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### Feast days



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha St. Bonaventure

- June 28 St. Irenaeus
- June 29 Ss. Peter and Paul
- June 30 First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- July 1 Blessed Junipero Serra
- July 3 St. Thomas
- July 5 St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
- July 6 St. Maria Goretti
- July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions
- July 13 St. Henry
- July 14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
- July 15 St. Bonaventure
- July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- July 20 St. Apollinaris
- July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- July 22 St. Mary Magdalene
- July 23 St. Bridget of Sweden
- July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf

## New life for the church

### Five new priests ordained for the Erie Diocese

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

After ordaining five new priests for the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Donald Trautman referred to the enthusiasm in Rome during the election of a new pope.

When the college of cardinals elect a new pope, a cardinal appears on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square and joyfully announces to the crowds below and to the world, "Habemus papam," a Latin phrase meaning "We have a pope." The waiting is over. People applaud and a thunderous ovation goes heavenward.

"Tonight, with the same joy and excitement I announce to you, we have five new priests," Bishop Trautman said from the pulpit, resulting in a nearly minute-long ovation for the newly ordained fathers.

On June 11, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bishop Trautman ordained five men to the priesthood for the diocese in front of an overflow crowd of priests, deacons, women religious, family, friends and well wishers at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.



Photo by Tim Rohrbach

Bishop Donald Trautman ordained five priests on June 11 making it the Erie Diocese's largest ordination class since 1991. Pictured, left to right, are:

The new priests, followed by their home parish, include:

- Father Christopher Barnes (St. Venantius, Rousseville)
- Father Ross Miceli (St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois)
- Father Michael Polinek (St. Joseph/Bread of Life, Erie)
- Father Matias Quimno (All Saints, Waterford)
- Father Matthew Strickenberger (St. Stephen, Oil City)

Prior to the ordination rite, Father Michael Kesicki, rector of St. Mark Seminary in Erie, presented the candidates to the bishop and the assembly.

Father Matthew Strickenberger, Father Ross Miceli, Bishop Trautman, Father Michael Polinek, Father Matias Quimno and Father Christopher Barnes.

Bishop Trautman directed his homily toward the transitional deacons who were seated in front of his cathedra chair. He noted that in Rome on the very same day, Pope Benedict XVI and thousands of priests from all over the world were celebrating the close of the Year for Priests. This special year also marked the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests.

Recalling St. John Vianney's humble surroundings in the village of Ars in France—including the small church confessional where he heard confessions for 11 to 12 hours a day—Bishop Trautman said it was

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Visit [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) for videos of the five new priests and a slideshow of ordination photos.

## Clergy appointments



The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, STD, SSL, Bishop of Erie, announces the following clergy appointments:

Father Christopher Barnes, appointed parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Greenville, for a term of three years. Effective June 28, 2010.

Father David Foradori, reappointed pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, DuBois, and St. Joseph Parish, DuBois, for a term of six years.

Father Daniel Hoffman, assigned to graduate studies in Canon Law at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Effective September 2010.

Father Ross Miceli, appointed campus minister and faculty member of Elk County Catholic High School, St. Marys, for a term of three years. Effective June 28, 2010.

Father William O'Brien, reappointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Girard, for a term of six years.

Deacon Jerome Peterson, appointed deacon assistant at St. Julia Parish, Erie, for a term of six years. Effective July 1, 2010.

Father Michael Polinek, appointed parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Warren, for a term of three years. Effective June 28, 2010.

Father Matias Quimno, appointed chaplain at DuBois Regional Medical Center and sacramental assistant to the parishes of St. Catherine of Siena, St. Michael the Archangel and St. Joseph, DuBois, with residence at St. Catherine of Siena, for a term of three years. Effective June 28, 2010.

Father Marc Solomon, appointed pastor of St. Mary of Grace Parish, Erie, and campus minister of Allegheny College, for a term of six years. Effective July 1, 2010.

Father Matthew Strickenberger, appointed parochial vicar at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie, for a term of three years. Effective June 28, 2010.

Father Thomas Tyler, reappointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Force, for a term of six years.

Father Glenn Whitman, reappointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Sharon, for a term of six years.

## Year for Priests closes

### Pope apologizes for abuse, says priests called to bring God to world

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI said the Year for Priests might have been ruined by the clerical sex abuse scandal, but instead became a "summons to purification" in the church.

Concelebrating Mass June 11 with some 15,000 priests, the pope said that "the enemy," Satan, wants to drive God out of the world and opposes those who work to ensure that God is at the side of every man and woman, especially in times of trouble.

"And so it happened that, in this very year of joy for the sacrament of the priesthood, the sins of priests came to light — particularly the abuse



(CNS photo)

Pope Benedict XVI greets priests at the end of a Mass concluding the Year for Priests in St. Peter's Square June 11. Some 15,000 priests concelebrated the Mass with the pope.

of the little ones, in which the priesthood, whose task is to manifest God's concern for our good, turns into its very opposite," the pope said in his homily.

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## Parish changes in Punxsutawney area

### Parishes in Anita, Delancey and Walston to become mission churches of Ss. Cosmas and Damian

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

PUNXSUTAWNEY — The Catholic parishes of St. Adrian in Delancey, St. Anthony in Walston and St. Joseph in Anita, will be subsumed into Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish in Punxsutawney, making them mission churches of Ss. Cosmas and Damian.

The changes in the Erie Diocese's DuBois Deanery were made official through a decree from Bishop Donald Trautman, which is effective July 1.

Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish lists 904 families on its membership roll; St. Adrian lists 78 families; St. Anthony lists 97 families; and St. Joseph lists 61 families.

The parishes of St. Adrian, St. Anthony and St. Joseph have been conjoined as a threefold parish cluster since 1976. Throughout their histories, the parishes have at one time

or another been a mission church of Ss. Cosmas and Damian. St. Adrian and St. Joseph have not had a resident priest since 1966 while St. Anthony has not had a full-time pastor since 1966 or a resident priest since 2006.

"It is my fervent hope that the Catholic faithful of Delancey, Walston, Anita and Punxsutawney, now returning to the unity that marked their origin, will continue with the saving help of divine grace to build up the Kingdom of God in Jefferson County," Bishop Trautman said in the decree.

The Catholic communities have



Msgr. Joseph Riccardo

all been under the care of one pastor, Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, since 2006.

"We've been processing this for a few years," said Msgr. Riccardo.

In 2007, Bishop Trautman visited the area communities for a town hall-style meeting. While listening to their concerns, he cited a declining number of parishioners and noted a lack of priests in the diocese. Father Justin Pino, who was assigned to Ss. Cosmas and Damian and the three-parish cluster in 2007, was recently appointed as pastor St. Joseph and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parishes in Oil City.

"The primary reason (for the change) is the lack of priests," said Msgr. Riccardo. "But along with that they took into consideration the demographics of the area and the loss of membership of those churches."

He noted that all three churches are within three miles of Ss. Cosmas and Damian and one, St. Anthony, is less than a quarter mile from SSCD while St. Adrian and St. Joseph are less than an eighth of a mile from each other.

"It's just logical," Msgr. Riccardo said. "It was a long, deliberate process. Like so many other places, this is not

## 20 years as our shepherd

ERIE — July 16 marks the 20th anniversary of Bishop Donald Trautman's installation as bishop of the Diocese of Erie.

"I come in Christ's name, sent by the bishop of Rome to be the bishop of Erie," Bishop Trautman said during his installation Mass homily July 16, 1990, at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. "I come as a brother and friend. I come as a successor of the apostles to love and serve all the people of the thirteen counties of our diocese. In the words of Paul the Apostle, I greet all of you: 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'"

On April 13, the bishop celebrated the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ordination and 20th anniversary as bishop of Erie with a Mass at St. Peter Cathedral.



Bishop Donald Trautman during his Mass of installation July 16, 1990.

an isolated incident."

Parishioners have been preparing for a potential change. Since 2006, the four Jefferson County parishes have increasingly functioned as a single entity, with a combined religious education program, a single office and staff, a single pastor and a coordinated Mass schedule.

As of June 19, Mass will no longer be regularly celebrated at the three mission churches. However, Msgr. Riccardo said they will remain open as "places of worship" for prayer and meditation, as well as for marriages and funerals; all baptisms will be celebrated at Ss. Cosmas and Damian.

The adjustment canonically gives the diocese 117 parishes, 22 mission churches and five oratories.

The good news, Msgr. Riccardo said, is that the faithful will be able to continue to receive the sacraments. He noted that while some churches don't have a resident priest or pastor in the diocese, there are no parishes or missions without pastoral care.

"We need to remind ourselves that we are part of the universal church, and the universal church will continue," he said.



## IN THE U.S.

■ **Parishes and community organizations assisting people affected by the Gulf of Mexico oil spill** will receive up to \$300,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to combat the environmental disaster. The grants are specifically designated for programs that provide a voice for fishermen and the communities affected by the spill. The funding is also targeted to allow local groups to coordinate with local communities and emergency responders to document damage to coastlines and advocate for the restoration of damaged wetlands. Citing the pressing needs that have arisen since the oil began spewing from an uncapped well on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico April 20, members of the U.S. bishops' subcommittee overseeing CCHD approved the additional funding outside of the anti-poverty program's normal grant cycle.



A Catholic Charities volunteer helps register a fishing family for supplemental food assistance in St. Bernard Parish, a civil entity east of New Orleans.

■ **Officials at The Catholic University of America in Washington announced June 15 that John Garvey**, dean of the Boston College Law School, will be the 15th president of the school. The announcement at a campus news conference came after a national search and Vatican approval, which is required for a pontifical university. Garvey, 61, will succeed outgoing president Vincen-

tian Father David O'Connell, who has been named coadjutor bishop of Trenton, N.J., by Pope Benedict XVI. Garvey will be the third lay president to lead the university, which was established by the U.S. bishops and opened for classes in 1889.

■ **Economic globalization has meant that the U.S. bishops' 1986 vision that moral principles guide economic decisions** so that each person has the basic necessities of life remains an elusive goal in rapidly changing world, a Jesuit priest said at a session during the Catholic Theological Society of America's annual convention. Father David Hollenbach, director of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College, said that the world's economy has been altered by globalization and poses far different challenges than the bishops envisioned in their 24-year-old pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All." Although Father Hollenbach credited the development of global markets for the decline in the overall number of people worldwide living in extreme poverty from 1.9 billion in 1981 to 1.4 billion in 2005, such progress has been felt in far too few countries.

## AROUND THE WORLD

■ **The United States is included in the State Department's annual report on human trafficking** for the first time in the report's 10-year history. "We have an involuntary servitude problem now just as we always have throughout history," said Ambassador-at-Large Luis CdeBaca of the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. He told journalists June 14 that putting the United States in the report was common sense, "as we work toward a lead-by-example diplomacy." The State Department's trafficking office released its 2010 Trafficking in Persons report, a 177-country report assessing and ranking governments' efforts to fight human trafficking. The State Department estimates that 12.3 million children and adults worldwide suffer forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution; 56 percent of them were women and children.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ **Byzantine Archbishop Basil Schott of Pittsburgh, described as a well-loved leader and a good friend to all**, died of cancer June 10 at age 70 in Pittsburgh. The archbishop, a native of Freeland, was ordained a Byzantine Franciscan priest in 1965 and was appointed bishop of the Byzantine Diocese of Parma, Ohio, a year later. In 2002, he was appointed to the Pittsburgh Byzantine Archdiocese. According to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, the archbishop told archdiocesan priests last November that he had lymphoma. Recently, he seemed to be doing better, the newspaper reported, noting that he ordained a priest May 16 before having a relapse.



Byzantine Archbishop Basil Schott

■ **Pope Benedict used his June 13 Angelus address** to draw Catholics' attention to the recent beatification of two laymen. Manuel Lozano Garrido, a journalist who lived in Spain 1920-1971 and was paralyzed for the last 26 years of his life, was beatified June 12 in Linares, Spain. The pope said, "At the end of his life he also lost his sight, but continued to win hearts to Christ with his serene joy and unwavering faith. Journalists will find in him an eloquent witness of the good that can be done when the pen reflects the greatness of soul and is at the service of truth and noble causes." Lojze Grozde, a Slovenian killed in 1943 at the age of 20, was beatified June 13 in Celje, Slovenia. A member of Catholic Action, he was interrogated by communist partisans, who found a Latin prayer book among his belongings. They suspected him of being a Fascist sympathizer and killed him. Pope Benedict said Blessed Grozde "was particularly devoted to the Eucharist, which nourished his unshakeable faith, his capacity for sacrificing for the salvation of souls and his apostolate in Catholic Action of leading other young people to Christ."

## By the Way...

This year's ordination class of five priests is the diocese's largest since 1991 when six priests were ordained. That year was also the first (and largest) class ordained by Bishop Donald Trautman as bishop of the Diocese of Erie. Counting this year's five new fathers, Bishop Trautman has ordained 46 priests for the diocese in his twenty years as our bishop.



Jason Koshinski

Father Matias Quimno is the first native priest of All Saints Parish in Waterford. The parish was officially established in 2005 after the merging of St. Matthew-in-the-Woods Parish, Erie, and St. Cyprian Parish, Waterford.

Alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the former St. Mary's Seminary in North East are invited to a three-day reunion at the former Redemptorist fathers' preparatory college and high school from July 30 to August 2, hosted by the school's current owners, Mercyhurst North East.

Also known as St. Mary's College, the order's minor seminary was home for 106 years to thousands of young men from parishes in the Redemptorists' Baltimore Province and its vice provinces, which included the Eastern and Southern United States, as well as portions of the Caribbean and South America.

In addition to a three-day schedule of social and recreational activities, the reunion weekend will also feature a spiritual celebration of the Redemptorist heritage at St. Mary's, particularly the order's devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Her icon is still enshrined in the college chapel, whose towering gothic spire remains a local landmark visible from miles around.

For more information, log onto the reunion's Web site at [www.smsreunion2010.com](http://www.smsreunion2010.com) or contact reunion coordinator Jack Breslin at 914.632.9805 or e-mail [jbreslin@jona.edu](mailto:jbreslin@jona.edu).

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious has created a traveling exhibit on the rich history and contributions of Catholic sisters in the United States. Through photographs, artifacts and documentary material drawn from the archives of many congregations, this exhibit, entitled "Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America," tells how women religious played a vital role in shaping American life from before the earliest days of the republic and throughout its history.

The exhibit will be at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood, Ohio (near Cleveland), through Aug. 28. Visit the Women & Spirit Web site at [www.womenandspirit.org](http://www.womenandspirit.org) for a wealth of information about the exhibit, including a downloadable brochure. Ticket info is available at [www.maltzmuseum.org](http://www.maltzmuseum.org).

Going away on vacation this summer and want to find a church? There's an easy way online. [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org) is a ministry for traveling Catholics. Look up a church and available Mass times by city, zip code or phone number.

*FaithLife* will skip its next regularly scheduled issue for a summer break. The next issue will be published on the weekend of July 24-25.

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# Pope apologizes for abuse, says priests called to bring God to world

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homily at the Mass concluding the Year for Priests.

The priests, 80 cardinals and 350 bishops and archbishops, who were sitting under the hot sun in St. Peter's Square, signaled their agreement with the pope's statement by applauding.

The Vatican said that with so many priests vested for Mass and reciting together the key words of the eucharistic prayer with their hands extended toward the altar, the liturgy marked the largest concelebration ever held at the Vatican.

Addressing the abuse scandal in his homily, Pope Benedict said the Catholic Church begs forgiveness from God and "from the persons involved, while promising to do everything possible to ensure that such abuse will never occur again."

In admitting men to the seminary and priesthood, he said, "we will do everything we can to weigh the authenticity of their vocation and make every effort to accompany priests along their journey, so that the Lord will pro-

tect them and watch over them in troubled situations and amid life's dangers."

The priests and bishops, who turned St. Peter's Square into a sea of white albs and stoles, were well aware of the scandal and of the shadow of doubt it cast over the Catholic priesthood.

But, the pope said, the scandal should make priests grow "in gratitude for God's gift, a gift concealed in 'earthen vessels' which, ever anew, even amid human weakness, makes his love concretely present in this world."

"Let us look upon all that happened as a summons to purification," the pope said. He then led the priests in the solemn renewal of their priestly promises to be faithful ministers of Christ, working not for their own interests, but for the good of all men and women.

In his homily, the pope said, "God wants us, as priests in one tiny moment of history, to share his concern about people."

Called to be shepherds, imitating Christ the Good Shepherd, he said, "we are not fumbling in the dark. God has shown us the way and how to walk aright."



Some 15,000 priests concelebrate a Mass with Pope Benedict XVI to conclude the Year for Priests in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 11.

When priests, like anyone else, walk through "the dark valleys of temptation, discouragement and trial," they must remember that God is there, he said.

"God personally looks after me, after us, after all mankind. I

am not abandoned, adrift in the universe and in a society that leaves me ever more lost and bewildered," he said.

Continuing the work of the Good Shepherd, the pope said, "the church, too, must use the

shepherd's rod, the rod with which he protects the faith against those who falsify it, against currents which lead the flock astray."

The "rod and the staff" help the church exercise its love for

people and for their true good, he said.

"Today we can see that it has nothing to do with love when conduct unworthy of the priestly life is tolerated," he said. "Nor does it have to do with love if heresy is allowed to spread and the faith (is) twisted and chipped away, as if it were something that we ourselves had invented," the pope said.

The Year for Priests coincided with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. During the liturgy, Pope Benedict used a chalice that belonged to the saint and was brought to Rome from his former parish in Ars, France.

In his homily, the pope had told the priests that it is impossible for them not to rejoice that God has given them the gift of being able "to set God's table for men and women, to give them his body and his blood, to offer them the precious gift of his very presence."

At the end of the Mass, Pope Benedict knelt before an icon of Mary and led the priests in consecrating themselves to her "maternal heart in order to carry out faithfully the father's will."

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## Briefly

### Carmelite Days of Prayer July 11-16

ERIE – The 53rd annual Carmelite Days of Prayer will be held July 11-16 at Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery, 510 E. Gore Road, Erie. The morning service, each day at 8 a.m., consists of Mass, homily and prayers. The evening service, daily at 7:30 p.m., consists of homily, prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

The featured speaker this year will be Father John Trigilio.

Please note the earlier Mass time this year. Also, there are no services the evening of the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Novena to St. Ann July 18-26

ERIE – St. Ann Church, 921 East Ave., of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Erie will host the 91st annual novena to St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, July 18-26.

The novena includes daily Mass, devotional prayers to St. Ann and veneration of a relic of St. Ann.

Daily Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will also be a blessing of the sick July 24 at 4:30 p.m. A blessing of families will be offered July 25; a tribute to grandparents will be featured July 26.



St. Ann with Mary

### One-day Pre-Cana leadership conference

ERIE – The diocese's Family Life Office will host a one-day leadership conference, "Pre-Cana in the 21st Century: What's New in Marriage Preparation Ministry," on Oct. 9 for all clergy and lay leaders who work in Pre-Cana, Engagement Encounter and NOVA.

The conference will be held at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie beginning at 9 a.m. with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Mary Jo Pedersen, author, educator and long-time family life minister, will be the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions will include such topics as facing obstacles and finding resolutions in marriage, navigating the social networking universe as married couples, what's new in NFP and chastity education and making the case for revisions in Pre-Cana.

The new and revised Pre-Cana program manuals for the Erie Diocese will be introduced at this conference.

Online registration begins July 19. Those who register before Sept. 3 will automatically be entered for a special prize giveaway on the day of the conference.

For more information or to register, contact the Family Life Office at 814.824.1265 or visit [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) after July 19. Registration deadline is Sept. 26.

### Mass, picnic at Presque Isle July 18

ERIE – Young adults—single or married—ages 21-39 are invited to attend Mass and a picnic at Beach 11 on Presque Isle on July 18 at 11 a.m.



Mass will be celebrated by Father Steve Schreiber, director of the Erie Diocese's youth and young adult ministry.

Bring a friend for the kids. If you are able, bring a dish to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

This event is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry.

### Anniversary celebrations Aug. 8 & 15

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries in 2010 are reminded to register if they are planning to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations. Celebration will be held at St. George in Erie on Aug. 8 and Ss. Cosmas and Damian in Punxsutawney on Aug. 15.

The deadline to register is July 21 for those attending at St. George and July 28 for those attending at Ss. Cosmas and Damian. Names received after these deadlines may not be published in the worship aide.

To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at 814.824.1250 or 800.374.3723 Ext. 250 or visit [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org).

## Five new priests ordained for the Erie Diocese

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the saint's simplicity, sincerity and holiness of life that reconciled many hardened hearts to God.

"That was 150 years ago," he said. "The times and the cultures are now vastly different. But the challenges are the same for the priests of Ars and the priests of Erie. How do we bring the Scriptures and the sacraments to our contemporary brothers and sisters? How do we touch their hearts? We learn from John Vianney. Stay bonded. Stay connected to Christ. Prefer nothing to Christ. Preach Christ, not yourself. Learn from John Vianney to fast and pray for your people. This night, the Lord Jesus sends you on the same mission that John Vianney had—to sanctify and teach and shepherd God's people."

He told the newly ordained not to become discouraged, adding that the gift of the Holy Spirit is more than sufficient for the task ahead.

The bishop recalled the first Scripture reading for the evening from Ezekiel 34:11-16 which spoke of God as a shepherd.

"Jesus is the shepherd caring for his flock, laying down his life for his people," he said. "This is your job description. This is your mission, your ministry as priest and co-workers of Christ the Good Shepherd."

On the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bishop Trautman said that the Sacred Heart is a graphic reminder that in spite of our sinfulness, the heart of Jesus throbs with love and forgiveness.

"Knowing how much Christ loves you is the motivation and support for a joyful priesthood and a joyful celibate life," he advised the candidates. "Knowing how much Christ loves you is the

source of all faithfulness. Where can we find better inspiration, better help and better guidance to be good priests than in the heart of Jesus? The greatest love you shall ever experience comes from the heart of Jesus."

After the homily, the candidates expressed their intentions to be faithful to the bishop, the worship life of the church, the Gospel

### New priests, new assignments

During the June 11 ordination Mass and ceremony, Bishop Donald Trautman announced the parish and ministry assignments for the five newly ordained priests:

■ **Father Christopher Barnes** - Parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish in Greenville.

■ **Father Ross Miceli** - Campus minister and faculty member at Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys with residence at St. Leo Magnus Parish in Ridgway.

■ **Father Michael Polinek** - Parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Warren.

■ **Father Matias Quimno** - Chaplain at DuBois Regional Medical Center and as sacramental assistant at St. Catherine of Siena, St. Michael the Archangel and St. Joseph parish in DuBois with residence at St. Catherine of Siena.

■ **Father Matthew Strickenberger** - Parochial vicar at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie.

and Christ followed by a promise of obedience.

During the litany of saints, the candidates laid prostrate on the cathedral's marble floor in front of the altar. This posture symbolizes their total surrender and dependence on Christ.

Through the imposition of the bishop's hands, they each received the gift of priesthood. During the laying on of hands, the gift of the Holy Spirit is asked to come upon the new candidates in abundance. This was followed by the prayer of ordination, which along with the laying on of hands, constitutes the most solemn moment of the ordination ceremony. Together they signify the conferral and reception of the sacrament of holy orders from Christ, through the bishop, to the priest.

Sponsoring priests then vested



Clockwise from top: Bishop Donald Trautman and Father Michael Polinek during the Eucharistic Prayer; Father Ross Miceli receives the consent of the assembly through a round of applause; Father Matias Quimno and Father Matthew Strickenberger await the anointing of their hands with chrism oil; Father Christopher Barnes receives the laying on of hands during the ordination rite.

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the newly ordained with a stole and chasuble.

The hands of the new priests were also anointed with sacred chrism oil to enable them to engage in the sacramental ministry in a totally committed fashion.

Following Communion, Bishop Trautman gave some remarks from the pulpit.

"The Lord has given new life to his church," he said. "All praise and gratitude be to our God. In the name of these new priests and in my own name, I thank all of you for your presence and prayers with us tonight."

He recognized the classmates

of the newly ordained priests and others who traveled, some a great distance, to share in the ordination Mass and ceremony.

"One person has traveled, however, the greatest distance," he said. He then recognized Paulita Quimno, mother of Father Quimno, who came from the Philippines and had not seen her son in five-and-a-half years.

He also acknowledged the priests and women religious in attendance, as well as the parents of the newly ordained.

"With God, they gave not just life but the gift of faith to their priest sons," he said.

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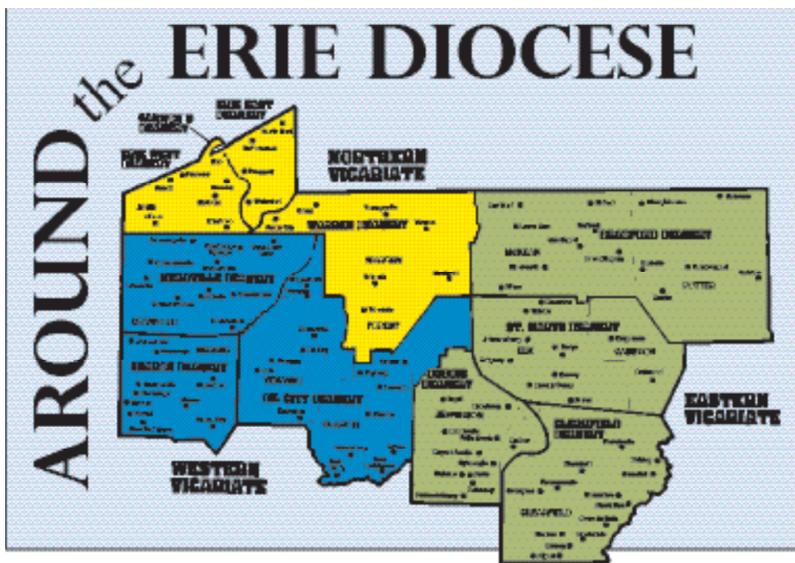
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### DuBois Area Catholic Schools receive shade structure grant

DUBOIS - DuBois Area Catholic School was one of 34 recipients of a shade structure grant from the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). Competition was tough with more than 1,000 applicants nationwide, and the playground of DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School was one of a select few nationwide to benefit from this grant.

The AAD Shade Structure Program grants monetary awards in the amount of \$8,000 for the purchase of permanent shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas. The AAD also provides a permanent sign promoting the importance of sun safety for display near the shade structure.

The shade structure for the DACS is located on the elementary school playground and was constructed by Hallstrom Construction Inc. A dedication ceremony was held May on the grounds of the DACS, with Father Rick



Tomasone providing the blessing and Dr. Richard Johnson, D.O., providing the keynote address on sun safety.

Pictured left to right are: Christopher Nasuti, board chair; Chris Satterlee, Hall-

strom Construction Inc.; Dr. Johnson; and Father Tomasone, president. They took part in the dedication ceremony for the new shade structure behind B-Wing of DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School.

### St. Julia holds 12th annual Fiesta for sister parish

ERIE - St. Julia Parish in Erie recently held its 12th annual Fiesta to benefit its sister parish of Santa Ines in the Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico. This year's theme was "A Fiesta for a Sweet Siesta." More than \$700 was raised to help fund a project to replace worn hammocks for the shut-ins of Santa Ines.

In the Yucatan, a hammock is a necessity as it provides a bed and is often the only chair in village huts. The village women make hammocks on looms in their homes.



### Car cruise kicks off St. Michael School benefit

GREENVILLE - St. Michael Parish in Greenville held its first-ever car cruise May 16 to kick off its 18th annual car raffle. It is the largest annual fundraiser to benefit St. Michael School, with last year's event raising more than \$70,000.

The church parking lot and grassy area were covered with more than 150 cars from Pennsylvania and Ohio representing many different cities.

Al Millero of Greenville won Best of Show for his 1932 Ford Coupe, Ed Surrena of Grove City took home the People's Choice award for his 1935 Chevy pick-up, and Harold and Bonnie Beahm of Greenville (pictured with



Msgr. Andrew Karg) were the St. Michael Parish award winners for their 1949 Buick Roadmaster. The Beahms' car has been in the family since 1949 and is in its original condition with only 40,000 miles on it.

The event begins the school's fundraiser raffle of a 2010 Shelby GT 500

Kona blue Mustang autographed by designer Carroll Shelby. The drawing will be held Sept. 26 during St. Michael School's 11th annual golf scramble at Pine Hill Golf Course in Greenville.

For tickets or information, visit [www.smscardrawing.com](http://www.smscardrawing.com).

### Father Lohse receives honorary degree at St. Vincent commencement

LATROBE - Father Edward Lohse, JCL, received the honorary doctor of divinity degree, honoris causa, from St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe May 7.

Father Lohse (center) is flanked by Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, OSB, chancellor, at left, and Father Justin Matro, OSB, rector. Father Lohse, who serves as chancellor and vocation director for the Diocese of Erie, is an alumnus of St. Vincent Seminary and served as the keynote speaker for the seminary's annual commencement.



### Immaculate Conception students participate in Song Fest

CLARION - Kayla Stewart, Claire Eckert and Briana Schwab (pictured left to right) from Immaculate Conception School in Clarion were among more than 300 students from 45 area school districts who participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 3 Song Fest May 14 at DuBois Area High School.

Under the direction of guest conductors Zachary Covington and Julia Gutowski, two separate choirs performed cho-



ral works for younger voices. The musical selections ranged in genre

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