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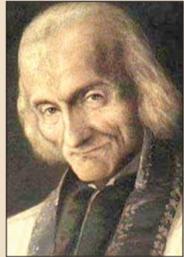
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Feast days



St. John Vianney



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 25	St. James
July 26	St. Joachim and St. Anne
Aug. 1	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Aug. 4	St. John Vianney
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (This year's solemnity is not a holy day of obligation as it falls on a Monday)
Aug. 24	St. Bartholomew

Diocesan group headed to Madrid for World Youth Day

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

Joining the tens of thousands of young people in Madrid for World Youth Day Aug. 16-21 will be a group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Erie.

The group, known as the Erie Pilgrims, includes 20 youth and adults from Beloved Disciple Parish in Grove City, Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion and Mercyhurst College in Erie.

The trip spawned out of a group from Beloved Disciple that went to World Youth Day in Sydney in 2005.

"I consider this a true pilgrimage for us because we'll be sleeping on the floor just about everywhere we go," said Marialyce Garvis, trip coordinator and Beloved Disciple parishioner.

Of the pilgrims on this trip, eight went to Sydney. For Garvis and her daughter, Helen, it will be their fourth World Youth Day (Toronto, Cologne, Sydney). This will be the first WYD trip for her



daughter, Emily, 15.

The group leaves the United States on Aug. 6 and arrives in Lourdes on Aug. 7 as part of a pre-WYD tour. They will then participate in Days in the Diocese, which started at World Youth Day in Cologne in 2005 as a way for pilgrims to get acclimated with the host country prior to the events. This includes a stay hosted by the parishes in the Diocese of Terrassa, which is outside of Barcelona.

From there, they will travel by bus to Madrid, stopping to

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visit the Basilica-Cathedral of Our Lady of the Pillar in Zaragoza. In Madrid, the group will stay at Santa Engracia church and school.

"I don't speak Spanish whatsoever, so this will be interesting," Garvis said.

When talking with youth from the group, Garvis said they are most interested in

meeting and interacting with people from all over the world and seeing the pope in person and hearing him speak live.

"Those are the two biggies," she said. "They also want to learn more about their faith."

Pope Benedict XVI will preside over nine major events with young people dur-

ing World Youth Day celebrations, including a prayer vigil and a closing Mass expected to draw more than a million people. The pope will hear the confessions of several young people, host a group of youths for lunch and lead a Way of the Cross with young people in central Madrid.

Garvis said her group is also looking forward to the daily catechesis sessions. WYD participants, organized by language groups, will have catechesis sessions with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers in Madrid.

"Each of the bishops has a different way of connecting with the youth," Garvis said. "It's my favorite part of the trip."

One of the popular activities at World Youth Day over the years has been the trading of items with people from other countries. The Erie Pilgrims will be bringing holy cards to

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Clergy appointments

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



Father Thomas Aleksa, appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Sheffield, and to chaplaincy ministry at Warren State Hospital for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Michael Allison, appointed pastor of Beloved Disciple Parish, Grove City, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Msr. Daniel Arnold, appointed pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Lawrence Park, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father William Barron, appointed to the faculty of Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, and to campus ministry at Penn State Behrend with continuing residence at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, for a term of five years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Msr. Casimir Bogniak, appointed parochial administrator of St. Thomas Parish, Corry, and St. Elizabeth Parish, Corry. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Thomas Brooks, appointed pastor of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, North East, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Thomas Brown, appointed pastor of St. Raphael Parish, Eldred, and St. Theresa Parish, Shinglehouse, and the mission church of St. Mary, Sartwell, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Stephen Collins, appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bradford, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Lewis Run, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father D.G. "Skip" Davis, appointed pastor of St. Michael

Parish, Fryburg, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Michael DeMartinis, appointed parochial administrator of Mount Calvary Parish, Erie, while continuing duties at Cathedral Preparatory School and Villa Maria Academy. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Jason Feigh, appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, for a term of three years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Raymond Gramata, appointed pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Bradford, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Christopher Hamlett, appointed pastor of St. Michael Parish, Greenville, and the mission church of St. Margaret, Jamestown, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Mark Hoffman, appointed pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Matthew Kujawinski, appointed pastor of St. Agatha Parish, Meadville, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Jeffrey Lucas, appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka-Holy Trinity Parish, Sharon, for a term of six years while continuing as headmaster of Kennedy Catholic High School, Hermitage. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father John Murphy, appointed to residency at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Erie, while continuing ministry at UPMC Hamot. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Walter Packard, appointed pastor of St. Titus Parish, Ti-

tusville, and St. Walburga Parish, Titusville, and the mission church of Immaculate Conception, Mageetown, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Matias Quimno, appointed priest-chaplain at Christ the King Manor, DuBois, and weekend assistant at St. Mary Parish, Reynoldsville, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sykesville, for a term of six years while continuing ministry at DuBois Regional Medical Center and residence at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, DuBois. Effective July 1, 2011.

Father Stephen Schreiber, appointed to the faculty of Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Erie, while continuing as director of the offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Vocations and with continued residence at St. Mark Seminary. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Marc Stockton, appointed president of the Shenango Valley Catholic School System and pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Sharpville, for a term of six years. Effective July 1, 2011.

Father Stanley Swacha, appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish, Houtzdale, and the mission church of Immaculate Conception, Madera, for a term of six years. Effective July 29, 2011.

Father Richard Tomasone, appointed pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Falls Creek, for a term of six years while continuing as president of DuBois Central Catholic School.



Bishop gets his own bobblehead

For his 75th birthday, Bishop Donald Trautman received a unique, head-bobbing gift. And so did every priest in the Diocese of Erie.

Bishop Trautman's June 24 birthday has typically fallen during the Emmaus convocation, an annual gathering for priests in the diocese. And this year was no different.

But at this year's Emmaus, which was held at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, the bishop and his local churchmen received an official Bishop Trautman bobblehead. The gift was compliments of the Emmaus committee under the direction of Father John Detisch.

"I think it's a good likeness," Bishop Trautman said.

Young adult beach Mass



ERIE – The Erie Catholic Young Adult Ministry (CYAMs) hosted a beach Mass and picnic June 26 at Presque Isle State Park.

Mass was celebrated by Father Steve Schreiber, director of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Erie.

The CYAMs' next event is a service-oriented project. Volunteers will be painting at the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network on Sept. 25

beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.ErieRCD.org/cyam.htm or e-mail cyamerie@gmail.com.

Erie CYAM is affiliated with the Diocese of Erie and is under the direction of the Office of Young Adult Ministry. The group includes adults who are married, single or divorced, who fall between the ages of 21 to 39.

Let the music begin

Use of musical settings for new Roman Missal will begin in September

From staff and wire reports

Instead of requiring that implementation of all parts of the new Roman Missal wait until the first Sunday of Advent, bishops who head dioceses can authorize the gradual introduction of the musical settings of the people's parts of the Mass beginning in September.

The decision was adopted and announced June 16 at the spring assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) near Seattle.

Bishop Donald Trautman has authorized the decision and announced that the musical settings for the new translation of the Roman Missal will go into effect in the Diocese of Erie beginning at Masses Sept. 17-18.

This permission applies to the Gloria, the Holy, Holy, Holy and the memorial acclamations, which are contained in most musical settings.

The accelerated timeline will allow parishioners primarily to learn the music itself so that it will be familiar by the time the rest of the missal is introduced on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, said Matt



Approximately 250 people representing 52 parishes participated in the spring National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) songfest at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edinboro. The songfest offered samples of new Mass parts to coincide with the new translation of the Roman Missal. The new musical settings will go into effect Sept. 17-18.

Clark, administrator of the diocese's Office of Worship.

While the decision speeds up the process—there are eight weeks until Sept. 17-18—music ministers throughout the diocese have already been preparing for the new music settings for some time. On April 3, Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edinboro hosted a gathering of 250 music directors, choir members and liturgy committee members representing 52 parishes for the spring National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) song-

fest. The group reviewed new and revised Mass settings as well as the chant setting for the new Roman Missal.

The most important thing, Clark said, is to get congregations fully involved in praying and singing the liturgy.

"To do that we need to have music that people are able to sing that will help them feel prayerful and will allow them to participate," he said. "The

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As new abortion laws take effect, questions loom on Medicaid funding

As two Kansas abortion clinics prepared to close their doors because of new licensing requirements that took effect July 1, a federal judge blocked enforcement of a South Dakota law mandating a 72-hour waiting period and setting several informed consent provisions. The two actions came amid a flurry of activity on abortion in various states, with much of it focused on defunding Planned Parenthood in the joint federal-state Medicaid program. The federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services told the Indiana government in June that its restrictions on Planned Parenthood funding with Medicaid dollars would violate the "free choice of provider" provisions under Medicaid and thus put all Medicaid funding to the state in jeopardy. U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt ruled that because "the federal government has threatened partial or total withholding of federal Medicaid dollars to the state of Indiana," it was in "the public interest" to continue funding Planned Parenthood. The Indiana law prohibits any state health care contracts with or grants to organizations

CATHOLIC CHURCH ON ABORTION

Since the first century the church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion ... is gravely contrary to the moral law."

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church; section 2270-2275

that perform abortions or operate a facility where abortions are performed. Similar laws directing state family planning funds away from Planned Parenthood have been passed in Tennessee, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Kansas, New Jersey, Texas and New Hampshire. A scorecard prepared by the Susan B. Anthony List, an organization that raises campaign funds for pro-life women who are candidates for office, says more than \$60 million in Planned Parenthood funding is in play in the eight states.

avoid attempts at ideological indoctrination," Archbishop Tomasi said.

■ Pope says selfish economic models at root of world hunger

Pope Benedict XVI said persistent world hunger was a "tragedy" driven by selfish and profit-driven economic models, whose first victims are millions of children deprived of life or good health. In responding to the crisis, international agencies should rediscover the value of the family farm, promoting the movement of young people back into rural areas, the pope said July 1 in an address to participants during an annual conference on hunger organized by the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. Meeting with the group at the Vatican, the pope strongly emphasized the theme of economic justice that has figured prominently in his encyclicals and other writings. The pope said the cause of such hunger cannot be found only in technical developments such as production cycles or commodity prices. "Poverty, underdevelopment and, therefore, hunger are often the result of selfish behaviors that, born in the human heart, manifest themselves in social life, economic exchange, in market conditions and in the lack of access to food," the pope said.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ U.S. nun's sainthood cause moves forward on second miracle

The sainthood cause of Blessed Marianne Cope of Molokai has taken a significant step forward with a Vatican medical board ruling



Blessed Marianne Cope

in favor of a miracle attributed to her intercession. According to a news release from her religious community, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities in Syracuse, N.Y., the seven physicians at the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes declared there is no medical explanation for the cure of a woman who had been suffering from an allegedly irreversible fatal condition. No other details about the case have been released. The miracle, approved June 16 by the medical board, still must pass two more Vatican examinations before it is presented to the pope for final approval for canonization.

IN THE U.S.

■ Religious investors want companies to look at human trafficking links

A coalition of religious investors want officials at 27 major companies to look deeper into the role human trafficking may play in the operation of their firms. The investors, who are members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and include about 80 Catholic religious congregations and health care providers, are asking companies such as Costco, American Airlines and Kohl's to stop doing business with suppliers who violate basic human rights and to train employees to recognize trafficked people in their midst. The ICCR correspondence, in the form of an investor statement dated June 24, offers an explanation of the prevalence of human trafficking in various industries; details legislative steps taken to control it; and outlines actions the coalition wants the companies to take to end demand for what is widely considered modern-day slavery. The statement was sent to clothing, food, travel and tourism, agricul-

tural, technology and retail firms and was timed to coincide with the June 27 release of the 2011 Trafficking in Persons report by the State Department.

AROUND THE WORLD

■ Church-run schools need public financial support, Vatican envoy says

A Vatican official praised church-run schools as valuable components of modern education, saying they deserve public financial support and must not be muzzled on moral issues. Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, addressing a U.N. meeting in Geneva July 6, said educational systems work best when they include participation by parents and various elements of civil society, including religious organizations. In order for that to work, he said, "public financial resources must be made available in order to assure fairness" for those promoting alternative educational programs. In carrying out its educational role, the state "should respect the choices that parents make for their children and

Bishops approve statement on assisted suicide, charter revisions

By Catholic News Service

BELLEVUE, Wash. — The U.S. bishops June 16 approved a policy statement on physician-assisted suicide, the first on the issue by the bishops as a body, and they also approved revisions to their 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

The votes came on the second day of the bishops' annual spring general assembly held near Seattle in Bellevue June 15-17.

Taking on the issue of physician-assisted suicide in the state where voters most recently approved it, the U.S. bishops hope to counter the recent "strong resurgence" in activity by the assisted suicide movement, said Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, in presenting the document a day before the vote.

In the document, titled "To Live Each Day With Dignity" and approved in a 191-1 vote, the U.S. bishops declared assisted suicide "a terrible tragedy, one that a compassionate society should work to prevent."

It says if advocates of assisted suicide succeed in their campaign to see it legalized in more and more states, "society will undergo a radical change."

The revisions to the charter were approved 187-5, with four abstentions. They reflect changes in church law since the last revision in 2005, bringing it into line with recent Vatican instructions in response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors by priests. These include mentioning child pornography as a crime against church law and defining the abuse of someone who "habitually lacks reason," such as a person with mental retardation, as the equivalent of child abuse.

They also outline procedures to follow if a bishop is accused of having sexually abused a child and another bishop becomes aware of it.

The experiences of the past nine years have shown that "the charter works," said Bishop Blase Cupich of Spokane said June 15. As chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People he introduced the document to the bishops June 15.



CNS photo

Bishop Donald Trautman, center, takes notes June 15 during the annual spring meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Bellevue, Wash.

"The charter has served the church well," he said. "It is a helpful tool as we keep our pledge to protect children, promote healing and rebuild trust."

On the first day of their meeting, the bishops also heard a report from Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington on progress being made toward a U.S. personal ordi-

nariate for former Anglicans who want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

As many as 100 U.S. Anglican priests and 2,000 laypeople could be the first members of the U.S. ordinariate, said the cardinal, who was appointed by the Vatican last September to guide the incorporation of Anglican groups

into the Catholic Church in the United States under "Anglicanorum coetibus," an apostolic constitution issued by Pope Benedict XVI in November 2009.

At a news conference following his report, Cardinal Wuerl said he "wouldn't be surprised" if the Vatican were to establish the U.S. ordinariate by the end of the year. "I think it will be sooner rather than later," he said.

Earlier in the day, the U.S. bishops voted overwhelmingly to authorize preparation of a 50-page document on preaching for consideration in November 2012.

St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson presented the proposal on behalf of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, which he chairs, but said the document would be drawn up in consultation with various committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Carlson said the document would be "at once inspirational and practical, ... grounded in the tradition of the church" and would aim to "adequately convey the purpose of the homily at Mass: the personal encounter with the Incarnate Word."

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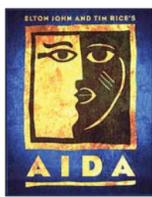
Briefly

All-school show 'Aida' July 22-24, 29-31

ERIE – The all-school summer musical, "Aida" by Elton John and Tim Rice, will be presented July 22-24 and 29-31 at Cathedral Prep's H. David Bowes Auditorium, located at Myrtle and West 10th streets in Erie.

"Aida" tells the story of ancient Egypt and the power of love. The show is being directed by Father Michael DeMartinis with musical direction by Father Jay Schultz and choreography by Carolyn McIntyre.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 22, 23, 29 and 30 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 24 and 31.



NFP Awareness Week July 24-30

"God's Love, Our Love, Our Family" is the theme for Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 24-30.

NFP is a way of life that incorporates fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and self-mastery into married love.

To learn more about this church teaching, pick up literature from your parish, attend a class or contact your local teaching couple or the diocesan NFP Office at 814.824.1259 or 1.800.374.3723 Ext. 259 or visit www.ErieRCD.org/nfp.asp.

The national education campaign promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

- Highlights the anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae" (July 25) which articulates Catholic teachings about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.
- Marks the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.



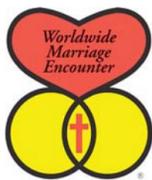
Marriage Encounter family picnic

ERIE – Marriage Encounter will hold a family picnic at Presque Isle State Park in Erie on Saturday, July 30 from noon to 3:30 p.m. for all ME couples, their families and priests.

Meet at the East Pier Picnic Pavilion and look for the ME signs. Bring your own table setting, drinks and a dish to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Marriage Encounter will also sponsor a five-minute flash mob at Perry Monument near the fountain. Google "Marriage Encounter videos" to find samples of ME flash mobs on YouTube.

RSVP to Richard and Kris Gosnell at 814.398.9165 or e-mail kan-drgosnell@gmail.com.



Sister Parish Day Aug. 6 in Grove City

GROVE CITY – The Mission of Friendship's seventh annual Sister Parish Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 at Beloved Disciple Parish in Grove City.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sister parish pastors, committees, parishioners and those interested are invited to join the discussions and share ideas, experiences, faith and food. Learn how to bring Yucatecan celebrations to your parish.

The Mission of Friendship is a cooperative relationship between the Diocese of Erie and the Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico. The mis-

sion's sister parish program encourages an exchange between parishes in each diocese. A variety of projects, open to the creativity of the participating parishes, enables each community to share spiritually, culturally and economically.

RSVP by July 30 by calling 814.824.1231 or e-mail PMarshall@ErieRCD.org.

Anniversary celebrations

Couples marking 25, 50 or 60 years of marriage in 2011 are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, Aug. 7 at Blessed Sacrament in Erie or Sunday, Aug. 14 at Queen of the World in St. Marys.

Both Masses, offered by Bishop Donald Trautman, will begin at 2 p.m. Anniversary couples will be presented with scrolls, and a reception for couples and their families will follow each Mass.

To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities at 814.824.1250 or 800.374.3723 Ext. 250 or register online at www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice.asp.

Permanent diaconate 'on the road'

The Diocese of Erie's Permanent Diaconate Program will be on the road this summer to make presentations on the deacon formation program to those sensing a call to ordained ministry in the church. The meetings are as follows:

- Aug. 17 – St. Teresa in Union City at 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22 – Immaculate Conception in Brookville at 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 24 – Immaculate Heart of Mary in Mercer at 6 p.m. (A light dinner will be offered. Those attending should RSVP to 724.662.2999.)
- Sept. 14 – St. Callistus in Kane at 6:30 p.m.

The meetings are informational and will include a question-and-answer session. Anyone interested should discuss the permanent diaconate with his pastor prior to attending one of these meetings. Those who are married are urged to bring their spouse. Brochures and applications will be made available to those interested.

The next permanent diaconate formation class will begin in September 2012.



Rwanda genocide survivor to speak in Ridgway

RIDGWAY – St. Leo Magnus Parish in Ridgway will present an evening with Immaculee Ilibagiza, a Rwanda genocide survivor and author, on Sept. 15 at Ridgway High School's auditorium, 1403 Hill St. in Ridgway.

Ilibagiza's life was transformed dramatically during the 1994 Rwandan genocide when she and seven other women spent 91 days huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house. She entered the bathroom a vibrant, 115-pound university student with a loving family and emerged weighing just 65 pounds to find that most of her family had been brutally murdered.

Ilibagiza credits her salvage mostly to prayer and to a set of rosary beads given to her by her devout Catholic father prior to going into hiding. She began to pray the rosary as a way of drowning out the negativity that was building up inside her. Through prayer, she eventually found it possible, and in fact imperative, to forgive her tormentors and her family's murderers.

A VIP reception begins at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 7 with the pre-



Immaculee Ilibagiza

sentation beginning at 7:30. A book sale and signing session will immediately follow the presentation. General admission is \$10.

For ticket information, visit www.immaculeeinridgway.org. To learn more about Immaculee Ilibagiza's story, visit her website at www.immaculee.com.

Charity regatta to benefit St. Martin Center

ERIE – The Erie Yacht Club will hold its 27th annual Charity Regatta benefiting St. Martin Center on Sunday, Aug. 28.

A novice racers meeting will take place at 10 a.m. followed by a skippers meeting (for all boats) at 10:30. The five-mile race will begin at noon.

Auxiliary sailboats are welcome as well as spinnaker, jib and main classes. Power boats are welcome as spectators.

Post-race activities include live music with The Jive Street Five, a fiesta buffet, raffles including a TV and Nintendo Wii, beverages, Latin dance demonstrations and lessons, the trophy presentation, Chinese auction, children's tent and rubber duck regatta.

There are three ways to participate:

- Race – Fill out an entry form and sponsor your boat (or find a sponsor) at \$10 per foot.
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Catholic Charismatic Conference Oct. 7-8

ERIE – The Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center is sponsoring its annual Catholic Charismatic Conference Oct. 7-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.

The theme of the conference is "Streams of Living Water." Father Michael Polinek, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Warren, will be the presenter.

The conference begins Friday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and ends with a healing service at 9 p.m. Saturday's schedule begins at 9 a.m. with Mass and includes praise and worship and talks by Father Polinek.

For more information or to register, contact the Word of Life Center at 814.824.1286.



Father Michael Polinek

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference on pro-life legislation, school choice

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) has released two timely articles on its website at www.pacatholic.org.

■ "Pro-life legislation moves through state legislature," by Joelle Shea, director of outreach for the PCC, is an update on the 2011-12 Pennsylvania legislative session and the movement of several pro-life bills.

■ "School choice postponed until fall" by Amy B. Hill, communications director of the PCC, is a status report on school vouchers and the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Both columns are available at www.pacatholic.org.

New musical settings will begin in September

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main idea is to get the message out that things are changing and you have preparation to do."

Clark said the goal of the songfest was to help music and choir leaders get as much background information as possible, including music samples, so they are able to pick the right music for their parish assemblies.

Rita McConnell, director of the Erie chapter of NPM and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Clearfield, said that the songfests bring people together and offer networking opportunities.

"Good liturgy needs good music, and we want people to have the best results with their choirs,"

McConnell said.

Father Chris Singer, chancellor of the diocese, said musicians are in many ways "unsung heroes."

"Many people don't realize the tremendous work that goes into preparing the music for liturgy, preparing the Mass parts and helping people to participate musically," Father Singer said. "The rehearsal, the practice, the preparation—this is an example of that. Six months ahead of time these folks are already planning, working and rehearsing to help our people pray well when the changes begin."

A.J. Czerwinski contributed to this report.

Diocesan group headed to Madrid for World Youth Day

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trade away. Ten different cards depict the patron saints of World Youth Day on the front, including Pope John Paul II, and a prayer and "Diocese of Erie, Pa." printed on the back.

The Erie Pilgrims have been fundraising for this trip for three years. The youth made the initial down payment and fundraised the rest. The adult chaperones are paying their own way. The total cost will be less than \$3,000 for each pilgrim, Garvis said.

Now, with the trip less than two weeks away, the excitement is palpable.

"To know that Catholics from all over the world are going to this, it's pretty exciting," she said.

Organizers of this year's World Youth Day say that the figures for registration and requests to volunteer are higher than ever and auger well for a successful and joyful gathering.

The latest registration count at the end of June showed some 440,000 young people had already signed up, a record number for registrations with the event still six weeks away. More than 35,000 young Catholics have applied for one of 22,500 places in the vast volunteer corps.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 in Madrid is expected to draw more than 1 million young people, including 25,000 U.S. pilgrims. The attendance at past international youth days:

YEAR	LOCATION	U.S. PILGRIMS	TOTAL
1987	Buenos Aires, Argentina	unknown	900,000
1989	Santiago de Compostela, Spain	unknown	400,000
1991	Czestochowa, Poland	unknown	1,600,000
1993	Denver	180,000	500,000
1995	Manila, Philippines	1,000	4,000,000
1997	Paris	13,000	1,200,000
2000	Rome	20,000	2,000,000
2002	Toronto	57,000	800,000
2005	Cologne, Germany	25,000	1,000,000
2008	Sydney	40,000	350,000

Source: USCCB

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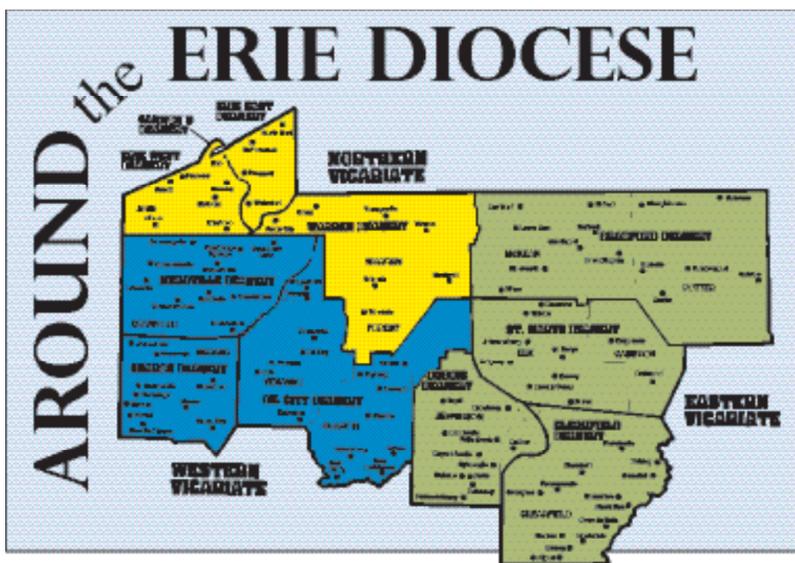
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Immaculate Conception School gets flagpole from Eagle Scout alum

CLARION – For his Eagle Scout project, Immaculate Conception School alumnus Zachary Morgo orchestrated the installation of a new flagpole at his former school. The dedication of the flagpole was held on May 27 immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Father Monty Sayers officiated the dedication. In attendance were Donna Gaydash, Immaculate Conception School principal; Tom and Sally Morgo, parents of the Eagle Scout candidate; several members of the American Legion, Clarion Post No. 066; and the entire faculty and student body of Immaculate Conception School.



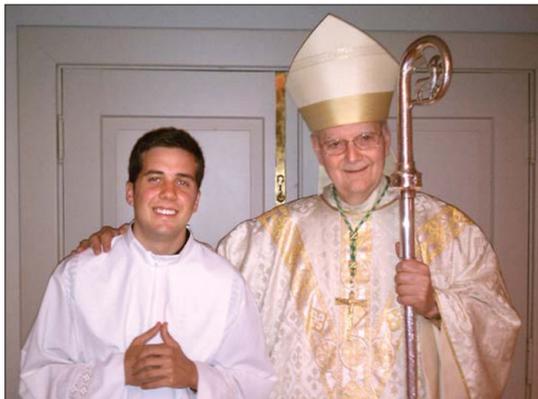
Pictured left to right are: Legion members Melvin Nall and James Hartle, Eagle Scout candidate Zachary Morgo and Legion members Charles Aaron and James Johnson.

Seminarian admitted to candidacy

LATROBE -- Diocesan seminarian David Renne, pictured with Bishop Donald Trautman, was received into admission to candidacy on June 21 in a ceremony held at St. Vincent Basilica in Latrobe. The admission to candidacy rite formalizes the intent on behalf of the diocese and the candidate to further the candidate's studies and formation on the path to the transitional diaconate and, eventually, the priesthood.

Bishop Trautman presided at the admission ceremony.

Renne, from Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish in Punxsutawney, will be a third year theology student this fall at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe.



Meadville parishes hold Corpus Christi procession

MEADVILLE – Approximately 150 people participated in Meadville's third annual Corpus Christi procession June 26.

The procession began at St. Mary of Grace Parish following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, with Father Marc Solomon, pastor, incensing the Blessed Sacrament. Parishioners then processed behind Father Solomon who carried the Blessed Sacrament outside under a canopy provided by St. Agatha Parish.

The procession, which was led by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 388, then went to St. Brigid Parish where it was joined by Father Mark O'Hern and St. Brigid parishioners. Father O'Hern led a prayer service and gave a short talk on the Blessed Sacrament. After meditation, the procession continued to St. Agatha with Father O'Hern carrying



Father Marc Solomon carries the Blessed Sacrament during Meadville's Corpus Christi procession June 26.

the Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Harvey McQueen from St. Agatha also met the procession at the church.

Final prayers and benediction

were led by Father O'Hern and Father Solomon. Refreshments were served in St. Agatha's parish center by parishioners of all three churches.

St. Joseph School holds penny war, receives Highmark grant

LUCINDA – St. Joseph School in Lucinda recently held its annual penny war fundraiser. This year, students raised \$1,583.44 to be split between victims of the Japanese tsunami and storm relief efforts for the Southern states in the U.S. Teacher Pat Stewart organized the activity.

St. Joseph School also was recently awarded a Highmark Healthy 5 School Challenge grant of \$3,160 to implement the physical activity that will provide students with enhanced nutrition and fitness education. The grant will support the school's efforts to help students adopt healthy behaviors that will stay with them for a lifetime.

With the grant money, the school was able to purchase Nintendo Wii consoles, Wii games and flat screen televisions for the



classrooms. With this equipment, students will be able to exercise in the classroom on days when the weather prohibits outside activities.

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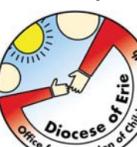
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Mercer County parochial league spelling bee

HERMITAGE – The annual Mercer County parochial league spelling bee was recently held at Notre Dame School in Hermitage.

Donna Rodgers, Mercer regional coordinator, presented each champion with a trophy and each participant with a medal. Sister Margaret Pellerite, SSJ, from Kennedy Catholic High School, served at the pronouncer. Area principals, including Alice Connelly (Msgr. Geno Monti School, Farrell), Victoria Wagner (Notre Dame School, Hermitage), Marian Smith (St. Joseph School, Sharon) and Mary Jo Lipani (St. Michael School, Greenville), were the judges.

Pictured left to right are the champions: (front row) 1st grade, Santina Masters (Notre Dame);



2nd grade, Maddie Aszalos (St. Joseph); 3rd grade, Katelyn Crist (Notre Dame); 4th grade, Hunter Kos (Notre Dame); (back row) 8th grade, Merle Woodring (Msgr. Geno Monti); 7th grade, James Keay (St. Joseph); 6th grade, Luke D'Amore (St. Joseph); and 5th grade, Kathy Williams (St. Michael).

Cathedral Women's Council gives scholarships

ERIE – Since 2008, the Cathedral Women's Council at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie has offered a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th grade student at St. Peter Cathedral School. The criteria is that the student be a parishioner at St. Peter Cathedral, be in good standing academically and socially, attend a Catholic high school and provide service to the school, church and community.

Students apply by submitting an essay. The Cathedral Women's Council scholarship committee anonymously evaluates the essays and selects a winner.

This year, the committee chose two deserving students and presented each with a \$1,000 scholarship at the 8th grade graduation June 6 at the cathedral.



Pictured left to right are: Ed-die Donnelly, Cathedral Women's Council; Christian Burch, who will attend Cathedral Prep; Grace Trucilla who will attend Villa Maria Academy; and Mary Lou Scottino, Cathedral Women's Council.

St. Luke School makes charitable contributions

ERIE – Maddie Hilling and Lydia Wagner, students at St. Luke School in Erie, hold a check for \$4,925.92. The check represents the amount that St. Luke School has donated to local charities and organizations during the 2010-11 school year. The funds were raised through the school's jeans days.



DuBois Area Catholic School students aids SPCA

DUBOIS – DuBois Area Catholic School students recently participated in the 15th annual Love Animals Celebration, the school's SPCA fundraiser.

Janice Kness' elementary art classes collected pet food, supplies and \$400 for the Clearfield County SPCA in Philipsburg and Gateway Humane Society in Falls Creek.

Pictured left to right are 5th graders Connor Fitzwater, Carolyn Sette, Alex Adamski and Madison Barnett.



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Saturday: 4:30 pm Mass; Music by The Epics from 2-5 pm and The Contels from 7-10 pm

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