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## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Former Catholic church sold

St. Stanislaus Parish in Erie recently sold the former St. Mary Church and its rectory, located at 315 E. Ninth St., Erie, for a total of \$150,000. The building was sold to New Life and Spirit Revival Center, a non-denominational Christian ministry.

Funds from the sale will go to St. Stanislaus Parish, which owned St. Mary Church. The church was closed in 2015.

After having met with his parish finance council, Msgr. Bernard Urbanik, pastor of St. Stanislaus, sought the bishop's permission to finalize the sale, as required by diocesan law. The bishop had previously removed the blessing of the church building. Removing a blessing means a church building ceases to be reserved for divine worship. According to Bishop Persico, everything used for worship—including the altar, statues and stained-glass windows—had been removed.

Msgr. Urbanik said the sale prevented the building from deteriorating and becoming a financial burden on St. Stanislaus Parish.



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

### Gannon breaks ground for social concerns house

Gannon University President Keith Taylor and his family have guaranteed funding for the creation of the St. Joseph House of Faith in Action, an outreach ministry of the school's Center for Social Concerns.

Located in the 400 block of W. Fourth Street in downtown Erie, St. Joseph House will provide a home base and living space for groups from Gannon and beyond to service the bayfront community in which Gannon is situated.

Bishop Lawrence Persico attended the Sept. 22 groundbreaking for St. Joseph House.

The house will provide space for retreats and small group activities. It also will be a home for working adults saving for the opportunity to buy their own homes.

Other features include a community room, open space, two small private bedrooms for permanent employee tenants, a guest bedroom/office, three full bathrooms and a large kitchen.

"The St. Joseph House of Faith in Action provides a welcoming home for all who seek to serve in solidarity with the local urban community and to be transformed through their own efforts to transform the neighborhoods of Our West Bayfront, one act of kindness at a time," Taylor said.

### Mercyhurst Prep affiliated with MESA

Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie has announced that it now is affiliated with the Mercy Education System of the Americas (MESA).

MESA is the new governance model for all 58 Mercy Education Ministries, including schools in Argentina, Belize, Guam, Honduras, Jamaica, the Philippines and the U.S.

"This new system will broaden educational opportunities for all our students," said Ed Curtin, MPS president. "It also will promote, support and advance our Mercy education ministries in their calling to be grounded in Mercy and Catholic identity into the future."

Launched in May, MESA is guided by board members invited by the Sisters of Mercy and educators of the Mercy Education Leadership Committee, and appointed by the Institute Leadership Team.

Day-to-day operations will not change at MESA-run schools, and local administration and local boards will remain in place.

## Diocese, others review latest development in religious liberty case

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE | FAITHLIFE STAFF

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Trump administration Oct. 6 issued interim rules expanding the exemption to the contraceptive mandate for religious employers, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Diocese of Erie, who object on moral grounds to covering contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices in their employee health insurance.

Leaders of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) praised the action as "a return to common sense, long-standing federal practice and peaceful coexistence between church and state."

The contraceptive mandate was put in place by the Department of Health and Human Services under the Affordable Care Act.

The HHS mandate has undergone numerous legal challenges from religious organizations and dioceses, including Erie and Pittsburgh, as well as the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. In 2016, the case (*Zubik v. Burwell*) went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The new rules provide a full exemption to the contraception mandate for employers who have sincerely held moral convictions, or sincerely held religious beliefs. In other words, those employers do not have to comply with the coverage requirements, and do not have to do anything more.

The new HHS rule is open for comments for a 90-day period and will likely face legal challenges, which already began in a lawsuit filed Oct. 6 by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of members of the ACLU and Service Employee International Union-United Health Care Workers West.

Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico has conferred with Jones Day, lead counsel, about the latest developments.



Photo by Mary Solberg

Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico, far left, is pictured walking from the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2016 with Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik, center, and Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., following oral arguments regarding religious liberty and the contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Care Act.

"This is a good first step in restoring religious liberty and protecting the rights of religious organizations to provide health coverage consistent with their beliefs and faith," the bishop said. "My understanding from our legal counsel is that the new rules do not resolve the litigation we have been pursuing for over five years, but we are hopeful a permanent resolution will be coming soon."

From the outset, churches were exempt from the mandate, but not religious employers.

The Obama administration had put in place a religious accommodation for nonprofit religious entities such as church-run colleges and social service agencies morally opposed to contraceptive coverage that required them to file a form or notify HHS that they will not provide it. Many Catholic employers still objected to having to fill out the form.

The Supreme Court unanimously re-

turned the case to the lower courts with instructions to determine if contraceptive insurance coverage could be obtained by employees through their insurance companies without directly involving religious employers who object to paying for such coverage.

Jones Day has been engaging in talks with the government for many months to resolve this issue, but the government has maintained that there are ways to provide the coverage without burdening the beliefs of religious employers.

According to an Oct. 6 statement by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, and Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty: "We urge the government to take the next logical step and promptly resolve the litigation that the Supreme Court has urged the parties to settle."

## Q&A with Indira Suarez



### Everyone can do something for missions

**Editor's Note:** Indira Suarez, director of Diocesan and International Missions for the Diocese of Erie, spoke to *FaithLife* about the Oct. 22 World Mission Sunday and the collection taken up in parishes that day.

**Q: Could you explain the purpose of World Mission Sunday?**

**Suarez:** About 30 percent of the world's population has never even heard of Jesus. World Mission Sunday is a special day set aside for all Catholics to reflect on this fact. It encourages us to pray for and support missionaries who take the Gospel to these people.

**Q: Why is this day and this collection so important to the Catholic Church?**

**Suarez:** At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples to take the Good News to every nation. As members of the church today, we have the responsibility to continue this missionary work.

**Q: Is mission only for people who serve overseas, or in some capacity as a missionary?**

**Suarez:** Not at all. Only a few people are called to do missionary work in far-away

lands. But every single one of us is called to support missionary work with our constant prayer, and when we can, with our financial help.

**Q: How can the average person make World Mission Sunday come alive in their lives/communities?**

**Suarez:** First, we can be grateful that we are Christians and that someone—our parents, grandparents, etc.—shared the faith with us and that we live in a nation where we can freely live out our faith.

Secondly, we can pray personally and with our families for those who are doing missionary work throughout the world. Finally, we can make some small personal sacrifices in order to contribute financially to the church's missionary work.

**Q: How is the money used that is given to this collection?**

**Suarez:** This money goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which is an international organization that coordinates World Mission Sunday in order to support the priests, sisters and lay people who bring the message of God's love to people in the more than 1,100 mission dioceses around the world. The society is the oldest of four Pontifical Mission Societies of the Roman Catholic Church.

I encourage everyone to participate in World Mission Sunday 2017, as well as ask that we follow Jesus' call by doing missionary work in our community. Generosity is a reflection of our heart.

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### Vatican Gardens going green

VATICAN CITY—Visitors look at a statue in the Vatican Gardens Oct. 3. The Vatican is involved in a five-year project to develop ecologically friendly cleaning agents and techniques to clean, restore and maintain the 570 works of art, including fountains, statues and stone plaques, on display outside.



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## Newsmakers



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

### Indian Salesian priest freed

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Indian Salesian Father Tom Uzhunnalil, who was abducted by Islamic State militants in Yemen and held captive for more than a year, was freed in September.

According to Oman's state-run news agency ONA, Father Uzhunnalil was "rescued" by Oman authorities "in coordination with the Yemeni parties."

Father Uzhunnalil was kidnapped March 4, 2016, from a home for the aged and disabled run by the Missionaries of Charity in Aden, Yemen.



Father Tom Uzhunnalil

### U.S. House passes bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. House Oct. 3 passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which bans abortions after 20 weeks of gestation, about the time doctors have determined that an unborn child can feel pain.

Introduced by Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., it would punish doctors who perform an abortion after 20 weeks, except in cases of rape, incest or if the life of the mother is threatened. Physicians could face up to five years in prison. Women seeking abortions would not be penalized under the bill.

### Bishop Vasquez urges U.S. to help solve Rohingya crisis



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Rohingya refugees at a relief center in Bangladesh.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration called on the federal government to work with the Myanmar government and the international community to solve the crisis affecting the persecuted Rohingya people.

Bishop José Vasquez of Austin, Texas, told the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Oct. 5 that the largely Muslim Rohingya population in Myanmar deserves "safe, humane and voluntary durable solutions" as it struggles amid violence that has caused many to flee their homeland.

More than 500,000 Rohingya have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state since Aug. 25.

## Fatima celebrations inspire



### Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

The recent carnage in Las Vegas and the humanitarian crises that continue around the world are enough to disturb anyone.

The bishops of the United States, including our own Bishop Lawrence Persico, have consistently led the way in asking for consolation for all victims, whether they be refugees, people gunned down by a madman, or those in harm's way of devastating hurricanes.

After the Oct. 1 massacre in Las Vegas, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), wrote: "At this time, we need to pray and to take care of those who are suffering. In the end, the only response is to do good—for no matter what the darkness, it will never overcome the light."

Isn't this the hope extended to the world by the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal, 100 years ago? She appeared to three shepherd children, offering specific ways that we could bring peace to ourselves and to the world.

In this important anniversary year of Fatima, those who seek Mary's intercession will surely find the peace necessary to face anything. As St. Teresa of Calcutta once said: "If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady. Just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."

Thousands of people throughout our 13-county diocese have participated in various Fatima celebrations in the past several months. Last week, Bishop Persico consecrated the diocese to Our Lady of Fatima in conjunction with the annual Diocesan Rosary March from St. Peter Cathedral.

More than 400 students, families, parishioners and groups participated in the afternoon march.

Today, many are expected to participate in another march dedicated



Photo by Anne Marie Walsh

These young people from the Erie area enjoyed portraying the children and the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal, 100 years ago. Sanibel Stravinsky, far left, of Our Lady of Peace Parish, dressed as the Blessed Mother; Elizabeth Northern, of St. James School, was Lucia; Alexander Rose, of St. George School, was St. Francisco; and Teresa Rose, of St. George School, was St. Jacinta.

to Mary at Kennedy Catholic High School in Hermitage. [See page 3 for details.]

As these anniversary events now come to a close, it's important to continue our devotion to Mary.

In our world, we could use it.

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Margie Walsh of Erie holds colorful rosaries distributed to Catholic school students throughout the diocese.

## Erie woman teaches rosary to kids for 33 years

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

A mother of seven adult children and grandmother of 18, Margie Walsh enjoyed a nursing career with renowned Erie cardiologist Dr. George D'Angelo.

Somehow, during the past 33 years, she also found time for a third vocation: a self-described "missionary" for the Blessed Mother.

In 1984, Walsh—a member of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Erie Division—started teaching the rosary to students in Catholic schools in the city of Erie.

With the financial and spiritual support of the Knights of Columbus, and the blessing of the Diocese of Erie, the Erie Diocesan Rosaries for Kids Project expanded eight years later to include every Catholic school in the 13 counties of the diocese.

Walsh—at age 74—shows no signs of quitting. This month, she is visiting Catholic schools in the farthest reaches of the diocese.

Her husband, John Walsh, who humbly calls himself "a porter for the Blessed Mother," drives and helps load and unload what his wife terms her "bag of tricks."

She carries boxes filled with colorful rosaries that are handmade by women of the World Apostolate of Fatima. She also uses puppets, statues, a crucifix, coloring books, and lots of handwritten materials to make her hour-long talks come alive.

"Why does Mary pick somebody who has a big family? The busier you are—with seven kids and 18 grandbabies? Yet somehow she put something in me to go and do this," Margie Walsh says.

Last week, Bishop Lawrence Persico met Walsh and blessed about 1,000 rosaries for distribution. He calls her work "very important" to the diocese. "It shows Margie's dedication and her devotion to the Blessed Mother to be willing to go out to all these parts of the diocese and bring the message of the rosary and to help people un-

derstand how important praying the rosary is," the bishop says.

A member of St. George Parish, Erie, Walsh first started teaching the rosary to students in fourth and 10th grades. Eventually, she added grades 2, 6 and 8.

Marla Dalessandro, a fourth-grade teacher at Notre Dame School in Hermitage, has invited Walsh to teach the rosary every year.

One of Dalessandro's former students, a 33-year-old man with children of his own, revealed that he still says the rosary, thanks to Walsh's visits.

"Mrs. Walsh really gives an interesting lesson. She is so passionate about spreading the ability to say the rosary," Dalessandro says.

A mother recently contacted Dalessandro to say that she found her young son praying the rosary in his bedroom. He was worried about his sick grandfather.

"Mrs. Walsh has touched so many kids throughout the years," Dalessandro says.

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# Theologian discusses church transformation

BY ANNE-MARIE WELSH | FAITHLIFE

Author, television analyst, theologian and scholar George Weigel has been around the block a few times.

It's one reason he called his Oct. 3 presentation at Gannon University's annual Thomas J. and Mary H. Lofus Lecture, "Evangelical Catholicism." "It's really about the New Evangelization," he told *FaithLife* in a brief interview prior to the event. "But this title gets more people interested in what I might have to say."

He offered an overview of five major periods of transformation in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church, ending in the New Evangelization.

"We used to think of mission territory as weird places, somewhere 'out there,'" Weigel said. "But mission territory is your dining room table, it's your place of business, it's your life as a citizen and as a consumer. Everything is mission territory."

He referenced an ingenious church with signs near its exits proclaiming, "You are now entering mission territory."

Weigel said this new millennium will be more demanding than in recent history, when faith was passed on through what he called the "ethnic and cultural transmission belt." That simply doesn't work anymore, he explained. Instead, we are called to life-

long formation, he said, to biblical literacy and to an intensified experience of the sacraments.

"It will be hard work, but it will be exhilarating," Weigel said.

The author of two definitive biographies on St. John Paul II, and now a third, more personal tome, *Lessons in Hope: My Unexpected Life with St. John Paul II* (Basic Books, 2017), Weigel highlighted the 1985 synod of bishops JP/II convened to discuss the implementation of the Second Vatican Council. The synod described the church as a communion of disciples in mission.

Focusing on the word "communion," Weigel said, "Friendship in Christ is the beginning of it all."



George Weigel

Photo by Anne-Marie Welsh

## Our Lady of Fatima celebration planned



Courtesy photo

Tina Scoccia and Lisa Buzzo, sisters and current members of the Blue Army of Mercy County, are surrounded by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and several first-class relics that will be shown during a rosary march Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. at Kennedy Catholic High School in Hermitage.

The Knights of the Blue Army in New Castle provided the relics which are taken from the bones of seers Jacinta and Francisco and the tree that stood where the apparitions occurred in Portugal. The march will be led by Father David Poulson, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, Cambridge Springs, who will also give a talk.

A community prayer intention will be said prior to every prayer said during the march. High school students will crown Our Lady of Fatima, followed by Benediction and a reception.

## Fifteenth Annual Retreat

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**  
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### Harvest Weekend

Immaculate Conception Parish, 129 Graham Ave., Brosville, will have its annual Harvest Weekend Oct. 21-22. Kettle-cooked apple butter will be made Oct. 21. Apple butter, gourmet caramel apples and apple dumplings will be available for sale before the 5-15 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception on Saturday. A stuffed pork chop dinner will be held Oct. 22 at Immaculate Conception Church, beginning at 11:15 a.m. until sold out. The cost of the meal is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10, and free for preschoolers. Take-outs available.

### Centering prayer

On Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Father Brian Vossler, pastor of St. George Parish, Erie, and parishioner Joe Sarbak will present an introductory program about centering/contemplative prayer. Includes discussion of the history, biblical and scriptural bases for this Christian form of contemplation, along with information about the International Contemplative Outreach Organization. To register, call the St. George rectory office at 814-864-0222. The program will be held in the multi-purpose room at St. George Church, 5145 Peach St. Arrival time begins at 8:30 a.m. Snacks, coffee and tea available.

### Spaghetti dinner

St. Gregory Parish in North East will hold a spaghetti dinner Oct. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school gym, located at 140 West Main St., North East.

### Prep and Villa open houses

Cathedral Preparatory School, 225 W. 9th St., Erie, will host its open house Oct. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. Guided tours will include classroom demonstrations, a look at science labs and programs featuring STEM, robotics, 3-D printing and

### technology. Applications will be available; there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts. For more information, call 814-453-7737, ext. 3.

Villa Maria Academy, 2403 W. 8th St., Erie, will have an open house Oct. 29 from noon to 3 p.m. There will be guided tours, information on college-credit opportunities and many other activities. Applications will be available; there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. For more information, call 814-838-2061, ext. 3239.

### Father/son camping

Camp Notre Dame in Fatview is accepting registrations for two remaining father/son camping weekends scheduled Oct. 20-22 and Nov. 3-5. Boys ages 5 to 14 and their fathers are invited to spend a weekend of fun, faith and relationship-building. Overnight accommodations; all meals, snacks, beverages and activities are included. Register at [www.campnotredame.com](http://www.campnotredame.com).

### Jewish music recital

"Traditional Sounds of the High Holidays"—a music recital from the Jewish faith—will be presented at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie on Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. Soloists for the concert will be Daniel Cabimillas, music director at Erie's St. George Parish, and John Myers, member and soloist at St. Paul Episcopal Church. The organist will be Bruce Gingrich, music director at First Methodist Church. Music selections will include: "Sim Shalom," "Shalom Rav," "Sh'ma Koleinu," "Avinu Malkeinu," "Yigdal" and more. Free and open to the public. For more information, call St. Peter Cathedral at 814-453-6677, ext. 8.

### Canterbury Feast

Mercyhurst Preparatory School's Performing Arts Department will host the Canterbury Feast Dinner Theater fundraiser Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Station Dinner Theater in Erie. Tickets are \$39 per person. Email reservations to [Lkru@me.com](mailto:Lkru@me.com) before Oct. 20.

### Holiday foods

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Erie is sponsoring its annual Christmas Market in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild Christmas bake sale Dec. 9-10 at Scheffner Hall, 1553 E. Grandview Blvd. The menu will include homemade Italian soup, czarina, pigs-in-the-blanket, and cheese pierogi. To order these foods in advance and for more information, go to the parish website at [www.olmc-erie.org](http://www.olmc-erie.org) or call the parish office at 814-825-7313. All proceeds benefit the Carmelite Parish Scholarship.

### Turkey bingo

St. Bartholomew Parish in Sharpville will host turkey bingo Nov. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the parish center, located at 311 West Ridge Ave., Sharpville. The cost for a pack of 20 games is \$10. The winner of each game will receive a turkey. There also will be a gift auction, door prizes, a 50/50 and other games. Tickets are available from the parish office or by calling 724-962-7130. Proceeds benefit the January 2019 trip to World Youth Day.

### Sharpville 5K run/walk

The Sharpville Community Food Pantry will hold its 5K run/walk Nov.

11 beginning at 9 a.m. The race starts and ends at St. Bartholomew Church, 311 West Ridge Ave., Sharpville. Register online at [www.smilemiles.com](http://www.smilemiles.com) or [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) or in person at the St. Bartholomew Parish office during regular business hours. Online registration ends Oct. 31. Registrations received up to this date are guaranteed a T-shirt. The cost per person in advance is \$15. Registration on the day of the race is \$17. All proceeds benefit the Sharpville Community Food Pantry.

### Rural Ministry retreat

Catholic Rural Ministry is offering an overnight retreat, "Living Compassion Today," Nov. 8-9, from noon to noon, at Olmsted Manor Conference Center in Ludlow. Sister Anne McCarthy, OSB, will be the guest presenter. The cost is \$50, which includes four meals and overnight accommodations. Please send a \$25 registration fee to: Catholic Rural Ministry, 7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16301, or call 814-677-2032 to register. RSVP by Nov. 1.

### Fatima retreat

The 15th annual retreat sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, Erie Division, will be held Nov. 4 beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 165 Beach Ave., Cambridge Springs. Father David Poulson, pastor and spiritual director for the Erie Division, is the retreat master. The event includes talks, lunch, prayer, meditation, time for confession and rosary. The retreat ends with the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

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## Religious community displays new home



ERIE—Members of The Spiritual Family, the Work—a community of consecrated life in the Diocese of Erie—enjoyed showing their new home in Erie at two separate open houses at the end of September.

Pictured outside Julia House, from left, are: Sister Josephine Vuodi, FSO; Sister Catherine Murphy, FSO; Sister Carmen Haemmerle, FSO; and Sister Kathleen Dietz, FSO.

## Serra Club honors women religious



ERIE—The Serra Club of Erie on Sept. 30 honored all religious sisters in the Diocese of Erie for their years of service to the people of the region. Bishop Lawrence Persico joined the picnic, along with other members of the clergy and many Serra members. Pictured, from left, are: Serra members Donna Geiger and Norman Stark, and Sister Rose Kuzma, OSF.

## DCC reaches out to hurricane victims



DuBOIS—Campus Ministry of DuBois Central Catholic spearheaded the school's participation in a recent community-wide collection of diapers for hurricane victims. Students from pre-school through Grade 12 took part in the effort. In this photo, kindergarten students of Kelle Pompeii and Stacey Frank pose in front of a display case filled with donations, while some students hold diapers and wipes and others sit atop boxes of donated items.

Pictured in the front row, from left, are: Jacie Bash, Caroline Shaffer, Layla Shaffer, Samantha Maze, Carter Hoover, Ariv Bansal, Nadia Banyk, Havanna Murone, Kaidence Bortz, Colin Ignatius, Wesley Walker and Alyson Ruscutti. In the middle row, from left, are: Ezra Mitchell, Owen Sweeney, Anna Roy, Maggie Stringer, Hope Hannah, Bentley Schram, Deja Burkett, Peter O'Donnell, Kensi Dunlap, Chase Little, Capri Weyand, Fox Larkin, Charlotte Krach, Brielle Noroski and Grace Prontock. Standing, from left, are: Carson Hoover, Camden Glinkerman, Amilia Bisceglia-Caridi, Brock Yates, Abigail Snell, and Xander Blakley.

## Sisters cycle off to Buffalo, raise awareness of social justice outreach

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Several sisters from the Erie area and beyond—along with individuals affiliated with religious congregations—participated in Cycling with Sisters, a 100-mile social media bicycle pilgrimage Oct. 2 from North East to the Communicators for Women Religious (CWR) conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. The ride raised awareness of the social justice outreach of Catholic sisters.



Cyclists are pictured upon their arrival in Niagara Falls, from left: Sister Maxine Kollasch, IHM; Sister Anne McCarthy, OSB; John Bink of Lake Country Bike; Sister Linda Romey, OSB; Sister Dina Lauricella, OSB; Daina Cyvas, communications and project coordi-

nator for the Sisters of St. Casimir, Chicago; Stephanie Hall, director of communications and public relations for the Sisters of St. Joseph; Stephanie Ciner; Sister Valerie Luckey, OSB; Emmaus staff member Breanna

Mekuly; Benedictine oblate Jacqueline Small; Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County executive; and Jennie Hagerty, executive director of Mercy Center for Women and Dress for Success Erie.

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## Mercer County parish supports pets



SHARPSVILLE—St. Bartholomew Parish in Sharpsville recently held its annual pet blessing to benefit the local nonprofit Club Pet Adoption, which had taken six semi-trucks full of pet supplies to Florida and Texas as part of hurricane relief efforts. Parishioners collected supplies that Club Pet Adoption requests on their website. At the pet blessing, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students also distributed homemade dog treats.

## Lemonade stand benefits school



LUCINDA—The third-grade class at St. Joseph School in Lucinda set up a lemonade stand at its 11th annual Duck Drop, raising \$50 for the school. Sara Vanish, far left, took the lead by asking permission, organizing the supplies, and making signs with her classmates in art class. She encouraged classmates to help operate the stand. Sam Ochs, pictured in the middle, and Jillian Ochs, right, helped to sell lemonade throughout the day.

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