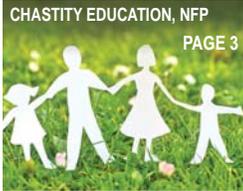




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## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Diocese celebrates Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on Sept. 9.

The day will be observed with the following initiatives in the Diocese of Erie:

- Bishop Lawrence Persico asks all parishes to dedicate one regularly scheduled Mass to this intention on Sept. 9. He will celebrate the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Peter Cathedral for this intention.
- In order to link this initiative with the Holy Year of Mercy, each designated pilgrimage site in the diocese has been asked to have a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that day. Times for the various sites are posted on the diocesan website at [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org).
- Materials for the Day of Prayer are available on the diocesan website. They include a prayer service and suggested intercessions for the Mass. All are encouraged to download these materials for use at home or in parishes.

### Catholic entities receive more than \$500,000 from Erie Gives

More than \$500,000 was given to Catholic-affiliated churches, agencies and religious orders during Erie Gives Day Aug. 9.

The annual event is a one-day fundraiser sponsored by the Erie Community Foundation to support local nonprofits.

Forty-two entities with Catholic ties participated in this year's Erie Gives, earning \$503,008. Five Catholic nonprofits were among the top 25 that received funds.

According to Lisa Louis, executive director of The Catholic Foundation and Diocesan Development Services for the Diocese of Erie, the significant donations to Catholic-based ministries is a testament to the long history of the Catholic Church in the Erie area.

"These ministries are vehicles for faith-filled donors to do much more than they could do individually to extend love and support to people in need," Louis said.

## Teresa of Kolkata canonized today

### U.S. embassy launches online exhibit of saint

ROME (CNS)—The U.S. Embassy to the Holy See launched an online exhibit documenting the deep ties St. Teresa of Kolkata had with the United States.

"She had an impact on Americans—quite a profound impact," said Ken Hackett, the U.S. ambassador, who knew and worked with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity while he served as president of Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. bishops.

The site includes many items from her repeated trips to the United States, the first of which appears to have been a trip to address the 1960 conference of the National Council of Catholic Women in Las Vegas.

St. Teresa frequently paid calls on the offices of CRS, first in New York and then in Baltimore. She also was

### The Life of Mother Teresa



Source: Catholic News Service reports

- 1910 Born Aug. 26 in Macedonia
- 1928 Makes first vows with Loreto Sisters in Dublin
- 1934 Named principal of girls school in Kolkata
- 1946 Receives inner call to serve the poor
- 1950 Establishes Missionaries of Charity
- 1952 Opens home for dying destitute in Kolkata
- 1965 Receives pontifical approval for her order
- 1971 Receives first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize
- Establishes first U.S. foundation of her order
- 1979 Receives Nobel Peace Prize
- 1990 Resigns as head of order, but re-elected in unanimous vote
- 1997 Turns over leadership of order to Sister Nirmala
- Dies in Kolkata Sept. 5
- 2003 Beatified by Pope John Paul II
- 2016 Elevated to sainthood

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The online exhibit, compiled to mark St. Teresa's canonization Sept. 4, debuted Aug. 26 on the embassy's website: <https://va.usembassy.gov>, as well as on Facebook.

a frequent visitor to the White House, meeting with Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

Reagan awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985.

In 1996, she was declared an honorary citizen of the United States, a declaration that requires an act of Congress or a presidential proclamation. Only eight people have received this honor.

## New leadership named for Catholic schools

FAITHLIFE Staff report

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie are being steered this year by a few new leaders: Jim Gallagher, Mary Gibson and Father Jason Glover.

Gallagher, 40, is the new superintendent of Catholic schools in the 13-county diocese.

Gibson, 51, is the first president of the newly created Erie Catholic School System.

Father Glover, who serves on the faculty at Gannon University, has been appointed to a one-year term as president of the Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools, also known as the Shenango Valley Catholic School System, Hermitage.

Bishop Lawrence Persico filled the superintendent and Erie president positions as part of the comprehensive plan for diocesan schools announced earlier this year.

As superintendent, Gallagher will oversee key aspects of diocesan school operations, including Catholic identity, academic quality, budgeting and major personnel decisions. He also will lead implementation of the new comprehensive plan, "Building in Truth and Love," reporting directly to Father Nicholas Rouch, vicar for education.

"I'm a systems thinker," said Gallagher, who is married and the father of seven. "I think it's going to serve us well in terms of seeing the big picture and how pieces are interconnected. I want to work toward a common vision."

A graduate of Gannon University, Gallagher comes to his new position from Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, where he was director of curriculum, instruction and assessment, ad-

ressing the needs of 54,000 public school students in the region.

According to Father Rouch, "Jim is passionate about helping educators find ever better ways to enrich student learning. I know we will be blessed by his professional expertise, his deep Catholic faith and his witness as a husband and father."

As president of the new Erie Catholic School System, Gibson will prepare Catholic schools in the Erie area for transition to the new system.

She will oversee personnel, enrollment, educational quality, budgeting and fundraising, and will report to a board of directors and the Catholic Schools Office.

The transition from nine parish-based schools to six school sites in a single Erie Catholic School System will begin with the 2017-18 academic year.

School systems already have been established in three other regions of the diocese: Elk County, DuBois and the Shenango Valley.

"Erie has such a strong tradition of Catholic education and it is exciting to be part of a new plan that will ensure a stable and vital future for Catholic education for our children," Gibson said.



Photo by Mary Salberg

Jim Gallagher is the new superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie.

Prior to assuming her president duties, Gibson served as principal at St. Peter Cathedral School, which closed in June. Before that, she taught for 12 years at Collegiate Academy, Erie. She holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Gannon, and is state certified in administration, English, German and social studies.

Married and the mother five children, she lives in Millcreek Township.

Father Glover will serve as president of the Shenango Valley Catholic School System for a one-year term, while continuing his duties at Gannon. He is working with a newly appointed administrative team, including William Lyon, headmaster of the school system and principal at Kennedy Catholic's middle and high schools; Heidi Patterson, principal of St. John Paul II Elementary School; and William Blum, director of finance for the school system.

"I've been impressed with the commitment of so many in the community to keep Kennedy strong. With their help, we are addressing the challenges," Father Glover said.

## The Iron Nun

SPOKANE, Wash.—Nike launched a TV ad campaign during the Summer Olympics featuring 86-year-old Sister Madonna Buder, a Sister of Christian Community from Spokane, who is a triathlete.

Sister Madonna was featured in Nike's "Unlimited Youth" commercial that ran through the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. "It wasn't until I was about 47, 48 that I was



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introduced to running—actually by a priest," she says in a short video interview released in addition to the TV spot.

Sister Madonna said the triathlon had made her realize "the only failure is not to try because your effort in itself is a success." She has completed 45 triathlons. Currently, Sister Madonna

holds the world record for the oldest person to ever finish an Ironman Triathlon, which she earned at age 82 by finishing the Subaru Ironman Canada Aug. 26, 2012.

## Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world

from Catholic News Service

### ■ Bishops reject death penalty

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (CNS)—Catholic bishops of New Mexico said in an Aug. 18 statement that they oppose Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's plan to reinstate the death penalty.

The New Mexico bishops quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church and St. John Paul II in saying that cases where it is "an absolute necessity" for the state to employ the death penalty to ensure the safety of the community "are very rare, if not practically non-existent."

### ■ Dallas bishop to head office

VATICAN (CNS)—Pope Francis named Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas to head the Vatican's new office for laity, family and life.

The Dublin-born bishop celebrated his 69th birthday on Sept. 2, the day after the new Vatican office officially began its work.



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Pope Francis greets Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas.

### ■ Police blessed in Chicago



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Schoolchildren in Chicago pray over members of the city's police department during a barbecue at the Academy of St. Benedict the African.

CHICAGO (CNS)—Chicago police officer Mike Cleary regularly stops by the city's Academy of St. Benedict the African to make sure the kids get in and out of school safely.

"The kids love him. He's been coming for years," longtime principal Patricia Murphy said.

When staff wanted to do something to thank Cleary and the other officers for what they do for the neighborhood, the idea for a back-to-school barbecue formed.

The August event began with everyone gathered in a circle with their hands extended in prayer over more than 20 officers. Deacon LeRoy Gill led a blessing for the officers and their families and afterward blessed the parents.

## Remember those suffering in Louisiana

### A special message from Bishop Lawrence Persico



The news of late has been filled with pictures and stories of the historic flooding in Louisiana. It is the worst natural disaster in the United States since Hurricane Sandy.

As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged and nearly 20,000 people have been rescued from the flood waters. Many of our brothers and sisters have lost their livelihood, as well as their worldly possessions.

In this Holy Year of Mercy, our attention has been directed to helping our brothers and sisters in need with both our prayers and our material means. I know you join me in prayer for those who are suffering from the devastation in Louisiana.

Let us also show our Christian mercy toward them by giving generously to the special collection called for by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bish-

ops to be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Erie the weekend of Sept. 24-25.

As always, I am grateful for the generosity shown by the people of the Diocese of Erie. You and your families remain in my prayer as the summer comes to a close and the new school year begins.

Individuals can donate directly to Catholic Charities USA at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>



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Richard Rossi and his 4-year-old great-grandson, Justice, wade through water Aug. 15 after their home flooded in St. Amant, La.

## Catholic educators, students must 'step out in faith'



Guest Commentary

Jim Gallagher

I recently returned from a 10-day pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, to celebrate World Youth Day with my wife and three sons. I came away from the experience with some inspiring thoughts relevant to our work in Catholic education.

First, the Catholic Church and the Catholic faith are thriving in the world today. I witnessed

1.5 million faithful (many of whom were under the age of 25) openly celebrate their faith in a country that remained under Communist control until 1989. The question Catholic educators must ask is: "How can we tap into this global spirit?"

The answer, of course, is almost always found within our most valuable asset: our youth. St. John Paul II understood this well. He recognized their contributions to the faith and to society, and challenged them to live according to God's plan and to "be not afraid." Here is one of my favorite JP II quotes aimed at youth: "You have to demand more from yourselves, even if no one puts any demands on you."

Young people are capable of doing much more than we think. In Poland,

I saw hundreds of thousands of teens and young adults walking miles to visit churches. They stood in line for hours, not for roller coasters and rock stars, but to venerate the relics of saints and to catch a glimpse of the pope. I was moved by the authentic display of youthful faith and energy displayed in public prayer, singing, laughing and reception of the sacraments.

Catholic educators have the critical task of helping students reach their full potential as sons and daughters of God.

We need to raise our expectations of ourselves and of them so we can support young people as they grow in understanding and knowledge. We must assist them in their intellectual, moral and spiritual development.

Second, there is an urgency with which we must work to implement our new plan for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie. "Building in Truth and Love" outlines our enormous responsibility to educate our young faithful through the gift of Catholic education.

While in Poland, my family and I vis-

ited the childhood home of St. John Paul II in Wadowice. When we reached the room in which he was born and where he spent much time in prayer, our attention was directed to a sundial on the side of a church outside his window. The quote under the clock where St. John Paul II would have gazed reads, "Time flees. Eternity waits." We have a limited time to make a difference in our schools, in our diocese, in our communities and in our world.

Finally, I see many similarities between the future of Catholic education and the pilgrimage experience. At the outset of any pilgrimage, the destination is clear and people are filled with expectations, hope and excitement. That anticipation, however, is tempered by uncertainty and, sometimes, fear.

At the beginning of every school year, educators and students must step out in faith, knowing there will be crosses to bear and blessings to be enjoyed. As the new superintendent of Catholic schools, I'm excited to step out in faith together with you on this journey.

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**Divorce ministry begins in September**

ERIE—The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG), a ministry of the Diocese of Erie's Family Life Office, begins Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the library of St. Luke School, 425 E. 38th St., Erie. For more information, call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

**Mid-Life Retreat scheduled at the Mount**

HARBORCREEK—A Mid-Life/Long-Life Directions Retreat will be held Sept. 9-11 at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, Harborcreek. The retreat will help participants refocus in the midst of life's changes. There is a recommended \$250 per resident; \$175 per commuter.

For more information, contact Sister Rosanne Loneck, OSB, at [srosanne@mtsbenedict.org](mailto:srosanne@mtsbenedict.org) or call 814-899-0614.

**Parish Social Ministry Conference scheduled**

MEADVILLE—All are welcome to attend the Parish Social Ministry Conference "Embracing One Another in Mercy" Sept. 10 at St. Mary of Grace Church, Meadville. The day begins at 9 a.m. and ends after lunch. For more information or to RSVP, call Erin Landini-Grogan at 814-824-1254 or email her at [elandini@ErieRCD.org](mailto:elandini@ErieRCD.org).

**Men invited to 'That Man is You' program**

RIDGWAY—All men are invited to attend a 13-week Scripture-based program to be held at St. Leo Church in Ridgway beginning Sept. 13.

"That Man is You" will include a light meal beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a DVD presentation and discussion. The program is about two hours in length. For more information, call Jim Delhanty at 814-594-1476.

Another 13-week "That Man is You" series will begin after the new year and continue through Lent.

**Families invited to NFP camp-out, picnic**

CARLTON, Pa.—Join Natural Family Planning families from the Diocese of Erie for a relaxing camping opportunity at Custaloga Town in Carlton, Pa., from 5 p.m. Sept. 16 until after the 1 p.m. Mass celebrated Sept. 18 by Father Thomas Trochico. There will be a traditional picnic and hike. Come for a day or for the weekend.

Visit [www.ErieRCD.org/pdf/nfp\\_campingweekend.pdf](http://www.ErieRCD.org/pdf/nfp_campingweekend.pdf) for more details, or call Doug and Amy Mosbacher at 814-724-6104.

**Faithful to the Finish 5K Run/Walk planned**

ERIE—The annual Faithful to the Finish 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Our Lady of Peace scholarship fund will be held Sept. 17 at Presque Isle State Park.

The race begins at 8 a.m. at the Erie Runners Club pavilion at Beach 1. To register, go to [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com). For more information, email [cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org), or call 814-833-7701, ext. 201.

**Diocesan Rosary March to be held in October**

ERIE—The public is invited to attend the 22nd annual Diocesan Rosary March Oct. 9 at St. Peter Cathedral.

Bishop Lawrence Persico will participate in the event, which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the cathedral, located at W. 10th and Sassafras streets. Participants will process through a 10-block area and then return for a homily by Father Jerry Priscaro and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

This year's Rosary March celebrates the Marian Jubilee in the Holy Year of Mercy. The diocesan division of the World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors the event.

**Catholic Rural Ministry to host fall retreat**

LUDLOW—The Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry of the Oil City and Bradford deaneries of the Diocese of Erie are hosting an overnight retreat, "Mercy—The Heartbeat of the Gospel," Oct. 4-5 from noon to noon at Olmsted Manor Conference Center in Ludlow.

To register, call 814-677-2032 by Sept. 27. The cost is \$50, which includes the \$25 pre-registration fee. Checks to Catholic Rural Ministry may be mailed to: Catholic Rural Ministry, 7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16101.

**Series to feature immigration, refugee topics**

ERIE—"A Catholic Understanding of Immigration and Refugee Resettlement" is the topic of panel discussions that will be held in four locations throughout the Diocese of Erie in October.

The series will explore immigration reform and refugee resettlement while outlining Catholic Church teaching on these issues. Refugees and immigrants will give personal accounts of their experiences.

Each seminar begins at 2:30 p.m., includes a social, and ends at 4:30 p.m. Below are the dates and locations of the seminars:

- Oct. 2—St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie
- Oct. 9—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Smethport
- Oct. 16—Assumption of the BVM, Oil City
- Oct. 23—St. Tobias, Brockway.

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# Catholic Education Collection benefits individuals, ministries



Photo by Mary Solberg

Villa Maria Academy's new principal, Brenda Karlinchak, talks to students Hannah Maciak, Meghan Relampagos, Laurel Kuric and Mary Therese McCormick the first day of school Aug. 29. Karlinchak received a grant to pursue principal certification.

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Brenda Karlinchak, a single mother of two and new principal at Villa Maria Academy in Erie, is finishing her K-12 principal certification thanks to a grant from the Religious Education Endowment Fund (REEF) of the Diocese of Erie.

If it weren't for the grant, Karlinchak believes she wouldn't have been able to afford her advanced coursework or give back to the students she cares about so much.

"I am truly grateful for the REEF grant as it has allowed me to continue my ministry in education and share my faith with the students

and faculty at Villa Maria Academy, as well as in the Erie community," Karlinchak says. "I firmly believe in Catholic education, having attended Catholic schools from elementary through graduate level, and am the proud parent of two daughters who also attend Catholic schools."

Karlinchak took over as principal of Villa this summer and expects to complete her certification shortly.

On Sept. 17-18, Catholics in the diocese will be asked to give to the annual Catholic Education Collection, which allocates funds to REEF, as well as to The Catholic Foundation, Catholic University of America, and, ultimately, parishes

in the 13-county diocese.

According to Father Nicholas Rouch, vicar for education, half of the money collected at a parish for the Catholic Education Collection stays in the parish.

"The collection grows every year," Father Rouch says. "I think people are increasingly seeing the real need to support religious education programs and Catholic schools."

Since the Catholic Education Collection was first held more than 25 years ago, people in the diocese have donated more than \$3 million.

St. Joseph Church in Lucinda, under the pastorate of Father Joseph Czarkowski, may be a small parish—with only 428 households—but parishioners give generously. Last year, they contributed \$4,434 to the Catholic Education Collection. That is well over the regular weekly collection.

"The people here are very generous," Father Czarkowski says. "We have struggling economies in Clarion County, so I'm grateful for whatever they give."

Because St. Joseph parishioners gave more than \$4,000 to the Catholic Education Collection, they were able to retain more than \$2,000 for St. Joseph School, which has an enrollment of 84 students.

Funds from the collection benefit numerous activities in the diocese.

In 2016, other notable assistance was given to the Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry in the Oil City Deaneary for faith formation programs, and to students attending a national youth conference.

## NFP, chastity directors appointed to posts

FAITHLIFE staff report

Two women have been appointed to lead Natural Family Planning and chastity education in the Diocese of Erie.

Kate Whiteford, formerly a religion and math teacher at St. Peter Cathedral School, Erie, has been named director of the Office of Chastity Education, while also serving as curriculum assistant to the Catholic Schools Office.

Cathy Dornisch, a native of St. Marys, has accepted the part-time position as coordinator for Natural Family Planning.

Both assumed their duties this past summer after the retirement of Barb and Ed Burkett, who taught NFP in the diocese the past 32 years. The Burketts oversaw both NFP programs and chastity education.

Upon the Burketts' retirement in July, Bishop Lawrence Persico expressed his appreciation for their devotion to the development of NFP and chastity outreach.



Cathy Dornisch Kate Whiteford

"It is very clear that one thing that stands out is their determination and their love for this ministry. It shows not only in the way they teach, but how they live their lives," the bishop said.

Whiteford, a parishioner of St. Peter Cathedral, comes to her new post with a strong background in education and spirituality.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Aquinas College in Tennessee, having majored in interdisciplinary studies. She later received her master's in curriculum and instruction

from Gannon University. For five years, she studied theology as a Dominican Sister.

Dornisch graduated from St. Vincent College, Latrobe, and earned her master's in counseling from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

She and her husband, Andy, learned Natural Family Planning from the Burketts in 2001. Over the years, they have done public speaking on NFP, sexuality, chastity and contraception.

Cathy and Andy Dornisch have four children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish, St. Marys.

As director of chastity education, Whiteford will oversee a broad range of programs in parishes and schools. The office supports individuals and families in their efforts to live out God's plan for a healthy, holy sexuality. Natural Family Planning is a key element of that outreach.

"This is an exciting time for the church," Whiteford said. "There is so much beauty in the way God created our sexuality, and I am honored to be able to serve the church in this way."

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## GRILLING OUT St. Michael Parish hosts picnic



DuBOIS—Catholics in DuBois enjoyed a picnic behind St. Michael the Archangel Church this July. The St. Michael Holy Name Society, along with the rosary societies of St. Michael and St. Joseph parishes in DuBois, sponsored the gathering. Pictured preparing hot dogs and hamburgers are Jeff Skraba, left, and Carl Yebertsky. Waiting in line are Msgr. Richard Siefer, administrator; and Rita Krishart and Rick Chapman.

## Behan Endowment generates funds for tuition scholarships



Lisa Louis, executive director of The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Erie, stands at far left with principals of elementary schools who shared a \$10,000 gift generated by the Dr. Barbara Behan Immaculate Heart of Mary Early Childhood Education Endowment Fund. With Louis, from left, are: Julia Strzalka, Seton School, Meadville; former principal Denise Long, St. Francis, Clearfield; Heidi Patterson, St. John Paul II, Hermitage; Jane Wagner, Blessed Sacrament, Erie; Nancy Pierce, St. Gregory, North East; Lisa Norton, St. James, Erie; Monica Schloder, St. Boniface, Kersey; Marge Hajduk, St. Stephen, Oil City; Kim Mooney, St. Bernard, Bradford; and Carol Long, St. Patrick, Franklin.

## Relay for Life team raises funds to fight cancer



CURWENSVILLE—Members of the St. Timothy and Friends Relay for Life team in Curwensville posed for this photo after a recent 5K walk/run fundraiser. The team raised more than \$10,400 this year for the American Cancer Society. The St. Timothy and Friends Relay for Life team includes Father Mark Mastrian, pastor, and several parishioners and friends.

## Knights of Columbus donate funds to diocese



ERIE—Knights of Columbus State Treasurer Jeffrey Blaze, left, and former Pennsylvania State Warden George Beckes presented two checks to Bishop Lawrence Persico recently for vocation support as well as retirement support for priests and sisters in the Diocese of Erie. Vocation support funds totaled \$1,460, and retirement support funds totaled \$2,934. "The Knights have always been most generous," the bishop said.

## Youngville parish wins at fair



YOUNGVILLE—St. Luke Parish in Youngville proudly accepted the blue ribbon for the best food concession for its St. Luke Polish Food and Sub Booth at the 2016 Warren County Fair. In five days, thanks to the hard work of many people, the booth raised more than \$16,000, with 10 percent benefiting charities, including the Soup Kitchen of St. Joseph Church, Warren. Pictured are parishioners Mary Ann DeVore and Mary Donahue, Father John Neff (pastor), and Mollie, the parish dog.

## Bon voyage to disabilities director



ERIE—The staff of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie gathered for a farewell party for Michael Adamus, foreground, upon his departure this summer as diocesan director of Disabilities Ministries. Adamus is pictured, from left, with: Indra Suarez, Erin Tubbs, Leslie Hooven, Christine Hess, Erin Landini-Grogan and Theresa Cari Serafin. Following the party, Adamus moved to Florida.

## Students attend retreat at Peek'n Peak



CLYMER, N.Y.—Mercyhurst Prep students in Erie participated in the second annual Athletic Leadership Retreat held this past August at Peek'n Peak Adventure Course in Clymer. The school's campus ministry and athletics co-sponsored the event, which began with a Mass at Mercyhurst's Our Lady of Mercy Chapel. Pictured getting ready to do the zip line, from left, are: Henley Spracklen, Lauren Habursky and Olivia Miller.

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