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FaithLife comes to a close with this issue. A diocesan newspaper has been sharing the Good News in the Diocese of Erie since 1874. As we say goodbye to an old friend, give a warm welcome to our new website. Also, continue to find news in *Faith* magazine!

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June 24, 2018



**Serving Others
in God's Love**

Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

Promote religious freedom

Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29, follows a model of prayer, reflection and action on religious liberty, both in this country and abroad.

This year's message is "Serving Others in God's Love."

Resources are provided on the webpage of the Office of Social Justice and Life (<https://www.eriecd.org/socialjusticelife/ReligiousFreedomWeek.html>), courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the USCCB.

Consider promoting Religious Freedom Week in your parish and follow the Social Justice and Life Office on Instagram at @ErieRCD.sjl and on Twitter at @ErieRCD.sjl for daily postings during Religious Freedom Week.

For more information, contact Patricia Swick, director of the Social Justice and Life Office, at 814-824-1254 or pswick@ErieRCD.org.

Peter's Pence Collection June 30-July 1

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken in all parishes of the Diocese of Erie June 30 to July 1, marking the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29.

Support of this collection helps make it possible for Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works, including emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.

Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical and social facilities in developing nations.

Diocese promotes campaign



For the second year in a row, the Diocese of Erie is participating in the "Take Me to Worship" campaign, an initiative to promote regular, weekly participation in organized religious institutions.

Bishop Lawrence Persico encourages all parishes in the 13-county diocese to join the campaign, held Aug. 15 to Oct. 30. Last year, 36 Catholic parishes in Erie County participated by placing signs outside their churches and offering signs and decals to parishioners.

The campaign is the brainchild of Unified Erie's Religiosity Committee, whose research indicates that weekly participation in religious services helps reduce violence, drug and alcohol use, and the incidence of suicide.

"It is our hope that the campaign will spark the interest of Catholics who have not been involved in their Catholic faith and/or individuals who are looking to join the rich tradition of our faith," says Christine Hess, diocesan director of the Family Life Office.

For more information, go to <https://www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter/>.

Diocese celebrates two new priests



Photos by Anna-Marie Walsh

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

When it comes to serving the people of God, newly ordained Father Andy Boyd and his mother, Peggy Boyd, have something in common: babies.

Peggy Boyd, a nurse midwife with OB/GYN Associates of Erie, has delivered thousands of babies. Last year, after her son was ordained a transitional deacon, he started baptizing some of those little ones.

Now that Father Boyd, 26, has been ordained, he likely will christen more children for many years to come.

"We're both doing God's work in a different way and we're touch-

ing lives both physically and spiritually every moment," Peggy Boyd said after his ordination Mass June 8 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Bishop Lawrence Persico ordained Father Boyd and his classmate, Father Ian McElrath, to the thunderous applause of family members, friends and hundreds of others who attended the ceremony. The bishop told the ordinands that their priesthood would "always be a source of fulfillment, meaning and joy if it is about Jesus Christ."

As the new priests were vested with their chasubles and stoles, Peggy Boyd smiled broadly along

ABOVE: Bishop Lawrence Persico, center, officiates at the ordination Mass at St. Peter Cathedral June 8, surrounded by diocesan priests, including the newly ordained.

BELOW: Peggy Boyd of Erie gives her son Father Andy Boyd a big hug after his ordination to the priesthood. Father Boyd's dad, Michael Boyd, looks on.



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Catholic newspaper presence ends in diocese

FAITHLIFE staff report

FaithLife newspaper publishes its last issue today, after 13 years of bi-weekly editions and more than 140 years of newspaper history in the Diocese of Erie.

Despite the closing of *FaithLife*, readers still will get news, features and much more via the award-winning *Faith* magazine, sent to parishioners' homes on a bi-monthly basis.

Adapting to technology, the diocese also has boosted its online presence, not only with a

more interactive website (www.ErieRCD.org), but also with the addition of an online news site (nwpaCatholic.com) featuring diocesan, international and Vatican stories.

In the near future, a bi-weekly e-newsletter featuring links to must-read stories will be emailed free to anyone who registers.

Sign up today at the diocesan website at <https://www.ErieRCD.org/news>.

The decision to end *FaithLife* was made with input from Presbyteral Council and with

the blessing of Bishop Lawrence Persico.

Anne-Marie Welsh, director of communications for the diocese, said the pastoral planning process underway the past few years prompted staff members to analyze the best way to evangelize through its various platforms.

"As the number of Americans who receive at least some of their news from social media grows, we must divert more resources into our digital presence," Welsh said.

FaithLife newspaper, first

published in February 2005, has its origins in the *Lake Shore Visitor*, the first diocesan newspaper published in 1874. Significant changes in print format occurred over those 140-plus years.

With the introduction of the internet and social media, many readers have altered the way they access information.

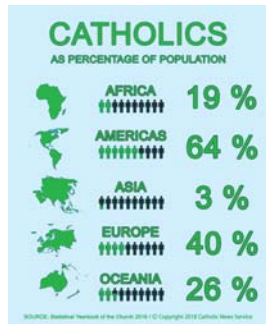
Msgr. Henry Krieger, pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Erie, served as editor of the *Lake Shore Visitor* from 1976-86. "We're living in a different era today than when I was editor. Then, the print media was the major source of news and information. That is no longer the case," he said. "Particularly young people don't go to the print media."

He recalls the major events of 1978, when the Catholic Church had three popes: Pope Paul VI, who died Aug. 6, 1978; Pope John Paul I, who died unexpectedly on Sept. 28, 1978; and Pope John Paul II, who assumed the papacy in October 1978.

"Were that to happen today, people wouldn't go to the newspaper looking for the information. They would go to the internet. Times have changed and, thankfully, the diocese is changing in the same way," he said.



Newspapers have a long history in the Diocese of Erie. As seen above, the *Lake Shore Visitor* was first published Feb. 28, 1874. More than 120 years later, it took on a more colorful, modern look. In 2005, a *FaithLife* tab replaced the *Visitor*. *FaithLife* later became a broadsheet again, earning many Catholic and secular press awards.



Catholics worldwide? Answer: 1.29 billion

Catholics around the world number more than 1.29 billion people, which is about 17.7 percent of the global population. The Vatican's Central Statistics Office compiles the figures each year and includes them in the 500-page Statistical Yearbook of the Church. The yearbook also breaks down the figures by continent and region.

Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world
from Catholic News Service

Vatican team asks forgiveness



Father Jordi Bertomeu Farnos, a member of a Vatican-appointed team that has investigated clerical sexual abuse in Chile, talks to media upon arriving at the airport in Osorno, Chile, June 14.

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Arriving on his second visit to Chile, Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta said his mission to the country was a sign of Pope Francis' closeness to the local church following devastating reports of sex abuse and cover-ups by members of the clergy. Speaking to journalists in Santiago June 12, the archbishop said his team's pastoral mission includes providing "concrete technical and legal assistance to the dioceses in Chile so they may give adequate responses to each case of sexual abuse of minors committed by clergy or religious."

Archbishop Scicluna, president of a board of review handling abuse cases within the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Father Jordi Bertomeu Farnos, an official of the doctrinal congregation, visited Santiago June 12-13 before going to Osorno June 14-17.

On June 11, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of 61-year-old Bishop Juan Barros of Osorno and two other Chilean bishops. Bishop Barros' appointment as head of the Diocese of Osorno in January 2015 sparked protest because of the bishop's connection to Father Fernando Karadima, his former mentor. Father Karadima was sentenced to a life of prayer and penance by the Vatican after he was found guilty of sexually abusing boys.

Immigration policies criticized

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (CNS)—U.S. Catholic bishops have decried Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision that asylum seekers fleeing domestic or gang violence cannot find protection in the United States.

At the annual general assembly meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops June 13-14, the bishops released a statement, saying,

"At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life."

Additionally, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, said he joined Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Migration, "in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S.-Mexican 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," the cardinal said. "Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together."

Pope: Exploiting women is a sin

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Exploiting women or treating them like objects is a sin against God, Pope Francis said.

"There is a rage against women, terrible rage," the pope said in his homily June 15 during morning Mass at *Domus Sanctae Marthae*.

It will do people good—especially those who enjoy freedom—to reflect on how many women have become "slaves of this throwaway mentality," he said.

Jesus "changed history," Pope Francis said, with the way he respected women and recognized that they have the same dignity as men.

Jesus recognized the dignity of women and "put them at the same level as men" because he understood what God meant when he created male and female in his image.

Newspaper closes, but sharing the Catholic faith continues



Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Sometime in the mid-1980s, a college journalism friend was visiting me in Erie. While in town, she needed to make a quick trip to a UPS store to send a fax to a newspaper in Paris.

"You won't believe this machine," she said. "It sends a message to anywhere in the world in a few minutes."

For those of us in the newspaper business who got information only via the telephone or the U.S. mail, the fax machine was revolutionary. It became a staple in U.S. business offices beginning in the 1980s.

Slowly, faxing lost its pizzazz as the internet emerged. I still remember the "wow" feeling I felt after successfully conducting an email interview with someone in Australia. Suddenly, the world became the size of my keyboard.

I experience that same amazement today when I email people throughout the 10,000 square miles that make up the Diocese of Erie in northwest Pennsylvania. The sheer speed of communication has made a reporter's job easier. It has also speeded up the rate at which people consume news.

I can't help but think of Bishop Tobias Mullen, who was the first editor of the *Lake Shore Visitor*, the official newspaper of the diocese.

When he edited the introductory issue on Feb. 28, 1874, he had no idea of the significant demographic, cultural and technological changes that were to come.

According to the late Father Robert Barcio, who penned the 1991 book *Cathedral in the Wilderness*, Bishop Mullen believed a Catholic newspaper was essential and he "hoped the acquaintance begun between himself and his patrons

would ripen into a feeling of mutual respect and confidence."

An eight-page publication, the *Visitor's* first three pages included mostly foreign news, both secular and religious. Two more pages were devoted to local and diocesan news. Interestingly, the paper also attempted to reach the predominantly Irish Catholic immigrants in the area by offering articles about events in Ireland.

The Diocese of Erie has continued a newspaper presence since that time. In 2005, the *Lake Shore Visitor* ceased publication, but it was replaced immediately by *FaithLife*.

As reported months ago, *FaithLife* comes to an end with this issue. Perhaps I might have predicted this day many years ago when I first learned about the fax machine.

Technology waits for no one, especially those whose business it is to deliver the news in a timely manner.

If we don't reach the increasing number of people seeking information on their phones or computers, then we can't follow Bishop Mullen's lead. Delivering the message of our faith remains essential.

I was fortunate enough to write and edit for both the *Lake Shore Visitor* and *FaithLife*, so I empathize with readers who are dismayed that a hard copy of a newspaper will no longer be available. But fortunately, much of the news from *FaithLife* will still be accessible in the bi-monthly *Faith* magazine and at our news site, www.nwpaCatholic.com.

We can only guess how we'll be communicating 100 years from now. But as long as the Good News continues to spread, it doesn't matter if it's shared through handwritten manuscripts, print newspapers, or high-tech robotic technology. Whatever the form, the message remains eternal.

Will you join us on the journey?

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Diocesan publications earn national press awards



Faith magazine and *FaithLife* newspaper of the Diocese of Erie captured six awards this month at the Catholic Press Awards held in Wisconsin. The Catholic Press Association presents awards every year to recognize outstanding work by journalists from across the U.S. and Canada.

This year's winners are:

Second Place Awards

- **Best Photograph/Photo Illustration**—"Midnight Mass at St. Hermenegild" by Melinda Isachsen, *Faith* magazine
- **Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues: Dignity and Rights of the Workers** (newspaper division)—"Autistic students get 'safety net'" by Mary Solberg, *FaithLife* newspaper

Third Place Awards

- **Best Front Page Broadsheet**—Mary Solberg, Rich Papalia, *FaithLife* newspaper

- **Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues: Life and Dignity of the Human Person** (magazine division)—"Leroy finally found a family" by Anne-Marie Welsh, *Faith* magazine

- **Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues: Call to Family, Community and Participation** (magazine division)—"Be God's hands and feet" by Abby Badach-Doyle, *Faith* magazine

Honorable Mention

- **Best Facebook Post**—"The bishop roars on Facebook" by Anne-Marie Welsh.

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Gannon University in Erie is offering summer camps for kids ages 4 to 18. Go to camps.gannon.edu for all the details.

Healing service

There will be an interdenominational healing service at "The Cross on the Hill," 2041 Mt. Zion Road, Weedville, June 24 at 3 p.m., with Pastor Melissa Smith of the Benezzette/Weedville United Methodist Churches and Father Mark Mastrian of St. Joseph Church in Force presiding.

Music will be provided by Shalom. Bench seating will be available, but those attending may want to bring their own folding chair. In the event of rain, the service will be held at St. Joseph Church in Force. No donations are required or accepted.

For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

Fourth of July and 5K

St. Joseph Church in Lucinda is hosting its 79th annual Fourth of July celebration on the church grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, July 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and its Liberty 5K Run/Walk on July 7 beginning at 9 a.m. at the historic Lucinda Train Station, 1040 Lander Drive.

The July 4 event will feature all-you-can-eat chicken and ham dinners, games of skill and chance for all ages, quilt tent, called-number games, live entertainment and a grand prize drawing worth more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

Dinners will be available in the dining room from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. with takeouts available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6 to 12, and free for children under 6. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.

For more information on both events, go to www.st-joseph-lucinda.org or call 814-226-7288.

Quo Vadis for high school boys

The Diocese of Erie and the Diocese of Greensburg are teaming up for their first annual *Quo Vadis* Days (QVD) at St. Philip Church and Retreat Center in Linesville July 8-11.

This retreat/camp is designed for high school boys who are considering seminary formation and the priesthood.

QVD is welcoming Erie Bishop Lawrence T. Persico and Greensburg Bishop Edward C. Malesic to celebrate Masses. Other visiting priests will give talks and seminars will be on hand throughout the week.

To learn more and to register, contact Father Mike Polinek, vocations director, at mpolinek@ErieCD.org or at 814-824-1200, or go to the Vocations website at www.erievocations.org.

Divine Mercy Encounter

The Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat Program offers two opportunities to make a DME retreat this summer: July 6-8 in Erie, and Aug. 10-12 in St. Marys. Applications can

be submitted online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Questions? Contact Jessica Nelson at jnelson@divinemercyencounter.com or at 814-449-9533.

Carmelite Monastery event

The Carmelite nuns in Erie invite everyone to attend the 61st annual Days of Prayer at the Carmelite Monastery, 510 East Gore Road, Erie, July 11-16. Father Ronan Murphy, chaplain of the Carmel of Brooklyn, N.Y., will be the preacher. Mass will be celebrated each day at 8 a.m.

A service with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a sermon will be held at 7:30 p.m. each day, except for the evening of July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The rosary and divine mercy chaplet will be offered daily at 7:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

'Man of the Shroud' exhibit

St. Joseph Parish in Lucinda will sponsor the "Man of the Shroud" exhibit Aug. 4-12 in the parish social hall on Route 66. Exhibition hours will be posted on the parish website (www.st-joseph-lucinda.org) throughout July and August.

The exhibit includes an exact, full-length replica of the Shroud of Turin and many panels detailing the history and science of the shroud, as well as a large crucifix showing the wounds of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Marytown, Ill., of the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe make the mobile exhibit available to the public.

St. Andrew School reunion

All alumni and families of St. Andrew School in Erie are welcome to attend the 2018 Grand Reunion Aug. 4 from 3 to 8 p.m. at UPMC Park in Erie.

Wedding anniversaries

Diocesan anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2018 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

- Aug. 5 at 2 p.m., St. George Parish, Erie
 - Aug. 19 at 2 p.m., Sts. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney
- Couples and/or parish staff may complete a registration form online at <https://www.ErieCD.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>. For questions, call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1250 or email Christine Hess, Family Life director, at chess@ErieCD.org.

Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion is planning "Saintly Sojourn," a Nov. 13-15 pilgrimage to sites in and near Washington, D.C. Join Father Monty Sayers, pastor, and others on this special trip.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Kim at 814-226-8433, ext. 101, or email her at kimkroh@comcast.net. Reservations are required by July 13. A payment of \$250 is due by Aug. 13, and the balance is due by Oct. 15.

Diocese celebrates new priests



As transitional deacons, Andrew Boyd and Ian McElrath lie prostrate before the altar at St. Peter Cathedral as part of their ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Erie.

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with her husband, Michael, and Father McElrath's parents, Robert and Paula.

During the ordination, the McElraths both felt the strong presence of Father McElrath's four grandparents, all of whom are deceased.

"They're probably smiling down on him right now," Paula McElrath said after the Mass. "He was lucky enough to spend time with both of his grandmothers. They were great influences on him."

For the Boyds, their son's journey to the priesthood seemed to start at a young age.

"He was 4 years old when he was running down the hallway to go outside and play. He said, 'Mom, I'm going out to play rectory. I'm the priest, Mom. I say Mass,'" Peggy Boyd recalled.

Father McElrath's dad wasn't so sure about his son's path until later

in Father McElrath's life.

"He played music so much that I thought he might go that way, but the two things he really loved were the church and the organ, so it's worked out pretty well. Now he has both," Robert McElrath said.

Both Father Boyd and Father McElrath point to their parents as their biggest supporters.

"It [priesthood] is an odd path for people to take these days, and I think our families sort of experienced that in different ways," Father McElrath said. "Both our families have been very supportive."

In May, Father McElrath graduated from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore; Father Boyd graduated from Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe.

Both said their first Masses at their home parishes: Father Boyd at St. James Parish in Erie, and Father

McElrath at St. Joseph in Sharon.

They are awaiting their first assignments.

Both priests view communication as essential to nurturing the faith, especially with declining numbers of young adults regularly attending Mass.

"I think the question we need to ask ourselves about numbers is, 'How effectively are we proclaiming the Gospel?'" Father McElrath said. "The work of the church is ultimately to draw people into the kingdom of God."

Father Boyd takes seriously his role as a communicator.

"One of the most important things we as pastors can do is communicate the Good News," Father Boyd said. "As Pope Benedict XVI said, we have to be 'the soul' and the conscience of the internet. That is, at least, my goal."



Father Andrew Boyd celebrates his ordination with, from left, his parents, Michael and Peggy Boyd; his grandmother, Mary Church; his brother, David; and his brother's girlfriend, Stefanie Mitchell.



The McElrath family proudly poses with Father Ian McElrath after his ordination. Pictured are Father McElrath's parents, Robert and Paula McElrath, and his sister, Kylie.



Father James McCormick, left, pastor of St. James Parish, Erie, and Father Johnathan Schmoit, parochial administrator, St. Michael Parish, Emlenton, vest the newly ordained priests.

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Serra Club recognizes clergy, sister, lay person for contributions



ERIE—The Serra Club of Erie recognized the contributions and good works of a religious sister, a lay person and members of the clergy June 5 at its annual banquet in the Yehli ballroom at Gannon University. The 2018 honorees are pictured, from left: **Deacon Denis Coan**, Deacon of the Year; **Bishop Lawrence Persico**, Priest of the Year; **Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ**, Religious of the Year; and **Ann Speice** and **John Speice**, children of the late James Speice, Layperson of the Year, recognized posthumously.

Knights give clothing to school district



CURWENSVILLE—The Knights of Columbus St. John XXIII Council #16090 of Curwensville/Grampian recently presented winter coats, sweatshirts, gloves and underwear for elementary-aged school children to the Curwensville Area School District. The donations are made possible through the Knights' Kover for Kids Program.

Pictured, from left, are: Knight **Brian Spencer**, Superintendent **Ronald Matchock** of the Curwensville Area School District, and Knights **Sean Dunn** and **Pete Petrone**.

Partnered Erie parishes celebrate Corpus Christi with procession



Photos by Joe Meiss

ERIE—Parishioners from Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist parishes in Erie and visitors participated in a Corpus Christi procession June 3 outside Holy Rosary Church. Father John Jacques, pastor of the partnered parishes, led the procession, along with Deacon Denis Coan and Deacon Paul Bork, a Maryknoll missionary from Buffalo. John Sins of Holy Rosary was the cross bearer; Brigid Ochalek from Holy Rosary and Morgan Eastman of St. John were candle bearers; and Garrett and Logan Hannah of Holy Rosary were servers.


There were three outside altars on the parish property for the procession. It ended in the church with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing, prayer, a Eucharistic blessing and divine praises.

Prince of Peace Center promotes new hashtag

ERIE—Prince of Peace Center in Farrell is celebrating its 35th year of responding to the needs of the people of the Shenango Valley. To raise awareness of this outreach of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, the agency has started the online #IAMPOP initiative. During its semi-annual meeting of members, current board chair, **Lisa Dach**, second from left, presented members of the corporation with #IAMPOP shirts.

Pictured with Dach, from left, are: **Father Christopher Singer**, chancellor; **Bishop Lawrence Persico**; **Msgr. Edward Lohse**, vicar general; and **Ann Badach**, executive director of Catholic Charities.





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