniversary of Pope Benedict’s resignation Feb. 11, Father Lombardi and Archbishop Georg Ganswein, the retired pope’s longtime personal secretary, spoke about the very normal daily life of a man who is in the unusual position of being a retired pope.

Archbishop Ganswein, who continues as Pope Benedict’s personal secretary while also serving Pope Francis as prefect of the papal household, summarized the retired pope’s day as filled “with prayer most of all, with study, with personal correspondence and visits.”

“The day begins with Mass, then with the breviary, followed by breakfast,” he told *Famiglia Cristiana*, a Catholic magazine. “The morning usually is dedicated to prayer and study, to the mail and to receiving guests.”

Archbishop Ganswein and the consecrated laywomen who assist the retired pope join him for lunch at 1:30, and a nap

always follows, he said. Pope Benedict spends the afternoon dealing with his correspondence and listening to music until 4 p.m., when he and the archbishop recite the rosary while walking in the garden behind the former Vatican convent where he lives. They eat dinner at 7:30 and watch the evening news at 8.

Pope Benedict ‘fulfilled his service before God and in good conscience passed the witness of this service to another.’

Archbishop Ganswein said Pope Benedict had told him he was retiring long before the Feb. 11 announcement, but under the strictest secrecy. “Instinctively, I said, ‘No, Holy Father, it’s not possible,’ but I realized immediately that he wasn’t communicating something he wanted to discuss, but a decision already made.”

The archbishop said the “VatiLeaks” scandal, which saw the publication of confidential papal correspondence and internal Vatican documents, “did not cause or even influ-

ence the resignation.”

“The pope did not flee a responsibility, but was courageous enough to realize he no longer had the strength to carry out the papal ministry, he said.

Archbishop Ganswein also confirmed that Pope Francis and Pope Benedict speak frequently on the telephone and have done so since the evening Pope Francis was elected.

“I was in the Sistine Chapel to greet the new pope and promise him obedience,” the archbishop said. “Immediately, Pope Francis asked me about Pope Benedict and said he wanted to call him. I dialed the number and handed him the telephone.”

Father Lombardi said the pope and the retired pontiff have shown the world that there was nothing to fear with having Pope Benedict live in the Vatican while a new pope reigned. “The fact is that the papacy is a service and not a power,” he said. Pope Benedict “fulfilled his service before God and in good conscience passed the witness of this service to another.”

As for Pope Benedict’s daily routine, Father Lombardi said it is that of “an elderly religious.” He said the retired pope’s guests come for conversation, for dialogue and “ask his advice and spiritual support.”

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Obama to Visit Pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will meet with U.S. President Barack Obama at the Vatican March 27, the White House announced and the Vatican confirmed. The spring meeting would be Obama's second visit to the Vatican as president, but his first with Pope Francis, who was elected March 13, 2013. The White House said the Vatican visit would be part of a presidential trip to the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy. During the same trip, Obama will participate in a summit in the Netherlands on nuclear security, visit the presidents of the European Council and the European Commission in Brussels, and hold talks in Rome with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano and Prime Minister Enrico Letta.

U.N. Challenges Church Teaching on Abortion

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child continued to insist that the Vatican compile and publish detailed statistics on clerical sexual abuse of minors and that the pope, as head of the Church, can and should order Catholic dioceses and religious orders around the world to implement all the policies of the U.N. Convention of the Rights of the Child. The committee, which spent an entire day Jan. 16 questioning two Vatican representatives, also urged the Catholic Church to revise the Code of Canon Law in regard to sexual abuse cases. It also criticized the Church's teaching on homosexuality and asked the Church "to review its position on abortion." Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican representative to U.N. agencies in Geneva, commented that the preamble of the Convention on the Rights of the Child "speaks of the defense of the life and of the protection of children before and after their birth," yet "the recommendations that are made to the Holy See include changing its position on abortion," which "seems to be a real contradiction."

Mobile App Will Help Pregnant Women

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles has launched a digital app intended to offer resources, support and prayers for women and girls facing crisis pregnancies. The unveiling took place Jan. 22, the 41st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that legalized abortion nationwide. "Today we are taking a big step

to expand our circle of care and concern for unborn children and their mothers," said Archbishop Gomez in a statement. The app's creation was prompted by statistics from the Alan Guttmacher Institute that report about 1.2 million abortions per year. In Southern California, that translates to about 220 abortions daily. The Southern California region covered by the app includes 78 pregnancy centers in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and neighboring dioceses that include Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties. People, pregnancy centers and pro-life resources nationwide are invited to register to be included in the database. The app is available for smartphones and iPads by visiting www.optionsunited.org.

Pope Francis to Catholic Universities: Be Catholic

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholic universities must give "uncompromising" and "unambiguous" witness to Church teaching and defend themselves from all efforts to dilute their Catholic identity, Pope Francis said. Catholic universities, "by their very nature, are committed to demonstrating the harmony of faith and reason and the relevance of the Christian message for a full and authentically human life," he said in an audience with members of the board of trustees of the University of Notre Dame and other officials. The pope met Jan. 30 with some 130 people representing the Indiana-based Catholic university, who were in Rome for the inauguration of the university's new Rome center.

Women Religious Get Papal Praise

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Church without religious sisters would be "unthinkable," Pope Francis said, honoring the contributions consecrated men and women make to the Church and society. "Every consecrated person is a gift to the people of God on pilgrimage," he said Feb. 2, reciting the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square. The pope had just finished celebrating Mass for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which the Church marks as the World Day for Consecrated Life. Straying from his prepared text, Pope Francis told people gathered in the square: "Think what would happen if there weren't any sisters, if there weren't any sisters in the hospitals, no sisters in the missions, no sisters in the schools. Think what the Church would be like without sisters — no, that's unthinkable." Consecrated life is a gift that moves the Church forward, he said. "These women who consecrate their lives to carrying for-

Holy See's Candy



Pope Francis looks at a life-sized replica of himself made entirely out of chocolate in Paul VI Hall at the Vatican Feb. 5. Made of 1.5 tons of cocoa, the chocolate image was given to the pontiff during his general audience, according to Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*.

ward the message of Jesus — they're great," he added.

repentant Montour and began working to save his life.

Multiple Issues Energize Death Penalty Debate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — International law, the risk of using inhumane methods of execution and opposition to capital punishment by the survivors of murder victims are among issues that are bringing fresh energy to debate about the death penalty. In mid-January, Father Lawrence Hummer, of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chillicothe, Ohio, witnessed the execution of Dennis McGuire for the 1989 rape and murder of 22-year-old Joy Stewart, who was 30 weeks pregnant. A week later, publications around the world were printing the priest's account of watching what he called an inhumane procedure in which the convicted murderer struggled for 26 minutes while a previously untested mixture of drugs was used to execute McGuire. Meanwhile, in Colorado, the parents of a prison guard who was beaten to death by an inmate in 2002 are battling the county prosecutor for the right to be heard at the retrial of the man who previously confessed to killing their son. While Robert Autabee supported the death penalty for Edward Montour at his first trial, he's since had a change of heart. After meeting with Montour in prison, Autabee, also a former corrections officer, decided to forgive the

Church Must Always Protect, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Children and young people must always be protected against sexual abuse and always find adequate support in the Church community, Pope Francis told the Vatican doctrinal office dealing with suspected cases of sexual abuse by clergy. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith should also look at ways to collaborate with a new papal advisory commission on abuse, which, the pope said, he wants to be an exemplary model for child protection." Pope Francis called on the congregation, which was given exclusive jurisdiction over a number of these most serious crimes in 2001, to focus on "the well-being of children and young people, who in the Christian community must always be protected and supported in their human and spiritual growth," he said. The pope asked the doctrinal office to also study ways it could cooperate with the special commission for the protection of young people he established in December.

Pope Releases First Lenten Message

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis

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has chosen the theme, “He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich,” for this year’s Lenten message, said a Vatican statement Jan. 31. The theme comes from a verse from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians where the apostle is promoting generosity in giving and wishes to “test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others.” The full verse reads: “For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake He became poor although He was rich, so that by His poverty you might become rich,” (2 Cor 8:9). The text of the pope’s message for Lent, which begins March 5, was at a Vatican news conference Feb. 4.

Italian Police Recover Stolen Relic

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Less than a week after a relic of Blessed John Paul II disappeared from a country chapel east of Rome, Italian police recovered the venerated piece of fabric stained with the late pope’s blood. Auxiliary Bishop Giovanni D’Ercole of L’Aquila told reporters Jan. 31 that one of three men arrested for the theft the previous day had led police to the relic, which they found inside his garage. The bishop said the postage-stamp-sized piece of fabric — cut from the clothing Blessed John Paul was wearing when he was shot May 13, 1981 — was almost intact, missing only a few gold threads. The previous day, the thieves turned over an empty iron reliquary, along with a stolen cross, buried on the grounds of a drug treatment facility in the city of L’Aquila, about 75 miles east of Rome. They said they had removed and discarded the relic itself because they considered it worthless.

Gov. Cuomo: Pro-Lifers Not Welcome

NEW YORK (CNS) — Pro-life supporters and members of two Republican organiza-

tions Jan. 21 urged New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to issue a formal apology for saying that “extreme conservatives,” including those who oppose abortion and same-sex marriage, have “no place in the state of New York.” Cuomo, a Democrat, “is insisting that political and religious conservatives should leave New York state,” said Phil Orenstein, 71, president of Queens Village Republican Club, the nation’s oldest Republican group, founded in 1875. “So if you’re pro-life, support the right to bear arms and [support] traditional marriage, your opinions and beliefs are too extreme” for the governor, he said. In a Jan. 17 interview on public radio, the governor criticized some Republican candidates running for office on their opposition to the SAFE Act, a measure that among other things requires universal background checks on gun purchases and bans assault weapons. Cuomo said “moderate Republicans” voted for it but the Republicans who oppose it have a “problem.”

Puerto Rican Teacher Is Sainthood Candidate

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (CNS) — To the average Puerto Rican, born and raised in the country, the figure of “el maestro Rafael” [Rafael the teacher] was a fleeting reference in a grade school lesson. In recent times, however, his stature has grown, putting him on the long road to sainthood. In December, Pope Francis signed a decree recognizing that Rafael Cordero Molina — known as the “father of Puerto Rican public education” — lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way and is venerable. “Maestro Rafael,” as he is widely known in his island home, joins Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Santiago as the second Puerto Rican being considered for canonization. Cordero, who was of African ancestry, was born in San Juan in 1790 and died there in 1868. He founded and operated a free school for poor children of all races.

Red Bag



COURTESY OF ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Students at St. Michael School in Poway are seen with their Red Bags Jan. 28 as they head to the auditorium to hear a presentation by Red Bag founder Michael McRoskey.

Founded three years ago by McRoskey, who was then a freshman at St. Augustine High School, Red Bag (www.red-bag.org) is a nonprofit organization that offers an alternative to giving money to the homeless. For only \$5 each, the organization sells waterproof red satchels containing a variety of nutritious protein and energy-rich snacks, a sanitizing hand wipe, and a handwritten note of encouragement. These bags can be easily stored in one’s car, where they will be available to be given to the next homeless person one encounters.

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Two talks on

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2:00 – 3:30 PM | Warren Auditorium

Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, University of San Diego

Catholic priest, scholar, teacher and award-winning author and film producer, Daniel G. Groody is the associate professor of Theology and the director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame.



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Catholic Speaker Offers Advice on Evangelizing the Secular World

By Denis Grasska

POWAY — The secular world is not “our enemy,” but rather “our child,” Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser told a gathering of local catechists.

In his presentation at Spring Forward, the Diocese of San Diego’s annual mid-year catechetical conference, Father Rolheiser cautioned against viewing secular society as “this big, bad world” completely at odds with the Church.

The principles of the secular world — including liberty, fraternity and equality — are the product of the Judeo-Christian tradition, he said, even if contemporary secular society is trying “to divorce” itself from the Church.

In his remarks, delivered Jan. 25 at St. Michael Parish in Poway, Father Rolheiser likened the secular world to a 17-year-old girl who has arrived at a stage in her life where she rejects her parents’ authority and views them as “the most terrible parents in the whole world.”

“She’s not bad. She’s just immature, she’s unfinished,” he said, explaining that the proper response to this “belligerent” child is love.

In response to some of the current challenges facing the Church, Father Rolheiser offered a series of guidelines for advancing “the new evangelization.”

Firstly, he said, the Church needs to rediscover its missionary spirit, while accepting

that the major mission territories of today are not in faraway lands but rather within one’s own home and around one’s own dinner table.

The Church must also do a better job of getting people “to fall in love with the faith,” he said, explaining that even the best-formulated intellectual arguments cannot resolve what are essentially emotional problems.

He noted the popularity of the 1944 film “Going My Way,” starring Bing Crosby as a young, charismatic parish priest. Though the film was “highly over-romanticized,” Catholics were inspired by Crosby’s character, he said, and seminaries and churches were packed as a result. He said the publication of Thomas Merton’s *The Seven Storey Mountain* likewise led to so many people discovering “their inner monk” that “a whole generation of Trappists had to beat people off with sticks.”

Father Rolheiser said the Church must emphasize both catechesis, which teaches the essentials of the faith, and theology, which builds upon the foundation laid by catechesis. He also suggested that the Church needs “a multiplicity of approaches” to ensure that everyone feels spiritually nourished within it.

After the manner of Blessed John Paul II, who routinely challenged his audiences with the notion that “there’s something higher” than what the world offers and that “you’re



GIVING GUIDANCE: Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser speaks to catechists Jan. 25 at St. Michael Parish in Poway.

cheating yourself” or “selling yourself short” if you settle for anything less, Father Rolheiser said, the Church should make a similar appeal to people’s idealism.

He also suggested that Catholics should move beyond thinking in terms of “liberal” and “conservative,” and that they must be truly “catholic” (from the Greek word for “universal”) in their approach to evangeliza-

tion, that they should always present the Gospel as “an invitation” and “not a threat,” and that they should witness to fidelity in a world where betrayal is extremely common, and never believe that their noble calling gives them license to be uncharitable or disrespectful.

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IN LOVING Memory

INTO THY HANDS, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these beloved ones who are gone before us into the realm of thy eternal happiness and peace. AMEN

Russel, Mary	12/23/2013	Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery
Ochotorena, Manuel	12/25/2013	Goodbody Mortuary Chapel
Maranger, Judy Ann	12/26/2013	Private Services
Beers, Williams W. Jr	12/27/2013	Private Services
Martinez, Stella Adela	01/02/2014	Holy Cross Chapel
Carlino, Josephine	01/04/2014	Goodbody Mortuary Chapel
Petrizzelli, Rose Kathryn	01/05/2014	Goodbody Mortuary Chapel
Nikas, Frances	01/05/2014	Blessed Sacrament
Recchia, Evelyn	01/07/2014	Holy Cross Chapel
Calafato, Vito	01/06/2014	Holy Cross Chapel
Mezza, Jennie	01/13/2014	Goodbody Mortuary Chapel
Scaduto, Domenico	01/14/2014	St. Mark – San Marcos
Scolari, Christopher	01/07/2014	Private Service
Muller, Mary Bacon	01/18/2014	St. Patrick
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G120 Intro to Christian Spirituality (30 hours)
 Father Michael Murphy, S.T.L.
 Tuesdays, March 4-May 27
 6:30-9:15 p.m., Sacred Heart, Coronado

C210 Intro to Old Testament (30 hours)
 Father Michael Guinan, OFM, Ph.D.
 Tuesdays, Feb. 25-May 27
 7-9:30 p.m., St. Mark, San Marcos

S550 Canon Law for Deacons (15 hours)
 Father John Proctor, Jr., J.C.L.
 Tuesdays, March 4-April 15
 6:30-9 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

G150 Intro to Liturgy & Sacraments (30 hours)
 Noreen McInnes, M.A.
 Thursdays, March 6-June 5
 6:15-9 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

S330 Psalms (15 hours)
 Father Michael Guinan, OFM, Ph.D.
 Mondays, March 10-April 7
 6:30-9:30 p.m., St. Charles, Imperial Beach

S710 Eucharist and Sunday (15 hours)
 Father John Dolan, M.A.
 Tuesdays, March 11-April 15
 6:30-9 p.m., St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista

S820 Prayer in Catholic Tradition (15 hours)
 Father Jacob Bertrand, M.A.
 Wednesdays, March 12-April 16
 7-9:30 p.m., Santa Sophia, Spring Valley

S285 Holy Spirit, Lord of Life (15 hours)
 Bernadeane Carr, S.T.L.
 Mondays, March 10-April 7
 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Anthony of Padua, Imperial

ONLINE COURSES:
C120 Local Church (15 hours)

S100 Faith Growth: Children and Adolescents (15 hours)

S827 Christian Signs and Symbols (15 hours)
 All available for Section A: March 3-April 17; register through Feb. 28

Thank God for the Internet!

Like the good Samaritan, who stopped on the road to help a person in need, travelers along today's communication highways should offer support to those they encounter there, Pope Francis said.

"The digital world can be an environment rich in humanity; a network not of wires but of people," he said in his message for World Communications Day.

Modern means of communication, especially the Internet, offer "immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity," he said. Because of that, he said, the Internet is "a

gift from God."

"Communication at the service of an authentic culture of encounter" is the theme of this year's World Communications Day, which most dioceses will mark June 1, the Sunday before Pentecost. The message, released Jan. 23, was dated Jan. 24, the feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of journalists.

"Good communication helps us grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately to grow in unity," the pope said.

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Coffee for Life

John Lillis, a graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, had seen God's intervention for life play out in more than one way long before starting a new coffee company with a mission to help pro-life groups earn money.

As a baby, the now-married father of seven survived the Therapeutic Abortion Act passage in 1967 around the time of his own birth, a bill that legalized abortion on demand in California. He was adopted as a baby. As a teenager, he had another run-in with death.

"I survived a head-on collision with a Redwood tree at 65 miles per hour in Northern California when I was 18 and walked away with a tiny cut on my head," he said. "I didn't even need stitches. I didn't

see it at the time, but all my family told me there must be something God wants you to do, because you're supposed to be dead."

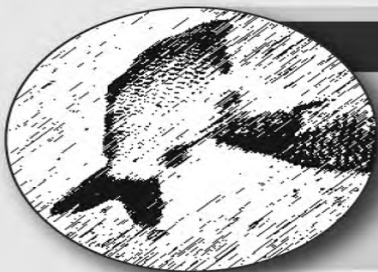
Lillis has, in turn, throughout his life intervened in prayer and action to make sure others' fates also gets changed for the better.

In December, Lillis also launched Lifeboat Coffee Co., which contracts with affiliate pro-life groups nationwide to exchange sales of coffee, tea and related merchandise for commission to put toward their causes. For every bag of coffee and tea sold, a pro-life group of the buyer's choice gets \$1 of sales.

For more information or to order online, contact Lifeboat Coffee Co. at www.lifeboatcoffee.com or (855) 88-4-LIFE.

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Lenten Sacrifice



ABSTINENCE

No meat can be taken by those 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays.



FASTING

A limit of one full meatless meal by those 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



SELF-DENIAL

Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended on weekdays during Lent.



PRAYER AND CHARITY

Can include daily Mass, Scripture study, Stations of the Cross, almsgiving and showing mercy and kindness to others.

'Collars vs. Scholars'



COURTESY OF GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Good Shepherd School hosted its sixth annual "Collars vs. Scholars" basketball game Jan. 28.

In the Collars vs. Scholars game, priests from throughout the Diocese of San Diego play against the eighth grade graduating class as a part of Catholic Schools Week.

The leading scorers among the "Collars" were Father Michael Robinson from Good Shepherd Parish, Father Greg Eichman from St. Anne Parish, and Father Luke Jauregui from St. Pius X Parish in Chula Vista. Also demonstrating their skills on the court were Father Patrick Mulcahy from Corpus Christi Parish, Father Chris Kintanar from Queen of Angels Parish, Father Anthony Saroki from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Father Enrique Fuentes from St. John of the Cross Parish, and Barnabite Father Joseph Tabigue from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Father Joseph Freeman of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Encinitas also came out to cheer on and support his brother priests.

The "Collars" won the game with a score of 53-46.

Pictured, from left, (standing) Father Freeman, Father Mulcahy, Father Jauregui, Father Saroki, Father Robinson and Father Eichman; and (kneeling) Father Kintanar, Father Fuentes and Father Tabigue.

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Beloved Educator Dies, Leaving Behind 30-Year Legacy at OLP

SAN DIEGO — Sister Joyce Lynn Hampel, associate principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP), died Jan. 19.

Sister Hampel, 65, had suffered from primary biliary cirrhosis (an auto-immune disease) for nearly 30 years. Last fall, after complications from the disease and a broken hip, it was determined that nothing more could be done because she was not a viable candidate for a liver transplant.

She left behind a 30-year legacy as an educator at OLP.

Sister Hampel was born on Dec. 4, 1948, in Chicago, Ill. She was the eldest of seven children. As the family grew and tired of cold weather, the Hampels moved to California.

Sister Hampel earned a bachelor's degree in English from Mount St. Mary's College in 1970 and a master's degree in Educational Administration from San Diego State University in 1988.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on Sept. 8, 1973. Her reception date was Aug.

2, 1974, and she made her final profession on Oct. 11, 1980.

In 1976, Sister Hampel began her teaching career as a religious at Carondelet High School in Concord, Calif., where she taught religious studies and biology. After one year, she moved to Star of the Sea Academy in San Francisco, where she was the Religious Studies Department chairperson. From 1982 to 1983, she taught at St. Joseph's High School in Lakewood, Calif., in the English and Religious Studies departments.

In 1983, Sister Hampel arrived at OLP, where she taught English, was the department chairperson and worked in administration as the associate principal for many years.

With Sister Dolores Anchondo, longtime principal at OLP, Sister Hampel had a 30-year professional partnership that continued the school's tradition of excellence with the renewal and renovation of historic structures and a capital campaign to build a multi-purpose event center.

"Sister Joyce was a gifted teacher and administrator," said Sister Anchondo, principal emeritus. "Throughout the years, she inspired countless students to follow her example to live as a woman of faith, peace and joy. She humbly challenged each of us to grow in faith and to make a positive impact on the world."

Jessica Hooper, assistant principal and director of admissions, said, "Sister Joyce had a distinctive ability to inspire students and faculty to strive for the best versions of themselves. I have always wished I could have had her as a teacher as many alumnae have shared that she was one of their best."

Sister Hampel moved the school forward in the areas of technology, academic leadership, curriculum enhancements, teacher mentoring, peace education and service learning. She was the voice of OLP in educating teachers, parents and students about the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the profundity of the sisters' spirituality.



SISTER JOYCE HAMPSEL

Under the sisters' leadership, OLP was recognized three times as a U.S. Department of Education "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence." The school also was nationally acknowledged for its exemplary character education program.

An essayist and poet, Sister Hampel was the founding editor and chief writer for OLP's "AtOLP Newsletter" and contributed to

other publications of her religious order.

"Sister Joyce was one of the first teachers I encountered in my time at OLP and she left a lasting impression," said Vickie Martinez, class of 2002. "She is one of the many women at OLP who shaped me into the confident person I am today, and I will be forever grateful. In honor of her love for the written word, I feel the following quote from Shakespeare is a fitting send-off and sentiment: 'Flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.'"

The funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 1 in St. Joseph's Chapel at the Carondelet Center in Los Angeles, followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, Calif. A memorial Mass was celebrated Feb. 8 at Our Mother of Confidence Parish in San Diego.

In her memory, donations can be made to the Sister Joyce Hampel, CSJ Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact OLP at (619) 297-2266.

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The school has a database of more than 1,200 alumni

neighboring schools, St. Didacus has maintained a stable pupil population. It currently has an enrollment of 272 students.

Parent involvement is another strength of the school. Although parents are required to complete 30 hours of service, many do much more. The school also has a database

of more than 1,200 alumni who give generously to the Annual Alumni Appeal.

The school has been successful in its participation in the Diocesan Academic Decathlon, winning first place in 2013 and 2011. Last year, it was number one in the State of California and number three in the nation in the First in Math Program, a national, Web-based math program that students access from school and home.

The school's Schoolwide Learning Expectations envision St. Didacus graduates who are Christ-centered Catholics, life-long learners, effective communicators, and responsible citizens, who will positively impact their neighborhoods and beyond.

Each class works on service projects, and middle-school students have individual

service requirements each year.

"If a school can have a 'personality,'" Father Sinor said, "I would say we have the personality of a 'disciple.'"

Christine Dean, vice principal and third-grade teacher, graduated from St. Didacus School in 1978 and returned to serve as a coach and physical education teacher before being hired as a classroom teacher in 1993.

"As a student here at St. Didacus School,

I always felt loved and supported by my teachers and friends," she said. "St. Didacus School, along with my family, helped me to build a strong relationship with God, which I have been able to pass on to my own children and the children that I teach here at St. Didacus School."

For more information, visit www.stdidacusparishschool.org.

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Llamado al Discipulado: ¿Cómo Puedo Servir?

La riqueza y la diversidad que conforman nuestra comunidad de fe se expresa claramente en la carta de San Pablo a los Corintios, "Así como el cuerpo tiene muchos miembros, y sin embargo es uno, y estos miembros, a pesar de ser muchos, no forman sino un solo cuerpo, así también sucede con Cristo." (1 Cor 12, 12-13). En el bautismo, somos iniciados por la obra del Espíritu Santo y como hijos de Dios vivo; somos llamados discípulos, encomendados en promover la misión de Jesús, proclamando en sí la Buena Nueva.



Marioly Galván

¿Han oído a Dios llamarles por su nombre para que sean sus discípulos? ¿Han realmente escuchado lo que Él les quiere decir? A menudo, nos sentimos abrumados por el ajetreo de la vida, incluyendo las tareas diarias y responsabilidades que exigen nuestra atención. Pese a la importancia que ameritan estos aspectos de la vida, es aún más importante nuestra relación con Jesús y con los demás.

Comprender el llamado al discipulado implica una "metanoia," una experiencia transformativa que conduce a una conciencia más profunda de lo que significa seguir a Cristo. Fomentar el discipulado puede ser visto como una triple expresión que define nuestra personalidad: ¿**Cómo** vivo en relación a los compromisos post-bautismales? ¿**Qué** hago yo, para ofrendar servicio a Dios y a los demás? Y ¿**Quién** soy yo en relación a mí mismo y a otros? Este llamado a una vida de servicio está en el corazón del discipulado, la comunión y la misión. Sin embargo, podrían preguntarse, ¿qué significa esto para mí? ¿Cómo puedo servir? Permítanme sugerirles algunas acciones pastorales que pueden tomar.

1) Sean proactivos y pertenezcan a su comunidad de fe.

Primero, es importante reconocer que la comunidad significa un sentido de pertenencia. Esto puede y trasciende su comunidad de fe o "parroquial." Crear un sentido de comunidad se puede lograr a través de varios entornos: el hogar, la escuela, el trabajo, las actividades extracurriculares - incluso a través de medios de comunicación sociales. No obstante, en aras de promover una comunidad de fe y ofrecer un enfoque práctico, les sugiero que empiecen por registrarse en su parroquia, aprópiense de su llamado. El ministerio comienza contigo. El Dios trino nos ha mostrado su ser relacional y, como tal, nosotros también somos relacionales; prosperamos en un ambiente comunal. Esto se relaciona directamente con el "cómo," el primer aspecto de la triple expresión de personalidad.

2) La fe buscando entendimiento es un proceso continuo de vivir, aprender y amar.

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3) Comparte el regalo de TU persona con los demás.

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S370s Escritos Paulinos (15 horas)

Rev. Juan Castillo, CJM, M.A.
los lunes, del 24 febrero al 7 abril
6:15-8:45 p.m., St. Mary, Escondido

G200s Pastoral con Diversas Culturas (15 horas)

Rodrigo Valdivia, J.C.L.
los lunes, del 24 febrero al 31 marzo
6:30-9:30 p.m., St. Charles, Imperial Beach

S820s Oración en la Tradición Católica (15 horas)

Rev. Pedro Navarra, M.A.
los lunes, del 24 febrero al 31 marzo
7-9:30 p.m., St. John of the Cross School, Lemon Grove

C220s Intro al Nuevo Testamento (30 horas)

Rev. Juan Castillo, CJM, M.A.
los miércoles, del 26 febrero al 4 junio
6:30-9 p.m., St. James, Solana Beach

C220s Intro al Nuevo Testamento (30 horas)

Rev. Juan Castillo, CJM, M.A.
los sábados, del 1 marzo al 31 mayo
9 a.m.-12 p.m., Resurrection, Escondido

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S827s Signos y Símbolos Cristianos (15 horas) – Sección A: del 3 marzo al 17 abril

Defendiendo la Vida



Miembros del Ministerio Social de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (en Chula Vista) están en la foto defendiendo la vida afuera de la oficina de un oficial elegido en el área.

El Ministerio Social de la parroquia empezó en 2011 y está dedicado a la causa pro-vida. Una de sus primeras actividades fue que sus miembros se unieran a rezar el rosario en inglés una vez por semana afuera de una clínica local de aborto. Dentro de algunos meses, la clínica se cerró. Animados por el éxito, ellos redoblaron sus esfuerzos y se enfocaron a compartir el matrimonio pro-vida con los jóvenes de la parroquia.

Los miembros del grupo han empezado a rezar el rosario en español cada miércoles afuera de otra facilidad local de aborto. Después de la misa de 8 a.m., un grupo de feligreses sostienen pancartas de pro-vida, cantan después de cada misterio del rosario y caminan de la avenida Broadway a la calle Palomar y de regreso. En veces reciben saludos de conductores; otras veces, respuestas de coraje por los que apoyan el aborto.

Durante este año, los miembros del Ministerio Social participaron en la segunda caminata de San Diego Walk for Life, que se tomó acabo el 18 de enero en Balboa Park. También visitaron a oficiales elegidos suplicando que recuerden las convicciones pro-vida de muchos de sus constituyentes. El Ministerio Social de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe les da la bienvenida a los feligreses de las parroquias cercanas del decanato de la bahía sur a unirse en sus vigiliass de oración. Para más información, comuníquese con la parroquia al (619) 422-3977.

El Papa Francisco ha enfatizado la importancia de la evangelización. Se tu el encuentro personal de alguien con Jesús. Santa Teresa de Ávila, una monja Carmelita y mística, escribió hace siglos: "Cristo no tiene cuerpo, sino el tuyo, ni manos, ni pies en la tierra, sino los tuyos." Estas palabras siguen

siendo válidas hoy. Profundiza tu relación con Dios, ora, medita y discierne tu llamado a servir como un discípulo intencional.

La Cruz del Sur

Marioly Galván es la directora asociada de la Oficina Diocesana para el Ministerio de Evangelización y Catequesis.

Briefs

Father Joe's Announces Interim President

SAN DIEGO — Chief Financial Officer Diane Stumph assumed the role of interim president and CEO of Father Joe's Villages Jan. 23. Stumph, who has been with the organization for seven years, will work closely with the executive committees of the boards of directors to oversee daily operations of the organizations. Stumph takes the helm from Sister Patricia Cruise, who left the organizations to return to her family and religious congregation in Cincinnati to pursue other work with her order. The boards of directors have already formed a search committee to find the organizations' next chief executive officer.

Local Catholics Aid Typhoon Victims

SAN DIEGO — Catholic Relief Services has received a total of \$400,395 in contributions for the Typhoon Haiyan relief effort directly from San Diego donors. An additional \$500,000 was sent by the Diocese of San Diego to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which will distribute it both to CRS and directly to the Church in the Philippines.

Annual 'Walk with the Suffering' Is April 18

SAN DIEGO — The 23rd annual Good Friday 'Walk with the Suffering' in downtown San Diego is scheduled for Friday, April 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the San Diego Rescue Mission (120 Elm St.). Students from St. Augustine High School and the Academy of Our Lady of Peace will act out the 15 stations in Jesus' journey to Calvary, stopping at various sites throughout downtown. Representatives from various organizations that serve the needy will provide prayers and reflections at each station on issues that cause suffering in San Diego. *For more information, call (619) 384-6852 or e-mail jnstn.rsmry@gmail.com.*

Vatican Journalist to Speak at USD

ALCALA PARK — Warwick's bookstore and the University of San Diego's College of Arts and Sciences will present an evening with John Thavis, the prize-winning former chief of the Rome bureau of *Catholic News Service*. The event will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 27, in USD's Shiley Theatre. Thavis will discuss and sign his book *The Vatican Diaries*. Tickets to the event are \$20 each and include admission to the event, as well as a complimentary copy of the book. *Tickets are available online only at www.warwicks.com.*

Program Aims to Renew Sports Culture

SAN DIEGO — The Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame has developed a new approach to the culture of sports. The Play Like a Champion Today Character Education Through Sports initiative draws on the expertise of members of the Notre Dame coaching staff, the research of developmental and sport psychologists as well as leaders in Catholic ministry, to renew youth sports by educating coaches and parents to nurture personal and spiritual development along with athletic excellence. The Notre Dame Club of San Diego is partnering with Play Like a Champion Today by training some of its club members to become certified to present the program throughout the area. A training will be conducted Saturday, March 22. St. Augustine High School will host the area's first Parent Like a Champion workshop that afternoon, beginning at 4 p.m. A vigil Mass will follow the workshop. *For more information or to register, visit www.playlikeachampion.nd.edu, e-mail ksheehan@nd.edu or call (574) 329-0266.*

'Thrive' to Help Catholics Revitalize Their Faith

CARMEL VALLEY — Are you ready for more? That is what the Thrive Faith-Sharing team at St. Therese of Camel Parish is asking. From March 2-April 12, small groups of eight to 12 adults will meet in homes to focus on the Sunday readings and discover how the Scriptures relate to their own lives. Thrive groups help participants

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Mission to Focus on Joy

SAN DIEGO — A pre-Lenten mission with the theme "Choose Joy" will be given by Father John Amsberry at St. Catherine Laboure Parish. It will focus on how joyful our relationship with Christ should be — looking to Pope Francis as an example. The mission will take place on Feb. 24, 25, and 26, in the church, either mornings 8:45-10

Students to Compete in Academic Decathlon

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Parish Choir to Perform Mozart Requiem

CARMEL VALLEY — The St. Therese of Carmel Catholic Church choir with chamber orchestra will perform the Mozart Requiem at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 13, in the main sanctuary at 3455 Del Mar Trails Rd. in San Diego. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in the church hall. *For more information, call (858) 481-3232.*

Obituary



SAN DIEGO — Deacon J. Robert Mackey, a retired deacon in the Diocese of San Diego, died Jan. 23. Deacon Mackey was born Jan. 5, 1918, in Fairport, Ohio. He came to California in 1939 and had a 37-year career with California Cartage Company. He married Florence Edgell in 1954 and was a dedicated husband and father of four children. He completed diaconate formation and was ordained on May 19, 1977, in the Diocese of Orange. He later moved to Carlsbad in 1984 and was assigned to St. Patrick Parish, Carlsbad, where he served until his retirement. Deacon Mackey was incardinated to the Diocese of San Diego on Feb. 6, 1989. He served the Diocese of San Diego and his parish faithfully until diminishing health in

2002 necessitated a move back to Orange County to be closer to their children.

'Wounded Warriors' Event Needs Help

CAMP PENDLETON — The USO has asked the Knights of Columbus to assist in recruiting volunteers for this year's Marine Corp Trials. The Marine Corp Trials, an athletic event that will take place March 2-13 at Camp Pendleton, is open to all ill or injured Marines who are part of the Wounded Warrior Regiment headquartered in Arlington, Va. The San Diego USO is looking for volunteers to assist at the Marine Corp Trials with staffing, serving refreshments, and as aides to the Wounded Warriors participating in the competition. *For more information, contact Carlos Cuellar at cicuellar@sbcglobal.net.*

Father Groody to Speak on Immigration

SAN DIEGO — Holy Cross Father Daniel Groody, a scholar, teacher and award-winning author and film producer, will be speaking at St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside and at the University of San Diego on Saturday, March 8. After a half-hour social, beginning at 9 a.m., Father Groody will speak from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Thomas More Parish. Father Groody also will speak from 2-4 p.m. at USD, where his presentation will be titled "One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist." *For more information and to register, contact St. Thomas More Parish at (760) 758-4100 or USD's Center for*

Tour Guide



Msgr. Joseph Carroll, president emeritus of Father Joe's Villages, is seen giving a tour of St. Vincent de Paul Village to members of the diocesan Pastoral Center staff, including Bishop Cirilo Flores (left), Feb. 12.

The entire staff of the Pastoral Center was bussed to St. Vincent de Paul Village, where they heard a presentation on the organization's various programs, took a tour of the facility, had lunch, enjoyed a Q&A session with Father Joe himself, and broke into small groups to discuss what they had learned from the presentation and tour.

Christian Spirituality at (619) 260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

Conference Shows How to Move Past Divorce

SAN DIEGO — "Rebuild! Your Life After Divorce," a weekend conference, will be

held March 28-29 at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown San Diego. National speakers, including Catholic author Rose Sweet, will answer questions and give practical "blueprints" for building a life after divorce. *To register, visit www.marriagebuildingusa.org/REBUILD or call (815) 289-1110.*

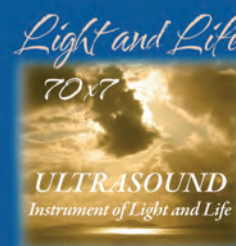
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Pro-Life Advocates Come Out in Force for San Diego Walk for Life

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — Pro-life San Diegans had a hometown alternative to attending the annual March for Life in the nation's capital. An estimated 2,500 people took part in the second annual San Diego Walk for Life, which was held Jan. 18 in Balboa Park. The event took place four days before the 41st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision that created a constitutional right to abortion.

The San Diego Walk for Life was an ecumenical event that opened and closed with prayer. This year's theme was "Welcoming Everyone to This World."

Many carried pro-life signs as they walked between one-quarter and three-quarters of a mile — routes of both lengths were available — near Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street.

After the walk, attendees enthusiastically listened to presentations by three speakers, heard a brief testimony from a young woman who experienced an unplanned pregnancy and placed her child up for adoption, and enjoyed a performance by singer/songwriter Mary James and her band. Participants also had the opportunity to visit about 30 booths representing various pro-life and religious organizations.

As the event's first speaker, Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse began with an admission that the organization she founded and leads, The Ruth Institute, is "not a traditional pro-life organization." Rather, she said, it is a "pro-marriage organization" whose motto is "One man, one woman, for life."

Describing the life and marriage issues as really "one giant issue," she said that pro-life and pro-marriage advocates are confronted by "a deadly ideology" that treats sex as "a sterile activity with babies thrown in as an afterthought" and that reduces babies to problems (if unwanted) and commodities (if desired).

She said that abortion is a byproduct of the prevailing contraceptive mentality. "The only coherent alternative to this ideology," Roback Morse said, "is the ancient Christian teaching that marriage, and babies, and sex all belong together, that marriage is the right place for sex and the right place for babies. "You've got to admit that [it] would solve a lot of problems," she continued, "if you



Rev. Hoye, founder and president of the Issues4Life Foundation and the California Civil Rights Foundation, cited statistics showing that the Ku Klux Klan lynched 3,446 African-Americans between 1882 and 1968. Then, to audible sounds of surprise from his audience, he revealed that more African-Americans die from abortion within a span of four days.

In New York City, he said, there are more than 2,600 abortions for every 1,000 live black births.

"We're not even replacing ourselves anymore," he lamented, as his wife stood beside him with a sign featuring the image of an African-American child and the words "Endangered Species."

Saving for last the most personal reason for his pro-life convictions, Rev. Hoye shared the story of the premature birth of his firstborn son. When he held his 2.1-pound child in the palm of his right hand, he said, he felt God telling him that this baby — his son, so small and weak — belonged in its mother's womb.

"Oh my goodness," he said, "from that moment on ... I knew exactly what abortion is and what abortion does."

By the grace of God, Rev. Hoye said, his

Turning Point Pregnancy Resource Center, told the crowd that she was speaking that morning on behalf of all pro-life pregnancy care centers and urged walk participants to support these centers in their life-saving work.

"Through the many ... free services that we offer, like pregnancy tests, and counseling, and ultrasound, we are the ones that are speaking the truth about the unborn to these women" in crisis pregnancies, she said, adding that crisis pregnancy centers are typically nonprofit organizations that are run by volunteers and depend on the pro-life community for donations of money, time and expertise.

During her remarks, Cassin also pointed out the mobile medical unit parked behind her on Laurel Street. Equipped to provide ultrasounds and other services, the mobile unit enables crisis pregnancy centers to reach women in the public places where they congregate.

"I commend you for being here today, but ... you're not here by accident," Cassin said. "You're in this place, at this time, in this moment in history, to stand against the greatest injustice of our day, and that's abortion."

With the opening line of his presentation, Dr. George Delgado, medical director of Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS), voiced his optimism for the present and future of the pro-life movement: "We've come a long way, baby!"

He described Jan. 22, 1973 — the day the U.S. Supreme Court issued its rulings in the abortion cases *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* — as "perhaps the darkest day in the history of our great 'one nation under God.'" Though he acknowledged that the United States has "lost its way" and "drifted away from God and ... the natural moral law," he said the tide is now turning.

"We in the pro-life community, we have persevered," he said. "We've not lost faith, we've kept up the fight, and now we're finally seeing the fruits of that perseverance."

Dr. Delgado noted that more than 50 percent of Americans now choose pro-life options when polled about their abortion views. He said the number of obstetricians



who perform abortions is dropping and an increasing number of abortion clinics around the country have closed. Eighty-seven clinics closed last year alone, he said, and the total number has dropped from 2,176 in 1991 to 572 today.

Dr. Delgado also briefly discussed a process he pioneered that can reverse the effects of the abortion pill RU-486.

In closing, he noted that Christians are "called to love" everyone, including abortionists and pro-abortion politicians. But to love a person means to want the best for them, he said, and in the case of pro-abortion politicians that means voting them out of office.

"The victory of love is now within our grasp," he said. "We owe it to these women, we owe it to the unborn children, we owe it to our country, we owe it to ourselves."

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DEFENDING THE DEFENSELESS: A series of photos show some of the estimated 2,500 participants in the San Diego Walk for Life as they listen to a line-up of pro-life speakers and walk in support of the unborn. Speakers Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse (upper right) and Rev. Walter Hoye (bottom right) are seen addressing the crowd.

only had sex with the person you were married to" and viewed every child as an "unrepeatable gift from God."

Rev. Walter Hoye, a Baptist minister who was jailed in Oakland for his sidewalk counseling outside of an abortion clinic, shared some of the reasons why he is pro-life.

As an African-American, many of his reasons centered on the damage that abortion has inflicted on the black community.

son overcame the odds and lived. And by the grace of God, he added, the pro-life cause too will be triumphant.

"Let me tell you, San Diego," he said, "I got good news for you: We're winning, we're winning, and by God's grace, by God's mercy, we too are going to overcome all the odds and we too are going to see [the] victory of life over death."

Camille Cassin, executive director of

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► INTERSESSION

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Some 26 electives and 160 internships were offered

During this year's intersession, which began Jan. 6 and concluded Jan. 31, some 26 electives and 160 internships were available. Freshmen were required to complete a course offered on campus; sophomores and juniors were able to avail themselves of courses held at off-campus locations, such as the Mission Bay Aquatic Center and the Sorrento Valley Racquetball & Fitness Center; and the majority of seniors opted for an internship.

For on-campus classes, the school day ran from 7:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On Jan. 30, the evening before the close of intersession, the school held its annual Intersession Expo. Students, parents, community partners and internship providers all attended the event, which showcases the diverse opportunities offered during intersession.

"I like the ability to choose what you want to study and focus on that subject for an entire month," said Brendan McNamara, a senior, who spent this year's intersession as an intern at the San Diego Zoo.

McNamara, who plans to study biology in college, assisted zoologists in observing animals and collecting and interpreting data. He was also able to "go behind the scenes" at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park to learn about its cheetah breeding program.

In four years of intersessions, McNamara said he has learned "a wide variety of skills in a range of topics," including speech, engineering and architecture.

"The intersession program gives Saints a value that no other school has," said Pablo Ortega Flores, also a senior, who just completed a month-long internship with TargetSolutions, an organization that provides online training and records management.

During his first two years at Saints, Flores took speech and film production classes during intersession. In his junior year, he participated in a service trip to Italy, where he assisted in the refurbishing of an Augustinian monastery and visited several Italian cities.

"I have been able to visit and



LEARNING TO TEACH: Saints student Kevin Burnham, who spent his intersession as an intern in the field of education, works with students at St. John School in Encinitas.

learn about new cultures, and I have learned about working in a corporation — something that might not have happened until after college," Flores said. "The intersession experience enables us to acquire a unique and important experience."

Plans for the Saints intersession program arose during a time when the school was looking for a way to continue offering physical education classes even as an increasing

number of advanced-placement courses and other academic offerings jockeyed for inclusion in the regular semester schedule.

Through the creation of a new term of study, Horne said, the school was not only able to preserve the physical education program but also to provide alternatives to "the typical P.E. class" as well as "a lot of different things ... [that] a traditional curriculum doesn't address."

Citing an engineering class and another course titled "Careers in Sports" as examples, he said, "These are things that aren't usually offered at a high school, but we found that our kids have great interest in learning about those topics."

To accommodate the new term of study, the beginning of the academic year was pushed back to the third week of August so that the first semester could be concluded before Christmas break. The academic year ends during the first week of June.

While the rest of the school's curriculum readies Saints students for the university level, Horne said, intersession is even more forward-looking.

"This intersession," he said, "is designed to help prepare [students] for life choices beyond college — learning things about the work environment, about teamwork, about collaboration with others, and then of course, some experience with specific industries."

"I see it really kind of being a springboard for our kids into what's next in their lives," he said. "I think we're seeing it creating connections between our students and future employers."

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Imperial Valley parishes face economic challenges

Edney, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in El Centro.

Sister DuVall spoke about the work of her organization. Though Catholic Charities has a wide variety of programs, she said, "the common denominator" is that most of the beneficiaries are materially poor. Putting a human face

on the situation, she shared the story of a 14-year-old Sudanese boy named Ismail, who is currently being assisted by Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement program.

Father Spahr reflected on the process of forming men for the priesthood and how this cause depends on the ACA for support. He told attendees that it costs approximately \$45,000 per year to feed and house a seminarian, and the diocese currently has 16 men preparing for the priesthood.

Father Edney spoke on behalf of the need for parish development in the Imperial Valley. He discussed the economic challenges in the region, where unemployment is at 23 percent.

Father Edney also shared his parish's plans for transforming their hall into a new — and larger — church. Currently, about 2,300 people attend Mass at the parish, he said, but the parish hall — which is larger than the parish church and is where most of the Masses are celebrated — seats only about 540 people.

Esparza told *The Southern Cross* that feedback from the luncheon has been overwhelmingly

positive, with attendees expressing gratitude for the stories shared by the speakers.

"We can show our commitment to stewardship — the sharing of our time, gifts and resources," Bishop Flores told attendees, "by living the reality that what we have is on loan from God, that every blessing we have is a gift from God."

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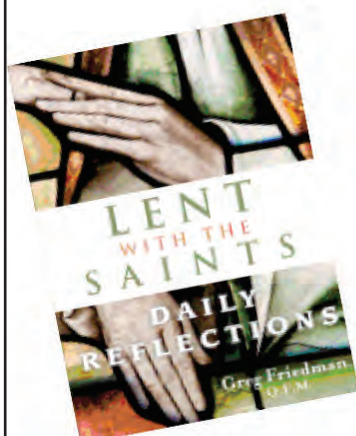
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Archbishop Reflects on Benefits of Diversity

By Ryan Blystone

ALCALA PARK — Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta, a former president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, opened his appearance at the University of San Diego Feb. 5 by pondering what W.E.B. Du Bois, the first African-American Harvard University PhD and, later, co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, may have been thinking about in 1899.

“As he looked ahead to the next century, I wonder what he would have been thinking of as a practical list of the goals for the improvement of the life condition of African-American people,” Archbishop Gregory said. “At that pivotal moment, with the dawning of a new century, the NAACP would not be born for another decade. Still, though, the yearning he already felt for the advancement of people of color quite clearly was stirring deeply within his soul.”

Archbishop Gregory, at USD to celebrate Black History Month and brought to campus by the Center for Christian Spirituality, spoke on “Our Diversity as Gift and Challenge.”

“As an African-American Catholic bishop living in the 21st century, I’d suggest that in addition to the social, economic and political goals that might have found a place on Du Bois’ list in 1899, there are more profound goals facing not only people of color, but all people within American society.”

Archbishop Gregory spoke on race, immigration and history as well as how each person can use their own history, though limit-

ed, to move us all forward. He said volatile topics facing all Americans — affirmative action, violence, economic and political power-sharing, interracial relationships, bilingual education, immigration laws, gender equality, sexual orientation — should be addressed.

“We cannot hide from these issues. They will not be solved by the loudness of arguments, but only by their wisdom,” he said.

At the top of Archbishop Gregory’s list is a national appreciation of the benefit of cultural diversity. While noting the considerable progress made since 1899, he stated it is “still not sufficient to fulfill the great legacy of Dr. Du Bois or countless other souls who have struggled in the past to improve America’s image of herself.”

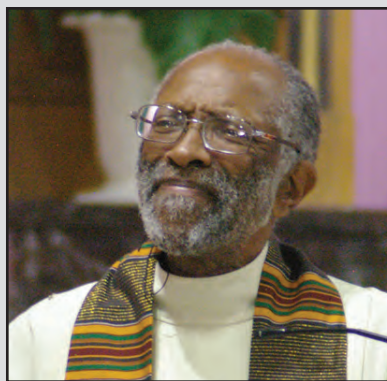
He urged “toning down” rhetoric, mentioning media, cyberspace and each other. “There are things about which people of different races differ; that’s not surprising. We all have different experiences. But if we are humble enough to admit that my personal experience is not the sum total of human wisdom, then we might also be willing to listen to another’s experience.”

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Diocesan Revival



The 2014 Diocesan Revival, sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics, was held Feb. 3-5 at St. Rita Parish.

Msgr. Ray East (pictured, bottom left) from the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., presided as the revival preacher. Music was provided each night by one of three Catholic Gospel choirs: the St. Rita Gospel Choir (pictured, bottom right), the Christ the King Sanctuary Choir and the Christ the King Youth Choir.

Bishop Cirilo Flores (pictured, top) gave the invocation prayer on the first evening of the revival.



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The team's name is the Missionary Knights

"I learned from the Protestants how to evangelize," he said. "I know how to do this for our [Catholic] faith, I know what needs to be done, and I'm going to train these guys" — the 23 ballplayers currently on his team roster — "to be lay missionaries."

Catholics in Action was officially recognized last March as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its baseball team is named the Missionary Knights. The team, which is composed of college ballplayers as well as one minor-leaguer and a former major-leaguer, is scheduled to play 12 games in the Alaska Baseball League in June and compete in the annual Midnight Sun Game, which will be held June 21 in Fairbanks, Alaska. They will then embark on an international tour that will pit them against the Italian Professional Baseball League, the German National Team and the Croatian National Team. The tour will conclude with a visit to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the site of alleged Marian apparitions since 1981. (The Vatican has yet to issue a ruling on their authenticity.)

Prior to setting out for Alaska, Cassidy

said, the team will spend five days preparing physically and spiritually for the tour. In addition to baseball practice, he said, there will be Bible studies and apologetics.

Cassidy said he plans to have team members share their personal faith stories with the opposing teams and, during the international tour, perhaps speak at churches as well. Though he is uncertain whether a similar opportunity will present itself, Cassidy said that Athletes in Action members were able to share their faith before stadium crowds of about 3,000 people. He also hopes that the team will be able to offer free baseball clinics for youth, sharing baseball know-how and handing out Bibles, rosaries and apologetic literature.

A fundraiser for Catholics in Action will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at St. Brigid Parish in Pacific Beach.

Cassidy said that the ministry needs to raise about \$60,000 and that it will cost an additional \$5,000 for each player to take part in the trip.

"We don't have a lot of money ... but it's coming together. I feel it," Cassidy said.

At the fundraiser, the evening's special guest speaker will be Jim Lefebvre, former manager of the Chicago Cubs, the Seattle Mariners and the Chinese Olympic WBC (World Baseball Classic) team, who will serve as field manager for the Missionary Knights. Along with Cassidy, he and assistant coach Joel Barta comprise the team's

coaching staff. The team is currently looking for a pitching and hitting coach.

Deacon Jim Vargas of Mary Star of the Sea Parish in La Jolla will provide spiritual support and accompany the team on its first tour. In addition to Deacon Vargas, the Catholics in Action Web site also boasts the "clerical assistance" of Msgr. Steve Callahan, pastor of St. Brigid Parish; Father Jim Rafferty, pastor of Mary Star of the Sea Parish; and Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa, president of the Eternal Word Television Network.

'I learned from the Protestants how to evangelize. I know how to do this for our [Catholic] faith, I know what needs to be done, and I'm going to train these guys to be lay missionaries.'

Baseball has been a part of Cassidy's life since age 5, when he participated in Little League. In 1986, he was briefly a minor-league infielder with the New York Mets.

While in Medjugorje in 1988, Cassidy revealed to a priest that he had a vision of being in the major leagues, despite already

being 26 years old and having just seen his playing career come to an end. Only seven years later, that vision came true, though perhaps in an unexpected way: by becoming the team physical therapist for the Oakland Athletics, where he worked with Mark McGwire and his teammates.

As a physical therapist, Cassidy shared his dream of a Catholic baseball team with many of his clients, and he would even evangelize by encouraging struggling players to pray the rosary or read the Bible. Over the course of four years, Cassidy said, he came to know McGwire as more than the "steroid guy" many believe him to be. Cassidy said he and McGwire prayed together before every treatment and the two even attended Mass together.

"My destiny was to be the physical therapist for Mark McGwire at that time," said Cassidy, who believes that his "destiny" today is with the Missionary Knights.

To others with similarly long-held dreams, he counsels faith, trust and perseverance.

"If they feel God calling them to something, and they persevere and they don't give up, and they take those steps to train themselves for whatever it is that they feel their destiny is," he said, "[it] eventually comes to fruition."

The Catholics in Action sports ministry and the Missionary Knights are testimony to that.

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On Vigil of 'Roe' Anniversary, Bishop Urges Perseverance in Pro-Life Struggle

By Denis Grasska

EL CAJON — Modern society has rejected the notion that every human life has value, but it is our duty to promote this truth, Bishop Cirilo Flores said on the eve of the 41st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Bishop Flores delivered his remarks in a homily while celebrating Mass on Jan. 21 at Our Lady of Grace Parish in El Cajon.

An estimated 600 to 700 people attended the Mass, which was followed by a period of Eucharistic adoration that continued until the 8 a.m. Mass the following day. In commemoration of *Roe v. Wade* and its companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, the U.S. Catholic Church observes Jan. 22 as an annual day of penance and prayer for an end to abortion.

In his homily, Bishop Flores lamented the tragedy of abortion, praised those who have stood up for the dignity of life, and offered a message of hope rooted in Jesus' victory over sin and death.

"In all matters, prayer is our strength," he said, "and there is no greater prayer than the Eucharist."

Bishop Flores noted that there was a time when human life was valued in the United States, but unfortunately the country has "gone far astray." Different generations have faced different moral crises, he said, and the current generation has been

entrusted with reawakening the country to the inherent value of each human life.

"It is the duty of every person, and especially of every Catholic, to promote and safeguard the dignity of all human beings," the bishop said. "That is why it is good to see so many of you involved in pro-life work and ... speaking for those who have no voice, standing for those who cannot."

Bishop Flores assured the pro-life advocates in attendance that their efforts were appreciated. He noted their participation in walks and rallies for life, sidewalk counseling and other pro-life endeavors. He noted that more than 2,500 people had attended the San Diego Walk for Life three days earlier in Balboa Park and that a group of young adults from San Diego would be among the hundreds of thousands who would be participating the following day in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

On several occasions, Bishop Flores quoted Pope Francis and praised the way that the pope's actions speak even louder than his words for the pro-life cause. Pope Francis has denounced abortion as a symptom of today's "throwaway culture," he said, and "the way he embraces, and kisses, and caresses



PRO-LIFE VIGIL: Bishop Cirilo Flores delivers his homily Jan. 21 at a Mass commemorating the 41st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision.

people with crippling or disfiguring injuries or diseases" provides a powerful witness.

Before concluding his homily by reciting the prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe that is found in Pope John Paul II's encyclical "The

Gospel of Life," Bishop Flores urged Catholics not to be disheartened by the past 41 years of legal abortion. Rather, he urged them to "never forget God's great mercy and His promise of hope for the future."

"My friends," he said, "trusting in God's mercy and love, let us rededicate ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ to transforming our culture into a culture of life. ... We must persevere."

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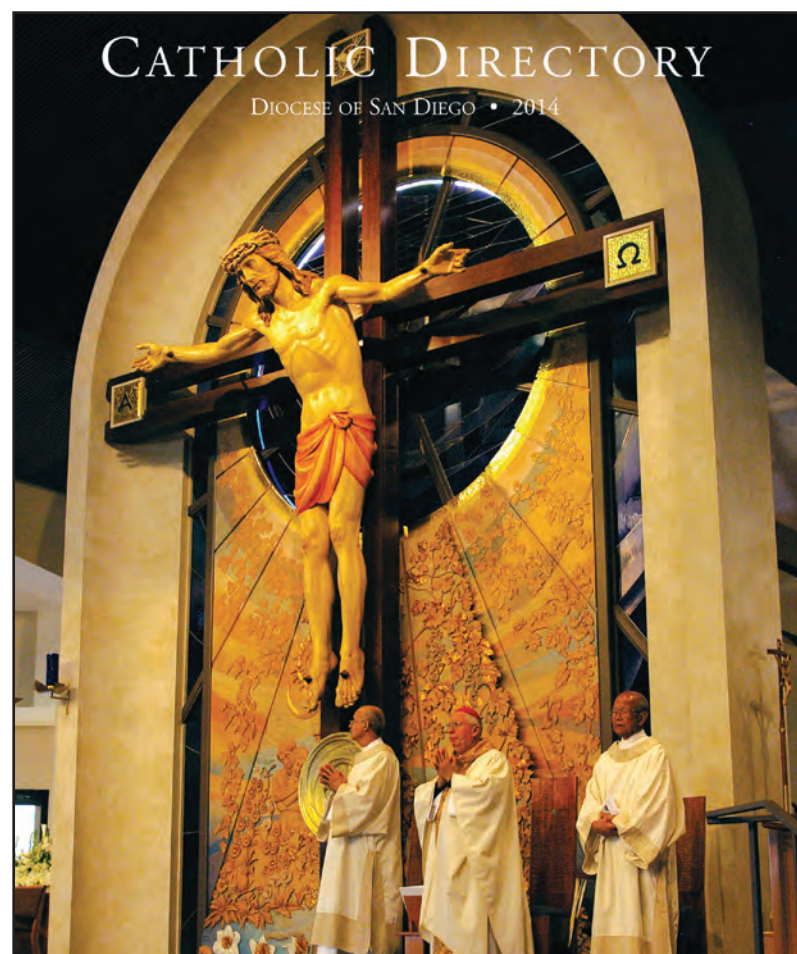
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Three Irish Tenors Concert to Benefit Catholic Schools

ALCALA PARK — The Three Irish Tenors will bring the songs and culture of Ireland to San Diego next month, with a concert that will benefit local Catholic schools.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 13, in the University of San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion. The Irish Tenors will be accompanied by concert violinist Tara Novak as well as the 100-voice Mission San Diego de Alcala Choir under the direction of Gene Regard.

Proceeds from the concert will go toward individual programs designated by the schools that sold the tickets. For each ticket sold, a \$10 donation will go to the school. Any parish in the diocese also may participate and use the concert to raise

funds for its individual ministries.

"As for raising donations, this is much easier and better than bake sales, raffles, dinners and other time-consuming fundraising efforts," said Kelly O'Connor, a parishioner at St. Michael Parish.

"At St. Michael's in Poway, we previously sponsored a Three Irish Tenors concert," said Jim Gase, the parish's director of development and social ministry, "and it was an overwhelming entertainment and fundraising success."

Concert tickets are on sale for \$35 each. To purchase tickets, contact any local Catholic elementary school.

For more information, visit www.threeirishtenors.com.

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COURTESY OF THE THREE IRISH TENORS

CONCERT: Ciaran Nagle, lead singer of the Three Irish Tenors, is seen performing in concert. The Three Irish Tenors will perform March 13 in San Diego.

Catholic Voices USA to Offer Media Training for Local Catholics

ESCONDIDO — Catholic Voices USA and John Paul the Great Catholic University are coordinating two intensive two-day media training workshops for lay Catholics in Southern California.

A workshop for undergraduate and graduate students will take place on March 26-27. A general workshop for lay Catholics will be offered on March 28-29. The workshops will be held at John Paul the Great Catholic University's campus in Escondido.

Catholic Voices USA was formed in 2012, based on a successful British model. It offers training to Catholics in all walks of life who want to publicly make the case for the Church in truth and love in the public square. Lay Catholics, trained by Catholic Voices, do not speak officially for the Church but answer the call for laypeople to publicly witness to their faith as part of the new evangelization.

"More than 200 lay Catholics have been trained over the past two years in our approach," said Scot Landry, executive director of Catholic Voices USA. "Doctors, nurses, lawyers, school teachers, business leaders, full-time moms, engineers and Catholics from many other professions have enthusiastically responded to the call to share, explain and defend the Catholic faith."

"John Paul the Great Catholic University prepares students professionally and spiritually for careers in media, business and theology," explained Timothy Van Damm, the university's vice president of advancement. "In all these future paths, our students are called to impact the culture for Christ. Since Catholic Voices USA is seeking to identify and prepare Catholics to represent the Church in the media, we think it is a great opportunity for our students and for other Catholics in Southern California."

During the workshops, participants will discuss effective communication strategies and messages for communicating the Church's positive and affirmative teaching on many issues being debated in the public square. They will also be trained on interviewing skills for newspaper, radio and television and then participate in interview simulations that will be videotaped to allow for one-on-one coaching and to measure improvements.

"It's remarkable to see the quick improvements that participants make after only two days of training on media skills and lead messages," Landry said. "We add these elements to a participant's natural articulateness and their love for and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Participants can view their

own progress as they watch their videotaped interview simulations over the course of the workshop."

Church leaders in the United States, including Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, have encouraged expansion of the Catholic Voices training.

There is room for up to 20 participants in each two-day workshop. If admitted, there is no cost to attend. Applications must be received by Monday, Feb. 24.

More information and the application can be found at www.CVUSA.org.

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Founder of Shelters for Unwed Teens, Their Experiences Inspire Film

By Maria-Pia Negro

ARLINGTON, Va. — Every day, Kathy DiFiore, who helps young unwed mothers in need and their children with shelter and support, tells God that she wants to do His will.

"And if I'm not doing what He wants, He has a right to pick up His divine two-by-four, hit me over the head a couple times and I'll pay attention," she said.

DiFiore's conviction that God repeatedly was asking her to share the stories of the mothers she works with eventually led to the movie "Gimme Shelter," now in theaters.

The movie — starring Vanessa Hudgens, Rosario Dawson, Brendan Fraser and James Earl Jones — tells the powerful story of a teenager faced with desperate choices when she finds herself pregnant and homeless in New Jersey and how meeting people who cared changes her.

The movie was inspired by real events that took place in DiFiore's shelters, which have been providing assistance to unwed mothers on the East Coast for more than 30 years. Called Several Sources Shelters, the network includes a shelter for homeless women.

"I like everything involved with helping them solve their problems, bringing God into their lives, helping them to focus on motherhood, one baby at a time," she said in an interview with the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Diocese of Arlington. "It is all about quality and not quantity."

DiFiore started the first shelter at her house in 1981, following an inspiration she had while reciting the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. She never thought that her network would save thousands of babies while sheltering young mothers, and providing them with education, ongoing support and guidance.

These mothers and DiFiore were involved in the writing and production of the film — which would have seemed impossible before

meeting award-winning director Ronald Krauss almost four years ago.

Krauss stopped by one of the shelters during a trip to see his brother in New Jersey over Christmas; he first heard about DiFiore's work in 2009.

In an interview with *The Colorado Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Colorado Springs Diocese, he said he was so affected by what he saw that he lived there for a year, interviewing many of the shelter's residents and observing DiFiore's work.

Upon returning to Hollywood in 2011, he wrote the script for "Gimme Shelter" and chose the cast members. But the film industry was skeptical.

"You're going against the grain. People don't want films like this; there was a lot of resistance," Krauss said.

He decided to do the filming at one of the Several Sources shelters in Ramsey, N.J., where DiFiore's office is located. Many of the young mothers and their babies are featured in the movie.

"People were telling me that I needed to go to a place like Georgia to save money. This movie could never have been made elsewhere," Krauss said.

Despite their initial skepticism, two major studios — Lionsgate in the U.S. and Sony Pictures overseas — agreed to distribute the movie. Krauss said "Gimme Shelter" will be showing in at least 400 theaters.

DiFiore told the *Arlington Catholic* paper that the young women in the shelter "really confided in" Krauss, "and as they began to open up to him, I got a little message in my head that God was saying to me, 'Trust him.' In other words, all these years have gone by and now it's the time to share the story."

The young mothers were open to the idea of sharing their testimonies so they could help other girls in similar situations.



GIMME SHELTER: James Earl Jones and Vanessa Hudgens star in "Gimme Shelter."

In Washington, after a Jan. 7 screening of "Gimme Shelter," Krauss told the audience that one of the girls from the shelter had inspired him to make a feature film instead of a documentary. He met her outside the shelter during a January night three years ago.

"I thought she lived there. She thought I worked there and I let her in," Krauss recalled. "Kathy told me that they did have a bed available and to tell her she could stay. ... I did it without thinking much of it." He later learned that the pregnant teenager had walked about 30 miles in the cold to get to the shelter.

"When she heard there was room for her, she grabbed me and hugged me so hard she almost knocked me over," he said. "That hug was the inspiration for the movie."

The plot of "Gimme Shelter" centers on a teenage girl named Apple Bailey (Hudgens), who has grown up in a series of foster homes after being taken away from her drug-addict mother. When she finds out she is pregnant, she turns to the father she has never known (Fraser), but he refuses to help her if she keeps her baby.

With the help of a Catholic priest (Jones),

Bailey finds refuge in one of the shelters run by DiFiore (Ann Dowd).

The independent film has been hailed by pro-life groups and has been recommended by, among others, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, who praised its "uplifting message of hope and the dignity of life," and Bishop Ignacio Carrasco de Paula, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Although the movie does not shy away from depicting harsh realities, it is permeated with hopeful moments when Apple opens up to the other teenagers.

In addition to caring for their babies and participating in an educational program, the girls can participate in Bible study and may attend any of the different churches in the area. DiFiore said that part of the mission of Several Sources is that the mother has to learn about God, to transmit it to her children.

A link on the movie's Web site — *gimmeinspiration.com* — takes visitors to a list of more than 530 shelters across the nation and to the real mothers' stories.

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Contributing to this story was Veronica Ambuul.



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Editor's Note: Robert Mate, a member of the Knights of Columbus, informed The Southern Cross that the Knights have been longtime supporters of DiFiore and her work. "The Knights of Columbus have always been there for her and what she does," Mate said. "While I was the State Deputy in New Jersey, I arranged for many excellent fundraisers for her and even donated a car to this cause."

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Marioly Galván

Have you heard God call you by name to be His disciple? Have you actually listened to what He had to say? Often, we are overwhelmed by the busyness of life, including those daily tasks and responsibilities that demand our attention. However, as important as those aspects of life may be, our relationship with Jesus and one another is even more important.

Understanding the call of discipleship entails "metanoia," a transformative experience that leads to a deeper awareness of what it means to follow Christ. Fostering discipleship can be seen as a threefold expression of personhood: **How** I live in relationship to post-baptism commitments, **what** I do to offer service to God and others, and **who** I am in relation to myself and others. This shared common calling to a life of service is at the heart of discipleship, communion and mission. Nevertheless, you might ask, what does this mean for me? How can I serve? Allow me to suggest a few pastoral actions you may take.

Called to Discipleship: How Can I Serve?

1) Be proactive and belong to your faith community.

First, it is important to acknowledge that community signifies a sense of belonging. This can and will transcend your faith or "church" community. Building a sense of community can be done in a variety of settings: home, school, work, extracurricular activities — even via social media. However, for the sake of fostering a faith community and offering a practical approach, I suggest you begin by registering at your parish, take ownership of your common calling. Ministry begins with you. The triune God has shown us His relational being and as such, we too are relational; we thrive in a communal environment. This directly relates to the "how" aspect of personhood.

2) Faith seeking understanding is a continuous process of living, learning and loving.

This goes back to becoming a part of a faith community. We are one family and, as many parts that together make up a whole, we form the mystical body of Christ. The faith journey is an ongoing process. A common excuse I hear is, "I can't because I don't know enough." But do not be afraid! That is the beauty of our faith. It is a mystery that will only later be fully disclosed. Find ways to increase your knowledge of our rich Catholic faith. You can do this in a number of ways: join a Bible study group, participate in small

church communities, enroll in the Diocesan Institute, register for a Basic Catechist Course, or take theology classes at any of the local Catholic universities. "What" you do in service to God and others begins with you.

3) Share the gift of YOU with others.

There is no other person in this world who can offer what you can. Your gifts and talents are unique to your person, and the Church needs YOU! Jesus broke the mold with you, so who else but you can share what He has given you? There are many ministries that can greatly benefit from your service, assistance and participation. Consider the many facets of service and church life: evangelization and catechesis, youth and young adults, marriage and family life, social and restorative justice, and liturgy, just to name a few. Sharing the joy of the Gospel is evangelization. To go out and selflessly give of yourself in any form of ministerial practice, whether it be visiting the homebound, serving as a lector or catechizing children, signifies your priceless gift, but most importantly, "who" you are in relation to others.

Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of evangelization. Be someone's personal encounter with Jesus. St. Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite nun and mystic, wrote centuries ago, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours." These words still hold true today. Deepen your relationship with God, pray, meditate and discern your call to serve as an intentional disciple.

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Marioly Galván is associate director of the diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry.

My Experience at the National Catholic Youth Conference

From Nov. 20 through Nov. 24, 2013, youth from Good Shepherd and San Rafael parishes joined 25,000 other young people from across the country at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Ind.

The road to the NCYC was a long, hard, yet enjoyable experience. The youth never gave up on their fundraising goals and, in the end, everyone who signed up for the NCYC had the opportunity to go.

A Catholic youth's perspective

started off with a lot of fun dancing, singing and worshipping God to hype us up. Then it got more serious as we listened to the keynote speakers. No one was holding back from expressing love for God; everyone prayed together and sang together. You could talk to someone you barely met and feel like you'd

known them for years.

Saturday night ended with a huge Mass in Lucas Oil Stadium. There were thousands of youth gathered under one roof, all excited to be at Mass. No one was ashamed to be Catholic and we were all very proud.

The NCYC is an experience that everyone

should have the opportunity to have: to be able to share your faith with thousands of people and realize that the Catholic religion is great. We are all truly blessed to have such a great and powerful God, so powerful that He can bring everyone together as one.

For more information, visit www.ncyc.nfcym.org.

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Gabbie Miclat is a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Mira Mesa.

Gabbie Miclat

There were youth from all over the United States. The famous Lucas Oil Stadium, also known as the Indianapolis Colts football stadium, was turned into a church for three whole days. Imagine thousands of Catholics coming together in one spot, all to pray and worship our loving God. It was a wonderful experience to witness.

The youth were there to explore what it means to live the Catholic life and to learn how to make our world a better place. Workshops addressed such topics as feeding the hungry, helping the less fortunate, and how to better yourself as a Catholic. I think the workshop on feeding the hungry was most impactful. We packed about 8,000 bags of food in around 30 minutes, and we were part of a bigger group which helped pack 100,000 bags of food throughout the conference. Each bag contained the main ingredients to a nutritious meal that feeds about six people.

Every day, we had a different keynote speaker and each speaker had a lot to tell. We heard from Jackie Francois, Bob Perron and Ansel Augustin as our keynote speakers; Jesse Manibusan was our emcee. Every morning

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"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home." - Mother Teresa

We just finished the Advent season and celebrated the birth of Our Lord, and around the corner we have Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. This is a part of the genius of Catholicism, to coin a phrase from Matthew Kelly, the author of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. Our wonderful Holy Mother Church has these seasons during which we can focus on becoming the best version of ourselves as stewards.

John Krajewski

In our process of becoming good stewards, we can look at how we can develop our time, talent and treasure. One of the best ways to develop these characteristics is by reading books that deepen our spirituality and knowledge of our faith. I know through my own personal experience how reading books about my Catholic faith has radically changed my life.

I thought I was a pretty good Catholic, dare I say, devout. Stewardship was my middle name. I am involved in many ministries. I was like that publican in the Gospels who sat in front, beating his chest, lauding all the wonderful things he did for the Lord. Then the Spirit led me to a book called *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*.

"I am a dynamic Catholic," I thought. "Let's see how this guy describes me." I started reading. I took the test that Matthew has in the book and, needless to say, I flunked. I scored low on all the signs. Now I know why the Spirit led me to this book. This book changed my life. I have since made a concerted effort to make changes and increase my commitment in the four areas of Prayer, Study, Generosity

Lost Treasure of Reading

I know through my own personal experience how reading books about my Catholic faith has radically changed my life.

and Evangelization. This book has made me a better and more aware steward.

What is important to note is, by reading this book, my relationship with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit has deepened and continues to grow. I have a joy in my heart. My question to you is, what are you reading right now to increase your relationship, knowledge and understanding of our Lord? In becoming good stewards, we should hold ourselves accountable in this area.

What we read doesn't always have to be a non-fiction book on our faith but can be of a fictional nature. One such



book I read was *Clowns of God* by Morris West — an emotional read about our relationships with those we meet, how Jesus is among us, how the will of God fits in their lives, how we sometimes cannot understand His path for us. If I recall, our Lord spoke in fictional tales called parables to bring a point across.

Like all good habits, it takes effort in the beginning. Matthew Kelly talks about small incremental changes. You probably have examples of that in your own life. Start with five pages a day. Soon, you will find yourself increasing your time and your hunger to learn more will grow. Our Church needs good stewards who know their faith and can evangelize to our brother Catholics. We need to keep our heads clear of all the rubbish out there on how the secular world views our faith. One way we do this is to read.

I challenge you and myself to go out and find that life-changing book (or books). There are many resources, and you may be familiar with some of them. One may be your own church; it may have a library. At our church, we have a kiosk set up with books and CDs. Books and CDs are also available at www.DynamicCatholic.com and through Lighthouse Ministries and Catholic Answers. As San Diegans, we are fortunate to have Immaculate Heart Radio-San Diego AM 1000, and it can be a resource, too.

What a great challenge for Lent! It beats giving up chocolate! Find that book, start the habit. I promise you our God will reward you with joy in your heart.

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John Krajewski, a product of 12 years of Catholic education and a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus, has been an active member of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Fallbrook for 38 years.

It's Not 'Something or Nothing at All'

Here we are in the middle of February and I'm sure a lot of people have already junked their New Year's resolutions and have crossed off this year as just another one in a long line of personal failures in that regard. There are even people who swear that they will never again waste their time making these valiant attempts to control their appetites, halt certain sinful practices, reform their lives, and become the kind of person Christ calls us to be.

"It's too hard!" you say. "It just can't be done!"



Father Charles L. Fuld

But before you give up and resign yourself to being all the things you really don't want to be, let's spend a moment looking at what you are trying to achieve and the progress you actually have been making.

The first step you've probably already taken: that of making those resolutions. That's a giant step, naming the specific areas where you feel called to improve. Write them down, if you haven't already. Post them somewhere so that you won't forget what you aspire to. Each item will be a chal-

Rather than seeing any failure as a sign that you cannot change, see it as an incident in an ongoing struggle.

lenge. Remember, if it were easy to do you wouldn't have to go through all this effort. And chances are that you will fail to keep these promises/commitments from time to time. But rather than seeing any failure as a sign that you cannot change, see it as an incident in an ongoing struggle. Instead of seeing a single failure or even a series of them as a reason to throw in the towel again, look at the times you may have done just what you pledged and put your focus more on the victories and not just on the failures.

This, of course, points to the wonder of the sacrament of reconciliation: the importance of confessing our sins, but also receiving encouragement to keep at the task.

So the confession might be, "Father, I watched inappropriate things on my computer several times." The priest's response might include, "Were there times when you were faced with that same temptation and chose not to do so?" "Yes, Father, there were." "So, there were times when you kept your resolu-

tion, times when you chose to do what you had resolved to do, right?" "Yes." "You did the right thing in confessing this sin. But you need to start paying attention to those victories, too, and build on them."

Often in confession, I hear a whole litany of sins and then I simply ask, "Well, are you a good person or a bad person?" What we finally agree to is that he or she is really a good person who occasionally messes up by doing something stupid that he or she never intended to do, things that turn out to be hurtful to others, often the people they love the most, as well as to themselves.

What I'm saying is simply this: Don't throw out your New Year's resolutions simply because you occasionally mess up and stumble. Pick yourself up and acknowledge your failure, but keep sight of your successes too — and watch them grow. We grow into goodness because of God's loving call and often in spite of ourselves.

Pope Francis puts it beautifully in "The Joy of the Gospel" ["*Evangelii Gaudium*"]: "God

never tires of us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy. ... With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, He makes it possible for us to lift our heads and to start anew."

A belated Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

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Course with Deacon Ron and Rae Arnold, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. Fee: \$45; includes lunch.

Catechist Workshop

"How to Prepare Your Lesson Plans" with Mary Jo Waggoner, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 22, at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Imperial. Fee: \$15.

Coordinadores, Formadores y Directores de Ministerio Catequético

"Cómo formar comunidades de base en sus parroquias" con Padre Alejandro López-Cardinale, 2 de abril, 6:30-9 p.m. en el Centro Pastoral. No hay costo.

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Perpetual Adoration Chapel

• Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at Holy Spirit Parish (2725 55th St., San Diego). Member card needed for night entrance; membership obtained through parish office. For information, call (619) 262-2435.

• Open 24 hours daily, except during Sunday Mass, at St. John the Evangelist Parish (1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas). For information, call (760) 635-2573.

• Open daily from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church (2643 Homedale St., San Diego). For information, call (619) 470-1977.

Holy Hours

• A Holy Hour for life and vocations is held at 6 p.m., every first Friday, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Vista.

• Pro-life Holy Hour, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday, at Little Flower Haven (8585 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa 91942). Includes communal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the intention of transforming the culture. For information, call (619) 445-3822.

Devotions

At St. Patrick Parish, San Diego: first Fridays, exposition after 8 a.m. Mass; first Saturdays, Fatima devotion after 8 a.m. Mass; every Tuesday, prayer hour for peace, 5 p.m. For information, call (619) 295-2157.

Healing Masses

• Noon, first Friday of the month, at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Scripps Ranch. For information, call (858) 653-3540.

• 6:30 p.m., March 3, at St. Patrick Parish in Carlsbad. Celebrant: Father Mike Barry. For information, call (760) 724-4046.

Healing Prayer

At St. James Parish in Solana Beach, every Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass, first Mondays from 9-10 a.m., second Tuesdays

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from 7-8:15 p.m., and third Saturdays after the 5 p.m. Mass.

Armenian Mass

3:30 p.m., third Sunday of the month, at St. Timothy Parish in Escondido. Mass is celebrated in English, Arabic and Armenian. All are welcome. For information, call (760) 489-1200.

Catholic Men's Ministry

St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside is sponsoring "That Man is You!" on Saturdays, 6:45-8:15 a.m., starting in September. It is a 26-week, interactive Catholic men's program that addresses the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. Register at www.thatmanisyou.org or by calling (760) 758-4100, ext. 132.

St. Mark's Fashion Show

Join St. Mark parishioners for an afternoon of friends, fun and fashion at the Shadowridge Country Club in Vista. Featuring styles from Draper's & Damon's at 11 a.m., Feb. 22. There will be door prizes and raffles. Tickets: \$35. For information, call (760) 744-7674.

Annual Rummage Sale

7 a.m.-noon, March 1, at St. Gregory the Great Parish (11451 Blue Crystal Dr., San Diego). Includes furniture, household items, toys, sporting equipment, jewelry, clothing, shoes and more. Donated items will be accepted from 3-8 p.m., Feb. 28, at the parish hall. Proceeds will fund scholarships for Our Lady's School. For information, call (858) 395-5916.

Father Calloway Talk

• Father Donald Calloway will share his conversion story March 15 at Ascension Parish. A potluck will be held following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The talk begins at 6:30 p.m. To RSVP, call (858) 414-7284.

• Father Calloway will speak at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 23, at St. Martin of Tours Parish in La

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Mesa. There will be a free-will offering.

Electronic Recycling

10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 5, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Vista. St. Francis School and Recycle San Diego have teamed up to provide this free electronic recycling event. For information, call (760) 945-8044.

Springfest

St. Columba School's "Springfest" Carnival and \$1,000 Opportunity Draw, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., April 5, at 3365 Glencolum Dr. in Serra Mesa. Includes food and game booths, entertainment and inflatables.

St. Patrick Dinner/Dance

March 15 at St. Martin of Tours Parish, La Mesa. Corned beef and cabbage served from 6-8 p.m.; music from 8-11 p.m. Cost: \$15/person. To RSVP, call (619) 469-4621 or (619) 303-3279.

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Catholic Medals Training

Adult moderator training will be offered for Catholic medals that can be earned by Girl Scouts, Camp Fire and Heritage Girls for various age and program levels. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Feb. 22, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. For information or to RSVP, please contact Kim Brower at kimbrower@cox.net.

Light Weigh

The Light Weigh Bible Study DVD series, a safe and healthy, faith-based diet program, is held on Wednesdays at St. Timothy Parish (2960 Canyon Rd, Escondido 92025). For date and time of orientation, call (858) 722-1885.

Auction/Gala

Academy of Our Lady of Peace 2014 Auction & Gala, 5:30-11 p.m., Feb. 21, at The Prado Restaurant in Balboa Park. Includes silent and live auctions, signature martinis, delectable bites and a seated dinner. Tickets available at aolp.org.

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1854 will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m., March 13, in the St. Mary Magdalene Parish conference room (1945 Illion St., San Diego 92110). For information, call (760) 788-0849 or (619) 787-7846.

Young Married Couples

Group provides opportunities for Catholic married couples in their 20s and 30s to grow in faith and friendship through social events, spiritual activities and service projects hosted around San Diego. For information, e-mail sdycmc-owner@yahoo.com.

'Love Our Priests'

The prayer group's next Mass will be at 10 a.m., March 29, at Ascension Parish (11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.). Celebrant: Father Thomas Thompson, hospital chaplain. Bring a dish to share at

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potluck. For information, call (858) 560-7132.

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After-Abortion Healing

Rachel's Hope is offering an overnight after-abortion healing retreat for Catholic (or Catholic-friendly) women March 14-16 at the St. Mary's Retreat Center in Escondido. Cost: \$100, includes overnight lodging, a workbook and meals. Partial scholarships available. For information, call (760) 745-2529, e-mail LBrunolli@yahoo.com or visit www.RachelsHope.org.

Spirituality Series

"Spirituality for the Second Half of Life" will be presented in three sessions, 4-5:30 p.m., Feb. 28, March 28 and April 25, at the St. James Parish Ministry Center Conference Room (625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach). Register at (760) 814-8604 or jnadlephd@gmail.

Vocation Discernment

Young women are invited to share in Mass, adoration, talks, refreshments and fellowship. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Feb. 22, at Little

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Flower Haven in La Mesa. RSVP to Sister Barbara at vocations@carmelitedcj.org.

Spiritual Exercises

Silent Ignatian Retreats preached by Miles Christi priests. Includes spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration and daily Mass. For women: April 16-20 (Holy Week) in Santa Barbara, Calif; e-mail california@spiritual Exercises.net or call (858) 263-5113. For men: March 21-23 and June 27-29 in Oceanside; e-mail californiamen@spiritual Exercises.net or call (661) 284-5970.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples heal and renew their marriages. The next weekend will be held April 4-6. For information, call (951) 259-9474; for Spanish, call (619) 423-0182. Visit www.retrosandiego.org.

Natural Family Planning

A four-class course in the sympto-thermal method will be offered at 6:30 p.m., March 6, March 20, April 17 and May 22 at the diocesan Pastoral Center. To register, e-mail davidandcheryloss@gmail.com or call (619) 303-5053. NFP is safe, effective (99.6 percent) and inexpensive.

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or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you?...



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