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Pope proclaims year dedicated to St. Joseph

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

In a Dec. 8 apostolic letter, “Patris Corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

“St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all,” he said.

As Mary’s husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned “his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.”

Despite being troubled at first by Mary’s pregnancy, he added, St. Joseph was obedient to God’s will “regardless of the hardship involved.”

“In every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat,’ like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane,” the pope said.

Ordinations have powerful impact

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

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Capitol attack

Read what Pope Francis and other faith leaders said about the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol, page 15.

COVID 19

Bishop encourages Holy Hours for God’s grace amid pandemic

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Above: Deacon Max Carson of St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines lays prostrate on the floor during the Litany of the Saints at his ordination for the transitional diaconate on Dec. 26 at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. See story on page 11.

Left: Deacon Nick Stark was ordained a transitional deacon on Dec. 30 by Bishop William Joensen at his home parish of St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale. See story on page 11.
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Des Moines woman organizes friends, family to provide 12 Days of Christmas for priests

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Members of the Scheve, Doyle and Barten families pack food for delivery to about 60 priests in the 12 days after Christmas.

By Kelly Mescher Collins
Staff Writer

Shortly after Thanksgiv ing, Annie Doyle was with her prayer group at the Basilica of St. John Parish in Des Moines when she felt the Holy Spirit calling her to an important mission.

“We were praying and an image came into my head,” Doyle said. “It was a vine trying to grow between a rock and hard place. And I believe it was our priests. It was a year of struggle for everybody, but our priests are struggling by themselves.

“And so the next morn ing, the Holy Spirit plopped this fully formed idea that we need to take care of our priests – physically, emotionally and spiritually and bolster them during this diffi cult time,” Doyle continued.

The fully formed idea included gifting all Des Moines metro area priests for the 12 days of Christmas – a gift each day of a meal, a material item they could use and a spiritual bouquet of prayers.

“And so I went on the diocesan website and just looked at how many priests there were in the metro area – and that was about 60 priests,” Doyle said.

After doing the math, she realized 60 priests receiving a gift every day for 12 days straight equaled 720 gifts. She sat on it for a few days.

“After three days I hit send on an email to maybe 50 people asking them to pray about this,” Doyle said, describing the need for volunteers to help contribute 720 meals, 720 gifts and 720 spiritual bouquets. “I also asked people to write a card to [to a priest detailing that] this is how I already have prayed for you or how I am going to pray for you for such and such day.”

The response was overwhelmingly positive.

“They offered Masses, prayers, rosaries, divine mercy chaplets,” she continued. “Over the course of all of this, we had people sign up to bring meals so that we could box them up in individual packages and get them frozen ahead of time, because we were going to be delivering these every day until the fifth of January from Christmas Day.

The list of donations and volunteers for cooking, baking, packing and delivering meals and gifts quickly filled up. As smooth ly as the entire endeavor went, “it had to be the Holy Spirit,” Doyle added.

“One day we had lasagna, and that was accompanied by a gift,” Doyle said. “Another day it was soup or beef stew or pulled pork. We just had one set menu item and then one set gift that everybody got and spiritual bouquets.”

Lasagna, cookies, treats and a winter hat and gloves were other items gifted to the priests.

“I felt very strongly that the Holy Spirit was calling us to show that we are committed to taking care of our priests long term,” she said.

The Doyle’s own the Younkers Tea Room, which gave volunteers plenty of space to spread out and prep for this special mission. Meals and gifts were packaged and frozen, and when the time came wheeled out to delivery drivers for a quick pick-up each of the 12 days.

Lynda Baker of St. Mary / Holy Cross Parish in Elkhart was one of those delivery drivers. In fact, she ended up driving each of the of routes.

Since a few metro priests declined the offer because of either dietary restrictions or being out of town, they had enough meals for some of the priests in the rural areas

“It was wonderful,” said Baker, who enjoyed driving to towns she had never been before, such as Chariton, Creston and Osceola. “Some of the priests live right across from the church in a rectory. It was just beautiful to actually experience that first hand.”

Many priests she encountered took time to visit, expressing joy and overwhelming gratitude with these unexpected gifts, particularly the letters written by children. Those in the rural areas were grateful to be included.

During her drives, Baker prayed the rosary for priests. As someone who has always felt God’s presence in nature, she was touched to see eight bald eagles gathered together on her first day on the rural route; the next day she saw three.

“That’s how God really shows his presence [to me],” Baker added.

Doyle hopes that by next Christmas, COVID-19 concerns will be much lower so people can spend more time with their priests. She hopes families will consider taking turns adopting their parish priest for a day for the 12 days of Christmas.

“What kept popping into my head during this is that people function better when they know they are appreciated,” Doyle said. “And I think some of us are so grateful for everything our priests do, but we have to show that we appreciate them so they know it.

“It makes it so much easier for them to continue with their work,” Doyle added. “I hope the priests were blessed by this and I hope that we can have some organized method of showing our appreciation as the laity going forward.”

The Younkers Tea Room was a hub for prepping, freezing and bagging meals and gifts for our diocesan priests.

Monsignor Robert Chamberlain receives a gift from Gabriel and Gemma Storey.

Suzanne Kleitch of St. Boniface Parish in Waukee and her daughters volunteered their time to help.
Organ donor family, recipient say organ donation is a gift of life

By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer

Two mothers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Carroll experienced heartache and grace as they journeyed through the process of organ transplantation. Because of their experience, they encourage others to consider being organ donors.

Three years ago, Stacy and Jeff Henkelman’s oldest son, Jake, died of a traumatic brain injury. Jake had wanted to have his organs donated to those who needed them and had it indicated on his driver’s license.

“Even though we wanted to do it, it was still hard,” said Stacy. Yet, “It was absolutely the right decision. I would do it again.”

A faith formation leader at her parish for about 10 years, Stacy found herself thinking back to the advice she had given her son.

“We always told the boys, if you leave this house with nothing more than the love for the Lord, then we’ve done our job,” she said.

She relies on her faith to cope with the sorrow and loss. “I know Jake’s in heaven,” she said. “Jake’s with Jesus.”

Stacy and Jeff have met the people who have a kidney from Jake.

“They are like family. I can’t tell you the healing it’s been for us. It’s just incredible,” she said. “It wasn’t in the cards for Jake to stay here, but now these two people get to.”

Organ donation is “a gift of love,” Stacy said. “I’ve seen these two people with their families and their friends. They get to be here longer, and both of these two are strong in their faith, too. It’s really been a blessing and very instrumental in our healing.”

Leslie Becker, too, is grateful for organ donation. She was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when she was eight years old. It had been a part of her life growing up. She met her husband, Tony, in 1996, got engaged in 1997 and married a year and a half later.

“He’s been my rock going through this whole process,” she said.

A few years after her wedding, her kidneys began to fail and she was on dialysis when she learned she qualified for a transplant kidney and pancreas.

It was Oct. 4, 2004 when she received the organs. The transplants kept her healthy and she and Tony adopted their son. He’s a huge baseball fan and summers are usually spent watching baseball games, said the proud mom.

The transplant kidney was doing well, but a few years later the pancreas began to fail. Leslie qualified for a transplant and on March 1, 2013, she received a pancreas. The donor was a 10-year-old boy who died in an accident.

Because of the heroic act of his parents, “I’m here today. If it wasn’t for transplantation, we wouldn’t have had our son.”

She stays in touch with her donor’s family.

“They’re just amazing people. That’s what organ donation does with recipients and donors. They bring families together,” she said.

Her journey was a difficult one.

“We would pray a lot. I still do. Spiritually wise, we were praying and asking God to help me through this journey. It helped a lot,” she said.

Of the number of Iowans age 18 and older, 77 percent are registered organ donors, according to the Iowa Donor Network. In 2020, 103 organ donors gave 300 organs for transplant in Iowa, said Heather Butterfield, spokeswoman for the Iowa Donor Network.

Organ donation is acceptable in the Catholic Church. St. John Paul II affirmed organ donation as helping to build the culture of life in his 1995 encyclical Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life).

Leslie calls her organ transplants her rollercoaster ride. “It’s definitely been a journey, but everybody goes through a journey,” she said. “My footsteps led me through a transplant to lead a normal life and I just keep walking down that path, keeping up that positive attitude.”

To register to be an organ donor, go to IowaDonorNetwork.org.

The Catholic Mirror is looking for stories of faith and inspiration. If you have a story to suggest, contact Kelly Mescher Collins at 515-237-5054 or kcollins@dmdiocese.org.

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What does the Church say about organ donation?

St John Paul II: “Cover and above such outstanding moments, there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestión of sharing big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life. A particularly praiseworthy example of such gestures is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope.” (Evangelium Vitae, #48)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: “The transplantation of organs from living donors is morally permissible when such a donation will not sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm done to the donor. Furthermore, the freedom of the prospective donor must be respected, and economic advantages should not accrue to the donor.” (Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, #30)

Victim Assistance Advocate

The diocese’s Victim Assistance Advocate is a staff member at Polk County Victim Services. He helps victims of sexual abuse of minors by clergy through a complaint process and in seeking support and counseling services. He can be reached at 515-286-2024 or Sam.Porter@polkcountyiowa.org.

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The newspaper, which is sent to every registered Catholic household in the Diocese of Des Moines, is a cost-efficient evangelization tool that brings the Good News, stories of inspiration, news from around the dioce and more to Catholics in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa.

Beginning in February, readers will have the option of getting an electronic edition instead of the print edition that comes through the U.S. Postal Service. The e-edition will appear as a link in an email from the St. Louis-based Divison, which publishes digital versions of Catholic newspapers including Catholic New York, The Catholic Messenger in Davenport and The Lumen in Sioux City.

The digital version of The Catholic Mirror is viewable on phones, computers or tablets.

To register for an e-edition, send your name and parish to communications@dmdiocese.org or go to dmdiocese.org/cathodic-mirror to register.

Consejero sobre Asistencia deVictimas

El Consejero sobre Asistencia de Victorias es un empleado de Polk County Victim Services. Ella ayuda a victimas de abuso sexual por parte del clero durante el proceso de la queja y buscando servicios de apoyo y consejería. Pueden comunicarse al 515-286-2028 o en advocate@dmdiocese.org.
La Diócesis proporciona cuidado pastoral para aquellos con preocupaciones sobre el bautismo

El verano pasado, la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe respondió a preguntas sobre el bautismo diciendo que cuando un ministro se aparta de usar la fórmula sacramental esencial, el bautismo no es válido. Un bautismo es conferido cuando se hace vertiendo el agua o por inmersión en agua, el uso de la fórmula esencial del sacramento, y el intento de bautizar.

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Hacia el año 1971, la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe escribió: “Si el celebrante usa las palabras que predicaran, enseñaran y bautizaron a todas las naciones. Esto a menudo se llama la “Gran Comisión.” En esta comisión, Jesús instruyó a sus discípulos a bautizar “en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.” Por medio del bautismo, Cristo mismo incorpora almas en su familia y en su misión de salvación, mientras actúa a través de la persona del ministro que confiere el bautismo en su nombre.

Por lo tanto, la Iglesia Católica Romana siempre ha tenido la fórmula esencial del sacramento necesaria para que el bautismo sea “Yo te bautizo en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.” La asamblea reunida de la Iglesia Católica Romana, que compone a los obispos de todo el mundo, ha adoptado una fórmula esencial para el bautismo, que se conoce como la fórmula de la “Gran Comisión.”

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Sin embargo, si un parroquiano tiene video de un bautismo en el cual se escuche que el celebrante no está usando la fórmula esencial del sacramento, o un parroquiano tiene un testigo que pueda verificar que no se usaron las palabras de la fórmula esencial del sacramento, ello presume que el bautismo no ha sido válido.

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Para más información, visite dmdiocese.org/worship/baptism.

Pastoral care for those with concerns about baptism

Last summer, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith responded to questions about baptism by saying that when a minister strays from using the essential sacramental formula, the baptism is not valid. A baptism is considered valid by pouring or washing of water, the use of the essential sacramental formula, and with the intent to baptize.

Baptism is the basis for the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to sacramental grace.

If the Church knows with certainty that someone has not been validly baptized, the Church must rectify the error. In order for a baptism to be valid, the essential sacramental formula must be used. A minister who does not follow the essential sacramental formula for baptism does not confer the sacrament. An example is if the celebrant uses the words “We baptize you in the name of the Father…” instead of the correct formula “I baptize you in the name of the Father…”

Jesus, before the Ascension, commissioned the apostles to preach, teach, and baptize all nations. This is often called the “Great Commission.” In this commission, Jesus instructed his disciples to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Through baptism, Christ himself incorporates souls into his family and mission of salvation, as he acts through the person of the minister who confers the baptism in his name.

Therefore, the Roman Catholic Church has always held the sacramental formula necessary for baptism to be: “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

The gathered assembly has a role to play in the celebration of the sacraments, but it is not the same as the minister, who acts in Christ’s name and person.

I remain grateful to our priests and deacons who honor the promises made at their ordination to be faithful stewards of the sacraments, including baptism, by respecting the Church’s prescribed rites, including the essential words that constitute the sacramental form,” said Bishop William Joensen. “Their ministerial fidelity reassures God’s people that they receive all the grace God intends to bestow upon them.”

The Catholic Church presumers all baptisms are celebrated validly.

However, if a parishioner has video of a baptism in which the celebrant can be heard using words that are not the essential sacramental formula, or if a parishioner has witnesses who can verify that words other than the essential sacramental formula were used, they should contact the Diocese of Des Moines at worship@dmdiocese.org or 515-243-7653.

For more information, go to dmdiocese.org/baptism.
MercyOne lights up the sky

Beams of light shone above 16 MercyOne medical centers as a sign of appreciation for MercyOne’s colleagues, physicians and providers as well as a symbol of hope to its communities to begin the new year. The lights could be seen in the evenings from Jan. 1-7.

Jan. 22 Friday
Pro-life broadcast
DES MOINES – Iowans for LIFE will broadcast at 10 a.m. on Facebook interviews with legislators, pro-life leaders and clergy on fast-moving political and cultural developments on pro-life issues. Jan. 22 is the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Lenten Fish Fries
Fridays in Lent
INDIANOLA – St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus will sponsor Lenten Fish Fries at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall starting on Friday, February 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is $10 per Meal drive-up carryout service only. More information in the February Mirror or on the Parish website.

Catholic Youth Camp
The staff at Catholic Youth Camp is planning for summer. Campers driving up to the St. Thomas More Center in Panora in June, July and August will find new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and double the number of paid summer staff hired to ensure safety procedures are followed so everyone can have a safe experience. For information on how to register or apply for sponsorship, go to stmcenter.com.

Center for Social Ministry
Winter Programs Now Open for Registrations
Beyond the Book – Designed to highlight important social justice literature and local organizations.
JustFaith Ministries Programs – These small group programs will help you explore today’s issues through the lens of your faith and formulate a personal/group response.
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Learn more about our programming at our website or view our course catalog.

It’s never too late

First time sledding for Father Nipin Scaria, of Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines, and Father John Owusu Agyemang, chaplain at UnityPoint.

Iowa Knights kick off video series helping men with evangelization

In 2015, Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted issued a challenge to the men of his diocese to take up and share the Gospel. His letter, “Into the Breach: An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men” identifies a crisis of faith facing the Catholic Church today and presents a vision of the role of Catholic men in combating it. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted’s vision, the U.S. Knights of Columbus and the Diocese of Phoenix produced a video series also titled “Into the Breach.” Each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity, features interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, and follows the personal story of a man whose life illuminates each theme.

The Iowa Knights of Columbus is hosting the video series through a virtual study group monthly on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The study group is open to all Catholic men seeking to embrace their masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

Future virtual meeting dates are Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 31, April 28, May 26 and June 30. More information, a study guide and registration for virtual study groups may be found at www.iowakofc.org.

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For more information, and to apply, please visit Employment Opportunities at kcjcatholic.org.

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Catholic Schools Week to be celebrated Jan. 31 to Feb. 6

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines are offering both in-person and virtual personalized tours for families interested in enrollment.

Christ the King Catholic School, Sacred Heart Catholic School and St. theresa Catholic School held virtual or in-person information nights or tours. Contact the schools for more information or a tour.

Jan. 19 -- St. Patrick Catholic School will host a Kindergarten Information Night. Limited in-person spots are available and this session will be offered virtually as well. For more information and to register, contact the school office at 515-465-4185.

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Catholic Schools Week to be celebrated Jan. 31 to Feb. 6

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What would compel you to send your children to our Catholic schools?

With the announcement of school closures during spring break of 2020, the administration and faculty at our 16 Catholic schools set aside their personal plans and reinvented themselves in a week.

The innovation and teamwork was and is amazing. Sending your children to our Catholic schools with this commitment was unheard of in many sectors of the country. We are blessed in our Catholic schools.

The quality of religious and academic education is exceptional in our schools. Instilling in students the values and virtues of our faith, a mindset of service above self and the recognition all we have is a gift from God is a hallmark of a strong Catholic education.

What would stop you from sending your children to our Catholic schools?

Many feel Catholic education is not affordable and it stops many parents from considering a Catholic education. Assistance is available for up to half of the tuition when applying to the Catholic Tuition Organization. www.CTOIowa.org.

Now is the perfect time to experience our Catholic schools with a private tour of the facilities. To find the Catholic school convenient for you, go online to www.DMDiocese.org/catholic-schools.

THE BENEFITS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

There are many reasons to choose a Diocese of Des Moines Catholic school. Our schools:

• Provide an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
• Partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
• Set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
• Offer a balanced curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
• Use technology to enhance education.
• Instill in students the value of service to others.
• Teach children respect for self and others.
• Emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
• Prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
• Cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.

Schools across the Diocese of Des Moines are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. Families are encouraged to visit www.dmdiocese.org/enroll to learn more.

Shelby County Catholic School in Harlan.

Father Dan Gehler blessed baby gifts at the Kindergarten Baby Jesus birthday party at Shelby County Catholic School in Harlan.

Students at St. Malachy Catholic School in Creston celebrated Christmas with Advent Angels and singing carols.

First graders at St. Luke Catholic School in Ankeny celebrated Christmas with a birthday party for Jesus and played bingo.

Fifth graders at St. Albert Catholic School in Council Bluffs studied the elements. Each student was assigned a different element and made a model of it.
In the face of global health crisis, diocese ends fiscal year with emphasis on solidarity and care for each other

By Anne Marie Cox
Staff Writer

Not even a pandemic could keep the Diocese of Des Moines from balancing its budget for fiscal year 2020. As the health crisis unfolded in the diocese last spring, diocesan staff pivoted to provide hands-on assistance to parishes and schools in ways the diocese hadn’t previously done.

With a tightened budget, the diocese’s financial priorities focused on expanding use of digital platforms for online giving, prayer, and meetings, and on technology to allow people to work from home and communicate better.

Amid the uncertainty enveloping the entire country, local diocesan staff were committed to maintaining connections and relationships so that faith communities in central and southern Iowa did not have to feel that the storm united in faith and family.

“I think the most critical thing we needed to do right away was to re-establish how we connected with each other,” said diocesan Chancellor Jason Kurth. “Public worship was suspended, there weren’t the face-to-face connections made at churches, nor parishioners picking up bulletins to read, or pulpit announcements for sharing information.

“Across the diocese, we needed to figure out how to be in community with all the pandemic limitations. We learned a lot from each other,” Kurth said. “As a diocese, we took a big step forward in our use of digital tools to carry out our mission.”

Communication

Shortly after suspending public worship, Bishop William Joensen began using digital platforms in ways the diocese hadn’t used before to get his messages out to all of the faithful but the broader community.

He addressed the faithful directly by email, providing updates on the extraordinary circumstances facing the faithful, the steps that would be taken to preserve health and the ability to worship, and guidance about when and how public worship could resume safely.

Kurth also took advantage of social media by offering livestreamed Masses from St. Ambrose Cathedral along with updates and spiritual reflections that encouraged people to support each other and look to God for support and solace. Prayer opportunities were offered for Lent and Divine Mercy Sunday.

The bishop met weekly online with clergy and parish leadership to share information and hear the concerns of those in the parishes.

Financial Stewardship

Immediately after public worship was suspended, parishes saw a drop in weekly tithing. While some parishes emphasized the option of online giving, several diocesan parishes did not have the capability to accept online giving.

For parishioners who preferred written communication or writing checks, a parishioner built stand-alone lockboxes for parishes so titles could continue to come in.

Maureen Kenney, diocesan director of the Stewardship Office, and Sue McEntee at the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Iowa, worked together to create an avenue for online giving for those parishes that didn’t have that infrastructure.

“Our efforts were thrown entirely into helping parishes getting up and running with online giving,” Kenney said. “In the last year, we had 17 more parishes offer some form of online giving than we did the year prior. It’s a great testament to how our parishes have understood the need for a safe and easy way for people to give so they could support the mission of the Catholic Church.”

Weekly online meetings with parish business managers kept them in the loop about Federal Emergency Management Agency funds from the CARES Act and more.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic “forced us to temporarily suspend most travel and in-person programming,” Bishop Joensen said. “So I began several digital initiatives.”

Schools

The Diocese of Des Moines provide assistance for Catholic schools getting up and running with PPP Government Loan $345,200

The diocese also televised programs on television stations in the area and the interstate highway. It was a great way to be able to reach people in the parishes, Kurth said.

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Catholic schools were among the few schools in the state who innovated classroom instruction and environmental safety to ensure in-person learning continued despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Joensen said.

“Additionally, our schools offered parents choices in educational delivery by providing both in-person instruction and high-quality distance instruction,” he said. “This dedication to education continuity in the wake of a pandemic resulted in significant enrollment growth at several schools including St. Luke the Evangelist in Ankeny, St. Theresa Catholic School in Altoona, and St. Teresa Catholic School in West Liberty.”

Financial Stewardship

Relief Fund was created through donations to the diocese, which could give an opportunity to help parishes, schools and individuals who were hit hard by the coronavirus.

Internally, diocese strengthened its budget.

“Some of the savings were natural because the diocese was able to avoid programming that wasn’t happening, but we also leaned into other opportunities,” Kurth said.

The diocese took advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program, also known as PPP, through which the CARES Act provided relief to organizations through forgivable loans and deferred small business programming.

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The groundwork for regionalization was helping the continued on page 9

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

The financial statements of the Diocese dated June 30, 2020 were audited by the independent certified public accounting firm of BerganKDV, who issued an unqualified opinion. This opinion means that the financial statements are fairly and appropriately presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The audit process was overseen by the Diocesan Audit Committee chaired by Ardis Kelley and the reports were approved by the Diocesan Finance Council chaired by Dan Kinsel.

The diocese finished the year with a surplus of $310,000 due in large part to investment income and cost savings. The $7 million budget was funded primarily by the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal campaign and a 3.75% distribution from the endowments held at the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Iowa. Some extraordinary financial highlights in the year were:

• Catholic Pastoral Center building – A $2 million incentive from the State Historical Board was awarded to the diocese for carefully retaining the unique aspects of the structure during the 2018/19 renovation. The Diocesan Finance Council voted to use the Meitler Group funds for future building needs.

• School Strategic Plan – Under the leadership of School Superintendent Donna Bishop and Dr. Jerry Deegan initial steps were taken to implement a study produced by the Meitler Group. Steps taken this year were a thorough review of the St. Albert Catholic School system and strategic plans for Des Moines area schools on a regionalization plan designed to reduce administrative expenses and greater consistency.

• Priest Pension Plan – Modifications to the actuarial assumptions led to an increase in the unfunded liability in the plan by $1.8 million. Contrary to many dioceses, our parishes do not pay into the plan. Instead it relies on contributions, bequests, and proceeds from diocesan capital campaigns.

• Pandemic – In March, Bishop Joensen was forced to temporarily suspend public worship for the safety of our parishioners. He immediately asked diocesan department directors to curtail unnecessary travel and spending. All were asked to rewrite their budget plans for Fiscal Year 2021 and we applied for a loan from the Paycheck Protection Plan in order to create financial flexibility. Contributions to the 2020 ADA campaign, which began in March 2020 and ended in February 2021, started off slow but picked up over the months.

For the first eight months of the 2020 fiscal year, prior to the start of the pandemic, the financial status of the church of southwest Iowa was stable with tithing at our parishes 5% above a year ago and cash balances at all but a few sites very strong.

The Diocese of Des Moines

The Catholic Mirror January 15, 2021

www.dmdioce.org
Bishop William Joensen has met with ministry leadership throughout the diocese on a regular basis since the beginning of the pandemic to share the latest information and answer concerns from parishes.

From formation to pastoral care

John Gaffney’s phone was ringing off the proverbial hook and his email inbox filled when schools temporarily closed. Religious education and youth ministry leaders across the diocese sought guidance from Gaffney, diocesan director of Evangelization and Catechesis, for how, or if, they could continue their faith formation programs. He posed the question: How do we mobilize people to stay in touch?

First, parish religious education and youth ministry leadership pivoted from focusing on formation of youth to pastoral care of families. Some parents were working from home, others had reduced work hours or were furloughed. Their children were learning from home. Scores of people were trying to figure out how to work programs like Zoom and Google Classroom.

Another immediate need was accompanying those in the midst of the RCIA program. Working with priests, their staffs, the diocesan director of Worship and others, the diocese provided guidance so that the reception of sacraments was not delayed for long.

As time marched on, the diocese and catechists began offering activities for families to do in their homes. Gaffney encouraged catechetical leaders to communicate with their local county health officials and school districts before determining how they might resume religious education in the fall.

“It was an extraordinary time of partnership,” Gaffney said in retrospect.

Regathering

Diocesan and parish leadership consulted with local health experts and public health professionals to get the best knowledge of what was happening in the 23 counties served by the Diocese of Des Moines as the virus situation evolved to put together a safe plan for returning to public worship.

The diocese’s property management staff worked to understand the best cleaning practices and mitigation strategies and shared that information with parishes and schools.

“All of it was oriented toward allowing us to be a Eucharistic community together as quickly and as prudently as possible,” Kurth said.

Close of FY20

The close of fiscal year 2020 came three months into the pandemic.

“With all the terrible things that happened - it was sad not being able to go to Mass - in the end we all worked together for one purpose to keep each other healthy but to keep our faith in the forefront,” McEntee said.

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You don’t need to settle.
Funeral preferences change.

You are not obligated to fulfill your service with the funeral home where you purchased your pre-plan. If you have pre-planned with another funeral home and they are no longer what you have in mind, take comfort knowing that Caldwell Parrish honors all existing pre-arrangements. There’s never a fee for the transition to our funeral home. Make an appointment today to discuss your options.

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“This prayer effort is meant to open us up to the grace God offers us and to open us to whatever renewal he is inviting us to,” Storey continued.

Since some individuals and families may not be comfortable attending in-person gatherings, the diocese will offer a worship aid for use at home. Reflections written by Bishop Joensen will be made available for contemplation, and evening prayer, the rosary, Bible study and discussion are encouraged as ways to be in prayerful unity with your parish community.

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Deacon Nick Stark could not wait to finally be ordained

On Saturday, Dec. 26, Deacon Max Carson was ordained to the transitional diaconate by Cardinal James Harvey in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. Deacon Carson will be ordained a priest in June.

“I went to choose a couple of saints by name,” Deacon Stark said. “And to have those moments to be face first on the ground and how humble I felt to be in the position to accept those prayers. The people there [praying for me] and the intercession of the saints – I was very emotional.”

He spent the remaining few days leading up to his ordination in quiet prayer and reflection.

“I just wanted] to be ready for the grace the Lord wanted to give me – that’s what I was most excited about, receiving what the Lord wants for me in this,” Deacon Stark said.

Stark said he’s excited about “all of the beautiful things about being a deacon” – which include preaching and being a servant of God’s people.

In fact, he preached all of the Masses at St. Pius for the epiphany and baptized a baby on January 10.

Deacon Stark will return to St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota for his final semester this spring and continue work at his teaching parish, Sacred Heart in Robinsdale, Minnesota. This semester he will be preaching, teaching, baptizing and maybe even helping with weddings.

Deacon Stark is expected to be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Des Moines in 2021.

Hear Deacons Nick and Rob Stark’s interview with Bishop Joensen on Friday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. on Iowa Catholic Radio and the Spirit Catholic Radio network or online at IowaCatholicRadio.com.

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“[It was the first time as an adult] living life as a Catholic layman,” Deacon Carson said. “[I kept thinking that] no matter where I was and what I was doing, I would enjoy it much more if I were a priest. I would be more effective if I were a priest. I would just love to play guitar for people as a priest and do my regular hobbies as a priest.”

Deacon Carson felt consoled by God and affirmed in his decision to return to seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

“A lot of my ministry [here in Rome] now is just telling the guys of what God has done in my life in the past year, and then being able to speak with some of the younger guys who have come up to me…” Deacon Carson said. “[They are expressing] that they aren’t too sure about the priesthood and just asking me how I have seen God work in my life and sharing their doubts and uncertainties as well. Those have been great conversations.”

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Hear Bishop Joensen’s entire interview with Deacon Carson at IowaCatholicRadio.com/making-it-personal.
Having child-like trust

By Deacon Randy Kiel

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Most prized possessions are gifts from God

**What is your practice?**

By Father Ron Rolheiser

Today, the common question in spiri-
tual circles is not, “What is your church or your
religion?” But, “what is your practice?”

What is your practice? What is your
particular explicit prayer practice? Is it Chris-
tian? Buddhist? Islamic? Secular? Do you
meditate? Do you do Centering prayer?
Do you practice Mindfulness? For how long
do you do this each day?

These are good questions and the
prayer practices they refer to are good prac-
tices; but I take issue with one thing. The ten-
dency here is to identify the essence of one’s
religious practice with a single explicit prayer
practice, and that can be reductionist and
simplistic. Discipleship is about more than
one prayer practice.

A friend of mine recently told me:
He was at a spirituality gathering where the ques-
tion most asked of everyone was this: what is your
practice? One woman replied, “My prac-
tice is raising my kids.” She may have meant it
in jest, but her quip contains an insight that can
serve as an important corrective to the ten-
dency to identify the essence of one’s discipleship
with a single explicit prayer practice.

Monks have secrets worth knowing.
One of these is the truth that for any single
prayer practice to be transformative it must be
embraced in a larger set of practices, a much
larger “monastic” monastic, which commits one
to a lot more than a single prayer practice. For
a monk, each prayer practice is embedded in-
side a monastic routine and that routine, rather
than any one single prayer practice, becomes the
monk’s practice. Further still, that monastic
routine, to have real value, must be itself predi-
ected on fidelity to one’s vows.

Hence, the question “what is your
practice?” is a good one if it refers to more than
just a single explicit prayer practice. It must
also ask whether you are keeping the com-
mendments. Are you faithful to your vows and
commitments? Are you raising your kids well?
Are you staying within Christian community?
Do you reach out to the poor? And, yes, do you
have some regular, explicit, habitual prayer
practice?

What is my own practice?
I lean heavily on regularity and ritu-
al, on a “monastic” routine. Here is my nor-
mal routine: Each morning I pray the Office of
Lauds (usually in community). Then, before
going to my office, I read a spiritual book for at
least 20 minutes. At noon, I participate in the
Eucharist, and sometimes during the day, I go
for a long walk and pray for an hour (mostly
using the rosary as a mantra and praying for a
lot of people by name). On days when I do
not take a walk in meditation or Centering prayer
for about 15 minutes. Each evening, I
pray Vespers (again, usually in community).
Once a week, I spend the evening writing a
column on some aspect of spirituality. Once a
month I celebrate the sacrament of reconcili-
ation, always with the same confessor; and,
when possible, I try to carve out a week each
year to do a retreat. My practice survives on
routine, rhythm, and ritual. These hold me and
keep me inside my discipleship and my vows.
They hold me more than I hold them to
matter how busy I am, no matter how
distracted I am, and no matter whether or not I
feel like praying on any given day, these rituals
draw me into prayer and fidelity.

To be a disciple is to put yourself un-
der a discipling component part of my
practice is my ministry and the chronic dis-
cipline this demands of me. Full disclosure,
ministry is often more stimulating than prayer;
but it requires much more discipline, and even
in fidelity, can be powerfully transformative in
terms of bringing you to maturity and altruis-
ism.

Carl Carretto, the renowned spiritual-
ity writer, spend much of his adult life in the
Sahara Desert, living in solitude as a monk,
spending many hours in formal prayer. How-
over, after years of solitude and prayer in the
desert, he went to visit his aging mother who
dedicated many years of his life to raising
children, leaving little time for formal prayer.
Visiting her, he realized something, namely,
his mother was more of contemplative than he
was! To his credit, Carretto drew the right
lesson: that nothing which has been done in
the solitude of the desert for all those
times, there was something very right
what his bodhisattva was doing in the
the busy battle of raising children for so many
years. Her life was its own monastic. Her practice
was “raising kids.”

We have always loved this line from
Robert Las: “The task in life is not so much
finding a path in the woods as of finding a
spiritual way; but how to walk in it.”

By Father John L. Ludwig

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**Year of St. Joseph begins**

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said, “All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation.”

St. Joseph’s unconditional acceptance of Mary and his decision to accept her “good name, her dignity and her life” also serves as an example for men today, the pope added.

“Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence toward women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man,” he wrote.

Dubreux Archbishop Michael Jackels said Pope Francis hopes the observance will result in more: more love for Joseph; more prayers asking his intercession; and more imitation of his virtues and zeal.

“With regard to imitation, some of us may think it doesn’t concern us: I’m not a man; I’m not married. I don’t have children; and I’m not working (except in the home),” said the archbishop. He encourages the faithful to consider what virtues from the life of Joseph are worthy of imitation:

- Show compassion, tender love, and mercy, the same as God has for us.
- Defer to the plan of God, or to the well-being of others, or to the common good.
- Rejoice in what is, instead of lamenting over what is not.
- Be active and creative when God engages us in finding solutions to problems.
- Have a practical love for the community of the Church, and for the poor.

**Pope announces yearlong reflection on family, ‘Amoris Laetitia’**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation “Amoris Laetitia” approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love.

During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27, the pope commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder “of the example of evangelizing with the family” as highlighted in his exhortation.

Beginning March 19, he said, the year of reflection on “Amoris Laetitia” will be an opportunity “to focus more closely on the contents of the document.”

“Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father,” said Pope Francis.

The goals of the celebration include sharing the contents of the apostolic exhortation more widely, proclaiming the gift of the sacrament of marriage and enabling families to “become active agents of the family apostolate.”

**Pope amends canon law so women can be installed as lectors, acolytes**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Recognizing “the gifts of each baptized person” — women and men — Pope Francis ordered a change to canon law and liturgical norms so that women could be formally installed as lectors and acolytes.

“A consolidated practice in the Latin church has confirmed, in fact, that such lay ministries, being based on the sacrament of baptism, can be entrusted to all the faithful who are suitable, whether male or female,” the pope wrote in his order changing canon law.

The document, “motu proprio” (on his own accord), was published by the Vatican Jan. 11. It changes the wording of Canon 230, paragraph 1. In most dioceses around the world — and at the Vatican as well — women and girls have been lectors at Mass and have served at the altar for decades. That service was possible, not as a formally instituted ministry, but under the terms of Canon 230, paragraph 2, which allowed for women or men to carry out the functions “by temporary designation.” In a letter published with the document, Pope Francis repeated St. John Paul II’s teaching that the Catholic Church “in no way has the faculty to confer priestly ordination on women” since Jesus chose only men as his apostles. But with “nonordained ministries it is possible, and today it seems opportune, to overcome this reservation” of allowing only men to be formally and permanently instituted as lectors and acolytes.
Pope astonished by violence at Capitol

In wake of Capitol attack, leaders urge rejection of divisions that lead to violence

By Kurt Jensen & Cindy Wooden

ROME (CNS) -- Pope Francis said he was “astonished” by the violent breach of the U.S. Capitol, especially because the people of the United States are “so disciplined in democracy.”

In an interview with Italy’s Canale 5, scheduled for broadcast Jan. 10, the pope was asked about Trump supporters storming the Capitol, leaving five people dead.

Violence, he said, must always be condemned, but it also is true that in even the most “mature” societies, there are violent minorities, “people taking a path against the community, against democracy, against the common good.”

“But thank God this erupted and people could see it well. That way it can be reme-"'

died,” he said.

“No nation can brag about never having a case of violence -- it happens,” he said. “We must understand it, so it is not repeated -- learn from history, right?”

The reaction to the violent invasion of the House and Senate chambers by supporters of President Donald Trump on Jan. 6, intended to disrupt the formal acceptance of Electoral College ballots, paralleled initial public response to the horror of 9/11. There was a numbing shock followed by anger and grief, and a search for anything that might be a solution.

“The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation,” said Archbishop W. Gregory Boue geles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. “In this troubling moment, we must recognize the dangers and principles of our democracy and come together as one nation under God. I entrust all of us to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she guide us in the ways of peace, and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country.”

Reactions from Catholic leaders stressed the need to reject political divisions that turn to violence.

“The violence witnessed in our nation’s capitol ... serves only to inflame our divisions and pit citizen against citizen at a time we need to be united,” Boston Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley said in a Jan. 7 statement. “We reject all forms of violence, including the acts of those who stormed our Capitol. We pray for those who lost their lives and for their loved ones and for the injured. We live in a divided nation and the challenges our nation faces are significa-"'

tic.”

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious statement said, “Our hearts ached as we watched these despicable ac-"'

tions that threatened not only to de-"'

stabilize the seat of our government but to rend the bonds that unite us. We commend and thank the members of Congress who courage-"'

ously continued their service to the nation ... even amid the chaos.”

“Regardless of political affiliation, we are united by democracy,” said Archbishop Nelson J. Perez of Philadelphia. “Should it devolve into what we witnessed -- violent disorder and the rights we cherish will disappear into the abyss of anarchy.”

The reaction from the Ignatian Solidarity Network called the violence “a testament to the ongoing reality of a culture of white supremacy. Attackers were permitted to enter the Cap-"'

itol building with little resistance from police and security personal-"'

nel, and one must not look far to see the contrast between this and the way that people of color are treated in our nation every day.”

“Today we have to ask ourselves what's next,” wrote Patricia McGuire, president of Trin-"'

ity Washington University. “To do that, we have to be thoughtful and insightful about what led to this complete breakdown in pub-"'

lic order.

“We know some of the issues -- the virulence of white supremacy and racial hatred that causes through our society, the political ideologies that encour-"'

age some Americans to believe that others do not belong here, the misguided beliefs about individu-"'

al rights prevailing over the common good, the political deals that sacrifice integrity to gain personal power,” she said. “We have to be honest about the fractures in our nation.”

Dubuque Archbishop Michael Jackels encouraged prayer.

“Today,” he said, “Who is it that said: Be the change you wish to see in the world? And pray, pray, pray for a peaceful transition of government for the sake of all, and for the healing of our nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.”

Jesuit priest will deliver invocation at presidential inauguration

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Jesuit Father Leo O’Donovan, former president of Georgetown University, will deliver the invocation at the presidential inauguration of Joe Biden on Jan. 20.

The priest, a friend of the Biden family, was the main celebrant at the funeral Mass for Biden’s son Beau in 2015 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wilmington, Delaware.

He confirmed with National Catholic Reporter Jan. 6 that he would be delivering the invocation, saying Biden had personally called him and invited him, which he accepted.

Biden will become the second Catholic presi-"'

dent of the United States.

National Prayer Vigil for Life will be virtual this year

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Each year on the night before the annual March for Life, at least 10,000 people have filled the Great Upper Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for the National Prayer Vigil for Life.

This year, due to local restrictions on attendance sizes because of the pandemic, the prayer vigil will be virtual.

Cardinals across the country are instead being encouraged to take part in a nationwide prayer vigil from Jan. 28 through Jan. 29, marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton de-"'

cisions legalizing abortion.

The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8 p.m. EST on Jan. 28 from the basilica. The service can be viewed on EWTN, live-"'

streams from the basilica or from the U.S. Con-"'

ference of Catholic Bishops.

Pope says Vatican City will aim for net-zero carbon emissions

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis pledged Vat-"'

ican City State would achieve net-zero carbon emissions before the year 2050, and he urged everyone in the world to be part of a new culture of care for others and the planet.

“The time has come for a change in direction. Let us not rob the new generations of their hope in a better future,” he said in a video message for a global summit.

Pope Francis was one of about 55 leaders who con-"'

tributed to the Climate Ambition Summit, which was held on-"'

line Dec. 12. The meeting marked the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

During the meeting, the leaders renewed or strength-"'

ened investment pledges and commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions and achieve carbon neutrality. Some 24 leaders committed at the summit their commitment for net-zero emis-"'

sions, which would be achieving a balance between green-"'

house gas emissions produced and greenhouse gas emissions taken out of the atmosphere, for example by switching to “green” energy and sustainable agriculture, increasing energy efficiency and reforestation.

A worker installs heavy-duty security fencing around the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 7, one day after a crowd from a nearby rally stormed Capitol Hill.

CNS photo/Erin Scott, Reuters

Pope Francis tweeted a note encouraging people to strive for the common good.

I am praying for the United States of America, shaken by the recent attack on Congress. I pray for those who lost their life. Violence is always self-destructive. I urge everyone to promote a culture of encounter and of care to construct the common good.
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