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October is Respect Life Month

Diocesan director of Respect Life Office shares latest ultrasound of her son



Meet Nicholas Grogan at 12 weeks gestation.

Erin Landini-Grogan, director of Parish Social Ministry/Respect Life, shares with *FaithLife* readers an ultrasound of her second son, Nicholas. She and her husband, Joe, are expecting Nicholas to be born Feb. 2, 2015. Here's what she has to say about this October's special focus on life:

"In expecting my second child, I am once again in awe of this great miracle and reminded of God's integral role in crafting humankind. Issues such as abortion, war and poverty are direct threats to life and dignity and, collectively, we must work to build a culture that respects and defends all human life. During these days of Respect Life Month and every day, let each of us recommit ourselves to protect life from the moment of conception to natural death."

Here is a sampling of pro-life activities in each vicariate of the Diocese of Erie this month:

- **St. Brigid Church in Meadville**
A crib located in the gathering area is used throughout October to collect donations of newborn baby items, maternity items, cribs, playpens, personal care items, and lap robes for nursing home residents. Donations will be given to St. James Men's Haven, The Pregnancy Center of Meadville, and local nursing homes.
- **Queen of the World/St. Mary/Sacred Heart churches in St. Marys**
Parishioners participate in daily prayers, fasting and recitation of the rosary for 40 days, ending at the beginning of November. It is part of the national 40 Days for Life campaign to raise awareness of abortion and its effects. Volunteers also will stand in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to show respect for all human life.
- **St. Stanislaus Church in Erie**
St. Stanislaus Church, E. 13th and Wallace streets, Erie, is holding a holy hour on Sunday, Oct. 19, beginning at 2 p.m. to recognize Respect Life Month. All are welcome to join in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to show respect for all human life.

Get informed

Diocese conducts candidate surveys

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie are encouraged to educate themselves about crucial issues facing our commonwealth and the positions held by political candidates running for office in the upcoming midterm elections Nov. 4. In the next issue of *FaithLife*, look for the results of a candidate questionnaire that was sent to those running for office within the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. The diocesan Office of Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life—in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference—distributed the surveys earlier this month.

See a summary of the survey results in the Oct. 26 edition of *FaithLife* and on the diocesan website at www.ErieRCD.org.

Angels Among Us

Donors honored by new Sentinel Society

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

When Benedictine Sister Denise Mosier died in a car accident four years ago, her sister, Mary Ann Lamb of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, and her brothers John and Robert Mosier of St. Callistus Parish in Kane wanted to keep her positive energy alive. The indomitable Sister Denise, who had taught at Elk County Catholic in St. Marys, was 66 years old when she was struck and killed by a drunk driver while enroute to church with members of her new Benedictine community in Bristow, Va.

After finalizing their sister's estate, Lamb and her brothers decided to establish the Sister Denise Mosier Memorial Scholarship Endowment through The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Erie. A scholarship will be given every year to a graduate of Kane High School who is also a member of St. Callistus Parish.

"She gave her whole life to the church. We wanted to give a little in her memory for the good of others," Lamb says.

Lamb and the Mosiers were among 1,300 people who were invited by Bishop Lawrence Persico to attend appreciation receptions in Erie and in Ridgway this September. Sister Denise's family was immediately welcomed into the Seraphim angel circle in the newly established Sentinel Society of the Diocese of Erie.

Erie is one of the only dioceses in the country that has special receptions to recognize donors across the giving spectrum. Angel circles within the Sentinel Society have been established to recognize those who give to The Catholic Foundation, the Catholic Services Appeal, Catholic Charities, and the STAR Foundation. (See details in the sidebar.)

"In discussions with the bishop, we saw that there were a variety of people who had a passion for the work of the diocese who didn't realize how important they were to us," says Emma Lee McCloskey, president of The Catholic Foundation.

The two receptions held in September included people like Jari Lee and Dennis Galvin, also of St. Callistus, who were welcomed into the Cherubim giving circle for their contributions to the annual Catholic Services Appeal.

"When we got the invitation in the mail, I thought, 'Why are we being invited?'" Jari Lee Galvin says. "I asked about it and someone said that the bishop just wants to say thank-you."

Such simplicity is at the core

The newly created Sentinel Society includes four circles that recognize all of the giving "angels" in the Diocese of Erie. Learn more about these giving circles:

- **Seraphim**
Honors donors to **The Catholic Foundation** who—through their wills—have given planned gifts and outright gifts of \$1,000 or more for endowments.
- **Cherubim**
Honors donors to the annual **Catholic Services Appeal** whose giving totaled \$1,000 or more in the previous year.
- **Virtues**
Honors individual and corporate donors to **Catholic Charities** for cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more.
- **Archangels**
Honors companies that have given through the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program or the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program through the **STAR Foundation** to support scholarships for students in Catholic schools.



Gathered at a reception in Erie are Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman; Emma Lee McCloskey, president of The Catholic Foundation; Deacon Ron Fronzaglia, representing Father Mark Nowak; Mary Ann Lamb of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie; Mary Hoffman of St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie; and Bishop Lawrence Persico.

To learn more about the giving circles contact:

- **Seraphim Circle**
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- **Cherubim Circle**
William Grant
(814) 824-1192
- **Virtues Circle**
Barbara McNamara
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- **Archangels Circle**
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At a reception in Ridgway, from left to right, are: Bob Ordiway, member of the STAR Foundation; and Laird and Catherine Ober of St. Mary Parish, Reynoldsville.

of the Sentinel Society, which recognizes giving from the heart. Donors are honored at levels from \$1,000 and up. When they come together at the bishop's thank-you receptions, it's an opportunity to

network, too.

"More and more people will share what lights them up in terms of their faith and why they give," McCloskey says.

For Mary Ann Lamb, that light is the Sister Denise Mosier Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

"It means," Lamb says, "that her memory and the good that she started will continue."

Parishes asked to give to missions

Parishes in the Diocese of Erie will take a collection Oct. 18-19 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which supports 1,150 young mission dioceses and communities throughout the world.

Mission Director Pat Marshall of the Diocese of Erie asks:

**"What if you had never heard of Christ?
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Pat Marshall, director of the Mission Office of the Diocese of Erie, met recently with Archbishop George Antonsamy, left, of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, India, and Father Selva Raj of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India, who were traveling in the United States to meet diocesan directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The priests wrapped Marshall in a colorful fabric that serves as a traditional Indian greeting.



A recent poll found that a majority of people believe Muslims face a lot of discrimination in the United States, while less than a fifth of those surveyed think Catholics are subject to a lot of discrimination.

Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world

from Catholic News Service

■ Mom honored for vaccine campaign

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS)—Debi Vinnege of Largo, Fla., received the "Evangelium Vitae" award for outstanding service to the pro-life movement during the Catholic Medical Association's 83rd annual education conference.

Vinnege is founder and executive director of the non-profit Children of God for Life, which is considered a world leader in the campaign for ethical vaccines and medicines that do not use cell lines derived from aborted human fetuses.

Her organization also leads consumer campaigns against corporations that fund research that utilizes any human tissue or cell lines derived from embryos or use such cell lines in their products.

In an interview with Catholic News Service, Vinnege said she was upset when she discovered that some vaccines were being produced from cell lines derived from aborted fetuses. Knowing her children had had such vaccines, she said, "I made a promise to God that I would do everything I could" to stop the development of such vaccines.

■ Pope tells bishops at family synod to speak fearlessly, listen humbly

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis opened the first working session of an extraordinary Synod of Bishops Oct. 6, urging participants to speak fearlessly and listen humbly during two weeks of discussion of the "pastoral challenges of the family."

Hungarian Cardinal Peter Erdo of Esztergom-Budapest outlined some of the major challenges the bishops would discuss, including such controversial topics as cohabitation, divorce, birth control and the impact of social and economic pressures.

"Let nobody say: 'I can't say this; they'll think such-and-such about me,'" Pope Francis told more than 180 bishops and more than 60 other synod participants. "Everyone

needs to say what one feels duty-bound in the Lord to say: without respect for human considerations, without fear." The pope recalled that, after a gathering of the world's cardinals in February, one cardinal told him others had hesitated to speak out for fear of disagreeing with the pope. "This is no good, this is not synodality," the pope said.

Later in the morning, Cardinal Erdo, who has the task of guiding the discussion and synthesizing its results, gave an hour-long speech that drew on written statements submitted in advance by the synod fathers and on responses to a well-publicized questionnaire sent to the world's bishops last November.

The Oct. 5-19 synod is not supposed to reach definitive conclusions but set the agenda for a larger world synod in October 2015, which will make recommendations to the pope.



ROME—Pope Francis greets Italian disabled dancer Simona Atzori during a special audience with Paralympic athletes in Paul VI Hall at the Vatican Oct. 4.



Editor's Notes
Mary SOLBERG

In his first papal homily, in March 2013, Pope Francis talked about the simple act of walking:

"This is the first thing God said to Jacob, 'O, house of Jacob, Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.' This is the first thing God said to Abraham: 'Walk in my presence and be blameless.' Walking: Our life is a journey and when we stop, there is something wrong. Walking always, in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, seeking to live with that blamelessness..."

Walking through life close to God is essential in the Christian journey, both literally and figuratively. We Christians travel with God by our side, in a larger sense, but physically walking as a means to meditate on the divine is important, too.

Labyrinths—or walkways—have historically been used by people as a private meditation ritual. It's fitting that Harborcreek Youth Services, an Erie County residential treatment center for young men, has recently created a new labyrinth on its grounds. The residents helped build the labyrinth this summer and already have started to use it regularly as part of what Executive Director John Petulla calls "trauma therapy."

"It's very meaningful in terms of thinking, praying and walking," Petulla says. "Most of our kids have been through some kind of physical and mental trauma."

Petulla wanted to create the labyrinth—shaped like a hand—as part of the Sanctuary model of care.

"Walk. Think. Pray. Heal. That's the idea," Petulla says.

Anyone who visits Harborcreek Youth Services these days is likely to see Erin Bastow, therapist, sitting under the trees or walking the labyrinth with the residents. Pope Francis, certainly, would approve.



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Erin Bastow, a clinical therapist at Harborcreek Youth Services, walks the labyrinth with residents at the facility.

The Benedictines for Peace organized a successful event in Erie last month to coincide with the People's Climate March in New York City Sept. 21. About 250 people gathered at Gannon University for various activities to raise awareness of climate change.

According to Sister Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ, more than 70 people signed individual pledge cards, promising to take actual steps to reduce, reuse and recycle. Most people committed to turning off lights and unplugging electronics, washing with full loads, and buying local and buying less.

I was impressed with how many others made a commitment to composting, using cloth bags instead of plastic, and reducing the amount of bottled water they used. During a yoga presentation, Julie Hamilton told those gathered, "If we aren't in harmony with ourselves, we will have difficulty in helping the world."

Speaking of making the world a better place, a 2001 graduate of Elk County Catholic is doing his part in promoting healthier lifestyles.

LeRoy Kopp recently opened New Horizons Healthy Foods, located on Depot Street in St. Marys. The store offers groceries, smoothies, organic coffee, natural supplements, homemade food items and custom salads and lunch specials for take-out or dine-in.

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Interior of St. Eulalia points to heavenly journey

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

COUDERSPORT—A theology of hope now permeates St. Eulalia Church in Coudersport.

The 111-year-old parish recently celebrated the blessing of its newly renovated church interior, which includes a celestial blue sky with 630 gold stars on the ceiling of the nave and a sunburst painted in the sanctuary.

"As Christians joyfully anticipating the second coming of Christ, we orient ourselves toward the East and the rising Son, Jesus Christ, 'the true light that enlightens every man' [John 1:9]," says Father James Campbell, pastor.

In August, the parish finished a \$750,000 restoration project that injected vibrant colors and a message of the Christian journey from darkness to light. Besides the sunburst and the painted blue sky and stars, the entire interior of the church was freshly painted. Statues were refurbished and oil paintings on canvas of 10 virgin martyrs were added to the walls.

The martyrs, one of whom is St. Eulalia, help the viewer "contemplate holy and lofty inspirations," Father Campbell says. They also remind us, he explains, of the strength and dignity of women.

For longtime parishioner Judy



Photo by Anne-Marie Welch

A blue sky with 630 gold stars on the ceiling of the nave was painted in recent restoration work at St. Eulalia Church. The image of St. Eulalia is among 10 virgin martyr paintings added to the walls.

Castano, the restoration project has provided a profoundly inspiring setting in which to pray.

"It's gorgeous," Castano says. "I like the sacredness of the space and knowing that Jesus is pres-

ent there all of the time. It's an honorable place for this to be his home."

A three-year capital campaign helped fund the renovation project, which began last January



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A sunburst over the sanctuary,

under the direction of Swanson Contractors, New Guild Studio of Braddock, Pa., was hired to do the painting projects, while Schutte Woodworking refinished the pews, high altar and other woodwork. A new pulpit was installed, along with new carpeting, heating and air conditioning units, and a handicap-

accessible entryway.

According to Father Campbell, funding the restoration was made possible through the generosity of parishioners and the merger five years ago of St. Eulalia and St. Gabriel Parish in Port Allegany. Such parish consolidations, he says, free up resources and available money for ongoing maintenance.

Father Campbell also serves as pastor of St. Gabriel, which has undertaken smaller projects in recent years, including a steeple restoration and new landscaping.

"The consolidation," he says, "has made the parishes fiscally more sound and stronger."

Bishop Lawrence Persico traveled to Coudersport in mid-August to celebrate a Mass and blessing of the newly renovated St. Eulalia Church.

He told the congregation: "May our celebration of the blessing of this renovated church renew within each and every one of us a greater desire to draw closer to our Lord and to follow him more eagerly and with greater devotion."

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ERIE—Enjoy a journey from Ireland to Erie with a celebration of the history of Sisters of Mercy in Erie Oct. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse, 444 East Grandview Blvd., Erie.

"From Eire to Erie" benefits the mission of the Sisters of Mercy, New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community in their work with those in need and with elderly and infirm sisters. Tickets are \$75 per person and include cocktails, hearty hors d'oeuvres, an auction, entertainment and a chance to have fun and converse with the sisters and their friends.

To purchase tickets, sponsor a sister to attend, or to purchase program ads, contact any committee member or Mercy Sister Bernadette Bell at 814-824-3635/bbell@mercyppawp.org.

Catholic Daughters celebrate 110th

CORRY—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #35, Corry, is hosting parishioners and friends for hot coffee and donuts on Sunday, Oct. 19, to help celebrate their 110th anniversary of providing "unity and charity" in the community.

The local CDA chapter is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas, founded in 1903. The event will be held at St. Elizabeth Center, 311 Emerald St., Corry, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Church, 26 W. Pleasant St., Corry.

Cancer Awareness Mass scheduled in Erie

ERIE—There will be a special Mass for cancer awareness at St. Paul Church, 1617 Walnut St., Erie, on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. Celebrants of the Mass will be Father Alex Amico and Deacon Anthony Alleruzzo.

St. Casimir to host 100th reunion

ERIE—St. Casimir Rosary Society is organizing the 100th anniversary celebration of the east Erie church and its former school.

Committee members are calling on all St. Casimir School grads to attend the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 1, followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Bel-Aire Hotel, 2800 W. 8th St., Erie. For more information, call Chris at 814-455-8396 or Eileen at 814-454-0739.

Marriage comes first at WWME

LIGONIER, Pa.—The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Nov. 14-16 at the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pa., located north of Ligonier. There's a non-refundable \$75 application fee to attend. There will be a free-will offering to continue the work of WWME.

Space is limited. The deadline for the November weekend is Oct. 24. To learn more or apply, call 814-823-4600 or 412-635-7775. Applications also are accepted at www.YourMarriagesWorthIt.org.

Bishop to discuss Catholic social teaching

ERIE—St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community and Faith in Action Erie are sponsoring a talk by Bishop Lawrence Persico Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 147 W. 24th St., Erie.

The bishop's address is titled, "The Best Kept Secret in the Catholic Church: What is Catholic Social Teaching?" All are welcome to attend, but reservations are appreciated for planning purposes. Include the number of children who need free child care during the event. Reserve seats by Oct. 30 by calling 469-426-6066 or emailing faithinactionerie@gmail.com.

St. Gregory to host parish mission

NORTH EAST—St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish in North East will host a parish mission with Bethany Ministries Oct. 18-22 at the church, 48 South Pearl St.

Father Peter Chennits, OFM, and Sister Anna Tantsits, IHM, will lead the mission, the theme of which is "God's Love is Everlasting." They will speak at all weekend Masses Oct. 18-19 and give a presentation to all religious education students on Sunday, Oct. 19. Talks will be given at each 8 a.m. Mass Oct. 20-22. A mission service will be held each day at 7 p.m. from Oct. 20 through Oct. 22. Anointing of the sick will be offered at the evening service Oct. 22. For more information, call the parish at 814-725-9691.

Erie Otters tickets raffled for WYD trip

SMETHPORT—Pilgrims from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Smethport are planning to attend World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. They are raffling off four tickets to any Erie Otters home game during the 2014-15 regular season.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and the winner will be drawn on Nov. 16 at St. Elizabeth Church. To purchase raffle tickets or for more information, contact Heather Ritts at hritts@wildblue.net.

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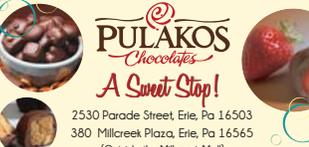
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Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, devoted life to education, the needy

Benedictine Sister Christine Vladimiroff, a longtime educator and former president and chief executive officer of Second Harvest National Food Bank Network in Chicago, died Sept. 25 at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery in Erie following a long illness.



Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB

A native of Erie, Sister Christine was the eldest child of the late John and Agnes Olaszewski Vladimiroff.

She received her early education at St. Ann School and St. Benedict Academy, both in Erie, and entered the Benedictine Sisters of Erie in 1957. She pronounced her perpetual monastic vows in 1962. In 2009, she celebrated her golden jubilee.

Sister Christine was a born teacher whose studies began at Mercyhurst University in Erie and culminated in earning a doctorate in philosophy at the Universidad Internacional, Mexico City, Mexico. She did post-graduate study at several universities, including Fordham, Georgetown, Edinboro, St. Bonaventure and Gannon.

She taught in elementary, secondary and college classrooms,

having also served as an administrator at all of those levels. She was appointed multicultural coordinator (1981) and secretary of education for the Diocese of Cleveland (1983), a position she held until 1991.

Her care for students naturally transferred to her eventual outreach to the needy and hungry. Sister Christine was appointed president and CEO of the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network, Chicago, in 1991. She re-

mained in that position until her religious community elected her president in 1998.

After completing her term of office in 2010, Sister Christine became executive director of St. Benedict Education Center in Erie. She oversaw a variety of programs that provide job and language skills to participants—often refugees.

Sister Christine served as president of the Conference of American Benedictine Prioresses (2009-13); the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (president: 2004-05; leadership team: 2003-06); and was a delegate to the International Organization of Benedictine women, Communion Internationalis Benedictinarum.

In addition to numerous professional memberships and affiliations, Sister Christine was recognized in the following ways: Hunger Hero (Bread for the World, 2004); Distinguished Pennsylvanian (Gannon University, 2001); Archbishop Oscar Romero Award (Mercyhurst University, 1999); Leadership Award, Second Harvest National Food Bank Network (1998); Distinguished Alumna, Sister Carolyn

Hermann Award for Outstanding Community Service (Mercyhurst University, 1997); Catholic Woman of Achievement Award (College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J., 1997); and the Adrian Dominican Educational Leadership Award (Barry University, Miami, Fla., 1990). Most recently, Sister Christine was honored as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania (Governor's Award, 2013).

She taught for the good of those she served: students, refugees, the poor, the hungry and her religious community. She believed that life is to be fully lived for the sake of the reign of God and always with joy.

Besides members of her Benedictine community, Sister Christine is survived by her sisters: Elaine Retzlaff (Klaus) and her family, of Binghamton, N.Y., and Joan Psillas (Thomas) and her family, of Milford, Mich.

Funeral services and a Mass of Christian burial were held at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery. Burial was at Trinity Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511.

Speakers announced for 2nd Erie Men's Conference



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



Jesse Romero



Father Larry Richards

Three nationally acclaimed speakers will address this November's second annual Erie Men's Conference at the Warner Theater in downtown Erie.

A Catholic outreach to men of faith, the event is presented by the non-profit 2232 MEN of Erie. The conference is a day of prayer, reflection and worship, as well as

an opportunity to learn from noted national Christian speakers.

The speakers include: ■ **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**, the founder and director of DynamicDeacon.com, an apostolate dedicated to bringing all people to a deeper love of Christ and the Gospel by sharing the truth of the Catholic faith. He is a writer, blogger, and radio/televi-

sion guest and host.

■ **Jesse Romero**, a full-time Catholic lay evangelist, nationally acclaimed for his Christ-centered preaching. He is director of "On Fire Evangelization." A retired Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, Romero holds a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University and is an author and radio host. He is a three-time

World Police Olympics boxing champion.

■ **Father Larry Richards**, pastor of St. Joseph/Bread of Life in Erie. A retreat master and radio host, he has presented hundreds of retreats, parish missions and conferences throughout the country. He is the best-selling author of *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be and Surrender! The Life Changing Power of Doing God's Will*. His men's Bible series will soon be released by Our Sunday Visitor.

The half-day conference will be held Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bishop Lawrence Persico will be in attendance all day and preside over the opening ceremonies and closing Mass.

The cost is \$40 and includes lunch and free parking. For more information or to register, visit www.2232men.com.

SSJs welcome 11 new associates

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania welcomed 11 new associates during a special liturgy held recently at the Community Living Center in Millcreek Township. Associates welcomed into membership were: Cynthia Berarducci, Teresa Cieslikowski, Geraldine Gallagher, Gretchen Gallagher-Durney, Maria Ines Patino Giraldo, Denise Krainski, Tom and Mary Lyons, Carol Picheo, Joann Rupp and Susan Shannon.

SSJ Associates are Christian women and men who come together to share the nature and spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph

to further the reign of God. Associate candidates are required to complete a year of preparation and instruction about the history, mission, spirit and spirituality of the sisters before they are welcomed into the program and asked to make their commitment, which is renewed annually.

"At a time when so many are looking for deeper meaning and spirituality, associate membership offers that path for Christian men and women who feel called to a closer connection with the Sisters of St. Joseph," said Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ.



Among the 11 new associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph, left to right, are: Maria Ines Patino Giraldo, Denise Krainski, Cynthia Berarducci, Mary Lyons and Tom Lyons.



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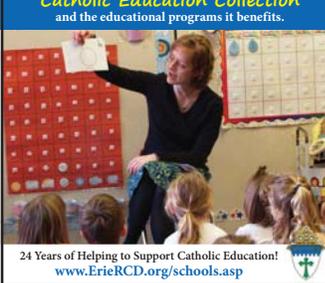
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Teachers complete certification process



ERIE—Father John Malthaner, pastor of St. Luke Parish in Erie, sits in the upper right row with St. Luke School faculty who recently completed the catechist certification process. Father Malthaner presided over a Mass to begin the new academic year and then presented the faculty with their certificates.

Bishop blesses new Catholic Campus Ministry house



CLARION—Bishop Lawrence Persico recently blessed the new Catholic Campus Ministry house for Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Present for the tour and blessing were members of the Newman Association, Knights of Columbus, as well as university faculty and staff. Pictured in the first row, left to right, are Dr. Kazen Whitney, president of Clarion University; Mary Landi, who donated the house; and Bishop Persico. In the second row, left to right, are: Ann Enderlie Liska, director of Campus Ministry; and Father Monty Sayers, chaplain at Clarion University and pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion.

Paging all eighth-graders!



HARRISBURG—Eighth-graders from St. Michael School in Green-ville represented their class recently as guest pages in both the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate. To be selected as a page, students had to write a letter about how the experience would benefit them in their understanding of state government. The group spent a day in the House and in the Senate and also had the opportunity to tour the State Capitol and the nearby town of Hershey.

Pictured are Reenie Hockett, a parent chaperone; State Rep. Michelle Brooks, 17th District; eighth-graders Caroline Hoover, Cassie Hockett, Owen Cianci and Alex Harpst; Sen. Bob Robbins, representing the 50th District; and teacher Dan Hogan.

Sixth-grader wins Catholic Daughters of America competition



CORRY—St. Thomas School in Corry congratulates sixth-grader Allison Zaczekiewicz for winning a statewide Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) competition for her mixed-media art submission on the theme of peace. She illustrated the theme by showing a world surrounded by children of various nationalities and from many countries.

Her submission won a cash award earlier this year at the local CDA level and was automatically entered in the state competition. Pictured are Father Mark Hoffman, pastor of St. Thomas Parish; Allison Zaczekiewicz; Linda Brown of the CDA; Kathleen Bowes, school principal; and Debbie Bowen, teacher.

Second-graders create 9/11 hero video



ERIE—Second-graders at St. Luke School in Erie held a Patriots Day Celebration to commemorate the 13th anniversary of 9/11. City of Erie police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians—along with members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Border Patrol and the Pennsylvania State Police—were honored guests. Students sang songs, shared treats and said prayers. A video—“What is a Hero?”—was created by students to explain how they feel about service men and women and 9/11 responders.

Prayer Shawl Ministry holds retreat



ERIE—About 60 women representing seven Erie parishes and one church from Pittsburgh attended a Prayer Shawl Ministry retreat in September at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, Erie. Pictured at the retreat, left to right, are: Allene Kraus of St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie; Mercy Associate Joyce Crishock of St. Luke Parish, Erie; Marti Michael, an associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania; and Mercy Sister Pierre Dembinski, coordinator of the retreat and of the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the Sisters of Mercy. The retreat featured prayer, a talk, small-group sharing, an auction and lunch.

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