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Feast days



St. Peter Claver



Our Lady of Sorrows

- Sept. 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sept. 9 St. Peter Claver
- Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom
- Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sept. 16 Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
- Sept. 17 St. Robert Bellarmine

Confirmations

Sacred Heart, Erie – Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Confirmation classes include St. Andrew, Erie, and Sacred Heart, Erie.

Labor Day – Sept. 6

In the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2010 Labor Day statement, Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Centre, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, compared the challenges faced by today's workers to the changing society of the Industrial Revolution addressed by Pope Leo XIII.

"America is undergoing a rare economic transformation, shedding jobs and testing safety nets as the nation searches for new ways to govern and grow our economy," Bishop Murphy said. "Workers need a new 'social contract.'"

Bishop Murphy said that creating jobs would require new investments, initiative and creativity in the economy. He also drew on the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI, which call for placing the human person at the center of economic life and emphasize the role of civil society and mediating institutions such as unions in pursuing the common good.

To read the complete statement, "A New 'Social Contract' for Today's 'New Things,'" visit www.usccb.org.

National Catechetical Sunday – Sept. 19

This year, Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 19, will focus on the theme, "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love." Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

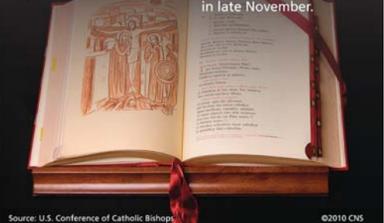
Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.



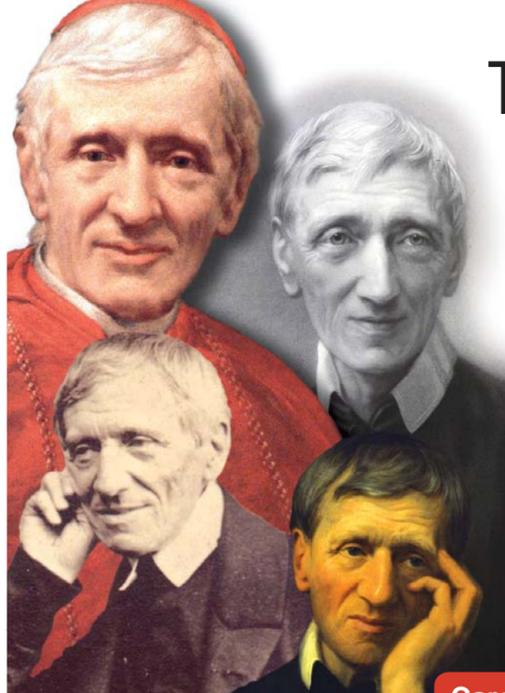
Key Events

The Roman Missal contains the prescribed prayers and instructions for the celebration of Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. These are key events in the development of the modern missal.

- 1963** Second Vatican Council calls for reform of the liturgy
- 1969** Pope Paul VI issues 'typical edition' of Roman Missal
- 1970** Vatican approves English translation of Mass
- 1975** Pope Paul VI issues 'second typical edition' of missal
- 2000** Pope John Paul II announces 'third typical edition' of missal
- 2004** Draft translation given to English-speaking bishops
- 2010** Vatican grants 'recognitio' for English translation
- 2011** New Roman Missal in use at U.S. parishes beginning in late November.



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The faces of Newman

Cardinal Newman seen not just as scholar, but also man of deep holiness

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

Intellectual. Theologian. Scholar. These are all descriptions of Cardinal John Henry Newman, the 19th century

English churchman.

In addition to being one of the most well-known people to be received into the Catholic Church in the 19th century, Cardinal Newman left behind teachings on the laity and doctrine that influenced the Second Vatican Council's proceedings. He also founded the English community of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Cardinal Newman during his Sept. 16-19 visit to Scotland and England. The beatification Mass on the last day of the pope's visit to London will be

the first beatification liturgy over which he has presided; since his election in 2005, he has delegated that role to cardinals in an effort to highlight the difference between beatification and canonization.

Today, more and more, people are becoming acquainted with Newman the person and his spirituality.

Father Nicholas Rouch wrote his doctoral dissertation on Cardinal Newman when he was studying out-

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Cardinal Newman timeline

1801 Born in London, England.	1845 At 44, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church.	1847 Ordained a Catholic priest. He was previously ordained an Anglican priest in 1825.	1879 Created a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII.	1890 Died at age 89 in Birmingham, England.	1991 Proclaimed venerable by the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints.	2010 Scheduled to be beatified by Pope Benedict XVI.
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Katrina five years later



WASHINGTON (CNS) – As the nation remembers the five-year anniversaries of Hurricane Katrina, which slammed into the Gulf Coast Aug. 29, and Hurricane Rita, which made landfall in Texas and Louisiana Sept. 24, Catholic Charities USA outlined the broad extent of its outreach in a new report "Katrina & Rita: Five Years Later."

The report notes that the national organization raised \$163 million for hurricane relief.

In the five years since Katrina, Catholic Charities New Orleans alone distributed \$55 million in direct financial assistance to those in need, provided 335,000 nights of shelter, gutted and rebuilt 3,200 homes, distributed 250 million pounds of food and provided counseling for 900,000 people.

Since Katrina, the organization has increased its efforts on preparing for future disasters.

Supporting lifelong learning of the faith

Catholic Education Collection Sept. 11-12

Each year, the Catholic Education Collection helps pass on the faith in the Diocese of Erie.

This special collection, which will be taken at Masses during the weekend of Sept. 11-12, also gives back to local parishes.

Half of the collection stays in each parish for its own educational efforts. The other half goes toward the diocesan Education and Formation Endowments. The endowment funds are returned to parishes in the form of grants to help develop education program across all ages.

The endowments fund parish and school initiatives, providing assistance to religious education personnel, tuition assistance grants and continuing education opportunities for Catholic school teachers.

The Catholic Education Collection is the primary source for bolstering the endowments.

Within the past year, the

diocese's educational endowments have funded a pre-Kinder-garten religion curriculum, grade school chastity education, youth ministry workshops and tuition for graduate programs.

The local funds that stay in the parish can be used in a number of ways, including religious education projects, replacing outdated educational materials, sending adult lead-

ers to workshops and conferences and updating technology.

A small percentage of this collection also goes to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Since their establishment in 1991, the Education and Formation Endowments have provided more than \$1 million in grants to nearly every parish in the diocese.

Did You Know?



More than **30,000 children** are being educated about the faith in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs throughout the **Diocese of Erie**.

Use of new Roman Missal to begin in U.S. at Advent 2011

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Catholics in the United States will begin using the long-awaited English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent in 2011, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago said Aug. 20.

The cardinal's announcement as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops marks the formal beginning of a more than 15-month period of education and training leading to the first use of the "third typical edition" of the Roman Missal at English-language Masses in the United States on Nov. 27, 2011.

The missal, announced by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and first published in Latin in 2002, has undergone a lengthy and rigorous translation process through the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, followed by sometimes heated discussions over particular wording at USCCB general assemblies during much of the past decade.

The USCCB said April 30 that the Vatican has given its "recognitio," or confirmation, of the new English

translation of the missal, but final editing by Vatican officials was continuing at that time.

In a decree of proclamation sent to the U.S. bishops Aug. 20, Cardinal George said, "The use of the third edition of the Roman Missal enters into use in the dioceses of the United States of America as of the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011. From that date forward, no other edition of the Roman Missal may be used in the dioceses of the United States of America."

He added that the U.S. Catholic Church "can now move forward and continue with our important catechetical efforts as we prepare the text for publication."

The changes to be implemented in late 2011 include new responses by the people in about a dozen sections of the Mass, although changes in the words used by the celebrant are much more extensive.

At several points during the Mass, for example, when the celebrant says, "The Lord be with you," the people will respond, in a more faithful translation of the original Latin, "And with your spirit."

The current response, "And also with you," was "not

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Changes Coming

Some changes in wording at Mass that will come with the new Roman Missal in English at Advent 2011

PART OF MASS	PRESENT WORDING	NEW WORDING
People's response at the Greeting, Preface Dialogue, Sign of Peace and Concluding Rites	And also with you.	And with your spirit.
Penitential Act (form A)	... I have sinned through my own fault...	... I have greatly sinned... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault...
Gloria	Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. ...	Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. ...
Nicene Creed	We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made. ...	I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. ...
Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. ...	Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. ...
Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamation, form A)	Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.	We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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IN THE U.S.

■ **The Food and Drug Administration's decision to approve a drug labeled as an emergency contraceptive** is a "dangerous step toward erasing any meaningful distinction between contraception and abortion," said the U.S. bishops' pro-life spokeswoman. Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, made the comment in reaction to an Aug. 13 announcement by the FDA that it had approved the drug ulipristal, which is being marketed under the brand name ellaOne or ella. Available only by prescription, the drug is said to prevent pregnancy five days after sex — two days later than the morning-after pill known as Plan B, which is sold over-the-counter to women 17 and older. The drug, manufactured by a French pharmaceutical company, is currently available in 22 European countries.

■ **Cardinal Daniel DiNardo praised a federal judge's recent ruling** that temporarily stopped federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research, but the U.S. Department of Justice said it would appeal the decision. The cardinal, who heads the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called the Aug. 23 decision by Chief Judge Royce Lamberth of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia "a victory for common sense and sound medical ethics. It also vindicates the bishops' reading" of the Dickey-Wicker amendment, approved by Congress since 1996, which prevents federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed, Cardinal DiNardo said in an Aug. 25 statement.

■ **Decca Records, the label that helped to make Bing Crosby and The Who top pop acts**, has turned its attention to a convent of cloistered nuns in France for what may be the next big thing: Gregorian chant. In July, Decca announced the signing of the sisters from Abbaye de Notre-Dame de l'Annonciation — the Abbey of Our Lady of the Annunciation — a Benedictine convent from a remote region of France near Avignon, to a recording contract. The nuns' first CD,

"Voices — Chant From Avignon," is scheduled to be released Nov. 8. The Benedictines' CD, according to Decca, will feature "the most ancient form of Gregorian chant ... the first music ever to be written down." The nuns sing this form of chant eight times a day during the liturgy of the hours.

AROUND THE WORLD

■ **The United States has a duty to leave behind peace, not chaos, when troops are finally withdrawn from Iraq**, said several Iraqi church leaders. "We desire, we ask and we scream for peace and security," Chaldean Auxiliary Bishop Shlemon Warduni of Baghdad said in an interview with Vatican Radio Aug. 19. U.S. combat troops are scheduled to leave Iraq at the end of August, formally ending Operation Iraqi Freedom. About 50,000 U.S. troops will remain in Iraq until the end of 2011 to continue training and assisting Iraqi security forces. Bishop Warduni said war does nothing but destroy everything. "There are no jobs, there are car bombs, kamikaze attacks and other acts of violence. If foreign troops leave, they have a duty to leave peace and security behind them," he said.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

■ **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta is "an exemplary model of Christian virtue"** who showed the world that an authentic love for others opens the door to knowing and being with God, Pope Benedict XVI said. Marking the 100th anniversary of her birth, the pope sent a message to Sister Mary Prema, the superior general of the Missionaries of Charity, the congregation Mother Teresa founded in 1950. The Vatican released the message Aug. 26 after it was read in Calcutta, India, at the end of a special Mass commemorating the 100th anniversary of Mother Teresa's birth. In Calcutta, most of the Missionaries of Charity nuns gave up their regular seats in the motherhouse chapel to accommodate hundreds of pilgrims and volunteers who arrived for the early morning Mass. After the Mass, the bishops, priests, nuns and visitors processed to Mother Teresa's ground-floor tomb. Sister Prema handed



Members of the Missionaries of Charity release balloons following an Aug. 26 Mass in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The founder of the Missionaries of Charity died in 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003.

Cardinal Telesphore Toppo of Ranchi a lamp, and he lit a candle to mark the beginning of the centenary celebrations. Dozens of Missionaries of Charity novices gathered around the tomb and sang "Happy Birthday."

■ **When Bishop Joseph McFadden entered St. Patrick Cathedral Aug. 18, he also entered the hearts of the people** of the Diocese of Harrisburg and asked for their prayers. "I ask you to pray for me that I may be a good shepherd after the heart of Jesus. Pray that together we may be good builders of the kingdom of God here in Harrisburg," the bishop said in his homily during the Mass to install him as the diocese's 10th bishop. Bishop McFadden had been an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the past six years.



Bishop Joseph McFadden

By the Way...

Ken and Marge Worley of All Saints Parish in Waterford recently completed their goal of visiting every parish and mission church in the Diocese of Erie. The journey began in 2004 shortly after Ken went through the RCIA program. He made the comment that it would be interesting to go to Mass at every church in the 13-county diocese. Little did he know it would evolve into a seven-year trek across northwestern Pennsylvania.



The Worleys' final stop was at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Corry on July 25 with their friend, Father Tom Brown.

"We've been to some absolutely gorgeous churches and we've met some wonderful people," Marge said in 2007 when the couple was mid-way through their journey.

The next meeting of the St. Mark's Seminary Auxiliary is Tuesday, Sept. 14. The evening begins with Mass at 7 p.m. in the St. Mark Center Chapel, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie, followed by a brief meeting and refreshments. Their purpose is to support our seminarians, with the main event being their annual card party.

"We are looking to increase membership this year," says Theresa Ignaczak, who is handling publicity for the organization. "It is not a big commitment at all," she says.

In addition to the card party, members offer their support through prayer, cards and the occasional baked treat. St. Mark's Seminary recently welcomed five freshmen along with 15 returning seminarians.

"Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art," an exhibit of nearly 200 objects that illuminate 2,000 years of Catholic art, history and culture, will arrive in Pittsburgh this fall. The Senator John Heinz History Center will host the exhibition beginning Oct. 2.

For exhibit and ticketing information, visit www.vaticansplendors.com or www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Although previously hosted at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland in 2008, this exhibit will also feature about 50 artifacts unique to the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Cardinal John Henry Newman's feast will be celebrated on October 9, the date of his conversion in 1845, Pope Benedict XVI will declare later this month.

The announcement of the feast day forms part of the Pope's declaration of beatification, according to the *Catholic Herald* of London, which has been published as part of the *Magnificat* booklet for the papal visit.

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meant as 'you too' or something like 'back at you,'" said Father Richard Hilgartner, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship. Rather it is "an invocation to the priest as he celebrates the Mass, a reminder that he is not acting on his own, but in the person of Christ" — a

distinction that the new language will highlight, he said.

"The order and structure of the Mass will not change at all," he added, but Catholics will see some new texts for prayers, new observances for saints added to the church calendar in recent decades and such additions as a

Preparing for the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal in the Diocese of Erie

Resources approved for usage in the Diocese of Erie are available at www.ErieRCD.org.

These resources have been prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the University of Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy and the Federated Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC).

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, sample texts and general and parish resources, visit www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of human life and an extended vigil for Pentecost, similar to the Easter Vigil.

The USCCB has prepared a parish implementation guide that includes a detailed timeline, bulletin inserts, suggestions for homilies and adult education classes on the liturgy and a wide variety of other resources. Audio, visual and print resources for priests, liturgical musicians and laypeople also are available now or in the works.

Father Hilgartner said Pope

Benedict XVI has placed his own personal stamp on the liturgical changes by adding two new options for the dismissal prayer at the end of Mass, emphasizing the "connection between the Mass and living the Christian life."

In place of the current "The Mass is ended, go in peace," celebrants will be able to choose from four options, including the pope's suggestions — "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" and "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."



The new English translation of the Roman Missal is seen in Rome. The translation more precisely adheres to the Latin edition promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 2002. It took eight years to produce.

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Fri., September 17th (5-10:30 pm)
Sat., September 18th (11:30 am - 10:30 pm)
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People in the News

Bishop Trautman to be honored by Boy Scouts Sept. 16

Bishop Donald Trautman will be honored with the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award by the French Creek Council of the Boy Scouts of America during a dinner Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W. Eighth St. in Erie.

This event is open to the public. For tickets, call 814.868.5571.

With a theme of "Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey," the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating 100 years of Scouting this year. For more information on the centennial, visit www.scouting.org.



Bishop Donald Trautman

Briefly

Erie Irish Festival Sept. 17-19

ERIE – The Erie Irish Festival, presented by St. Patrick Parish in Erie, marks the half-way point to St. Patrick's Day. This year's festival will be held Sept. 17-19 at Rainbow Gardens.

The three-day festival brings together Irish musicians from around the country, the award winning Rince na tier na School of Irish dance, Irish vendors and more.

Adult daily admission is \$4 when you bring canned/dry goods to help support St. Patrick's Food Bank. Admission is \$5 without canned/dry goods. Children under 16 are admitted free.

Festival hours are:

- Friday, Sept. 17 from 5-10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 19 from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Visit www.erieirishfestival.com for more information.



Sisters of St. Joseph to host appreciation event in Ridgway Sept. 26

RIDGWAY – The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania are in the midst of a year-long celebration of the congregation's 150th anniversary of service to the Diocese of Erie. Expressing gratitude to those the sisters have ministered with and to is a key element of the celebration.

The sisters will visit and reconnect with people living in various areas of the diocese by hosting appreciation events at locations that include Elk Crawford, McKean, Jefferson and Mercer counties.

The first of the appreciation events will be held at St. Leo Parish in Ridgway on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. The agenda includes welcome remarks and prayer, a performance by the Concert Choir of Elk County, a non-profit, self supporting organization in its 10th season, and a reception. The event is open to the public; no registration is required.

Catholic Charismatic Conference Oct. 1-2

ERIE – Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center will hold its annual Catholic Charismatic Conference Oct. 1-2 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie.

Father William Kiel, pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Indiana, Pa., will present on the theme, "Healing in the Power of the Holy Spirit."

The conference begins Friday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. and ends with a healing service at 9 p.m. The schedule for Saturday, Oct. 2 begins with 9 a.m. Mass and includes praise, worship and talks by Father Kiel.

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

16th annual rosary march Oct. 10

The 16th annual rosary march, sponsored by the Erie Diocese's World Apostolate of Fatima, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 10. All are invited to gather at St. Peter Cathedral, West Tenth and Sassafras in Erie, at 2 p.m. to begin a walk through downtown.

The rosary procession will extend through the downtown area before returning to the cathedral. For those unable to participate in the march, the rosary will also be prayed in the cathedral.

The guest homilist is Father Raymond Gramata, pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Meadville.

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side the Diocese of Erie at Angelicum University in Rome. For two years, Father Rouch, vicar of education for the Diocese of Erie, was living, breathing, thinking and praying with Cardinal Newman. While poring over the writings of this looming church figure, he found something else.

"I found myself very edified by this man on a spiritual level and on a human level," Father Rouch said.

So, both intellectually and theologically, he entered the Newman world. But once he got there, he said he found a lot on the human, spiritual and ecclesial level with which he had not been familiar.

"I started with a practical motive on an intellectual, scholarly level and left with a real appreciation for the man, for his spiritual greatness and holiness," Father Rouch said.

But what is it about Cardinal Newman that makes him a holy man?

Father Rouch points to a recent quote from Pope Benedict XVI in which he said, "In Newman we find a great man because of personal holiness and theological enlightenment."

"This man was personally devoted to Christ from about the age of 14 on," Father Rouch said.

"It was clear to him that his life was for God, with God, by God. He realized very early on that he would be a celibate for God and it was all about what is the truth in Christ."

About 120 of the world's foremost Newman scholars came together Aug. 5-7 at the Newman Association of America's annual conference in Pittsburgh. This year's program, hosted by Pittsburgh's National Institute for Newman Studies, sought to celebrate another facet of Cardinal Newman's legacy: In September, he will be beatified in Birmingham, England, where he began his famous oratory and where he died in 1890.

The diversity of Cardinal Newman's intellectual legacy—his apologetics, his theological reflections on the role of laity and the development of doctrine, his view of the mission of the Catholic university, the significance of his spiritual novels and poetry—was reflected in the conference program.

At the conference, perhaps the greatest example of the challenge of holiness came from Deacon Jack Sullivan of the Archdiocese of Boston.

His inexplicable recovery from a crippling spinal condition after he prayed for Cardinal Newman's intercession was accepted as the miracle needed for the churchman's beatification. In general, a second miracle confirmed by the church is needed for canonization.

Deacon Sullivan, whose spinal cord had at one time been crushed to the diameter of a pea,



A painting of St. Philip Neri adorns the retable in St. Philip's Chapel of the Birmingham Oratory in Birmingham, England. Cardinal John Henry Newman, who will be beatified in Birmingham Sept. 19, brought the Oratory of St. Philip Neri to England in the mid-1800s.

recounted his story in remarks at the opening Mass. Though the Vatican confirmed his healing as miraculous last year, he emphasized that the Christian life is more than miracles.

"True religion has a beautiful side and a severe side," Deacon Sullivan said, and while we all would prefer to deepen our faith without painful trials or moments of self-denial, "we cannot enjoy the beautiful side without passing through what is severe."

Cardinal Newman knew severity well, Deacon Sullivan said. Born in 1801 in England and raised an Anglican, the Englishman is an example of humility and perseverance in the face of challenge.

As an Anglican priest and Oxford professor, John Newman was drawn to Catholicism even as he sought to resolve conflicts within the Anglican tradition. Eventually, his Oxford Movement—which he founded to bring the Anglican Church back to its Catholic roots—led him to become a Catholic in 1845. He was ordained a Catholic priest two years later.

But in anti-Catholic England, the idea of such a well-known theologian becoming a Catholic was beyond a scandal.

For the next 20 years, his life was marked by obscurity, disappointment and turmoil. A few ill-chosen words against an anti-Catholic zealot led to a libel suit, which then-Father Newman lost, narrowly avoiding prison. Efforts to create a university in Ireland—during which he wrote his classic "The Idea of a Univer-

sity"—ended in failure.

Asked to direct a new English translation of the Bible, he was dropped from the project in favor of bishops from the United States. Attempts to create a magazine for educated Catholic laity led to conflicts with British bishops, forcing him to resign in disgrace. Plans to create an oratory at Oxford were dashed.

"O how forlorn and dreary has been my course since I have been a Catholic!" he wrote in his jour-

nal in 1863. "Since I have been a Catholic, I seem to myself to have had nothing but failure, personally."

But he always persevered in his faith. In 1864, he published "Apologia Pro Vita Sua," defending his decision to join the Catholic Church. It is considered one of the great spiritual autobiographies of Christian history. His writings on education influenced a generation of U.S. educators, and Newman campus ministry centers at colleges nationwide are named for him.

He was named a cardinal in 1879. He died Aug. 11, 1890, at age 89.

Speaking to five candidates for the priesthood at this year's ordination Mass, Bishop Donald Trautman mentioned in his homily that on his deathbed, Cardinal Newman asked to have the life of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, read to him.

Father Rouch described Cardinal Newman as a man of deep prayer and Christian virtue who made good friends, although he was temperamentally rather shy and reserved. Not comfortable with being the center of attention, he wasn't a grand-stander. But when people got to know him, Father Rouch said, they saw his depth.

"He was a man of God and a man of prayer, and his intellect was remarkable in the way he was able to see what was going on in the church," he said. "He could see the history of the church and see what the problems of the church of his day were. And he wasn't afraid to name them. He didn't do it with anger or malice, but he did it with a lot of courage."

Catholic News Service contributed to this report.

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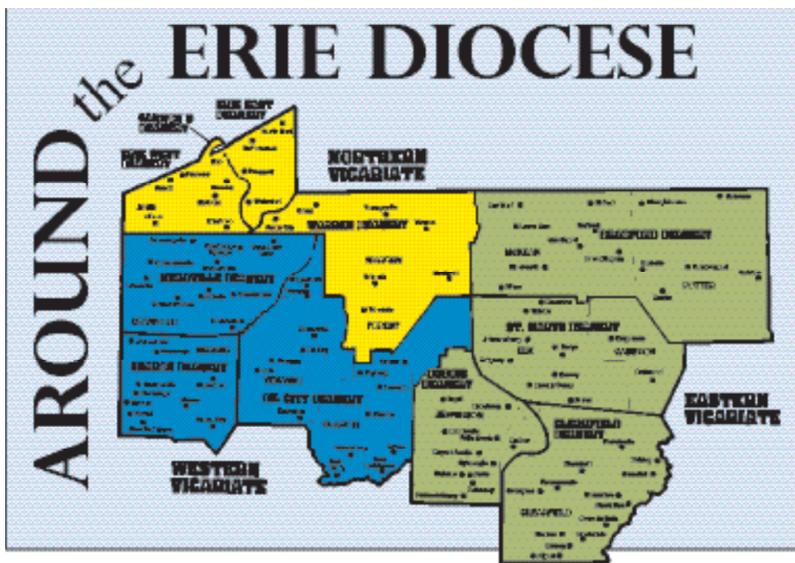
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Titusville choir sings national anthem at PNC Park



PITTSBURGH — Father Skip Davis, pastor of the Catholic Community of Titusville, was just trying to supplement his homily with a little organ music to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." He didn't know it would lead to an appearance at a Major League ballpark.

His message earlier this summer focused on how people tend to concentrate on errors instead of just being in the game. When he asked for some assistance from the organ and choir, the entire congregation started to sing along.

The Sunday Mass at St. Titus Church in Titusville is televised on GBS Cable and streamed live on ZoomInternet.com. A member of the Pittsburgh Pirates' front office staff happened to see that particular Mass. The next day, the choir was invited to sing the national anthem Aug. 25 when the Pirates

hosted the St. Louis Cardinals at PNC Park in Pittsburgh.

Since Father Davis is also pastor of St. Walburga and Immaculate Conception parishes, the event was promoted as Titusville Day at PNC Park, as well as a fundraiser for the parishes, which got to keep a portion of the proceeds from any tickets they sold.

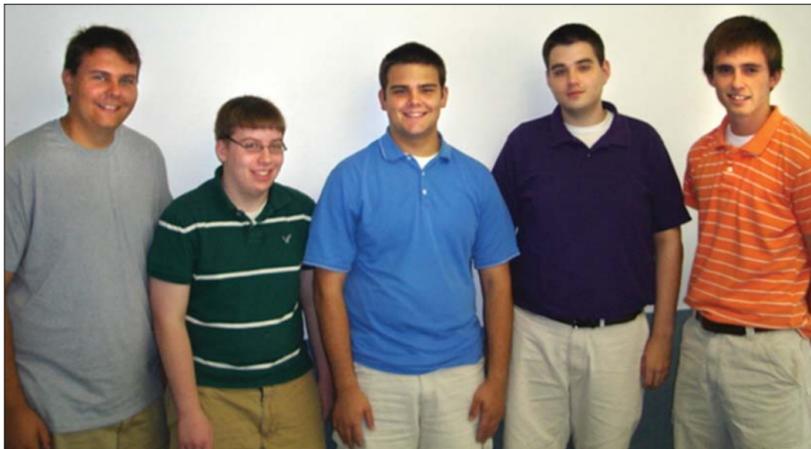
Approximately 60 people from Titusville filled two buses to make the road trip for the game.

Dressed in light blue polo shirts, 20 choir members lined up behind home plate to sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

"That's about the coolest thing I've ever done," said singer Mike Kauffman, as he walked off the

field. Pictured left to right are members of the Catholic Community of Titusville choir: (front row) Betty Green, Kathy Wescoat, Alice Madden, Debbie Edwards, Gloria Taylor, Edith Olson, Kathy Perkins, (back row) Allison Molli Mattis, Nathaniel Licht, Doug Jones, Jake Stumpf, Mike Kauffman, Bill Adelman, Jeff Mattis, Carl Olson, Bill Stumpf, Loretto Parres, Katie Jones and Mary Ellen Stumpf.

St. Mark's welcomes new seminarians



ERIE — St. Mark Seminary in Erie welcomed five new freshmen Aug. 22.

Pictured left to right are: Andy Boyd (St. James, Erie), Aaron

Kulczyk (Batavia, N.Y., Diocese of Buffalo), Dominick Sisinni (Our Lady of Peace, Erie), Ian McElrath (St. Joseph, Sharon) and Mark Jaskowak (Beloved

Disciple, Grove City).

On Aug. 23, 15 returning seminarians joined them to begin the academic year.

Diocese honors married couples at anniversary celebrations

The Erie Diocese's Family Life Office sponsored the annual anniversary celebration for couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries in 2010 on Aug. 8 at St. George Parish in Erie and Aug. 15 at Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish in Punxsutawney. Bishop Donald Trautman presided at both Masses.

Anniversary couples were also presented with scrolls honoring their years together.

Ninety-two couples attended at St. George, with 66 celebrating 50 years of marriage or more; twenty-six couples celebrated 25 years.

Forty-one couples attended at Ss. Cosmas and Damian, with 29 couples celebrating 50 years of marriage or more; twelve couples celebrated 25 years.

Anthony and Frances Majba from Holy Trinity Parish in Erie were the couple that has been married the longest, at 72 years. Michael and Helen Huzinec from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie celebrated 71 years of marriage.

Other milestones included two couples celebrating 70 years, one couple with 68 years, two couple with 64 years and two with 62 years.



Anthony and Frances Majba, who have been married for 72 years, led the recessional during the Aug. 8 anniversary celebration at St. George in Erie.

Deacon honored with stoles at George Junior

GROVE CITY — Deacon Rick Rueberger has made quite an impression since he was recently assigned as chaplain at George Junior Republic. Deacon Rueberger, who was ordained a permanent deacon in May, has dedicated his time to the youth in the special needs unit and making his presence known at the change of classes and dismissal.

As a token of appreciation for his service, the George Junior Republic Program Department purchased a gift of four stoles, official symbols of the deacon's office. The program staff, represented by four GJR youth, surprised Deacon Rueberger by presenting him with the gift following his first chapel service.

"Every time I wear these stoles I will be praying for you as well as everyone else at George Junior Republic," Deacon Rueberger said.

Located in Grove City, George Junior Republic is a non-profit charity that serves as a residential treatment facility for court de-



pendent and adjudicated youth. Presenting a set of deacon stoles to Deacon Rueberger are

(pictured left to right) Nizaree Jubilee, Jose Torres, Robert Scott and David Oyola.

St. Luke participates in Corn Festival

YOUNGSVILLE — The float, "Children of God," entered by St. Luke Parish in Youngsville in the borough's annual Corn Festival Aug. 20-22, tied for third place in the church division.

Pictured are Timber Bower, Cindy Nuhfer and Rich Gruber.

Father John Neff, pastor of St. Luke, hoists the trophy he won for best motorcycle in the street category of the motorcycle show.



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