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Iowa Supreme Court strikes down abortion waiting period

By Barb Artand-Fye
Contributing Writer

Pro-life advocates expressed disappointment in the Iowa Supreme Court's June 29 decision that struck down a provision providing for a three-day reflection period before an abortion can take place.

The vote was 5-2, with Justices Edward Mansfield and Thomas Waterman dissenting.

The majority opinion is the result of a 2017 lawsuit by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, a local affiliate of the nation's largest abortion provider, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa.

"In making this decision, we recognize the continuing debate in society over abortion and acknowledge the right of government to reasonably regulate the constitutional right of women to terminate a pregnancy," Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady wrote.

"In carefully considering the case, we conclude the statute enacted by our legislature, while intended as a reasonable regulation, violates both the due process and equal protection clauses of the Iowa Constitution because its restrictions on women are not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest of the State. The State has a legitimate interest in informing women about abortion, but the means used under the statute enacted does not meaningfully serve that objective. Because our constitution requires more, we reverse the decision of the district court," Cady stated.

In his dissent, Mansfield wrote: "After considering the text, original meaning, and subsequent interpretation of the constitutional provisions at issue, the record in this case, the district court's carefully written decision, and abortion cases from around the country, I conclude that the waiting period in Senate File 471 does not violate either article I, section 9 or article I, section 6 of the Iowa Constitution."

Mansfield stated that "the 72-hour waiting period — like other waiting periods for important decisions — serves a legitimate purpose." He pointed out

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Deportation dashes diocesan family's dreams

ICE seizes dad, so kids who are U.S. citizens will follow mom to Mexico



Manuel Santoyo was separated from his wife Lupita and their four children when he was deported to Mexico in February. He came here looking for a better life. He now makes \$60 for more than 50 hours of work per week in Mexico.

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Lupita Chagolla and Manuel Santoyo of Our Lady of the Americas Parish in Des Moines were both born and raised in Mexico.

Much like the thousands of immigrants who traveled to the United States by boat or foot over the past couple hundred years, they were seeking a better life.

Lupita and Manuel dreamed of making a living wage so they could one day support a family.

In 2001, they moved to Des Moines and later had four children — two boys and

two girls: Ricardo, Liliana, Nataly and Christopher, ranging in age from age 16 to two.

"Maybe we didn't have luxuries, but we had the necessary things to live here," Lupita said.

"We had a beautiful life," Lupita added. "We had problems as any other family, but had a very established life."

That all changed on Feb. 21, when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials came to Manuel's workplace looking for someone else. He wasn't there, but they noticed Manuel. They asked for his name and paperwork. When they realized he was undocumented, they arrested him.

He quickly sent his wife a text saying he'd been arrested and was going to jail.

"I was with no words," Lupita said, recalling the emotional experience.

Manuel was held with other undocumented immigrants in jail awaiting deportation. One of them killed himself in the bathroom, choosing death over deportation.

The couple's four children — all American citizens since they were born in the United States — went to Polk County Jail to visit their dad. Lupita did not go, for fear she too would be arrested.

Manuel was deported to Mex-

ico 11 days after he was picked up.

"At the beginning it was very hard, especially when I had to tell [the kids] the news," Lupita said. "My oldest son has asthma so he almost had an attack of asthma when he heard the news..."

"The baby didn't eat or sleep," she continued. "He was only drinking milk and I tried to give him a cookie or something to eat but he didn't want to eat. He used to eat with his father, so it has been hard for him. He was very close to his dad."

Manuel was the breadwinner of the family and Lupita stayed home to care for the children. Since he was taken away, the mother and children have struggled. She

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Photo by LifeTouch Church Directory

The family in happier times when they were living in Des Moines and attending Our Lady of the Americas Parish.

Research findings of schools strategic planning process announced

Data gathered, check. Schools visited, check. Now with strategic planning process, diocese makes plans for the future.

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

After months of visiting with Catholic school personnel and gathering demographic data, Meitler Consulting announced its findings on June 21 to school administrators, pastors, school board members and diocesan staff at a meeting at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

The next phase of the strategic planning process is to devise a strategy that enables the Des Moines diocesan schools to reach their full potential, said consultant Alan Meitler.

Meitler Consulting visited all 17 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines during the research phase of the strategic planning process. Consultants collected data and examined the

strengths and opportunities for improvement.

"It's been a delightful experience to meet so many people and to see the wonderful education that Catholic schools provides," he told Bishop Richard Pates on Iowa Catholic Radio's "In the Heartland with Bishop Pates" on June 22.

"I think a strength that has shined is, first, the Catholicity and the spirituality of our schools, and that's why they exist," Meitler said. "It's present and it's evident visibly and it's evident in the hearts of teachers and students and principals alike, so that was delightful."

Some of the major themes that will be focused on next include:

- Making disciples
- Enrollment management
- Strategy and planning
- Finances

Meitler outlined the second major step in the strategic planning process.

"The next step is to take what we understand about the current situation and think about who we want to be," Meitler said. "What are the best Catholic schools going to look like and require? And being a little discontent with where we are is important and we recognize that."

Bishop Pates agreed, adding, "We want to go for the gold. We want to do the very, very best we can and not settle for mediocrity."

In the next few months, the Blue Ribbon Task Force will spend time talking about their vision for the future and forming a plan to achieve that vision. Read details of the key findings in the August edition of "The Catholic Mirror."



Dr. Jerry Deegan is on the Blue Ribbon Task Force. St. Pius X Catholic School Principal MaryJo Kever listens to the results.

In media stat virtus

Whenever I have the opportunity to be in contact with politicians, I strongly urge them to find common ground with those of the other party in order to serve the best interests of the people. Unfortunately, the current status of political activity is polarization. The body politic tends to separate into two basic camps and the common good is sacrificed.

The famed Greek philosopher, Aristotle, and the revered Catholic theologian, Thomas Aquinas, used a concept that addresses the situation. They asserted: “In media stat virtus” (“In the middle stands virtue”). The idea is to move toward balance, toward the center, that which best serves the human person made in the image and likeness of God.

Wedge issues perpetuate polarization. They are stances on certain political questions that keep a rift alive. By unbending advocacy for certain positions, candidates guarantee a dependable number of votes of those who focus on single issues. As political aspirants try to patch together groups of supporters, they seek to capitalize on these issues in striving to achieve a winning combination. Unfortunately, the result is stasis, and problems go unresolved.

In our time, three wedge issues persist – abortion, immigration and environment. Granted, they need to be addressed in the political sector. But my take is that they are not merely political.



By
Bishop
Richard
Pates

They have moral components that should heavily influence debate.

The so-called justification for abortion, in the end, is that human life is not present when a fetus is aborted. Such denial of equivalent humanity drove the acceptance of slavery. It was at the heart of the Dred Scott decision. However, scientists basically concur that human life begins at conception. You and I are the same individuals throughout our lives.

Given that starting point, there is an opening for agreement that demonstrates compassion and understanding. It appears the only two choices for a so-called problematic pregnancy are the mother’s keeping the baby or abortion. Could there be a return to a more expansive adoption practice? Adoption is a viable, desirable option from many perspectives. Another consideration is practicing “green sex” or natural family planning.

The second wedge issue is immigration. Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama made similar proposals of comprehensive immigration reform. Each failed because the opposite party rejected them. Evolving from

these considerations, the pursuit of radical immigration policies have resulted in the heartless, indefensible separation of infants, toddlers and young children from their parents. How do we move to the middle? If a country so rich in resources would confront the resolution of the root causes of immigration – poverty, violence and lack of education – then those fleeing would remain where they want to be. The world can take justifiable pride in the enormous reduction of poverty since 2000, especially in India and China, through the widespread expansion of healthcare and education. As our dialogue moves to the middle, don’t initiatives of this sort correspond to logic?

Finally, 97 percent of the world’s scientists of every religious persuasion identify climate change with the build-up of carbon. The moral issue is the responsibility of the current generation to provide for our daughters and sons destined to follow us. Again, change can be made without imposing undue hardship. The midpoint is the conscientious discussion of how to adopt renewable energy practices and through innovation, directly face and resolve problems such progress poses. Care must be taken in the transition to protect as many jobs as possible.

It might be easy to separate our political life from our moral anchors, but we are not wired that way. Once we have established some measure of

Governor Ray remembered for humanitarian leadership

Gov. Robert Ray is remembered as a beloved leader who was blessed with a penetrating humanitarian sensitivity which he boldly acted upon. He is regarded as possessing the traits which best characterize us as Iowans.

Two episodes especially stand out for us Catholics. The first is the Governor’s leadership in responding in the aftermath of the Vietnamese War. Beginning in 1977 he led the outreach to the Tai Dam, Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao refugees. Through his mediation thousands settled in Iowa. They have since contributed significantly as their cultures have blended with the Hawkeye tradition.

In 1979, he led the campaign to reach out to refugees in Thailand and Cambodia to provide critical foods and medicines. This was accomplished by the renowned “Iowa Shares” program, which brought supplies to desperate Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand initially via Catholic Relief Services on Christmas, 1979.

Gov. Ray established the gold standard which could well be revived in the immigration and refugee morass our country is experiencing.

The second episode is the visit of Pope John Paul II to Living History Farms and the state of Iowa on Oct. 4, 1979. Gov. Ray’s cooperation in providing security, shutting down the freeways for the day of the visit and enabling Iowa’s legendary hospitality to be widely exercised contributed to making the event one of the most memorable in our state’s history.

Our state was blessed by the Governor’s leadership and gentle, humble style. We are grateful for the gift he was and remember him, his wife, Billie Ray, and family in prayer.

agreement about facts, we can forge ahead through discussion and dialogue in the perspective of Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas to positions that reflect balance and human good. We can

move forward in authentic human progress. In so doing, we will decrease polarization and come closer to achieving the common good.

Bishop’s Schedule

Friday, July 20
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.

**Friday, July 20-
Wednesday, July 25**
Vacation

Thursday, July 26
Des Moines – Diocesan Executive Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10 a.m.
Des Moines – Meitler Steering Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, July 27
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.

Saturday, July 28
Des Moines – Mass Italian-American Festival, Western Gateway Park, 4 p.m.

**Sunday, July 29 –
Wednesday, August 1**
Vacation

Thursday, August 2
Des Moines – Iowa Cubs game with NOVOS, Principal Park, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 3
Des Moines – “In the Heartland

with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.
Des Moines – Vocation Department, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 4
West Des Moines – Permanent Diaconate Ordination, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 10 a.m.

Sunday, August 5
Atlantic – 125th Anniversary Mass and celebration, Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, 10:30 a.m.
Osceola – Admission to Candidacy Mass, Rodrigo Mayorga Landeros. St. Bernard Parish, 2 p.m.
Anita – Seminarian picnic sponsored by the St. John Parish Men’s Club, Vogl Park, 5 p.m.

**Monday, August 6 –
Thursday, August 9**
Des Moines – Seminarian Convocation, annual Serra Club Mass and luncheon, St. Ambrose Cathedral, 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7
Des Moines – Iowa Cubs game with Pastoral Center Staff, Principal Park, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8
Des Moines – Diocesan Executive Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1 p.m.

Friday, August 10
Des Moines – “In the Heartland with Bishop Pates”, Iowa Catholic Radio, Des Moines; KVSS, Omaha, 9 a.m.

Saturday, August 11
Groton, MA – Rebecca Ackroyd and Matthew Sweeney wedding, St. James Catholic Church, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15
Des Moines – Mass of the Assumption, St. Ambrose Cathedral, 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, August 16
Des Moines – Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa

Board, Catholic Pastoral Center, 7:30 a.m.
Ankeny – Presbyteral Council Meeting, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, August 17
West Des Moines – Opening Mass for school year, diocesan teachers and staff, Dowling Catholic High, 8:30 a.m.

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

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Father George Komo – from military chaplaincy and leave of absence to Associate Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Des Moines.

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Foundation awards for parishes, schools, organizations

**By Maureen Kenney
Contributing Writer**

Twenty parishes, schools, and organizations received grants on June 6 amounting to \$50,100 from the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa.

Grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,545 will be used for initiatives spanning from technology at local schools to faith formation materials at parishes across the Diocese of Des Moines.

“The chance to recognize and support the great work done in our Catholic schools, parishes, and organizations is very rewarding,” said Chris McCarville, executive director of the foundation. “Our grants program is a direct result of the wonderful partnerships we are blessed to have with agencies and donors throughout the diocese.”

The foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization that assists individuals, parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations across the 23-county Diocese of Des Moines as they seek to secure and provide long-term financial support.

Five parish enrichment grants were awarded to:

- **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Granger** - \$1,000, launching the Jeff Cavins Bible study series “The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation”

- **St. Bernard Catholic Church, Osceola** - \$1,500, assistance with purchasing the “ARISE” parish evangelization program designed by the Renew International Group

- **St. Mary, Red Oak** - \$1,950, replacing 25-year-old audio visual equipment for parish enrichment classes/general parish use

- **St. Mary, Shenandoah** - \$500, seed money to restart the parish’s adult faith formation program

- **St. Patrick, Lenox** - \$2,315, purchasing audio visual equipment to be used throughout the parish campus for children, adult, and Hispanic faith formation

Fifteen general grants were awarded to:

- **Basilica of St. John, Des Moines** - \$1,500, to support the purchase of a ChristLife Evangelization Kit

- **Catholic Youth Camp, Panora** - \$4,000, assistance to purchase a digital camera for outreach needs and camp sponsorships for refugees and the underserved

- **Christ the King Elementary School, Des Moines** - \$3,500, support technology in the classroom through the purchase of additional Chromebooks for student use

- **Corpus Christi, Council Bluffs** - \$1,500, assistance with purchasing the “ARISE” parish evangelization program designed by the Renew International Group

- **Dowling Catholic High School, West Des Moines** - \$3,440, funding to support mentor training for the Ut Fidem (“Keep the Faith”) small group program

- **Emmaus House, Des Moines** - \$1,500, funding the speaker



Twenty parishes, schools and organizations within the Diocese of Des Moines received grants on June 6 from the The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa, totaling \$50,100. Pictured are students from St. Mary Parish in Red Oak.

for the third annual Ignatian Retreat Day on Discernment

- **Holy Family Catholic School, Des Moines** - \$5,545, help with purchasing a reach-in refrigerator for storage of low-income student lunches

- **Holy Trinity Catholic School, Des Moines** - \$3,500, replacement of older-edition Chromebooks for student use at the middle school level

- **Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Little Learners Preschool, Ankeny** - \$1,000, funding to enhance

the Little Learners Preschool program

- **Shelby County Catholic School, Harlan** - \$3,000, installation of an up-to-date phone system for general operational needs of the school

- **St. Albert Elementary School, Council Bluffs** - \$2,850, providing additional STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) experiences in the preschool that are age appropriate

- **St. Joseph, Des Moines** - \$1,500, funding the 2018-2019 launch of the ALPHA study program

at the parish

- **St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School, Ankeny** - \$3,000, purchase of Chromebooks for student use at the 5th and 6th-grade levels

- **St. Pius X Catholic School, Urbandale** - \$3,500, supplementing the creation of a STEM Lab at the school

- **St. Theresa Catholic School, Des Moines** - \$3,500, assistance with STEM efforts at the school

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Heritage is an important part of our story

As you've probably seen, "The Catholic Church of Southwest Iowa," a diocesan history written by Father Steven Avella, has just been published by Liturgical Press. I was involved in some of the final stages of the book and so it's a great joy to see it in print.

Seeing the history in print has got me thinking about marriage and family life, and specifically about how important our heritage is for every one of us. As a diocese, we build upon the foundations laid for us by previous generations, and so too in our families we build upon what we have received. To me, our families are a

Marriage & Family Life

By Adam Storey



great reminder that everything, absolutely everything, is received. I received my mom's love of books, my siblings gave me an odd sense of humor, and my dad gave me a very distinctive nose. Through the eyes of faith we can go further and say that

everything is not only received, but in fact everything is a *gift*!

All of our families have traditions we are proud of, and traditions that we'd rather let go of, and yet if we truly believe that all things can work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28) then we believe Jesus when he says, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Matthew 10:8). In a society where we are becoming more and more isolated I think it's important to remind ourselves how dependent we are on each other, because that can only lead us to the realization that we're ultimately dependent

on God. And the family is a beautiful and powerful place to learn that lesson! So let us thank God for the heritage received in our families, and let us respond to that gift with generosity!

Copies of "The Catholic Church of Southwest Iowa" are available for purchase on Amazon, Litpress.org or at Divine Treasures in Des Moines.

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Oh, Susanna! The poetry and pro-life power of baby names

The big news from the Social Security Administration is the ousting of a champion: Liam has dethroned Noah as the nation's most popular boy name. This was the headline of its newly released baby-name report, an annual synthesis of Social Security card applications from the past year that offers a fascinating cultural statement and doubles as a tip sheet for expectant parents.

Those hoping to avoid preschool confusion and the fate of forever appending the first initial of your last name may want to eschew Emma, which secured the No. 1 spot among girl names for the fourth consecutive year, as well as Olivia and Ava, which held their ground at No. 2 and No. 3, respectively.

Our love of a v sound buoyed by vowels was also reflected in a few newcomers to the top 10, including Oliver (No. 9) and Evelyn (No. 9).

New moms are dusting off their grandmothers' names, but they're threading that antique lace to red bandana, according to the list of names that made the biggest leaps in popularity. A gust of Wild-West spunk emerged in 2017 with the likes of Oaklynn, Oaklee, Luella and Sunny,

Twentysomething

By Christina Capecchi



alongside fast-galloping boy names like Wells, Wilder and Ridge.

Among those who read the report with great interest was a pregnant mom in upstate New York who posted the top 10 to Instagram and commented on Logan's surge to No. 5.

Kate Towne has a trained eye — not only because she has named six sons with her husband but because the 39-year-old stay-at-home mom is the preeminent Catholic baby naming consultant. Kate is paid to provide consultations for expectant parents based on her proven expertise, showcased delightfully on her popular blog Sancta Nomina, Latin for "holy names." For \$50, she will contemplate a couple's preferences, factor in names of the baby's

siblings, scan the saints, conduct research, tap into her exhaustive knowledge, examine her instincts and pray — all leading up to the formulation of at least five suggestions for each gender.

Until you've read Kate's consultations, you can't appreciate the value this provides to a pregnant woman scratching her head over baby names as she launders onesies and writes baby-shower thank-you cards or evicts a toddler from the nursery. There's proof in the pudding: Countless clients have named a child with one of Kate's picks.

Her interest in names was first influenced by her mom, an Irish poet. Kate has always filed away surprising selections and winsome pairings, scrolling favorite names in a notebook at age 14.

Today Kate appreciates the pro-life power of a name, personalizing a baby in utero and conferring it with dignity. She marvels over her unexpected ministry — a term she didn't initially think of until a reader used it.

"I'm so blessed that my funny little interest has turned into something amazing that actually helps other people and gives glory to God," she said.

It goes to show that ministries can't be confined to a narrow box, she adds. Many of her friends also have discovered novel avenues for their God-given talents, with outcomes they'd never imagined on a timeline entirely his.

She's counting on perfect timing to decide the name of her seventh baby, due September, whose gender is unknown. Agreeing on a boy name is difficult having already named six. Pregnancy after pregnancy, her chosen girl name has not wavered: Susanna, honoring her mom (Susanne), her grandma (Anna) and St. Susanna.

Kate can refer to her new book, "Catholic Baby Names for Girls and Boys: Over 250 Ways to Honor Our Lady," and hope for grace from the novena she's praying to St. Gerard, patron saint of pregnant women. Ultimately, she's confident the name will feel right, chosen for a baby to be embraced by a band of brothers, steeped in Catholic tradition and swaddled in love.

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

"We are greater than our wounds."

Our culture doesn't give us easy permission to mourn. Its underlying ethos is that we move on quickly from loss and hurt, keep our griefs quiet, remain strong always, and get on with life.

But mourning is something that's vital to our health, something we owe to ourselves. Without mourning our only choice is to grow hard and bitter in the face of disappointment, rejection, and loss. And these will always make themselves felt.

We have many things to mourn in life: We are forever losing people and things. Loved ones die, relationships die, friends move away, a marriage falls apart, a love we want but can't have obsesses us, a dream ends in disappointment, our children grow away from us, jobs are lost, and so too one day our youth and our health. Beyond these many losses that ask for our grief there's the need to grieve the simple inadequacy of our lives, the perfect symphony and consummation that we could never have. Like Jephthah's daughter, all of us have to mourn our inconsummation.

How? How do we mourn so that our mourning is not an unhealthy self-indulgence but a process that restores us to health and buoyancy?

There's no simple formula and the formula is different for everyone. Grieving, like loving, has to respect our unique reticence, what we're comfortable with and not comfortable with. But some things are the same for all of us.

Guest Column

By Father Ron Rolheiser



First, there's the need to accept and acknowledge both our loss and the pain which with we're left. Denial of either, loss or pain, is never a friend. The frustration and helplessness within which we find ourselves must be accepted, and accepted with the knowledge too that there's no place to put the pain except, as Rilke says, to give it back to earth itself, to the heaviness of the oceans from which ultimately comes the saltwater which makes up our tears. Our tears connect us still to the oceans that spawned us.

Next, mourning is a process that takes time, sometimes a lot of time, rather than something we can achieve quickly by a simple decision. We cannot simply will our emotions back to health. They need to heal and healing is an organic process. What's involved?

In many instances there's the need to give ourselves permission to be angry, to rage for a time, to allow ourselves to feel

the disappointment, loss, unfairness, and anger. Loss can be bitter and that bitterness needs to be accepted with honesty, but also with the courage and discipline to not let it have us lash out at others. And for that to happen, for us not to lay blame and lash out at others, we need help. All pain can be borne if it can be shared and so we need people to listen to us and share our pain without trying to fix it. Pride is our enemy here. We need the humility to entrust others to see our wound.

Finally, not least, we need patience, long-suffering, perseverance. Mourning can't be rushed. The healing of soul, like the healing of body, is an organic process with its own non-negotiable timetable for unfolding. But this can be a major test of our patience and hope. We can go through long periods of darkness and grief where nothing seems to be changing, the heaviness and the paralysis remain, and we're left with the feeling that things will never get better, that we will never find lightness of heart again. But grief and mourning call for patience, patience to stay the course with the heaviness and the helplessness. The Book of Lamentations tells us that sometimes all we can do is put our mouths to the dust and wait. The healing is in the waiting.

Henri Nouwen was a man very familiar with mourning and loss. An over-sensitive soul, he sometimes suffered depressions and obsessions that left him

emotionally paralyzed and seeking professional help. On one such occasion, while working through a major depression, he wrote his deeply insightful book, "The Inner Voice of Love. There he gives us this advice: "The great challenge is living your wounds through instead of thinking them through. It is better to cry than to worry, better to feel your wounds deeply than to understand them, better to let them enter into your silence than to talk about them. The choice you face constantly is whether you are taking your hurts to your head or to your heart. In your head you can analyze them, find their causes and consequences, and coin words to speak and write about them. But no final healing is likely to come from that source. You need to let your wounds go down into your heart. Then you can live them through and discover that they will not destroy you. Your heart is greater than your wounds."

We are greater than our wounds. Life is greater than death. God's goodness is greater than all loss. But mourning our losses is the path to appropriating those truths.

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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 to conduct the service.

Q. Immigration seems to be in the news a lot. Immigrants to our country and immigrants in other parts of the world seem to have a difficult time. What does the Church have to say about this?

A. We have a responsibility to treat people with respect and dignity. It can be easy to forget that. All of our ancestors were immigrants to this country. It wasn't always easy for them. We sometimes think of our country as something that we "own" and that others just want to get in on a good deal. Well, that was the same for our grandparents and great grandparents. The U.S. Bishops and the Holy Father have been very supportive of just treatment for immigrants. Sometimes it can become a political battle over border security, and politicians are very vocal on this issue. Some immigrants have been treated with great disrespect and without dignity. It might help to picture ourselves as immigrants – how would we want to be treated? Or if Jesus were standing along a border, how would he treat those looking for a better life for their families? Of course, there are security concerns that can get complicated. But for followers of the Lord, everyone should enjoy the dignity and respect that children of God deserve.

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.

Special breakout at faith conference offers support, encouragement to those with mobility disabilities, caretakers

Several breakout sessions will be available during the Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference held in Des Moines Sept. 29-30.

This is the fifth time the biennial (every two years) faith conference is occurring. Typically, breakout sessions have focused on youth, Hispanic speakers and the international aid effort Mary's Meals.

This year, a special session has been set up for those with disabilities and caretakers. Speaker Renée Bondi, a quadriplegic, will be available for those who need hope, peace or understanding because they are wheelchair bound, have lost their mobility or otherwise are facing a serious disability. This breakout will be Sept. 29 from 1:15-2 p.m. in Hy-Vee Hall.

Bondi said this is the first time an organization has ever asked her to hold such a special session and is pleased to minister to others with disabilities.

Lupita Barajas, a family counselor and host of two radio shows on Radio en Familia Radio in Phoenix, Arizona, will be the presenter in a breakout session for Spanish-speaking attendees of the Christ Our Life Conference.

Barajas will focus on helping families grow together spiritually. The session will be on

Sept. 30 from 11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Hy-Vee Hall.

The full breakout session schedule is as follows:

Sept. 29

- 1:15 p.m., Hy-Vee Hall, Renee Bondi for those with disabilities and caretakers

- 1:30 p.m., Wells Fargo Arena, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow and Jimmy Belabre. The lunch session focuses on Mary's Meals, an international school food program involving thousands of volunteers. Mary's Meals serves more than 1.2 million meals daily.

- 6 p.m., Hy-Vee Hall, Canadian Cardinal Thomas Collins, Father Leon Pereira and Bondi.

- 6:30 p.m., Hy-Vee Hall, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow and Jimmy Belabre for young adults

Sept. 30

- 7:15 a.m. Hy-Vee Hall, conference cofounders Marilyn Lane and Ellen Miller will speak to parish outreach volunteers.

- 11:35 a.m., Hy-Vee Hall, Lupita Barajas will address to Spanish-speaking attendees.

Tickets are available in parishes or online at ChristOurLifeIowa.com

New stewardship director jumps in

**By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer**

Angela Hilbert is the new director of stewardship for the Diocese of Des Moines.

She supports the mission, goals and programs of the diocese by leading annual fundraising efforts, building relationships with parishioners and donors and fostering a stewardship culture.

Hilbert said she enjoys helping others.

"For as long as I can remember, the desire to help others has been a part of who I am," she said. "As a young child, I spent many days volunteering with my family at our church, St. Edward in Waterloo. One of my favorite activities was taking birthday cakes to the seniors in our parish.

"I also volunteered out-

side of church through my youth activities and I loved helping at the book mobile," she added. "It was these moments that molded my philanthropic mindset, shaped my ability to build and grow relationships and showed me how all of us are connected through God's love."

Hilbert's new role includes coordinating annual giving activities of the diocese, including the Annual Diocesan Appeal and fundraising benefiting vocations, communications, schools and other services.

She also oversees the collection of all capital campaign pledges, including the Sharing God's Gifts campaign and the Catholic Pastoral Center renovation campaign.

Hilbert earned her bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Northern Iowa and received her Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE)

accreditation in 2005. She most recently served as president of the Central Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and has served as president of the Mid-Iowa Planned Giving Council.

Hilbert, her husband, Rob, and two daughters, Samantha, 15, and Emerson, 9, attend St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale.

In her free time Hilbert enjoys gardening, scrapbooking and volunteering at St. Pius X Catholic School and the Iowa State Fair Foundation.



Prolife banquet to present "Clash of Creeds"

**By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer**

More than 450 seats – 58 tables -- are already sold for Oct. 24 annual banquet for Iowans for LIFE.

The event, which raises funds for prolife activities, is offering something new this year.

A coalition of prolife organizations called Natural Journey Alliance is presenting "A Clash of Creeds" penned by local writer and composer Tom Quiner, of Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines.

In the dramatic presentation, actors representing giants of the 20th Century -- Margaret Sanger, Ayn Rand and St. Teresa of Calcutta -- present their beliefs in a mock discussion theatrically moderated by G.K. Chesterton.

Sanger was the founder of Planned Parenthood. Rand wrote "Atlas Shrugged" focusing on individualism. St. Teresa of Calcutta founded a ministry of love that started with caring for India's poor and dying and eventually spread worldwide.

Quiner has written and produced a number of faith-based theatrical productions using drama as a vehicle for

evangelization.

With this latest production, "We went to get people thinking outside the box," he said.

Ninety five percent of the words in the presentation are those actually used by those depicted in the show.

"It's going to be totally a unique type of show," Quiner said. "We want to get people who are not traditionally prolife talking and thinking about how they approach not just life issues but subjects like charity."

Chesterton is entertaining, St. Teresa is beloved and Rand may be the biggest foil, he said.

The idea for the theatrical presentation stemmed from Iowans for LIFE's mission of education.

"Our mission for IFL is to educate Iowans and so even though it is a fundraiser,

we wanted to really focus on the education part in a more intense way," said Executive Director Maggie DeWitte. "We thought that this would be the best opportunity because of all of these speakers have really been outspoken in what they've said in terms of life."

Tickets are going fast. "This is the most tables we've had sell this early," DeWitte said.

The event will be at Prairie Meadows Ballroom in Altoona from 6-9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by going to Eventbrite.com and typing in Class of Creeds, by going to IowansForLife.org or by calling 515-255-4113.

Individual seats are \$60 each; a table of eight is \$600. Seating is limited.



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Around the diocese

July 22 Sunday
“A Call to Holiness” Concert
DES MOINES -- A concert, presented by Chuck and Alicia Brock and Julie Carrich will be hosted by St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Christ the King Parish, at Christ the King Parish in Des Moines from 6-7:20 p.m. with a reception after.

July 27-28
Take24 Retreat
DES MOINES --- Young adults are encouraged to Take 24 hours to focus on what God wants you to do with your life. Register by contacting Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.

Aug. 5 Sunday
Chicken Dinner
ST. MARYS – The 74th Annual St. Marys chicken dinner will be served from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. at St. Marys Hall, 101 St. James St. in St. Marys, Iowa. Doors will open at noon. Cost is \$10/adults, \$4/children (ages 3-10). Broasted chicken; free pie – no tip. Bingo. Take-outs available - enter through the east door; Special t-shirt quilt show in the church.

Aug. 5 Sunday
OLOA Festival
DES MOINES -- Our Lady of the Americas Parish invites everyone to the OLOA Festival 2018

from 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. at the church, 1271 E. 29th St. in Des Moines. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Come with your family and friends to enjoy traditional meals, games, entertainment, dances, and live music with a special performance by the Parranderos Latin Combo band.

Aug. 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.

We will walk with you in this journey after losing a spouse to death, divorce or separation. The open house

gives beginning steps of healing and is an invitation to attend our weekend event 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.

Aug. 28 Tuesday
Cathedral Concert
DES MOINES -- Stop by the outdoor Zimpleman Family Plaza at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines for live music, food, drinks and displays by artists. Hear Parranderos Latin Combo and Josh & Nick Sinclair starting at 6 p.m.

Oct. 7 Sunday
Life Chain
DES MOINES -- Life Chain, a visible, prayerful stand for life, will run from 2-3:30 p.m. Meet in the parking lot at St. Theresa Catholic Church (the large parking lot off of University Avenue at the intersection of Merle Hay Road and University Avenue).

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

Hibernians present financial support to Holy Family School



Ancient Order of the Hibernians President Mike Fleming presents a \$2,000 check to Holy Family School Principal Marty Flaherty. Over the years, the Hibernian group has donated more than \$40,000 to help support Holy Family students.

Book focuses on religion, sports

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) -- Tom Murray’s novel “Fathers, Sons and the Holy Ghosts of Baseball,” set in rural Iowa, is a product of failure.

Its seed was planted after Murray made a big mistake during the football season in his junior year at Notre Dame High School in Burlington.

Murray, 61, recalled the time when he was summoned off the bench to play defense during a game against West Burlington High School.

The coach asked him to do one simple thing: run three steps forward from the line of scrimmage into the opponent’s backfield after the ball was hiked, and stand there. Murray did so, but chased the quarterback when he ran away from him. That put him out of position when the quarterback handed off to a wide re-

ceiver running the opposite way on a reverse. Murray was caught off guard and was not ready to make the tackle.

He was 17 at the time and sat on the bench for the rest of the season. He watched teammates looking over their shoulders at their fathers in the stands who seemed to Murray to be “living vicariously through their sons on the football field.” By the end of the season, he knew he wanted to write a novel.

He began writing when he started teaching. He sent it to a writer, who read the first 50 pages and wouldn’t read more, saying it wasn’t good. Murray put it away and brought it out again in 2014. He published the book in 2017 through Beavers’ Pond Press in Edina, Minnesota.

The story is about “where the lines between religion and sport” converge, Murray said. “The seven sacraments are practiced on the baseball field or in the context of that baseball environment. So, baseball and Catholicism are one.”

Central characters are



Author Tom Murray

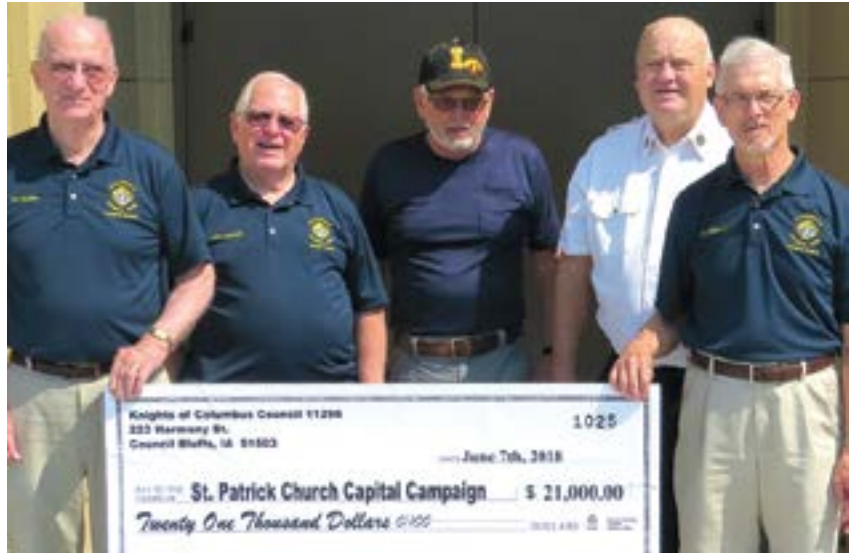
three grumpy old men who are always on the field chiding the boys in uniform.

Murray hopes that readers will use the book to reflect on their own lives.

“The biggest reason why I want people to read this story is it forces you to consider your own legacy,” he said.

It can be purchased at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

Knights donate to new worship site



Knights of Columbus #11296 with St. Patrick Parish in Council Bluffs donated \$20,000 to the new church building fund. Pictured are Knights Jim Hughes, John Lookabill, Larry Andress, Jerry Sievers and Don Jacobson.

Catholic Daughters install new officers



Council Bluffs/Carter Lake Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Anthony #330 installed new officers during their monthly meeting on June 6 at Corpus Christi Parish, Our Lady of Carter Lake site. Front row: Corpus Christi parishioners Sharon Orton, financial secretary and Julie Marlow, regent. Back row: Jane Grote, recording secretary and St. Patrick parishioner; Layna Beer, treasurer and Carol Holtenbeck, vice regent and Corpus Christi parishioners.

Photo by Julie Marlow

Diocese of Des Moines Marriage Anniversary Masses

Join Bishop Richard Pates for his annual anniversary Masses, praying with couples celebrating milestone anniversaries!

On Aug. 25, Bishop Pates will celebrate during the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High St. in Des Moines, and on Sept. 16 Bishop Pates will celebrate during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish, 1510 Highland Ave. in Red Oak.

A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5 year increments and 50+ years), and a light reception will follow. Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families during the Mass.

To register for either Mass call Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or email him at astorey@dmdiocese.org

Irish Settlement parish marks 150th anniversary



Photo by Jan Lyon

**By Dan Hanrahan
Contributing Writer**

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the current church at St. Patrick Parish at Irish Settlement, in northeast Madison County.

The current church was a replacement for the original log church which had been in service for 16 years until it was outgrown. Construction was overseen by carpenters from Des Moines, and it generated a little controversy. Many thought a building that size, built entirely from milled lumber, wouldn't last.

During construction in the summer of 1868, a thunderstorm laid the newly-erected walls flat. When the storm had passed, workers raised the walls back up and added three iron rods for strength. The church has been a labor of love ever since for its parishioners and visitors.

A bell tower was added, 10 stained-glass windows, an altar crafted by a local farmer, and the bust of St. John Paul II, who stopped in for a visit in 1979.

The past few years have seen a restoration of the

church's statues, windows and interior, and plans are laid for the parish's future, including work to commemorate the historic visit of St. John Paul II.

There have been countless baptisms, marriages, and funerals, and silent hopes and dreams, fears and anxieties raised to God within its walls.

The late Father James Kiernan, St. Patrick's native son, was fond of sharing this thought during his homilies: If we could go out back to the cemetery, we would find all the people who stood where we stand today. All were beset with their own particular set of worries and anxieties during their life. Their worries and anxieties are gone now, he would say. In the end, all that mattered is love.

Love, it seems, is what has made milled-lumber work, nestled in a community of believers who still come together in fellowship at Mass.

On June 24, Bishop Pates helped celebrate this milestone alongside Father Dan Kirby. In his homily, the bishop stressed that St. Patrick Church isn't to be just to be a museum. It is to continue in its role, as St. John Paul II instructed: "To proclaim Jesus Christ and his Gospel."

St. Patrick in Neola restores hidden treasure



Catechists at St. Patrick Parish in Neola discovered this statue of St. Anthony in the church basement. The statue is more than 100 years old and was made in Italy. It has been restored by artisan Kris Haase.

**By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer**

Catholics sometimes pray to St. Anthony to help them find something they've lost.

At St. Patrick Parish in Neola, they were looking for something and found St. Anthony.

Catechists were teaching a confirmation class about relics two and a half years ago. They went to see if there were any in the altar, but there were none, said RaeShelle Jensen.

The catechists ventured down to the lower level of the church, pushing aside cobwebs, to see if there was an old altar or anything with relics down there. On the dirt floor directly under where the altar sits in the church, they found a statue of St. Anthony broken in several pieces.

The statue is more than 100 years old and was made in Italy, said Kris Haase, an artisan who has restored a number of statues for Catholic churches.

The base was cracked off and an image of baby Jesus that should have been resting in St. Anthony's arms was missing

its neck and waist and was in pieces. St. Anthony was missing some fingers.

Over time, Haase restored the statue. She had to re-create the missing parts of Jesus and St. Anthony.

"No one knows how it got there and why," Jensen said.

But she's glad they found the statue of St. Anthony.

For now, it will remain at the parish office and may eventually go back into the church.



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Called: Deacon candidates and

A record high number of diaconate candidates

Stories compiled by

Seventeen men from around the diocese will be ordained permanent deacons on Saturday, Aug. 4 at St. Francis Parish in West Des Moines.

They will join 54 active and 34 retired deacons in the Des Moines diocese.

The candidates and their wives spent the last four years together learning, studying, praying and discerning.

After ordination, they will begin ministry at a parish assigned by Bishop Richard Pates, and serve in a ministry where they feel called. The following are their stories.

Scott and Diane Brooks

St. Peter Parish, Council Bluffs



Scott Brooks and his wife, Diane, were married in 2002, have lived in Neola for the last 24 years, have four kids and five grandchildren.

He was an electrician for 26 years before leaving he trade about a year ago. He works for Southwest Airlines in Omaha.

For the past 10 years, Scott’s passion was with Christian music, where he played with a small group in Council Bluffs at St. Peter Catholic Church. About five years ago, he felt God calling him to become a Catholic deacon.

He feels called to minister in the field of child abuse, having been involved with an organization call B.A.C.A (Bikers against Child Abuse). Scott is hoping to bring his talent of music and his new passion, delivering God’s word to the people of the Church, to the people he serves.

Mark and Maria Campbell

All Saints Parish, Des Moines



Mark and Maria Campbell live in Des Moines and attend All Saints Parish, where they were married in 1997. They have a son, Toby, 14, and daughter, Lilly, 11.

Mark recently went to work for Blackbird Investments in Des Moines.

He felt called to the permanent diaconate through a series of life events and a revelation during the Eucharist. He feels he can serve God’s people through bridging the gaps of various needs in the parish and community.

He wants to bring joy and hope in his ministry because he is passionate about people knowing that life in Christ is the foundation of joy and hope.

Mark and Maria are grateful that their children were able to experience the formation process closely with them. Along with her own home-based business, Maria home educates their children

Kurt and Mary Heinrich

St. Pius X Parish, Urbandale



Kurt Heinrich lives in Urbandale and attends St. Pius X Parish with wife, Mary, and daughter, Clare. The couple was married at Christ the King Parish in 1990.

Kurt has a B.A. in religious studies from

Loras College and for the past 24 years has taught theology at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines.

Members of his parish community invited him to consider the diaconate.

His formation lead him to serve at the Iowa Correctional Facility for Women at Mitchellville, where he found faith sharing with the women taught him a great deal about what a relationship with Jesus Christ can do.

He looks forward to God’s plan unfolding and how he can be of service to God’s people in the Diocese of Des Moines.

Michael and Kelly Huntsman

St. Pius X Parish, Urbandale



Michael Huntsman and his wife, Kelly, married for more than 30 years, reside in Urbandale and are members of St. Pius X Parish. They have two children: Matthew and Kaitlin.

Michael graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1995 with a degree in accounting. He worked in law enforcement and retired from the military in 2007.

Later, he worked in the area of investigations in the private sector.

Michael began his discernment of the diaconate after several years of ministry in the church, his community, and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

His continued ministry and diaconate formation led him to his current work as a chaplain at Mercy Medical Center and Skiff Medical Center in Newton. He hopes to continue in his current role as a hospital chaplain and looks forward to his new role as a deacon.

Randy and Cheryl Kiel

St. Francis Parish, West Des Moines



Randy and Cheryl Kiel, of St Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines, are married 38 years. They have four children.

Randy is a licensed mental health counselor and Cheryl is a registered nurse. Both work at Kardia Counseling in Clive.

Randy returned to the Catholic Church along with his family in 1999.

The couple has been speaking in parishes about a variety of topics including marriage and family matters

as well as depression and suicide.

Randy looks forward to ordination as a completion of God’s call in his life.

Mark and Julie Burdt

All Saints Parish, Des Moines



Mark and Julie, together since high school, are married 29 years. They have three children: Lauren, Erin and Mallory.

Mark practices medicine full time and Julie supports a busy home-bound ministry.

Mark first felt the call to the diaconate after reading a story in “The Catholic Mirror” about the ordination of deacon community 13, ordained in 2010. He had no previous exposure to the ministry, but a fellow physician, Dr. David Wadle, had been ordained. This piqued his interest to explore this ministry further, and eventually discerned this was a call from God.

Mark has a passion for marriage ministry. Whether this be helping couples prepare to receive this sacrament or providing a helping hand for those struggling with their marriage, he finds great joy and satisfaction in being able to help couples sustain and flourish in their most important vocation, and he hopes to maintain this focus after ordination.

Matthew and Stacy Halbach

Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Parish, Ankeny



Matthew Halbach was born and raised in Ankeny, attending Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Parish throughout his childhood.

After studying at the University of Iowa, attending seminary, leaving seminary to pursue his masters degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, he decided to join the seminary again in 2006. He taught Totus Tuus for a summer when he met his future wife, Stacy.

Married in 2007, they moved to the Washington, D.C. area so Matthew could pursue his doctoral degree in catechetics from Catholic University of America.

The Halbachs moved to Ankeny, where Matthew became the director of the St. Joseph Education Center serving the catechetical needs of the Des Moines area.

Their family of six, with twins on the way, currently worships at OLIH. Matthew and Stacy look forward to catechizing and supporting families in the Des Moines area.

Juan and Shelly Bustamante

Basilica of St. John Parish, Des Moines



Juan and Shelly Bustamante live in Urbandale and were married on December 1988 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in El Paso, Texas. Juan manages at Commercial Service Innovations. The couple has three grown children and two granddaughters.

Juan felt called by God to serve as a deacon through his desire to help other individuals. He currently serves at the Iowa Correctional Facility for Women at Mitchellville, helping the women grow in their relationship with God.

In his deacon ministry, Juan hopes to continue to serve at the women’s prison. He also plans to add a ministry serving the Hispanic community.

During formation, Juan and Shelly enjoyed the education and growing closer in their marriage and in their prayer life.

their wives anticipate ordination

- 17 - will be ordained permanent deacons Aug. 4

Kelly Mescher Collins

Greg and Vicki Kolbinger Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish, Ankeny



Greg and Vicki Kolbinger live in Ankeny and attend Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish. Married 42 years, they have three grown daughters.

Greg works as a physician assistant at Des Moines University and has worked in the medical field since 1977.

He felt called by God to become a deacon through experiences on retreats and through his involvement with Christian Experience Weekends at his parish. His experiences will best be used by visiting the sick in the hospital and retirement communities, working with hospice and evangelization.

John and Linda Pfenning St. Patrick Parish, Council Bluffs



John and Linda Pfenning, of St. Patrick Parish in Council Bluffs, were married in 1986. They have two adult daughters: Rebecca Pfenning and Alaina Pfenning-Butterworth.

John became Catholic in 2003 after attending RCIA.

He is a graduate of Iowa Western Community College and Buena Vista University and has worked at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for 26 years.

John felt called to become a deacon during his involvement with Christ Renews His Parish retreats and feels he can best serve God's people through using his talents to work with the elderly.

The couple says the formation process brought them closer together as a couple and allowed them to meet amazing couples on the same path.

Dennis and Kim Patrick St. Mary Parish, Guthrie Center



Dennis was born in Guthrie Center and raised in Bayard. He met his wife, Kim, in high school and through her and her families' witness was called to join the Catholic Church in January of 1984. Later that year, Dennis and Kim were married at St. Patrick's

in Bayard. Dennis and Kim have three adult children. Dennis is employed by the City of West Des Moines and works as the Commercial Plans Examiner. Kim is an instructor for the Medical Laboratory Science program at Mercy College of Health Sciences. Through the years of his faith journey, Dennis felt the invitation to serve the Church grow and the diaconate formation process confirmed that this is the path God has chosen. Dennis has a desire to serve married couples both in marriage prep and faith formation. Dennis will continue his service as a chaplain for the Guthrie County Sheriff's Department and volunteer at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora.

Doug and Kim Renze Holy Trinity Parish, Des Moines



Doug and Kim Renze, married in 1997, live in Des Moines and attend Holy Trinity Parish in Beavertdale. They have two sons, Stephen and Matthew.

Doug works in information technology at a financial company in West Des Moines.

In 2012 at a vocations retreat for Boy Scouts, Doug felt called to become a deacon as the scouts were completing the requirements for their Ad Altare Dei religious award.

The couple enjoyed teaching diocesan marriage classes during their formation and plan to continue. They hope to serve youth, especially those who have aged out of foster care. Doug and Kim have especially enjoyed learning about the richness of their Catholic faith throughout their formation.

David and Kimberly Schmidt St. Pius X Parish, Urbandale



David Schmidt lives in Urbandale and attends St. Pius X Parish with his wife, Kimberly. They married at St. Pius X Parish in 1993 and have three adult children: Andrew, Rachel, and Rebecca.

David graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in psychology in 1990.

He is a counselor for St. Gregory Retreat Center.

David felt the call to become a deacon after he discerned that he was called to marriage instead of the priesthood. He believes he can serve God's people by building relationships with them. David hopes to do pastoral care with his deacon ministry because he has always been passionate about sharing his experience of God's love and mercy.

Don and Julie Shannon Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish, Ankeny



Don Shannon lives in Ankeny and attends Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church with his wife, Julie. They recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. They have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Don graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor degree in electrical engineering in 1981. He retired from Maytag / Whirlpool in 2014 and now

enjoys a second career as a handyman.

He felt called to be a deacon several years ago. Don is passionate about serving those in need and currently ministers to the sick. He and his wife enjoyed learning about the Catholic church, history, theology, liturgy and sacraments.

Pat and Shelley Snook St. Peter Parish, Council Bluffs



Pat and Shelley Snook live in Council Bluffs and are active members of St. Peter Catholic Church. They were married at St. Peter in 1988, and have one daughter, Maureen.

Pat graduated from St. Albert High School in 1980 and Creighton University in 1984. He has worked at Mutual of Omaha

for 25 years as a systems analyst.

Pat felt the call to the diaconate eight years ago but felt the time was not right. When the current deacon community was being formed, the timing was best.

He has a deep love for the Eucharist and looks forward to assisting at the altar and proclaiming the Gospel to the people. He also looks forward to assisting with RCIA, confirmation, and visiting the sick and homebound members of the parish.

In addition to parish ministry, Pat will continue to visit hospice patients as St. Joseph's Villa Nursing Home.

Rob and Carol Stark St. Pius X Parish, Urbandale



Rob and Carol Stark have been members of St. Pius X Church in Urbandale since moving to Des Moines in 1996. They have two children, Nick (a seminarian) and Ashley.

Carol is an assistant vice-president for an insurance company in Des Moines.

Rob retired in 2012, after serving the Iowa National Guard for 25 years as a helicopter pilot. Now he works at Camp Dodge as a military trainer.

Rob's ministry is serving as chaplain on the Continuing Care Unit at ChildServe in Johnston and as chaplain for the Urbandale American Legion. He and Carol thoroughly enjoyed the formation process - in particular, learning to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and the charismatic monks (instructors) at Conception Abbey.

Kelly and Maureen Stone St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Indianola



Kelly and Maureen Stone live near Indianola and attend St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianola. They married in 1979 and have five grown children and nine grandchildren.

Kelly is an engineer for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Maureen is an educator.

Kelly heard the call from God to become a deacon when training in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. He was amazed how very young children would listen to Scripture and respond with joy and trust.

He wants to teach people to trust that we are beloved children of God. Kelly says: "Diaconate formation helped me know that God's love for me is infinite - and I want everyone to know that God's love for them is infinite." He'd like to promote strong marriages through marriage preparation and natural family planning. He prays daily for a respect for life in the hearts of all people.

Hispanic Ministry initiatives



Leaders from four different parishes learned best practices for ministering to Hispanic young women who are preparing for their quinceañeras. In the fall, this team will put together a resource that will be used throughout the diocese for any parish that would like to provide more formation for quinceañeras. The participants for the quinceañera formation are: Beatriz Martinez, Ana Rojas and Blasina Valenzuela, all from Basilica of St. John, Josefina Maciel from Our Lady of the Americas, Bishop Richard Pates, Laura Marquez from the Basilica of St. John, Laura Carrillo from Christ the King and Maria Arreola from St. Anthony.



The diocesan Hispanic Ministry started its third Hispanic Lay Ministry community of 44 participants. Nineteen are from Our Lady of the Americas in Des Moines, 11 from Christ the King in Des Moines, four from Corpus Christi in Council Bluffs, three from St. Anthony in Des Moines, three from St. Patrick in Perry, two from Basilica of St. John in Des Moines, one from St. Luke the Evangelist in Ankeny and one from Sacred Heart in West Des Moines. This year, the ministry is focused on developing local faculty. There are some priests and lay people working to complete the requirements from El Instituto de Liderazgo Pastoral to teach the classes.

Lupita Barajas “Ama, sirve y trasciende en todo lo que realices”



Guadalupe Barajas, mejor conocida como Lupita, es Licenciada en Ciencias de la Familia, título que obtuvo del prestigiado Instituto Superior de Estudios para la Familia Juan Pablo II, que es parte de la Universidad Anáhuac, en Naucalpan de Juárez, México. Lupita ha desarrollado su carrera profesional como una respuesta al llamado vocacional de esposa y madre.

Lupita Barajas se ha convertido en una reconocida conferencista a nivel internacional que imparte

temas familiares incluyendo la formación humana y la espiritualidad. Además de sus conferencias, Lupita sirve como asesora en programas de formación para padres de familia y es ponente de la Escuela para Padres en varios colegios a lo largo del territorio mexicano.

Ella fundó Factor Humano, organización que orienta y fortalece a las familias brindando apoyos educativos, formativos y espirituales. Lupita ha escrito varios cuentos como “El Sueño de ser una Princesa” y “El Valiente Guerrero.” Además,

es conductora en María Visión y Radio en Familia en Phoenix, AZ, y es frecuente invitada en varias emisiones de radio y televisión.

Lupita Barajas va a ofrecer una charla para familias hispanas en la Conferencia Regional Católica, Cristo Nuestra Vida. Aparten la fecha para el fin de semana del 29 y 30 de septiembre del 2018 en el Wells Fargo Arena en Des Moines, IA. Venga a la conferencia y no se pierda la oportunidad de conocer a Lupita en persona.

Diocesan priest nominated for Lumen Christi Award

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Father Enrique Garcia-Elizalde has been nominated for the 2018-2019 Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) Award.

Created by Catholic Extension more than 40 years ago, the award honors the “best, brightest and most inspiring people” in mission dioceses.

Father Garcia-Elizalde was ordained a priest in 2001 in Mexico and arrived in the United States in 2010 to serve the Hispanic population. He was incardinated into the Des Moines diocese in 2014.

Father Garcia-Elizalde guides the diocese’s seminarians as a full-time teacher at Conception Seminary College in Missouri, where some of them attend. He teaches Spanish and Hispanic culture classes.

He also serves as spiritual director to young adults, holds small faith group gatherings and facilitates Cursillo retreats and other apostolic movements.

He serves about 800 families, including more than 3,000 Hispanics, and is always looking for ways where both parents and their children can grow together in their faith.

Bishop Richard Pates had high praise for Father Garcia-Elizalde.

“Father Enrique is charismatic and creative towards the youth and reaches them effectively,” Bishop Pates said. “He looks for opportunities to advise the youth to see the gift of their vocation, to know they are called first to holiness.”

Mayra Moriel de Bañue-



los, diocesan coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, said Father Garcia-Elizalde is deserving of the nomination.

“He develops his ministry with joy and devotion,” Moriel de Bañuelos said. “He is so good working with people of all ages. He has a gift to connect with children, teenagers and he is very pastoral and thoughtful with adults too.”

“He is a great support for the office of the Hispanic Ministry,” she added. “He helps us with the lay formation classes, retreats, Masses, confessions and talks to the community at family events like picnics and sport games.”

Father Garcia-Elizalde has accompanied the Diocese of Des Moines in the process of the V Encuentro. He was present in many of the parish encuentros, helped at the diocesan encuentro and attended as a delegate to the regional encuentro in Kansas City, Kansas.

He is a delegate attending the V National Encuentro in Texas Sept. 20-23.

Pastoral Migratoria Ministry



The Hispanic Ministry Office is developing an outreach that helps immigrant families when a relative or family member has been detained by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE. The Des Moines diocese was invited by the Archdiocese of Chicago to participate in a Pastoral Migratoria training July 11-15 in Chicago.

Gabriela Finnegan, of St. John Parish in Adel, and Marilu Mendez, of St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines, attended and will help train leaders from the community who would like to contribute to the efforts of helping immigrants families in need.

Des Moines immigrant is grateful to God for opportunities United States has offered

A person who was brought to the United States as a child without immigration documentation and who can remain legally may be called a Dreamer (referring to the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act) or a DACA youth (referring to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program).

By Karla Garcia Camacho
Contributing Writer

My name is Karla García Camacho.

I was born in Morelos, México.

I'm a 24-year-old Catholic Dreamer.

I'm currently attending the University of Northern Iowa pursuing a degree in Spanish language & literature.

I am a young woman who has been beyond blessed with the endless support and love of my family and friends.

My family and I were blessed to come 12 years ago with the support and help of my aunts, uncles, and cousins, who were already living here. By the grace of God, five years ago we were very fortunate with the chance to have a legal documentation called DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

This authorization has to be renewed every two years and it allows me

to have a driver's license and work.

I'm forever thankful to God for the opportunities that this permit has brought to my life. As well as being able to help my parents financially, it paid for half of my college tuition.

I grew up being Catholic, which is very common in most Mexican families. However, it wasn't until four years ago that I came to consciously realize that I needed to be more open to God's will and his merciful love for me. It is by the grace of God that I am still standing as a hopeful soul and believer of his promises. I am a child of God that has been gifted with his merciful opportunities that he has bestowed upon my family and me.

As a Dreamer, I aspire to graduate with my bachelor degree and give back the help that I received from some very special people in my life, my parents. I've had the goal to dream big and hope for the best in my future career.

Ever since my family and I came here, my mom has always told us

to be prepared for anything. However, I have a dignity that will not tolerate the unrighteousness and unequal treatment for my loved ones.

I'm not a criminal.

I'm not made of stone. I have a heart that was made to give love without any borders or restrictions. As far as I know, God was the one who gave my family and me the opportunity and permission to live in this country.

I'm a Dreamer who has come to the conclusion that my hopes and dreams were made for greater things in a greater place where everlasting justice reigns for everyone. I just happen to be an ordinary person that lives in a land that was extraordinarily blessed in making dreams come true. I am a Dreamer who longs for the everlasting justice and mercy of the one and only, Jesus Christ.

Karla Garcia Camacho is a Catholic Dreamer from Christ the King Parish in Des Moines. She is attending the University of Northern Iowa and goes to St. Stephen the Witness Parish in Cedar Falls while away at college.



Legislative update on immigration and dreamers

By Tom Chapman
Contributing Writer

Much attention has been paid recently to the separation of family during immigration proceedings on our southern border.

The question of what to do with families with children who try to enter the country without authorization has been around for a long time. Often, they have legitimate claims of asylum because they are fleeing

violence.

What's different today is that the Trump Administration has begun to refer all people who attempt to enter the country, in places other than an official port of entry, for criminal prosecution.

Previously, discretion could be exercised.

There are alternative and less expensive forms of detention, other than incarceration, that have been used successfully to help ensure that people show up for their court date. Congress is considering legislation to address the issue.

Two bills intended to address the immigration issue failed to pass in the U.S. House recently. They would have provided some protections for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA recipients or Dreamers, as well as limited legal immigration and provided money for a border wall.

In a letter before the votes to Congress, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, of Austin, Texas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, wrote, "While we truly want a legislative solution

for Dreamers, we cannot, in good faith, endorse large structural changes to the immigration system that detrimentally impact families and the vulnerable, such as those that are contained in this legislation. We welcome the opportunity to dialogue with lawmakers and to discuss possible opportunities for further compromise, particularly with respect to effects on families and the vulnerable."

For more information on national immigration issues and to learn more about "family separation," go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

[justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).

In addition, here in Iowa, a new "anti-sanctuary cities" law is going into effect.

For resources on the new Iowa law, go to iowacatholicconference.org/2018/04/understanding-and-responding-to-anti-sanctuary-city-legislation.

Tom Chapman is the executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference.

Sacred Heart Parish hosts Coffee with a Cop for Latino community

By Karla Willis
Contributing Writer

This past May, Sacred Heart Parish had the privilege of hosting West Des Moines police officers for Coffee with a Cop.

The parish felt it was important to provide an opportunity for the Latino community to come together with law enforcement and voice concerns.

Recently, Iowa passed Senate File 481, which went into effect July 1. It is an immigration enforcement law, which was opposed by the Iowa bishops.

The message it sent us is Latinos are second-class citizens who will have to prove their legal status on a regular basis. This has caused great fear within the community, especially fear of persons of authority. For the sake of public safety, it is imperative that the

connection between the Latino community and the people who have sworn to serve and protect the entire community stays intact.

The local Knights of Columbus council sponsored the event.

Coffee with a Cop created an opportunity for some of West Des Moines' finest to meet some of their citizens.

It also provided an opportunity for the Latino community to put a face and name to the uniform, giving comfort and helping calm their fears.

I saw the Holy Spirit at work as a natural dialogue ensued.

While many of the questions were tough, the officers handled them with grace and kindness. Many stayed after the event to continue the conversation, helping build a network of familiarity.

Every day, I pray that we as a community will continue to



Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines hosted West Des Moines police officers for Coffee with a Cop. This event encouraged the Latino community to come together and voice their concerns with members of the West Des Moines Police Department.

move forward. Catholic Social Teaching asks us to share this earth and its resources with all. To quote Pope Francis: "Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help

others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us."

Karla Willis is the director of Hispanic Ministry for Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines.

Humility of Mary sisters celebrate jubilee

The Congregation of the Humility of Mary celebrated the jubilees of sisters and associates at a special Mass of celebration in Davenport on Sunday, June 24.

A second celebration will be held at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center, in Johnston on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m. Several of the jubilarians have connections to the Diocese of Des Moines.

75 Years

Sister Marita Bartholome was born in Great Falls, Montana and entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in 1943 and made her first vows in

1946.

She earned degrees in business education and library science before serving as a teacher/librarian at two high schools in Montana. She was the head librarian at Marycrest College in Davenport and reference librarian at the Great Falls Public Library in Great Falls. Sister Marita volunteered from 1997-2009 setting up the archives in the University of Great Falls library.

She is active now in a ministry of prayer and witness



and lives at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center in Johnston.

70 Years

Sister Joanne Di Iulio (Loretta Marie) was born in Silvis, Illinois. She entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in 1948. Her first vows were pronounced in 1951.

Sister Joanne earned degrees in social science and Spanish before beginning a ministry of teaching. In Iowa, she taught at St. Joseph School in Dunlap, two schools in Ottumwa and one in Fort Madison. She



also taught in Great Falls, Montana, Rock Island and Moline, Illinois.

Sister is currently active in a ministry of prayer and witness. She lives at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center in Johnston.

70 Years

Sister Karen Macksey was born in Oskaloosa and entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in 1948. She made her first vows in 1951.

Sister Karen earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education before teaching at elementary schools in Davenport, Ottumwa and Marshalltown. She also taught in Minneapolis. After retiring from teaching in 1996, Sister Karen volunteered at Holy Trinity School in Davenport and Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.

She is currently in a ministry of prayer and witness and lives at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center in Johnston.



Sister Marian Smith – 70 Years

Sister Marian Smith was raised in Erie, Illinois and entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in 1948. She made her first vows in 1951.

Sister Marian earned degrees in education and administration before teaching at St. Anthony School and St. Theresa School (1966-1968) in Des Moines plus several other Iowa schools. She was principal at St. Anthony



School in Des Moines from 1968 to 1975 after which she moved back to Erie, where she cared for her mother and taught in Fulton, Illinois. She volunteers at St. Ambrose Parish in Erie. Sister Marian is also active in a ministry of prayer and witness.

60 Years

Sister Kathleen Tomlovic (Marie Celeste) was born in Des Moines in 1939. She entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in 1958. Her first vows were pronounced in 1961.

Sister Kathleen earned degrees in English, religious education, Asian languages and literature. Her doctorate is from the University of Washington in Seattle. From 1983-85 she was a research fellowship awardee studying at Beijing University and Sichuan University, China.

Sister Kathleen taught at schools in Marshalltown and Davenport.

At Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington, she served as professor of Chinese and was also, for a decade, director of the Center for East Asian Studies. She has served her congregation in a variety of positions and was a cabinet member from 2004-2012.

Currently, she is secretary to the advisory committee of Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat and a scholar-in-residence at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, where she lives at the Humility of Mary Center.



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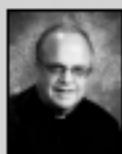
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Iowa Supreme Court

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that “approximately 4,000 abortions are performed each year in Iowa, approximately 3,000 by Planned Parenthood.”

Des Moines Bishop Richard Pates said, “Life or death decisions via-a-vis human life are served by careful reflection regarding the very best outcome for the individual whose life is at stake. The intent of the Iowa legislature in enacting legislation requiring a three-day waiting period before an abortion was to enable such reflection and provide all associated with an individual abortion the opportunity to come to grips with this momentous decision.

“The determination of the Iowa Supreme Court in this regard is deeply disappointing,” Bishop Pates said. “Now, we must be unrelenting in our continuing advocacy for the human person in the mother’s womb. It seeks the unwavering commitment to the most basic right of all – the right to life. May Pope Francis be our inspiration: ‘Let us respect human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother’s womb.’”

Iowa Catholic Conference Executive Director Tom Chapman said, “We strongly disagree with the Court’s judgment that this regulation of abortion impinges upon fundamental state Constitutional rights and believe the decision finds no precedent in Iowa’s history or legal traditions.”

The decision “certainly sets a higher bar to achieve further regulation of abortion in Iowa. The waiting period, as has been found in other states, would have served a legitimate purpose of ensuring that the mother’s ultimate decision is voluntary, informed and reflective.” The state’s prohibition on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy is still in force, Chapman noted.

“Protecting the lives of children yet to be born should not be considered primarily a partisan issue or even a religious issue,” he said. “We call upon the judiciary to once again recognize that all life should be protected from the moment of conception to natural death.”

Couple to reunite after deportation

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works in a restaurant to support the family.

“Thank God I have a lot of friends who have helped me, but I also had to request food stamps, otherwise it would be very difficult,” she said.

Manuel is now living in the city of Irapuato, Mexico, where he works at a tire repair shop.

He works nine to 10 hour days Monday through Saturday, earning just \$60 per week. The cost of living is similar to that of the United States.

“He says it’s very difficult – both financially and there is violence,” Lupita said.

Faced with raising four children herself and being separated from her husband and their father, Lupita made a difficult decision.

She and the three youngest children are moving to Mexico this month.

It will be the kids’ first time in the country.

“[The kids] are happy now because they get to see their dad, but I don’t know how they are going to react over there,” Lupita said. “They speak Spanish, but it’s not perfect. They don’t know any other life than the life they have had here.”

Lupita also worries about the kids getting bullied at school because of their American accents and not being completely fluent in the language.

The family will not have health insurance in Mexico. If they need to see a doctor they must pay a lot of money in advance.

Though it’s hard to find a job there, Lupita hopes to find something in her field of experience – sewing. Minimum wage in Mexico is \$4.40 per day, but many people do not make that much.

The couple’s oldest son, 16-year-old Ricardo, graduated early from high school on July 2. He wants to stay at the only home he’s known so he can get a college education.

He has aspirations to be an electrical engineer.

“It’s going to be way harder now that I am going to

have to support myself pretty much, and my family is going to have a hard time living there because they don’t get paid much,” Riccardo said.

While being a student, he hopes to get a job with about 30-35 hours per week as a bank teller. He’ll bike or walk to work and take the city bus to his community college classes.

He hopes to visit his family in Mexico in the summers and on holidays.

Reflecting on the upheaval, Lupita said she and her husband came to the United States for safety, peace and a better life for their children.

She said, “When you have children you have to think about the better opportunities, better life and better education.”

Father Fabian Moncada is pastor of Our Lady of the Americas Parish in Des Moines, where the family attended. He is saddened by their situation.

“The reality of migrants today is quite worrisome,” Father Moncada said. “Uncertainty, fear, and loneliness are the feelings our brothers and sisters have who seek a better life outside their homeland.

“Solidarity and compassion are expressions that we should testify to as Christians to these brothers and sisters in need,” Father Fabian continued. “[In] the Gospel of Matthew [it tells] the story of Joseph and Mary’s escape to Egypt with their newborn son, Jesus, because the paranoid and jealous King Herod wanted to kill the divine child. Our Savior himself lived as a refugee because his own land was not safe. It is time to express our solidarity by resorting to the hand of those who can do everything ..

“According to St. Paul in the Letter to Galatians ‘There is neither Jew nor Greek . . . for you are all one in Christ Jesus’ (Gal 3:28) affirm the absolute equality and dignity of all people before God,” Father Fabian concluded. “In fact, for Christ, the human race is ‘one, unique unrepeatable’ and marvelous of God’s creation and obviously before God, equal in dignity and rights.”

Bishop decries immigration enforcement practices

Bishop Richard Pates issued the following statement on June 18.

Recent events in the continuing saga of immigration enforcement call for immediate protest and insistence that human rights and the longstanding moral practices of our country be reinstituted. We again emphasize the urgent necessity of comprehensive immigration reform in the United States.

In league with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I make my own elements of a statement he issued on June 13, on behalf of the USCCB.

“At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life. The Attorney General’s recent decision elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection. These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence. Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that

involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life.

Additionally, I join Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB’s Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration’s zero tolerance policy. Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral.”

Political legislative gridlock is creating situations which might be described as inhumane and contrary to the heart of our country. Again, there is an urgent necessity of comprehensive immigration reform in the United States.

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El afamado filósofo griego, Aristóteles, y el reconocido teólogo católico Tomás de Aquino, utilizaron un concepto que atiende esta situación. Ellos afirmaron: “En el centro se sostiene la verdad.” La idea es el acercarse hacia un balance, hacia el centro, aquel que sirve mejor a la persona humana creada a la imagen y semejanza de Dios.

Los asuntos polémicos perpetúan la polarización. Hay posiciones en ciertas cuestiones políticas que mantienen viva la fricción. Al promover ciertas posiciones sin mostrar flexibilidad alguna, los candidatos garantizan un número dependiente de votos de aquellos quienes se enfocan en asuntos individuales. Cuando los aspirantes políticos tratan de unir diversos grupos de simpatizantes, ellos buscan el capitalizar sobre estos asuntos en un esfuerzo por lograr una combinación ganadora. Desafortunadamente, el resultado es el estancamiento y los problemas siguen sin resolverse.



By
Bishop
Richard
Pates

En nuestros tiempos persisten tres asuntos controversiales – aborto, inmigración y el medio ambiente. Aceptando que éstos deben atenderse dentro del sector político. Pero mi opinión es que éstos no son meramente políticos. Éstos tienen componentes morales que deberían tener marcada influencia en los debates.

Las así llamadas justificaciones para el aborto, a fin de cuentas, es que no hay vida humana presente cuando se aborta un feto. Tal negación de equivalencia de humanidad llevó a la aceptación de la esclavitud. Era el centro mismo de la decisión de Dred Scott. Sin embargo, los científicos básicamente están de acuerdo que la vida humana comienza en la concepción. Ustedes y yo somos los mismos individuos a lo largo de nuestras vidas.

A partir de este punto, hay una apertura para un acuerdo que demuestre compasión y entendimiento. Parece que las

únicas dos opciones para los llamados embarazos problemáticos son el que la madre se quede con el bebé o que aborte. ¿Podríamos regresar a una práctica más expansiva de adopciones? La adopción es una opción viable y deseable desde muchas perspectivas. Otra consideración es la práctica de la “sexualidad verde” o la planeación familiar natural.

El segundo asunto controversial es la inmigración. Los Presidentes George W. Bush y Barak Obama hicieron propuestas similares de una reforma migratoria comprensiva. Ambos fallaron en su intento ya que el partido opuesto rechazó sus propuestas. A consecuencia de estas consideraciones, la persecución de políticas migratorias radicales ha resultado en la descorazonada e indefendible separación de niños, infantes y e hijos jóvenes de sus padres. ¿Cómo nos movemos hacia el centro? Si un país tan rico en recursos se confrontara con la resolución a las causas fundamentales de la migración – pobreza, violencia y falta de educación – entonces aquellos que emigran, se quedarían en donde quieren estar. El mundo puede sentirse justificablemente orgulloso de la enorme reducción de la pobreza desde el año 2000, especialmente en India y en China, por media de la gran expansión de servicios de salud y de educación. Conforme

Declaración del Obispo Richard Pates

Decisión de la Suprema Corte de Iowa Respecto a los Tres Días de Espera Antes de Practicar un Aborto

Las decisiones de vida o muerte en las que depende la vida humana, se toman con una cuidadosa reflexión respecto al mejor resultado posible para el individuo cuya vida depende de esa decisión.

El intento de los legisladores de Iowa para habilitar una legislación que requiere un período de espera de tres días antes de que se practique un aborto era para establecer tal reflexión y para proveer a todos aquellos involucrados con un aborto, con la oportunidad de meditar sobre esta importante decisión.

La determinación de la Suprema Corte de Iowa respecto a este asunto es profundamente decepcionante. Ahora, debemos seguir incansablemente en nuestra constante promoción y defensa de la persona humana en el vientre de la madre. Esta busca el compromiso irrevocable al derecho más básico de todos – el derecho a la vida. Que el Papa Francisco sea nuestra inspiración: “Respetemos la vida humana, especialmente la vida vulnerable en el vientre de la madre.”

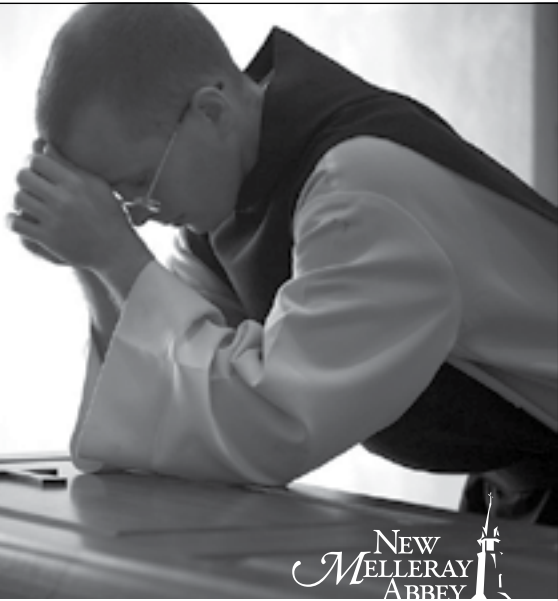
nuestro diálogo se mueve hacia el centro, ¿no serían lógicas las iniciativas de esta índole?

Finalmente, el 97% de los científicos del mundo y de toda persuasión religiosa, identifican el cambio climático con la acumulación de carbono. El asunto moral es la responsabilidad de la generación actual de proveer para nuestros hijos e hijas que están destinados a seguirnos. Nuevamente, se puede hacer un cambio sin imponer sufrimiento innecesario. El punto del centro es la discusión consciente de cómo adoptar prácticas de energía renovable y por medio de la innovación, para enfrentar directamente y resolver los problemas que presenta tal progreso. Se debe

tener cuidado en la transición para proteger tantos empleos como sea posible.

Puede ser fácil el separar nuestra vida política de nuestras anclas morales, pero no estamos hechos para funcionar así. Una vez que hayamos establecido cierta medida de acuerdo respecto a los hechos, podremos avanzar hacia adelante por medio de la discusión y el diálogo en la perspectiva de Aristóteles y Tomás de Aquino hacia posiciones que reflejen el equilibrio y el bien humano. Podemos seguir hacia adelante a un progreso humano auténtico. Al hacerlo, disminuiríamos la polarización y estaremos más cerca de lograr el bien común.

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60 years

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Sister Lenora Pipes entered the Sisters of Mercy in Omaha. She served as a teacher at Sacred Heart School in Des Moines from 1982-84.

In more than 20 years of serving in education, she served a number of Catholic schools in the Kansas City area.

After leaving education, Sister Lenora served in prison ministry in the Kansas City and Omaha area for over 20 years.



of Mercy community in Omaha, on Sept. 8, 1958.

She taught in Catholic schools in Colorado and California before returning to Iowa.

She was on a team that founded a Women's Renewal Center at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines and stayed with the program when it became an independent nonprofit. She was there from 1984-87.

50 years

Born in Atlantic, Iowa, Sister Rita Waters graduated from Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids with a bachelor's degree in English. She later earned a master's degree in theology from Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.

In step with Catherine McAuley's legacy, Sister Rita's ministry is to help others realize and utilize their inner beauty and strength.

Her first ministries were as a teacher at St. Joseph in Marion (73-74), All Saints in Cedar Rapids (1974-76) and Our Lady of Grace in Minneapolis, Minn. (1976-80). She then returned to Cedar Rapids and staffed Mercy Spiritual Center (1980-87) and served as pastoral minister at Immaculate Conception (1987-89.)

Sister Rita's recent ministries have been national in scope and in the Washington D.C. area at the National Office for Disabilities, Catholic University, National Association for Treasurers, the Collaborative Leadership Program and Mercy Conference for Higher Education.



60 years

A teacher for over 20 years of her ministry, including three years (1968-71) as principal and teacher at Queen of Apostles in Council Bluffs, Sister Pat Guziec is happy to be celebrating her 60th jubilee.

In addition to her time at Queen of Apostles, Sister Pat taught at Catholic schools in Omaha and Joplin, Mo.

Sister Pat also served the Sisters of Mercy community.



60 years

Sister Gloria Heese was born in Earling, Iowa, and attended St. Joseph elementary and high school. She entered the Sisters



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