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St. Rose of Lima

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Aug. 22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 23	St. Rose of Lima
Aug. 24	St. Bartholomew
Aug. 25	St. Louis of France, St. Joseph Calasanz
Aug. 27	St. Monica
Aug. 28	St. Augustine
Sept. 3	St. Gregory the Great

Honoring the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Aug. 24

In belated celebration of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, join St. Ann Church, 10th and East Avenue in Erie, on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. for Mass with guest homilist Father Edward Krause, CSC, a member of the faculty of Gannon University.



Also included will be the rosary, chaplet, consecration, traditional marian hymns, enrollment in the brown scapular and benediction.

This event is sponsored by the Erie Apostolate of Divine Mercy of St. Ann.

In his encyclical, "Ad Caeli Reginam," Pope Pius XII said "the Blessed Virgin Mary should be called Queen, not only because of her Divine Motherhood, but also because God has willed her to have an exceptional role in the work of our eternal salvation."



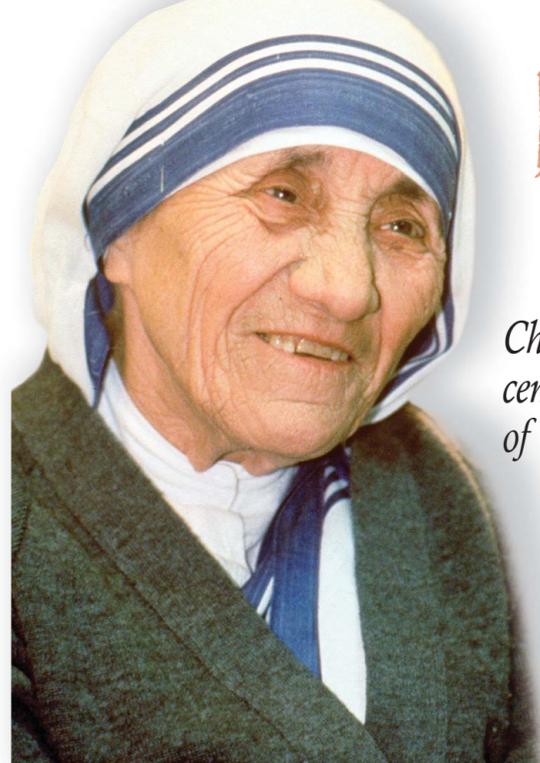
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- Preparing for the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal
- Faithful Servants – a tribute to this year's jubilarians

Missionaries of Charity

Mother Teresa founded the order with 12 sisters in 1950. The community is now worldwide and includes these branches and efforts.



- Canada, U.S., Mexico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Egypt, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, India, Goa, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand
- SISTERS**
- Active in direct ministry to the poorest of the poor.
 - Contemplatives focused on prayer, eucharistic adoration, spiritual works of mercy.
- PRIESTS, BROTHERS**
- They profess vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor.
- LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY**
- Consecrated single or married Catholics who take private vows and work to sanctify selves and families.
- CO-WORKERS OF MOTHER TERESA**
- People of any religion who share in the spirit of the order to bring God's love to the poor and to those in need in their own families.
- CORPUS CHRISTI MOVEMENT FOR PRIESTS**
- A movement of diocesan priests worldwide that shares the charism of Mother Teresa and fosters holiness and spiritual renewal in the church.



Mother Teresa at 100

Church celebrates centennial of Missionaries of Charity foundress

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

Mother Teresa, in her familiar white and blue sari, traveled the world to deliver a single message: that love and caring are the most important things in the world.

"The biggest disease today," she once said, "is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and char-

ity, the terrible indifference toward one's neighbor who lives at the roadside, assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease."

This week the Catholic Church will mark the 100th birthday of the tiny, Albanian nun who showed the world that the poorest of the poor deserved care and compassion. A favorite motto she lived and preached was "Do small things with great love."

Sister Ann Amen of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania remembers meeting Mother Teresa.

How could she forget? "It was one of the highlights of my life," Sister Ann recalled.

It was 1981 and she was on sabbatical in Australia. Mother Teresa was coming to Brisbane to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mater Children's Hospital. She spoke to an overflow crowd at the city hall auditorium.

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Diocesan priest headed for service in Rome

Father Edward Lohse called to Congregation for Clergy

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

In 1995, Father Edward Lohse found himself teaching at DuBois Central Catholic High School and ministering at St. Tobias Parish in Brockway.

At that time, Bishop Donald Trautman called him to leave behind those communities that he had grown to love to come to Erie for service to the larger church of the diocese.

"That was a difficult move, but I believe it was guided by divine providence," Father Lohse recalls.

Since that time he has served as diocesan chancellor and director of vocations, as well as the bishop's master of ceremonies.

Now he finds himself called again—this time by the Holy See to leave another community which he has grown to love for service once again for the larger church—the universal church.

The Congregation for Clergy in Rome has requested the appointment of Father Lohse to serve as an official for that congregation.



Father Edward Lohse receives applause from Bishop Donald Trautman and diocesan employees at St. Mark Catholic Center for his service to the Diocese of Erie. Bishop Trautman announced he has released Father Lohse from his diocesan duties to serve the Congregation for Clergy in Rome.

Bishop Trautman made the move official by releasing Father Lohse of his diocesan duties effective Aug. 4, the feast day of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests. He made an announcement to diocesan employees at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie the same day.

"This is very joyful news for Father Lohse and the diocese, but there's sadness at the same

time in losing a very gifted co-worker," Bishop Trautman said. "It's bittersweet."

The bishop called the Vatican dicastery's request a "special honor" for Father Lohse and recognition of the Diocese of Erie's gifted presbyterate.

Father Lohse will begin his service to the Congregation for Clergy in early September.

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Father Chris Singer named new chancellor

By Anne-Marie Welsh
FaithLife

As a result of Father Edward Lohse's departure from the Diocese of Erie to serve in Rome, Bishop Donald Trautman has appointed Father Chris Singer as chancellor.

"It's a special joy to me because in 2003 I ordained him," Bishop Trautman said. "Father Singer is a gifted individual and we are proud to have him as our chancellor."



Father Chris Singer

Father Singer entered St. Mark Seminary and Gannon University in Erie immediately upon graduation from Oil City High School in 1995. He attended the North American College in Rome, earning his degree in sacred theology from the Gregorian University there in 2003. He spent an additional year in Rome working on his licentiate at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family.

Father Singer was assigned as a parochial vicar at St. George Parish in Erie upon ordination to the priesthood on June 27, 2003. He stayed in that position for five years, during which time he helped to bring the Family Honor program to the diocese. He continues to serve as a presenter and as vice

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Clergy appointments

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



Father Dan Arnold, assigned to residence at St. Andrew Parish, Erie. Effective September 3, 2010.

Father Bill Barron, appointed associate director of vocations (part time) for a term of five years. Effective August 4, 2010; reappointed as parochial vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, for a term of three years. Effective July 7, 2010.

Deacon Richard Brogdon, appointed deacon assistant at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie, for a term of five years. Effective July 12, 2010.

Deacon Richard and Victoria Brogdon, appointed interim coordinators of the diocesan Refugee Ministry Program. Effective immediately.

Father Thomas Dugan, appointed senior associate of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie, for a term of six years. Effective August 15, 2010.

Deacon Fred Keck, appointed deacon assistant at Holy Rosary Parish, Erie, for a term of five years. Effective July 12, 2010.

Father Michael Kesicki, reappointed rector of St. Mark Seminary, Erie, and member of the faculty of Gannon University for a term of five years. Effective immediately.

Deacon Douglas Konzel, appointed deacon assistant at St. Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community, Erie, for a term of five years. Effective July 12, 2010.

Father William Kuba, appointed administrator of St. Eusebius Parish, East Brady, and its mission church of St. Richard, Rimersburg. Effective August 31, 2010.

Father Edward Lohse, JCL, released from the Diocese of Erie for service at the Congregation for Clergy in Rome. Effective September 2010.

Father John Malthaner, reappointed headmaster of Venango Catholic High School, Oil City, while continuing on as administrator of Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Oil City, and residence at St. Joseph Parish, Oil City, for a term of five years. Effective immediately.

Deacon Richard O'Polka, appointed deacon assistant at St. Patrick Parish, Franklin, for a term of five years. Effective July 12, 2010.

Father Walter Packard, appointed parochial administrator of St. Michael Parish, Greenville. Effective July 26, 2010 and ending September 1, 2010.

Msgr. David Rubino, appointed campus minister at Mercyhurst College, North East, and administrative assistant to the president, Mercyhurst College, Erie campus.

Deacon Richard Rueberger, appointed deacon assistant at St. Anthony Parish, Sharon, and chaplain at George Junior Republic, Grove City, for a term of five years. Effective July 12, 2010.

Father Steve Schreiber, appointed diocesan director of vocations for a term of five years while continuing on as residential spiritual director of St. Mark Seminary, Erie; director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and campus minister (part time) at Cathedral Prep, Erie. Effective August 4, 2010.

Father Christopher Singer, appointed to the office of chancellor for the Diocese of Erie, with residence at Holy Rosary Parish, Erie. Effective immediately without specified date of termination. Concurrent with this appointment are ex-officio memberships on the following boards/committees: Bishop's Administrative Cabinet, board of the Erie Diocesan Cemeteries, board of members of each of the Catholic Charities' corporations, Priest Retirement Board, member of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors, Promoter of Justice and Diocesan Review Board.

Deacon Dennis Socash, appointed deacon assistant at St. Agnes Parish, Morrisdale, for a term of five years. Effective July 12, 2010.

IN THE U.S.

Catholic and other church-owned health systems demonstrate greater quality and efficiency than not-for-profit or investor-owned systems, according to a new analysis by Thomson Reuters. The analysis released Aug. 9 divided 255 U.S. health systems into four ownership categories and then compared them according to eight performance measures, including mortality rates, complications, patient safety, readmission rates and average length of stay. "Catholic and other church-owned systems are significantly more likely to provide higher quality performance and efficiency to the communities served than investor-owned systems," said a report prepared by David Foster of Thomson Reuters' Center for Healthcare Improvement in Ann Arbor, Mich. "Catholic health systems are also significantly more likely to provide higher quality performance to the communities served than secular not-for-profit systems," it added. "Investor-owned systems have significantly lower performance than all other groups."

AROUND THE WORLD

Church charities in Pakistan are gearing up for prolonged relief and rehabilitation work as the South Asian nation is faced with the worst flood in its history. "With continuing rains and floods spreading to more areas, the challenge before us is growing by the day," said Carolyn Fanelli, head of programming and acting country representative for Catholic Relief Services in Pakistan. "We have already distributed emergency relief material to 6,400 people and our target is being regularly revised upward," she said. The devastating floods that began in late July in the mountainous north under incessant monsoon rains have claimed more than 1,600 lives and affected more than 13 million people. The United Nations reported Aug. 9 that the floods have affected more people than the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 earthquake in the Kashmir region of Pakistan and the January earthquake in Haiti combined. Fanelli noted that floodwaters are expanding into new regions, including the plain provinc-

es of Punjab and Sindh, forcing the agency to raise its estimates of people needing assistance. She said the agency may need to provide emergency shelter and hygiene supplies to as many as 100,000 people.



A man leads two donkeys through floodwaters near Sukkur, Pakistan, Aug. 12.

The Vatican condemned the recent decision by U.S. regulators to begin using embryonic stem cells in clinical tests on human patients. The destruction of human embryos involved in such research amounts to "the sacrifice of human beings" and is to be condemned, said the president emeritus of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Bishop Elio Sgreccia. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave final approval for a clinical trial of embryonic stem cells as a treatment for patients with spinal-cord injuries, making the United States the first country to allow the testing of such cells on human beings. Geron Corp., the U.S. company which won the FDA approval, plans to perform tests on a small group of patients paralyzed by a spinal cord injury. In a July 31 interview with Vatican Radio, Bishop Sgreccia said science itself recognizes the human embryo "is a human being in the making." Destroying embryos "receives a completely negative judgment" from an ethical point of view, no matter what justifications are given for their use, he said. The Italian bishop said embryonic stem cells have not been proven to be effective in therapies.

U.S. Archbishop Raymond Burke was recently named a member of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. Arch-

bishop Burke already serves as prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature, the church's highest tribunal that deals primarily with questions of procedure and jurisdiction of other courts. He is also a member of the Congregation for Bishops, the body that makes recommendations to the pope on the appointment of bishops throughout the world. Archbishop Burke, formerly the archbishop of St. Louis, joins two other U.S. members of the saints' congregation: Cardinal Francis Stafford, former head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, and Cardinal William Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.



Archbishop Raymond Burke

PEOPLE OF FAITH

Mother Maria Kaupas might no longer walk the halls of the Sisters of St. Casimir motherhouse in the Marquette Park section of Chicago, but her spirit is there.



Mother Maria Kaupas, founder of the U.S. order Sisters of St. Casimir, has been declared venerable, the first major step toward sainthood for the Lithuanian-born nun.

It's in the chapel where she prayed, the bedroom where she slept and even the grounds where she took recreation. Mostly, it's in her mission to serve people who need help, a mission carried on by the sisters who have succeeded her. Mother Maria, who established the Sisters of St. Casimir in 1907 to serve Lithuanian immigrants in the United States, was declared venerable July 1 by Pope Benedict XVI in recognition of her heroic virtues. Her sisters — including more than a score who remember her personally — are continuing to pray for her beatification, and, ultimately, her canonization.

Church celebrates centennial of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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"Mother, in her very kind way, suggested that the children come and sit up on the stage," Sister Ann said.

Her talk focused on love of God and in her simple message she had the audience mesmerized.

"She was magnificent," Sister Ann said.

The next morning, Mother Teresa stopped by All Hallows convent on her way to the airport to meet the local sisters.

"She got out of the car and met and kissed each one of us. I didn't want to wash my face for a month," Sister Ann said. "I thought, 'I'm meeting a real saint.' I was really in the presence of a living saint."

The hospital administrator who was driving Mother Teresa asked Sister Ann if she would like to see Mother's luggage.

"It was an old cardboard box that was fastened with a rope and

she had a used prayer rug," she said.

Sister Ann said she left the encounter with something that she thought brought her closer to God because of Mother Teresa.

"She was always so kind and approachable. She never turned anyone away and she always had time for everyone. She loved the poor—that stood out in my mind more than anything. Nothing was too arduous or difficult for her to do. She took care of the down and out when no one else would do it."

Sister Ann, 92, said she still has one more wish regarding Mother Teresa.

"I would love to see her canonized in my lifetime," she said.

Father Brian Kolodiejchuk of the Missionaries of Charity, postulator for the sainthood cause of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, told a recent gathering at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn., that her cause is "still waiting for one more miracle" for her to be declared a saint.



CNS photo

The U.S. Postal Service will unveil its stamp of Blessed Mother Teresa Sept. 5, her feast day and the 13th anniversary of her death.

Mother Teresa, who died Sept. 5, 1997, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003.

An international film festival

and a photo exhibition are among various events planned to mark Blessed Mother Teresa's birth centenary this month.

The West Bengal government in India and civic groups have joined the church to celebrate the late nun's 100th birthday with a program that includes prayer meetings and an art show. The program will start Aug. 26, her birth anniversary, and conclude with nine days of prayer commencing Sept. 5, her death anniversary.

A three-day Mother Teresa International Film Festival, organized by the Calcutta Archdiocese, will be launched Aug. 26 at the state film center in Nandan where films on the nun from 18 countries will be screened.

The Missionaries of Charity, the congregation founded by Mother Teresa, will celebrate the centenary with yearlong prayers and charity programs.

Relics of Blessed Mother Teresa — her crucifix, rosary and sandals and a reliquary containing

her blood — are currently touring the United States and Canada as part of worldwide events anticipating the 100th anniversary of her birth. Among the cities that have had or will have the relics on display are Toronto; New York

City; Bridgeport, Conn.; Boston; Fall River, Mass.; Baltimore; Peoria, Ill.; Gary, Ind.; Chicago; St. Paul, Minn. Not all the stops have been announced.

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For more information on Mother Teresa, her centennial or the Missionaries of Charity, visit www.motherteresa.org.

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Father Lohse called to Congregation for Clergy

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"You will be our man in Rome," Bishop Trautman said. "Our prayers will accompany you, and our friendship will always be there for you."

For his own part, Father Lohse said the request and appointment has come with mixed emotions.

"I do believe it's guided by divine providence," he said. "I'm both humbled and honored by this call to service. There's certainly excitement, at times more than a little bit of trepidation. But there is also a real sense of everything of which I must let go, no the least of which is home, family, friends and co-workers."

"I am also looking forward to the blessings which will inevitably follow, as they always do. Please know that I will always keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. I will carry you with me in my heart, and I ask for your prayers."

Father Lohse was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie in 1989. The son of Ida E. and the late Edward L. Lohse of McKean, he is a graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School and gradu-



Father Edward Lohse, a priest of the Diocese of Erie for 21 years, will begin working for the Congregation for Clergy in Rome in September. In his most recent diocesan assignments, Father Lohse served as chancellor and vocations director.

ated summa cum laude from Gannon University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1984. He earned a master of divinity from St. Vincent Seminary in 1987 and a licentiate in canon law, summa cum laude, from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 2002.

His first assignment as a parochial vicar was at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Corry. In 1990 he began

a five-year position as faculty member and campus minister at DuBois Central Catholic High and Middle Schools, where he taught theology, Latin and German. He is also fluent in Italian.

Father Lohse served as vocation director for the diocese from 1995-2000 before attending graduate studies in Rome. Upon his return to the diocese in 2002, he was name vice chancel-

lor and vocation director. He was appointed chancellor in 2007.

He is also a member of the St. Vincent Seminary Board of Regents, the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors and the Canon Law Society of America.

The Congregation for Clergy has a long tradition in the Catholic Church. It was created by Pope Pius IV in 1564 to implement the reforms established by the Council of Trent. Today, the dicastery is divided into three offices including the Office for the Clergy which deals with initiatives regarding the "sanctity, intellectual and pastoral updating of diocesan priests and deacons as well as their ongoing formation." The office also promotes the equitable distribution of clergy throughout the world.

The congregation includes a Catechetical Office providing for the religious formation of the faithful of all ages and states of life and an office that oversees juridical negotiations.

Father Lohse will serve under Cardinal Claudio Hummes, OFM, of Brazil, prefect of the congregation.

Father Singer named diocesan chancellor

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president of the board for Family Honor.

In 2008 Father Singer began work on his degree in canon law at the Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C. He earned his licentiate degree in canon law in late July 2010.

"The need for a canonist arose and Bishop Trautman asked if I would be willing to do it," Father Singer said. "I was pleasantly surprised to find that I really enjoyed it. Canon law is very beautiful in its history and application in the church. It's applied theology. It takes what God has revealed to us and translates it into real life in the real world with real people."

In his role as chancellor, Father Singer will also serve as a member of the cabinet for the diocese, a member of the priests' presbyteral council and a member of the college of consultors. He will also work closely with Bishop Trautman as a master of ceremonies at many of his liturgies for confirmations and other events throughout the diocese.

"I know as a priest in the parish I often relied upon the help of the people who worked in the

Chancery," Father Singer said. "So I'm grateful to be able to offer that service now to my brother priests and all those who work in ministry."

In other appointments, Bishop Trautman named Father Steve Schreiber diocesan vocation director. Father Schreiber has served as associate vocation director since 2008. He will continue his role as director of youth and young adult ministry and as part-time chaplain at Cathedral Prep in Erie.

Father Bill Barron, who will remain parochial vicar at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, will now serve as associate vocation director.



Father Steve Schreiber



Father Bill Barron

Briefly

Organ centennial celebration at St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois

DUBOIS - St. Catherine of Siena Parish in DuBois will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its church organ with a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19.

All are welcome to "The Hook & Hastings Organ Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Music at St. Catherine of Siena Church." Come hear the ageless sound of this classic instrument at the church, 116 S. State St. in DuBois.

This concert is organized by Stephen Paul Toney, classically trained organist and parishioner. Toney has spent more than 300 hours revitalizing and bringing the pipe organ back to its optimum capacity.

No tickets are required. A tour of the organ will be held at 2:30 p.m. before the concert. For more information, call the parish at 814.371.8556.

Pre-Cana leadership conference Oct. 9

ERIE - The Diocese of Erie's Family Life Office is sponsoring a one-day Pre-Cana leadership conference on Saturday, Oct. 9 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie.

The conference, titled "Pre-Cana in the 21st Century: What's New in Marriage Preparation Ministry," is free and will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is also included. It is open to all clergy and lay volunteers who currently work or wish to work in the specialized area of marriage preparation.

In addition to two keynote talks given by nationally recognized author, Mary Jo Pedersen, there will be several break-out sessions, small and large-group discussions and a resource table for review.

The diocese's newly revised Pre-Cana program, which will go into effect in January 2011, will also be introduced.

Breakout sessions include:

- Facing obstacles and finding resolutions in marriage
- God, sex and the Theology of the Body
- Navigating the social networking universe as married persons

■ Making the case for revisions in Pre-Cana

Registrations will be accepted online at www.ErieRCD.org or by phone at 814.814.1265 until Sept. 26.

For more information on the conference, contact the Family Life Office at 814.824.1250 or e-mail familylife@eriercd.org.

Sister Aurelia Helmheckel, RSM

Served as longtime teacher, principal

Sister Aurelia Helmheckel, RSM, 83, died on July 31, 2010 at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse. She was in her 67th year of religious life.

She was born August 2, 1926, in Brookville, a daughter of the late Walter and Amelia Siverid Helmheckel. On August 15, 1943, she entered the Sisters of Mercy at Titusville from Immaculate Conception Parish, Brookville. She professed perpetual vows on August 17, 1949. In 1971 she celebrated her silver jubilee; in 1994, her golden jubilee; and in 2004, her diamond jubilee.

Sister Helmheckel earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mercyhurst College and a master's in school administration from Duquesne University.

Throughout her ministry, Sister Aurelia served as teacher in the following Catholic schools

in the Diocese of Erie: St. George, Erie; Immaculate Conception, Brookville; St. Thomas, Corry; and St. Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney. She served as principal and teacher of St. Justin Elementary School, Pittsburgh, and St. Patrick, Franklin.

She was house manager of Hope House, a shelter for homeless women and children. She is survived by the members of her religious community, two sisters, Helen Pelletier and Irene Koflanovich; a brother, Thomas Helmheckel, and several nieces and nephews.



Sister Aurelia Helmheckel, RSM

DEATH NOTICES

Sister Denise Mosier, OSB

Kane native entered Benedictine community in St. Marys

Sister Denise Mosier, OSB, 66, died on Sunday, August 1, 2010 in a car accident in Bristow, Va.

Born Jeanette Marie Mosier, Sister Denise grew up in Kane and became a Benedictine Sister at St. Joseph Monastery in St. Marys in 1961. She later became a member of the Benedictine Sisters in Bristow.

Sister Denise spent many years as a teacher in elementary and high school education. She was a missionary in Africa for eight years—two in Ethiopia and six in Tanzania, where she taught seminarians.

At St. Benedict Monastery, Sister Denise was a spiritual director and also mentored women who were new to the community. Gifted in liturgical movement, she often enhanced the services of the Benedictine Sisters with

her gift of dance.

Sister Denise is survived by her mother, Edith Mosier; her brothers, John and Bob Mosier and their wives, all from Kane, Pa.; her sister, Mary Ann from Erie, Pa.; several nieces and nephews and the 31 sisters of her Benedictine community.



Sister Denise Mosier, OSB

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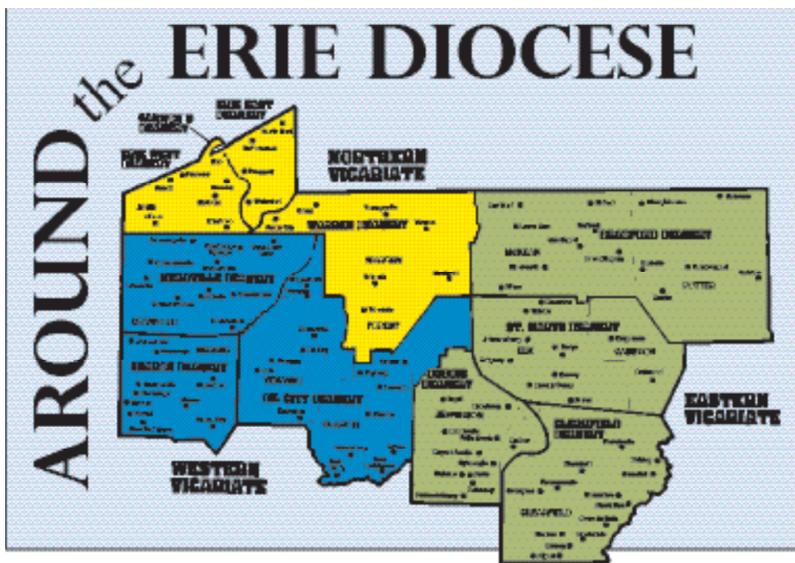
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Holy Redeemer students awarded scholarships

WARREN — Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren recently awarded scholarships to three of its graduating seniors.

Jenna Zdarko, the daughter of John and Mary Beth Zdarko, has been active in the parish as an altar server, working vacation Bible school, attending youth rallies, helping with the youth performance of the Living Stations, singing with Peacemakers at Sunday liturgies and serving as a student representative on pastoral council. Jenna will attend Clarion University majoring in speech pathology/audiology.

Sandy Theim, the daughter of Cindy Hook and granddaughter of Donna Roberti, has been active in the parish singing at Sunday liturgies with Peacemakers, attending diocesan youth rallies and CLL, helping with the youth performance of Living Stations, religious education and vacation Bible school and volunteering to teach the preschool religious education class her senior year. In the fall Sandy will attend Clarion University and major in early childhood and special education.

Kelli Fasenmyer, the daughter of Rod and Ronna Fasenmyer,



Pictured are Holy Redeemer scholarship recipients Jenna Zdarko, Sandy Theim and Kelli Fasenmyer along with their pastor, Msgr. John Lucas.

has been active as an altar server, helping with Living Stations, working with vacation Bible school, teaching religious education classes and attending week-long retreats for the youth of the Erie Diocese at the Young People Who Care Center in Frenchville. Kelli will attend Penn State's University Park campus and ma-

major in chemistry.

The Holy Redeemer scholarship fund was established in 1999 as a student award fund that was used to recognize students who had given much of their time and talent to the parish during their high school years. This year's award recipients each received \$800.

Running of the Rose stops in Erie, Greenville

The Silver Rose, a symbol of unity among peoples in the Americas that has been carried throughout the United States and beyond, recently made a visit to the Diocese of Erie.

For 50 years, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of America. The purpose of the program is to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and to reaffirm the Knights' commitment to the sanctity of life.

The Running of the Rose, as the program is called, made stops on back-to-back days in June at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Erie and St. Michael Parish in Greenville, respectively.

Part of the program features praying the rosary to end abortion. Members of the faithful are also encouraged to handle the rose itself, which is made from pure silver.

The program has continued over the years as a project of Columbian Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies. This year, three roses are traveling simultaneously starting in London, Ontario, Canada, then throughout the U.S. before meeting in Texas and crossing the International Bridge where they will be handed over to Knights from Monterrey.

For more information on the Silver Rose, its history and travels, visit www.runningoftherose.org.



A member of the Knights of Columbus handles the Silver Rose at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Erie. The rose also visited St. Michael Parish in Greenville.

OLP youth perform service week at Frenchville's YPWC



FRENCHVILLE — Several members of the senior high youth group from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, along with confirmation candidates, adult leaders and priests attended a week of service and prayer July 18-24 at Young People Who Care Inc. in Frenchville.

Young People Who Care is a Catholic grassroots ministry in which volunteers respond to the needs of people in Central Appalachia Pennsylvania. YPWC was founded as a response to the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "This Land is Home to Me."

The group spent its week repairing area homes, volunteering at Marian House which provides temporary shelter and assistance

for women and children in crisis and completing community service projects throughout the area. One of the daily activities included picking blueberries. The sale of blueberries helps fund Young People Who Care ministries.

The group enjoyed fellowship, prayer and working side by side with other youth from Western New York and Michigan.

Pictured from left to right are OLP volunteers: (Front row) Michael Ripple, Katelyn McCarthy, Audrey Butler, Gina Fulgenzio, Jessica Viera-Posterli, Laura DiBacco, Kevin DiBacco, (back row) Father Bill Barron, Adam Murawski, Caleb Brooder, Ryan Kramer, Xavier Candela, Kelly McCarthy, Bri-

anna Vogel, Becca Noel, Katelyn Przybyszewski, Jacob Beaver and Father Ted Marconi. Missing from the photo is Ryan Calhoun.

NFP honors Mitchell family as volunteers of the year

MEADVILLE — The Diocese of Erie's Office of Natural Family Planning/Chastity Education honored more than 100 of its volunteers at an Aug. 7 appreciation dinner at St. Mary of Grace Parish in Meadville.

Tom and Tammie Mitchell from St. Patrick Parish in Franklin were recognized as the Volunteers of the Year for their many years of service. The Mitchells have taught Natural Family Planning classes in the diocese since 1995 and have served as speakers to engaged couples at Pre-Cana events. Tammie has also been a volunteer in the office's Mother-Daughter Tea program. Their daughter, Michelle, is also involved with the Mother-Daughter Teas.

Pictured from left to right are Tom and Tammie Mitchell and Barb and Ed Burkett, directors of the diocese's Natural Family Planning/Chastity Education programs. With the Mitchells are their two youngest of ten children, Anna and Sarah.



The Mitchells were presented with a triptych icon of the Resurrection.

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