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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

## Christ's light shines today

A highlight of the church year in 2016 was the canonization on Sept. 4 of Mother Teresa, who devoted her life to helping India's poor.

I can't think of anyone who better lived out the Christmas messages of love, joy and hope.

Like St. Mother Teresa, we all are called to meet Jesus in the humble surroundings of this world—in the faces of the poor, the immigrant, the sick—while simultaneously rejoicing in the love that radiates from Christ's presence.



Bishop Lawrence Persico

Sixteen years ago this month, Mother Teresa was presented the Nobel Peace Prize for her ministry. Let us consider her words at that time, and reflect on how fitting they are at Christmas and the New Year.

*Let us keep that joy of loving Jesus in our hearts, and share that joy with all we come in touch with. That radiating joy is real, for we have no reason not to be happy because we have Christ with us. Christ in our hearts, Christ in the poor we meet, Christ in the smile we give and the smile we receive.*

Christmas is the day we celebrate the presence of God among us through the birth of Jesus. It's such a joyous day—a day of gift-giving, family get-togethers, and the preparation of special foods and treats. We can't help but show that joy every day of the year, well beyond Dec. 25, because the infant shines forth hope even in the midst of our trials.

St. Mother Teresa's words about radiating joy sound like another familiar prayer, "The Magnificat," in which the Virgin Mary sings praises to God for all that he has bestowed on her. The first words of the prayer are, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

We sometimes forget that Mary had no idea what she was getting into when she carried Jesus in her womb. She would give birth while traveling away from the safety of her home. This little one of hers would be destined for greatness, but he would suffer the worst kind of humiliation and torture.

None of us knows what lies ahead as we prepare to welcome 2017. The world today is in fragile condition—with wars across the globe—but hope shines forth in the eyes of the baby born today. Like St. Mother Teresa, we need to reflect that light. If we are unable to go into the streets, like she did, then we must go into each other's homes, into our offices, and into our ministries with greater fervor.

This coming year promises to be an exciting one for the Diocese of Erie as our parishes and some of our schools begin to respond to the changes brought by pastoral planning. The new-found opportunities to bring Christ to others makes me very happy indeed.

I humbly ask for your prayers as I continue to serve as your shepherd of light. Blessed Christmas.

*Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico  
Bishop of Erie

## Jesus is Born



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ROME—A girl holds her baby Jesus figurine as Pope Francis leads the Angelus from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Dec. 11. In an annual tradition, Roman children bring their figurines of Jesus to the Angelus for a papal blessing.

## 'Politics of Peace'

### Pope pleads for eradication of nuclear weapons

*Violence must end in the world, families*

BY CAROL GLATZ | CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

VATICAN CITY—Calling for a new style of politics built on peace and non-violence, Pope Francis also pleaded for disarmament, the eradication of nuclear weapons and an end to domestic violence and abuse against women and children.

"Violence is not the cure for our broken world," he said in his annual message for the World Day of Peace Jan. 1. He added: "It is a challenge to build up society, communities and businesses by acting as peacemakers. It is to show mercy by refusing to discard people, harm the environment or seek to win at any cost."

The message, released by the Vatican Dec. 12, said building a world of peace requires a "willingness to face conflict head on, to resolve it" and to make it part of a new process of choosing solidarity and building friendships.

"Active nonviolence is a way of showing that unity is truly more powerful and more fruitful than conflict," the pope said.

His message, which the Vatican sends to heads of state around the world, invited everyone "to banish violence from our hearts, words and deeds."

He encouraged the faithful "to build nonviolent communities that care for our common home."

Speaking with reporters at the Vatican,



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Pope Francis speaks as he leads the Angelus from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Dec. 11.

Cardinal Peter Turkson said the pope's message is meant to remind people that active nonviolence is not "a utopian idea" but is a truly "feasible path."

The cardinal, who is president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, will serve as prefect of the new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, which will consolidate the work of four pontifical councils.

He said the new dicastery will be conducting a deeper reflection on the appropriateness of how the traditional Catholic just-war theory is being used today.

While there are no plans for a papal encyclical on the subject, he said the dicastery will organize a number of seminars and events to bring in experts to discuss various viewpoints on the theory that some wars can be justified.

A deeper reflection is needed, he told reporters, because just-war criteria are not always used for their original intent of preventing or discouraging war. "Now it is used for other different reasons," he said.

According to the pope, building a new politics of nonviolence starts in the human heart and the home.

It is in the family that people can learn how to communicate, be generous and caring, and resolve conflicts "not by force but by dialogue, respect, concern for the good of the other, mercy and forgiveness."

From within the family, he added, "the joy of love spills out into the world and radiates to the whole of society."

Pope Francis pleaded for disarmament, the prohibition and abolition of nuclear weapons, and an end to domestic violence and to the abuse of women and children.

"To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence," he said, and follow his practice of tackling evil with love and truth.

In fact, an important manual for peacemaking, he said, is Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, where he presented the Beatitudes.

Applying the Beatitudes, which outlines how to be blessed, good and authentic, "is also a program and a challenge for political and religious leaders, the heads of international institutions, and business and media executives," the pope said.

The "politics of nonviolence," he said, also begins with each individual, who will never miss an opportunity to offer a kind word, smile or simple gesture that "sows peace and friendship."

## Pope greets seminarians

ROME—Pope Francis poses with seminarians from Pius XI Seminary during a meeting at the Vatican Dec. 10. The seminary trains priests for the Puglia region of southern Italy.



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## Newsmakers



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

### ■ Coptic Orthodox church bombed



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A nun cries as she stands inside St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral Dec. 11 after an explosion inside the cathedral complex in Cairo.

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis phoned Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria Dec. 12, expressing his prayers and condolences for the previous day's terrorist attack at St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Cairo that left 25 people dead.

"We are united in the blood of our martyrs," the pope told the Orthodox patriarch, according to a Vatican statement.

On a December weekend bloodied by terrorist attacks in Egypt and Turkey, Pope Francis condemned the violence and urged people to hold fast to their faith and renew their commitment to upholding basic human values.

After reciting the Angelus Dec. 11, Pope Francis offered prayers for the victims.

"The places are different, but the violence is

the same," Pope Francis said. In answer to the "death and destruction," there is only one response: "faith in God and unity in human and civil values."

The pope also told the crowd in St. Peter's Square that each day in prayer he is close to the people of the besieged city of Aleppo, Syria.

"We must not forget that Aleppo is a city and that there are people there: families, children, elderly, sick," he said. "Unfortunately, we have become used to the war and destruction, but we must not forget that Syria is a country full of history, culture and faith. We cannot allow this to be negated by war, which is a pile of abuse and falsity."

### ■ Two bishops with Pennsylvania connections appointed

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope Francis this month appointed two bishops with ties to Pennsylvania to lead two large U.S. dioceses.

Bishop Edward J. Burns, a native of Pittsburgh and bishop of Juneau, Alaska, has been named bishop of Dallas. The 59-year-old bishop earned a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and holds a master of divinity degree and a master of arts degree in theology from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland.

Bishop Burns is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People.

Also, Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and appointed as his successor Bishop John O. Barres of Allentown, Pa. Bishop Barres, 56, has headed the Diocese of Allentown since 2009.

## Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Nothing tastes better in cold weather than a cup of hot cocoa or coffee.

Gannon University's Center for Business Ingenuity (CBI) got together this year with Jack Barton, owner of Out of the Grey coffeehouse in Fairview, to create the special "Bishop Blend II" for Bishop Lawrence Persico.

This Christmas season, they presented the bishop with his own 12-ounce bag of Sumatra, Guatemalan and Rawandan beans.

"We know he likes his coffee dark, rich and bold," Barton says.

Barton's roastery in Fairview attempted an initial batch, called "Bishop Blend I," but it was too light.

They finally hit the mark, with a darker cup of joe and "a nice finish."

Gannon's CBI is a laboratory for business and entrepreneurship in northwest Pennsylvania.

The facility works hand-in-hand with the Dahlkemper School of Business, the Erie Technology Incubator, and the Small Business Development Center.

In mid-December, Bishop Persico visited the homeless, hungry and needy at the Bishop's Breakfast at St. Paul's Church of Christ in downtown Erie.

He handed out \$10 gift cards for fast-food restaurants. Also during the giveaway, those in attendance had a chance to pick out clothes and blankets that were distributed, thanks to local donors.

Every weekday morning throughout the year, about 50 men and women go to the Bishop's Breakfast, which is provided by Catholic Charities' St. Martin Center and many volunteers.

Dr. Richard Reichel II, an Erie dentist, helps serve breakfast every Friday morning. He brought his whole staff to the Christmas event this year.



Photo by Mary Solberg

Bishop Persico hands out gift cards this month at the Bishop's Breakfast program in Erie.

Congratulations to the Cathedral Prep Ramblers, who captured the PIAA 4A state football championship Dec. 8.

If you missed the game, WSEE and WICU will run a 30-minute special on Christmas Day. WSEE will air the program at noon; WICU at 12:30 p.m.

Villa Maria Academy cross-country girls were state champs this fall in PIAA 2A, and Mercyhurst Prep student Noah Curtin was an individual cross-country state champ in PIAA 1A.

More details of the athletic accomplishments of students in the diocese will be featured in next month's FaithLife.

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# PCC reviews important state legislation



Guest Commentary  
A.B. Hill

Several high-priority bills that were on the legislative agenda of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference this past year, including pro-life, adoption, human trafficking,

organ donation, end of life, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) & Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, statutes of limitation reform, and sexual orientation/gender identity.

Here is a brief overview:

■ **Pro-life legislation:** House Bill 1948 would have banned barbaric dismemberment abortions and abortions when the unborn baby is able to feel pain (20 weeks). It passed in the House, was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, but the session came to an end without a Senate vote. Governor Tom Wolf promised to veto the bill, so it would have been unlikely to become law. The election brings some small but important political changes to Pennsylvania's General Assembly, which could bring strength to the pro-life cause in the

next session.

■ **Adoption records:** House Bill 162 was passed by the General Assembly and was signed into law by the governor. It allows an adoptee to obtain a noncertified copy of his or her original birth record (what is commonly referred to as a birth certificate), naming the birth parents, unless a birth parent files a name redaction request form with the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The filing of the name redaction request form would protect that birth parent's privacy because the birth certificate issued to the adoptee would not name the birth parent. This new law changes the current law, which kept the identity of a birth parent confidential unless the birth parent agreed to disclosure. Now, a birth parent, for past and future adoptions, must take action to protect his or her identity by filing the name redaction request form. The PCC will pursue opportunities to alert the public and especially birth parents through Catholic media channels and [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) when the redaction forms become available.

■ **Human trafficking:** Senate Bill 851 would have ensured that juvenile victims of human trafficking are not prosecuted as criminals and that support services are made available to them. Action was not taken by the end of the session, but legislation may be reintroduced next session.

■ **Organ donation:** The Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association was successful in amending legislation that encourages organ donation so it is clear who is able to receive information and/or consent to an organ or tissue gift on behalf of a patient. The amended bill did not allow presumed consent for patients who have not explicitly indicated their wishes to donate organs; however, the General Assembly did not take up the bill before the end of the session.

■ **End of life:** Although legislation concerning doctor-prescribed suicide or other end-of-life issues did not have much traction this session, the PCC did engage its advocacy network to urge the American Medical Association (AMA) to maintain

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**Holy Rosary, St. John to host Epiphany concert**

ERIE—An Epiphany concert, “We Saw His Star,” will be presented Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave., Erie. The parishes of Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist are sponsoring the event, which will include a prayer service and sacred music. Performances will be given by the Holy Rosary choir, St. Stephen’s Ensemble, and Daniel and Emily Cabanillas.  
A free will offering will be accepted to benefit Holy Rosary’s sister parish in Mexico. Refreshments will follow the concert in the church gathering space.

**Concert presented at Our Lady of Mercy**

HARBORCREEK—End the Christmas season on a high note by joining the music ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, for an Epiphany concert Jan. 8 at 3 p.m. Under the direction of Brandon Vogt, the adult and children’s choirs—along with instruments—will combine to present the songs of Christmas one last time. The concert is free; a light social will follow.

**Diocesan Study Week scheduled Jan. 9-12**

ERIE—Anyone involved in religious ministry is invited to Diocesan Study Week Jan. 9-12 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. The theme for the week is “Embracing Transitions in Parish Ministry Today.”

Father Anthony Ciorra, vice president for Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn., is the guest presenter.

For more details, go to [www.eriecd.org](http://www.eriecd.org).

**People for Life plans several events in January**

ERIE—Several pro-life activities are planned in January by People for Life in Erie. A pro-life breakfast will be held Jan. 14, Erie’s March for Life will be Jan. 21, and buses will depart Jan. 26 for the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

For more information, go to the following site: [www.peopleforlife.org/january2017](http://www.peopleforlife.org/january2017).

**Couples invited to participate in Engagement Encounter in January**

ERIE—Marriage preparation is a requirement and a blessing for marriage in the Diocese of Erie. Engagement Encounter offers engaged couples quality time to spend in discussion and reflection on their future lives together.

The next Engagement Encounter is offered Jan. 27-29, 2017, at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. For more information, call 814-824-1261 or email [familylife@eriecd.org](mailto:familylife@eriecd.org). Visit [www.ErieRCD.org/ee.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/ee.htm) for complete details and/or to register.



**Infertility outreach offers hope**

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

An estimated 1 in 5 couples of childbearing age has difficulty conceiving or sustaining a pregnancy, according to the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This troubling fact has prompted three offices in the Diocese of Erie to pool their compassion and their resources. The Family Life Office, the Office of Peace and Justice/Respect Life, and the Office of Chastity Education, which oversees Natural Family Planning programs, will provide a unified outreach to people struggling through infertility.

“After finishing this Year of Mercy, what better way of reaching out to people than to help them and invite them to a better understanding of their own fertility,” says Erin Landini-Grogan, director of the Office of Peace and Justice, Respect Life.

The three offices will coordinate efforts to provide a comprehensive list of resources and assistance to men and women searching for information about infertility and its potential spiritual challenges. The information can be found at [www.eriecd.org/infertility.htm](http://www.eriecd.org/infertility.htm).

The page includes links and recommendations on infertility and the Catholic Church’s view on human sexuality. It features such resources as St. John Paul II’s encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, as well as his *Theology of the Body*. It also will cover adoptions



The Diocese of Erie is reaching out to many people who face the difficult issues of infertility.

options. Most conventional medical therapies—including medication and surgery—are acceptable to the Catholic Church “provided

**Prayer to St. Gerard**  
(Patron saint of pregnancy)

“O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, wonder-worker of our day, I call upon you and seek your help. While on earth, you always fulfilled God’s designs; help me to always do God’s holy will. Beseech the master of life, from whom all parenthood proceeds, to bless me with offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the kingdom of God’s glory in the life to come. Amen.”

they help repair a medical disorder instead of interfering with the body’s natural, normal processes,” according to Julie Kelemen, author of *Dealing With Infertility: A Guide for*

*Catholics*, published by Liguori Publications and used by other dioceses in the country.

She says that fewer than 3 percent of couples experiencing infertility need what is known as Assisted Reproductive Technology, or ART, which includes *in vitro* fertilization, which is not supported by the church. Trying to deal with infertility and also abide by Catholic teachings can be challenging, especially because of the dearth of information available to Catholics, says Landini-Grogan. The new web page is expected to fill that gap.

“This is one way that people in a challenging circumstance can get help from the Catholic Church,” says Chris Hess, director of Family Life. “The Family Life Office wants to show families who are struggling with infertility that we are with them and, hopefully, we can guide them in the right direction.”

Natural Family Planning programs in the diocese could provide some of that direction. NFP is the practice of achieving or postponing pregnancy by observing and recording a few simple observable fertility signs.

“If there is a problem with infertility, it makes sense to look at NFP, which helps you understand your fertility,” says Kate Whiteford, director of the Office of Chastity Education. “Bio markers used in NFP can help doctors pinpoint an area of concern.”

The Creighton Model used in NFP, she says, is particularly helpful in addressing the science of infertility. Anything done naturally and effectively can be a positive—and less medically dependent—way to resolve such issues.

“From an NFP viewpoint, it makes sense to understand your natural cycles in order to provide a doctor with information,” Whiteford says.

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its decades-long opposition to doctor prescribed suicide. If the AMA weakens its opposition, the move will send a message to the legislature that legalizing suicide is acceptable. It is not too late to send a message to the leaders of the AMA urging them to remain neutral on the issue of doctor-prescribed suicide. Connect to the Catholic Advocacy Network at [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) to send an email.

■ **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) & Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC):** The legislative session ended with strong public statements by Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny), urging a significant increase in the EITC and OSTC pro-

grams next year. Rep. Turzai has set this as a priority for the next session.

■ **Statutes of limitation reform:** House Bill 1947 was a proposal to reform the statutes of limitation for childhood sexual abuse. The House of Representatives voted for legislation that would eliminate the criminal statute of limitations in the future, extend the civil SoL for future cases, and give an equal opportunity for victims in public institutions to bring suit (sovereign immunity prohibits these victims from suing now).

The bill would also retroactively nullify the civil statute of limitations for past childhood sexual abuse cases from decades ago. In June, the state Senate voted 49-0 in favor of an amended version of House Bill 1947 that removed the controversial retroactive provision, citing conflicts with Pennsylvania’s state constitution as the reason for the change.

The House Rules Committee did not act on the Senate-amended ver-

sion of the bill; therefore, it simply died at the end of the session.

While the session comes to an end, no retroactive window was enacted; but it is anticipated that the proposal will be introduced again in the next session.

■ **Sexual orientation non-discrimination legislation:** Legislation that would add “gender identity or expression” and “sexual orientation” to Pennsylvania’s non-discrimination law was again debated this session. One bill passed in the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, but no further action was taken. The legislation died at the end of the session.

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## DCC math team earns first place



**DuBOIS**—Members of the math team at DuBois Central Catholic High School pose with their first place plaque earned at a recent high school competition at Clarion University. DCC earned top honors out of 14 schools in its category. In addition, senior Trisha Gupta earned second place out of 140 students in the Class A category of schools.

Math team members pictured in the front, from left, are: Meghan Graeca, Macey Hanes, Gabby Caruso, Trisha Gupta and Brenna Engle. In the back, from left, are: Emily Williams, Zach Logan, Anthony DePello and Jessica Tomasko. Team advisors are Laurie Zamperlo and Alena Park.

## Titusville community digs deep to help needy



**TITUSVILLE**—The Catholic Community of Titusville's Faith Formation Program asked local residents for donations to the Titusville Area School District. Families with school children who are facing emergency relief situations benefited from the collection.

More than 250 items, worth an estimated \$600, were collected in November. The fifth- and sixth-graders pictured here helped to sort the supplies and stuff them in backpacks.

## Stuffing socks all about love in DuBois



**DuBOIS**—The DuBois Area Faith Formation Program stuffed socks recently for local community organizations as part of the kick-off for the "Socks for Love" program. This was the first of many events planned for the initiation of the Faith Formation Youth Group. Pictured, from left, are: Emma Torretti, Saige Weible, Lakin Smith and Morgan Felix.

## CDA contributes to outdoor classroom



**MEADVILLE**—Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Columbia #2 donated \$1,000 to the students of Seton Catholic School to help with their outdoor classroom and garden project. Pictured in the front row, from left, are: Jocelyn and June Crofoot, Jillian Mattocks, Ryan, Colby and Claire Lester, and Amy Breckenridge. In the back row, from left, are: Angie Lewis, Maxine Holzer, Burke Babayak, Sue Kelly, Audrey Albaugh, Peggy Acker and Ruth Dimerling.

## STREAM Makers Space dedicated



**ERIE**—Blessed Sacrament School dedicated its STREAM Makers Space last month. Bishop Lawrence Persico concelebrated a Mass and then blessed the new space in the school library. STREAM integrates science, technology, religion, engineering, art and math into the teaching and learning process. Pictured with Bishop Persico, left to right, are: students James Kerstetter, Isabella Johnson and Piper Thompson.

## Knights fill food pantry shelves



**MEADVILLE**—Members of the Meadville Knights of Columbus unloaded more than 600 food items purchased this fall at Valesky's grocery store super sale. Pat McHale, financial secretary, and members John Vitelli and Brett Jastromb are pictured carrying the goods into the pantry at Meadville's St. Agatha Church, where the food is distributed to needy local families.

## Superhero dance held at St. George



**ERIE**—Seventh- and eighth-graders at St. George School, Erie, organized a superhero dance last month to recognize the gifts of people with special needs. Members of Erie's L'Arche community and McDowell High School's Inspire group attended the event with St. George students. Attendees dressed up as their favorite superheroes. Pictured are seventh-graders Ashlyn Jessup and Brielle Rich with their special needs friend, Reine Wieszczyk.

## Families celebrate All Saints, All Souls



**TITUSVILLE**—Ninety-five parents and youth from the Catholic Community of Titusville recently attended an All Saints/All Souls party at the Faith Formation Center. After an opening prayer service, families created saint trading cards, wrote a family litany of the saints, prayed for their departed loved ones, played saint bingo, and enjoyed other saint-inspired crafts and snacks. Pictured in the front row are: Kylie Crocker, Holland Fratus, Kaylee Roberts, Isaac Roberts, Sam Prenatt and Grayson Steinbuhler. In the back row, are: Alaina Chapel, Jenna Crocker, Marissa Warner, Hudson Fratus, Tyler Tenney and Stephen Tenney.

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**PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST**  
[www.Facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast](http://www.Facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast)  
 Saturday, January 14, 2017 \* 9 A.M.  
 — Special Guest Speakers —  
**RUTH GRAHAM & WINDSOR BAUDERS**  
*Daughter and Granddaughter of Evangelist Billy Graham*  
 Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier, Erie  
 Purchase tickets by January 9  
 \$15 over age 12 \* \$7 ages 3-12 \* Free under 3  
 Music by Harmony's House \* Free childcare with fun activities!

**ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE**  
 Saturday, January 21, 2017 \* 11 A.M.  
 Gather at the pavilion in west Perry Square by 10:45 a.m.  
 The March and Closing Program will finish by 12:30 p.m.

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[www.Facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip](http://www.Facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip)  
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