



PHOTO BY ANNIE-MARIE WELSH

Lori Follett, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie, and Bishop Lawrence Persico enjoy participating in the 11th annual Roar on the Shore “Bringin’ in the Roar Bike Parade” July 13.

Hear the roar!

American flags flew from the back of many of the more than 1,000 motorcycles participating in Erie’s Roar on the Shore bike parade July 13. But the Harley-Davidson carrying Bishop Lawrence Persico was the only one that also featured a Vatican flag.

Bishop Persico agreed to take part in the ride late last winter, when Lori Follett of St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie, and her sister, Julie Sins, of Holy Rosary Parish, Erie, extended the invitation.

“All for a good cause,” he said, before hopping on board the Tri Glide handled by Follett. Some of the proceeds from the

11th annual bike rally, a summertime staple in Erie, will benefit the Mercy Center for Women, an outreach of the Sisters of Mercy that provides safe and supportive transitional housing, education and counseling for homeless women in the region.

Bishop Persico, who had never been on a motorcycle before, said the event was a good way to show off the city and its hospitality.

“It’s a great boost for the community,” he said.

Roar on the Shore, founded by the Manufacturer and Business Association of Erie, has raised \$800,000 for charity over the past 10 years. The rally concluded with the traditional Blessing of the Bikes by the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Catholic Press Association honors Diocese of Erie publications

FAITH magazine and its sister publication, *FaithLife* newspaper, had a strong showing at the Catholic Press Awards in Quebec City, Canada, June 23. The priority for staff members is always the reader — what is the most engaging way we can craft stories and share important news? When awards season rolls around, however, it’s energizing to know our work holds its own among our peers.

One of the biggest surprises of the night was Abby Badach’s win for her *FAITH* magazine cover story: “The Heart of Christmas.” The Knights of Columbus offer the prestigious Father

McGivney Award each year for the best story on volunteerism. Kudos to the Cursillo-based Community Outreach Group that was featured in the story about their annual coat drive.

Father McGivney Award to Abby Badach for “The Heart of Christmas”

First Place to *FaithLife* newspaper
Category: Most Effective Use of Small Space
Project: MercyWorks, a year-long listing of various aspects of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy by Mary Solberg, editor, and Rich Papalia, designer



Abby Badach