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## Church Calendar

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### Feast days



St. Ignatius of Loyola

Transfiguration of the Lord

- July 29 St. Martha
- July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus
- July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Aug. 1 St. Alphonsus Ligouri
- Aug. 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Aug. 4 St. John Mary 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 his companions, St. Cajetan
- Aug. 8 St. Dominic
- Aug. 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) – Aug. 15

"Finally the immaculate virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 966*



By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

SYDNEY, Australia — With prayer and openness, young people can receive the power of the Holy Spirit and transform the world, Pope Benedict XVI told participants at World Youth Day.

"Do not be afraid to say 'yes' to Jesus, to find your joy in doing his will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness," the pope told them July 20 as he celebrated the Mass closing the six-day youth gathering.

Some 350,000 people attended the morning Mass at Royal Randwick Racecourse and, police said, more than half of them had braved the cold and spent the night camping out at the track. World Youth Day officials put Mass attendance at 400,000.

The campout followed the traditional World Youth Day nighttime vigil.

Fulfilling another World Youth Day tradition, Pope Benedict announced at the end of the July 20 Mass that the next World Youth Day would be held in Madrid, Spain, in 2011.

"At the July 19 vigil, the pope said that understanding the Holy Spirit, 'the neglected person of the Blessed Trinity,' is not easy.

But, he said, the Spirit's

## Power of Holy Spirit can transform world, pope tells young people



### Massive Event

International World Youth Day is the largest recurring Catholic event in the world. Appearing in Sydney, Australia:

- 3.5 million pilgrim meals
- 1 million hotels
- 232,000 candles
- 225,000 pilgrims
- 8,000 volunteers
- 3,000 media
- 2,000 clergy
- 500 cardinals and bishops
- 120 bottles of Mass wine



power to strengthen and unify people in love is as real as the Spirit's bond of unity and love with the Father and the Son.

And when Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit they can bring "the hope of peace, healing and harmony" to situations of conflict, suffering and tension, he said.

"Unity and reconciliation cannot be achieved through our efforts alone. God has made us for one another, and only in God and his church can we find the unity we seek," the pope said.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of creation, giving life to all that God made, he said. The Spirit is the source of new life

in Christ, and it is the Spirit that sustains the unity of the church and its fidelity to tra-

**"A living community of love, embracing people of every race, nation and tongue."**

Pope Benedict XVI

At the vigil, which began with the pope lighting a torch carried by a young indigenous woman and ended with eucharistic adoration, the pope told the young people to open themselves to the energy of God's love.

"In accepting the power of the Holy Spirit you, too, can transform your families, communities and nations," he said.

At the Mass, the pope prayed that the World Youth Day experience would be a new Pentecost for all the participants, marking a new outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The celebration of World Youth Day, he said, has enabled everyone to experience the church as "a living community of love, embracing

people of every race, nation and tongue."

Pope Benedict told the young people at the Mass that the Holy Spirit, the spirit of God's love, "can only unleash its power when it is allowed to change us from within."

The world needs the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, the pope said.

"In so many of our societies, side by side with material prosperity, a spiritual desert is spreading: an inner emptiness, an unnamable fear, a quiet sense of despair," the pope said.

But the Gospel message of salvation reveals how each person was created in God's image and made for love, he said, a love which "is not greedy or self-seeking, but pure, faithful and genuinely free, open to others, respectful of their dignity, seeking their good, radiating joy and beauty."

## VATICAN SPLENDORS

FROM SAINT PETER'S BASILICA,  
THE VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SWISS GUARD

### Exhibition showcases 2,000 years of Vatican art, history

By Mary Sirianni  
FaithLife

CLEVELAND — More than 200 items from the Vatican Museums connect the beginnings of the Catholic Church from Christ and the apostles to their modern-day successor, Pope Benedict XVI.

"Vatican Splendors: From St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums and the Swiss Guard" opened in May and will remain open through Sept. 7 at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland.

The large number of Catholics in Cleveland, as well as in surrounding areas such as Buffalo, N.Y.; Columbus, Ohio; Toronto, Canada; Erie and Pittsburgh made Cleveland an obvious choice for the exhibition.

"The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's support was instrumental in bringing the exhibit here," said Emily Vincent of Landau Public Relations.

The success of last year's Princess Diana exhibit, as well as the 10,000 square feet of museum space, helped secure Cleveland as an exhibition site, she said.

The museum opens daily at 10 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

"Attendance at the exhibit continues to build, with at least 500 to as many as 1,000 visitors each day," said Angie Lowrie, director of sales and marketing for the Western Reserve Historical Society.

While tickets are still available daily at the box office, Lowrie encourages visitors to purchase tickets in advance to make their trip easier. Tickets to "Vatican Splendors" also give visitors access to other historical society exhibits, including the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum and the library, which is home to one of the largest genealogical repositories in the nation.

One of the exhibition's most dramatic rooms, the recreated environment of the Sistine Chapel exhibit, takes visitors onto the scaffolding near the chapel's renowned ceiling to explore how Michelangelo painted his famous frescoes.

Lowrie said most people do not regard "Vatican Splendors" as a profound religious experience but still come out of the galleries "subdued, reverent and reflective."

"We've received nothing but positive comments from visitors," she said.

Broken into four parts, the exhibition begins with the "Foundations of the Church," featuring artwork of the Holy Family, the apostles and early church leaders. Many pieces are on public display for the first time, including "The Crown of Thorns" by Guercino, a 17th century portrait of Christ painted on silk.

Relics of St. Peter are featured in a reliquary shaped like the canopy that encloses the main altar at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Also featured is a scale-model of St. Peter's tomb, which early Christians built on Vatican Hill near Ro-

## Year of St. Paul

Pope says apostle should serve as model

By John Thavis  
Catholic News Service

ROME — Joined by other Christian leaders, Pope Benedict XVI opened the year of St. Paul and said the apostle's courageous witness to the faith should serve as a model for contemporary Christians.

"Paul is not a figure of the past that we remember with veneration. He is also our teacher, an apostle and a herald of Jesus Christ for us, too," the pope said at an evening prayer service June 28 in the Rome Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

The liturgy had a strong ecumenical tone. Accompanied by Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and representatives of Orthodox and Anglican churches, the pope lit the first candle from a large lamp that will burn in the basilica's portico throughout the coming year.

Then the pontiff led a procession through the "Pauline door" into the church, which was built near the site of St. Paul's martyrdom and holds his tomb. It was the inaugural event of a jubilee year that will run until June 29, 2009, in commemoration of the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle's birth.

Seated near Patriarch Bartholomew, the pope said in a homily that the Pauline year should send a strong signal of Christian unity. He warmly greeted the other Christian representatives, including many who had come from areas where St. Paul evangelized — in the Holy Land, Syria, Greece, Cyprus and Asia Minor.

St. Paul understood the essential value of Christian unity because he understood the church as the "body of Christ," the pope said. In St. Paul's time and in every age, repairing divisions is an urgent task, he said.

"Who was this Paul?" the pope asked in his sermon. He cited the saint's own self-description as a Jew who was educated in Jerusalem according to strict ancestral law, and who later became, through an encounter with Christ, the "teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth."

The apostle's vocation endures, the pope said.

"We are not gathered here to reflect on a past history that is irrevocably surpassed. Paul wants to speak to us — today," he said.

The year of St. Paul was Pope Benedict's idea, and he has encouraged local church communities around the world to read and reflect on the apostle's contribution to Scripture.



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Pope Benedict XVI walks near a statue of St. Paul as he arrives for an evening prayer service at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls June 28. Joined by other Christian leaders, the pope opened the year of St. Paul, calling the apostle a model for contemporary Christians.



## IN THE U.S.

■ Though legal experts on a July 10 panel disagreed about how the California same-sex marriage law will impact the freedom to express religious beliefs, they all agreed it will ultimately change the definition of marriage. In a presentation hosted by the Family Research Council in Washington, an ideologically diverse panel of legal experts debated the national political ramifications of the May 15 California Supreme Court's 4-3 ruling that same-sex couples have the right to have the state designate their civil unions as marriages, essentially making marriage legal in that state for gay couples. While the more conservative legal experts on the panel said they believe that if the California law isn't turned back religious freedoms will be dangerously compromised nationwide, the more moderate and liberal law professionals said same-sex marriage advocates and religious liberty supporters can coexist if both groups respect each other's rights.

■ After mail balloting of bishops who did not vote at the spring meeting in Orlando, Fla., a 700-page translation of one section of the Roman Missal failed to get approval from the required two-thirds of the members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The USCCB announced rejection of the translation of the proper prayers for Sundays and feast days during the liturgical year July 7 and said it would come before the full body of bishops again at their November general assembly in Baltimore, along with two other sections totaling about 500 pages. No vote totals were made public, but the translation would have needed 167 "yes" votes to achieve a two-thirds majority of the 250 active Latin-rite U.S. bishops. The rejected translation, in the works for more than two years, was the second of 12 sections of the Roman Missal translation project that will come before the bishops through at least 2010. The translation had come from the In-

ternational Commission on English in the Liturgy, known as ICEL, but at the Orlando meeting in June many bishops expressed frustration that recommendations they had submitted to ICEL to clarify the sentence structure or revise archaic language had been rejected.

## AROUND THE WORLD

■ A year after Pope Benedict XVI's letter to mainland Chinese Catholics, church leaders said some positive developments have resulted but more work needs to be done to achieve the letter's objectives. Chinese church leaders particularly referred to problems uniting the two Catholic communities: one whose leaders and institutions register with the government and one whose leaders refuse to register — seeing it as a method of government control — but operate in a semiautonomous manner. Referring to a point in the papal letter that says, "every cleric must be incardinated in a particular church or in an institute of consecrated life and must exercise his own ministry in communion with the diocesan bishop," Bishop Xu Honggen of Suzhou said the registered church community sees no problem in this. However, he noted that in some places, some underground clergy still work in areas outside their diocese. Bishop Xu said he believes unity between the registered and unregistered church communities "would move much more easily once the Vatican and China build ties."

■ Catholic leaders in Chad, Sudan and Djibouti have appealed for more priests and religious. Nairobi Cardinal John Njue, president of the Kenya Episcopal Conference, said Sudanese and Chadian church officials personally wrote him about their clergy shortages. "We are looking

forward to responding to the extended request in the best way possible. We may not be self-reliant on the issue but we definitely could share a little with others" who might not have as many priests and religious as Kenya does, the cardinal said July 12 during an ordination Mass of three priests in Nairobi. Cardinal Njue urged Kenyan priests and religious to volunteer to accept the invitation to help Sudanese and Chadian Catholics. Bishop Giorgio Bertin of Djibouti said the Horn of Africa is in desperate need of Catholic pastoral services. Bishop Bertin, who is also the apostolic administrator of Mogadishu, Somalia, said that Djibouti needs priests and teachers.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ Forty archbishops from more than 30 countries who were named within the previous year received a pallium from Pope Benedict XVI June 29 during Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the feast of St. Peter and Paul. The pallium, a circular band of white wool marked with six black crosses, symbolizes an archbishop's authority and unity with the pope. The mission of the Catholic Church is to overcome the divisions of the world and bring God's healing power, love and peace to all people, Pope Benedict XVI told the new archbishops. The permanent mission of St. Peter and his successors is that the church "never be identified with only one nation, only one culture or only one state. That it always be the church of all people," the pope said. U.S. archbishops who concelebrated the Mass with the pope included Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore, John C. Nienstedt of St. Paul and Minneapolis and Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Ala.



## By the Way...

Camp Notre Dame has been completely sold out this summer with all day camp and overnight weeks being filled.

"Our last five weeks were totally booked, so we ended up opening two more cabins to give the campers on our waiting list an experience," says Eric Dart, Camp Notre Dame's summer camp director. "It's been an amazing summer in terms of that. Our enrollment has been steadily increasing, and this year we've had a boom."



Jason Koshinski

He attributes the spike to word of mouth about the camp's activities and offering a unique experience for young people. The resident camp is open to youth ages 7 to 16, and day camp to kids ages 4 to 9.

"For young people, it's a chance to be unplugged and do a lot of different things," Dart says. "It's definitely a different and healthy experience for them to be away from video games and out in nature and in a place that fosters Gospel values."

Another plus for the camp this year has been the opening of the new dining hall. The larger and up-to-date facility has been a welcome addition for campers and staff.

Under the sponsorship of the Erie Diocese, Camp Notre Dame has been serving children and families since 1960. The camp sits on 185 acres located in Fairview. St. Peter Cathedral in Erie is turning its prayers to St. Anthony these days. Sometime on July 14, a Book of the Gospels was stolen from underneath the sanctuary's crucifix along with a gold stitched chalice cover. While praying that St. Anthony, patron of lost things, comes through, the cathedral has also looked to Erie Police for help.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mary Stephenson of Hermitage, who lost a long battle with cancer June 29 at the age of 50. Mary was known as one of the stalwart supporters of liturgy and music in the diocese.

A lifelong member of St. Joseph Parish in Sharon, she joined the folk group in 1972 and had been part of music ministry ever since, singing and playing guitar in the choir and cantoring Masses, weddings and funerals. She had battled cancer for years but through it all still managed to be present to her community through her ministry of music.

The next edition of *FaithLife* will highlight the women religious, priests and deacons 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 and impressive.

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## Exhibition showcases 2,000 years of Vatican art, history

### VATICAN SPLENDORS

man Emperor Nero's Circus after St. Peter was martyred. Emperor Constantine, a Christian convert, constructed the basilica on top of the tomb.

Next, "500 Years of the Vatican" commemorates the 500th anniversary of the current basilica's completion in 1508 after its commission by Pope Urban VIII. Exhibited here are blueprints and drawings of the church's construction, as well as the crude iron compass Michelangelo used to measure the church's domed ceiling.

The Vatican Museum, known for its extensive collection of historical items and works commissioned by various popes, and the papal Swiss Guard also both recently celebrated 500th anniversaries. The Guard, founded in 1506 by Pope Julius II, is the oldest military organization in continuous service. Known for its yellow-and-blue striped uniforms, the Swiss Guard protects the pope and entrances to Vatican City and the pope's residence, as well as performs honor duties at Vatican ceremonies.

The third section highlights the work of the popes. Sixtus IV's commission of the Sistine Chapel is featured first. Ladders, buckets, lanterns and sketches on parchment line a hallway to give viewers an idea of how Italian

artist Michelangelo's workshop would have looked in the four years it took him to paint the chapel's now-famous ceiling.

The next section on papal elections includes a blank ballot from the 2005 conclave of cardinals, as well as an urn for collecting the votes. Also displayed are the



Photos courtesy of the Governatorato of the Vatican City State

A bronze cast of the hands of Pope John Paul II greets visitors at the end of the Vatican Splendors exhibit. People are invited to touch the cast.

Halberdier, (right) half-dress, is the uniform of the Swiss Guard. The Guard has protected the pope and Vatican City since 1506.

white smoke-producing cartridges used to announce Benedict XVI's 2005 election. Pastoral staffs of Popes Leo XIII (1860s) and Paul VI (1963-78), as well as vestments worn by Pius XI in 1926, are showcased



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Tickets are available in person at the Western Reserve Historical Society box office, by phone at 1.888.5VATICAN, or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

Open daily until Sept. 7  
Opens daily at 10 a.m.

Drawing from Jesus' command to take the Gospel "into the world," the exhibit next focuses on the church's work to spread Christ's message through missions and interreligious dialogue.

Items of interest include a Tibetan Buddhist hanging scroll, or thangka, given to Pope John Paul II by the Dalai Lama in 1978, a 19th century illustrated Catechism used to instruct Cree Indians and a Bible written in Arabic.

Some artwork depicts Biblical figures with the costumes and physical features of the artists' culture. For instance, "Madonna Beku" by Guénu, an artist from the Solomon Islands, shows the Virgin Mary and infant Jesus with

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Parishioners can obtain exhibition tickets at a discounted price of \$2 off each ticket

through Aug. 1. To receive the discount, enter or mention the following discount code when ordering tickets: Parish. The discounted tickets must be purchased before Aug. 1.

Parking available at museum.  
Cost is \$8.

Cameras and strollers prohibited.  
The galleries are handicap accessible.  
Wheelchairs are available on a limited basis at no extra charge.

Painted black skin and Mary wearing the traditional red skirt of Solomon Island women.

"Christ, the Tree of Life," a wood sculpture by James Chimkon Djeni of Malawi, Africa, XVI's predecessor, Pope John Paul II, to be the exhibit's highlight "because their connection to the Vatican came through him." This section features the miter and cape worn to open the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica for the 2000 Jubilee Year, a handwritten copy of an original poem to honor the "The Stories of the Popes" ends the exhibit with highlights of several notable popes' careers, as well as a special section emphasizing the items from the two most recent pontiffs.

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"People are invited to touch the cast at the end of the exhibit to connect with the pope in a symbolic way," she said.

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## Briefly

### Fourth annual Sister Parish Day Aug. 2 in Corry

**CORRY** — The fourth annual Mission of Friendship (Diocese of Erie-Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico) Sister Parish Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at St. Thomas School, 229 W. Washington St. in Corry.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the program running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sister parish pastors and committees and those considering becoming a sister parish are encouraged to share ideas, experiences, faith and food.

Come meet Cari Serafin, coordinator for the sister parish program in Mexico, and have your questions ready for her.

RSVP by calling 814.824.1231 or e-mail [pmarshall@ErieRCD.org](mailto:pmarshall@ErieRCD.org).

### Anniversary celebrations Aug. 3 in Harborcreek and Aug. 10 in Brockway

Couples celebrating 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek or Sunday, Aug. 10 at St. Tobias in Brockway.

Both Masses, celebrated 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.

All are welcome to attend in support of marriage.

### Erie Catholic Young Adults Ministry (C-YAM) picnic Aug. 7

**ERIE** — The Erie Catholic Young Adult Ministry (C-YAMs) will host a picnic on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Waterworks on the lakeside area in Erie. Join other Catholic young adults (ages 21-40) for fellowship and prayer.

Please bring a dish, beverage or snack to share. There is a play area for kids, and children are welcome. A rosary will be prayed at some point during the evening.

For more information on the picnic or the Erie C-YAMs, visit <http://eriec-yam.org> or contact Ken Kuholski at 814.392.3613 or e-mail [kkuholski2@aol.com](mailto:kkuholski2@aol.com).

### Mid-Life Directions Program at Mount St. Benedict Sept. 5-7

**ERIE** — The Mid-Life Directions Program for personal and spiritual growth, open to men and women ages 35 to 65-plus, will be held the weekend of Sept. 5-7 at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road in Erie.

For more information or to register, contact Sister Rosanne Lonnek, OSB, at 814.899.0614 Ext. 2428.

### Healing service with Father Ralph DiOrio in DuBois Sept. 7

**DUBOIS** — Father Ralph DiOrio of Worcester, Mass., now celebrating his 51st year of priesthood, will be at DuBois Central Catholic High School in DuBois on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. for a special healing service.

For tickets or information, call Tillie at 814.371.4116, Bill (after 7 p.m.) at 814.371.1765, Peggy and Bev at 814.781.1633, Tom and Marie at 814.375.4667 or e-mail [theholymfamily@pcn.com](mailto:theholymfamily@pcn.com). All are welcome at no charge.

To learn more about Father DiOrio, visit his Web site at [www.fatherdiorio.org](http://www.fatherdiorio.org).

### NOVA seminar in Clearfield County Sept. 7

**CLEARFIELD** — NOVA, a one-day remarriage preparation seminar, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 7 at St. Francis School in Clearfield. To register, call the Erie Diocese's Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 or toll free at 1.800.374.3723 Ext. 261.

Topics include: Adjustments, blending families, legal issues and more. Pre-registration is required.

### Crawford County pro-life banquet Sept. 19

**MEADVILLE** — Crawford County Citizens for Life will host its Second Annual Pro-Life Banquet on September 19 at Smith's Country Gardens in Blooming Valley (Rt. 198) near Meadville.

This year's theme will be "Standing for Life" with featured speaker Bryce McMinn of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. For more information, contact Citizens for Life at 814.724.4490 or e-mail [citizenzforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:citizenzforlife@yahoo.com).

## Clergy appointments

Deacon Lawrence Caggese, appointed deacon assistant at St. Leo Magnus Parish, Ridgway, for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Denis Coan, appointed deacon assistant at St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie, and chaplain assistant to the diocesan NOVA program for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Raymond Ehrensberger, appointed deacon assistant at St. Mary Parish, St. Marys, for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Frank Lombardo, appointed deacon assistant at Holy Rosary Parish, Erie, and Pleasant Ridge Manor East for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon John Mang, appointed deacon assistant at St. Francis Xavier Parish, McKean, for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Thomas Matusiak, appointed deacon assistant at Holy Trinity Parish, Erie, for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Kenneth Reisenweber, appointed deacon assistant at St. Bridget Parish, Meadville, for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Owen Wagner, appointed deacon assistant at Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage, for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

Deacon Timothy Wren, appointed deacon assistant at St. Joseph and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parishes, Oil City, while continuing as director of St. Elizabeth Center for a term of five years. Effective July 11, 2008.

## Father James A. (Joseph) Wiley

### John XXIII Home chaplain served in Grove City, Oil City

**HERMITAGE** — Father James A. (Joseph) Wiley, 79, of John XXIII Home, Hermitage, died June 29, 2008 at Sharon Regional Health System.



Father James A. (Joseph) Wiley

He was born June 11, 1929 in Sharon, the son of the late Joseph F. and Mary Catherine Formica Wiley.

He entered Holy Cross Passionist Seminary in September 1944. After completing his studies in

philosophy and theology in various monasteries in the northeast, he was ordained April 25, 1958 by Bishop Cuthbert O'Hara, C.P.

Following his ordination, he served in various capacities including vice-master of novices, vocation director, missionary and pastor.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, in 1968 he entered the Army chaplaincy and was assigned to Mount Jackson, S.C., and later served in Korea and Fort Lee, Va.

In 1990, he joined the Erie Diocese and served as parochial vicar at St. Stephen Parish, Oil City, and later as senior associate at Church of the Beloved Disciple, Grove City.

His current assignment was as chaplain of John XXIII Home in Hermitage, where he resided.

Father Wiley was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

## Sister Gertrude Marie Peterson, SSJ

**ERIE** — Sister Gertrude Marie Peterson, SSJ, 86, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died July 4, 2008 in her 63rd year of religious life.



Sister Gertrude Marie Peterson

She was born in Erie on February 7, 1922 the daughter of the late Cornelius J. and Gertrude Ward Peterson. She is the sister of Father James Peterson.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie, on February 2, 1946 and professed her final vows on August 15, 1951. She celebrated her 60th jubilee in 2005.

Sister Gertrude Marie earned a bachelor's degree in business education from Villa Maria College in 1956 and a master's degree in education from Duquesne University in 1961. She did additional studies at Marquette University and at Regina Mundi Pontifical Institute in Rome.

During her ministry career, she served in many capacities. She taught at several diocesan schools including Blessed Sacrament (1946-51); St. Andrew (1951-52);

and Villa Maria Academy (1952-61), all in Erie. She was principal, teacher and house superior at St. Francis, Clearfield (1961-63). She served as treasurer (1963-66) and academic dean (1966-74) at Villa Maria College.

Sister Gertrude served on the congregation's formation team (1975-80) and also served three terms on the SSJ General Council. She was SSJ assistant superior/treasurer (1985-89); served on the SSJ Constitution Committee; the Board of Reconciliation and the SSJ Board of Directors. She also served as a chapter delegate on seven different occasions.

Sister Gertrude participated in the CSSJ Federation Formation Program (1980-85), the SSJ Treasurers Association (1985-89) and the Federation Regional Leadership Group (1989-95) and also served as archivist for the Diocese of Erie from 1980-85. She worked in the congregation's business office from 1995-2001 until her retirement from active ministry.

She resided at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center.

Sister Gertrude Marie is a former member of the Association of American Archivists; the National Association for Treasurers of Religious Institutes Inc., NAC-PA, the *Lake Shore Visitor* Board and the Gannon University Board of Trustees.

## Sister Corinne Moske, OSB

**ERIE** — Sister Corinne Moske, OSB, died July 13, 2008 at her home, Mount St. Benedict Monastery, Erie.



Sister Corinne Moske

A daughter of Frank and Corinne Johnston Moske, she was baptized Rose at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, and later confirmed at St. Mary, Erie. She entered the Benedictine Sisters from that St. Mary and became a novice in 1941. At that time, she was given her religious name, Corinne, her mother's name.

She made her first profession of vows on August 18, 1941 and her perpetual profession on August 18, 1944.

Sister Corinne, who was a graduate of St. Benedict Academy, received the bachelor's degree in elementary education from Villa Maria College, Erie, a master's degree in education with emphasis on reading from Pennsylvania State University, University Park, and a second master's degree in library science from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

She taught at several elementary schools in the Erie Diocese: St. Joseph, Oil City; St. Joseph and Sacred Heart, Sharon; St.

Mary and Mt. Calvary, Erie; and St. Gregory, North East. Sister Corinne was also a librarian at Kennedy Catholic High School, Sharon.

Sister Corinne assisted the elderly by starting with several small programs and as she gained expertise in the needs and care of older persons, she saw that pastoral ministry was, for her, the means by which she could best assist these needs.

Sister Corinne ministered for several years in the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y. She worked at St. Anthony, Pulaski, N.Y., finding and filling needs and stretching limited financial resources to the benefit of those most in need of help.

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## DEATH NOTICES

## Sister Margaret Harrison, OSB

### Taught music, directed choirs at diocesan schools

**ERIE** — Sister Margaret Harrison, OSB, a Benedictine Sister of Erie for 80 of her 96 years, died at her home, Mount St. Benedict Monastery, on June 16, 2008.



Sister Margaret Harrison

Sister Margaret was the daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Mahony Harrison. She was born on May 8, 1912 in Chester, W. Va. Soon after, her family moved to St. Joseph Parish in Sharon where she was baptized and confirmed and where she came to know the Benedictine Sisters who taught in the parish school.

Sister Margaret, who was a graduate of St. Benedict Academy, entered the community as a postulant at age 16. When she was the youngest member, the oldest was a sister who had entered the community in 1861. Sister Margaret herself became the senior member and witness to half of the community's history.

She began her novitiate on February 11, 1929. At that time, she

received the name Sister Antoinette, her mother's middle name. Later, she returned to her baptismal name. She made her first profession of Benedictine vows on February 11, 1930 and her final profession on August 21, 1933.

She earned both her bachelor's and the master's degrees in music at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, N.Y.

For 39 years, Sister Margaret taught music in several schools: St. Benedict Academy, Erie; St. Michael, Fryburg; Immaculate Conception, Clarion; St. Joseph and Sacred Heart, Sharon; St. Joseph, St. Stephen and Venango Catholic High School, Oil City.

She formed and directed choirs in these schools and gave private lessons. The success of many of her students as professional musicians has been a joy to her through the years.

Sister Margaret has had several other ministries. She became involved in care of the elderly, became a nurse aide and worked at Breவில் Village. She was one of the early hospice volunteers in the Erie area.

Sister Margaret then began her next career, sewing. She made custom draperies and, in her spare time, sewed for the sisters whose skills were unequal to the task.

## Sister Mary Adelle Hart, SSJ

### Longtime teacher, religious education coordinator

**ERIE** — Sister Mary Adelle Hart, SSJ, 94, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died on July 10, 2008. She was in her 74th year of religious life.



Sister Mary Adelle Hart

She was born in Erie on May 30, 1914, daughter of the late James John and Mary Catherine (Halbe) Hart.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. John Parish, Erie, in 1937.

Sister earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Villa Maria College, Erie, in 1948 and attended Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; Gannon University, Erie; St. Vincent College

Latrobe, Pa.; St. Mary's College, Danville; and the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn. She held a master's certificate in religion.

Sister Mary Adelle's ministries included serving at the sisters' motherhouse (1937-38 and 1983-85). She taught elementary and religious education in numerous diocesan schools including: St. Patrick, Erie (1938-39); St. Ann, Erie (1939-43); St. Andrew, Erie (1943-44); St. Agatha, Meadville (1944-46); Blessed Sacrament, Erie (1946-48); St. Brigid, Meadville (1948-54); St. John, Erie (1952); St. Joseph, Erie (1954-59); St. Paul, Erie (1959-60); and St. Bernard, Bradford (1962-68).

For 13 years, Sister Mary Adelle served as religious education coordinator in the Moshannon Valley and worked in the same ministry at St. Francis, Bradford and Mercer Catechetical Center. She also ministered at St. Agatha and St. Brigid parishes in Meadville and St. Francis, Clearfield.

Prior to her retirement, she ministered at St. Mark Catholic Center.

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