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New book tells compelling story of our birth and growth

By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer

The new book “The Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa” is a story of the founding and growth of the Diocese of Des

Moines and much more.

It’s about imperfect saints.

And it’s about giants who fought for the creation of schools, churches, hospitals and spoke up for the vulnerable in the community.

Around the time of the diocese’s 100th anniversary, Bishop Richard Pates commissioned author and historian Father Steven Avella, a teacher at Marquette University in Milwaukee, to pull together the anecdotes and short histories

into a book that would tell the complete story of Iowa’s youngest diocese.

Father Avella wove together memories, references and old letters into a tome that will be referenced for years to come.

In this definitive historical publication, Father Avella points to evidence that the idea of creating the diocese was discussed in the 19th century,

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Family commits to growing in faith together

By Anne Marie Cox
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Ernesto Lemus Jr. and his sister, Bibiana, are typical busy young adults, focused on college studies and their jobs.

So it came as a little bit of a surprise when their parents, Alicia and Ernesto Lemus, said they signed up the whole family for an 18-month process that would help them grow in their faith and give them leadership skills.

“I was in shock,” said Bibiana.

The process would require a monthly weekend trip from Council Bluffs to Des Moines, reading, writing reports and projects.

“What are you talking about?” the 21-year-old asked her parents. “I’m a busy person.”

While she initially had her doubts, three months into the process Bibiana has changed her mind.

She wants to be prepared to welcome more youth into Corpus Christi Parish. So, she balances her studies at Buena Vista University with the time spent at work and the tasks for the diocesan Hispanic Lay Leader Formation Program.

Her 19-year-old brother, Ernesto Lemus Jr., also changed his approach. The Iowa Western College student says he likes the activities and interacting with other people.

Their parents wanted their whole family to go through the program together and be prepared to serve as leaders in different ministries.

And they were willing to put their resources behind their commitment. Alicia and Ernesto were ready to pay for a hotel room for two nights every month through the 18-month program so they could join their classmates

Seminarian ordained a transitional deacon



Diocesan seminarian Deacon Mark McGeary was ordained a transitional deacon on June 1 at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. Deacon McGeary will be ordained a priest next June.

New St. Patrick Church in Council Bluffs is dedicated

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

The new St. Patrick Catholic Church in Council Bluffs is now open.

Bishop Richard Pates celebrated the dedication Mass on June 7.

The dedication Mass started outside with the congregation.

“There is the presenting of the blueprints to bishop, the keys are handed over and we open the door and we all process in,” said Father Glen Wilwerding, pastor.

After the entrance, Bishop Pates blessed water, then used it to bless the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their baptism, and to purify the walls and the altar of the new church.

The Mass included the lighting of 12 dedication candles, which represent the 12 apostles, Father Wilwerding continued.

A bowl of incense was placed on the altar and Bishop Pates prayed that God’s Church may “fill the world with the fragrance of Christ.” The altar, the walls and the people were incensed.

“We show that (the church) is set apart and chosen for God’s work,” Father Wilwerding said.

Sacred Chrism was used on the walls as part of the dedication. The anointing signifies that it was given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship.

The front doors of the church are in the shape of arches, which is significant.

“The front doors remind us of Jesus’ victory over sin and death,” Father Wilwerding con-

tinued. “Arches are a sign of victory and people are aware of that. It’s not just a portal to go through, it actually means something.”

The new church is handicap accessible and in the shape of a cross. It can fit approximately 450 people.

The parish held an open house on May 22, which had much interest from

the community.

“We had about 1,000 people go through,” he said. “It’s been very positive.”



Photo by Anne Marie Cox

Bishop Pates was presented with the blueprints for the new St. Patrick Church in Council Bluffs when it was dedicated June 7.

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In the Heartland with Bishop Pates

Embracing the future with prayer

In the coming months the Diocese of Des Moines will experience the announcement and installation of its 10th bishop.

The arrival of the new shepherd is the occasion for a more intense focus on the diocesan priority of evangelization. Pope Paul VI taught, “The Church exists to evangelize.”

With that in mind, the Diocese of Des Moines has launched into a period titled: **The New Moment**. It originated from the diocesan participants attending the Catholic Leadership Convocation in Orlando last year. Given the current religious landscape in the United States, the convocation leaders pronounced: As American Catholics, we do not live in an era of change but a change of era. It is a dramatic time of action for us.

This conclusion was reached in light of the numbers of American people who are abandoning religion entirely. For us Catholics, particular attention was drawn to the Millennial generation (ages 18-35). Among



By
Bishop
Richard
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these, it is predicted only one in four will continue affiliation with any religious denomination.

Our diocesan delegation after much prayer, thought and conversation emerged with establishing the movement: **The New Moment**. In this period of change, three dimensions were identified:

- Jesus
- Missionary Discipleship
- Pivot to the Millennials

In the instance of Jesus, it is a return to the heart of our faith with attention to the relationship with the Lord of life each of us personally has as well as together as the community of believers. With Peter we attest: “You are the Son of God. You have the words of life.”

The second feature of **The New Moment** is missionary discipleship. Because the teachings of Jesus hold the key to life’s meaning we wholeheartedly follow his way. The intention of God is not to keep these relationships exclusive but to expand them to be totally inclusive of all our brothers and sisters.

In the third place, the signs of the times point us to the millennials to share with great conviction the benefits of our faith journey. As I move around the diocese, visiting our parish communities, I am impressed as to how our parishes are reaching out to our sisters and brothers in the millennial generation.

Realizing we depend on prayer in all of our activity and in anticipation of the arrival of our new bishop, I am asking all of our parishes, communities and diocesan institutions to pray the following two prayers at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful each Sunday until our new bishop is with us sometime

The New Moment Prayer

O God of all times,

In this New Moment, help us to deepen our relationship with Jesus as we engage our calling as His disciples. May we bravely go out in witness to the Lord’s compassion and mercy, in order to touch all generations, especially the millennials.

Give us insight into your intimate love and grant us courage to embrace **The New Moment**. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen

Prayer for our New Bishop

O God, Gentle Shepherd, you lead your Church to **The New Moment** with loving care, You have blessed our diocese time and again with good, wise, and holy bishops. We are grateful for Bishop Pates’ dedicated ministry to us. We ask you to bless him as he completes his service to the Diocese of Des Moines.

Grant us another Bishop who will inspire the clergy, religious, and laity of our community to work generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun in us for the sake of all people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Bishop’s Schedule

Friday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 17

Des Moines – Confirmation, St. Peter Vietnamese Catholic Community, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 18

Des Moines – Catholic Climate press event
Des Moines – Diocesan

Executive Committee, Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19

Des Moines – Hispanic Pastoral Commission, Pastoral Center, 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

Des Moines – Meitler School Study Key Findings Presentation, Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 22

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

Sunday, June 24

Des Moines – Candidacy Mass and reception, St. Augustin Parish, 10 a.m.

Des Moines – Retirement reception for Deacon Chuck Putbrese, Christ the King Parish, 1 p.m.

Irish Settlement – Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick Parish, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27

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

Thursday, June 28

Des Moines – Finance Council, Pastoral Center, Noon

Des Moines – Novos, St. Ambrose Cathedral, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 29

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

Sunday, July 1

Norwalk – Father John Ludwig retirement celebration, St. John the Apostle Parish, 4 p.m.

Monday, July 2

Des Moines – Vocations Team, Pastoral Center, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 3 –

Friday, July 20

Vacation with the exception of the



Bishop Richard Pates celebrated Mass on Memorial Day at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.

following:

Friday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 8

Des Moines – Msgr. Frank Bognanno Mass, retirement celebration, Christ the King Parish, 11 a.m.

Ankeny – Father Larry Hoffmann retirement celebration, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 1 p.m.

Friday, July 13

Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates,” Iowa

Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17

Des Moines – Cathedral Concert Series, Zimpleman Family Plaza, Pastoral Center, 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

Norwalk – Holy Family School Golf Outing, Echo Valley Country Club, 11 a.m.

Friday, July 20

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

Father Monahan reinstated

Bishop Richard Pates announced that the suspension of Father Paul Monahan from priestly ministry is fully lifted.

The reinstatement became effective with the filing of a “Procedendo,” a legal document, on June 4 in the case of Father Monahan. The filing finalized the reversal of an earlier conviction.

Bishop Pates encourages prayer for healing of all involved.

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Answering God's call a family affair

**By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer**

Answering God's call and serving the church is a family affair for the Stark family, who call St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale home.

Rob and Carol Stark are in the formation class for the diaconate. Rob will be ordained a deacon on Aug. 4 at St. Francis Parish in West Des Moines.

Their son, Nick, is currently discerning the priesthood, and is a seminarian for the Diocese of Des Moines at Saint Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He will be ordained a priest in 2021.

Both have a love for God and the Catholic faith.

Both felt called, though Rob jokes about the drastic differences in their calling.

"[Mine] was so unlike Nick's, who Christ led along," Rob said. "He winds up a 2X4 for me, which is probably what I need."

Rob Stark's calling

"We were at Mass [early] one afternoon on a Saturday evening," Rob said. "I was done praying and sat down and started staring at the crucifix and started wondering why we did the things we did to [Jesus] and all of the things he endured."

Those ponderings turned into something more.

"As I am thinking about all of these things the outside world is starting to close off and I am really focusing on the crucifix and the altar and not paying attention to what is going on around me," Rob continued.

It was then that Rob believes Jesus spoke to him.

"I hear a man's voice telling me that he would like me to do a little bit more," Rob said.

At the time Rob was already quite involved in a good number of ministries at church and wondered what else he could possibly do.

"Now I recognize this [voice] to be Jesus," Rob added. "And I am laser focused on the crucifix and staring at it."

So focused, in fact, that Mass had started without Rob realizing it. His wife nudged him to snap out of it as the priests processed in.

It was during that Mass when the deacon read the Gospel and started preaching that Rob realized Jesus was calling him to the diaconate. Rob agreed he would take the leap if God could just give him one more sign.

A few months later at a Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend, Rob had a conversation with a deacon, who asked him if he had ever considered becoming a deacon.

Rob jokingly accused him of asking everyone that question as a recruiting tactic. The deacon insisted he had asked no one else — just Rob. It was then that Rob confided about that day at Mass.

Nick Stark's calling

Nick Stark attended St. Pius X Catholic grade school and Dowling Catholic High School.

He always enjoyed religion classes at school and being an altar server. He also had stirrings here and there prompting him to consider the priesthood.

But by high school, he had drifted, setting his sights on biology and becoming a veterinarian.

That all changed after attending a Kairos retreat his senior year of high school.

"It got me to refocus on my priorities and refocused on what God wanted me to do with my life," Nick said. "I was starting to think about what I wanted

to do instead, and so I was reoriented. God gave me quite a clear call."

Father John Harmon, parochial vicar at St. Pius X Parish, also had an influence on Nick.

"I told him I was going to Loras College [to study theology and philosophy] and he informed me there was a seminary and they would be studying a lot of the same stuff. He said, 'So maybe you should give it a shot.'

"And so that was a pretty clear signal, I thought, and I really felt it," Nick said. "And so I decided to give it a shot."

Nick enjoys the spiritual atmosphere of seminary, which includes daily, structured prayer time, regular spiritual direction, classes and the community of fellow seminarians.

"I feel stronger now than ever in my call and it's gotten stronger as time has progressed," Nick said.

Serving Others

Rob's wife and Nick's mother Carol Stark said she is excited for the two men in her life.

"I'm just really proud that Nick had the courage to listen to that call and pursue it," Carol said. "A lot of people don't even give it a chance and you have to get into seminary and give it a chance to determine if this is what



Rob Stark and his son Nick Stark have both answered God's call. Rob will be ordained a permanent deacon this August and Nick will be ordained a priest in 2021.

God is calling you to do."

"I think for Rob it won't be that big of a change since we are already heavily involved in the parish and community," Carol continued.

They'll continue serving together.

Both Rob and Nick say this time of formation has helped shape them into the men Christ wants them to be. Both look forward to serving others.

Rob has a special place in his heart for youth and young people, and can often be found volunteering as chaplain at Child-Serve in Des Moines. He is also retired military and is chaplain for the local American Legion. He hopes that work will continue in some capacity after he is or-

dained.

"I look forward to the continuation of service and to be put in situations where I can be (God's) hands and feet," Rob said.

Nick looks forward to the sacraments, counseling others and serving alongside his dad at Mass.

"Having my dad with me on the altar — that's one thing I'm really looking forward to..." Nick said.

"The Holy Spirit clearly came to our house and got both of us," Rob said. "Clearly we have the innate feeling that we are called to serve others, and wholeheartedly believe that and we've done that and we have a desire to continue that service."

Congratulations 2018 graduates!



Bishop Richard Pates participated in the baccalaureate Masses and graduation ceremonies at both Dowling Catholic High School in Des Moines and St. Albert Catholic High School in Council Bluffs. Congratulations to them and all 2018 graduates.



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Let’s be the fathers the world needs

One of the greatest gifts I have received in my life is my father.

I am so blessed to have a father who is still my hero, a man who is certainly human and not perfect, but a man I can still aspire to resemble.

Study after study has shown how important fathers are in the lives of their children, they are vital for the psychological, emotional, and spiritual health of their sons and daughters.

When I was in seminary, our rector Father William Baer used to challenge us by saying constantly that the world needs strong fathers, and that every

Marriage & Family Life

By Adam Storey



man, regardless of biological children, is called to be a father.

He taught us that fundamentally a father provides, protects and establishes his children.

These traits are not just material or economic, a father is meant to provide a spiritual foundation for his children, and moral protection in a world that can often lead us away from the good.

A father establishes his children by empowering them, reminding them that they are loved and talented, and that God has some definitive work for each of us to do.

As I’ve grown older, I have seen the wisdom of Father Baer. I have had so many fathers in my life that have blessed me, my dad but also coaches, NCO’s in the Marines, and especially so many of our

diocesan priests.

The importance of fathers in no way diminishes the beautiful and vital role of mothers, the world needs both!

But especially as we are about to celebrate Father’s Day, let’s thank God for the fathers we’ve had in our own lives, and for my male readers, let’s pray for the grace to be the fathers the world so desperately needs!

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For every goodbye, there is a hello

Back during the “big hair decade” of rock n’ roll, I attempted to complete graduate school three times.

My friend and personal mentor in graduate school, Father Joe, would always say to me, “Randy, you will never discover the ocean if you are afraid to leave the shore.” This was his encouragement for me to come back to school and finish the program so that I could follow the vocation he saw within me, a therapist. I was afraid of the career change that was before me. My fear would say, “What if I am no good?”

Over time, I appreciated the wisdom that Father Joe then went on to teach me:

- For every goodbye, there is a hello.
- With every finish, there is something to be welcomed.
- For every big or little thing that we let go of, there is a new connection to make.

Today, I face yet another change that fulfills a deep calling from God upon my soul. I have said, “Yes” to God’s call to become a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church.

Let’s Get Psyched

By Randy Kiel



If my fear could speak now it might say to God, “But Father, what if I fall?” He would say to me, “Oh my child, did you forget that I’ve given you the wings to fly? Just let go and hold on tight to nothing at all. That is when I will take flight with you.”

Now, I would like to tell you of another fear of mine, one perhaps that you have in common with me.

My fear is of saying goodbye. Does that sound familiar?

I am finishing four years of formation for this vocational call of service. During these years, my wife and I have attended seminary and classes every other weekend with a large group of fellow soon-to-be deacons and their spouses.

Together, we have experienced a

deep season of love, fraternity, affection, and bonding. The need to say goodbye will come soon and I expect we all will become a little weak-kneed as this season of comfort and familiarity comes to an end.

“Goodbye” can be quite a complex expression to feel and impart. Even the words around goodbye do not come easily. They elicit sadness, excitement and fear. I have now landed in the “I don’t know” zone that can only be consoled with a response of “Thy will be done.”

Leaving people is difficult because that word “goodbye” is not ever without some level of pain or grief. It is often an avoided experience. Whether in a pleasant farewell or a grievous death, we feel it deeply. It is not a shallow experience.

Goodbye elicits a vulnerability that only the human bond can create. Bonding itself is evidence of God. “Created in his image” is the signature of his bond with us; therefore our bond with one another is because God is love. It is through his love that we have our deepest bonds.

As Catholics, a special gift is given to us through the sacrament of reconciliation, the gift of penance. The root

word for penance in Latin means *pain*. We pray in The Act of Contrition that we are committing to do penance; face the pain necessary in life in order to experience something new. This is repentance. This is conversion. Many goodbyes are met with mixed emotions: children graduate, parish priests move, careers end, and we transition from middle-aged adults to older adults.

Here are a few tips to help us with difficult goodbyes. First, be sure to really say goodbye. Don’t rob yourself and others by holding it in with stoic silence. Second, if you have mixed emotions remember that this is normal. Take time to reflect on the different aspects of your feelings and allow them to teach you new insights. Third, allow yourself time for the emotions to settle. Remember, no emotion lasts forever.

“But Randy, what about love?” you ask. Love is not an emotion. Love is God and He is eternal. Love never ends! Can I hear an “Amen”?

Randy Kiel, of Kardia Counseling, is a licensed therapist, a member of St. Francis Parish in West De Moines, and in formation for the permanent diaconate.

Who is called to holiness?

Our Church is a rich and blessed people who can bring about great hope, great joy and great leadership.

During the last conclave, believers from all over the world were petitioning God to give us a pope who could understand living in the real world of the 21st Century.

That has been answered in the current Holy Father, Pope Francis. This is evident in his recent Apostolic Exhortation “On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World” also known as “Guadete Et Exsultate”.

The greatness of this exhortation is in the actual reading. One need not be a theologian, priest or a college graduate to understand the simple but powerful call to each of by Francis. Let’s look at Chapter one, “The Call to Holiness.”

The Holy Father writes: [5] “The processes of beatification and canonization recognize the signs of heroic virtue, the sacrifice of one’s life in martyrdom...” Scary to most of us. He invites us to look for the “Saints Next Door” calling us to include ourselves.

Are we embracing the Spirit’s call in our own lives? Francis states [7] “I like to contemplate the holiness present in the

Guest Column

By William Schafer



patience of God’s people; in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in the elderly religious who never lose their smile. Very often it is a holiness found in our next door neighbors, reflecting God’s presence. We might call them ‘The middle class of holiness.’”

Here we need not wonder who is called to holiness; the Holy Father makes it clear that all of us are called and have the God-given gifts to reach holiness. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. We are each called in our own way. We should not be tempted to copy others’ holiness because that would lead us astray from the specific path that the Lord has in mind for us.

[14] “We are frequently tempted to think holiness is only for those who withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend time in prayer.” That is not the case. We are called to be holy by living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. This is living. This is real world. How freeing that God is calling us right where we are; we don’t have to set the world on fire, only our part of it.

[23] “...listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs he gives you.” What a beautiful expression of the call to mission in holiness for each of us. This is the actual language of the exhortation.

If you have never read an exhortation, perhaps this is the one.

Holiness is attainable, meant to be an intricate part of a normal attempt to live one’s life in relationship with Jesus. Reaching, achieving, self-actuating are within our grasp if we stretch our hands to Jesus in service.

Pope Francis ends chapter one: [34] “Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit.”

Holiness does not make you less human; it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God’s grace.

The Holy Father calls us to begin the walk into the arms of Jesus.

Begin the walk, download the exhortation from the Vatican website and give yourself permission to read something that might just change your life and the lives of those around you.

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Ask a Priest

Q. Is there an easy way to find out what time Masses are celebrated in our diocese?

A. Yes, search online www.MassTimes.org. It's not always up to date, but the website lists parishes all across the country. You can also find the times for reconciliation and other liturgical services.

Q. Is it "good form" to ask my pastor whether it is OK for a relative or a friend who is a priest to witness a wedding or conduct a funeral for our family? I don't want to be pushy.

A. As you might guess, it depends on your pastor. Some pastors feel responsible to personally celebrate those liturgies. Other pastors are amenable to welcoming another priest or deacon to step in. Sometimes, pastors are delighted to do so, especially if they don't know the bride and groom very well. In larger parishes, pastors have more than enough work to do and are happy to have the extra help. In any case, if you ask your pastor personally, I'm sure he'll permit a friend or a relative conduct the service.

Q. I learned as a youngster that only bishops can preside at the sacrament of confirmation, but at the Easter Vigil, our pastor confirmed those joining the Church. Help me out.

A. Right now the general practice is for the bishop to confer the sacrament. However, when an adult is joining the Church, the priest who conducts the baptism (or the reception into the Church for someone already baptized) is also authorized to confirm that person.

In a related situation, the bishop can delegate another priest to conduct a confirmation Mass for young people in certain circumstances. If the bishop is ill or has been called away for some reason, he can ask that the pastor celebrate confirmation.

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.

Longtime legislative advocate dies

**By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer**

For 30 years, Tim McCarthy persuaded state lawmakers to approve legislation that would help the poor, the unborn, private school children, distressed farmers and others.

The former executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, who served from 1969-1999, died May 22 at the age of 88.

"Tim was somebody who stuck up for low-income people, who helped immigrants find their voice, and advocated for others who supposedly didn't 'deserve' our help," said Tom Chapman, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference.

McCarthy was successful, having helped pass the Private School Aid Bill (1970), Busing of Iowa Private School Children (1974), the Family Farm Bill (1975), Abolishment of the Death Penalty (1998) and the Tuition Tax Credit (1998).

In 1994, he received a papal appointment as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. And last November, he was honored with the Gov. Harold E. Hughes Award from Iowans Against the Death Penalty for his successful efforts to keep the death penalty from coming back to Iowa.

McCarthy was in the first generation of Catholic

Conference directors, a position that emerged after the Second Vatican Council, said Chapman.

"I have been privileged to see the fruit of many of the seeds that Tim planted during his time at the state Capitol," said Chapman.

"Tim was truly one of the nicest and most respected conference directors; politically savvy and dedicated to the Church and his bishops," said Jim Cunningham, recently retired Nebraska Catholic Conference director.

"Tim was both a friend and a mentor for me during my earlier years at the U.S. bishops' Conference," said Frank Monahan, a longtime lobbyist for the Catholic bishops in Washington, D.C.

Tom Feld, who succeeded McCarthy at the Iowa Catholic Conference, said, "He was a gentleman, gracious and welcoming. I admired his patience and diligence and, most importantly and simply put, he was a good man!"



Bishop Emeritus Joseph L. Charron, C.P.P.S., reflected on the second reading during McCarthy's funeral, in which St. Paul said to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

"Let me suggest," said the retired bishop, "that as the Iowa Catholic Conference director, Tim certainly received God's love, but he also imitated God's love and shared it in his service to the Church."

"His work, his ministry, was his way of living God's love in a very down-to-earth manner" by helping children, the poor and those in need, said Bishop Charron.



**Tim McCarthy at the
Iowa State Capitol**

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Around the diocese

June 21 Thursday

Catholic Widows and Widowers

WEST DES MOINES -- Join us in Valley Junction for the Farmers Market at 4 p.m. Meet in front of The Tavern Restaurant. They also have a band playing. For reservations contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

June 24 Sunday

Anniversary celebration

STUART -- All are invited to attend the celebration of the 25th priesthood ordination anniversary and farewell for Father Ray Higgins at All Saints Church, 216 All Saints Drive. Luncheon served from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. There will be a program at noon.

June 26 Tuesday

Catholic Widows and Widowers

WEST DES MOINES -- Business meeting at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. For more information contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

July 6 Friday

Catholic Widows and Widowers

NORWALK -- First Friday Mass at 10 a.m. at Regency Care

Center. Breakfast will follow at Winns. For reservations contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

July 10 Tuesday

Catholic Widows and Widowers

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

July 18 Wednesday

Catholic Widows and Widowers

INDIANOLA -- The Mish Mash Tea Room, 113 E. Salem, at 10 a.m. For reservations contact Judy LaRonde at 515-988-7791.

July 22 Sunday

"A Call to Holiness" Concert

DES MOINES -- This concert, presented by Chuck and Alicia Brock and Julie Carrich will be hosted by St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carlisle and Christ the King Parish at Christ the King Parish from 6-7:20 p.m. with a reception after.

August 10 Friday

Beginning Experience

DES MOINES -- Beginning Experience open house will meet on three Friday nights:

Aug. 10, 17 and 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Augustin Church Hall. This is for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation.

The open house offers healing and an invitation to attend our week end of Sept. 14-16. If you wish to know more about the healing process,

contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745, Mike Losee 515-360-8268 or Father Bob Schoemann 515-418-1938.

It's not too early to start fundraising for NCYC



Photo by Anne Marie Cox

Seth Pauley and Brock Gross, of St. Patrick Parish in Neola, were working June 7 to set up for a parish garage sale so they could raise funds to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in the fall.

Granger parish seeks partner for its Salvadoran mission

**By Tom Carney
Contributing Writer**

Back in 2005, a small delegation from Assumption Parish in Granger traveled to El Salvador to meet with an organization that helps parishes and other groups connect with Salvadoran communities needing support.

They attended a meeting of residents of the rural, coastal community of Tamanique where the question was raised: "What kind of help would you seek from an American parish?"

A debate ensued.

Some wanted seed and fertilizer. Others wanted help with water purification.

The request that won out in this community, where few adults have finished elementary school, was: "Help us educate our children."

That idea resonated with the people from Assumption and the Tamanique Scholarship Fund was born.

It raised \$15,400 for this year's scholarships from a Granger parish of only 530 active, registered families.

The need has now outstripped the Granger parish's ability to cover it, however, and Assumption is seeking another



Members of Assumption Parish in Granger met with a scholarship recipient and her family during a 2007 visit to Tamanique, El Salvador.

parish in the diocese to partner in the project.

"A principal advantage for an interested parish is a ready-made program with 13 years of experience and a willingness to share its experiences and mission," said Jessica Conway,

chair of Assumption's Social Justice Committee that oversees the program. "We would welcome an opportunity to work with members of another parish in the diocese."

Besides raising money for scholarships, which are about \$320 per student per year,

Assumption parishioners are recruited for regular trips to El Salvador to meet with their Salvadoran partners and with scholarship recipients and their families.

Parishioners from a Des Moines diocese partner parish would be encouraged to travel

with the Assumption delegation on these trips.

Assumption parishioners who have made the trip are unanimously enthusiastic about them.

"The trips change you forever," said Stan Smith, who has made several trips to Tamanique. "The students, many of whom would not be able to study and find jobs, and their families are so welcoming and grateful. Many of them live in extreme poverty and the trips show that a parish far away in Iowa is in solidarity with them."

Any interested parish should contact Conway at jess.ann.conway@gmail.com for more information.

Tom Carney is a parishioner of Assumption Church in Granger.

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Registration open for next Catechetical Institute

By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer

Looking for a way to grow in your faith but intimidated by the catechism?

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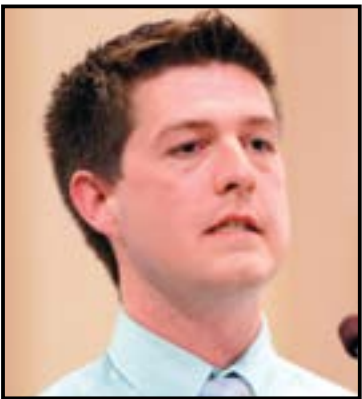
Brody McCarthy had always looked at the catechism as boring, too thick, and with too many big words. Now the St. Theresa parishioner is one of the 30 graduates of the inaugural class of the Catechetical Institute. It's probably the only class for which he did all the homework and truly was interested in the discussions, he said.

When he started with the institute, he was working as a chef. He changed over time, switched career gears, and now serves as the youth minister at St. Mary of Nazareth Parish in Des Moines.

"It really helped me grow as a person," he said, and he's looking for more certificate programs to continue his understanding of theology.

The Catechetical Institute is accepting applications for the next two-year process, which begins in the fall. It will be available both in Des Moines and in Council Bluffs.

The program focuses on the four pillars of the Catechism: the Creed, Sacraments and Liturgy, the Moral Life, and Prayer. Thus, the institute covers the Catechism of the Catholic Church from beginning to end over the two years. Participants receive weekly opportunities for reflection and discussion of the reading material in small group settings. Participants also



Brody McCarthy

receive weekly lessons taught by instructors trained in the various topics covered throughout the two years. Ultimately, participants will receive sound theological teachings and rich spiritual nourishment.

"The Institute is a program for all Catholic adults in the diocese, not just those in ministry," said John Huynh, director of the institute.

"While those who are in ministry will benefit greatly from this program, it is equally beneficial for those who are not," he said.

"The reason is this: when we love a person we naturally desire to know more about that person in order to fall deeper in love, as well as let the world know the many wonderful attributes of that person," Huynh said. "Thus, if we love Christ and his Church, we should naturally want to know more about them in order to deepen our love and to tell the world about them. The Catechetical Institute provides this opportunity."

The institute is a part of the Faith Journey office, whose



Vickie Williams

other task is developing and implementing a faith formation program to help educators in the diocesan schools to grow in their faith.

Another graduate, Vickie Williams, of St. Joseph Parish in Winterset, described herself as a lifelong learner, particularly when it comes to the Catholic Church.

The institute changed her.

"I have gone from a Catholic who is passionate about learning about the faith to a Catholic who is passionate about living the faith," she said.

Williams discovered that God loves her and wants her to be happy. This epiphany came when she realized examined her own relationships. The Institute has allowed her to know deeply that God the Father has a great deal of love to offer.

"Now, I take comfort in knowing that I am loved by God," she said.

For more information, go to FaithJourneyCI.org or call Huynh at 515-237-5006.

Faithful Citizenship for Iowa Catholics

As Catholics, our cause is the defense of human life and dignity and the protection of the weak and vulnerable ... the principles of Catholic social teaching – dignity of the human person, subsidiarity and solidarity, freedom, participation, the common good, and care for the poor and most vulnerable among us – must define our positions on issues and should invite reflection on the best specific response.

On June 4, the four bishops of Iowa shared their review of the 2018 legislative session.

By Dubuque Archbishop Michael Jackels
Sioux City Bishop R. Walker Nickless
Davenport Bishop Thomas Zinkula
Des Moines Bishop Richard Pates

The Iowa Catholic Conference was pleased the legislature took steps to assist parents in nonpublic schools, including:

- Senate File 2417, the tax reform bill, included a \$1 million increase in the School Tuition Organization Tax Credits to a total of \$13 million. The bill also increased the number of students who could receive scholarships by increasing the family income limit to 400 percent from 300 percent of the federal poverty level. More than 10,000 nonpublic school students receive these scholarships every year.

- Another provision of the bill offers some tax benefit for paying K-12 private school tuition from 529 plans such as College Savings Account. We will provide additional information to parents but in the meantime – don't make any changes without consulting your tax expert.

The ongoing impact of SF 2417 bears watching. It is expected to cut taxes by more than \$2 billion during the coming years. Since Iowa's annual budget is now about \$7.5 billion, a key question is whether the tax cuts will allow for adequate revenues for public education, Medicaid, public safety, a strong safety net, and other acts of government essential to the common good.

We voiced principled opposition to Senate File 481, the new immigration enforcement law, and remain profoundly disappointed that it was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. We should be looking to help immigrants, not to harass them. We again call upon our legislature and Congress to pursue solutions that help immigrants find a welcome, and, as a consequence, strengthen our communities with their families, enrich our social fabric by their faith and their cultural heritage, and provide a good and stable workforce.

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 359 that prohibits abortions after a heartbeat can be detected, as well as trafficking of fetal body parts. It is scheduled to take effect on July 1, but a legal challenge is ongoing. (A Polk County District Court has stopped the new "heartbeat" abortion ban from taking effect while a trial takes place. In addition, the Iowa Supreme Court's decision on a separate challenge to Iowa's law requiring a three-day waiting period before an abortion should be coming along soon.) We support the life-affirming intent of the provision to stop abortions after a heartbeat can be detected. As Pope Francis has said, 'Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb.' We call upon the judiciary to once again recognize that all life should be protected from the moment of conception to natural death.

Also, on the positive side, bills restoring the death penalty and legalizing doctor-prescribed suicide failed to advance. We will continue our work in opposition to these proposals.

We were pleased that the final human services budget bill, Senate File 2418, included an amendment to limit "wrongful birth" claims. This prevents a parent from bringing a lawsuit against a doctor claiming a child should have been aborted because of a disability.

We support another part of SF 2418 that stipulates oversight of managed care companies to ensure providers in the Medicaid program are paid in a timely manner. The Legislature also set the stage for increasing the availability of mental health services by defining additional core services.

A utility deregulation bill, Senate File 2311, made some negative changes to Iowa's energy efficiency requirements. "Laudato Si," the 2015 encyclical by Pope Francis on the care of our common home, has raised awareness about how our future as human beings is connected to how we take care of the Earth. Energy efficiency is a relatively inexpensive way to help us address our energy needs while lessening our reliance on fossil fuels and the amount of carbon we put into the air.

Finally, the legislature again failed to raise the minimum wage. We hold the opinion that, in the current circumstances, an increase to the minimum legal wage would directly or indirectly benefit more Iowans than not. Therefore, we continue to advocate for an increase.

News Nuggets Highlighting people & places in the diocese

Diocesan catechist joins national leadership team

The Des Moines diocese's John Gaffney, who leads Evangelization and Catechesis, has been elected as treasurer of the executive committee for the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. He will serve a three-year term.

Hospital to address need for behavioral health hospital

Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines is asking the state for approval to build a \$5.5 million, 100-bed freestanding inpatient behavioral health hospital in Clive near the Mercy West clinic. The facility would serve children, adolescents, adults and seniors experiencing acute behavioral health issues. Mercy's existing 18-bed adult unit and 16-bed child/adolescent unit will remain on its downtown Des Moines Mercy campus.

College wins grant for community-based health

Mercy College of Health Sciences was awarded a \$1.79 million federal grant that will fund the new Community Advocacy Registered Nurse Education project. The goal is to increase the number of nursing students and registered nurses trained and working to the full scope of their licenses in community-based primary teams in Iowa. The teams will serve a seven-county region in both urban and rural areas. The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

House of Mercy gala funds programs for women in need

The annual House of Mercy Game Show Gala, planned for June 14, was expected to raise funds for programming and housing for women in need of behavioral, addiction and education services. House of Mercy provides residential services and programs as well as outpatient care.

Blue/Red Mass

St. Luke Parish celebrated a Blue/Red Mass on May 17 during National Police Week.

Knights of Columbus from Father Richard E. Gubbels Council 15603 organized the gathering with Fourth Degree Knights from Father Paul F. Hans Council 3265 contributing an honor guard during the Mass.

Representatives from law enforcement, the fire department, Emergency Management System personnel and dispatchers from several surrounding communities attended.



Ankeny Assistant Police Chief Allan Tunks on the left and Major Todd Dykstra on the right, share the sign of peace.

The Third Option outreach helps couples communicate better, improve marriage

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

The Third Option marriage ministry is celebrating its one-year anniversary in Des Moines. The local chapter of this international ministry was started by a group of lay people.

The mission of Third Option International is to inspire and encourage people to build healthy relationships by accepting responsibility for their own thoughts, feelings, choices and behaviors.

Their vision states, “We believe in God and his desire and power to heal marriages. We believe that people can and do change. Healthy relationships need work daily and asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.”

Mark and Julie Burdt of All Saints Parish in Des Moines are volunteer leaders for the local The Third Option group, and say the feedback has been positive.

“We’ve generally had between eight and 10 couples at each meeting,” Mark said. “The program lasts for about 14 weeks and we have a constant turnover of new couples. That’s the nice thing – the couples can start at any time they want.”

The couples who attend the free classes go through a sequence, learning 14 different skill sets to learn better communication skills, including understanding, sensitivity and trust. The 14 different topics range from respect, responsibility and blame game to personality differences and childhood issues and emotional baggage.

The Burdts say they feel fulfilled helping others, but also



Mark and Julie Burdt of All Saints Parish in Des Moines help guide The Third Option, a lay-lead ministry that is free and open to married couples. The class helps couples improve their communication skills and increase understanding.

benefit from the witness talks and skills taught.

“From a selfish standpoint, it has certainly strengthened our marriage as we have

prepared to teach the classes and learned and used the skills,” Mark said. “Most of the couples would echo that.”

Adam Storey, director

of the Marriage and Family Life Office for the Diocese of Des Moines, said The Third Option is fulfilling Pope Francis’ call to be a Church that accompanies others and is an expression of love.

“The Third Option is a beacon of hope, because it reminds us that all marriages, no matter the challenges, can heal,” Storey said.

The Third Option meets the first and third Monday evening of each month, though the volunteer group is currently re-organizing and will reconvene on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at Mercy College of Health Sciences.

“We can only change ourselves and how we handle things,” Julie said. “Our marriage is a balance... Overall, everything we do is either building up our marriage or tearing it down. And we have decided which one we’re going to do.”

Atlantic parish explores the meaning of family

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Since Father Chinnappan Devaraj (more commonly known as Father Chinna) has arrived in Atlantic to serve Ss. Peter and Paul Parish and St. Mary Parish in Anita, he’s made a point of making the rounds and visiting the families in their homes.

“In the course of my visits I was building relationships and asking them to come and not to be worried about broken families and that I would welcome them and that they have a place here,” Father Chinna said. “They had been experiencing some feeling that it’s only meant for the virtuous and not the rest.”

Father Chinna felt compelled to create an event that welcomes everyone and embraces the family.

“I really wanted to em-

phasize there was a space for all of you,” he said. “That’s the whole goal and whether they are struggling [we wanted to support them].”

They held a catered family dinner in February on a Sunday after Mass. The only things attendees had to do was bring themselves – no worries about preparing big meals and hauling large pans or crockpots into the church. Just enjoy each other, Father Chinna said.

They spared nothing, even breaking out the white tablecloths and nice silverware, said parishioner Kris Wernimont who helped organize the event. Small figurines of the Holy Family were placed at every table.

Nearly 200 people attended the family dinner, which converged on the World Day of Marriage and Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, just a few days before Valentine’s Day.

After the meal, Father Chinna encouraged young and old alike to speak to the group about what family means to them.

“I brought the kids from some of the blended families and asked them to speak about what it means to be a family and then others who have been married for a very long time and explain what it means to be a family,” Father Chinna said.

Emily Schreiner, a senior at Atlantic High School, attended with her family and enjoyed hearing what people had to say.

“It was nice to hear what little kids said, people my age said and then older people from the community,” Schreiner said.

“I thought it was really special to look around the room and see so many families in a happy mood and seeing their happy faces, and it was almost as though we were one big happy family,”



The Schreiner family attended the family dinner at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Atlantic. Emily, a senior in high school, thought it was a special event that helped bring people closer together. L-R: Mark, DeeAnn, Emily, Sarah and Dan Schreiner.

Schreiner continued. “I feel as though Father Chinna has brought a lot of our church members closer together and more connected to their faith.”

Gratt Reed, senior at Atlantic High School, said he and his family also enjoyed the family dinner.

“We wanted to be a part of it and get to know some people of the parish a little bit better and

communicate and visit with some people we know,” Reed said.

“We had people come up and say this was very enjoyable and we need to do this more often,” Wernimont said.

“It was a success and there was so many people that told me they really felt a lot of joy and happiness,” Father Chinna concluded.

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Couple value teachings of “Humanae Vitae”

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Cassi and Jonathan Fortino, of St. Augustin Parish in Des Moines, place a high value on the teachings of the the encyclical letter written by Pope Paul VI in 1968 called “Of Human Life” or “Humanae Vitae” on the regulation of birth.

They admit abstinence and natural family planning is counter cultural. But they wouldn’t have it any other way.

Their interest in “Humanae Vitae” began when they experienced a re-awakening of their faith and began making it their own as college students at Drake University.

“Of course you don’t have to look too far into Catholic Church teaching to come into ‘Humanae Vitae’ – that’s one of the first documents [we encountered],” said Jonathan. “My wife was considering becoming a natural family planning instructor at the time and we both read the document through and had really good conversation about it and wanted to live it out in our own lives.”

Cassi and Jonathan married October 2016 and welcomed their first son, Isaiah, in November 2017 and will happily welcome more. They stress that they are focused on discerning God’s will for their lives and their family.

“Everyone wants to have their 2.1 kids and then be done, and that’s not really what the church teaches,” Jonathan continued. “It’s been a great blessing for me. If you would have asked me a year or two before I got married if I was having a kid right after our first anniversary I would have said no. But over time as we have been praying as a couple and really trying to come to peace with it, it made both of us more open to accepting life from God and being desirous of it.

“We are seeing children as a great blessing and not



Jonathan and Cassi Fortino of St. Augustin Parish appreciate and follow the teachings Pope Paul VI wrote about in his 1968 encyclical letter, “Of Human Life,” otherwise known as “Humanae Vitae.”

a hindrance to having fun in life,” Jonathan said. “It’s the trusting of God to say, ‘Yes, if I have a baby I’ll find a way to re-arrange my life so that I can be welcoming and give that child the love and attention it deserves.’”

Jonathan and Cassi agree they love their son more than anything in this world and couldn’t dream of their life without him.

Cassi is also passionate about teaching other women about the Creighton Model of natural family planning. She teaches these classes part-time at Vitae Family Care Clinic in West Des Moines. That includes teaching women how some birth control pills are not only abortifacients but can also cause cancer, blood clots and other negative side ef-

fects.

“[Women learn about birth control] and say, ‘I eat hormone free chicken – why would I put hormones in my own body?’” Cassi said.

As the 50th anniversary of the publication of “Humanae Vitae” approaches, Adam Storey, diocesan director of the Marriage and Family Life Office, is grateful for it.

“‘Humanae Vitae’ shares a vision of authentic love, which even when challenging, is the only vision that can satisfy our hearts,” Storey said. “I think ‘Humanae Vitae’ is one of the greatest gifts Blessed Paul VI gave the Church. It is a courageous and prophetic document.”

Reflecting on 50th anniversary of “Humanae Vitae”

By Adam Storey
Contributing Writer

Many of us probably struggle to relate to the psalmist who sang “Oh [Lord] how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.” (Psalm 119:97)

Who enjoys meditating on laws?

When it comes to God’s moral law, our initial impulse is probably to ignore it, explain it away, or chafe under it. But love it? And to go so far as sing about loving it? Come on.

A few years ago, I heard a beautiful talk by Los Angeles Bishop Robert Barron in which he reflected on this very passage. He pointed out that when we really care about something, not only do we embrace the rules of the art, we even seek them out.

We’ll even meditate on them day and night!

Think of learning a foreign language. We seek out the rules of grammar and sentence structure, even when we have to wrestle with those realities because the rules set us free to speak the language.

Or when we become passionate about a new sport, we’ll try to master all the rules and strategies that can help us win.

I’ve even heard of some people who are crazy enough to love the rules of mathematics (engineers mostly) and who delight in learning their nuances.

In all of these examples, we don’t see rules as *restrictions* to freedom, but actually as *conditions* of freedom, the law is what sets us free to do whatever art

we’re passionate about well.

This July we’ll celebrate the 50th anniversary of “Humanae Vitae,” and the teachings contained within can be particularly challenging for our world today.

Here is a law that many people struggle with.

And yet, I believe that Christ’s clear and constant teaching on sexual morality, articulated in “Humanae Vitae,” should be seen as a law that sets us free to love authentically, even when it challenges us.

It teaches us that marital love must be considered in reference to our supernatural and eternal vocation as well as our immediate circumstances.

It teaches us that we are stewards of our bodies, and not simply masters.

It insists that parents should practice responsible parenthood, and it offers sure guidance on considerations towards that end.

Meditating of the rules of a sport can help me play that game well. Meditating on the rules of a new language can help me speak well. Meditating on the teachings of *Humanae Vitae* can help me love well, in a generous and total way.

That can help me share in God’s own life, which ultimately is the only thing that can bring me true joy.

And so, as the 50th anniversary approaches, I’d encourage all of us to reflect again on this beautiful document, to wrestle with it even, but to engage it not as an obstacle to freedom, but as a law that can set us free!

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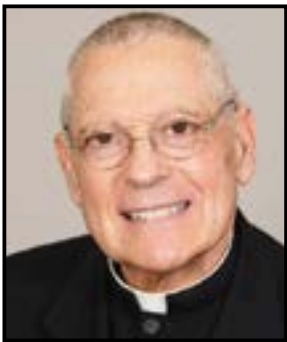



Retirement approaching for five priests

They're ready for life's next chapter

Stories compiled by Kelly Mescher Collins

Monsignor Frank Bognanno
Christ the King Parish, Des Moines



Do you have a celebration planned for your retirement?

I will have a celebration Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 8, to be followed by a reception open to the public here at Christ the King.

When did you know God was calling you to the priesthood?

I first felt called to the priesthood in the fifth grade at St. Joseph grammar school in Bakersfield, California.

What have been some of your favorite moments of your time serving as a priest?

Favorite moments: The visit of St. John Paul II in 1979. Bishop (Maurice) Dingman had asked me to coordinate that event. My favorite moments are hearing confessions and giving spiritual directions. I love to help people grow in their faith.

What have been some of the greatest challenges?

My greatest challenges have been in working and praying for the dignity and life of the unborn here in the state of Iowa.

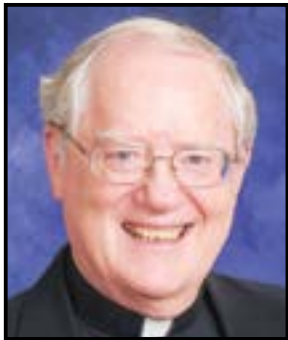
What would you say to those who are considering the priesthood?

For those considering the priesthood -- try out the seminary. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Pray and seek spiritual direction. Totally trust in God's providential guidance through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

I'm looking forward to the surprises God has in mind for me.

Father Larry Hoffmann
St. Luke Parish, Ankeny



Do you have a celebration planned for your retirement?

St. Luke's is having a retirement party beginning with Mass led by the St. Luke's school students at 8:30 a.m. on July 8. My final weekend Mass will be at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with an open house/luncheon 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. There will be a program beginning at 1 p.m.

When did you know God was calling you to the priesthood?

I first had a sense that God was calling me to the priesthood when I made my First Communion. I thought about other things but kept coming back to priesthood.

What have been some of your favorite moments during your time serving as priest?

I really enjoyed sacrament preparation and celebration processes - First Communion, baptisms, weddings even funerals. All of these were great times to be with people and to be present to their needs. I always enjoyed being part of Cursillo, TEC, Christ Renews His Parish and Christian Encounter Weekends. Most of all being with people to help them recognize the touch of God in their lives - being able to share the grace of God with them and for them to open their lives to a deeper relationship with the Lord.

What have been some of the greatest challenges?

Dealing with finances, when the need is greater than the resources available.

What would you say to those who are considering the priesthood?

Priesthood is an incredible opportunity to be with people in their most important moments in life and while with them, to be instrumental in inviting them to the grace of God, the sacraments, to pray with them. I cannot imagine a more fulfilling vocation in life.

What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

I am looking forward to less daily and weekly meetings! I look forward to more travel especially for extended out-of-state family visits, some international travel, being able to spend some time in artistic projects, maybe some writing, being available to assist where needed for Masses and confessions. Retirement is obviously unexplored and there will need to be time to find out what it is like and then plot a direction.

Father Dan Krettek
St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish, Elkhart

Do you have a celebration planned for your retirement?

The parish will host farewell receptions after two of the Masses on my last weekend here. Since I am actually only "semi-retiring," not taking another parish assignment and continuing as a co-director at Emmaus, there is no retirement event planned.

When did you know God was calling you to the priesthood?

I have never thought, felt, or experienced anything I have ever considered a "call from God" or "God calling me" to the priesthood. I went to Iowa State for two years before transferring to St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota as seminarian for the diocese. I was influenced by the example and friendship of priests at the Catholic Student Center at Iowa State, but have never used the concept or language of a 'call from God' in connection with that transfer.

What have been some of your favorite moments during your time serving as priest?

My favorite experiences in serving as a priest have been individual relationships and conversations with people about their efforts to know themselves better and grow in their sense of peace and freedom about who they are, particularly as the religious beliefs and practices they grew up with no longer make sense or work for them as they did when they were younger.

What have been some of the greatest challenges?

The greatest challenges I've experienced in ministry have been in connection with trying to

help people know how to accurately read and understand religious and spiritual texts, particularly those of the Bible. As the starting point for all theology and Church teaching and practice, it is crucial that we know how to understand and interpret the Scriptures for what they are, as symbolic and metaphoric of inner realities, rather than about external matters such as history and science. Our general lack of understanding of how to read the Bible and related Church teachings intelligently and accurately has been very challenging for me throughout my time as a priest.



What would you say to those who are considering the priesthood?

They should read and learn as widely in as many fields of study and understanding as possible. Learn to think critically. And don't think that the grace of ordination is for personal sanctification, that it makes a priest (or deacon or bishop) more holy or "closer to God" in any way than those not ordained. The grace of ordination is simply to equip the ordained for the ministry of service to others.

What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

What I am most looking forward to in not having a parish assignment is being able to focus and concentrate on using my particular strengths and abilities in ministry.

Father John Ludwig
St. John Parish, Norwalk

Do you have a celebration planned for your retirement?

In addition to the weekend Masses of June 30 and July 1, there will be a Vespers Service beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday July 1, followed by a reception at St. John the Apostle Church in Norwalk.

When did you know God was calling you to the priesthood?

I like to think that God is calling me to be a priest every day. I don't recall any "aha" moment when I felt the call. I was interested in being a priest from my earliest days, and it's nearly always felt like a good fit for me.

What have been some of your favorite moments of your time serving as a priest?

Baptisms, teaching, reconciliation, spiritual direction.

What have been some of the greatest challenges?

Dealing with troubled people, referee-

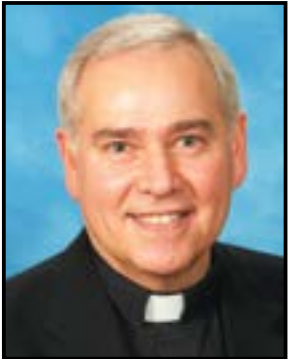
ing disputes and differences of opinion, fundraising, planning for future needs.

What would you say to those who are considering the priesthood?

I'd say get to know some priests individually. Talk about your questions. Observe the priests whose approach is most appealing to you. Volunteer your time in parish activities. Pray.

What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

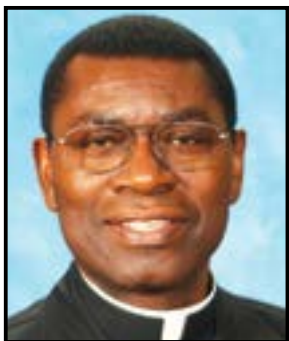
Most priests have taken a day off per week (if that) during their careers. Most other people get a weekend each week to relax. I look forward to less scheduled time and more free time to work on my piano skills, reading and exercise. I also hope to be of assistance to parishes that need extra help. I'll continue to work with the diocesan marriage Tribunal and "The Catholic Mirror."



Retirement Celebrations

- Msgr. Frank Bognanno:** July 8, 11 a.m. celebration Mass with reception to follow at Christ the King Parish, Des Moines.
- Father Larry Hoffmann:** July 8, Mass at 10:30 a.m. with open house 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Luke Parish, Ankeny.
- Father Dan Krettek:** Farewell receptions after July 7 and July 8 Masses at St. Mary / Holy Cross Parish in Elkhart.
- Father John Ludwig:** Weekend Masses June 30/July 1. Vespers service July 1 at 4 p.m. with reception to follow at St. John Parish, Norwalk.
- Father Felix Onuora, C.S.Sp.:** July 8 celebration with 39th anniversary of priesthood. Open invitation to attend 11:30 a.m. gathering at Sacred Heart Parish, Chariton.
- Msgr. Stephen Orr:** Celebration of Service gathering at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish, Ankeny in early December. Details to be announced.

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Father Felix Onuora, C.S.Sp.*Sacred Heart Parish, Chariton
St. Francis Parish, Corydon
St. Brendan Parish, Leon***Do you have a celebration planned for your retirement?**

We are planning a celebration of my retirement and the 39th anniversary of my priestly ordination on Sunday, July 8 at Chariton by 11:30 a.m. It is an open invitation. We hope to inform my former parishes and to welcome everyone that will be present at the celebration.

When did you know that God was calling you to the priesthood?

Out of curiosity I attended a vocations retreat during my last year in a high school and presumed that the priesthood was not for me.

About a couple of years later, a soldier had seriously threatened to blow off my head while regretting that he did not blow off my knee cap at the first instance. He had fired his weapon twice already. I was bleeding from the bullet wound that he inflicted on me.

I knew that he was very serious, and nobody could stop him even though a crowd had converged by then.

At that moment, I became aware of a divine intervention because he did not pull the trigger for the third time. I felt shielded by an angel for a purpose. My bones were not broken, and my life was not taken away.

Later, as I healed from the wound I still tried to run away but soon realized that one cannot outrun God.

I had prayed that one of my six other brothers should be taken but God took one of my six sisters and still refused to me leave alone. Then I entered a major seminary to tell God that I have tried out this priestly vocation which was not meant for me. That was it, and

every other thing became history.

What have been some of your favorite moments of your time serving as a priest?

Some of my favorite moments while serving as a priest were actualized in the joy of knowing that the little events encountered as sacramentals later blossomed into historically wonderful and responsible characteristics. It gives a feeling of cloning a little of the love of Christ Jesus in the lives that have been touched by my priestly ministry. As Christ Jesus still lives on in me I also hope and pray that he lives on in the lives of those touched by my priestly ministry. I was involved in marriage preparations, funerals, reconciliations, baptisms, charismatic prayer groups, worldwide marriage encounters, and retreats.

What have been some of the greatest challenges?

A good number of my greatest challenges were embodied in the perseverance of the patience required in dealing with some very difficult personalities. I encountered a few who still claim to have some serious issues with any organized religion. Some do not even believe that Catholics are Christians! Some are still stuck in their own ideology of being born again.

What would you say to those considering the priesthood?

I will always say to those considering the priestly vocation, why not? The priesthood is a great life! Just give it a serious attention. Please do not fight the urge no matter how it comes to you. Nobody may outfox God whenever the awareness of the call truly sets in.

What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

I have not taken a sabbatical for the past 39 years. I will slow down a bit and learn to be more leisurely. I will attend to some interesting hobbies to keep me busy. Apart from pastoral coverages, I will do more traveling, art work, scouting, writing and reading. I will try to do some fishing too. I enjoyed every moment of my active life as a missionary priest as I travelled around the world to encounter various cultures, traditions and languages. Indeed, it is still a great life.

Monsignor Stephen Orr*Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish, Ankeny***Do you have a celebration planned for your retirement?**

Although I will be officially retired in July, the bishop has asked me to remain here as administrator until Father Michael Amadeo returns from sabbatical, about Dec. 1. We will have a Celebration of Service gathering in early December, possibly Dec. 2. Details will be worked out over the next few months. No "retirement" party since I will be staying on for several more months.

When did you first know God was calling you to the priesthood?

I had no plans to study for priesthood. I was already accepted into the pre-pharmacy program at Drake, but during the second semester of my senior year of high school I kept feeling a tug to consider priesthood. I eventually decided to give seminary a try for a year as a "trial run"... you see how that turned out!

What have been some of your favorite moments of your time serving as a priest?

I have enjoyed every way I have been called to serve and have had a wide variety of ministries. I very much enjoyed my seminary faculty days at the North American College in Rome. I also learned a lot by being the founding pastor of St. Francis of Assisi. It was a big challenge but I worked with incredibly wonderful

people in those early years to build a community.

What have been the greatest challenges?

I think the greatest challenge has always been time...not enough time to do all that could/should be done.

What would you say to those considering the priesthood?

The priesthood is an incredible experience of being with people at their highest moments and their lowest. The people are what make priesthood such a joy. It can be hard at times, but what isn't if you put your full effort into it.

What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

Retirement affords me the chance to catch up with family and friends and to be able to assist the priests who need some help. I would never have been able to handle a large parish like Our Lady's Immaculate Heart if it hadn't been for the generous help of retired priests when I needed to get away. It is my turn to offer the same to other priests.



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Bishop Richard Pates cuts a ribbon with the help of the Des Moines DOWNTOWN Chamber of Commerce on May 8 symbolizing the end of a major renovation of the Catholic Pastoral Center, the hub for diocesan ministry offices, Catholic Charities, the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa, the Catholic Tuition Organization, and the St. Thomas More Center.

Open houses draw supporters, families, architects and history buffs

By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer

As the public enjoyed children’s games and tours of the Catholic Pastoral Center on June 3, a lady in a wheelchair, her daughter and niece went through the building, marveling at the changes.

“I was 11 when it first opened,” said Katy Fletcher, daughter of Jonathan Fletcher, president of Home Federal Savings and Loan, who commissioned famed architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe to build what has become the Catholic Pastoral Center.

With her was her 102-year-old mother and Fletcher’s wife, Virginia.

“You are in an incredible building,” Katy said

of the diocesan and Catholic Charities staff, who serve 23 counties from the building at 601 Grand Ave.

Visiting from Seattle, she opened the Sunday edition of The Des Moines Register, saw an article about an open house in the newly renovated building her father had constructed, and asked her cousin and mother if they’d like to go see it.

“It’s so nice to see this,” she said.

“The floor to ceiling doors is what I remember as a kid,” said Nancy Willis, who was eight years old when the building opened in 1962. “I felt like I was in the Emerald City (from the “Wizard of Oz” movie) because they were so big.”

She also remembered that the building had one of the first microwaves for its staff with

color-coded trays that matched the color of the microwave buttons corresponding to how long to heat their lunch trays.

Three open house celebrations marked the end of the Catholic Pastoral Center’s renovation process. Bishop Pates cut a ribbon with civic and community leaders on May 8. A celebratory dinner was held May 15 with the open house for the public on June 3. The general open house drew former employees of the savings loan and the diocese along with architects and those interested in history of the city.

Katy remembered her father had one of the first pneumatic tubes in the business for the drive-through lane on the north side of the building.

“I’m really impressed,” she said.



Katy Fletcher, Nancy Willis and Virginia Fletcher

Victim Assistance Advocate

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Bishop Richard Pates hands Dennis Purdum, of Holy Spirit Parish in Creston, a memento in gratitude for his support of the Catholic Pastoral Center renovation project. Chancellor Jason Kurth assists Bishop Pates.



Father Michael Amadeo, vicar general and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines, greets Adam Storey, diocesan director of Marriage and Family Life, during an open house.



Father Dominic Assim, of Assumption Parish in Granger, and Father Francis Aning Amoah, of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianola, enjoy an open house.



Teresa and Tim Dunbar talk with Maureen Kenney, of the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa, on the second floor near a series of portraits of the bishops who have served the Des Moines diocese.



Below, retired Fathers Ken Gross and Robert Schoemann enjoy an open house.



Architectural historian Jennifer Irsfeld James talks with Steve King, AIA, head of the State Historic Preservation Office, about the Catholic Pastoral Center renovation, a project with which she assisted.



The public was invited to tours, family activities and more during an open house June 3. Top left (clockwise): A balloon maker entertains children by making balloon animals; Randy Kiel helps a visitor make a wax hand, a face painter entertains children; and Stu Walker and Cheryl Cibula provided music with the Stu Ryan O'Brien Pub Band;

Family commits to growing in faith together

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in Des Moines for lectures and activities. The monthly gatherings begin Friday evening and run through Sunday.

The Lemus family did this for two months. The diocese gave them the option to connect online and take the classes long distance. However, they thought they would lose the experience of the interaction and experiences of their classmates. They valued interacting with people and the small group activities.

Many of their classmates wanted to offer their homes to the family to stay.

"It was challenging to accommodate a family of five, but our community is very generous and wanted to help them that way," said diocesan coordinator Mayra Moriel de Bañuelos.

One of the classmates offered them her home. "I have a big house and I can accommodate them there," said Irma Lopez. "It would be a pleasure to have them in my house."

Even though there are travel expenses involved, the Lemus family is committed.

"We talked about it as a family and we decided since we serve in our parish, we feel or had the need to prepare ourselves to evangelize," said Ernesto.

"The experiences we're having and the classes are enriching and we would like more people from our community to be part of this experience or possibly bring it over there," he said.

Acogiendo el Futuro con Oración

En los próximos meses, la Diócesis de Des Moines tendrá la experiencia del anuncio e instalación de su 10mo Obispo.

La llegada del nuevo pastor es ocasión para un enfoque más intenso en la prioridad diocesana de la evangelización. El Papa Paulo VI enseñaba, “La Iglesia existe para evangelizar.”

Con eso en mente, la Diócesis de Des Moines ha iniciado un período llamado: El Nuevo Momento. Este se originó de los participantes de la diócesis que asistieron a la Convocatoria de Liderazgo Católico en Orlando, el año pasado. Dada la actual composición religiosa en los Estados Unidos, los líderes de la convocatoria renunciaron: Como católicos americanos, no vivimos en una época de cambio sino en un cambio de época. Es un dramático tiempo de cambio



By
Bishop
Richard
Pates

para nosotros.

Se llegó a esta conclusión en base al número de persona en los Estados Unidos que están abandonando su religión completamente. Para nosotros los católicos, se llamó la atención particularmente a la generación de los Milenios, aquellos entre 18 y 35 años de edad. De entre estos, se predice que solamente uno de cada cuatro continuará su afiliación con alguna denominación religiosa.

Nuestra delegación diocesana, luego de mucha oración, meditación y conversación, sur-

gió con el establecimiento del movimiento: El Nuevo Momento. En este período de cambio, se identificaron tres dimensiones:

Jesús
Discipulado Misionero
Giro hacia los Milenios

En la instancia de Jesús, es un regreso al corazón mismo de nuestra fe con atención a la relación que tenemos cada uno de nosotros con el Señor de la vida, la igual que juntos como una comunidad de creyentes. Con Pedro, damos testimonio: “Tú eres el Hijo de Dios. Tú tienes palabras de vida.”

El segundo atributo de El Nuevo Momento es discipulado misionero. Dado que las enseñanzas de Jesús son la clave del significado de la vida, nosotros seguimos sus enseñanzas de todo

corazón. La intención de Dios no es la de mantener estas relaciones de forma exclusiva, sino extenderlas para que sean totalmente inclusivas para todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

En tercer lugar, las señales de nuestros tiempos nos apuntan hacia los milenios para compartir con gran convicción los beneficios de nuestro caminar en la fe. Conforme viajo a lo largo de la diócesis, visitando nuestras comunidades parroquiales, me ha impresionado el cómo nuestras parroquias están dando alcance a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de la generación de los milenios.

Al darnos cuenta de que dependemos de la oración para todos nuestros actos y en anticipación a la llegada de nuestro nuevo obispo, le estoy pidiendo a todas las parroquias, comunidades e instituciones diocesanas que hagan las siguientes dos oraciones cada domingo al concluir la Oración de los Fieles hasta que nuestro nuevo obispo esté con nosotros próximamente en los siguientes meses.

Oración del Nuevo Momento

Oh Dios de todos los tiempos,
En este Nuevo Momento, ayúdanos a profundizar nuestra relación con Jesús al cumplir con nuestro llamado como Sus discípulos. Que vayamos con valentía en testimonio de la compasión y la misericordia del Señor, para tocar a todas las generaciones, especialmente los milenios. Danos la comprensión de tu amor íntimo y concédenos el valor para acoger El Nuevo

Momento. Te los pedimos por intercesión de tu Hijo, Jesucristo. Amén

Oración por nuestro Nuevo Obispo

Oh Señor, Gentil Pastor,
Tú guías a tu iglesia hacia El Nuevo Momento con cuidado amoroso, Tú has bendecido a nuestra diócesis una y otra vez con obispos buenos, sabios y santos.

Te agradecemos por el dedicado ministerio del Obispo Pates hacia nosotros. Te pedimos que le bendigas conforme termina su servicio A la Diócesis de Des Moines.

Concédenos otro Obispo que pueda inspirar al clero, religiosos y laicos de nuestra comunidad para que trabajen generosamente con él para que podamos crecer juntos en tu amor y continuemos con las buenas obras que has comenzado con nosotros para el bien de todo el pueblo.

Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, tu hijo, que vive y reina contigo y con el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Agradezco por la unidad en oración en toda la Diócesis de Des Moines conforme anticipamos y acogemos el futuro que Dios nos tiene preparados. Nuestra cooperación en acoger su providencia inefable podremos encontrar innumerables y ricas bendiciones.

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Familia se compromete a crecer en su te juntos

Ernesto Lemus Jr. y su hermana Bibiana son los típicos adultos jóvenes que están muy ocupados enfocados en sus estudios universitarios y en sus trabajos.

Así que les cayó de sorpresa cuando sus padres, Alicia y Ernesto Lemus, les dijeron que inscribieron a la familia completa en un programa de 18 meses que les ayudaría a ellos a crecer en su fe y en sus habilidades de liderazgo.

“Yo entre en shock” dijo Bibiana

El proceso requiere que cada mes viaje a Des Moines durante un fin de semana completo, leer, hacer tareas como escribir reportes y hacer un proyecto.

“De que me hablas” le preguntó la chica de 21 años a sus papas. “Yo estoy ocupada”

Mientras que ella inicialmente tenía sus dudas, el participar en el programa por estos tres meses la han hecho cambiar de opinión.

Ella quiere prepararse para dar la bienvenida a más jóvenes a la parroquia. Así que ella hace un balance entre sus estudios en la Universidad Buena Vista, su trabajo, y las tareas del programa de formación de liderazgo laico.

Su hermano de 19 años, Ernesto Lemus Jr. Tampoco estaba muy contento cuando lo escribieron en el programa, pero también ha cambiado de opinión. El Estudiante de Iowa Western College dijo que le gustan las actividades e interactuar con otra gente.

Sus padres querían que toda la familia tomara el programa al mismo tiempo y se preparan

para servir como líderes en diferentes ministerios.

Ellos estaban dispuestos a poner sus propios recursos para cumplir con el compromiso. Alicia y Ernesto estaban dispuestos a pagar un cuarto de hotel por dos noches cada mes por 18 meses, que es el tiempo que dura el programa para poder reunirse con sus compañeros de clase en Des Moines. Las reuniones mensuales comienzan el viernes y terminan el domingo.

La familia Lemus hizo esto por dos meses. La diócesis les daba la opción de que se conectaran en línea para tomar las clases a distancia. Sin embargo, ellos pensaron que perderían la experiencia de interactuar con sus compañeros y de poder hacer comunidad. Ellos valoran el poder interactuar con la gente y las actividades en grupos pequeños. Muchos de sus compañeros querían ofrecer sus casas, aunque era difícil acomodar a una familia de 5, pero nuestra comunidad es muy generosa y querían ayudarles de esa manera menciono Mayra Moriel de Banuelos. Una de las compañeras ofreció su casa. “Yo tengo una casa grande y puedo hospedarlos a todos allí, será un placer tenerlos a ellos en mi casa” dijo Irma López.

Aun cuando hay gastos de viaje, la familia Lemus está muy comprometida.

“Nosotros lo hablamos como familia y decidimos hacerlo ya que servimos en nuestra parroquia, sentimos que tenemos



Bibiana, Alicia, Ernesto y Ernesto Lemus Jr.

la necesidad de prepararnos para evangelizar, “dijo Ernesto “Las experiencias que vivimos

y las clases son enriquecedoras y nos encantaría que más gente de nuestra comunidad formara

parte de esta experiencia o posiblemente poder traer el programa para allá,” dijo él.

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Diocesan history book

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though it was officially carved from the Diocese of Davenport in 1911.

The book covers the scope of Iowa Catholicism, the religion of the native people, the emergence of Christian missionaries and the diocese in the 20th Century.

Father Avella tells of Msgr. Luigi Ligutti, who he described as a “tremendous gift of the Church of Des Moines to the universal Church” because of his understanding of the land and his work with miners in the Granger area.

Father Avella was amazed at how organizers planned for the visit of St. John Paul II with “such a short time to arrange this.”

Msgr. Frank Bognanno, Sister Mira Mosle and Msgr. Stephen Orr were instrumental in the planning. “They did it and for my money this was the visit that was the best of all the visits to the United States” because it was simple, humble and held poignant moments, said Father Avella.

The book ends with the death of Bishop Maurice Dingman, a priest in the Davenport diocese who was significantly transformed by the Second Vatican Council.

Bishop Dingman was an “administrative type,” said Father Avella. “Then the council happened and the council kind of broke him open in a new way. Among the things he valued was listening to people, that consultation, collegiality.”

“The story has been fascinating,” Father Avella told Bishop Pates on his weekly radio show on Iowa Catholic Radio. At some point, the book will need more chapters to focus on the development of lay ministry, he added.

“My heart is filled with gratitude. I really enjoyed this work,” he said. He thanked all those who helped him, adding, “Iowa hospitality really exists and for it, I am eternally grateful.”

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