



Despite close ties, pope's family watches inauguration from home, respecting his wishes

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even though Pope Francis is very close to his family, he would often skip their barbecues to spend Sundays or holidays in Buenos Aires' slums, the pope's sister said.

"That's the way he is: totally devoted to the mission of a priest; he is the pastor of the least," said Maria Elena Bergoglio. The youngest of five, Bergoglio, 65, is the pope's only surviving sibling, said a report in the Italian Catholic newspaper, *Avenire*, March 19.

She told the newspaper that she and her brother are extremely close, which she attributes to their parents' emphasis on the "the value of love."

"We've always had a very close relationship despite the 12-year age difference. I was the youngest and Jorge always pampered and protected me," she said of her brother.

Even though his ministry and duties as Jesuit provincial and then as archbishop of Buenos Aires kept her brother busy and often prevented him from visiting, the two siblings always spoke by phone every week, she said.

His priority was the neediest in his archdiocese, which meant he often spent Sundays or holidays in the city's shantytowns, instead of attending the family *asado* or barbecue, she said.

"Jorge taught me to always be there for people, to always be welcoming, even if it meant sacrificing something," she said of her brother.

She said she named her first-born son Jorge, "in honor of my special brother," who also was moved to be asked to be the

child's godfather.

The pope's nephew, Jorge, 37, told the paper that his uncle "is someone who is very open, we talk about everything, long talks," he said.

Bergoglio said the media has only been reporting on her brother's love of tango, opera and soccer, but that very few people know he is an excellent cook.

"He makes fantastic stuffed



Maria Elena Bergoglio, the sister of Pope Francis, receives letters to her brother from children in Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 14.

calamari; it's his favorite dish."

She said she and her family stayed home in Ituzaingo, near Buenos Aires, to watch the pope's inaugural Mass on television out of respect for his public request that Argentines give the money they would have spent on airfare to the pope.

"We are near him in prayer," she said.

Her house was still busy with phone calls and visitors and occasional motorists would still drive by, honking their horns, shouting

"Viva el papa," *Avenire* reported March 19. Maria Elena and her husband painted the gate to the house yellow and white in honor of the election, the paper reported.

She said she spoke to her brother March 14, the day after he was elected pope.

"I wasn't able to say a thing and he wasn't either" because they were so overwhelmed with emotion, she said.

"He just kept repeating, 'Don't worry, I'm fine, pray for me.'"

Pope Francis initiates new era



The first pope from the Americas, Pope Francis, elected to the papacy in just five rounds of ballots—more quickly than even many cardinals had expected—has set a decidedly new tone at the Vatican. His fellow Argentines are not surprised by his down-to-earth ways; he has endeared himself to them for years by his actions as well as his words. For Pope Francis, it seems only natural to go on living the way he has always lived: a life of authentic discipleship, prayer and simplicity. *FaithLife* offers a few behind-the-scenes glimpses of our new Holy Father who is captivating the world.

Vatican workers join pope for early morning Masses

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Dressed in orange safety vests, green jumpsuits or other workers' attire, Vatican gardeners, garbage collectors and cleaning crews joined Pope Francis for a 7 a.m. Mass March 22.

Usually in the Vatican, "we're the invisible ones," Luciano Cecchetti, coordinator of the Vatican gardeners and sanitation workers, told Vatican Radio after the Mass.

"To find ourselves before the Holy Father, at a Mass for us, is something that doesn't happen every day. I turned and looked at the faces of the employees. We all left there misty-eyed," he said.

After the Mass, there was time for private prayers. Pope Francis joined the others, going to a seat in the last row of chairs in the

chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he is staying. Before the employees headed back to work, Pope Francis greeted each one of them.

Almost all of the gardeners, Cecchetti said, offered to give the pope a guided visit of the Vatican Gardens.

"He didn't say no," he said. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the pope gave a homily, focused on the Gospel reading from St. John, in which some Jewish leaders pick up rocks, intending to stone Jesus for blasphemy.

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, summarized the pope's homily: "When we have hearts of stone, we pick up rocks and stone Jesus Christ in the form of our brothers and sisters, especially the weakest. We must open our hearts to love."

Vatican security scrambling, yet prepared for pope's love of the crowd



Domenico Giani, head of the Vatican police, in glasses behind Pope Francis, looks on as the newly elected pontiff greets people after celebrating Mass at St. Anne Parish within the Vatican March 17.

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis' style of breaking away from his security detail and diving toward the crowds means his protectors have had to do a quick rewrite of strategy, sometimes on the spot.

Concern and urgency were visibly etched on the face of the head of the Vatican police, Domenico Giani, after the pope celebrated Mass in the Vatican's Church of St. Anne March 17.

Giani swiftly shouted out fresh commands for undercover guards and police to regroup as Pope Francis made a beeline toward a large cheering crowd pressing against a barricade outside the entrance into Vatican City. This came after the pope personally greeted, often hugging, each of the approximately 200 members of the congregation right after Mass.

The pope has preferred to walk short distances within Vatican City instead of taking a waiting sedan and has also eschewed a multi-car security escort for longer trips, preferring just one vehicle to get him to his destination. He had no qualms about stopping the open-air popemobile midride March 19 to climb out, kiss and bless a disabled adult in the throng.

The new papal approach "is perfectly fine; it's his way of doing things," Cpl. Urs Breitenmoser of the Swiss Guard told *Catholic News Service*.

"We are worried if there is more contact with people, because that means there's a greater possibility something can happen," he admitted.

But "we have to fully adapt ourselves" to what the pope wants, he said, and security will

"It makes us a little nervous, which is normal."
— Cpl. Urs Breitenmoser
Swiss Guard

in no way try to prevent or dissuade him from greeting people. The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told journalists the pope's security detail is able to smoothly switch gears and follow the pope's lead.

It is because of their "ability and intelligence" that the papal guardians "know how to adapt and be flexible according to the

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Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

Feast days



Octave of Easter Saint Stanislaus

March 31-April 7 Octave of Easter
April 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
April 13 Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Confirmations

Holy Trinity, Erie — Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. Confirmation classes include Holy Rosary, Erie; Holy Trinity, Erie; Our Mother of Sorrows, Erie; St. Hedwig, Erie; St. John the Baptist, Erie; St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Erie; St. Patrick, Erie; and St. Stanislaus, Erie.

Blessed Sacrament, Erie — Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Beloved Disciple, Grove City — Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

St. Catherine, DuBois — Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m. Confirmation classes include St. Bernard, Falls Creek; St. Catherine, DuBois; St. Joseph, DuBois and St. Michael, DuBois.

St. Michael, Fryburg — Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Anne, Marienville; St. Joseph, Lucinda; St. Mary, Crown and St. Michael, Fryburg.

The Joy and the Hope examined in Year of Faith speaker series

By Anne-Marie Welsh
FaithLife



Dr. David Roncolata

No more soaring, inspiring language can be found in the documents of Vatican II than what is found in *Gaudium et Spes*. Simply translated it means Joy and Hope. The document explores humanity's relationship to society, covering topics ranging from economics and poverty to social justice, culture, science and technology. Those looking for an opportunity for growth during this Year of Faith would do well to spend time considering all the document has to offer.

Audiences at both Canon University in Erie and Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion did just that as they listened to a talk on the subject by Dr. David Roncolata, director of Community Service and Service Learning at Allegheny College in Meadville, the second speaker in the three-part Year of Faith series offered by the Diocese of Erie in partnership with Gannon.

Roncolata planned the evening as more of a workshop than a talk, underscoring the importance of dialogue. "In the same spirit of dialogue that marked the council 50 years ago, tonight we

can draw nourishing water for our spirituality, for our ministry, for our world and for our church," he said, inviting attendees to see the document as something created for the present.

Roncolata, who was 6 years old the year the council opened, began with a story from his early years working as a youth minister in the 1980s.

"We were working with a parish shut-in, doing some home repair work over a series of weekends," he said. "She was really down and having some health issues, so we left one weekend I said, 'I will pray for you.'"

The next time he saw her,

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Bishop Persico offers Easter greeting

As we celebrate this great feast of Easter, we are not only reminded of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, but also in a very real and concrete way, of our own hope for eternal life. Easter provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the fact that death is not the final word, but that through death, we enter into eternal life.

As we celebrate this joyous feast day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I wish you and your families and loved ones a very blessed and joyous Easter and Easter season.

— The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL



Bishop Persico: Pope charged with mission similar to that of St. Francis



The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, was the principal celebrant at a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Francis at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie on March 20. Dioceses and parishes around the world joined in the same prayerful celebration.

by AJ Czerwinski
Special to FaithLife

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Francis was held on March 20 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. Bishop Lawrence Persico celebrated the 5:15 p.m. Mass, offering thanksgiving

to God for the election and inauguration of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., former Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, as Pope Francis, the 265th successor of the Apostle Peter.

"From the moment he stepped on the loggia to greet the city of Rome and the

world, he has won the hearts of Catholics and non-Catholics alike," Bishop Persico said during his homily. "All were impressed by his humility and warmth and the simplicity of his style."

Bishop Persico noted that See MASS, page 3



IN THE U.S.

Irish prime minister offers words of encouragement for Brooklyn parish



Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny attended Mass in the Breezy Point section of Queens, N.Y. March 17. He visited the area's Irish-American neighborhood during a weeklong trip to the U.S.

ROCKAWAY POINT, N.Y. (CNS) — "I think it's important to demonstrate solidarity with a people who have come through a difficult time," Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny told the Irish Catholic community of Breezy Point on a St. Patrick's Day visit to one of the communities hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy. Kenny joined members of Blessed Trinity Parish for Mass at St. Thomas More Church, serving as lector. The church is a worship site of the parish. Earlier this year, to help with recovery efforts from October's superstorm, professional athletes from the Gaelic Athletic Association, in collaboration with the Irish government, traveled from Ireland to Breezy Point. In fewer than 10 days, the athletes completely renewed the parish's Msgr. Connelly Parish Center. Parishioners now have a clean and modern place to gather for social events. "It was an honor for the prime minister to come so through him we can thank all the people in Ireland who have been so generous to us," Msgr. Michael Curran, pastor, said.

AROUND THE WORLD

Obama lights candles, prays at Bethlehem's Church of Nativity compound

JERUSALEM (CNS) — U.S. President Barack Obama, visiting the West Bank city of Bethlehem, stopped twice to light candles for his family and himself: first at the Church of Nativity grotto, where Christian tradition holds that Jesus was born, then at the adjacent Catholic Church of St. Catherine. On the last leg of his four-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories, Obama also took time for a few moments of private prayer and contemplation, said Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III, who was the first to greet the American leader inside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, welcoming him as "a



U.S. President Barack Obama tours the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, West Bank, March 22.

messenger of peace and reconciliation." Obama was then greeted by religious leaders according to the Status Quo protocol that governs holy sites: the custos of the Holy Land, Franciscan Father Pierbatista Pizzaballa, followed by Armenian Orthodox Archbishop Sevan Gharianian. Once again reassuring Israelis that America stands with them, Obama spent an hour at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, visiting the Children's Memorial, where the names and ages of 1.5 million Jewish youngsters are intoned in darkness relieved only by pinpricks of light; and the Hall of Names, where the details of 4.2 million Holocaust victims are recorded; and the Museum of Holocaust Art. Obama also met with Palestinian leaders in Ramallah. "Sometimes," he said, "the biggest miracle is to recognize that the world can change."

PEOPLE

Seton Hill University mourns death of coach, her unborn child in crash

GREENSBURG, Pa. (CNS) — Seton Hill University is "deeply saddened by the tragic bus accident" that occurred the morning of March 16, taking the life of the head coach of the women's lacrosse team and her unborn child. The accident also killed the driver and injured 13 players. The bus was carrying 23 people from Seton Hill to an NCAA Division II match at Millersville University in Millersville when it crashed in central Pennsylvania. Police were investigating what caused the bus to veer off the Pennsylvania Turnpike and crash into a tree, killing Coach Kristina Quigley, 30, who was six months pregnant, and the driver, Anthony Guetta, 61, of Johnstown. Doctors were unable to save Quigley's unborn child. More than 700 people crowded into St. Joseph Chapel on the Seton Hill campus for an evening memorial Mass March 17 celebrated by Father Jeremiah O'Shea. Mourners included Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt of Greensburg, the diocese in which Seton Hill is located. "Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy," Bishop Brandt said, "go out to the Seton Hill community as well as the coach's family and the family of the driver and those injured."



Kristina Quigley

Archbishop of Canterbury cites words of Pope Francis at entrenchment

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — Drawing on Pope Francis' call for people to be protectors of each other, Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby, 57, urged people of faith to build up the community of God on earth. Archbishop Welby was enthroned as archbishop of Canterbury, becoming the spiritual leader of 77 million Anglicans around the world at Canterbury Cathedral in southeast England March 21. "It is only under the authority of God... that we may become the fully human community of which we all dream," he said during his homily. The archbishop also warned the congregation, which included British Prime Minister David Cameron and Prince Charles, of the dangers of losing faith in Jesus. "The church transforms society when it takes the risk of renewal in prayer or reconciliation," the archbishop said, listing ministries, advocacy actions and social services offered to poor and vulnerable people in England and around the world. "There is every possible reason for optimism about the future of the Christian faith in the world and in this country," he said.

By the Way...

What a moment of grace for the Catholic Church! On this glorious Easter Sunday, I hope you are still feeling the euphoria of a papal election that caught all of us by surprise on so many levels.

The first days of this new papacy have demonstrated one of the most delightful aspects of Catholicism: like a beautiful jewel, this faith we belong to has many facets. Each pope, each bishop, each clergy member, each woman religious, each lay person expresses what it means to be Catholic in such a personal yet universal way. As someone whose job it is to communicate the truths of the church, you can bet I'm celebrating the fact that we have a pope who is showing us what that means in such a natural way.

How can anyone not be moved by a world figure stepping out of his jeep to speak with and bless a disabled man and his caregivers? The documents and pastoral letters are valid and important—but a simple gesture reverberates throughout the world. Many have asked what is meant by "the new evangelization" we're being asked to foster. That question is going to fade away as we watch the answer unfold before us. **Pope Francis** seems to embody the quote so often attributed to St. Francis: "Preach the Gospel always. If necessary, use words."

Congratulations to the many, many sports teams around the diocese for such outstanding results as the winter season comes to an end. Among the latest accomplishments: Gannon's women's basketball team won the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional tournament championship; the girls' and boys' basketball teams at Our Lady of Peace in Erie came home with third- and fourth-place finishes at their respective state championships.

A great big congratulations to first-time hockey coach **Father Jason Glover** and the men's ice hockey team at Gannon University. They are just back from playing in the national championship tournament of the Los Angeles-based National Association of Intercollegiate Hockey, where they completed their season by playing D'Youville for third place. It was a heartbreaking 8-7 overtime loss, but this talented team—in its first season as a sanctioned club at Gannon—has deservedly captured the hearts of a growing number of fans. The integrity, class and sportsmanship they demonstrated in this inaugural year bodes well for the future.

Finally, a heartfelt salute to **Father Federico Lombardi**, director of the Holy See Press Office, who was the model of patience and humility throughout the papal transition. An ambassador must know both the country he is representing and the country to which he has been assigned. Father Lombardi fully understands and embraces the Vatican and its protocols at the same time respecting the demands faced by those working in a never-ending news cycle. I am happy to say he was presented with a plaque and press pass by the Associated Press as a thank you on behalf of the 6,000 journalists who covered the transition. All I can say is: Bravo!

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Anne-Marie Welsh

Vatican security prepared for pope's love of the crowd

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pope's manifest wishes and intentions," he said during a news briefing.

The 110 Swiss Guards' main duties are protecting the pope and his residence while the Vatican's own police force, the gendarme corps, is responsible for crowd control, traffic within the Vatican and other duties within the walls of Vatican City.

Together, the hundreds of people who guard the pope and the Vatican have tried to strike a delicate balance between providing tight professional security and a reasonable amount of access to the public.

Pope Pius XII began the practice of having "audiences outside" among the general public, Breitenmoser said.

Since then, the men guarding the pope, both in uniform and undercover, have had to develop "a system that's worked for years" of being able to provide discreet yet diligent protection, he said.

Below, Pope Francis reaches out to bless a child as he arrives in St. Peter's Square before his inaugural Mass at the Vatican March 19. At right, Pope Francis gives a thumbs up as he makes his way around St. Peter's Square at the same event.



New Symbols

Papal ring

Pope Francis, received his ring from Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, during his inauguration Mass March 19. The ring has an unusual history in that it was made for but never worn by Pope Paul VI, who selected a different one. The wax cast for this ring, which was in the possession of Pope Paul VI's personal secretary, was eventually bequeathed to Msgr. Ettore Malnati, who made a ring of gold-plated silver from the wax cast. This Ring of the Fisherman was one of several options presented to Pope Francis, who continues to favor a straightforward, unadorned style.



Coat of arms

The coat of arms of Pope Francis borrows much from his former episcopal emblem. On the blue shield is the symbol of the Society of Jesus. Below it is a five-pointed star and the buds of a spikenard flower, which represent respectively Mary and St. Joseph. The papal motto is the Latin phrase, "Misericordiam atque eligendo," which means "because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him," or more simply, "having mercy, he called him." The phrase comes from a homily by St. Bede which inspired the pope to his priestly vocation.



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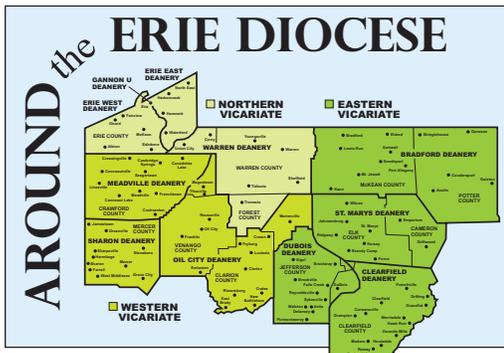
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Blessed Sacrament swims for Bill

ERIE — The late Bill Jones, who coached the Blessed Sacrament swim team for over 35 years, made a tremendous impact on the school's many alumni and students over the years. In response, for the second year in a row, the school's swimmers have paid tribute to the legendary leader through the "Swim a Mile for Bill Jones" event. His wife Jeanne, daughter Colleen and son Kevin were present to accept the team's donation of \$1689. The money was donated to the Advancement Committee and will be distributed in the form of financial aid to school families.



Photo, back row, left to right: Kevin Jones, Colleen Jones Strain, Coach Don Meyer, Advancement Director Lisa Keating, Principal Sheri Kurczewski, and top fundraisers Julia Kreidinger, Rachel Kaveney and Katy Rose.

Villa Maria Elementary implements language program

ERIE — Villa Maria Elementary School in Erie recently implemented the Rosetta Stone language-learning program for grades K-8.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students are studying Spanish and students in 2nd and 3rd grade are learning Mandarin. Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to choose any language they would like to study. They can choose from more than 25 languages including Russian, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Hindi, Dutch and Vietnamese.

"Rosetta Stone has given us the amazing opportunity to provide our students with foreign language development in a way that we could never have provided before," said VME Principal Damon Finazzo. "We believe that exposing our students to foreign language development at the el-



mentary school level gives our students an advantage in participating fully in our multi-cultural society." The Rosetta Stone program mimics language immersion, using a combination of images, text and sound, with difficulty levels increasing as each student progresses.

Students from two schools advance in PJAS competition
Immaculate Conception School, Clarion

CLARION — On Sat., Feb 23, 7th and 8th grade students of Immaculate Conception School traveled to Slippery Rock University with their science teacher, Lauren Satkowski, for the annual PJAS competition. Each of the students designed, conducted and presented the results of their experiments to a panel of judges. Nine of the students earned a first-place award and five earned a second-place award. Student winner, Zakary Bauer earned a perfect score for his presentation, garnering a special award in addition to his first place award. The students who earned first-place awards will join students from around Pennsylvania to compete at Penn State in



May. Front row, left to right: 6th grade student techs Ali Troese and Laryssa Bauer. Second row from left: Alec Shreffler, Daniel Brooker, Kaden Bauer, Jennifer Kerle, Gabby Weaver, Eugenia Barboza and Noah Cuzik. Third row from left: Oscar Suzuki, Jacob Selker, Zakary Bauer, Catherine Buchanan, Marissa Senard, Courtney Reiner and Claire Eckert.

Works of Mercy taught in Kane

KANE — Saint Callistus religious education students in the junior and senior classes learned about the works of mercy during Lent. The entire parish benefited from the experience as they were encouraged to donate items the teens collected at Masses each Sunday to help them "clothe the naked, feed the hungry and visit the sick."

Pictured, left to right are, row 1: Brennan Schultz, Nathan Peterson, Joe Stanko and Garrett Walters. Row 2: Sara Carlson, Isaiah Holt, Dominic Cartwright, Reana Smith, Nicole Buhl and Hannah Buhl. Row 3: Emily Feiks, Kendra Udovach, Angela Cecchetti, McKenna En-



nis, Sadie Tunall, Adam Slicher, Madison Bizzak, Halle Saf, Olivia Blackmore and Laurel West.

St. Michael School, Greenville

GREENVILLE — Eight students from St. Michael School will compete in the state competition of PJAS (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science) at Penn State, May 12-14. In order to qualify, each student presented a science project to a panel of judges, explaining why they chose the topic, their hypothesis, the outcome of their trials and whether the experiment supported or disproved their hypothesis. The months-long project by students in grades 7 and 8 under the direction of Staci Beckman prepared them for the preliminary competition at Slippery Rock University in February.



Pictured left to right: Ed Cianci, Anna-Marie Berger, Rachel Misky, Saral DelMaramo and Staci Beckman. Second row: Abram Shannon, John Cianci, Matt Mathias and Kathy Williams.

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