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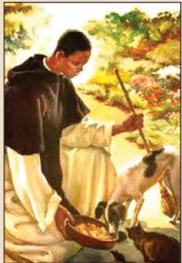
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## Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

### Feast days



St. Martin de Porres

St. Charles Borromeo

- Oct. 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Oct. 28 St. Simon and St. Jude
- Oct. 30 Priesthood Sunday
- Nov. 1 All Saints (holy day of obligation)
- Nov. 2 All Souls
- Nov. 3 St. Martin de Porres
- Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo

### Confirmations

St. Mark, Emporium – Sunday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek – Sunday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m.

St. Callistus, Kane – Saturday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

All Saints Day – Nov. 1 (holy day of obligation)



Nov. 1 is the solemnity of All Saints (All Saints Day), a feast for the multitude of saints who have lived on earth and are now in heaven. It was instituted to honor all saints and martyrs, known and unknown.

All Souls Day – Nov. 2



Erie Diocesan Cemeteries will sponsor an All Souls Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Donald Trautman on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery Chapel, 5711 West Lake Road in Erie.

For more information, call 814.838.7724 or visit [www.eriecd.org](http://www.eriecd.org).

Inauguration of Dr. Keith Taylor – Nov. 4

Join Gannon University on Friday, Nov. 4 to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Keith Taylor as the seventh president of the university.

Bishop Donald Trautman will offer an inaugural Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. An inauguration ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. at the Hammermill Center followed by a public reception at 3:30 in the Yehl Room of the university's Waldron Campus Center.

For a complete schedule of inauguration activities Nov. 1-5, visit [www.gannon.edu/inauguration](http://www.gannon.edu/inauguration).



Dr. Keith Taylor

### COUNTDOWN:

There are **34 days** to the implementation of the new Roman Missal (as of Oct. 23)

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## Trending Church

Vatican journalist examines ideas shaping church today

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

ERIE – From the outside, the Vatican may appear to an organization with a corporate structure that has everyone dressing the same and thinking the same, said John L. Allen Jr.

“But when you see it on an up-close and personal basis, what you come to appreciate is that its complexity is actually a pretty wide range of personalities, hopes and dreams,” Allen said. “What you learn to do is see some of the shades of gray between the black and white.”

Allen, a Vatican journalist, brought his insights to

Mercyhurst College Oct. 6 to describe “The Future Church: How Ten Trends Are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church.” The presentation at Mercyhurst’s Walker Recital Hall was sponsored by Mercyhurst College and the Center for Mercy and Catholic Studies.

Allen is a Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter (NCR) and a Vatican analyst for CNN and National Public Radio. He writes the weekly “All Things Catholic” blog for NCR and is the author of several books including “Conclave,” “All the Pope’s Men,” “The Rise of Benedict XVI” and “Opus Dei.”



### Ten trends revolutionizing the Catholic Church

Here are John L. Allen Jr.’s list of top trends that are shaping the church today. The list is explained in detail in Allen’s 2009 book, “The Future Church: How Ten Trends are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church.”

#### World-church

- The new demography
- Multipolarism
- Globalization
- Evangelical Catholicism
- Pentecostalism
- Islam
- Biotech revolution
- Ecology
- Expanding lay role

called the world church.

“There are profound demographic transitions that are cutting through the Catholic Church,” he said.

In 1900, there were 266 million Catholics in the world. Of that number, 200 million lived in Europe and North America, with 66 million living everywhere else. In 2000, there were 1.1 billion Catholics in the world. Of that number, 720 million lived in the

southern hemisphere, with 380 million living in Europe and North America.

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## Renovated church rededicated at St. Callistus, Kane

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

KANE — After three months of renovations, the sounds of hammers and drills at St. Callistus Parish in Kane have been replaced by the song and prayer of the faithful.

Bishop Donald Trautman celebrated a rededication Mass Oct. 9 at St. Callistus, with parishioners, clergy, religious and community members in attendance. The feast of St. Callistus, pope, martyr and patron saint of the parish, was transferred from Oct. 14 for the occasion.

The Mass was concelebrated by Father Philip Pinczewski, pastor of St. Callistus, and Father Charles Schmitt, a former parochial vicar at the parish.

The planning for the renovations go back to 2007,

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## INCREASING POVERTY

American dream becoming unreachable for a larger segment of the country

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Jon Proctor knows the road to self-sufficiency is a long one. It’s even longer when the weekly paycheck totals a little more than \$200.

“We’re trying to get back on our feet,” the 55-year-old divorced father of six says, explaining how he’s scheduled only about 30 hours a week stocking shelves at a Safeway supermarket on the overnight shift.

Proctor, a Vietnam-era Army veteran, has been employed at Safeway for four years, moving among several stores in the Maryland suburbs of Washington and now in Alexandria, Va., where he stays in Christ House, a transitional housing residence for single men. Life, he admits, is far different than when he



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Jon Proctor makes a little more than \$200 a week stocking dairy products at a grocery store in Alexandria, Va. He is guaranteed only part-time hours. A Vietnam veteran and trained electrician, Proctor is among the millions of Americans who struggle below the poverty line.

worked 15 years as an electrician earning up to \$18 an hour and later was a bouncer at a

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## Respect Life



EMPORIUM – Confirmation students from St. Mark Parish in Emporium participated in an ecumenical Life Chain demonstration Oct. 2 sponsored by the Cameron County Pro-Life Group. Participants held signs for an hour on Fourth Street in Emporium between Broad and Chestnut streets.

The Life Chain national network is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals calling for an end to abortion.

Pictured left to right: (front) Lindsay Farren,

Bridget Clingan, Billy Kane, Macy Boschert, (middle) Maria Slusarick, Shannon Sullivan, Carly Reigel, Olivia Guisto, (back) Michele Coates, Anthony Grimone, Andrew Sestina and Anna Smith.

October has been traditionally designated as Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church, an annual observance that focuses attention on the sanctity of human life at every stage and the responsibility that Catholics share to protect and defend it.

## IN THE U.S.

### Objecting to HHS mandate

An unusual coalition of national Catholic organizations and universities took to the pages of two Capitol Hill publications Oct. 11 to protest the Obama administration's plan to include contraceptives and sterilization among the mandated "preventive services" for women under the new health reform law. "As written, the rule will force Catholic organizations that play a vital role in providing health care and other needed services either to violate their conscience or severely curtail those services," the groups said in a full-page ad in *Politico* and *The Hill* newspapers. "This would harm both religious freedom and access to health care." The ad carried the headline, "Support access to health care? Protect conscience rights." Members of the coalition ranged from the heads of the National Catholic Educational Association and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to the leaders of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA.

### Bishop calls accusation 'false, offensive'

Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik has strenuously denied an accusation made on a website that he had sexually assaulted a student decades ago while he served at a Catholic high school in the Pittsburgh Diocese in the 1980s. "I emphatically state that no such behavior occurred, nor any semblance of such behavior," Bishop Zubik said in a statement released at a news conference Oct. 5. "The accusation is false, offensive and outrageous."



Bishop David Zubik

The accusation against Bishop Zubik was made public in a blog that came to the attention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Oct. 3, posted by a Beaver County man. He also accused a religious sister of molestation. In addition, he accused his pastor of violating the seal of confession. All of the allegations have been vehemently denied. The accuser, who is not being named because he is an alleged victim of abuse, first sent two emails Aug. 21 to his pastor, in which he began to make a series of progressive accusations. After the pastor delivered the contents of the emails, Bishop Zubik instructed the diocesan assistance coordinator to contact the accuser after his pastor related the contents of the e-mails to the bishop. The accuser did not respond to phone messages or a letter concerning this accusation.

### Promoting schools' Catholic identity

Promoting Catholic identity in Catholic high schools and elementary schools is not just a good thing to do but a necessary action for survival, according to speakers at conference in Washington for Catholic school leaders. The speakers noted candidly that the participants in the Oct. 2-4 conference at The Catholic University of America knew full well the challenges currently facing Catholic schools such as dwin-

ding enrollments, rising expenses, and closures or threats to close. But speakers at the "Catholic Identity of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools" conference also noted that these diocesan superintendents, college professors, high school principals and education researchers also are fully aware that Catholic schools have something unique to offer students that extends far beyond quality academics or even a faith-based education.

Bishop David O'Connell of Trenton, N.J., and former president of Catholic University, stressed that the mission of Catholic schools is to "proclaim the good news" and provide a "place to encounter God." This has not changed, he said, "since Jesus told his disciples to go and teach all nations." The bishop stressed that the mission or Catholic identity aspect of Catholic schools is "not a mere add on" but something that is fundamental to their very existence and sets them apart from other schools.

### Bishops reissue 'Faithful Citizenship'

A new introduction to the U.S. bishops' document on political responsibility reminds Catholics that some issues "involve the clear obligation to oppose intrinsic evils which can never be justified," while others "require action to pursue justice and promote the common good." The brief Introductory Note to the 2011 reissue of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" was signed by the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chairmen of nine USCCB committees. It was made public Oct. 4.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

### Priests are happy, research finds

Research contained in "Why Priests Are Happy: A Study of the Psychological and Spiritual Health of Priests," a new book by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, is "consistent, replicated many times and now incontrovertible" that priests as a group are happy. The book's conclusions are based on a survey of 2,482 priests from 23 U.S. dioceses in 2009, supplemented by a 2004 survey of 1,242 priests from 16 dioceses and other studies.

The research contained in found, among other things, that priests are "no more and no less depressed than anyone else in the world," "a little bit better than the laity" in studies that measure human intimacy and "quite a bit lower than the general population" in the degree that they are experiencing emotional burnout, the priest said. More than 90 percent of priests said they receive the emotional support they need, 83 percent said they are able to share problems and feelings and only 22 percent said they are lonely. The vast majority of priests cited lay friends as one of their major supports.



## By the Way...

Vatican journalist John L. Allen Jr. gave an engaging presentation Oct. 6 to a packed Walker Recital Hall on the campus of Mercyhurst College.

While Allen said he spends a lot of time traveling and in and out of the offices of the Roman Curia, he gave the audience the inside scoop on where the Vatican's news really comes from.

"Very little actual information exchange goes on in these visits," he said. "These are almost courtesy calls. If you want to know where you actually learn things in Rome, I can tell you. It's at the restaurants over lunch and dinner."

Allen said he worked for three years on his book, "The Future Church: How Ten Trends are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church," which has been out for two years. His latest work, "A People of Hope: Archbishop Timothy Dolan in Conversation with John L. Allen Jr.," will be available beginning Nov. 1. As the archbishop of New York and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Dolan has become a prominent face for American Catholicism.

Parishioners and visitors at St. Boniface Parish in Erie will notice a new statue in church. The Infant Jesus of Prague has been placed near the mother's room near the gathering space. The statue belonging to the parish had disappeared over the years. The Paul Strohmeyer family is making the statue available to the parish.

Devotion to Jesus as the Infant of Prague began in that city in the 17th century and spread from there to Germany and throughout the world.

Brother Peter Totleben, OP, a native of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie, recently made his solemn profession in the Dominican Order. The solemn profession involves taking on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Brother Totleben graduated from Penn State in 2004 with a degree in math and computer science. Before he joined the Dominicans he worked for two years as a software developer in northern Virginia. He entered the Dominican Order in August 2006 at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati. He was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., in 2007 where he is currently pursuing studies for the priesthood.

Pope Benedict XVI announced Oct. 16 that he was calling a forthcoming "Year of Faith."

The year will begin Oct. 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and will come to an end Nov. 24, 2013, the feast of Christ the King.

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Jason Koshinski

# American dream becoming unreachable for a larger segment of the country

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bar earning as much as \$500 a night.

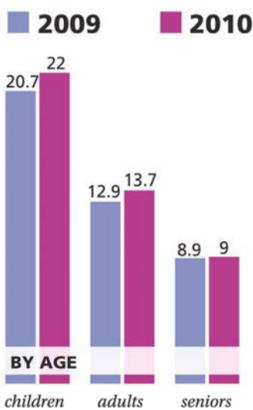
The broad-shouldered Proctor landed at the residence run by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Va., 18 months ago when his 25-year marriage dissolved. He moved out of the couple's Bethesda, Md., home with little more than clothing.

"I'm one of the few who's been on top and now at the bottom," he said. "So if anybody's out there who has the same feeling of 'Hey I've got it made,' don't count on it because you could be in my situation in a heartbeat."

Proctor is among the growing number of Americans living in poverty as revealed by U.S. census data. In 2010, 15.1 percent of Americans — 46.2 million people, an all-time high in terms of numbers — were living in poverty, according to statistics released Sept. 13. It was the third straight year poverty rose in the country.

Earning about \$11,000 a year and with no home to call his own, Proctor said he now holds a different view of the 100 people — primarily poor families and

## AN INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS are living in poverty.



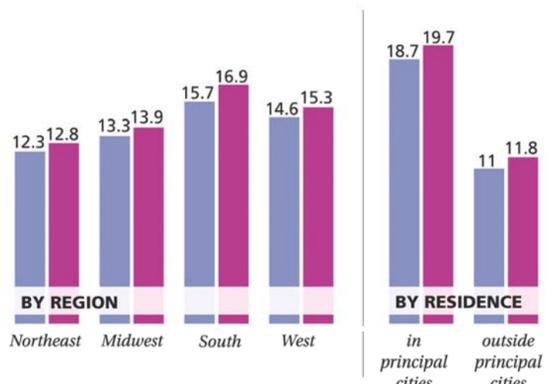
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

homeless individuals — who visit Christ House every day for a hearty evening meal.

He said he better understands how poor people struggle to make ends meet, often through no fault of their own because of a layoff from a job, an illness or a family misfortune.

Mentesnot Tejeji, resident

Defining poverty: The U.S. Census Bureau considers a two-member household to be in poverty if there is a combined income of \$14,218 or less; a four-person household poverty level is \$22,113.



manager at Christ House, said the number of people at the meal has doubled since he joined the staff in 2007.

"We're starting to see new faces. This might be the direct result of the recession," he said.

Tejeji suspects many of the newcomers face the difficult choice of having to pay for rent

and utilities or for food.

Not only do the Census Bureau statistics reveal that the number of Americans living in poverty rose by more than 2.6 million in 2010, but they also show that the median household income fell below to \$49,400, the first time since 1996 it was below \$50,000. Median household income peaked in

1999 at \$53,252.

The 2010 census statistics also show:

■ The poverty rate among children rose to 22 percent and among adults 18 to 64 years old rose to 13.7 percent; the rate among seniors older than 65 fell to 9 percent.

■ The poverty rate among female-headed households swelled to 40.7 percent; for households headed by married couples it rose to 8.8 percent.

■ The poverty rate among Hispanics climbed to 26.6 percent, almost the same level among blacks, which stood at 27.4 percent; for whites the poverty rate was 9.9 percent and for Asian-Americans it was 12.1 percent.

■ Between 2007 and 2010, the number of people "doubling up" with friends because of a loss of housing rose 10.7 percent. The number of young adults 25 to 34 years old living with their parents rose by 25.5 percent in the same period.

■ The number of people without health insurance rose to 16.3 percent while the num-

ber of workers with employer-paid health insurance declined to 55.3 percent; the number of people with any kind of private insurance coverage fell to 64 percent and those with government provided health coverage rose to 31 percent.

The growing poverty points to the serious challenges facing Congress and President Barack Obama as they debate differing visions over how to stimulate the economy so that businesses will create jobs.

Charles Gallagher, chairman of the sociology and criminal justice department at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, fears that the American dream will be unreachable for millions of Americans faced with the prospect of working in low-wage jobs.

"If people at the bottom of the economic ladder can get a job at all, they're going to be stuck in a job that pays minimum wage with no benefits. They will be assimilated into America, but they will be assimilated into the underclass," he said.

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If interested, send a resume, cover letter and references **BY NOVEMBER 7**, to Holy Cross Catholic Church, 7100 West Ridge Road, Fairview, PA 16415 or e-mail to: [res6mt29@verizon.net](mailto:res6mt29@verizon.net)

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**Italy South:** April 26-May 10, Sept. 8-20, Oct. 6-18

**Holy Land:** April 9-19, April 15-25, April 30-May 10, May 7-17, May 14-24, May 21-31, June 18-28, June 25-July 5, July 2-12, Aug. 27-Sept. 6

**Holy Land/Italy:** March 20-April 2, April 9-22, April 23-May 6, ...

**France/Portugal/Spain:** April 28-May 10, May 19-31, June 30-July 12

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## Briefly

### Volunteers needed for refugee winter clothing drive

ERIE — Volunteers are needed Oct. 15 through Nov. 15 to help off-load, sort, size, fold and process items during a winter clothing drive to help more than 1,000 refugees in Erie. Student volunteer hours will be documented. Donated clothing will be received weekly at the former St Stanislaus School from nearly three dozen parishes and secondary and elementary schools.

Contact Lisa Ripper of Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Service Refugee Resettlement (CCCAS) at 814.969.2195 or e-mail [lripper@cccas.org](mailto:lripper@cccas.org) for information about volunteering.

### Mass for cancer awareness at St. Paul

ERIE — St. Paul Parish, 1617 Walnut St. in Erie, will have a special Mass for cancer awareness on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone in attendance will receive a holy card and medals of St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients, and St. Agatha, patron saint of breast cancer. The sacrament of anointing of the sick will also be offered.

### Adult day of renewal at Bethany

FRENCHVILLE — "Prayer, Caring and Nurturing," an adult day of renewal, will be offered Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville.

This day of renewal will focus on prayer and bringing balance to daily life. The day includes an opportunity for reconciliation, weekend liturgy and spiritual direction.

Cost is \$40 and includes continental breakfast, dinner and retreat. Overnight accommodations are available Friday, Oct. 28. Call 814.263.4855 or visit [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) for reservations and more information.

### Respect Life holy hour at St. Stanislaus

ERIE — St. Stanislaus Parish, 13th and Wallace streets in Erie, will hold a holy hour Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. for a greater respect for all human life. October is Respect Life Month.

Special intentions include: the permanent closing of the Erie abortion clinic, babies in the womb, the elderly, terminally ill persons, handicapped persons, our nation's leaders, reparation for sins, those in danger of assisted suicide, the victims of terrorism and war and an end to embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.

### Mercy Center for Women wreath sale

ERIE — The Mercy Center for Women in Erie is sponsoring a Christmas wreath sale to benefit the center. Offered are 22-inch noble wreaths for \$25. Orders must be received by Nov. 1. Wreaths will arrive the first week of December. To place an order, call 814.455.4577.

### African Children's Choir coming to Erie

ERIE — St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Catholic Charities' Counseling & Adoption Refugee Resettlement Program will present a free concert featuring the African Children's Choir at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Cathedral Prep's H. David Bowes Auditorium, 225 W. Ninth St. in Erie.

Join the African Children's Choir on their inspirational journey of hope out of war-torn Uganda. The choir features some of the neediest children of Africa who will sing in more than 10 languages, sharing drumming traditions and Gospel favorites.

A free will offering taken will help provide education, care and emergency relief for children in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria and Ghana.



### Faith formation program on Eucharist in St. Marys

ST. MARYS — The St. Marys Inter-Parish Faith Formation Program is sponsoring a program titled, "Eucharist: Food that Satisfies our Hunger," on Nov. 5 at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School, 134 Queens Road in St. Marys.

The morning session from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. is for all parishioners. The afternoon session from 1 to 3 p.m. is for catechists and teachers. Both sessions are free. The keynote speaker is Tom Quinlan, director of the Religious Education Office for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill.

For more information, call 814.781.1042.

### World Apostolate of Fatima retreat

CRANBERRY — The World Apostolate of Fatima will sponsor its ninth annual retreat Nov. 5 at the St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry Township near Oil City.

Presenters will be Father David Poulson and Father Joseph Campbell. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost of the retreat is \$12 per person or \$20 per family. Reservations should be made by Nov. 1. For more information or to register, call 814.474.2753.



### Family Communion breakfast at St. Peter Cathedral

ERIE — The Cathedral Women's Council is sponsoring a family Communion breakfast Nov. 6. Mass is at 8:30 a.m. at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie followed by breakfast at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Cathedral School.

The guest speaker is Father Mike DeMartinis who will talk about issues of today's youth and keeping faith.

Cost is \$9 per person or \$30 per family. RSVP no later than Oct. 30. Contact Kirsten McCain at [kirmcc@genair.net](mailto:kirmcc@genair.net) for more information.

## Vatican journalist examines ideas shaping church today

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"So 100 years ago, only 25 percent of the global Catholic population lived in the southern hemisphere," Allen said. "One-hundred years ago, the ethnic and demographic profile of the Catholic Church was the same as it was during the Council of Trent: an overwhelmingly white, first-world family of faith. By the year 2000, the southern share was 65.5 percent, nearly two-thirds."

Allen said the projection is that by 2050, the southern share will be 75 percent.

"In other words, in the middle of this century, three out of every four Catholic men, women and children alive will live in the global south," he said. "This is the most rapid, most sweeping, most profound transformation in the Catholic demography in more than 2,000 years of church history, and we are living through it right now."

Depending on where you live, Allen said, the dominant Catholic story of our time could be perceived as one of decline.

"Things are getting smaller," he said. "That is often what we see: parishes clustering, schools closing, we talk about a priest shortage and a struggle to hand the faith on to the next generation. However, it is not the dominant global story of our time. The dominant global story of our time is instead massive, phenomenal, breakneck growth."

Sub-Saharan Africa began the 20th century with a Catholic population of 1.9 million, Allen said. It ended the 20th century with 139 million Catholics, a growth rate of 6,780 percent.

As of today, there are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. Of that number, 65 million Catholics

live in the United States.

"What that means is America's Catholics represent 6 percent of the global Catholic population," Allen said. "So when the pope gets up in the morning, you can understand why he's not thinking American thoughts."

Allen said youth and optimism are the defining characteristics of Catholicism in the global south, adding that 90 percent of the world's population that is today under 14 years of age lives in the southern hemisphere.

"The Catholic Church in the south is overwhelmingly young, and the church reflects that," he said. "They are now convinced that their historical moment to lead the church has come."

Allen then talked about evangelical Catholicism as a trend that is defining the church. He described it as "a revival of traditional Catholic identity."

Evangelical is popular among young people and the millennial generation, he said, which includes those born after 1982.

"Millennials are more likely to wear habits and roman collars, engage in traditional spiritual practices and pursue traditional apostolates and ministries," Allen said. "They will look for an order with a reputation of fidelity to traditional church values."

He called evangelical Catholicism a natural byproduct of secularization.

"That's what secularization does," he said. "It eats away at those traditional Catholic values."

A 2002 Pew global study looked at the importance of reli-



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gion in people's lives. In Indonesia, 95 percent of respondents said religion was "very important" to them. In Nigeria, it was 92 percent. In Guatemala, it was 80 percent.

"The United States clocks in at a still respectable 59 percent," Allen said. "That's almost two-thirds. Contemporary Europe is pretty much on the opposite end of the spectrum of the rest of the world in terms of vitality of religious faith and practice."

He said evangelical Catholicism can be found in a certain subset of younger Catholics.

"We're talking about that inner core of actively practicing young Catholics who are most likely to discern a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, most likely to enroll in graduate programs of

theology, and most likely to pursue a career in the church as a lay person," he said.

Allen also spoke about the rise of Islam as another trending topic.

"Over the last decade we have lived through an historic shift in terms of our approach to interfaith relationships from Judaism to Islam as the paradigmatic interfaith relationship to the Catholic church," Allen said, "that is the one that sets the tone for all of the others."

He offered two reasons for this.

The first is simple math. "Today there are 2.2 billion

Christians and 1.6 billion Muslims in the world which means together we are 55 percent of the human family," he said. "By definition, how we relate to one another is going to have consequences."

The second reason included 9/11 and the rise of Islamic terrorism coupled with Pope Benedict XVI's 2006 speech in Regensburg. In his speech, the pope quoted a remark from a 14th century Byzantine emperor, which caused protests in Islamic countries.

In closing, Allen said he is "tremendously excited" to be living in a time when the church is being redefined.

"These ideas are rich with the potential to unleash creative new Catholic energy," he said.

## Renovated church rededicated at St. Callistus, Kane

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said Father Pinczewski, who has served as pastor of St. Callistus since 1997.

"It's been a process for us," he said.

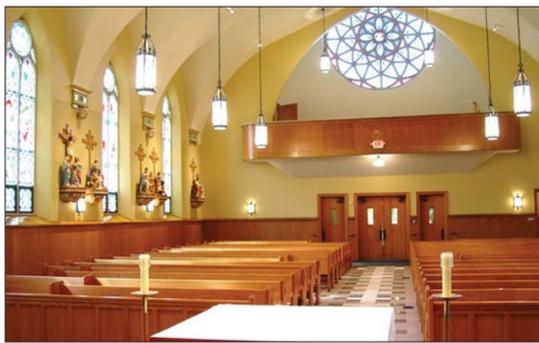
Since it was initially discussed by parish council, plans have gone through a number architects, and revisions, he added.

In June, volunteers began removing statues, the Stations of the Cross and other items for storage and safekeeping while the work began. With the construction, Masses were moved to the parish hall and devotional chapel. With the work finished, parishioners returned to the church for liturgies Sept. 17.

The church now features new flooring throughout. The pews were refinished and respaced to allow for more room. Extensive rewiring was done throughout the church to accommodate new energy-efficient lights with a dimming panel and a new sound system. All of the altar pieces were refinished.

The woodworking is all new and compliments a number of pieces made by parishioner Dennis Galvin, including the ambry, altar and credence table.

A devotional chapel near the tabernacle was also completed. In a previous renovation effort, the organ was moved from the choir loft to the right of the sanctuary and the pipes were put up front. During the current refurbishing,



the east wall was pulled out and a stained glass window, which is backlit, was put in place beneath the pipes.

In his homily, Bishop Trautman said the renovation church reflects the faith of the people.

"You, the parishioners of St. Callistus, have reason to be proud of this, your spiritual home," he said. "These renovations clearly say that this you have given priority attention to this house of God."

In the Lord's name, I thank you for your goodness and generosity. You have given a great prayer to God."

The bishop called the newly renovated church "the new upper room."

After Christ had ascended into heaven, his disciples had decided to gather in the upper room in Jerusalem, Bishop Trautman said. This was the same upper room where Christ had celebrated the

ceive grace and guidance. This is where we are prepared and readied for heaven. This is where we find the savior. This is our spiritual home. We belong here."

The bishop said the newly refurbished and renovated church makes a powerful public statement.

"It says, St. Callistus Parish is a vibrant Catholic community and it is prepared to hand on the faith to the next generation," he said.

To see renovation photos, visit [www.stcallistuskane.org](http://www.stcallistuskane.org).

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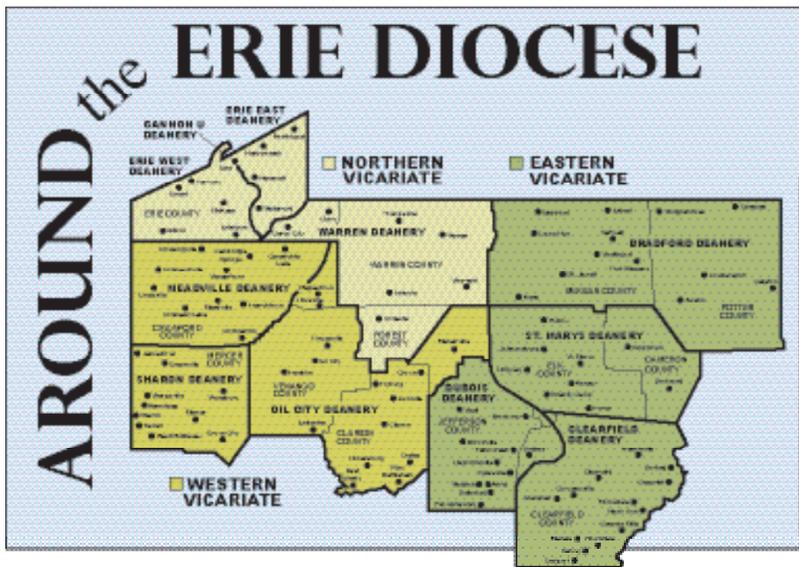
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### St. Boniface School updates library, computer room

KERSEY — St. Boniface School in Kersey recently received a \$10,000 grant from the A.J. and Sigmunda Palumbo Charitable Trust to update its library and computer room.

The updates took place this summer before students returned for the 2011-12 school year.

The newly renovated library was designed to be more conducive to the enjoyment of reading, said Marie Giazzoni, principal. Features now include lower level shelving access for young students, full carpeting and several beanbag chairs.

The computer room now has 15 new Dell computers with a Smart Board to enhance the technology that is needed for appropriate instruction.

A number of teachers and volunteers helped with the reorganization and improvements to both rooms, along with local businesses. Teachers pictured (left to right) in the library include: Katherine Mullaney, Jessica Gnan, Janet Dellaquila, Debra Nunamaker, Missy Lundin, Stacey Adamski, Valerie Nedimyer, Tracy Cesa and JoAnn McPherson.

Computer teacher Stacey Adamski is pictured in the computer room.



### Ss. Cosmas and Damian School students mail Flat Stanleys

PUNXSUTAWNEY — Flat Stanley is one of the most loved projects in Carla Ferko's third grade class at Ss. Cosmas and Damian School in Punxsutawney. Each year the students create their own Flat Stanley and walk to the mailbox to send them out into world. Students recently completed their efforts and are anxiously awaiting the return of their Flat Stanleys.



SSCD students Riley Casaday, Tony Test, Ben Skarbek, Riley Presloid and John Isaac Crago prepare to put their Flat Stanleys in the mailbox.

As part of the reading curriculum, Ferko reads the book, "Flat Stanley," by Jeff Brown to her class. The students are then instructed to write a letter, color a Flat Stanley cutout and mail them to a recipient.

Upon receiving the package, recipients are asked to spend the day with Flat Stanley and report on the events of their day to the

sender. Ferko's class will be eagerly awaiting the pictures and postcards that come back from Flat Stanley's travels.

### Franklin Knights of Columbus name Family of the Year

FRANKLIN — The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council No. 1020 in Franklin recently honored the James and Patricia Sredinski family as its 2010-11 Family of the Year.



Pictured left to right, the James and Patricia Sredinski Family of the Year: James Sredinski; grandson, James Joseph; Patricia Sredinski; son, James, and his wife, Jamie, with granddaughter, J. Alexander; and son, Robert.

The Sredinski family was recognized at a dinner at St. Patrick Parish's Cenedella Hall in Franklin.

The honor, awarded annually by the council, acknowledges a local family for its involvement in both church and community.

James Sredinski has been an active member of the Franklin Knights of Columbus for the past 15 years. At St. Patrick, he serves as a Eucharistic minister and on a team that helps with the parish funeral luncheons.

James has been involved with council projects such as the Ap-

plest food booth which generates funds for council charities, RSVP Vocation Benefit Break-

fasts and Family Awards dinners for many years.

James and his wife, Patty, both help at the St. Patrick Community Food Pantry, which reaches to more than 100 families in its monthly food distribution.

Their family has shown leadership in the community and national service as their daughter, Michelle, has served in the U.S. Air Force as a nurse.

### Catechists certified at St. Bonaventure, St. Timothy

Catechists from St. Bonaventure Parish in Grampian and St. Timothy Parish in Curwensville recently completed their certification by the Diocese of Erie through the Echoes of Faith Plus curriculum. The certification course focused on the topics of "Methodology & Theology" and "The Catechist."



Pictured left to right from St. Bonaventure are: (front row) Sister Elizabeth Oettel, OSB, associate director of religious education and presenter; Terri Clarkson, religious education coordinator; Ginger Wheeler; Wilma Hull; JoAnn Johnson; (back row) Sheri Weber; Jim Fleming; Father Mark Mastrian, pastor; Jean Levin; and Kim Seger. Certified but not pictured are Norman Rafferty and Jenny Giuffre.



Pictured left to right from St. Timothy are: (front row) Sister Elizabeth Oettel, OSB, associate director of religious education and presenter; Ronda Hamilton; Doreen Hoover; Karen Dunn; Doe Augustine; Mary Kay Reiter; (back row) Michelle Strickland, site coordinator; Noreen Richards; Father Mark Mastrian, pastor; Mark Sopic; Sue Angelo; and Terri Clarkson, religious education coordinator. Certified but not pictured is Jill Test.

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