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## Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

### Feast days



St. Lawrence



St. Bernard

- July 26 St. Joachim and St. Anne
- July 29 St. Martha
- July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus
- July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Aug. 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Aug. 4 St. John Vianney
- Aug. 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
- Aug. 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
- Aug. 7 St. Sixtus II and companions, St. Cajetan
- Aug. 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
- Aug. 10 St. Lawrence
- Aug. 11 St. Clare
- Aug. 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- Aug. 13 St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus
- Aug. 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Aug. 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug. 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
- Aug. 19 St. John Eudes
- Aug. 20 St. Bernard
- Aug. 21 St. Pius X

## Religious scouting awards recognize faith development

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies throughout the 13-county Diocese of Erie were recognized for furthering their spiritual development during the annual Religious Scouting Awards held June 20 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Bishop Donald Trautman presented 200 individual and group badges, patches and honors to students for their achievements in spiritual growth.

The awards ceremony is sponsored by the Department of Religious Education, the Office of Youth Ministry, the Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting and the Catholic Girl Scout Committee.

Father Tom Brown, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Elizabeth parishes in Corry, has been involved in scouting as a youngster and throughout his priesthood.

"I've been involved for well over 50 years with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Lots of experiences," said Father Brown, who assisted the bishop in presenting the awards. He is also the chaplain for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the diocese.

Scouting has long been considered a youth ministry by the Catholic Church, he said.

"The desire of the youth to work on the religious awards is certainly a step in their faith formation," Father Brown said. "It can be a guiding force



Boy Scouts participate in prayer at the annual Religious Scouting Awards June 20 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

in the later years."

He said he feels the same way about scouting in general.

"It promotes important values and causes," he said. "Scouting has upheld its values through the years—a belief in God and remaining faithful to the virtues of living according to a moral code. These are the kinds of things our young people need today, and scouting is teaching these values."

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 Boy Scouts Pack 21 of St. Catherine of Sienna, DuBois, Bucktail Council; Troop 133 St. Boniface, Erie, Frenchcreek Council; and Girl Scouts from Our Lady of Peace, Erie, and St. James, Erie.



Girl Scouts line up to receive their recognitions from Bishop Donald Trautman at the Religious Scouting Awards while Father Tom Brown looks on.

Some of the honors earned by scouts 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.
- I Live My Faith – Guides Girl Scouts in 4th, 5th and 6th grade into a deeper commitment to her 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.

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

The Diocese of Erie once again received the Quality Unit Award from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. A national Quality Diocese must achieve a number of objectives determined by the committee.

For more information on the retreat or scouting, contact the Scouting Office at 814. 824.1213 or visit [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org).

## Mass, picnic for young adults



Brian, Maria and Michael Pilarcik of Linesville participate in a Mass for Catholic young adults July 18 at Presque Isle in Erie.

Young adults gathered at the Beach 11 picnic pavilion for Mass followed by a picnic.

Father Steve Schreiber, director of youth and young adult ministry, celebrated the Mass.

## The Catholic Foundation holds second annual Legacy Society induction

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

The Catholic Foundation recently recognized individuals and Catholic organizations that have made planned gifts through the foundation to benefit the people of the Erie Diocese.

The foundation held its second annual Legacy Society event at St. Mark Catholic Center's chapel in Erie which included Mass followed by a brief program. Honorees received a Legacy Society pin that was blessed by Bishop Donald Trautman.

Those honored for their planned gift through The Catholic Foundation since May 2009 included:

- Captain Clare Baldauf Endowment Fund for Emerging and Unmet Needs through Catholic Charities, with Catholic Charities board member Gilles Mulard accepting the Legacy pin.
- The Cursillo Movement Endowment Fund represented by Doug



Inductees to The Catholic Foundation's Legacy Society received a pin which was blessed by Bishop Donald Trautman.

Schenberg, president of the Cursillo Movement

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## Clergy appointments



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

Father Richard Allen, appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish, Reynoldsville, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sykesville. Effective July 1, 2010.

Father Joseph Campbell, appointed to the faculty of Kennedy Catholic High School, Hermitage, and assistant to Father Jeffrey Lucas in campus ministry, with residence at St. Joseph Parish, Sharon. Effective Aug. 1, 2010.

Father Michael DeMartinis, appointed parochial vicar (part time) at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, and director of theatre arts at Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Prep, Erie. Effective Aug. 1, 2010.

Father Daniel Hoffman, appointed temporary parochial administrator of St. Michael Parish, Greenville, and St. Margaret Mission, Jamestown. Effective immediately.

Msgr. Andrew Karg, approved request for health leave. Effective immediately.

Father Regis Meenihan, granted retirement status from active ministry. Effective Sept. 1, 2010.

Msgr. Charles Murcko, appointed chaplain of John XXIII Home, Hermitage, with residence at the chaplain's apartment. Effective July 15, 2010.

Father Stephen Schreiber, appointed to campus ministry (part time) at Cathedral Prep, Erie, while continuing as director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and associate director of vocations. Effective Aug. 1, 2010.

Msgr. Lawrence Speice, granted retirement status from active ministry. Effective Sept. 1, 2010.

Deacon Robert and Eleanor Walker, appointed Engagement Encounter coordinator couple. Effective immediately.

## Vatican says new norms will strengthen efforts against abusive priests

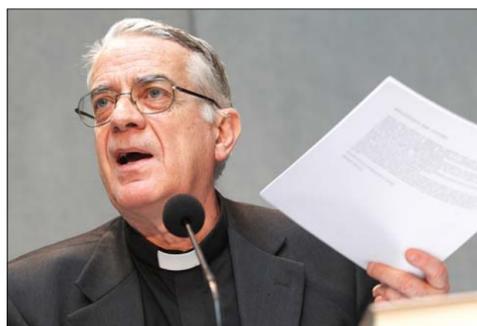
By John Thavis  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY -- The Vatican has revised its procedures for handling priestly sex abuse cases, streamlining disciplinary measures, extending the statute of limitations and defining child pornography as an act of sexual abuse of a minor.

Vatican officials said the changes allow the church to deal with such abuse more rapidly and effectively, often through dismissal of the offending cleric from the priesthood.

As expected, the Vatican also updated its list of the "more grave crimes" against church law, called "delicta graviora," including for the first time the "attempted sacred ordination of a woman." In such an act, it said, the cleric and the woman involved are automatically excommunicated, and the cleric can also be dismissed from the priesthood.

Vatican officials emphasized that simply because women's ordination was treated in the same document as priestly sex abuse did not mean the two acts were somehow equivalent in the eyes of the church.



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Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, presents the Vatican's revised procedures for handling cases of sexual abuse by priests during a press conference at the Vatican July 15.

"There are two types of 'delicta graviora': those concerning the celebration of the sacraments and those concerning morals. The two types are essentially different and their gravity is on different levels," said Msgr. Charles Scicluna, an official of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation.

Sexual abuse of a minor by a priest was added to the classification of "delicta graviora" in 2001, and at that time the Vatican established norms to govern the handling of such cases, which were reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The norms affect how church law treats

sex abuse cases; civil law deals with the crime separately.

The latest revisions, approved by Pope Benedict XVI May 21 and released July 15, for the most part codify practices that have been implemented through special permissions granted over the last nine years and make them part of universal law.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said publication of the revisions "makes a great contribution to the clarity and certainty of law in this field, a field in which the church is today strongly committed to proceeding with rigor and

## Revised sex abuse norms at a glance

By John Thavis  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY – The revised Vatican norms dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests and other "more grave crimes" against church law contain several changes from the previous version published in 2001.

The main provisions of the revised norms:

- Extend the statute of limitations from 10 to 20 years after a sex abuse victim's 18th birthday.
- Include use of child pornography as a type of sexual abuse of minors.
- Establish parity between abuse of mentally disabled people and that of minors.
- Confirm the right of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation to ask the pope to laicize an abusive priest without a church trial, in the most serious and clear cases.
- Confirm that the doctrinal congregation can use an "extra-judicial" process to quickly remove an accused priest from active ministry.
- Confirm the practice of allowing qualified lay Catholics, and not only priests with doctorates in canon law, to serve on tribunals that deal with sex abuse cases.
- Confirm the doctrinal congregation's competency to judge cardinals, patriarchs and bishops accused of "more grave crimes."
- Lists "attempted sacred ordination of a woman" among the "more grave crimes" reserved to the doctrinal congregation.
- Makes it a grave crime to record confessions with modern technology.

transparency."

The norms on sexual abuse of minors by priests now stipulate:

- The church law's statute of limitations on accusations of sexual abuse has been extended, from 10 years after the

alleged victim's 18th birthday to 20 years. For several years, Vatican officials have been routinely granting exceptions to the 10-year statute of limitations. Exceptions to the 20-

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## IN THE U.S.

■ **Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop Joseph McFadden, 63, has been named by Pope Benedict XVI as the bishop of Harrisburg, succeeding Bishop Kevin Rhoades, who was named to head the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., last November.** The pope also named Msgr. Michael Fitzgerald, 62, judicial vicar of the metropolitan tribunal of the Philadelphia Archdiocese, as an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese. The appointments were announced in Washington June 22 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop McFadden's installation Mass has been scheduled for Aug. 18. Bishop-designate Fitzgerald will be ordained to the episcopate Aug. 6, along with Bishop-designate John McIntyre, who had been appointed an auxiliary bishop two weeks before.



Bishop Joseph McFadden

■ **The Vatican confirmed Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United Kingdom, where he will meet Queen Elizabeth II and beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman.** During his four-day visit Sept. 16-19, the pope will fly to Scotland to be welcomed by Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, in Edinburgh at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the queen's official residence in Scotland, the Vatican said in a written statement July 5. Prince Philip is the Duke of Edinburgh. The pope will preside over an outdoor Mass in Bellahouston Park in Glasgow, Scotland. He will meet with political, cultural and business leaders in Westminster Hall in London. The pope will participate in an ecumenical celebration in Westminster Abbey and celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral as well as take part in a prayer vigil in London's Hyde Park. Pope Benedict will preside at the beatification ceremony of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Cofon Park, Birmingham. It will be the first beatification he has carried out as pope.

■ **When Cardinal Marc Ouellet became archbishop of Quebec in 2002, people initially viewed him as an outsider, as "the man from Rome"** sent to straighten things out, said Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. While that never was the case, Cardinal Ouellet's conservative views and his belief that true fulfillment in life could only be found in Christ failed to endear him to an increasingly secular society. As he becomes prefect of the Congregation for Bishops in August, Cardinal Ouellet will return to Rome and have the opportunity to shape not only the Quebec church but the future of the church around the world through the appointment and assignment of bishops. Although he remained a controversial figure because of his outspoken faithfulness to church teachings, observers believe it will be difficult to



Cardinal Marc Ouellet

find someone of Cardinal Ouellet's stature to replace him as archbishop of Quebec and primate of Canada. While his promotion is widely seen as good for the universal church, his departure will leave a gaping hole in the Quebec church. John Zucchi, a professor of history at McGill University, described the 66-year-old cardinal as a Canadian insider who not only lived through Quebec's 1960s Quiet Revolution, which transformed the French-speaking province into a secular society far less influenced by the church, but as someone who deeply felt its impact within his immediate family. Of the eight children in the Ouellet family, only the cardinal — joined by his 88-year old mother — continue to practice the Catholic faith.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ **Pope Benedict XVI became the first person to register for the international World Youth Day gathering in Spain next year.** The pope kicked off the registration process at a meeting July 2 with Cardinal Antonio Roco Varela of Madrid and other organizers of the event. In a talk to the group, the pope said the gathering offers young people a great opportunity to know Jesus Christ and learn to trust his guidance in their lives. They will also be able to share their values and aspirations with others from around the world, united by "the desire to build a better world inspired by Gospel values," he said. The World Youth Day international gathering is to be held in the Spanish capital Aug. 16-21, 2011. Pope Benedict will join the young people for a vigil Aug. 20 and Mass Aug. 21.



## By the Way...

In September, a team of Mercy sisters will begin a third outreach of Catholic Rural Ministry in the Erie Diocese. The team will be based in Reynoldsville and work out of the St. Mary Parish rectory.

In 1999, Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB, and Sister Mary William Hoffman, OSB, accepted the challenge to bring a permanent presence of women religious to McKean and Potter counties.

In 2007, Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ, and Sister Marian Wehler, OSB, officially began Catholic Rural Ministry in the Oil City Deanery, which includes Clarion and Venango counties. They also cover parts of Crawford and Forest counties, including Titusville and Marienville. The ministry has been widely successful in providing pastoral outreach and spiritual support as well as responding to the social needs of the area.

In Pennsylvania, any area that has less than 274 people per square mile is considered rural by the state.

The next issue of *FaithLife* published Aug. 7-8 will highlight the priests and women religious of the diocese who are celebrating jubilee anniversaries this year. The vocation and ministry stories of our jubilarians contained in our annual *Faithful Servants* issue are always inspiring. We will return to the regular news bulletin edition Aug. 21-22.

In talking with Father Tom Brown, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Elizabeth parishes in Corry, for this issue's religious Scouting awards story, he mentioned a number of Scouting values—one of which is being good stewards of the environment. The Scouts have their own "Leave No Trace" principles which assist in this effort.

As a lifelong Scouting enthusiast, Father Tom has brought that principle to his parishes. For the most recent fiscal year, which ended June 30, the parishes raised \$8,098.39 through its recycling program. The funds gained by recycling old appliances and scrap metal have gone to St. Thomas School in Corry to refurbish its science lab and for new flooring.

"We've helped ourselves by saving stuff that typically would've been thrown away," Father Tom says. "Recycling is a spiritual thing. We have to take care of God's creation and what He's given us."

Bill Herring, director of the St. Peter Cathedral choir in Erie, is inviting anyone who is not in the choir or might be from another parish to sing with the choir for the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rehearsal will begin at 10:15. Singers are not required to be able to read music.

"We're looking for anyone who would like to sing," Herring says. "It would be nice to have a really big choir for this Marian feast."

Call the rectory at 814.453.6677 to RSVP so enough printed music can be made available.

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Jason Koshinski

## AROUND THE WORLD

■ **Following a July 7 meeting with Cuban President Raul Castro, Cardinal Jaime Ortega Alamino of Havana said the release of 52 political prisoners is under way** and will continue over the next four months. An announcement on the cardinal's Web site said the process leading to the release began with a May 19 meeting with Castro by Cardinal Ortega and Archbishop Dionisio Garcia Ibanez of Santiago, president of the Cuban bishops' conference. Spanish diplomatic sources July 8 said Spain's foreign minister has agreed to take in the 52 prisoners set for release. Catholics can "take some holy pride that the bishops of Cuba were in this mediation," Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski said. He called it a "significant turn of events" that church leaders were able to engage with Cuban officials and said it bodes well not only for the Catholic Church in Cuba, but also for the "continued development of civil society."

# Pope says pallium is sign of bond that protects church from evil

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Placing a woolen band around the shoulders of 38 new archbishops, Pope Benedict XVI told them it was a Gospel "yoke" — not a heavy burden, but a sign that by remaining united with the church in faith, they will have the strength to face whatever challenges come their way.

"Communion with Peter and his successors, in fact, is the guarantee of freedom for the pastors of the church and for the communities entrusted to them," the pope said June 29 during his homily on the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

Celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict gave the archbishops from 26 countries, including Vietnam, the woolen pallium as a sign of their sharing with him authority over the faithful in their archdioceses.

The archbishops, named in the past year, included: Archbishops Jerome E. Listecky of Milwaukee; Dennis M. Schnurr of Cincinnati; Thomas G.

Wenski of Miami; and Albert LeGat of Saint-Boniface, Manitoba.

In his homily, the pope said the church has faced persecution throughout history, but it suffers greater damage "from that which pollutes the faith and Christian life of its members and its communities, attacking the integrity of the mystical body, weakening its capacity for prophecy and witness, tarnishing the beauty of its face."

Jesus promised the church would be free — not just from physical destruction, but also from spiritual defeat by the devil, he said.

Unity with the church and with the pope, he said, guarantees that "the local churches and bishops' conferences have freedom in relation to local, national or international powers which can, in some cases, block the church's mission."

But even more importantly, communion with the pope "is the guarantee of freedom in the sense of full adherence to the truth, to the authentic tradition, so that the people of God are preserved from errors concerning



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Pope Benedict XVI talks to Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami after presenting him with the pallium in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 29. The pope bestowed the pallium on 38 archbishops from around the world. The woolen band is worn as a sign of authority and responsibility as shepherd.

faith and morals," he said.

The pallium is the "yoke" Jesus

spoke about; it does not weigh down the person carrying it, but supports

him in his unity with the rest of the church, the pope said.

Giving and receiving the woolen band is "a gesture of communion" with the church whether it is threatened with "political interference or other harsh trials" or even "in the case of communities that suffer under the influence of misleading doctrines or ideological tendencies and practices contrary to the Gospel," Pope Benedict said.

The New Testament speaks of the danger of divisions and misunderstandings within the Christian community, but also of "the dangers of the 'last days,' identifying them with negative attitudes that belong to the world and can contaminate the Christian community: selfishness, vanity, pride (and) attachment to money," he said.

Still, he said, Jesus' promise that the forces of evil would not prevail against the church guarantees that it will be free "both from the material bonds that seek to impede or constrain its mission, as well as from spiritual and moral evils that can attack its authenticity and credibility."

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# People in the News

## New executive director named for Inner-City Neighborhood Art House

ERIE – Sister Annette Marshall, OSB, has been appointed to the position of executive director at the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House in Erie. She will continue the work of Sister Anne Wambach, OSB, former executive director, who was recently installed as prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie.



Sister Annette Marshall, OSB

Sister Annette currently serves as executive director of Lake Erie-Allegheny Earth Force, now known as Earth Action. She previously worked as associate director of Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania and as an elementary and high school teacher at various local schools. As a result of having held administrative posts at institutions including Villa Maria Academy and St. Benedict Academy in Erie and St. Gregory School in North East, Sister Annette brings a wealth of administrative and educational experience to her new position.

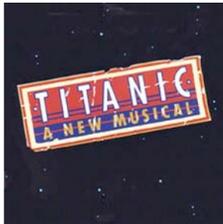
“The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House plays an important role in the city of Erie,” Sister Annette said. “I look forward to continuing the strength and purpose of this very meaningful ministry with energy and excitement.”

The Neighborhood Art House, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, provides classes in the visual, performing and literary arts to “at risk” children in Erie.

# Briefly

## All-school summer show presents ‘Titanic — The Musical’

ERIE – “Titanic,” the 10th annual diocesan all-school musical, will be presented at the Blasco Library’s air-conditioned Hirt Auditorium on Erie’s bayfront. “Titanic-The Musical” will be performed on Friday and Saturday nights, July 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinee performances scheduled for July 25 and Aug. 1 at 2:30 p.m.



The large cast will tell the story of the ill-fated ship on her maiden voyage accompanied by a full orchestra with a beautiful score.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for students and will be available in the theater lobby before each performance.

The event is sponsored by St. Boniface Parish in Erie.

## Sister Parish Day is Aug. 7

ERIE — The Mission of Friendship will hold its sixth annual Sister Parish Day on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Holy Rosary Parish, 2701 East Ave. in Erie.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 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.

The Mission of Friendship is a cooperative relationship between the Diocese of Erie and the Archdiocese of Yucatán, Mexico. The mission’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](mailto:PMarshall@ErieRCD.org).

## Warsaw choirs to perform at cathedral Aug. 16

ERIE – The Warsaw Cathedral boys’ and men’s chorus, Cantores Minores, will perform on Monday, Aug. 16 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie at 7:30 p.m.

This celebrated choir has performed throughout Europe and is making an American concert tour that will begin in Los Angeles and end in New York. Their music is presented in Latin, English and Polish. Following the concert, there will be a brief program of more popular music as a farewell.

Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. The choir’s touring expenses are covered by a free will offering made at intermission and by the generosity of sponsors.

# The Catholic Foundation holds second annual Legacy Society induction

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- Mark Kulyk
- Joyce Ravnikar-Kulyk
- Susan Morgan
- The Bishop Donald W. Trautman Feed My Sheep Endowment Fund developed by the foundation board in collaboration with Bishop Trautman.

■ Planned giving donor who has chosen to remain anonymous.

Legacy Society members have made a planned gift to The Catholic Foundation through will bequests or residue of estate, life insurance or annuities, retirement or pension plan assets, real estate or charitable trusts.

The foundation also presented the diocese’s Catholic ministries with a check for \$239,000.

The Catholic Foundation was established in 2007 with four original endowment funds: Catholic Education Endowment, Clergy Health & Welfare Endowment, Catholic Charities Endowment and Evangelization for Worship & Communications Endowment.

The foundation grew by two endowments in 2008: Immaculate Heart of Mary Education Endowment and St. Martin Center Endowment.

During the past year, Catholic Foundation education grants have funded a number of projects including:

- The development of a peer ministry team on the campus of Clarion University.
- The funding of registration costs for participants at the NAPRC (National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Communities)



Pictured, left to right, during The Catholic Foundation’s Legacy Society event include: Gilles Mulard, Catholic Charities board member; Doug Schenberg, president of the Erie Diocese’s Cursillo movement; Joyce

Ravnikar-Kulyk; Mark Kulyk; Bishop Donald Trautman; Dr. Emma Lee McCloskey, president of The Catholic Foundation; and Mark Horstman, president of The Catholic Foundation’s board of directors.

national conference in Harborcreek, with 124 scholarships awarded to 19 parishes in the diocese.

- The attendance of the Our Lady of Peace bible study team at the Applied Biblical Studies Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.
- To aid the costs associated with ad-

vancement workshop fees to benefit diocesan Catholic schools.

■ Registration costs of participants at the 73rd annual NCCL (National Conference for Catechetical Leadership) conference in Detroit.

Visit The Catholic Foundation’s Web site at [www.TCFRCD.org](http://www.TCFRCD.org) for more information.

# Sister Anne Wambach installed as prioress of Benedictine Sisters of Erie

Sister Anne Wambach, OSB, was installed as the 21st prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie during a ceremony July 11 at Mount St. Benedict Monastery’s chapel in Erie in front of a gathering of members of the religious community, oblates and invited guests.

Sister Anne has served the people of the Diocese of Erie as a teacher at St. Gregory School

in North East from 1992-95 and at the Neighborhood Art House in Erie, beginning as program director in 1995 and as executive director since 2005.

The community also announced the formation of a new monastic council which will serve as an advisory body to Sister Anne. Council members include Sister Susan Doubet, OSB, sub-prioress; Sister Annette Mar-

shall, OSB; Sister Charlotte Zalot, OSB; Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB; and Sister Diane Cook, OSB.



Photo courtesy of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie

At right, Sister Anne Wambach, OSB, shares her reflections to the Benedictine community, oblates and guests during her installation as prioress July 11 at Mount St. Benedict Monastery.

# Vatican says new norms will strengthen efforts against abusive priests

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year limit will be possible, too, but the Vatican rejected a suggestion to do away with the statute of limitations altogether, sources said.

■ Use of child pornography now falls under the category of clerical sexual abuse of minors, and offenders can be dismissed

from the priesthood. This norm applies to “the acquisition, possession or distribution by a cleric of pornographic images of minors under the age of 14, for purposes of sexual gratification, by whatever means or using whatever technology.”

■ Sexual abuse of mentally disabled adults will be considered

For a Q & A fact sheet regarding the Vatican’s updated norms on sexual abuse and the ordination of women, visit [www.ErieRDC.org](http://www.ErieRDC.org).

equivalent to abuse of minors. The norms define such a person as someone “who habitually lacks

the use of reason.”

In 2003, two years after promulgating the Vatican’s norms on priestly sex abuse, Pope John Paul II gave the doctrinal congregation a number of special faculties to streamline the handling of such cases. The new revisions incorporate those changes, which were already in practice.

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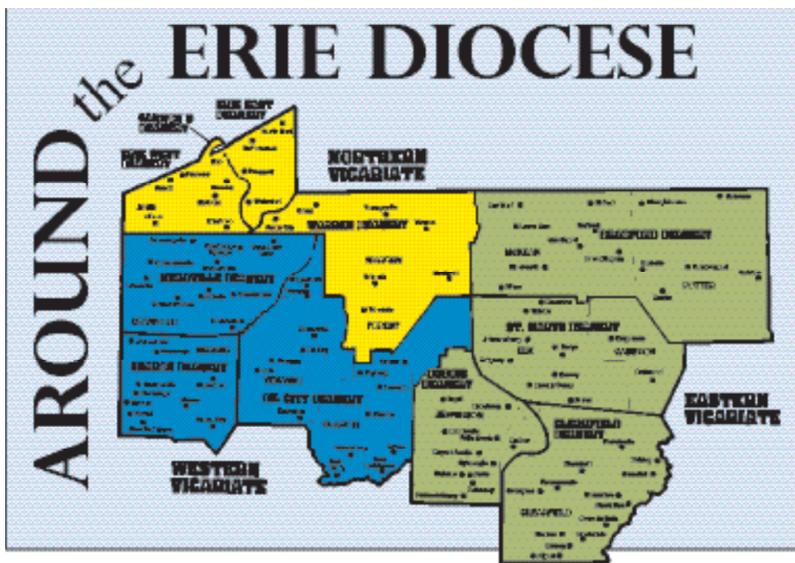
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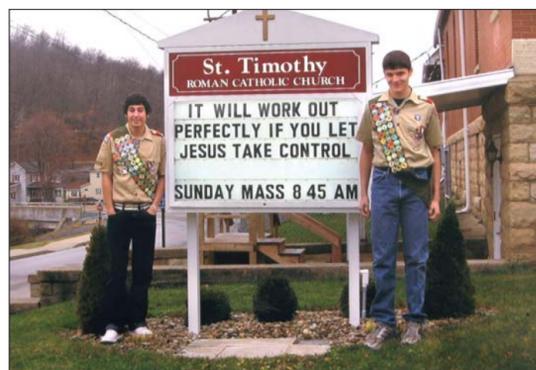
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### St. Timothy Eagle Scouts complete service projects

CURWENSVILLE – In the past 70 years, only 40 young men from Boy Scout Troop 13 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Ten of these young men were members of St. Timothy Parish in Curwensville.

Pictured are the parish's most recent Eagle Scouts, D.J. Caldwell (left) and Mark Ishler. For his service project, Caldwell installed the church sign and landscaping for the parish. Ishler built a garden area for the residents of the Alzheimers unit at Ridgeview Elder Care Rehabilitation Center in Curwensville for his service project.

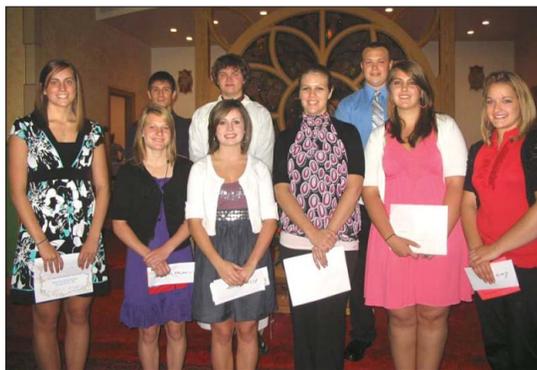


### Knights, Catholic Daughters provide scholarships at St. Callistus

KANE – Several recent graduates from Kane Area High School and St. Callistus Parish in Kane received scholarship awards.

The awards are from the Knights of Columbus, Father Lippert Council No. 715, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Callistus. That organization also gave the Joanna C. Fecek Memorial Award for those studying the fields of social work, education and health care.

Pictured from left to right are: (front row) Gina Kane, Danielle Kocjancic, Alexa Anderson, Echo Schraff, Janelle Hottel, (back row) Thomas Sirianni, Nicholas Perry and Kyle Engelman.



The scholarship awards, valued at \$600 each, were recently presented at a Sunday Mass honoring the graduating seniors from the parish. Before Mass, the parish invited the graduates and their guests to a special breakfast prepared in their honor.

### St. Boniface students plant tree in memory of pastor

KERSEY – A tradition at St. Boniface School in Kersey has the fifth grade class giving something back to the school when they graduate. This year, fifth graders planted a tree in memory of Father John Kuzilla, pastor of St. Boniface who died earlier this year, at the Fox Township Park in Kersey. Students are hopeful that this memorial will keep the thoughts of Father Kuzilla alive in the hearts of everyone who enjoys the park and its facilities. Pictured left to right are Benn Koss, Justin Gradl, Sierra Tucker and Mitchell Cashmer.



### VME first graders make blankets for Linus Project

ERIE – First graders at Villa Maria Elementary School in Erie have been reaching out to other children who are in need.

Primary teacher Elizabeth Hokaj and parent Dawn Campbell organized a community service project for students to make blankets to be given to the Linus Project, which then donates the blankets to pediatric patients at local hospitals.

Four VME first graders have actually been recipients of blankets from the Linus Project.

Pictured left to right are (front row) Anjini Chaddha, Kelsey Down, Sophia Campbell, Bailey Sitter, (back row) Dawn Campbell and Elizabeth Hokaj.



### Mercyhurst Prep students devote a week to volunteering at Catholic Charities programs

BALTIMORE – Father Mike Allison, chaplain at Mercyhurst Prep High School in Erie, and a group of incoming seniors recently spent a week in Baltimore volunteering at several Catholic Charities programs.

For 10 years, Father Allison has orchestrated this trip, which is now called the Ann Ryan Mission. Ryan, who participated in the trip during her time as a student at Mercyhurst, said it was one of the most meaningful experiences of her high school career. When she passed away during her sophomore year in college from meningitis, her parents started a fund to help support the annual trip.

This has allowed the tradition to continue and for the number of students who attend to grow. More than

80 students applied for the trip by writing an essay expressing their interest in the program. This year, 23 students were chosen.

Students visited Christopher Place, a residential program that provides education and training as well as emotional, spiritual and addiction recovery support to formerly homeless men. They also volunteered at Gallagher Services, which provides residential and day support for people with developmental disabilities.

"We have former participants we keep in touch with who are social workers, psychologists, teachers, AmeriCorps members and Teach for America participants," Father Allison said.



A Mercyhurst Prep student serves lunch at Our Daily Bread in Baltimore. The hot meal program prepares more than 250,000 meals for the hungry each year.

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