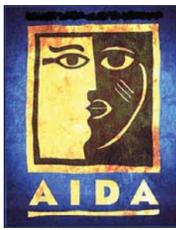


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St. Anthony of Padua

June 6	St. Norbert
June 9	St. Ephrem
June 11	St. Barnabas
June 12	Pentecost
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua
June 19	The Most Holy Trinity, Father's Day

Confirmations

St. Peter Cathedral, Erie – Saturday, June 11 at 5 p.m. Confirmation classes include Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer; St. Joseph/Bread of Life, Erie; and St. Peter Cathedral, Erie.

St. Joseph, Lucinda – Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Michael, Fryburg; St. Mary, Crown; St. Anne, Marienville; and St. Joseph, Lucinda.

St. Teresa of Avila, Union City – Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Thomas the Apostle, Corry; St. Elizabeth, Corry; and St. Teresa of Avila, Union City.

Pope Benedict XVI visits Croatia – June 4-5

Pope Benedict XVI will meet with politicians and professionals, families and clergy on his first trip to Croatia June 4-5.

He will meet with the country's civic, academic, business and cultural leaders, join young people in a prayer vigil, celebrate a Mass dedicated to Croatian Catholic families and pray at the tomb of Blessed Alojzije Stepinac, the archbishop of Zagreb from 1937 to 1960. The cardinal was persecuted by the communist regime of Marshal Tito and died a martyr.

Mass for women religious – June 7

Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate Mass on June 7 at 5 p.m. at St. Mark Seminary chapel, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, in honor of women religious who have jubilee anniversaries this year.

Ordination to the priesthood – June 10

Deacon Jason Feigh will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald Trautman during a 7 p.m. Mass and ceremony on Friday, June 10 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

A native of St. Basil the Great Parish in Coalport, he is the son of John and Mary Jane Feigh. He attended St. Mark Seminary in Erie and St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore.



Deacon Jason Feigh

Spring meeting of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops – June 15-17

The annual spring general assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will be June 15-17 in Seattle.

The bishops will debate and vote on revisions to the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," a document on physician assisted suicide called "To Live Each Day With Dignity," and the Spanish translation of USA Propers, as well as an appendix of major feast days of Spanish-speaking countries for inclusion in the future Spanish translation of the Roman Missal.



WEB OF FAITH

What's new at www.ErieRCD.org

Were you married in 1986, 1961 or 1951? The Diocese of Erie's Family Life Office will sponsor anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 50 or 60 years of marriage in 2011. Celebrations will be held in two locations:

- Aug. 7 at Blessed Sacrament, Erie
 - Aug. 14 at Queen of the World, St. Marys
- Register online at www.ErieRCD.org.

Gannon University names provost Taylor new president

ERIE – Dr. Keith Taylor has been named the seventh president of Gannon University, the university announced May 16.

The university's board of trustees unanimously approved Dr. Taylor to succeed Dr. Antoine Garibaldi as president of Gannon. Dr. Taylor was chosen from a pool of more than 40 candidates after a national search to fill the position.

Dr. Taylor, 47, currently Gannon's provost and vice president for academic affairs, will begin serving as president on July 1.

Dr. Phil Kelly, a professor of English and a member of the English Department faculty since 1968, has been serving as Gannon's interim president since Dr. Garibaldi

went on sabbatical Dec. 31 to prepare for a new position as president of the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Gannon University is a special place with exceptional and dynamic students, faculty and staff," Dr. Taylor said. "I am extremely grateful for the support of the Board of Trustees and I'm excited about leading this great university into the future."

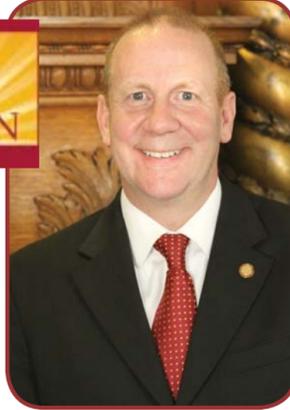
"In addition, I am privileged to have the opportunity to help distinguish the University as a leader in comprehensive Catholic higher education," he added. "Higher education has been my vocation and passion for decades, and my heart is firmly committed to Gannon."

Bishop Donald Trautman, who serves as chair of the



university's board of trustees, said Dr. Taylor has been instrumental in implementing many of Gannon's successful programs and initiatives during his six years as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"The search committee and the board of trustees felt that the continuity he brings to Gannon's ongoing transformation made him the strongest candidate for the presidency," Bishop Traut-



Dr. Keith Taylor

man said.

Dr. Taylor's responsibilities as provost have included oversight of the curriculum, enrollment, academic grants

and contracts, intercollegiate athletics, community development, institutional research and assessment, library services, student development, student retention, tutoring, mentoring and academic and career advising.

Father Nicholas Rouch, a member of the board of trustees and chair of the presidential search committee, said Dr. Taylor possesses the leadership qualities to continue Gannon's transformation.

"As we conducted a national search, which drew the interest of a strong pool of diverse applicants, his abilities and accomplishments kept drawing the attention of the search committee," Father Rouch said. "His commit-

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Religious Scouting awards recognize faith development

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

ERIE – Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies throughout the 13-county Erie Diocese were recognized for furthering their spiritual development during the annual Religious Scouting Awards May 22 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

During his remarks, Bishop Donald Trautman posed a question.

"When you look in a mirror, what do you see?" he asked. "Do you see yourself as a boy or girl loved by God? Do you see yourself as a disciple, a friend of Jesus?"

In a Scripture reading shared prior to the awards ceremony, St. Paul gives an inventory of spiritual gifts that revolve around love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13).

"St. Paul has just reminded us to look like Jesus," Bishop Trautman said. "We are to be gentle, kind, humble, meek, patient. St. Paul wants us to reflect Jesus, to imitate Jesus, to look like Jesus. Your Scouting programs help you to resemble Jesus."

He congratulated all the recipients of Scouting awards, reminding them that the medals and badges are



symbols of achievements and signs that they have used the gifts and talents that God has given them. He thanked Scout leaders for giving of their time and helping instill the values of the faith.

Several parish Scouting programs received the Bishop Trautman Honor Unit award, which is given to programs that have demonstrated outstanding leadership, service and worship during the year. Recipients included Cub Scouts Pack 59 and Boy Scouts Troop 59 from Our Lady of Peace, Erie, and the Girl Scout Troop from St. Te-



Above, members of Cub Scouts Pack 59 from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie pose with Bishop Donald Trautman during the annual religious Scouting awards May 22 at St. Peter Cathedral. The pack received the Bishop Trautman Honor Unit award, which is given to programs that have dem-

onstrated outstanding leadership, service and worship during the year, and the Pope Paul VI Catholic Quality Unit national award which honors service by the unit, adult training and leadership and vocation awareness. At left, Bishop Trautman presents a Girl Scout with an award.

resa of Avila, Union City. The Our Lady of Peace programs also received the Pope Paul VI Catholic Quality Unit national award which honors service by the unit, adult training and leadership and vocation awareness.

Some of the individual

awards included:

- Family of God – Designed to help 1st and 2nd grade Brownies discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of the family and parish.
- Light of Christ – This program helps 1st and 2nd

grade Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

- Our Lady of Fatima – Awarded to 3rd grade Brownies for becoming more aware of the Blessed Mother in their

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Longtime headmaster Kowach leaving ECCHS

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

ST. MARYS – After 30 years of service to Elk County Catholic High School, including more than 26 as headmaster, John Kowach will be leaving ECCHS at the end of the school year.

The long-time headmaster and his wife, Mary Rae, will be leaving the St. Marys area to pursue a position he has accepted in Pittsburgh.

Diocesan and local officials noted that Kowach has made great contributions to every facet of life at Elk County Catholic High School.

During his tenure as headmaster, ECCHS has produced consistently strong enrollment with an increase in philanthropy to the school. Significant capital projects have included a new chapel, gymnasium, track and weight room for athletes. The Kowachs' efforts in the area of development have also provided the school with financial resources.

He leaves behind a rich legacy of Catholic educational leadership in St. Marys, said Bishop Donald Trautman said.

"His commitment to the Catholic faith, to students and to their educational success has been one of the major reasons that Catholic education is as strong as it is in Elk Coun-



John Kowach

ty," Bishop Trautman said. "I commend and thank John and Mary Rae for their dedication to our students."

Father Nicholas Rouch, the diocesan Vicar for Education, praised Kowach's dedication to Catholic education.

"John welcomed me to the ministry of Catholic education when I was assigned to ECCHS as a newly ordained priest," Father Rouch said. "He mentored me as a teacher and supported me as a priest. Years later,

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Tornado survivors in Joplin begin recovery, healing



CNS photo

JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS) – A statue of Mary stands outside the remains of St. Mary Parish in Joplin, Mo., May 24 after the church and school were destroyed by a monster tornado that struck the city May 22.

As of early May 26, the number of those killed by the tornado totaled 125.

"Most people's emotions are still too raw for them to begin processing this catastrophic event," said Father Justin Monaghan, St. Mary pastor. "I just want to tell them, 'Our prayers are with you and we will

rejoin you in rebuilding, healing and renewal in the midst of the pain you are all suffering.'"

The priest said he has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from his parishioners. "I hope that I am reaching out to others as much as they have been reaching out to me."

"My faith has been strengthened by the amazing response of people in our parish and in the community. And to see the cross still standing reminds us what our mission is all about," he said.



IN THE U.S.

■ Pennsylvania House approves regulations for state's abortion clinics
The Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed legislation May 12 that would require abortion clinics to adhere to the same standards as other outpatient health facilities in the state. The measure, H.B. 574, mandates more stringent fire and safety regulations, personnel and equipment requirements, and adherence to quality assurance procedures as is currently required of the state's ambulatory surgical facilities, such as laser eye surgery centers or colonoscopy clinics. The bill passed by a vote of 148 to 43 and will be sent to the state Senate. It began as a response to a grand jury report that detailed deplorable conditions at the Women's Medical Society, a clinic that Dr. Kermit Gosnell ran in West Philadelphia. The report cited illegal late-term abortions that Gosnell performed there, which led to the death of one woman and at least seven newborn babies.

■ Causes and context report released on clergy sexual abuse of minors
Because potential sexual abusers of minors cannot be pinpointed through "identifiable psychological characteristics," it is "very important" to prevent abuse by limiting the "situational factors" associated with it, according to a long-awaited report on the causes and context of sexual abuse by priests in the United States. The report, released in Washington May 18, said there is "no single identifiable 'cause' of sexually abusive behavior toward minors." It encouraged steps to deny abusers "the opportunity to abuse." Titled "The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States, 1950-2010," it reports the findings of a study mandated in 2002 under the U.S. Catholic bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." The charter, adopted by the bishops during a historic meeting in Dallas in 2002, created a National Review Board and directed the lay consultative body to commission studies of the abuse problem's "nature and scope" and its "causes and context." The John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York conducted both studies. The nature and scope study appeared in February 2004. The causes and context study commenced in 2006. The report is available on the U.S. bishops' website at www.usccb.org.

AROUND THE WORLD

■ English, Welsh bishops reintroduce meatless Fridays
Catholics in England and Wales will be obliged to abstain from meat every Friday under a new rule brought by the bishops. The "act of common witness" will take effect Sept. 16, the first anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Britain. The rule, announced at a news conference in London in mid-May, reverses a relaxation of the Friday penance regulations introduced in England and Wales in 1984. This allowed Catholics to choose their own form of Friday penance — such as offering additional prayers, attending Mass or abstaining from alcohol. But critics have said that the end of a tradition in which Catholics ate fish or eggs instead of meat on Fridays led to a loss of common identity, with many Catholics today abstaining from meat only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



■ Pope asks space explorers about science, peace, state of the earth



Pope Benedict XVI reached out to outer space to ask astronauts how their unique perspective from the frontier of the universe makes them think about difficult questions back on earth. In a video hookup May 21 between the Vatican and the International Space Station (ISS) in orbit around the earth, Pope Benedict asked the astronauts how science can help in the pursuit of peace and the need to protect a fragile planet. The group included space sta-

tion crew and members of the final mission of the U.S. shuttle Endeavour. The pope praised the space travelers for their courage and commitment, and reminded them that after their extraordinary experience, they "must eventually come back down to earth like all the rest of us."

PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ Sister Dulce, Brazil's Mother Teresa, beatified



Blessed Irma Dulce

Despite intermittent rain, 70,000 people gathered in a park May 22 for the beatification of the nun sometimes called Brazil's Mother Teresa. Born as Maria Rita de Souza Brito Lopes Pontes in 1914, she was known to Brazilian Catholics as Sister Irma Dulce, the mother of the poor. At an early age, Pontes would open her family's modest house in Salvador to those in need of food and shelter. In 1933, she entered the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God and received the name of Sister Dulce, in honor of her mother. In 1936, Sister Dulce founded the first Catholic workers' organization in the state of Bahia and started a health clinic for poor workers. She opened a school for workers and their children in 1939. That same year, Sister Dulce, with nowhere to turn, invaded five abandoned houses on Rat's Island in Salvador Bay to house the sick and homeless. After getting evicted, she searched for a haven for the poor until 1949, when she settled in an old chicken coop structure beside the convent. That old chicken coop, said her followers, became the largest hospital in the area.

By the Way...

Happy anniversary to Bill Herring, maestro of St. Peter Cathedral's youth and adult choirs. Herring recently marked his 40th anniversary as music director at the cathedral and the Diocese of Erie. He and his wife, Patty, came to Erie from Pittsburgh in 1971, beginning his tenure at the cathedral May 30 that year.



Jason Koshinskis

The cathedral parish will honor Herring at the 11 a.m. Mass on June 12, which is Pentecost Sunday, with brunch at the Erie Mannechor Club following.

Look for a story on Herring in the July/August issue of *Faith* magazine.

The Bradford Deanery held a retirement party for Father Leo Gallina at St. Callistus Parish in Kane on May 25. While there is no date set for Father Gallina's departure, his assignment as pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Bradford runs through June.

He has also served as pastor of St. Boniface, Erie, and St. Theresa, Shinglehouse, and parochial vicar at St. Tobias, Brockway; Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills; and St. George, Erie. His first priestly assignment was teaching at Cathedral Prep.

Speaking of St. Callistus, the parish will be busy with interior church renovations that will begin this month. Bids went out to general contractors in early May. Volunteers began removing statues, the Stations of the Cross and other items for storage and safekeeping on June 1.

The three-month renovation will include refinishing the pews and rearranging them so they are not as tightly spaced, new flooring and new, more efficient lighting, among other projects.

With the construction, Masses will be moved to the parish hall and devotional chapel.

Msgr. James Moroney made inspiring presentations on the new translation of the Roman Missal at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in DuBois on May 17. A priest of the Diocese of Worcester, Mass., and an internationally-known speaker on liturgical matters, Msgr. Moroney spoke to clergy and laypeople in separate talks. A story on those talks is slated to appear in the June 19 edition of *FaithLife*.

Msgr. Moroney has a few local connections. He worked with Bishop Donald Trautman when the bishop served as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Liturgy. Also, Msgr. Moroney and Father Rick Tomasone, president of DuBois Area Catholic School, were classmates during their seminary days at the North American College in Rome.

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lives and showing their love of God by being kind to their families by doing good deeds.

■ Parvuli Dei – This emblem is given to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

■ I Live My Faith – Guides Girl Scouts in 4th, 5th and 6th grade into a deeper commitment to their Catholic faith. Some of the activities are service projects and prayer services.

■ Ad Altare Dei – This cross is recognition the church gives to a scout in 7th & 8th grade for advancement in the study of the sacraments to encourage spiritual growth.

■ Pope Pius XII – This emblem is awarded to 9th through 12th grade Boy Scouts and Explorers for developing Catholic lay leadership.

Adult troop and pack leaders were also saluted for their commitment to helping instill the values of the faith.

The diocese once again received the Quality Unit Award from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. The diocesan Boy Scout program is one of 105 units nationally that have achieved this honor.

Several awards honored adult leaders for their contributions to Catholic Scouting and youth ministry.

Joan Martin-Rall and Mary Hoffman, directors of the diocesan Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts offices, respectively, presented Bishop Trautman with the Champions on the Journey award. The award is the highest recognition from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry for a diocese to confer to adults who demonstrate excellence in youth ministry. Considerations include longevity in ministry, commitment to young people in Scouting and outstanding leadership at the diocesan level.

For more information on Scouting in the diocese, contact the Scouting Office at 814.824.1213 or visit www.ErieRCD.org.

Longtime headmaster Kowach leaving ECCHS

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when I became vicar, I marveled at John's ongoing commitment to the students, to the school and to the Catholic faith. He and Mary Rae have given so much to the school. They will be missed."

Kowach leaves Elk County Catholic High School after helping to restructure the Catholic schools, grades K to 12, into the newly formed Elk County Catholic School System. The current ECCHS headmaster position has been eliminated as a result of the administrative restructuring of the school system. Kowach, who was offered an administrative po-

sition at the diocesan level, has chosen to accept another position in the Pittsburgh area in order to be closer to his family.

"He has been a voice for Catholic schools throughout Elk County and beyond, always mindful that Elk County Catholic High School serves families all over the region," said Father Michael Ferrick, president of the Elk County Catholic School System.

Father Ferrick noted that Kowach has worked closely with the Catholic elementary schools and parishes in St. Marys, Kersey and Ridgway and demonstrated an appreciation for those who

support the high school.

C.J. Kogovsek, chairman of the board of directors of the Elk County Catholic School System, said Kowach became headmaster at ECCHS at a pivotal time in the school's history.

"His ability as an administrator and educator were important in sustaining the school in those difficult early days," Kogovsek said.

He said that Kowach will be remembered best by many for his

dedication and love for the students who have been entrusted to his care over the years.

Msgr. Charles Kaza, the episcopal vicar of the diocese's Eastern Vicariate, said the Kowachs have devoted their lives to the Elk County Catholic school community, which was evident by their residence on the school property.

"The school community became an essential part of their extended family," Msgr. Kaza said.

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Briefly

Diocesan financial statements online

ERIE – The recently-completed audit of the central administrative offices of the Diocese of Erie for the 2010 calendar year are now available online.

The audit indicated that the diocese's finances remain stable, said David Murphy, chief financial officer of the diocese.

"As evidenced by the similarity in the total amounts of both support and revenue and expenses, the financial operations of the central administrative offices have been relatively stable over the past two years," Murphy said.



The annual financial statements include only those activities and programs that are provided through the diocese's central administrative offices; they do not include the separate activities of parishes, schools, cemeteries or other legal entities such as Catholic Charities or The Catholic Foundation.

Murphy commended the people of the diocese for their support at the parish level.

"Without that support, the services and ministries offered through the central administrative offices could not continue," he said.

He said he is hopeful that the financial statements will give a better understanding of how the funds entrusted to the diocese are being utilized to further the works of the church.

The financial statements were audited by Malin, Bergquist & Company, LLC. As specified by canon law, the statements, together with the auditors' opinion letter and supplemental financial information, were presented to Bishop Donald Trautman and the Diocesan Finance Council. The complete audit report is available on the diocesan website at www.ErieRCD.org.

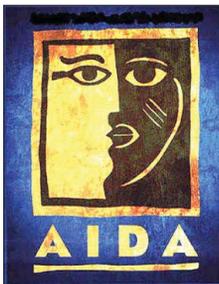
Auditions for diocesan-wide, all-school summer musical 'Aida'

ERIE – Auditions for the diocesan-wide, all-school summer musical, "Aida," by Tim Rice and Elton John will be held June 7-8.

Students can come to either session—Tuesday, June 7 at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Our Lady of Peace School gym, located at 2401 W. 38th St. in Erie. Auditions are open to students entering grade 6 in the fall through college students.

This is the 11th annual all-school summer show.

Show dates for "Aida" at Cathedral Prep's auditorium are July 22-31. Details are available at www.saintbonifaceplayers.org.



People for Life open house

ERIE – All are invited to People for Life's annual open house at the group's Pro-Life Center, located at 1625 W. 26th St. in Erie, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.

Free balloons, bumper stickers and refreshments will be available.

The center features a variety of pro-life educational literature, DVDs, Precious Feet jewelry, vinyl cutout stickers, car magnets, fetal models, wrist bands, silly bands, yard signs, posters and more.

Women's summer Bible study at St. Lawrence, Albion

ALBION – St. Lawrence Parish in Albion will host a women's summer Bible study on "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them," a book written by Liz Curtis Higgs.

The Bible study will begin June 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and will continue every Thursday through Aug. 25 (no meeting July 14) at St. Lawrence Parish Center, 180 E. State St., Albion.

Bring a lawn chair. If weather permits, the gathering will be held outside.

The book study is open to all Christian women; there is no cost other than purchasing the book, which can be purchased online at Amazon.com. The workbook is not required.

Each participant will be asked to bring either a bottle of wine or an hors d'oeuvre to share.

Come to the first gathering with the book and the introduction and first chapter read.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Kathleen Peterson at 814.756.4840 or e-mail Peterson.ccd@gmail.com.



Young adult beach Mass at Presque Isle



ERIE – The Erie Catholic Young Adult Ministry (CYAMs) will host a Mass on the beach Sunday, June 26 at Presque Isle State Park.

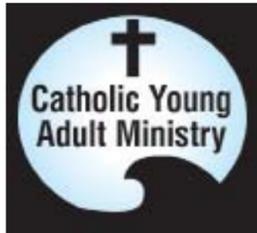
The Mass will begin on Beach 11 at 5 p.m. followed by a fellowship dinner at 6.

Those whose last name begins with letters A-M are asked to bring a side dish to share; letters N-Z are asked to bring a dessert. The CYAMs will provide hot dogs, buns, beverages and the rest.

This event is for young adults between the ages of 21-39.

The Erie CYAMs invite all Catholic young adults—single, married or divorced—for faith, fellowship, prayer and service to their major events planned for 2011. For more information, visit www.ErieRCD.org/cyam.htm or e-mail Theresa Walsh at CYAMerie@gmail.com.

Erie CYAM is affiliated with the Diocese of Erie and is under the direction of the Office of Young Adult Ministry.



Gannon University names provost Taylor new president



Dr. Keith Taylor (center), poses with his daughter Abigail, who just finished her freshman year at Gannon (left) and wife Mary Jean (right) at the May 15 news conference announcing his presidency.

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ment to Gannon's Catholic identity, his passion for educational innovation, a remarkable work ethic, his dynamic engagement with diverse constituencies within the university and the community all form an excellent constellation of qualities for effective executive leadership at Gannon. He has

earned the trust of community leaders, benefactors, trustees, faculty and students and we are very confident that he will continue Gannon's growth and success."

Dr. Taylor has been instrumental in developing and implementing Gannon's Strategic Plan II: 2008-2013 and in leading a major restructuring of Gannon's undergraduate academic programs.

More about Dr. Keith Taylor

■ State University of New York at Buffalo – Earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy, a master's degree in exercise science and a doctoral degree in anatomy and cell biology.

■ Daemen College, Amherst, N.Y. – Chairman and associate professor of Department of Physical Therapy (1997-2001); dean and full professor in Health and Human Services Division (2001-05); held assistant professor faculty positions in physical therapy graduate and undergraduate programs; assistant to the vice president for academic affairs for institutional technology and liberal learning.

■ Gannon University, Erie – Provost and vice president for academic affairs (2005-11).

■ Community service – Board member for the Boys & Girls Club; member of the Cooperative for Innovation and Commercialization; board president for the Collegiate Academic Crew Association; board member of the Keystone Innovation Zone Council; reader for the Hooked on Books! program.

■ Family – Wife, Mary Jean; four children.

■ Parish – St. Jude the Apostle, Erie.

As a result of the restructuring, the university transitioned from a two-college to a three-college academic model (Humanities, Education and Social Sciences; Engineering and Business; and the Morosky College of Health

Professions and Sciences).

Under his leadership, Gannon University's liberal studies curriculum was revised and a new doctoral-level and six new bachelor's degree programs were added.

DEATH NOTICE

Sister Mary Margaret Kraus, OSB

Sister Mary Margaret Kraus, OSB, 89, former prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, died May 15, 2011, at Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Erie.

Sister Mary Margaret was born on January 17, 1922, a daughter of the late John and Helen Kraus. Her home parish was St. Mary in Erie. She became a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, entering the community in 1939 and pronouncing her perpetual vows on August 18, 1944.

Her silver, golden and diamond jubilees were celebrated respectively in 1966, 1991 and 2001.

She received her bachelor's degree in education from Villa Maria College and ministered in education for 22 years, both as an elementary school teacher and principal.

In 1964, she was elected prioress and served in that role for 14 years. Among her many accomplishments was the planning and

building of the new motherhouse on East Lake Road in Erie. While leading the community through the challenging period of renewal after Vatican II, Sister Mary Margaret was active in the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the National Assembly of Women Religious and the Sisters' Council of the Diocese of Erie.

Following her years as prioress she served a term on the Monastic Council.

In 1979, Sister Mary Margaret earned her master's degree in creation spirituality from Mundelein College before becoming the administrator of (Camp) Glinodo Center, where she served for 13 years.

For more than 10 years she



Sister Mary Margaret Kraus, OSB

made regular visits to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, for the Mission of Friendship, the mission program of the Diocese of Erie and the Archdiocese of Yucatan. For many years she participated in the "Hooked On Books!" program at the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House. She volunteered at the House of Healing by assisting women who had been in the criminal-justice system as they attempted to make major changes in their lifestyle. She also worked for Hospice of Metropolitan Erie as a certified volunteer.

From 1982 until shortly before her death, Sister Mary Margaret was a member of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, serving the people of Erie through prison ministry at the Erie County Pris-

on. She conducted a Communion service at the facility each Sunday, visited and corresponded with inmates regularly and was a strong advocate for their humane treatment.

Sister Mary Margaret was a board member for Ecclesia Center and L'Arche Erie. In 1982, she received a humanitarian award from the Migration and Refugee Services Department of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Pennsylvania House of Representatives recognized her for outstanding dedication and performance in assisting in the ministry to women at the Erie County Jail in 1995. In 2005 Sister Mary Margaret was one of Erie's "Women Making History," an annual event sponsored by the Mercy Center for Women.

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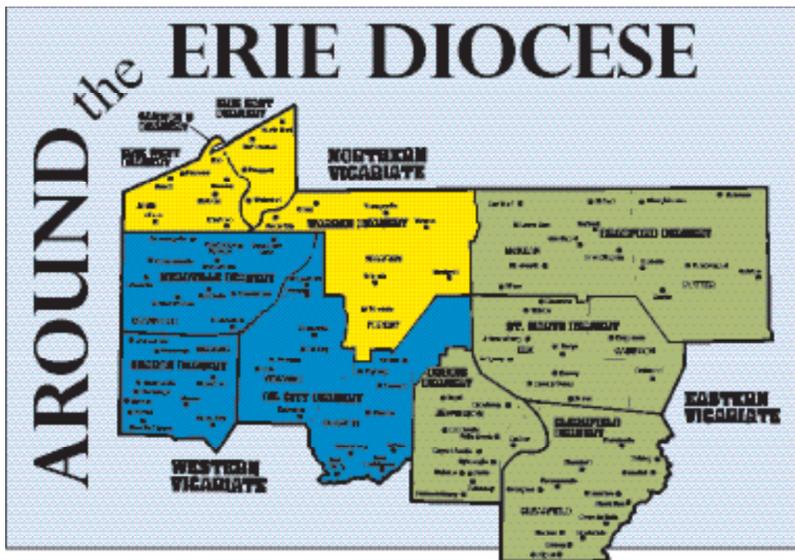
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Cathedral hosts city-wide first Communion celebration

ERIE — Students who made their first Communion this year were invited to St. Peter Cathedral in Erie on May 15 for its annual city-wide first Communion celebration. Wearing their first Communion attire, the children joined in the procession and then sat with their families for Mass.

"It's such a special time, but it happens so fast," said Msgr. William Biebel, rector of the cathedral. "This is a way to extend it and for them to enjoy it a bit more."

Following Mass, the young Communicants posed for a photo with Msgr. Biebel (top left) and Deacon Jeff Swanson and received a remembrance card.



St. Joseph student is national handwriting champion for second year in a row

LUCINDA — Cassie Kriebel, a sixth grader at St. Joseph School in Lucinda, has been named the grand national champion in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest for the second year in a row.

Kriebel is one of 16 students from across the country who has displayed excellent handwriting skills to become national winners in Zaner-Bloser's 20th annual national contest. This year, more than 220,000 students participated in the contest.

Sister Monica Steiner, OSB, principal of St. Joseph School, said the school was proud to submit Kriebel's entry.

"She represented the best handwriting from our school," Sister Monica said. "We believe that handwriting is an invaluable skill that is critical to developing



Cassie Kriebel

slant.

As a national winner, Kriebel won a trophy and a \$250 cash prize, her teacher, James Steudler, won a \$500 Zaner-Bloser gift certificate and St. Joseph School won a handcrafted certificate by Zaner-Bloser master penman Michael Sull.

As a grand national winner for her grade level, Kriebel earned \$1,000 cash and a large trophy. Zaner-Bloser also awarded Steudler a trip to the International Reading Association annual convention (valued at \$1,850) where the winners were announced. In addition, St. Joseph School will receive \$1,000 worth of Zaner-Bloser educational materials.

"Cassie represents the best in her grade level throughout the entire country," said Zaner-Bloser President Bob Page.

literacy and leads to academic and career success."

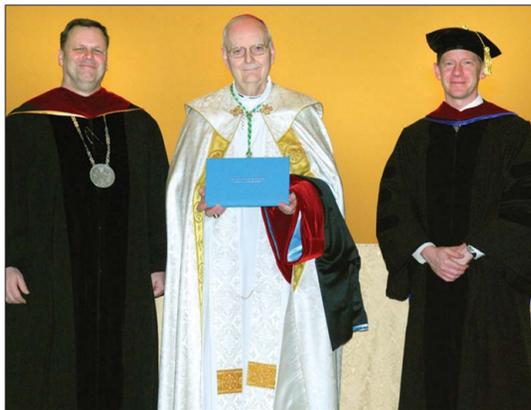
Her entry was judged according to the Zaner-Bloser keys to legibility: size, shape, spacing and

Bishop Trautman receives honorary degree from St. Vincent

LATROBE — Bishop Donald Trautman received an honorary degree and gave the address at St. Vincent Seminary's annual commencement May 6 at the Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe.

The seminary conferred upon Bishop Trautman an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition of his "faithful stewardship, inspiring leadership and untiring service to the priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Erie and the universal church."

A portion of the citation text reads: "Your faith and single-minded obedience to Christ's call to 'Feed my sheep' serves as an inspiring challenge to our seminary graduates, to those pursuing a call to priestly ministry and to all of your brothers and sisters in Christ, whose spiritual energies are ever renewed through your



life's work and deep faith."

The citation was read by Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, OSB, chancellor.

In the photo, Father Justin

Matro, OSB, (left), rector of St. Vincent Seminary and Dr. Michel Therrien, academic dean, present Bishop Trautman with his honorary degree.

Immaculate Conception School visits Gettysburg



CLARION — A unit of study on the Civil War culminated with a trip to the historic Gettysburg battlefield May 6 for students at Immaculate Conception School in Clarion.

Students read novels about the Civil War in language arts classes and various activities were done in conjunction with the books such as writing letters to home from the viewpoint of a soldier using the jargon of the day, making an illustrated timeline, writing poetry reflecting their reactions to the trials of a young union soldier and putting together a North Star Safe Quilt which was used on the Underground Railroad to indicate a safe home.

After examining the importance of regimental flags, each class designed and made a flag which they took with them, and then under the watch of a licensed battlefield guide, carried it across the portion of the battlefield where Pickett's Charge took place.

In music class students learned

such songs as "Fly Away" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and the significance of the lyrics in which words like chariot held a double meaning that only slaves understood as they secretly traveled the Underground Railroad.

On the day before leaving for Gettysburg, the students had a lunch that the soldiers might have eaten including cooked beans, cornbread, apples and hardtack. The students had earlier made the hardtack which was a staple of the time made with whole wheat flour, salt and water mixed into dough and then baked. It was known for its long shelf life. At the lunch, students soon understood why the soldiers called it "tooth duller."

While in Gettysburg students visited other poignant battlefield sites such as Little Round Top, experienced the Cyclorama and film presentation at the Gettysburg Visitor Center and toured the Shriver House Museum from which the students learned of the

impact the battle had on the citizens of Gettysburg.

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May crowning at DuBois Area Catholic Schools

DUBOIS — DuBois Area Catholic Schools held a May Crowning ceremony May 11 in the school auditorium in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Fifth grader Julie Marchioni, who served as the May queen, is pictured reading the litany of the Blessed Mother. Lauren and Ashley Usaitis served as attendants to the May queen.

The flowers decorating the altar and the statue of Mary were gifts of the fifth grade class. The third grade class, dressed in their First Communion best, led the procession.

The school community's May Crowning was held under the direction of teachers Kristy Snyder, Lisa Huot, Kristy Erich and Pat Cain.

The traditional ceremony was recently revamped by Father Ross Miceli, a DACS graduate. A PowerPoint presentation of drawings accompanied the verses of the litany. Songs and piano accompanied this program from music

Youngsville Altar/Rosary Society rummage sale

YOUNGSVILLE — The Altar/Rosary Society at St. Luke Parish in Youngsville held its semi-annual rummage sale May 5-7. The sale raised \$1,982. Ten percent of the proceeds as well as remaining items from the sale benefited the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center located in Louisa, Ky.

The mission center, which was founded in 1991, became an official apostolate of the Diocese of Lexington in 2005. It serves the poor and impoverished in Appalachia by offering a variety of services including the collection and distribution of material goods, supportive housing for at-risk families and home repairs for families living in substandard



housing. Pictured are some of the ladies from St. Luke Parish preparing for the sale.



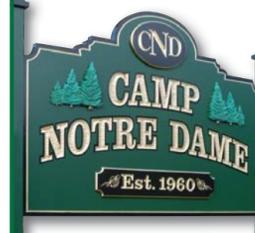
teacher Joe Lesnick. All mothers of students in the ceremony were given a special mothers' blessing and a flower by their child. Father Rick Tomasone served as the president.

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