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Vatican reviewing McCarrick case, vows to pursue truth

**By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Promising a thorough review of how the Vatican handled allegations of sexual misconduct by former Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, the Vatican acknowledged that what happened may fall short of the procedures that are in place today.

"The Holy See is conscious that, from the examination of the facts and of the circumstances, it may emerge that choices were taken that would not be consonant with a contemporary approach to such issues. However, as Pope Francis has said: 'We will follow the path of truth wherever it may lead,'" the Vatican said in statement released Oct. 6.

The Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops had said in August that they would seek such an investigation, and leaders of the bishops' conference met with Pope Francis Sept. 13 to tell him how the church in the United States has been "lacerated by the evil of sexual abuse."

After the meeting with the pope, neither the bishops nor the Vatican mentioned an investigation. However, the president and vice president of the conference -- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles -- are at the Vatican for the Synod of Bishops and are likely to meet the pope again Oct. 8.

Renewing its commitment to uncovering the truth, the Vatican also said that information gathered from its investigation as well as "a further thorough study" of its archives regarding the former cardinal will be released "in due course."

"Both abuse and its cover-up can no longer be tolerated and a different treatment for bishops who have committed or covered up abuse, in fact represents a form of clericalism

Congratulations on 50 Years

**Bishop Pates celebrates 50th anniversary
of ordination to priesthood as he prepares for retirement**



Bishop Richard Pates celebrated his anniversary and upcoming retirement at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Oct. 14 with family. Pictured left to right are his brother, Hugh, and grand nieces Mariah and Skyler.



Bishop Richard Pates receives a Minnesota Vikings jersey with Deacon Jim Obradovich looking on.



Bishop Emeritus Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S. joined Bishop Richard Pates in his celebration.



Bishop Richard Pates celebrated his anniversary and upcoming retirement at St. Patrick Church in Council Bluffs on Oct. 13.



Representatives of the diocese's international communities came together Oct. 7 to wish Bishop Richard Pates farewell as he prepares to retire and as he celebrates his 50th anniversary of ordination to priesthood. See his column on page 2, and more pictures on page 16

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Gratitude

On Dec. 20, 1968, I was joined by 62 other seminarian classmates from the United States at the North American College on a walk through special gates. They were open only on rare occasions. This was one. We were on our way to St. Peter’s Basilica for ordination to priesthood by Bishop Francis Reh, rector of the college.

It was an extraordinarily memorable moment for me as it culminated 12 years of preparation for priesthood. I remember Bishop Reh laying his hands on my head, realizing that with his instrumentality and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I was fully identified with Christ the priest. It was truly the fulfillment of a long anticipated joy.

The excitement of the day was heightened by the presence of my parents and family whom I had not been with during the three and a half years in Rome. My folks had been highly supportive of my vocation and so, they too, regaled in the identity conferred on me.

My first assignment as priest was to the Blessed Sacrament Parish on the east side of St. Paul, Minnesota. The pastor, Monsignor Frank Curtin, was an extraordinarily kind and outgoing individual who, unfortunately, was suffering from a painful case of cancer. He determined that he would take the funerals since there were no brides’ mothers to contend with. In turn, I would do the weddings. Given the demographics of the parish, that meant I eventually witnessed



By
Bishop
Richard
Pates

45 marriages that first year with this community.

The experience of an intense lifestyle validated the call I had received. The time spent was exciting, touched the full gamut of life stages of those I ministered to and brought great satisfaction. All began well.

Some 49 years later, I still have the appetite for service as priest. The experience has greatly varied but the one constant is putting people in touch with God so that their lives might reach the fullness of meaning and develop into a close relationship with Jesus. My life is enjoyable and filled with challenging times. I often say that if I were to live a thousand lives, I would live each as a priest.

Thus, my heart is filled with gratitude for the blessings that have been mine. I can testify to the happiness that has accommodated challenges and bumpy roads along the way.

In my great, good fortune, I have been able to spend the last 10 years surrounded by hearty Iowans as bishop. I knew very few members in this community when I first came. After I made the rounds of the 23 counties, I knew I was blessed once again.

It has been most rewarding to align with dedicated priests, zealous and spirited

permanent deacons, well-grounded religious women and an ever-willing staff at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Moreover, the lay leadership within the community has guided us with well-trained competency that knows no bounds. Derived from their secular skills and bottomless generosity, they have demonstrated what it means to be Church, truly involved at every level.

It is our ongoing call to introduce one another and others to a relationship with Jesus, the Lord, who has the words of life. Contact with him gives way to deeper bonding with this God which is most fulfilling and holds the keys to ultimate happiness. God provides the ligaments bonding together the gifts each of us has. And so, from God’s gifts we become One Body, One Body of Christ. We are Christ’s Body

in the world today.
In sum total, my 50 years as priest and 10 as Bishop of Des Moines have been incomparable. The blessed years have been totally unearned on my part but greatly cherished. No wonder my heart is full of gratitude.

New Emmaus House director greets community



Photo by Anne Marie Cox

New Emmaus House co-director Kevin O’Donnell (right) greets people from the community at a recent open house. Visiting with O’Donnell are Don and Carolyn Cleborad, of St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale.

Bishop’s Schedule

Friday, October 19
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.
Washington, D.C. – Catholic Climate Covenant Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 20
Stuart – Installation Mass for Father Antony Mathew, All Saints Parish, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 21
Adair – Installation Mass for Father Antony Mathew, St. John Parish, 8 a.m.
Stuart – Installation Mass for Father Antony Mathew, All Saints Parish, 10 a.m.
Des Moines – Confirmation and Reception, Holy Trinity Parish, 1 p.m.
Des Moines – Mass at Catholic Youth Rally, Hy-Vee Hall, 4 p.m.

Monday, October 22
Des Moines – Mass and Retired Priests’ Luncheon, St. Ambrose

Cathedral and Bishop’s Residence, 12:10 p.m.
Waukee – Diocesan Allegation Review Committee, St. Boniface, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23
Des Moines – Andrew Dinner, St. Augustin Parish, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24
Des Moines – Diocesan Executive Committee, Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 25
Kansas City – Presenter at *A Day for Parish Staffs*, St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Friday, October 26
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.
St. Paul, MN – Rehearsal dinner for Kaitlin Verhulst and Neil Horan’s upcoming wedding, The Saint Paul Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 27
St. Paul, MN – Wedding of Kaitlin Verhulst and Neil Horan, Church of the Assumption, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 28 – Wednesday, November 7
Rome -- North American College reunion and visit to Des Moines’ seminarians attending the college

Friday, November 2
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.

Thursday, November 8
Des Moines – Vocation Office, Catholic Pastoral Center, 8:30 a.m.
Des Moines – Presbyteral Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10:30 a.m.
Iowa City – Campus Dinner and Mass, Newman Catholic Student Center, University of Iowa, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 9
Des Moines – Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa Board, Catholic Pastoral Center, 7:30 a.m.
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.
Des Moines – Diocesan Executive Committee, Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 10 – Thursday, November 15
Baltimore – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Friday, November 16
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.

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Respect Life Month

Foster care is a fulfilling and necessary ministry



Paulette and Fernando Valdez

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Paulette Valdez of St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale can still remember the first time she considered becoming a foster parent.

She was working as a nurse in a pediatrician's office.

"I saw a lady coming in with her children and she was always coming in with a newborn baby way too often," Valdez said.

Finally Valdez asked the woman, who told her about foster care for newborns.

Even though she already had a few small children at home there was – and still is – a real need for more foster parents. In many cases, the children are removed from drug addicted parents at the hospital and placed with foster parents, Valdez said.

"[Bringing a baby home] was just like Christmas," Valdez said. "[I would tell the kids] 'We're getting a baby today,' and they would just be jumping up and down."

Valdez has been fostering newborn babies for nearly 27 years and is currently caring for her 59th baby. She works with the Department of Human Services and Bethany Christian Services.

"I enjoy taking care of them so much and this was a great opportunity," Valdez said. "I hopefully help these babies in that bridge period and interim period, whether it's back with their birth families or to the adopting families."

She also credits her husband Fernando for keeping the house clean, cooking the meals and doing laundry while Valdez cares for the baby.

Leah Garland, executive brand director of Bethany Christian Services in Des Moines, has high praise for Valdez.

"She is just so giving and sacrificing so much of her time to [help these kids] have a better start to their lives," Garland said. "She is so selfless and full of God's love. It's amazing to see how she loves all parties involved."

Many of the newborns Valdez has cared for are adopted into a new home, since their biological parents are often unable to overcome drug addictions.

It's a critical period of the baby's life, so that attention and care is important, Valdez added. When babies are neglected or

not properly cared for in their first months and years of life, they often encounter lots of major obstacles in life all the way into adulthood.

Valdez encourages others to consider foster care, as the need is very great.

Even though Valdez is on the list for only infants, she has received calls from the state seeking placement for teenagers.

"When they call me that means they have already called everyone else," Valdez said.

If a foster family cannot be identified for a teen, he or she spends the night at a homeless shelter because there is nowhere else for him or her to stay, Valdez said.

Matt Highland, public information officer for the Department of Human Services, said "shelter stays are considered placements of last resort in temporary, emergency situations."

"When a child is removed from their home and placed in foster care, reunification is always the goal," Highland said. "Through foster care children are kept safe while their family works to remedy the concerns that caused removal. On average there are 6,000 children in out-of-home care. Sixty-one percent are reunited with their parent, 23 percent are adopted by a relative or their foster parent and eight percent age out of care."

"It continues to be a challenge finding enough foster parents to ensure children are matched to a family that can best meet their needs..." Highland said. "Many foster parents find the role so rewarding that as their foster children return home, they open up their homes again and again to new foster children."

Valdez often encounters women who say they couldn't be a foster parent because it would be too hard to let the baby or child go. But Valdez said she's never found that to be the case.

"My goal from the day the baby arrives is to leave it with the best possible family," Valdez said. "I don't want it to stay long because the more the baby attaches to you the [more difficult the transition]."

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent with the state, visit iowafosterandadoption.org/.

For those interested in becoming a foster family with Bethany Christian Services, call 515-270-0824.

Life Chain goes on despite rain



Photo submitted by Ruth Kibitzki



Photo submitted by Karen Quiner

Top: Cathy Soukup and Father David Fleming, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale, are joined by Father Fleming's dog, Snoopy, in braving the rain to participate in the Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 7. Bottom: A crowd gathers at St. Theresa Church in Des Moines for Life Chain

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Help! I’ve been hacked!

When considering all the protection plans that we invest in throughout our lives, we make sure that our technology and virtual reputation as well as our physical property are secure.

How often are we looking to protect our spiritual lives and souls from the very hackers that corrupt us?

We build firewalls and install antivirus systems to secure our technology from viruses and hackers. We are trying to preserve precious pictures and protect important life and business information while we are also trying to create peace of mind.

Oh, the lengths to which we will go searching for this virtual peace.

If there has been external invasion of our property, we might have a thief preying upon us. What a violation it is to be burglarized!

About 15 years ago, while on a family vacation, our car got, you could say, hacked into. We had all our souvenirs, luggage, music, and videos stolen and windows broken. While, for the youngest kids, the most valuable things stolen may have been their favorite Disney videos, the teens lost their newly purchased travel treasures. For my wife, peace was violated,

Let’s Get Psyched

By Deacon Randy Kiel



and for me as the family protector, our security was breeched.

Sin also has a viral effect upon us as well as upon the world. We are all subject to internal and external corruption attempting to hack into our souls.

Are we protected?

We have been encouraged to change computer passwords ad nauseam, so what shall we do to protect our spiritual life?

First, we must know our system well. Here are several questions to ask ourselves.

How is my spiritual life defined by me and by the Church?

How have I left myself vulnerable to viral attacks of evil?

Do I allow others to help protect

me and do I protect myself?

If I was to have a spiritual audit done on my life, how would I score?

Second, let’s take a look at how we leave ourselves most vulnerable to evil. We can use the seven deadly sins as indicators of risk of corruption on our souls. (Note: They are called deadly for a reason, folks.)

1. Pride – vanity and ego
2. Envy – jealousy and spite
3. Gluttony – indulgence and entitlement
4. Lust – stealing and inappropriate desires
5. Anger – meanness and rage
6. Greed – selfishness, and wrongful attachments
7. Slothfulness – laziness and apathy

Allowing any of these seven areas to hack into your soul or system, leaves the opportunity for injury to your spirit and possibly even spiritual death.

Hackers, in regards to your computer, your car, or your heart, are in disguise or often invisible. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

Do not let that be you.

Quite often people ask me what are the common portal entries for these sins to enter into our lives. While the list is vast, there are some common themes, including the lack of sacramental living, historical wounds and relational injuries, unresolved conflicts, hurt feelings, spiritual neglect, spiritual ignorance, and spiritual abuse.

When faced with these injuries, we need assistance from the Body of Christ. We cannot heal these wounds or “ports of entry” on our own and therefore, have a difficult time securing our system from further corruption.

Through further understanding of our spiritual system and its vulnerabilities, we can close many doors that might still be wide open.

Continue searching for even the slightest cracks in the doorways to our souls. It is not the light of Christ that comes in through those cracks; it is darkness, and we know where and from whom the darkness comes.

Deacon Randy Kiel is the founder of Kardiac Counseling. He serves Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines. To contact him, email randy@kardiaccounseling.com.

Called to Faithful Citizenship

The Iowa Catholic Conference recently released an excellent letter, “Faithful Citizenship for Iowa Catholics.” As a person who has been actively involved in the Des Moines area community, including the political arena for more than 50 years, I would like to share my additional thoughts about faithful citizenship.

Much of my perspective stems from the incredible example and guidance from my mother and father that I received growing up in Waverly, Iowa. Here are six ways I believe we are called to provide a foundation pursuing faithful citizenship in our daily lives.

1. Called to a vocation. Your daily work should be your primary focus for serving others. Use your talents and gifts to do the best job you can.

Guest Column

By Michael Carver



2. Called to love and support your entire family. There is no question that this is one of your most important responsibilities. In this role, you set an example of what faithful citizenship should be demonstrated in your daily life – just as my parents did for me

years ago.

3. Called to community service. Each of us should also seek opportunities to volunteer in our community, with a special focus on the needs of the poor and disadvantaged.
4. Called to be active in the political arena. Voting is not the only way to be involved. An important aspect of any political involvement is to keep yourself informed by reading the daily newspaper and watching the news broadcasts. Personally, I made the decision more than 10 years ago to run for a seat on the Urbandale City Council.
5. Called to be faithful to nurture your Christian faith. This includes regularly attending Mass, daily prayers and supporting activities sponsored by your

parish.

6. Called to be a good steward of your financial resources. This includes how you manage your personal financial resources, as well as decisions you make to give funds to your church and other worthy community and national philanthropic organizations that serve the needs of the community.

These points illustrate my strong support of the need for faithful citizenship. Thanks to the Iowa bishops for sharing their important letter.

To read “Faithful Citizenship” go to iowacatholicconference.org.

Michael Carver is a parishioner of St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale.

Carrying forward pope’s love of the land

I can still hear the pope’s message to our faith community each time I enter those gates at St. Patrick Church at Irish Settlement.

“Proclaim Christ and his Gospel in fellowship and apostolic faith, in prayer and in the celebration of the Eucharist.”

As I passed through the gate this day they were beautifully decorated with fall all around by the ladies of the parish. The weather this day was much like Oct. 4, 1979, the day St. John Paul II visited St. Patrick Parish in Irish Settlement and celebrated Mass at Living History Farms in Urbandale. Although today, there was added rain along with the chill, but thankfully little wind.

I arrived early and sat in reflection of where the parishioners are today: Some have passed; many are now grandparents and great grandparents; and the toddlers, well, now they are approaching middle age.

The prayer service opens and Bishop Richard Pates reminds us of St. John Paul II’s message, and that the pope’s visit to Iowa was made possible by a simple gesture, a letter, that was written by Joe Hays 39-plus years ago. Today, the

Guest Column

By Jan Lyon

dedication of a statue of St. John Paul II, in remembrance of John Connor, was made possible by the generosity of the late Randy and Jo Snyder and the Mulvihill family.

Bishop Pates asks that we continue to carry forward St. John Paul II’s love of the land, our God’s abundant graces of which we are given by caring for the land and each other.

Our doors are always open to all as we continue to grow as a parish community with future plans that include a St. John Paul II Retreat Center and grotto.

Special thanks to Bishop Pates, Father Thomas Dooley and Father Dan Kirby for making our dedication day memorable, despite the rain and gloomy weather.

Jan Lyon is a parishioner of St. Patrick Church at Irish Settlement.



Photo submitted by Jan Lyon

On Oct. 8 Bishop Richard Pates blessed a new statue of St. John Paul II, created in memory of farmer John Connor, on whose land the pope’s helicopter landed during a visit to St. Patrick Church at Irish Settlement.

Ask a Priest

Q. From my days as an altar server many years ago, I remember we were taught to ring the bells at several points during the Mass. We no longer use the bells. Could you bring me up to date on that question?

A. AH YES, the bells. Well, some history might be helpful. When the Mass was celebrated in Latin, many of the faithful prayed the rosary or some other devotional prayers. The priest faced away from the people and prayed the Canon or Eucharistic Prayer in a very low voice, almost silently. So the bell, at one point in history, served to alert the ordinary parishioner that an important part of the Mass was about to happen.

But that's all changed.

Today, the Church asks all the participants at Mass to engage in "full, conscious, and active participation." The Church prays the Mass together, priests, deacons, ministers, musicians, and the faithful. Since the Mass is now celebrated in English and the priest speaks in a loud enough voice for the people to hear, they no longer need the bell to focus their attention.

Q. My sister-in-law asked me a question about the Lord's Prayer. Why does her version (Protestant) end with "For thyne is the kingdom and the power" etc. etc. I need an answer for her. Thank you, Father. I always read your column.

- Paulina in Creston

A. THE EARLY manuscripts (handwritten texts) of Matthew's gospel have variations. The translation of the Bible that you mention comes

from the King James Version (KJV). That translation uses a manuscript that includes the words you quote.

The New American Bible (NAB) Revised Edition, and the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) use a manuscript that does not include your sister-in-law's concluding line. During Mass, the current Roman Missal uses the Lord's Prayer from the New American Bible. Nonetheless, after the priest prays, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil . . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ," the people continue, "For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever."

Q. I'm interested in learning more about a robe called the alb.

A. THE ALB IS a vestment that any baptized person may wear. It is white or off-white. The Latin word for "white" is "album." Altar servers often wear a robe or alb when they assist at Mass. When adults are baptized, they often wear a white robe. Even babies are dressed in white at the time of baptism. The symbolism suggests that people are "putting on Christ." A priest wears a stole over the alb; a deacon, over the alb, wears a stole on the left shoulder; a bishop wears a pectoral cross in addition to the stole.

Got a question for "Ask a Priest" and its author, Father John Ludwig? Send it to communications@dmdiocese.org or The Catholic Mirror, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

Missouri Valley Natural Family Planning

Join us for the final 2 nights of a 4 part series where we'll explore how Natural Family Planning conforms our hearts to love, in health, carrying crosses and receiving gifts! We'll be gathering on November 8th, and November 15th from 6:30-8 PM. Speakers are Jim and Linda Daskiewicz and Rebekah Knobloch. These presentations are open to all, and childcare is available with RSVP. Join us for one or both presentations at St. Patrick's Parish, 215 N 7th St, Missouri Valley, IA 51555. Contact Deacon Michael Carney for more information and childcare reservations at 712-310-2921

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Around the diocese

Oct 19, Nov. 2, 9 & 16 Friday Fish & Chicken Dinners

INDIANOLA – The Indianola Knights of Columbus will host its annual Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall from 5:30 - 7 p.m. \$10/adults (13 & over) & carry-outs, \$5/children (6 to 12), free/children 5 & under.

Oct. 21 Sunday Bazaar

ATLANTIC – Ss Peter & Paul Parish is having its annual bazaar which includes roast beef dinner served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the parish. \$10/adults, \$5/children 6-11, free/children age 5 and under. Bake sale, sewing circle sales, quilt chances & general store.

Oct. 23 Tuesday Catholic Widows and Widowers

WEST DES MOINES -- Business meeting and Halloween party at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Come in costume if you like, pizza and drinks provided. For more information contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

Oct. 28 Sunday Staley’s Chicken Dinner

STUART – All Saints Parish is hosting its annual Staley’s chicken dinner from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$10/adults, \$4/children ages 6-12; free/children age 5 and under. Carryout is available by calling the parish at 515-523-1943.

Nov. 2 Friday Catholic Widows and Widowers

DES MOINES -- First Friday Mass at Christ the King Church at 8:40 a.m. Breakfast at Perkins, on McKinley Avenue, after Mass. For more information contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

Nov. 3-4 Saturday-Sunday Craft Show

DES MOINES – Christ the King Altar and Rosary Society annual craft show will be held on Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Variety of crafters, vendors & a food both with cinnamon rolls. Raffles. For more information contact Linette Boden at 515-865-8553 or linetteboden@yahoo.com.

Nov. 4 Sunday Craft and baked good auction IRISH SETTLEMENT –

St. Patrick Parish is having a craft and baked good auction at 1 p.m. at 2018-3396 155th St. in Cumming to benefit those in need during the holiday season. Refreshments provided.

Nov. 11 Sunday Fall Dinner & Bake Sale

AVOCA – St. Mary Parish is having its fall dinner and bake sale from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with Staley’s chicken. Cost is \$10/adults and \$5/children ages 10 and under. There is an elevator available. Call in carry-out orders to 712-343-6948.

Nov. 13 Tuesday Catholic Widows and Widowers

DES MOINES -- Planning meeting at Chicago Speakeasy at 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

Nov. 19 Monday Catholic Widows and Widowers

DES MOINES -- Luncheon at Barratta’s Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. For more information and reservations contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

Nov. 20 Friday Catholic Widows and Widowers WEST DES MOINES

-- Business meeting and Halloween party at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Bring two dozen cookies for the annual cookie exchange. For more information, contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

Dec. 1 Saturday Assumption Holiday Market & Craft Fair

GRANGER – Come shop unique crafters and direct sales vendors in the Assumption gym from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Assumption Catholic Women’s Club will be having its Holiday Cookie Walk. Drawings held every 30 minutes for \$10 Vendor Bucks certificates to be used during the fair. Must be present to win. New vendors welcome. Call Brenda at 515-999-2239.

Church Ladies Bazaar

DES MOINES – St. Theresa Parish is having its Annual Altar & Rosary Society Church Ladies Bazaar from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with more than 20 vendors, cookie walk, and lunch available. Back by popular demand will be “Breakfast with Santa.” We will have two seatings at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Children will have a small breakfast, participate in an activity, and have some time with Santa. Seating is limited, so make reservations by calling 515-255-2876

Dec. 2 Sunday Celebration for Father Orr

ANKENY – Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart is hosting a Celebration of Service for Father Steve Orr. Prayer service and recognition at 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the social hall, 2-4 p.m. at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Church. All are welcome

Dec. 15-19 Advent Mission

INDIANOLA – Vincentian Father Dick Gielow will present a mission on the theme “Aspire to Inspire before you Expire.” Father will celebrate weekend Masses Dec. 15-16, and lead the mission Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Parish, Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m. AT WHERE.

Latin Mass

DES MOINES – The Latin Mass at St. Anthony Parish is at 5 p.m. on Sundays.

St. Mary Parish in Hamburg receives grant

St. Mary Parish in Hamburg received a grant of \$300 from Oregon Catholic Press, known as OCP.

“It is our sincere hope that this grant will help St. Mary’s Church meet the needs they so clearly presented in their grant application, as well as support their efforts to enhance their community’s liturgy and music,” wrote Wade Wisler, publisher, in a note to Bishop Richard Pates about the award.

The small rural parish in far southwest Iowa serves parishioners from three states: Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. It plans to use the grant to buy three one-cycle lectionaries and Breaking Bread hymn books.

St. Mary Parish was among more than 700 applicants, 97 of which received an award meant to support liturgy and music at the parish level, said Carol Percin, executive assistant at OCP. For some parishes, that might mean getting supplies, for others it might mean starting a new Hispanic choir.

“Every year, we receive the applications and we have a committee review them. The number of grants we are able to give each year varies depending on the needs and how much is given to each parish,” Percin said.

Clothesline project draws attention to Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Samantha Christiansen, Nyawuor Paljor and Melanie Veon, staff at the Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program in Council Bluffs, attended the 2018 Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Awareness Month candlelight vigil in Council Bluffs on Oct. 4. The event was held at Bayliss Park. Speakers included members of the Catholic Charities Domestic Violence staff, a mayoral proclamation and statements from two domestic violence survivors. The St. Patrick Catholic Church Altar and Rosary Society lead the rosary after the vigil. The Clothesline Project surrounding the event features shirts created by survivors of domestic violence as part of their healing process.

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World War II veteran celebrates his 100th birthday

Christ the King parishioner was present at Pearl Harbor and Normandy

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**By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer**

John Danaher, Jr. has seen a lot in his long life.

Danaher, a Des Moines resident and member of Christ the King Parish, is celebrating his 100th birthday on Oct. 20. He's a World War II veteran.

In fact, Danaher was at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941 aboard the USS Nevada, when the Japanese bombed it and other U.S. ships. Barely escaping with his life, the ship sank.

Toward the end of the war, he was onboard one of the U.S. ships bound for Normandy, France for the D-Day Invasion in June 1944.

The morning the bombing of Pearl Harbor took place, Danaher and some of his fellow seamen were up preparing for Sunday Mass.

They had just completed the raising of the flag, a morning routine that was accompanied by a band, he said.

"I was waiting for the band to disperse and that's when I heard this loud noise, explosions and machine gun firing," Danaher said.

Most men were caught off guard and unsure where the noise was coming from. But it didn't take long before they realized the bullets came from attacking Japanese planes. A Japanese aircraft carrier was only 360 miles away in the Pacific Ocean.

"Everybody was called to their battle station," Danaher added.

In a communications position, he was in charge of reporting information and manning the phones. Though Danaher was four floors below deck (below the water line), he was in communication with a fellow seaman stationed in the crow's nest, a lookout point.

"He would give me a battle report," Danaher said.

The attack lasted for almost an hour, Danaher said. When it finally ended, they weren't sure if the Japanese would be returning for a second round.

"Sure enough, they did come back and make another attack," Danaher said. "And their whole battle was in their favor."

The USS Nevada attempted to make it out of the harbor and out to sea, but it was torpedoed and began sinking.

Danaher's niece, Mary Ann Avery, who also attends Christ the King Parish, recalled some of the story as well.

"[He told us] the ship that he was on was starting to capsize," Avery said, recalling the story as similar to the movie, *The Poseidon Adventure*. "They were going up from one deck to the next upside down and he'd close the hatch [before water rushed in]. They were all able

to get out. He was the highest in command with that group so he had to be the last one."

Once that group of 10 men reached the top they jumped into the water to escape.

According to the Pearl Harbor Visitor's Bureau, 2,335 military personnel were killed at Pearl Harbor: 2,008 Navy personnel; 109 Marines and 218 Army men. The 68 civilians killed that day put the final death toll of Pearl Harbor at 2,403.

At the tail end of the war, Danaher also saw mass casualties. He was stationed on the ship during the D-Day invasion of Normandy beach while soldiers rushed the island.

"He said it was just like the movie *Saving Private Ryan*," Avery said.

Danaher was also stationed in Ireland and northern Africa during World War II. His career with the navy spanned 30 years.

While serving in the military, a friend put Danaher in touch with a pen pal, Arlene Flanders, from Keota, Iowa.

She was also in the military – the U.S. Navy Women's Reserve, better known as WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

"This friend would tell my uncle, 'I know this nice Catholic girl and you two would get along really well,'" Avery said.

Their Catholic faith was extremely important to them both.

The two wrote letters back and forth for a few years before finally meeting in person.

They married at Visitation Catholic Church (now Our Lady of the Americas Parish) in Des Moines in 1954.

Though the couple never had children, they spent a lot of time with their nieces and nephews, Avery said.

Their visit from California (where Danaher was stationed) was always the highlight of the summer, Avery remembered. They often took the kids on adventures.

"John was an awesome uncle and still is an awesome uncle," Avery said, noting that they'll be sure to celebrate his

100th birthday with family and friends.

Msgr. Frank Bognanno, a retired diocesan priest and former pastor of Danaher's, said the serviceman was so "so easy to talk to and so engaging – especially his stories about World War II."

Up until his recent retirement, Msgr. Bognanno would visit Danaher's house monthly to bring him communion and visit.

"Faith wise, he is very, very strong and deep," Msgr. Bognanno said. "He and his [late] wife were both strong believers in the church, in the sacraments, in prayer. He is a very strong Catholic."



Despite turning 100 years old on Oct. 20, Christ the King parishioner John Danaher, Jr. can still vividly recall details of the day Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. Danaher was aboard the USS Nevada. He met his wife, Arlene, a U.S. Navy Women's Reserve, through friends who thought they would be a good match because they were both strong Catholics. She died in 2010. Danaher earned a number of medals during his time of service.



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Christ Our Life Conference draws nearly 7,000



Photos by Anne Marie Cox and Kelly Mescher Collins

Top left: Cardinal Thomas Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrated Mass at the Christ Our Life Regional Catholic Conference on Sept. 29. Right: Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Ministries, gave the keynote address Saturday morning after Mass. Above: Conference co-chairs Ellen Miller and Marilyn Lane thank the crowd for being there and share insight into past Mary's Meals recipient Jimmy Belabre of Haiti, who took the stage. Left: Diocesan seminarian Nick Smith prepares the incense during Mass. Bottom left: A large number of vendors had booths at the conference, including local Catholic bookstore Divine Treasures.

Nearly 7,000 people came out for the biennial Christ Our Life Regional Catholic Conference in Des Moines this year, held Sept. 29-30.

Doreen and Doug Sandberg, of Omaha, decided on a Friday night to take a weekend trip for their first Christ Our Life Conference.

They were up early the next day for the drive to Wells Fargo Arena, where they heard Bishop Robert Barron, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Steve Ray, Matt Fradd, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Renee Bondi, Father Leon Pereira, and Jimmy Belabre. Lupita Barajas offered a breakout session in Spanish on family spirituality and formation.

Less than an hour after the two-day faith conference ended, the Sandbergs knew they'd be back in 2020 for the next Christ Our Life conference.

Doreen found it interesting how the speakers' stories complemented each other, calling it a "layering experience."

Doug enjoyed Steve Ray, the "Indiana Jones" of the Catholic faith, particularly the history Ray shared.

"I hadn't ever thought about it" the way Ray described the faith, Doug said.

Kris Reicks, of Corpus Christi Parish in Council Bluffs, was happy to share the experience with her husband, a first timer to the conference.

"I wanted him to experience it," she said.

"I think my favorite part is the full adoration" in the arena, she added. "It's amazing to see a crowd of thousands so silent

and focused on one thing. It's awe-inspiring."

Dean and Charlotte Fett, of St. Patrick Parish in Audubon, say they're bringing back tools to keep their faith strong. She said the tools include reconciliation, praying the rosary, and daily prayer.

"We're impressed by this conference. It gives us the tools we need to evaluate where we are in our journey with Christ," Charlotte said. "It helps meeting people who are living their day-to-day life with Christ. It's just so important and we seem to stray. Now we're back."

Diane and Brian Fitzpatrick, of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish in Ankeny, volunteered to be Eucharistic escorts.

"For me, the most obvious is the community and fellowship. You see it in church but in a microcosm," Diane said. The conference reminds her of the bigger Catholic Church.

Among the speakers, she enjoyed Cardinal Collins and Bishop Barron. "I could have listened to him for another two hours," she said.

"It's very moving," Brian said.

Rex and Dana Shade, of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Bettendorf, said, "We just really enjoy the weekend renewing your faith and spending it with likeminded people."

The next Christ Our Life will be Sept. 26-27, 2020 at Wells Fargo Arena. Speakers will be Cardinal Luis Tagle, of the Philippines, Scott Hahn, Sister Miriam James, Father Don Calloway, and Mirjana Soldo, along with returning guests Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, musician Steve Angrisano and radio host Jon Leonetti.

Boldly Sent youth rally rolls into the Iowa Events Center Oct. 21



Bishop Pates greets one of the young attendees at last year's Boldly Sent event.

Boldly Sent is a peer-led event gathering teens of the diocese together with their bishop in exploration and celebration of the Catholic faith.

This year's celebration will be Oct. 21 at the Iowa Events Center.

Programming will include separate tracks for middle school teens, underclassmen, upper classmen and adults.

Registration is \$30, which includes lunch. The event, which begins at 8 a.m., includes a liturgy with Bishop Richard Pates, reconciliation throughout the day, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a keynote presentation by Katie Prejean-McGrady. She is one of the few young adults invited to the Worldwide Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome on Youth and Young Adult Vocational Discernment.

Breakouts for the day include:

- **Who is God? (middle school)**
- **How do I develop a relationship with Jesus? (middle school)**
- **Why does God matter? (underclassmen)**

- **Me, Myself and God (underclassman)**
- **What is the relationship between science and faith? (upperclassman)**
- **College and vocations panel (upperclassman)**

"There have been so many people working on this so our teens and adult chaperones have an encounter with Jesus," said Justin White, diocesan director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

"There is a lot of work that goes into this but it is amazing to see the young Church alive and vibrant in their faith," added Jessica Maciel Hernandez, diocesan coordinator of Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

It's not too late to register for the Boldly Sent youth rally. Walk-in registrations are accepted. For more information, contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org or Jessica Maciel-Hernandez at jhernandez@dmdiocese.org.

Young adults 'Take24' hours away for retreat



Take24 is a young adult retreat that is held three times per year at the St. Thomas More Center in Panama.

One is held during Ordinary Time in the summer, another during Lent and the first one of each new liturgical year is held in Advent.

The focus of each retreat changes based on liturgical season. But there is consistency in sessions devoted to practicing 24 minutes of daily prayer, so that one leaves the retreat more equipped for daily prayer than when one arrived.

"Daily prayer is key, but sometimes the hectic nature of the rest of daily life can build up to the point where you simply must get away from it all," said Justin White, diocesan director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

"In Advent, we prepare for the coming of the Lord, into the world and into our lives," he said. "Take 24 hours to prepare for this time of preparation, with a weekend of prayer

and discernment centered on what it means to renew our openness to Christ in our daily lives."

Young adults who experienced recent Take24 retreats said the time away helped them focus on their faith.

"The retreat helped me recognize where I need to grow with Christ," said a participant in the summer Take24 retreat.

"Coming into the retreat, I hadn't been practicing my faith at all and felt very removed from it," said a participant after the Lenten retreat. "Walking out on Sunday, I already felt reconnected to something that meant a lot to me and is truly important, as well as, have been able to continue my daily habit goals of daily prayer in the week following."

The next Take24 retreat will be Dec. 1-2 in Panama. The registration fee is \$100. Contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org for more information.

Seed money blooms into opportunities to grow in faith



Members of Corpus Christi Parish in Council Bluffs gathered together for faith formation.

Last spring, the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa awarded six parishes throughout the diocese seed money to begin or expand adult faith formation processes.

The goal: To help parishioners grow deeper in their faith.

St. Mary Parish, in Shenandoah, spread the seed money. The parish started a Legion of Mary group and now has a lending library with the help of a parishioner.

"It's a beautiful asset to our parish community," said parishioner Dana Wenstrand. "Thanks to the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa, St. Mary parish in Shenandoah has been able to invest in opportunities for

adults to grow deeper in their faith and to free up funds to be utilized in other areas of family faith formation."

The grants have equipped parishes with the resources they need to help adults deepen their relationship with Jesus, said John Gaffney, diocesan director of Evangelization and Catechesis.

"The U.S. bishops' vision for equipping disciples to go into the vineyard is through adult formation that offers conversion, discipleship and mission," he said. "Sacred Scripture points to this focus in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians when he wrote, 'to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the

body of Christ.'"

The grants have also fostered grassroots growth for parishioners, a new moment for our Church.

"The New Moment, a Diocese of Des Moines movement, articulates this outreach to adults in its first pillar: Jesus first," said Gaffney.

Corpus Christi Parish, in Council Bluffs, and St. Bernard Parish, in Osceola, are two communities that were awarded money to begin small, faith sharing groups with "Arise Together in Christ," a program available through RENEW International.

Corpus Christi parishioners learned through another program, called Parish Catalyst, that

great parishes foster spiritual maturity and evangelize effectively, said Dr. Roseanne Williby. Taking this next step with "Arise Together in Christ" will equip parishioners with what they need to serve Jesus in their faith community.

"Having just completed our sign-up weekends to form our Arise small groups, we now have 25 facilitators to lead groups of 8-10 parishioners to meet and share Scripture once weekly for a six-week session," she said.

"This commitment to the Arise process will extend through five seasons of fall and Lent," she added. "We are encouraged by the entire parish community, who has responded to pray for the success of this adult outreach."

Assumption Parish, in Granger, has launched the Jeff Cavins' resource "The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation."

Mary Claseman explained why they selected this process.

"We started with Bible studies as that is what our parishioners were most interested in," she said. "However, we have expanded our offerings with 'Happy Hour' events that attract a younger generation and those with children - with short, non-threatening topics."

Similarly, St. Joseph Parish in Des Moines is beginning the "Alpha" study program and the Basilica of St. John Parish in Des Moines will start the "ChristLife" evangelization process.

Gaffney applauded these efforts because they have strong components focused on inviting young adults to participate.

"We need our young adults and they need us," he said. "We are less without each other's presence."

The next round of grant applications is due in the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa by Feb. 25. For more information go to their website at catholicfoundationiowa.org/grant-program/.

Foundation supports seminarians

Education, involvement, and community are focal points of Des Moines seminarian Jake Epstein's journey to priesthood.

Epstein is from Urbandale, has grown up attending St. Pius X Parish, and is enrolled at St. Paul Seminary, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

This past summer, Epstein served in a public hospital. He visited patients, brought Communion to them, and learned about how to encounter those who are suffering.

"It was a grace-filled summer getting to see God at work in people's lives, even in really difficult times," he said.

The seminarian has an internship parish in the Twin Cities. His job in this parish is to learn about the practical aspects of being a pastor. Last year, he worked with the parishioners who visit nursing homes. Through his time spent there this year, he will be working with the youth in the parish through religious education or the youth group.

He'd like to work with some adult programs, also.

Epstein's courses this semester focus on homiletics, Eucharist, and ecclesiology. Homiletics will teach him about public speaking and how to deliver a homily. Ecclesiology will teach about the Church today. Eucharist will teach about Christ in the form of his Body.

"I'm really looking forward to taking those two classes together because we have these two modes of Christ's presence: his Body in the Eucharist, and in a different way, his body in the Church," he said.

In his free time, Epstein



Photo by Kelly Mescher Collins

Seminarian Jake Epstein and 17 others discerning a vocation to priesthood are supported, in part, through the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa.

enjoys attending Knights of Columbus events and spending time with his fellow seminarians. They play sports, watch movies, play board games, and they planned a big tailgate party with the men from the Diocese of Davenport for the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game.

Seminarians receive support in various ways.

"Bishop (Richard) Pates and Father Ross Parker make sure that we get to experience various aspects of the diocese and all the good work going on in southwest Iowa," he said. "The Knights of Columbus are also very generous in supporting us. The check I recently received from the Knights helped me buy new hearing aids

and I appreciate that a lot."

The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa also supports the Des Moines seminarians, no matter where they are in the world, through the Seminarian Endowment Fund. This fund helps by paying portions of their undergraduate tuition fees as well as seminary expenses. With this fund, the foundation's goal is to support the seminary program within the diocese and to allow members of the diocese to help with that.

"Seminary is absolutely the best place to discern priesthood," said Epstein.

To learn more about how to support seminarians, visit catholicfoundation.org.

Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa Donor investment funds a win-win

Upon learning of the benefits of an investment called a Donor Advised Fund, Connor and Pam Flynn, of Des Moines, were intrigued by the possibilities.

A Donor Advised Fund, established in partnership with the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa, is an account an individual or family can create. They can make grants to a Catholic parish, school, or organization.

The Flynn's, who are passionate about Catholic education, sent their three children to Des Moines-area Catholic schools.

"I think there's a difference between Catholic and public schools in terms of how they teach with a faith-based approach. Growing up, I think it gave me more of a moral compass than I might have had otherwise," said Connor.

Creating a Donor Advised Fund is an easy, three-step process that has many benefits.

1. The donor requests to open an account funded with cash, securities, or other financial instruments.
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Within such a fund, dollars are invested in accordance with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catholic values investing principles. Investments are screened and monitored on a quarterly basis

to ensure compliance with these principles.

A unique attribute that foundation offers is quarterly consulting upon donor request. The assistance offers a donor to be linked with needs within the parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations within the diocese, so as to better serve the diocese in areas where the donor is passionate.

Additionally, the foundation provides an online portal that allows for hassle-free addition and granting of funds at the donor's convenience and simplifies record keeping.

"The use of the portal allows families to plan their philanthropic giving around the table and grant dollars easily," said Brooke Pulliam, the foundation's director of planned giving. "The donor can use the DAF account for their parish tithing, their capital campaign pledges, and so much more. Checks are then cut in their name from the (foundation)."

Donors actively use a Donor Advised Fund to build resources, which grow tax-free. The donor can name the account and any successor advisors, and they can memorialize the name of the fund forever. This creates a permanent "legacy" endowment, which ensures that the values will continue to live beyond the donor's lifetime. The donor can also choose to name the fund anonymously if they so choose. Additionally, having the fund can teach family members fiscal responsibility and encourage the idea of philanthropy.

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Walking the modern day Emmaus

Much of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is walking on a faith journey with young people, said Justin White.

White, the diocesan director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, said it reminds him of a modern day Emmaus story.

"The story of our Lord walking with a couple of his disciples along the road to Emmaus is always one that particularly gets me," he said. "Not because of its exemplification of the principle of accompaniment in ministry, but because our Lord listens to them

talk about what he knows better than anyone else—what happened to him.

"There's a tremendous lesson in here for us: when we wish those we love were closer to Christ, our best bet is to stop talking and listen to them," he said.

"By doing so, we'll move from a posture of wishing them to grow, and growing with them," he added. "Before you know it, you'll realize your hearts are 'burning within us while he talked with us on the road.'"

Mercy Foundation Launches 2018 Spirit of Mercy Campaign

Mercy Foundation launched the annual Spirit of Mercy campaign Oct. 15.

The campaign – primarily supported by Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines employees, raises funds for Mercy Medical Center service lines and mission affiliates – including Mercy College of Health Sciences, House of Mercy, Mercy Children's Hospital and Clinics and Mercy Cancer Center

– that serve 289,512 clients and patients annually.

The 2018 Spirit of Mercy Campaign goal is \$1 million. In addition to supporting Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines, funds are also raised for United Way of Central Iowa.

The campaign runs through Nov. 16. More information can be found at foundation.mercydesmoines.org.

L'Arche founder Jean Vanier receives spiritual solidarity award

BEIRUT (CNS)--Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, is the recipient of the Spiritual Solidarity Award from Adyan, a foundation for interreligious studies and spiritual solidarity based in Lebanon.

The now 90-year-old Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian founded L'Arche in 1964. In an atmosphere of compassion, people with developmental disabilities and those who assist them share their lives together in L'Arche communities, which have spread to more than 37 countries. L'Arche ("the ark" in French) stresses the dignity and value of human life.

Father Fadi Daou, Adyan president, and Nayla Tabbara, the foundation's director of citizenship and

diversity management, presented the award to Vanier Oct. 6 in the French town of Trosly.

In the official letter to Vanier accompanying the prize, Father Daou said Vanier's "testimony, as well as that of L'Arche communities throughout the world and throughout diverse religions and cultures, shows that the values of diversity, solidarity and human dignity are truly a path of communion and peace. L'Arche has shown the world how human weakness and disability can carry a new meaning for what it is to be human."

As recipient of the award, Vanier also becomes an honorary member of Adyan, which was founded in 2006.

Prayer & service keep parish group thriving



Photo by Michelle Fournier

Four new members of the St. Anthony Parish Altar and Rosary Society were installed with the help of Father Dan Gehler. New members are Teresa Burriola, Kay Chamberlain, Molly Woodward and Jessica Chamberlin

**By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer**

Two organizations came together in the mid-1950s at St. Anthony Parish for a match that's been going 60 years strong.

The Ladies Aid Society, begun in 1910, became the Altar Society in 1926 and combined socializing and prayer with caring for the parish sanctuary. In 1930, the Rosary Society was formed for prayer, caring for the parish's shrines and helping with the sanctuary.

By the mid-1950s, it was decided to merge the Altar and Rosary Societies into one.

Ellen Celsi joined in 1966 shortly after getting married. She grew up in a small parish, where everyone participated in everything so she was used to being involved in parish life.

"Because I was so active, even as a teenager at St. Mary's, it made sense to me that this was the ladies group and I needed to join" after coming to St. Anthony Parish, she said.

The group had one fundraiser, a craft and bake sale in December, that raised money for purchasing anything needed

for the sanctuary. The group buys, repairs and launders altar cloths, buys purificators, etc.

Michelle Fournier joined the group in 2009 after attending a Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreat.

"Something that weekend really tugged at my heartstrings and I really felt a calling to see what organization could fulfil that need I had," she said. "It was the Altar and Rosary Society. Through the years I've been there, I have experienced great prayers that have been answered. I have leaned on the Blessed Mother and prayed the rosary during very, very trying times."

While the main mission of caring for the sanctuary and shrines continues, the group has expanded to share its talent and time with others in the parish and beyond.

The Altar and Rosary Society has grown a closer relationship with the parish's Knights of Columbus, working with them on fundraising events that benefit the school and church. It also helps with funeral dinners.

Members have reached outside the parish to lend a helping

hand. They throw birthday parties for residents at Bishop Durmm Retirement Center in Johnston and Genesis Senior Living Center in Des Moines. Beyond Iowa, they sponsor a little girl in the Philippines.

Fournier, one of the younger members of the group, has been using social media to inform and encourage others. She's also put together a quarterly newsletter for the ladies who are lifetime members but homebound.

"It lets them know that we're thinking of them," she said. "Even though they can't be here physically, they are here spiritually."

She encourages women to consider joining their local Altar and Rosary societies.

"If they have the passion and understand the power of the rosary and the Blessed Mother, that truly many, many prayers can be answered and healing can occur," they should join, said Fournier. "At St. Anthony, it was the best decision I ever made. The ladies are not only my dear friends but have become extended family."

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Vatican reviewing McCarrick case, vows to pursue truth

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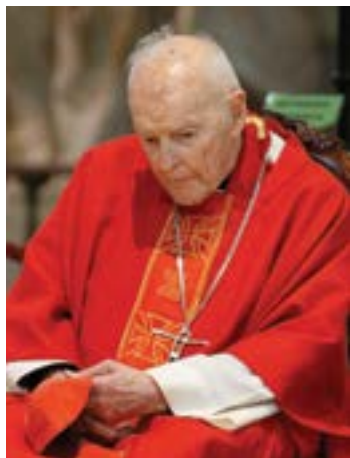
that is no longer acceptable," the Vatican said.

According to the statement, the pope ordered a preliminary investigation by the Archdiocese of New York after an allegation that Archbishop McCarrick abused a teenager 47 years ago; the allegation subsequently was found to be credible.

Pope Francis, the Vatican said, accepted Archbishop McCarrick's resignation from the College of Cardinals after "grave indications emerged during the course of the investigation."

In the weeks after the allegations were made public, another man came forward claiming he was abused as a child by Archbishop McCarrick and several former seminarians have spoken out about being sexually harassed by the cardinal at a beach house he had.

The Vatican statement comes more than a month after Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, former nuncio to the United



CNS Photo/Paul Haring
Then-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick attends a Mass in Rome last April 11. The Archdiocese of Washington announced Sept. 28 that Archbishop McCarrick, who was removed from the ministry earlier this year after abuse allegations came to light, is now living in Kansas in a friary for Capuchin Franciscan friars.

States, released an 11-page "testimony" claiming that church officials, including Pope Francis, failed to act on the accusations of abuse by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick.



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Pope Francis meets with representatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at the Vatican Oct. 8. Seated across from the pope are Msgr. Jeffrey D. Burrill, associate general secretary of the conference, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the conference, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the conference, and Msgr. J Brian Bransfield, general secretary of the conference.

In his statement Aug. 25, Archbishop Viganò said the Vatican was informed as early as 2000 -- when he was an official at the Secretariat of State -- of allegations that Archbishop McCarrick "shared his bed with seminarians." Archbishop Viganò said the Vatican heard the allegations from the U.S. nuncios at the time: Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, who served from 1998 to 2005, and Archbishop Pietro Sambi, who served from 2005 to 2011.

In a 2006 letter obtained by Catholic News Service Sept. 7 suggested that then-Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, the former Vatican substitute for general af-

fairs, acknowledged allegations made in 2000 by Father Boniface Ramsey, pastor of St. Joseph's Church Yorkville in New York City, concerning Archbishop McCarrick.

Archbishop Viganò had claimed that Pope Benedict XVI later "imposed on Cardinal McCarrick sanctions similar to those now imposed on him by Pope Francis."

"I do not know when Pope Benedict took these measures against McCarrick, whether in 2009 or 2010, because in the meantime I had been transferred to the Governorate of Vatican City State, just as I do not know who was responsible for

this incredible delay," he said.

Then-Cardinal McCarrick, he claimed, "was to leave the seminary where he was living" which, at the time, was the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Hyattsville, Maryland, and was also "forbidden to celebrate Mass in public, to participate in public meetings, to give lectures, to travel, with the obligation of dedicating himself to a life of prayer and penance."

However, photos and videos during the time of the alleged sanctions gave evidence that Archbishop McCarrick appeared in public with Archbishop Viganò and continued to concelebrate at large public Masses and visit the Vatican and Pope Benedict himself.

Almost a week after issuing his original accusations, Archbishop Viganò modified his claim and said Pope Benedict made the sanctions private, perhaps "due to the fact that he (Archbishop McCarrick) was already retired, maybe due to the fact that he (Pope Benedict) was thinking he was ready to obey."

Bishops to discuss abuse issues at November meeting

Issues related to abuse and misconduct by bishops are expected to be discussed at the upcoming November meeting of U.S. bishops in Baltimore.

"We are faced with a spiritual crisis that requires not only spiritual conversion but practical changes to avoid repeating the sins and failures of the past..." said Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, of Galveston-Houston. He is the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

He announced in August that the U.S. bishops would pursue a plan that would involve the laity, lay experts, the clergy and the Vatican.

He said the substantial involvement of the laity from law enforcement, psychology and other disciplines will be essential to this process.

The goals include making reporting of abuse and misconduct by bishops easier and advocating for "better procedures to resolve complaints against bishops."

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Cardinal DiNardo: Church leaders must face truth of abuse

ROME (CNS) -- The president of the U.S. bishops' conference welcomed Pope Francis' pledge to fight attempts to cover up cases of sexual abuse and to stop offering special treatment to bishops who have committed or covered up abuse.

"On behalf of my brother bishops in the United States, I welcome the statement of Oct. 6 from the Holy See which outlines additional steps Pope Francis is taking to ensure the faithful are protected from the evil of sexual assault," Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo said in a statement released Oct. 7 in Rome.

The cardinal, president of the USCCB, is in Rome for the Synod of Bishops. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, conference vice president, also is in Rome for the synod, and the two U.S. leaders were expected to meet privately with Pope Francis Oct. 8 as questions continue over the handling of years of allegations of sexual misconduct by former Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington.

In a statement Oct. 6, the Vatican said Pope Francis had ordered a thorough review of the archives of Vatican offices to study how the allegations were handled.

"The Holy See is conscious that, from the examination of the facts and of the circumstances, it may emerge that choices were taken that

would not be consonant with a contemporary approach to such issues. However, as Pope Francis has said: 'We will follow the path of truth wherever it may lead,'" the Vatican statement said.

Cardinal DiNardo, who earlier had requested a full investigation, said, "The truth will ensure the terrible sins of the past are not repeated. The courage of abuse survivors who first brought the horrific truth of sexual abuse to light must continue to be matched by our courage as pastors to respond in justice."

The U.S. cardinal's statement was published the same day Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, responded to allegations by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former nuncio to the United States, that Pope Francis knew about and ignored the allegations against then-Cardinal McCarrick.

Cardinal Ouellet called Archbishop Vigano's accusations a "political" ploy that had wounded the unity of the church.

Cardinal DiNardo said he and all the U.S. bishops "offer our prayers and solidarity for the Holy Father. We urge all in the church, particularly the bishops, to reaffirm our communion with Pope Francis who is the visible guarantor of the communion of the Catholic Church."

Cardinal Ouellet responds to Archbishop Vigano on McCarrick case

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Former Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington had been told by Vatican officials to withdraw from public life because of rumors about his sexual misconduct, said Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops.

However, because they were only rumors and not proof, then-Pope Benedict XVI never imposed formal sanctions on the retired Washington prelate, which means Pope Francis never lifted them, Cardinal Ouellet wrote Oct. 7 in an open letter to Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the former Vatican nuncio to the United States.

The archbishop had issued an open letter to Cardinal Ouellet in late September urging him to tell what he knew about now-Archbishop McCarrick. Archbishop Vigano's letter followed a massive statement in mid-August calling on Pope Francis to resign because, he claimed, Pope Francis had known there were sanctions on Cardinal McCarrick and not only did he lift them, he allegedly made Cardinal McCarrick a trusted confidante and adviser on bishops' appointments in the United States.

Addressing Archbishop Vigano as "dear brother," Cardinal Ouellet said, "I understand how bitterness and disappointments have marked your path in the service of the Holy See, but you cannot conclude your priestly life this way, in an open and scandalous rebellion."

Archbishop Vigano's letters, he said, "inflict a very painful wound" on the church, "which you claim to serve better, aggravating divisions and the bewilderment of the people of God!"

"Come out of hiding," Cardinal Ouellet told Archbishop Vigano, who left Rome as soon as his mid-August missive was published, claiming that it was for his own safety.

"Repent of your revolt," the cardinal wrote before asking, "How can you celebrate the holy Eucharist and pronounce his (the pope's) name in the canon of the Mass?"

Cardinal Ouellet's letter, written with the approval of Pope Francis, was published the day after the Vatican said the pope had ordered a "thorough study of the entire documentation present in the archives of the dicasteries and offices of the Holy See regarding the former Cardinal McCarrick in order to ascertain all the relevant facts, to place them in their historical context and to evaluate them objectively."

The statement added



Above: Cardinal Marc Ouellet

At right: Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano



that "the Holy See is conscious that, from the examination of the facts and of the circumstances, it may emerge that choices were taken that would not be consonant with a contemporary approach to such issues."

Archbishop Vigano had claimed he personally informed Pope Francis in June 2013 that in "2009 or 2010," after Cardinal McCarrick had retired, Pope Benedict imposed sanctions on him because of allegations of sexual misconduct with and sexual harassment of seminarians. Archbishop Vigano later explained that Pope Benedict issued the sanctions "privately" perhaps "due to the fact that he (Archbishop McCarrick) was already retired, maybe due to the fact that he (Pope Benedict) was thinking he was ready to obey."

In his open letter, Cardinal Ouellet told Archbishop Vigano, "You say you informed Pope Francis on June 23, 2013, of the McCarrick case in an audience he granted to you like many other papal representatives he met for the first time that day."

"Imagine the enormous quantity of verbal and written information he received that day regarding many people and situations," the cardinal wrote. "I strongly doubt that McCarrick interested him as much as you would like us to believe, given the fact that he was an 82-year-old archbishop emeritus who had been without a post for seven years."

As for the written instructions the Congregation for Bishops prepared for Archbishop Vigano in 2011 when he was to begin his service as nuncio to the

United States, "they say nothing at all about McCarrick." However, the cardinal added, "I told you verbally of the situation of the bishop emeritus who was to observe certain conditions and restrictions because of rumors about his behavior in the past."

Cardinal McCarrick "was strongly exhorted not to travel and not to appear in public so as not to provoke further rumors," Cardinal Ouellet said, but "it is false to present these measures taken in his regard as 'sanctions' decreed by Pope Benedict XVI and annulled by Pope Francis. After re-examining the archives, I certify that there are no such documents signed by either pope."

And, unlike what Archbishop Vigano claimed, there are no documents from Cardinal Ouellet's predecessor, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, saying that then-Cardinal McCarrick was ordered to live a life of withdrawal and silence under the threat of canonical penalties.

The reason such measures were not taken then and were only taken in June by Pope Francis, Cardinal Ouellet said, was because there was not "sufficient proof of his presumed guilt."

"His case would have been the object of new disciplinary measures if the nunciature in Washington or any other source would have furnished us with recent and decisive information about his behavior," the cardinal told the former nuncio.

World's local bishop conference presidents going to Rome

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Every Catholic bishops' conference president in the world will be going to Rome Feb. 21-24 to discuss the prevention of abuse of minors and vulnerable adults.

The Vatican made the announcement Sept. 12 after the pope and members of his international Council of Cardinals wrapped up three days of meetings.

After hearing from his council, the pope "decided to convoke a meeting with the presidents of the bishops' conferences of the Catholic Church on the theme of the protection of minors" the council said in a written communique.

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El 20 de diciembre de 1968, junto a otros 68 seminaristas de los Estados Unidos y compañeros míos en el Colegio Norteamericano, caminé a través de unas puertas especiales. Éstas se abrían solamente en ocasiones especiales. Ésta era una de ellas. Estábamos en camino a la Basílica de San Pedro para nuestra ordenación sacerdotal por parte del Obispo Francis Reh, rector del colegio.

Fue un momento extraordinariamente memorable para mí, al culminar 12 años de preparación para el sacerdocio. Recuerdo al Obispo Reh colocando sus manos sobre mi cabeza, dándome cuenta que con su mediación y por el poder del Espíritu Santo, estaba yo completamente identificado con Cristo el sacerdote. Se cumplía verdaderamente un gozo que había anticipado por mucho tiempo.

La emoción del día fue más aún gracias a la presencia de



By Bishop Richard Pates

mis padres y familiares a quienes no había visto durante mis 3 años y medio en Roma. Mis padres habían sido grandes apoyos para mi vocación y, por lo tanto, ellos también se llenaban de gozo por la identidad que se me confería.

Mi primera asignación como sacerdote fue en la Parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento en el este de St. Paul, Minnesota. El párroco, Monseñor Frank Curtin, era un individuo extraordinariamente amable y extrovertido quien, desafortunadamente, sufría de un doloroso caso de cáncer. Él determinó encargarse de los funerales ya que no había madres de novias con quien pugnar. Por lo tanto, me correspondían las

bodas. Dada la demografía de la parroquia, eso significó que yo atestiguará 45 matrimonios en mi primer año con esta comunidad.

La experiencia de un intenso estilo de vida validó el llamado que había recibido. El tiempo que le dedicaba era emocionante, en contacto con una gran gama de etapas de vidas a las cuales di ministerio y que me trajeron gran satisfacción. Todo comenzó bien.

Unos 49 años después, aún tengo apetito por el servicio como sacerdote. La experiencia ha variado ampliamente, pero la gran constante es la de poner a la gente en contacto con Dios, para que sus vidas puedan alcanzar plenitud de significado y que desarrollen una relación cercana con Jesús. He disfrutado mucho de mi vida que ha estado llena de tiempos difíciles. He dicho frecuentemente que, si pudiera vivir mil vidas, viviría cada una como sacerdote.

Por lo tanto, mi corazón

está lleno de gratitud por las bendiciones que he recibido. Puedo dar testimonio de la felicidad que ha asentado los retos y los caminos pedregosos que he vivido.

En mi gran buena suerte, he podido pasar los últimos 10 años rodeado de queridos habitantes de Iowa como obispo. Conocía a muy pocos miembros de la comunidad cuando llegué aquí. Después de mis visitas a los 23 condados, sabía que nuevamente estaba bendecido.

Siempre ha sido una gran recompensa el alinearme con sacerdotes dedicados, diácono permanentes dedicados y apasionados, mujeres religiosas bien sentadas y un personal siempre disponible en el Centro Pastoral Católico. Más aún, el liderazgo laico dentro de la comunidad nos ha guiado con capacidades muy amplias y sin fronteras. Ellos han demostrado lo que significa ser Iglesia, derivado de sus habilidades seculares y

generosidad inagotable, y están verdaderamente involucrados en todo nivel.

Es nuestro llamado continuo el llevarnos unos a otros a una relación con Jesús, el Señor, que tiene palabras de vida. El conectarnos con él permite una unión más profunda con Dios que nos llena y que es la clave para la verdadera felicidad. Dios nos otorga los ligamentos que unen los dones que cada uno ofrecemos. Y es por eso, que los dones de Dios se convierten en Un Solo Cuerpo, el Cuerpo de Cristo. Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo en el mundo hoy en día.

En resumen, mis 50 años como sacerdote y 10 como Obispo de Des Moines han sido incomparables. Las bendiciones que he recibido estos años han sido totalmente si mérito por mi parte, pero sí con un gran aprecio. No hay duda que mi corazón está lleno de gratitud.

El Salvador celebrates its first saint, whose legacy continues

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (CNS) -- Near the end of his homily at a Mass just prior to St. Oscar Romero's canonization, Jesuit Father Jose Maria Tojeira yelled to the crowd outside the Metropolitan Cathedral: "Viva Monsenor Romero!" (Long live

Bishop Romero!) The overflow crowd lustily yelled back, "Que Viva!" (Long live!) "We're not venerating a body," Father Tojeira said, "rather someone who is alive, together with God and in the hearts of all

Christians that want to continue with the reality of the Gospel." During the Oct. 14 at the Vatican -- very early morning in El Salvador -- Salvadorans gathered in the square outside the cathedral to watch the ceremony on big screens; others watched in

their parishes.

St. Romero was shot dead while celebrating Mass March 24, 1980. His legacy of showing a preference for the poor and promoting peace lives on in his native El Salvador, where, even in death, he plays an outsized role in the country's public life and occupies a special place in its collective consciousness -- for devotees and detractors alike.

He becomes El Salvador's first saint. But his current role in the country transcends religion. He also has assumed the status of national hero, whose words -- spoken in homilies -- sound prophetic and seem apt almost four decades after his death.

"He still is the most venerated and respected leader of the last 100 years, certainly the last 50 years," said Rick Jones, youth and migration adviser for Catholic Relief Services in El Salvador.

"He's still the sign post of what people are looking for in terms of some voice that talks about reconciliation, justice and hope for nonviolent

transformation."

St. Romero's slaying came as the country was on the cusp of civil war, which roared through the 1980s. His canonization comes as the country convulses with violence, much of it attributed to gangs preying on populations living in barrios under their control.

As archbishop of San Salvador, the national capital, St. Romero accompanied the poor at a time when some two-thirds of the population lived in poverty. He also voiced people's demands for better wages and criticisms of the "oligarchy" -- as the elites were caustically called -- at a time when his critics considered such talk "communist." He also called for a suspension of U.S. military assistance.

The poverty and inequality St. Romero spoke out against are still rife in 2018. Many Salvadorans also still flee the country to escape the violence and indignities, causing his words to resonate with younger generations and even some evangelicals and atheists.



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Faith community comes together to celebrate bishop's service, vocation



Many priests gathered together for the 50th anniversary Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines and reception that followed at the Catholic Pastoral Center on Sunday, Oct. 14.



The Dowling Catholic High School choir sang at the 50th anniversary Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Oct. 14.



Bishop Pates greets Matt Willkom, of Spirit Catholic Radio, and his wife, Elizabeth, at the farewell celebration at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Council Bluffs on Saturday, Oct. 13.



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