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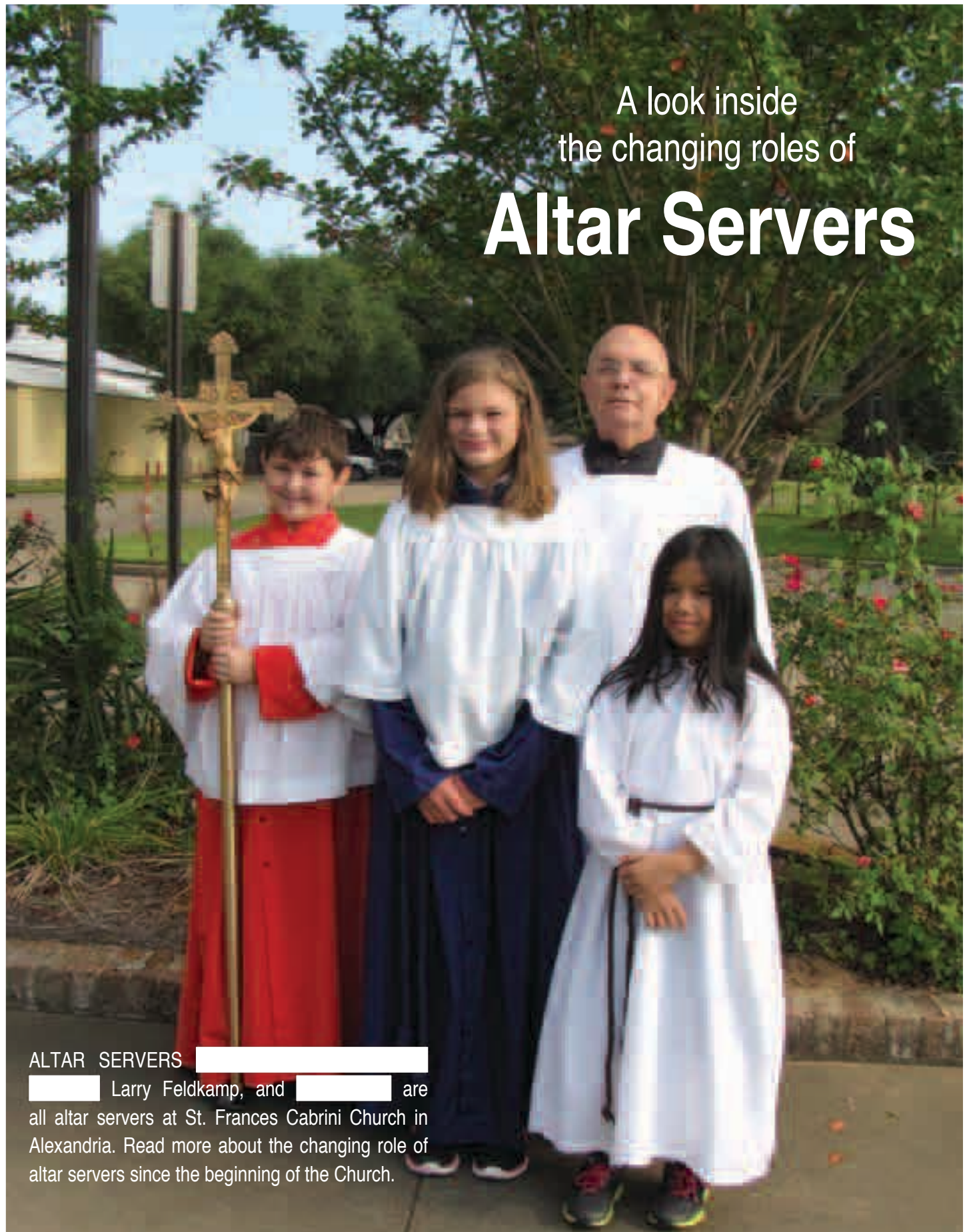
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Servant House wins \$10,000 as finalist in Lumen Christi Award

Servant House, a Catholic Charismatic House of Prayer founded by Aggie Neck and Donna Culotta in 1989 in Marksville, was named a finalist in the 37th annual Lumen Christi award. As a result, it was awarded \$10,000 for future support of its ministry. Read more about this prestigious award on pg. 8.



A look inside the changing roles of **Altar Servers**

ALTAR SERVERS [redacted] Larry Feldkamp, and [redacted] are all altar servers at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria. Read more about the changing role of altar servers since the beginning of the Church.

'Extraordinary' Synod of Bishops to be held Oct. 5-19 at Vatican

250 members worldwide will meet to discuss marriage and family issues

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- The family under discussion when the extraordinary Synod of Bishops convenes at the Vatican Oct. 5 will bear little resemblance to the family of 50 or even 20 years ago.

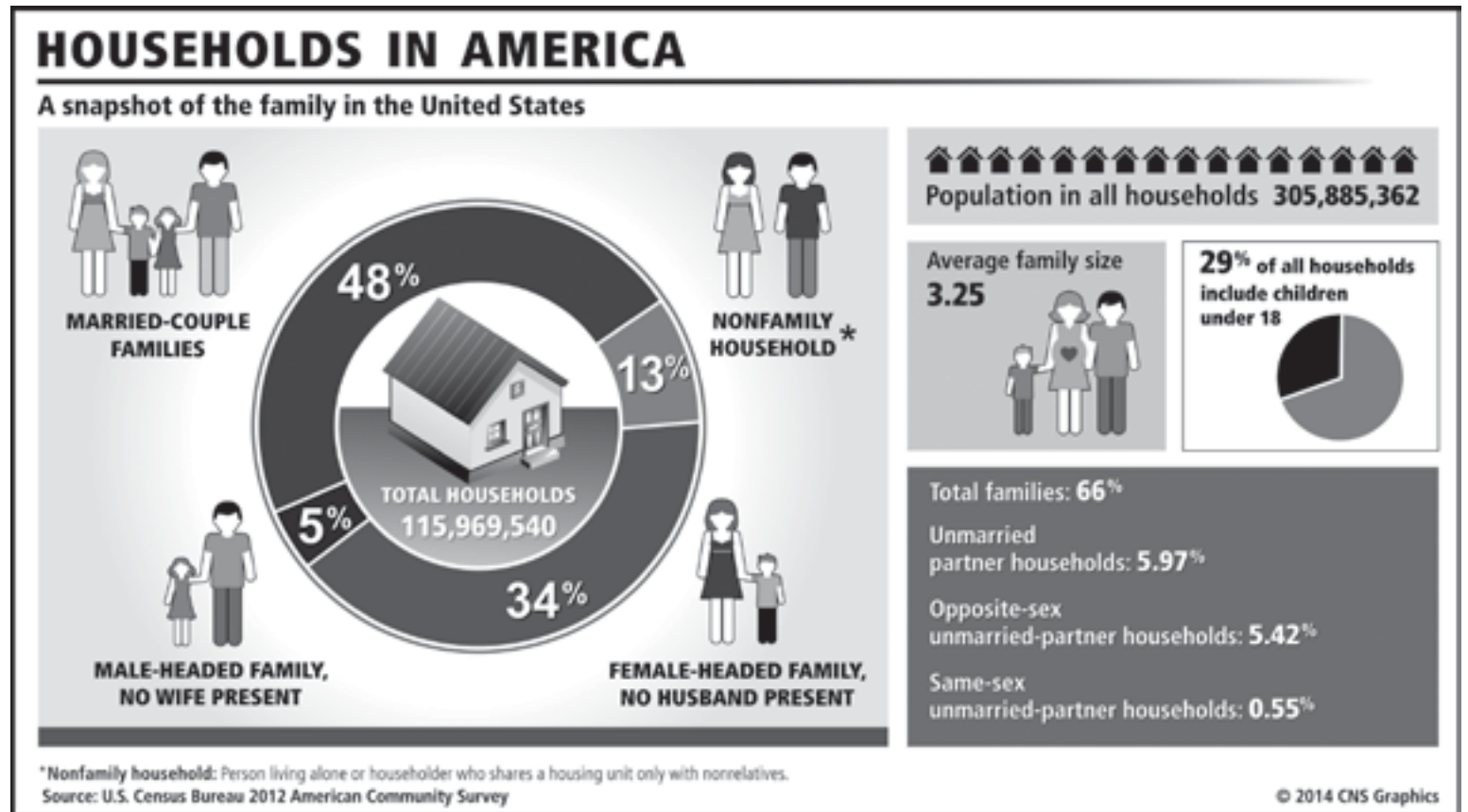
The blended and extended families created by high rates of divorce, remarriage and cohabitation -- along with the worldwide migration prompted by economic turmoil and war -- have combined to change forever the view of family as limited to a mother, father and their children.

But children are still most likely to live in two-parent families in all countries except South Africa, according to the World Family Map 2014, a research project sponsored by the Bethesda, Maryland-based nonprofit Child Trends and a variety of educational and nongovernmental institutions from across the globe.

"The family is the core institution for child-rearing worldwide, and decades of research have shown that strong families promote positive child outcomes," said Laura Lippman, co-director of the World Family Map and senior program director for education at Child Trends.

The report, co-written by Lippman and W. Bradford Wilcox, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Virginia, found that "growing up with a single parent is especially common in sub-Saharan Africa, in Central and South America, and in several English-speaking Western countries."

One-fifth or more of children in the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada live with only one parent, while Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe have the world's



lowest rates of single parenthood.

The report also found that "although marriage rates for adults aged 18-49 are declining worldwide, they remain high in Asia and the Middle East (between 47 percent in Singapore and 80 percent in Egypt), and are particularly low in Central/South America."

The rate of cohabitation for adults aged 18-49 tops 30 percent in some Central and South American countries and 20 percent in some European nations, the report said.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey shows that only 48 percent of U.S. households include a married couple and 34 percent of households include only one person or two or more

people without family ties of marriage, blood or adoption. Thirteen percent of "family households" in the U.S. -- defined as one in which two members are related by birth, marriage or adoption -- are headed by women with no husband present, while 5 percent of family households are headed by men, with no wife present.

In a report prepared for the Council on Contemporary Families, based in Coral Gables, Florida, Philip Cohen, a professor of sociology at the University of Maryland, found that the "typical" American family that existed in 1960, with a breadwinner-father married to a stay-at-home mother, now only applies to 22 percent of U.S. children today. Meanwhile, 23 percent of U.S. children live with single mothers,

7 percent with parents who cohabit with unmarried partners, 6 percent with single fathers, and 3 percent with grandparents and no parent present.

"Different families have different child-rearing challenges and needs, which means we are no longer well-served by policies that assume most children will be raised by married-couple families, especially ones where the mother stays home throughout the children's early years," Cohen said in the report.

In his 2014 book, "The Next America: Boomers, Millennials and the Looming Generational Showdown," Paul Taylor, executive vice president at the Pew Research Center, said the United States also must deal with a vastly different racial and ethnic makeup

than 50 years ago, primarily because of immigration.

In 1960, he said, the U.S. population was 85 percent white, 10 percent black and 4 percent Hispanic. By 2060, according to Taylor, whites will make up 43 percent of the population, Hispanics 31 percent, blacks 13 percent, Asian-Americans 8 percent and other races or ethnicities 6 percent.

"We were once a black and white nation; now we're a rainbow," he said.

In addition, Taylor said, only one-fifth of the U.S. population was made up of first- or second-generation immigrants in 1960. A hundred years later, in 2060, first- or second-generation immigrants will make up 37 percent of the U.S. population, he said.



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'Extraordinary' Synod of Bishops is a 'big deal' for the Church

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What is a Synod of Bishops?

A Synod (*sin-uh-d*) of Bishops is an assembly of bishops from around the world who assist the Holy Father by providing counsel on important questions facing the Church in a manner that preserves the Church's teaching and strengthens her internal discipline.

A Synod of Bishops is called "Ordinary" if its topic is "for the good of the universal Church" and seems to require the "learning, prudence and counsel" of all the world's bishops. The one being held in September 2015 will be the 50th anniversary of the creation of synods.

A Synod of Bishops is called "Extraordinary" when it is convened to deal with matters "which require a speedy solution" and which demand "immediate attention for the good of the entire Church." The one being held Oct. 5-19, 2014, is only the third

Sept. 28 is Worldwide Day of Prayer for Synod



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

'Extraordinary' Synod ever held since synods were reinstated by Pope Paul VI in 1965. Previous ones were held in 1969 and 1985.

What is the theme of the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops?

The theme will be: "The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization."

Who will be attending?

More than 250 participants, including 14 married couples from around the world, are expected to attend October's extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family.

In addition to 114 presidents of national bishops' conferences, 13 heads of Eastern Catholic churches and 25 heads of Vatican congregations and councils, the

pope appointed 26 synod fathers.

Nonvoting members include 38 observers and 16 experts appointed by the pope. Many of the 38 observers and experts are lay and religious women and men active in family ministries and pastoral care, canon law and moral theology.

For more information, go to www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/2014-2015.



October 2013 -- Pope Francis announced that an Extraordinary Synod would be held in October 2014.

November 2013 -- Preparatory Document outlined the purpose of both the Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies, provided a basic catechesis on the Gospel of the Family, and requested input from the world's bishops on nine questions about the current state of pastoral care for marriages & families.

June 2014 -- Instrumentum Laboris (Instrument of Labor) Document contained the results of the consultation achieved via the Preparatory Document's questionnaire. This document provides a substantive reflection on the major challenges facing the family today, and outlines the topics that will be discussed at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

October 5-19, 2014 -- III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family will meet in Vatican City.

October 4-25, 2015 -- Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family will meet in Vatican City.

World Meeting of Families to be held in Philadelphia in 2015

Not to be confused with Extraordinary/Ordinary Synods; Pope may visit Philadelphia in 2015

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia Sept. 22-25, 2015 will serve as a forum for debating issues on the agenda for the world Synod of Bishops at the Vatican the following month, said the two archbishops responsible for planning the Philadelphia event.

At a Sept. 16 briefing, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, described the world

meeting as one of several related events to follow the October 2014 extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, which will prepare an agenda for the worldwide synod one year later.

Such events, including a January 2015 meeting in Rome with family and pro-life groups, will enable a debate on the synod's agenda "at the international, global level," Archbishop Paglia said. "It is important that this text not remain an abstract text reserved to some specialists."

"In this way, the debate at

the ordinary synod will be enriched," the archbishop said.

Pope Francis has said both synods will consider, among other topics, the eligibility of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion, whose predicament he has said exemplifies a general need for mercy in the church today.

"We're bringing up all the issues that would have appeared in the preparation documents for the synod as part of our reflection," said Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, regarding

plans for the world meeting. "I can't imagine that any of the presenters won't pay close attention to what's happening" in Rome.

Archbishop Chaput said as many as 15,000 people are expected to take part in the meeting, whose program will be kept flexible to allow for topics that emerge from the bishops' discussions at the Vatican this October.

"But we haven't approached this as a part of the synod," Archbishop Chaput said. "It's a celebration of family life, the Catholic church's commitment to

support families."

Pope Francis is widely expected to attend the Philadelphia event, although Archbishop Chaput noted that an official announcement in that regard might not come until well into 2015. If the pope does attend, he said, a "papal Mass could easily draw more than a million people."

Among the other family-related events planned for the coming year, Pope Francis will meet Sept. 28 with thousands of grandparents and other elderly people.

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It has been good to get back into the flow of things. Most weekends I have been able to celebrate one Mass at the Cathedral and to accept invitations to other events.

It was a great joy to join the community at St. Juliana on Sept. 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, honoring the Knights of St. Peter Claver. Following the Mass was a very enjoyable luncheon. Thanks to Father Remi for the opportunity.

On Friday, Sept. 19, I was principal celebrant for the traditional "Red Mass" asking the Lord's blessing and wisdom to those in the legal profession. Thanks to Bishop Michael Duca of Shreveport for accepting the invitation to give the homily. It is



ONE IN THE LORD

Most Rev. Ronald P. Herzog
Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria

always impressive to see so many judges and attorneys gathered in prayer.

In recent years we have alternated with the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana for this annual celebration. I am also looking forward to what is often referred to as the "White Mass" which will serve a similar pur-

pose for the medical community. It is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, the feast of St. Luke, at the Cathedral.

Finally, we are beginning plans for the annual "Blue Mass" for deceased members of those who devoted themselves to public safety responsibilities throughout Central Louisiana.

I am pleased to announce that

the work of updating our diocesan website has now been completed. Check it out. The new format makes it much easier to use on mobile devices.

We are delighted to have 11 men enrolled in seminary formation this fall. If you know a man who might be a possible candidate for priestly service, please offer encouragement and provide us with his contact information.

Rarely a day goes by that we do not hear of atrocities committed against Christians, especially in the Middle East. They need our prayers and support. In addition to our prayers, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville and president of the USCCB, has asked us to participate in a special collection on Oct. 4-5 for humanitarian re-

lief for our affected brothers and sister in the Middle East. Money for the collection will be disbursed for humanitarian need by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local Church. Please be generous

Continue to be vigilant in the area of religious freedom. Our rights are still in danger by unjust legislated or federal regulations. We dare not relax our efforts.

Again, I sincerely thank you for your prayers and support during these past few months. Words cannot begin to express my great gratitude.

May the Lord bless you.

Through the power of prayer & love of others, we are never alone

By Mike Krokos, editor
The Criterion

No one deserves to die like this.

And no parents or family members should have to deal with the reality that the heinous and barbaric way in which their loved one is taken from them is temporarily available for a worldwide audience to view on YouTube.

Though we could turn this into another debate about the pros and cons of technology and social media, we will save that discussion for another day.

For us, it is more important today to celebrate the life of a journalist who developed a passion for traveling to the world's trouble spots trying to expose the suffering of innocent people and shining a light where there is so much darkness.

And to remember a person who wasn't afraid to share how the Catholic faith taught to him at a young age was a lifeline for him, especially when he was held captive.

James Foley, 40, a freelance journalist who graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, was killed on Aug. 19 by members of the Islamic State in retaliation for U.S. airstrikes on the militants' strongholds in northern Iraq. (Since then two other journalists have been killed in the same way.)

By all accounts, Foley developed a heart for social justice while attending Marquette. That

GUEST Editorial

By Mike Krokos, editor
The Criterion, Archdiocese of Indianapolis

passion eventually led the photojournalist overseas. In 2011, he was kidnapped on a Libyan battlefield and held captive in Tripoli for 44 days.

Foley found strength during that dark time thanks to the prayers he learned as a young man.

"I began to pray the rosary. It was what my mother and grandmother would have prayed," he wrote in a piece published in Marquette Magazine after his release. "I said 10 Hail Marys between each Our Father. It took a long time, almost an hour to count 100 Hail Marys off on my knuckles. And it helped to keep my mind focused.

"Clare (a fellow captive) and I prayed together out loud. It felt energizing to speak our weaknesses and hopes together, as if in a conversation with God, rather than silently and alone."

A phone conversation he later had with his mother, Diane Foley, while he was still in captivity, confirmed something else he felt: that prayers were being offered by countless others for him and his fellow captors' safe release.

"I replayed that call hundreds of times in my head -- my mother's voice, the names of my friends, her knowledge of our situation, her absolute belief in the power of prayer. She told me my friends had gathered to do anything they could to help. I knew I wasn't alone," Foley wrote.

If you think about it, we've all been there. Or know someone who's been there.

A broken relationship. The loss of a job. A life-threatening illness affecting us or someone we love. When we or someone we know reaches the lowest of lows in life, how often do we feel alone?

Foley faced the challenge a second time after he was kidnapped in November 2012 while covering the civil war in Syria. His family released a letter they said James wrote to them while in captivity. A fellow captive memorized the letter and shared it with the Foley family when he was released in June.

It reads in part: "I know you are thinking of me and praying for me. And I am so thankful. I feel you all especially when I

pray. I pray for you to stay strong and to believe. I really feel I can touch you even in this darkness when I pray."

What the journalist's life lessons taught him -- and so many of us who doubt -- is that through the power of prayer and the love of so many we are never alone.

We cannot deny James Foley's tragic death shows us there is grave evil in this world. But as Bishop Peter A. Libasci of Man-

chester, N.H., said during a memorial Mass for Foley, we must learn from his life.

"Jim went back (into the war zone) again that we might open our eyes," Bishop Libasci said at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester, N.H., his family's parish. "That we might indeed know how precious is this gift. May almighty God grant peace to James and to all our fragile world."

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Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary in October?

Our Lady of Victory helps Holy League win decisive Battle of Lepanto in 1571

By Jeannie Petrus
CT editor

October is traditionally celebrated as the month of the Holy Rosary. Oct. 7 is the actual Feast of the Holy Rosary in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was a great military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary.



Early beginnings of the Holy Rosary

The practice of praying on beads dates back to the 9th century (800s) when Irish monks used to recite and chant the 150 Psalms of the bible as a major part of their worship.

People living near the monasteries were drawn to this beautiful and harmonious devotion, and they became very eager to join in with the monks.

But it was hard for the people to do this because the psalms were hard to memorize and printed copies of the psalms were not readily available.

So instead, the people prayed the "Our Father" 150 times in place of the psalms.

As this devotion became increasingly popular, the people tried to think of ways to keep track of their 150 prayers. At first 150 pebbles were used to put inside a small leather pouches to keep count. But that method



BATTLE OF LEPANTO. This 16th century painting by an unknown artist, shows the Battle of Lepanto on the Mediterranean Sea near Greece. In the battle, the Holy League (a coalition of Catholics) defeated the Ottoman Turks in 1571. It was the first time in history that an "impossible war" was won through the intercession of the Holy Rosary on Oct. 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to Our Lady of Victory and made Oct. 7 the Feast of the Rosary.

seemed a little troublesome.

Finally a thin rope of 50 knots was used (prayed three times made up the 150 prayers).

In later year, the Irish monks traveled throughout Europe and bought this form of devotion with them. In some areas, people began to recite the "Angelic Salutation" (the first part of what we now know as the "Hail Mary.")

The popularity of this prayer soon led to the adoption of 50 Angelic Salutations being said on each knot on the prayer string.

In the 13th century, Medieval theologians began to interpret the 150 psalms as veiled mysteries about the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. They began



to write a series of Psalters, or praises in honor of Jesus for each interpretation of the psalms.

In addition, 150 Psalters honoring Mary were also composed. These Psalters were referred to as "Rosariums" which was used

to signify a collection of prayers which could be compared to a bouquet of roses.

St. Dominic

Also in the 13th century (1200s), St. Dominic founded the Dominican Order of Preachers. It's mission (unlike other orders at that time) was to leave the cloistered monasteries behind, and to get out into the world and preach the Gospel.

He spent most of his life organizing the order and traveling the countryside where he preached against the Albigensian heresy.

At one point he was so overcome with anguish over how to

convert souls that he retreated to a forest and prayed continuously for three days, during which time St. Dominic experienced an apparition from the Blessed Virgin Mary. She told him that the Angelic Psalter was the powerful weapon he should use to convert these souls. She instructed him on how to create the Rosary (more like it is today).

After the apparition, he replaced the Our Fathers with the Angelic Psalter, reconstructed the rosary beads from a string of 50 knots to a circle of three set of 5 decades each, and designated the groupings as Joyous Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries and Glorious Myteries.

This design helped the people to better understand and to imitate the virtuous life of Jesus Christ and Blessed Mary.

The Battle of Lepanto

The Battle of Lepanto took place on Oct. 7, 1571 when a fleet of the Holy League, a coalition of southern European Catholic maritime states, decisively defeated the main fleet of the Ottoman Empire in five hours of fighting. The victory of the Holy League prevented the previously "unstoppable" Ottoman Empire from expanding further into Europe and thus, halted Turkish supremacy in the Mediterranean.

Pope St. Pius V and the Holy League credited the victory to the Virgin Mary, whose intercession with God they had implored for victory through the use of the Rosary.

It was the first time in history that an "impossible war" was won through the intercession of the Holy Rosary.

A member of the Holy League from Genoa, Gianandrea Doria, had kept a copy of the "miraculous" image of Our Lady of Gualupe (1531) given to him by King Philip II of Spain in his ship's state room during the battle.

Pope St. Pius V instituted a new Catholic feast day of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the battle, which is now celebrated by the Catholic Church on Oct. 7 as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

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Bishops Herzog, Duca celebrate Red Mass

Bishop Ronald Herzog was the main celebrant and Bishop Michael Duca from Shreveport gave the homily, for the Red Mass held Sept. 19 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

The Red Mass is a special Mass celebrated every other year in the diocese to request guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice in the legal profession. The Red Mass originated in Europe during the Middle Ages, so called from the red robes that judges wore in the High Court of England.

Is it OK for Catholics to do the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge?

Use of embryonic stem cells in ALS reserach prompts pro-lifers to question challenge

**By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service**

(CNS) -- The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, a major fundraising effort that began this summer to raise money to research a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease, has left many people scratching their heads.

The challenge involves dumping a bucket of ice water on someone's head and nominating others to go through the same process within 24 hours or make a donation to the charity of one's choice to support further research to treat and cure ALS. The ALS Association, based in Washington, is the largest organization researching the disease.

The challenge went viral on social media. As of Aug. 26, the

ALS Association had received \$88.5 million in donations from July 29-Aug. 26 compared to \$2.6 million during the same time period a year ago.

Now with schools starting their new year, Catholic schools across the country have also considered the challenge. But there has been some hesitation, particularly after reports that the ALS Association, which is researching for a cure for the disease, uses embryonic stem cells in some of its research.

Some dioceses have issued statements urging schools that participate to send donations to other research organizations, such as the John Paul II Medical Research Institute in Iowa City, Iowa, which does not use embryonic stem cells in its research.

The Catholic Church op-

poses any research involving the destruction of human embryos to create stem cells. Adult stem cells, so called because they are derived from living human beings, also have promising scientific value but do not require destruction of an embryo. The reprogrammed stem cells can sometimes be used to replace damaged cells.

Carrie Munk, a spokeswoman for the ALS Association, told CNS that the organization primarily funds adult stem cell research and is at the end of funding one single embryonic study, which is funded by one specific donor.

She said that if someone "is uncomfortable with any type of research we do, they can restrict their gift" stipulating that it not be used in the embryonic stem study or any stem cell research.

An Aug. 20 statement from the Archdiocese of St. Louis points out: "There is no reason Catholics can't participate" in the ice bucket challenge." The key, however, is to ensure that donations from participation are being utilized to support morally licit research."

The statement also explains the church's stance against embryonic stem cell research, saying it is "always morally objectionable because a human person must be destroyed to harvest his or her stem cells."

Similarly, New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond told archdiocesan priests and employees in an Aug. 13 email that

it is "possible to participate in the ice bucket challenge and to do so in a way that is morally acceptable."

"We have received questions on this project. Many people do not realize that some of the research is done with embryonic

stem cells, which is against our pro-life stance," he wrote.

The archbishop urged participants in the challenge to specify how their donations should be used or to send their money to charities that do not use embryonic stem cells in research.



DEACON BRIAN SEILER TAKES THE ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE.

Deacon Brian Seiler, an Alexandria seminarian attending the Pontifical Josephinum College in Columbus, Ohio, accepts the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge from his fellow seminarians. While the Ice Bucket Challenge has raised more than \$88 million for ALS, it has come to the attention of pro-life groups that the ALS Association is funding one study using embryonic stem cells. The ALS has recommended ear-marking any donations for "non-embryonic stem cell" studies. Archbishop Gregory Aymond has suggested supporting the John Paul II Medical Research Institute in Iowa City, Iowa, which is the same organization Deacon Seiler pledged his support to in this video..

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TRAVELLING RELIC OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA. A first-class relic (piece of bone) of St. Kateri Tekakwitha was presented recently to the Diocese of Alexandria, the host of the 2015 National St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference. Every year, at the end of one conference (this year held July 23-27 in Fargo, ND) the planning committee of one conference passes on the travelling relic to the next year's conference planning committee. The 2015 National Tekakwitha Conference will be held July 22-26, 2015 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The first-class relic is on display at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference Center located on Hwy. 1 North (2225 North Bolton Ave.) in Alexandria.



Servant House awarded \$10,000 as finalist in Lumen Christi Award competition

Servant House, a Catholic Charismatic House of Prayer in Marksville, was recently named by Catholic Extension as a finalist in the 37th annual Lumen Christi Award, and as a result, will receive \$10,000 to further support their outstanding ministry. Founded in 1989 by Aggie Neck and Donna Cullotta (pictured above), Servant House offers an emergency food pantry, a healing Mass once a month, a prison ministry, religious education, and an Inner Healing Ministry. Together, they have ministered to thousands of people over the past 25 years.

In a letter to Bishop Ronald Herzog, Catholic Extension's president Rev. John J. Wall wrote, "Thank you very much for your nomination of Servant House, whose work made a profound impression on each of us as well as on the judges."

The top award, however, went to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (ICM) from the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, for their work in an impoverished community in the Rio Grande Valley near the U.S.-Mexico border. The Sisters discovered a community of immigrants in 2003 when they visited the area after a devastating tornado. The Sisters were shocked not only by the destruction, but also by the poverty. The Sisters decided to return to the area later and set up a mission. In just over 10 years, they transformed the area from a drug smuggling highway to a community of hope and faith. The Sisters will receive \$25,000 for their ministry

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CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AT CABRINI. Father Chad Partain, pastor at St. Frances Cabrini Church, cuts a cake in honor of the birthday of Our Blessed Mother, Mary while students and parents from Cabrini School wait patiently for a piece. Each class made a banner for Mary, parents made a cupcake rosary, a student choir sang songs for Mary, and volunteers decorated the activity building for the birthday party, attended by about 120 people.



MATER DOLOROSA (Plaucheville) CONFIRMATION. Thirteen students from Mater Dolorosa Church in Plaucheville were confirmed Sept. 10 by Father Scott Chemino, V.G. Pictured are (front row)

and Father Scott Chemino.

Back row:



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (Ferriday) FIRST COMMUNION. Six students from St. Patrick Church in Ferriday made their First Communion on Aug. 3. Pictured are Deacon Bill Shaidnagle,

, Father Louis Sklar,



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USCCB Guidelines For Altar Servers

The following guidelines were prepared by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy and presented to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for discussion at the June 1994 Special Assembly on Thursday, June 16, 1994. The suggested guidelines have been edited to fit this space.

1. Although the ministry of altar server is reserved to lay men, the diocesan bishop may permit women and girls to also function as servers in the diocese.
2. No distinction should be made between the functions carried out in the sanctuary by men and boys and those carried out by women and girls.
3. The term "altar boys" should be replaced by "servers". The term "server" should be used for those who carry out the functions of the instituted acolyte.
4. Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence -- normally after First Communion.
5. Servers should receive proper formation before they begin to function. Servers should also receive appropriate guidance on maintaining proper decorum and attire when serving Mass and other functions.
6. At least one server should assist the priest. On Sundays and other more important occasions, two or more servers should assist the priest.
7. Servers should normally be vested. All servers should wear the same liturgical vesture.
8. Servers carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary. When appropriate, a server may also ring a bell as a signal to the faithful.
9. Servers respond to the prayers and dialogues of the priest along with the congregation. They also join in singing the hymns and other chants of the liturgy.
10. Servers should be seated in a place from which they can easily assist the priest celebrant and deacon. The place next to the priest is normally reserved for the deacon.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ALTAR BOYS (circa 1950). Altar boys in Natchitoches process down Church Street during a special event, holding candles and the processional cross.

CATHEDRAL ALTAR BOYS (circa 1939). Altar boys kneel facing the altar. The altar boys responded to all of the priest prayers in Latin.

CATHEDRAL ALTAR BOY (1953), wearing a red cassock, white surplice, and a large red bow, carries the long red cappa magna (an ecclesiastical vestment with a long train, worn by cardinals and bishops) during a highly ceremonial Mass.



From Altar Boys to Altar Servers

Ministry of serving on the altar has long history of service to the Church

By Jeannie Petrus
CT editor

For almost 1,800 years, the ministry of altar boys has brought about countless priestly vocations.

Even today, the USCCB's 2014 Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood (prepared by CARA: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) revealed a whopping 80 percent of the 365 ordinands to the priesthood who responded to the survey said they were altar boys in their formative years.

How did this ministry get started and how has it changed over the years?

Actually, there is no history written about altar boys or the use of that name during the early days of the Church except for the word acolyte.

The earliest mention of the term came around 250 years after the Resurrection of Jesus from St. Tarcisius, who was a 12-year-old acolyte in the 3rd or 4th century (circa 251 A.D.). Because there were no deacons present at a morning Mass, he was chosen to take the communion bread to prisoners awaiting execution. Along the way, he was attacked by a group of similar-aged boys and killed. He is a patron saint of altar boys.

In 9th century, at the Synod of Mainz, a decree was passed that "every priest should have a cleric or boy to read the epistle or lesson, to answer him at Mass, and with whom he can chant the psalms."

This is a clear indication for the substitution of altar boys for minor clerics of acolyte dating back for more than 1,000 years. Since this privilege was granted, altar boys have had an active part in divine worship.

The ministry of acolyte was instituted, by the Church, as a sacramental participation in the order of deacon. As preparatory steps to priesthood, an aspirant once passed through the minor ranks of Holy Orders: Tonsure, Porter, Lector, Exorcist, and Acolyte.

Acolyte, therefore, is the highest of minor Orders, and



ALTAR BOYS AT CATHEDRAL (circa 1949). Twenty-two all-male altar boys are pictured in the undated photo with Father Teacle at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. For almost 1,800 years, serving on the altar was open to boys only. It's been only 20 years (March 15, 1994) since girls were allowed to be altar servers.

whose chief duties are to carry candles in procession, to light the candles on the altar, and to assist the priest in saying the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

During the Renaissance period (1600s), artists began painting sacred images of Mass celebrations and included altar boys assisting the priest at Mass. Before that time, no one really knew

what altar servers wore. In most cases, the altar boys were always pictured wearing red or black cassocks and a white linen or lace surplice over it.

Historically, the role of altar server has always been reserved to males. The issue of having female servers came up in the Church as early as 1755, when Pope Benedict XIV (14th) con-

demned the practice in his Encyclical *Allatae Sunt* (On the Observance of Oriental Rites).

When the issue resurfaced again in the 1970s and again in the 1980s, the Vatican again condemned female altar servers.

It was not until March 15, 1994 that the Vatican (Pope John Paul II) officially allowed female altar servers. While the Vatican



ST. RITA CHURCH (Alexandria) BACK TO SCHOOL BASH FOR ALTAR SERVERS. Twelve altar servers from grades 4-6 from St. Rita Church attended the Back to School Bash Aug. 23 at Four Seasons Bowling Alley. The event invited all current altar servers as well as anyone interested in becoming a server.

Can I be an Altar Server?

- Do you love Jesus and know that He is present in the Holy Eucharist?
- Have you received First Communion?
- Do you attend Mass every Sunday with your family?
- Check with your parish priest about what else you need to do to become an altar server.

permits the use of female altar servers, it cannot force a pastor to allow female servers in his parish. It is ultimately the choice of the pastor.

Today in 2014, (exactly 20 years after female servers were first approved) the ministry of altar servers is a thriving ministry among both boys and girls in the Diocese of Alexandria. It is estimated that between 300-500 altar servers are active in the diocese, of which an estimated 25 percent are girls.

In some parishes, where the pastor encourages the ministry, there are as many as 30- 40 servers. Training is usually provided once a year (usually at the beginning of a new school year) and mentoring from older servers is common, as part of the training.

"Altar serving is one of the oldest, most venerable ministries in the Church," said Father Scott Chemino, vicar general and pastor at St. Anthony Church in Bunkie. "I have always encouraged boys to participate in the ministry at every parish I've been a part of. I was an altar boy, too, when I was younger, and I know that countless priests have discerned a vocation to the priesthood, that began with their service as an altar server."

"I encourage young people to consider serving as an altar server, and to sign up soon for training and participation in a ministry filled with love of the Eucharist and spiritual graces," he added.



7 SETS OF TWINS AT ST. MARY ASSUMPTION SCHOOL (Cottonport).
This year St. Mary Assumption School in Cottonport has seven sets of twins enrolled! Pictured are (front row)

Middle row:

Back row:

Fall Festivals



- Sept. 20-21 St. Peter/St. Michael Fall Fair, Bordelonville**
Saturday: starts after 4 p.m. Mass
Bingo, petting zoo, food, entertainment by Paul & Peter Band for street dance
Sunday: starts after 9:30 a.m. Mass
Coucon de Lait dinner, \$9
- Sept. 27 St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Family Picnic, Marksville**
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (All activities are free!!)
Music, space jumper, course with slide, face painting, games, duck pond, bingo, food, fun
- Oct. 3-5 Holy Ghost Church/St. Richard Chapel, Marksville**
Friday: 7 p.m. -til; Sunday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Bingo, dinners for sale, cash raffle, games, country store
- Oct. 4 Our Lady of Prompt Succor School Fall Festival, Alexandria**
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Silent Auction, games, entertainment, talent show, food booths, face painting, Sweet Shop
- Oct. 10-12 St. Augustine Church Fall Fair, Isle Brevelle**
Friday: 6 p.m. -- Fish dinners available for sale
Saturday: 8 a.m. -2 p.m. -- JROTC Drill Meet
Saturday: 8 p.m. - midnight -- food, live music, games
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. -- Gumbo, hot tamales, meat pies, games and jumpers for the kids
- Oct. 11-12 St. Joseph School Fall Fair, Plaquemine**
Saturday: 5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Jambalaya dinner, food, games, mechanical bull
7 p.m. dance (live band: *Days of Decadence*); LSU/Florida game will be on big screen TV
Sunday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. --- Silent Auction, games, food, live music by Sonny Kane
- Oct. 17 St. Juliana Church Taste of Creole Night, Alexandria**
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Creole food tasting (6-8 p.m.), followed by entertainment, raffle drawing, and door prizes
Tickets are \$12 per person
- Oct. 18-19 Sacred Heart School Fall Fair, Moreauville**
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 5K Run, Fun Walk, \$20; Life Share Blood Drive; 1 p.m. - Motorcycle Poker Run, \$20; After 5 p.m. Mass, Catfish Dinner; 7 p.m. - Live music: *Days of Decadence*
Sunday: starts after 9 a.m. Mass; Cochon de Lait dinner, Silent Auction, games, etc
- Oct. 18-19 St. John the Baptist Church Fall Fest, Deville**
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
A Taste of St. John * Washer Tournament on Saturday; BBQ dinner on Sunday (\$9)
Games, train ride, petting zoo, vendors and concessions
- Oct. 25-26 St. Rita Catholic Church, Alexandria**
Saturday: 4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. -- gumbo, Halloween costume contest, bingo, games
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. -- Dinners for sale, games, white elephant sale
- Nov. 1-2 St. Frances Cabrini Church Cabrini Fest, Alexandria**
Saturday: 9 a.m - 6 p.m.
Xtreme Obstacle course run, pancake breakfast, games, food, bingo, silent auction
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. BBQ chicken dinner
- Nov. 8-9 Sts. Francis & Anne Church Autumn Fest, Kolin**
Saturday: starts at 8 a.m.
5K run/walk, games, crafts, plants, train for kids, lots of fair food, cooking contests, bingo
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Two classes at Sacred Heart win awards from Avoyelles Wildlife Federation

KINDERGARTEN CLASS WINS WILDLIFE AWARD. Ms. Barbara Lang's Kindergarten class won first place (and a cash prize of \$125) in the Avoyelles Wildlife Federation contest. During the 2013-2014 school year, Ms. Lang and assistant Mrs. Rachel Lemoine entered the class into the "habitat" category and helped the students make and hang bird houses, and squirrel feeders. The class decided to place their bird feeders in the memorial garden on the SHS campus. As they go to recess daily they are amazed at the birds that feed in their project. The class prepared a scrap book showing the houses and feeders. Pictured are (front row)

2ND GRADERS WIN WILDLIFE AWARD. Ms. Michelle Daigrepoint's 2nd grade class won first place (and a cash prize of \$125) in the Avoyelles Wildlife Federation contest. During the 2013-2014 school year, Ms. Daigrepoint entered a scrapbook of the class garden project, showing the students planting the garden, watering, weeding, harvesting cucumbers, and having a tasting party. The contest, sponsored by the Avoyelles Wildlife Federation, awards individuals and class groups for improving agriculture in their neighborhood, school grounds, or in the wild. The class plans to use the cash prize for planting this year's school garden. Pictured are (front row)

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HOLY SAVIOR MENARD CELEBRATES 9/11 MEMORIAL. Hundreds of Menard students gathered outside before school on Sept. 11 for a brief prayer service in honor of the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. in 2001. Joined by local first responders, the group prayed for the lives that were lost that day, for the families that were torn apart, and for the future of the country.

Healthy programs for healthy kids!

OLPS starts 100-Mile Club for students

Remember when you heard your grandparents or great grandparents boasting about how they "had to WALK to school" -- sometimes embellishing it with "through 3 feet of snow."

Students at Our Lady of Prompt Succor School may not be walking TO school anymore, but they will soon have the opportunity to walk or run AT school -- and it could be up to 100 miles.

On Oct. 20, OLPS students will begin a year-long 100-mile trek on campus in an effort to become more physically active.

According to Brandy Bartoe, PE teacher and coordinator of the program, the 100-Mile Club is a new club on campus that will give students in grades 3-6, the opportunity to walk or run three

mornings (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) between 7:20 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.

"Every morning, I will meet the students at the track (on school grounds) and I will keep track of the laps they run or walk," she said. "For every 25 miles that they achieve, they will receive a prize. After reaching 25 miles, they will receive the coveted 100-Mile Club t-shirt." At the end of the year, after reaching 100 miles, they will receive a gold medal.

Bartoe said the 100-Mile Club was created to get the students moving and to become more physically fit.

"OLPS students have always shown an interest in running, based on the large number of participants in the runs we

have at the school -- Fall Festival 5K Run, Trek for Tech, etc," she said. "We are hoping that the 100-Mile Club will give our students the incentive to stay active, not only at school, but to run with their family on the weekends."

The campus track is one-sixth of a mile. In the 25-minute time period each morning, a student could easily run or walk the track at least once or twice. To reach 100 miles in the 40 weeks of the program (Oct. - May), a student would have to run or walk 2.5 miles a week or a half mile a day.

To participate, students must sign up and pay an \$11 registration fee by Oct. 15. The forms will be available on the Prompt Succor Web Page.



St. Joseph School resurrects football program

St. Joseph School in Plaquemine has resurrected its football program after almost a 10-year hiatus.

According to Head Coach Marvin Guillot, the team is playing this year as a junior varsity team and then will soon compete as a varsity team.

Members of the team are



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St. Anthony School wins Fit Friendly Award from AHA

When the American Heart Association created a program designed to encourage schools and businesses to go above educating their students, faculty and employees about healthy habits, St. Anthony School in Bunkie decided to participate.

After only one year of participation, St. Anthony School was chosen as one of two schools in Central Louisiana to receive the Fit Friendly Award from the American Heart Association.

Only three other businesses in Central Louisiana received this recognition.

Amy Sonnier, a wellness coach by profession, but also an SAS parent and a member of the SAS Wellness Committee, said she is proud of the results of the program in only one year.

“When a group of us started this last year at St. Anthony, our goal was to strive for a reputation of being the “healthy school” on the block,” she said. “In only one short year, I think the students, faculty and staff have done an excellent job of promoting an awareness of healthy living.”



ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL (Bunkie) GARDEN. Third grade students at St. Anthony School in Bunkie gather around the garden they planted on campus. Students in all the grades participated in the garden project and teachers incorporated activities from the garden project into lesson plans.

To create a healthy environment for the students, teachers and staff, the Wellness Committee started the following initiatives:

- Every student spends 30 minutes a day in physical activity. This may not seem like a lot, but with more and more of each school day allotted to academics,
- many schools have cut out recess altogether.
- Teachers were given pedometers and encouraged to walk --- a day.

- A garden was created on the school grounds to encourage students to get involved in healthy eating. The garden was also used as a teaching tool for lessons in science, math, English, and art.
- A recycling program was started, to create an awareness of the environment. Aluminum cans, paper, and plastics are collected regularly and turned into cash for the school.
- Students and faculty were provided with nutrition information and healthy eating habits.
- The St. Anthony cafeteria manager works closely with the diocesan Child Nutrition office to create healthy lunches with whole grain, protein, fruits and vegetables, and low fat dairy products.
- St. Anthony follows a strict tobacco-free policy for its staff and teachers.

Sonnier said she applied for and received a Fit Friendly grant last year, which helped to fund some of the activities.

“It’s been a great program for the students and teachers and we plan to continue it into the future,” said Sonnier.



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ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL WELLNESS COMMITTEE are (front row kneeling)

Back row: Amy Sonnier, Martha Coulon, Fr Charles Ray, Lynn Roy, Melise Newton, Ashley Flook, Donna Newton, Kellie Newton, Emily Venable, Meredith Melancon, Charity Naquin, and youth marketing director for the AHA, Jill Lucero.

Facebook: Is it still cool among young people?

By Robert Hugh Farley, M.S.
for Virtus Online

Facebook has become the 21st century “brag book” for parents and grandparents to tout the photos and accomplishments of their adorable children and grandchildren.

While many adults are exploring and enjoying the social networking site, where are our young people and children?

Keeping abreast of how our children (or the children we serve) spend their time online is essential to helping them create proper boundaries, maintain safe and healthy relationships and avoid potential dangers. It is only by understanding the technologies used by so many young people that we can protect them.

Originally introduced in 2003 as a network for college students and alumni, Facebook is a social networking platform.

A high school version was launched in 2006; at this time Facebook became widely accessible to children who must affirm that they are 13 or older (though there is no way to actually verify users’ ages), only requiring an email address to register.

Although other Internet social networking platforms existed prior to Facebook such as AOL (1997), Friendster (2002) and



MySpace (2003), none of these platforms were embraced by the public quite like Facebook. Facebook was cutting edge, yet also extremely user-friendly and also multi-functional.

Facebook was identified as the site that one should utilize to locate old friends, keep in touch with new friends and even identify people who could be potential friends, all with a simple search feature. In some cases, popularity at school or among young people was based on the number of Facebook friends one was able to tally. As of 2012, Facebook reported to have over one billion active users.

However, just as numerous adults began to join the fun of social networking, young people seemed ready to move on to the next social media trend. For many, Facebook’s long newsfeed, the public nature of comments, and the very fact of their parents’ participation, caused teens to look for something new.

As Facebook became less

popular with young people, they turned to other social media platforms like Twitter and Instagram.

Another reason for the trend toward new social media platforms was the progression from the use of a desktop computer to the use of apps on smartphones and tablets for social interaction.

Parents should learn more about the apps their children download. Some are “scary.”

“Highlight” is an app that runs quietly in the background of a smartphone, continuously providing and also sharing information about the people nearby - about 100 yards away. When one meets someone who is also running Highlight, the two users may be able to see what they have in common. Highlight has been criticized for its ability to disclose private social networking information to strangers.

Tinder is another location based app that gathers nearby Tinder user’s 500 character profile information in an attempt to match individuals who are likely to be compatible. The app allows one to anonymously like or pass by swiping or tapping. If two users like each other then it results in a “match” and Tinder introduces the two users and opens a chat. Tinder has been criticized as being a haven for ultimately creepy exchanges and sexual encounters.

Social Media Terms

- Facebook** a social networking site used for keeping up with friends and for locating old friends.
- Twitter** a microblogging service that enables users to send and read short 140 character text messages, called “tweets.”
- Instagram** a mobile photo-sharing and video sharing application that allows users to take pictures and videos and then share them with others.
- App** software on a computer or a mobile device that allows the user to perform useful tasks.
- Selfie** self portraits taken at arm’s length with a smartphone.
- Snapchat** a free photosharing app that allows a person to send a selfie or other photo “snap” to a controlled list of recipients. The problem with this is that the Snapchat photos or videos will self-destruct in 2-10 seconds after they are received, making it impossible for parents to know who is communicating with their teens.
- Whisper** a free app that allows users to send short public messages anonymously and receive replies.
- Yik Yak** a free app that allows anyone to post anything without attaching themselves to a username. It does not even require a password to log in.
- Highlight** an app that runs quietly in the background of a smartphone, continuously providing and also sharing information about the people nearby -- about 100 yards away.
- Tinder** a location app that gathers nearby Tinder user’s 500 character profile information in an attempt to match individuals who are likely to be compatible. If the two users like each other, then it results in a “match” and Tinder introduces the two users and opens a chat.



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The diocese has had a Facebook page for two years and has since accumulated close to 1,000 “likes” -- which also makes you a “fan.” When news with a high interest is posted, reports of 200 likes within 1 hour have been recorded.

According to Joan Ferguson, webmaster and administrator of the diocesan Facebook page, a “like” to a business page is similar to liking a post on an individual’s page, but is also different.

“Liking a Page means you’re connecting to that Page,” she

said. “Liking a post from a friend means you’re letting that friend know you like their post without leaving a comment.

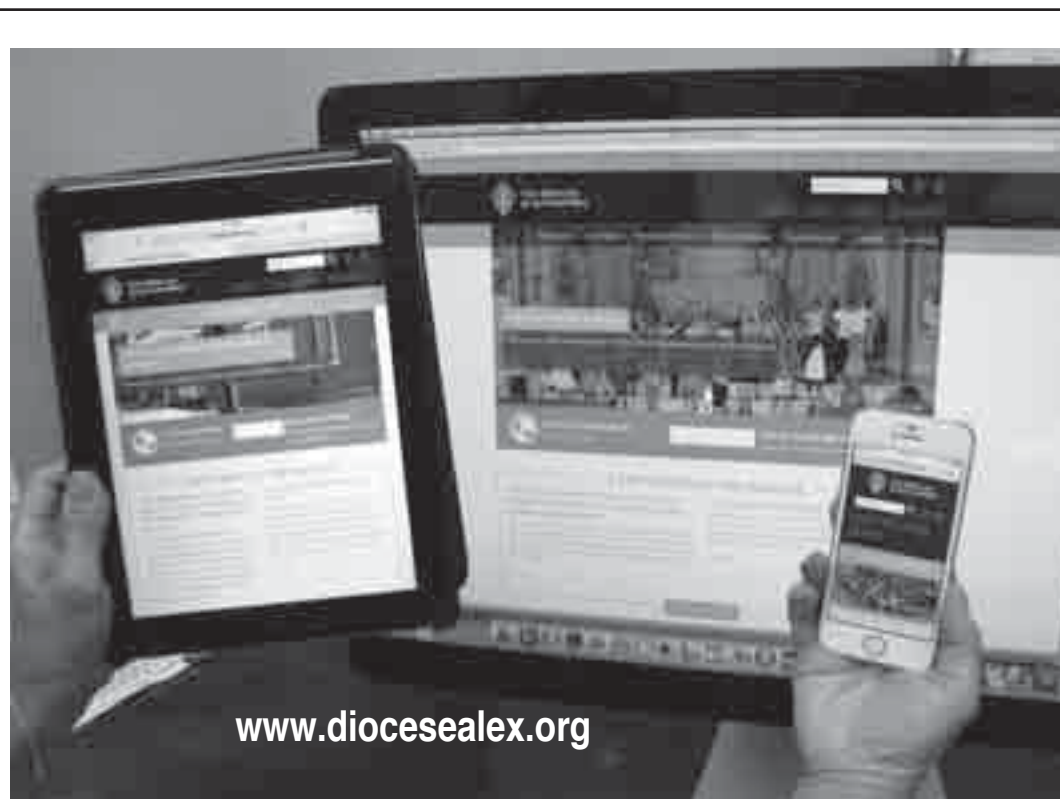
“When you connect to a Page, you’ll start to see stories from that Page in your News Feed. The Page will also appear on your profile, and you’ll appear on the Page as a person who likes that Page.”

“Posts are made to the diocesan Facebook page about every 2-3 days,” said Ferguson. “That way, we’re not overwhelming our fans with posts, but enough to keep them informed.”

And what kind of things are posted on the Page?

News about the Church in the diocese, the state, nation, and world, feast days, notice of special celebrations in the diocese, news about Pope Francis, and lots of local pictures.

To “like us” on Facebook, log in to Facebook, search for “Diocese of Alexandria. When the Page appears, click the “like” button and ... now you’re a fan.



Diocesan website gets new look

In case you haven’t already noticed, the diocesan website is sporting a new, cleaner look these days.

According to webmaster Joan Ferguson, the drupal-based website was recently redesigned to make it easier to use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

“We found that more and more people are accessing our website through smaller media devices, like smartphones and tablets,” she said. “Redesigning the format, makes it easier for users to

scroll and view the website, without having to “pinch” and enlarge the image to see it.”

In addition to the format change, the design was also changed to make the text easier to read.

The Diocese of Alexandria first launched its website about 10 years ago and has since updated its look and usability a few times.

The all inclusive website contains hundreds of web pages that includes all 50 churches and 21 missions, all eight Catholic schools, and web pages for every diocesan office and ministry.

Contact information is provided for all staff members at the diocese, churches and schools, and hundreds of documents and forms are available for download. The Church Today can be downloaded as a printable document or read easily as a digital document on any smartphone or tablet.

“If you haven’t already done so, check out the new diocesan website,” said Ferguson. “But this time, try accessing it from your tablet or smartphone. It’s a lot easier to view now.”



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Crossroads teens walk 2,000 miles across America for Pro-Life

By Daniel Linskey
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- They crossed 2,000 miles of mountains and prairie, sun and sleet, city and country to spread the Catholic Church's pro-life message.

"They" were mostly college-age volunteers who walked from coast to coast in four separate groups, protesting at abortion clinics along the way, before arriving in Washington for a rally Aug. 11.

The walk was challenging at times, volunteers Matt Rochefort and Stephanie Culy told Catholic News Service in an interview a day before the rally.

Rochefort's group braved wildlife, including a bear sighting at night. Meanwhile, Culy's group trekked up the Cascade Mountains to cross Washington state, but they remained dedicated to their mission.

"We were climbing 1,600 feet in five miles, and it was windy and raining," said Culy, but any adversity they faced was worth it to take a stand against "the culture of death."

"This is the kind of culture we're working against. I thought of Christ walking to Golgotha. That image really stuck to me," she said.

Rochefort believed the clinic protests were effective.

"Not many people engaged us -- most people didn't know what pro-life is. I think a lot of the problem is the ignorance of abortion," said Rochefort. "But we don't use graphic pictures or signs. We try to be a peaceful



CROSSROAD TEAM MEMBERS stop in a town somewhere in America to spread the Catholic Church's pro-life message. Four Crossroad teams start out on the West Coast, walk across America, and end up in Washington, Aug. 11.

presence."

"We were very enthusiastic after the first mile in Santa Monica, and this teenager, his name was Gabe and I will never forget, walks up to this group of us in pro-life shirts and begins to argue with us. It was just so amazing; he really cared about the women. I think it took a lot of courage for Gabe. We prayed for him for the rest of the walk, and I really believe he'll turn around" and see that abortion is wrong, Rochefort said.

The 2014 Crossroads walks started in Seattle, San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles. A fifth walk was held in Canada; participants started in Vancouver and ended their journey in Canada's capital, Ottawa, also Aug. 11.

There were 41 walkers sepa-

rated into four groups, one group for each departure city. Each group was split into a night team and day team to ensure Crossroads was making constant progress eastward.

Within each team, walkers were further separated into small-

er groups that walked five-mile intervals. Each smaller group would walk its mileage, then, like a relay, the next smaller group would cover five miles and so on. When they weren't walking, the participants stayed in an RV that traveled with each group.



The Crossroads volunteers did more than just work to stop abortion.

"There is always the right person you could talk to. In Cedar Point, Ohio, someone asked us about euthanasia," Culy told CNS, explaining that this person was concerned about the suffering of a woman she knew "who had died a slow and painful death. ... We told her the graces that suffering brought back."

When the groups of walkers finally gathered for the rally at a fountain beside the Capitol, there was a bittersweet feeling among them.

For three months they had lived together, prayed together, and even suffered together after one of their own, Andrew Moore, was struck and killed by a vehicle outside of Indianapolis.

Moore was honored by the guest speakers at the rally. Franciscan Father Daniel Pattee prayed for Moore specifically in his opening prayer, while remaining optimistic for Crossroads. America is a pro-life country, the youth of America are turning, and things are changing for the better, said the priest, who is the head of the theology department at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

Also invited to speak were Lila Rose from Live Action and Bryan Kempler from Priests for Life.

Kempler told the crowd, "I believe with all my heart, this is the generation that will abolish abortion. Every one of you born after January 22, 1973, survived Roe v. Wade. Don't let Roe v. Wade survive you."



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LSU-A Catholic Student Center overflowing with new students

By Jeannie Petrus
CT editor

“If we get any more students coming to the center, I don’t know where we’ll put them,” said Lynn Ray, coordinator of Campus Ministry at LSU-Alexandria.

It’s a small problem, but a good problem to have.

From the start of the 2014 Fall Semester, it was apparent that there was a larger than usual number of students interested in visiting the center.

“The first event of the semester is a “welcome back” lunch at the Quad (center patio on campus) that we co-sponsor with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries,” said Ray. “This year, we fed 500 students outside for lunch.”

Father Paul LaPalme, the new chaplain assigned to the LSU-A Catholic student center, attended the welcome back event and was pleasantly surprised at the turnout.

“I could sense the enthusiasm of the students who attended the welcome back lunch,” he said. “I am excited to be here and am looking forward to serving as chaplain at the Catholic Center and ministering to these students.”

The second event of the semester was the Welcome Back to the Center dinner, hosted exclusively the Catholic Student Organization. “More than 200 students attended,” said Ray. “Thank goodness we had the picnic tables outside (donated by the Knights of Columbus Council # 12103 from St. Martin in Lecompte) that



THE LSU-A WELCOME BACK TO THE CENTER DINNER attracted more than 200 students to the Catholic Student Organization Center Aug. 20. Lynn Ray, coordinator of Campus Ministries at LSU-A, said there is a definite increase of students interested in visiting the center this Fall. Father Paul LaPalme (below) is the new chaplain assigned to the LSU-A Catholic center.

helped to accommodate more students.”

Lynn attributes part of the increase to a large number of international students from South America and Europe, who are here to play soccer, basketball and tennis for LSU-A.

“A majority of the international students are from Catholic countries, and the faith of these students is strong,” she said. “They have been asking to have a Mass celebrated on campus on Sundays.”

Right now, there is no Mass available to students on campus, but Lynn says she is working with Father Paul to find a solution.



Awakening Retreat

The LSU-A CSO will be hosting an Awakening Retreat Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at Maryhill Retreat Center in Pineville.

Awakening is a 3-day retreat for college-aged men and women. The retreat is designed for Catholics, but people of all faiths are welcome. The retreat includes the Sacraments, talks, activities, music, and so much more.

The retreat is a good time to think, find some answers, talk with others, make new friends, spend time alone with God, laugh, reconcile, and be Awakened.

Lynn said they have already received a tremendous response from college students around the state including Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, McNeese State University in Lake Charles, and University of Louisiana at Monroe, in addition to students from LSU-A and Louisiana College.

“I think the Awakening Retreat will be a great weekend,” she said.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes 2 nights in your own room, food and a t-shirt.

The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, contact Lynn Ray at 318-613-0634 or call the Office Religious Formation and Training at the Diocese of Alexandria at 318-445-6424, ext 221.



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Ministries to divorced, remarried strive to echo pope's call for mercy

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

(CNS) Divorce is never easy.

From the realization that love has failed to feelings of shame and a tendency to assess blame, divorce poses an untidy conundrum for families even when a couple settles on an amicable legal separation.

In the eyes of the church, a divorced couple remains married until a decree of nullity is issued, if a couple chooses to go that route.

There's even more of a challenge for faithful divorced Catholics, who often misunderstand church teaching on marriage. Divorced people may separate themselves from the church, believing they have been automatically excommunicated or banned from church activities even though they have not remarried.

People who are civilly divorced and do not marry someone else are not prohibited from receiving Communion under canon law.

However, church practice prohibits people in irregular marriages -- those civilly remarried without receiving an annulment -- from receiving Communion, serving as lector or extraordinary minister of holy Communion, teaching in a Catholic institution and holding certain parish or diocesan offices. There is no prohibition on being involved in most other church ministries.

About 20 percent of U.S. Catholics have experienced divorce, according to the General Social Survey at the University of Chicago. The Center for Applied Research on the Apostolate at Georgetown University places the number of divorced Catholics at about 11 million.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, through its National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage, has worked to explain church teaching on divorce in the hope of correcting misunderstandings and keeping people connected with the church.

Bethany J. Meola, assistant director in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, described the

work of the church with divorced, separated and remarried Catholics as accompaniment, a term often cited by Pope Francis.

"It's that sense of making sure that they don't consider themselves separated from the church, that they realize they are baptized Catholics, they are members of the church, they are called to participate with the church, attend Mass, pray, be present with the church," Meola explained.

"(It's) helping people in all of these situations to carry their cross and know that they don't carry it alone," she said.

Cardinal Walter Kasper, former president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, addressed several concerns surrounding divorced and remarried Catholics in the Sept. 15 issue of *America* magazine.

Acknowledging that the indissolubility of marriage is specified in canon law, Cardinal Kasper cited Pope Francis' repeated calls for a more merciful church in making a carefully constructed argument that mercy must be

at the heart of the church's outreach efforts, including those to divorced and remarried Catholics. He wrote that the Gospel "is against a legalistic understanding of canon law."

He posed the question: If a Catholic who is divorced and civilly remarried without the first marriage being annulled, "but then repents of his failure to fulfill what he promised before God, his partner and the church in the first marriage, and carries out as well as possible his new duties and does what he can for the Christian education of his children and has a serious desire for the sacraments, which he needs for strength in his difficult situation, can we after a time of new orientation and stabilization deny absolution and forgiveness?"

Such questions are being weighed by church leaders in advance of the upcoming extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family Oct 5-19.

Healing and acceptance are at the heart of ministries to divorced and remarried Catholics.



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Oct. 4 MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES (To Strengthen Your Marriage)

Dan Jurek, (M.Min., M.A., LPC-S, LMFT, Certified Spiritual Director) from the Pax Renewal Center in Lafayette, is presenting a 6-month Marriage Enrichment Series titled Exploring the Hot Topics to Help Strengthen Your Marriage.

The series (which began Sept. 3) is held once a month (Oct. 4, Nov. 5, Jan. 14, Feb 4, and March 4) from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Foundation of Acadiana in Lafayette. Cost is \$165 per couple. For more information, call 337-993-1960.

Oct. 11-12 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT (To Strengthen Your Marriage)

The Office of Religious Formation and Training will host a Married Couples Retreat Oct. 11-12 at Maryhill Renewal Center (Ducote Hall). Chris O'Neil, a professor of Moral Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, and a religion teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Hammond, will speak on "The Christian Meaning of Marriage and Family Life." Cost is \$120 per couple, which includes one night stay with linens and meals. For more information, call 318-445-6424, ext. 221 or go to www.diocesealex.org/young_adult_ministry

Oct. 24-25 RETRouvaille (For Troubled Marriages)

Retrouvaille (announced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help

you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program to be held on Oct. 24-26 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Nov. 2 MARRIAGE PREP PROGRAM (For Engaged Couples)

Strong Foundations: A Marriage Preparation Program for Catholic Couples will be offered three times during the upcoming year. All workshops are held on a Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Nov. 2 -- St. Mary's Assumption, Cottonport
- Feb. 1 -- Sacred Heart, Pineville
- May 3 -- OLPS, Alexandria

The presenters for this workshop are Mandi Chapman and Holly Carbo. To register visit www.comprehensivetherapygroup.com or call 318.445.1651.

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For more information, about when the next Beginning Experience will be held, call Martha at 985-226-6458 or Anna at 318-452-2678.

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The Identical mirrors the life story of Elvis Presley

Fictional version of story gives viewers a different ‘what if’ situation to ponder

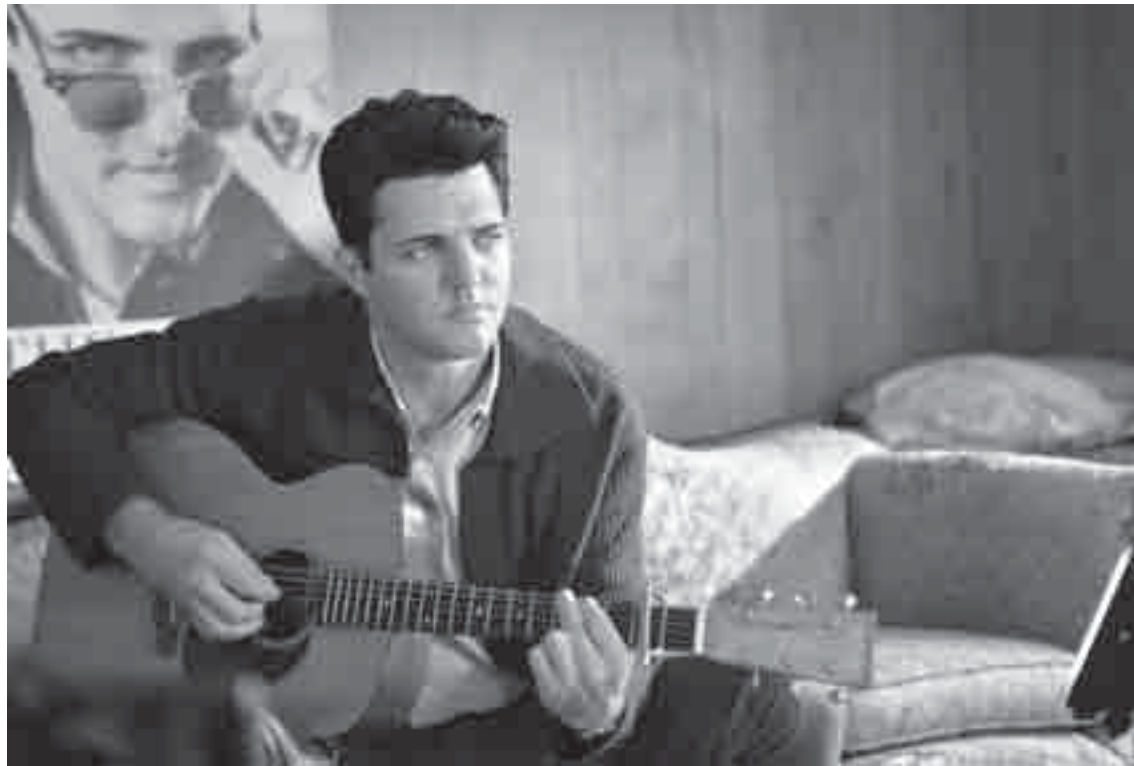
By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Although they may be sociologically fascinating, in the cultural scheme of things, Elvis Presley impersonators are not widely deemed to occupy a particularly exalted position.

Yet no one can deny the enduring appeal of an entertainer who, close to 40 years after his death, still has not only legions of fans but hosts of followers devoted enough to settle for myriad attempts at imitation now that the real thing is no longer around ... at least, not officially.

Moviegoers' attitudes toward the former occupant of Graceland will likely shape their reactions to the reality-related drama "The Identical" (Freestyle). Director Dustin Marcellino's film takes its premise from the historical fact that Elvis was a twin. Sadly, though, his brother Jesse was stillborn.

But what if it had been otherwise? In the fictional version of events pursued by screenwriter Howard Klausner's script, the newborn brothers' impoverished parents, William (Brian Geraghty) and Helen (Amanda Crew) Hemsley, are in desperate straits as a result of the Depression. So they make the traumatic decision



THE IDENTICAL. Blake Rayne stars in a scene from the movie "The Identical." Catholic News Service classification, A-I -- general patronage. Motion Picture Association of America rating, PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children. (CNS photo/Katherine Bomboy Thornton, City of Peace Films)

to give one of their sons up for adoption.

They find suitable foster parents in circuit-riding revivalist preacher Reece Wade (Ray Liotta) and his wife Louise (Ashley Judd). The Wades are a happily married couple whose principal cross in life so far has been their

childlessness.

For reasons that are not really made clear, however, the Hemsleys are at pains to conceal this arrangement from the world. Accordingly, they swear the Wades to secrecy and give out a cover story that one of their boys has died. They even hold a funer-

al for him.

Flash forward to the 1950s and Drexel (Blake Rayne), the lad the Hemsleys kept, is rocketing to musical stardom. His obscure but equally talented look-alike Ryan Wade (also Rayne), meanwhile, is being pressured by his father, now a settled pastor, to

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follow him into the ministry.

But, in a sort of evangelical riff on the old dilemma Al Jolson faced in "The Jazz Singer," Ryan prefers belting out tunes to thumping the Scriptures. Eventually, Ryan gets the opportunity to pursue his favored career by impersonating his long-lost counterpart under the moniker of the title. Defied Dad is, needless to say, disappointed.

Wholesome and faith-friendly, "The Identical" is a homespun piece of entertainment with a goodhearted but naive tone that will not be to the taste of city slickers. As for its suitable audience, a single vague reference to the connection between romantic passion and the arrival of babies may debar those who are still members of the stork club.

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CDA COURT PADRE PIO OFFICERS. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Padre Peio No. 2141 of St. Mary Assumption Church in Cottonport, recently installed officers. Pictured are (front row) Nita Brouillette, vice regent; Sue White, regent, and Kathy McDonald, financial secretary. Back row: Margaret Ducote, recording secretary; Pat Hukins, treasurer.

Silent Retreat

The Alexandria Community of Lay Carmelites, OCDS, invites all to a Silent Retreat Oct. 3-5 at Maryhill Renewal Center. The theme for the retreat is *St. Teresa of Avila -- Spiritual Wisdom for a New Millennium*, in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa. The retreat is open to all who are interested in Carmelite Spirituality. Cost is \$175 per person (\$50 deposit required with pre-registration). Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 26. For more information or to register, call Deacon Bill Travis at 664-7069 or Mary Jo McCoy at 346-6860.

Bishop's Golf Tournament

The 2014 Bishop Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 13 at the Oak Wing Golf Course. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. followed by tee-off time at noon. The cost for the four-person scramble is \$540 per team (or \$135 per person) and includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, and refreshments. Sponsorships are available at \$100 for Hole sponsor; \$250 for Silver sponsor; \$540 for Team sponsor; \$1,000 for Gold Chalice sponsor; and \$2,500 for Platinum Chalice sponsor. To register or to be a sponsor, call 318-445-6424, ext. 209.

White Mass

Bishop Ronald Herzog will celebrate a White Mass on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. The White Mass celebrates the ministry of the entire medical profession. Everyone is invited.



KC COUNCIL 9217 of Belledeau presented Union Bank with a plaque recently for their faithful support over the years to the council and the benefits they conducted. Pictured are Vincent Lacombe, grand knight; Elise Gauthier, Charles Marcotte, and Tom Wacker, treasurer.

DIOCESAN BRIEFS

Catholic Charismatic Conference

The date for the 2014 Women's Catholic Charismatic Conference, originally scheduled for Oct. 4, has been moved to Saturday, Nov. 22 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville. Registration and a continental breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and the conference begins at 9 a.m. We will close with a vigil Mass at 4 p.m. The theme of the conference is "Be Not Afraid." Our speakers are Aggie Neck and Tracy Simpson. Conference fee of \$50 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact Diane at 318-419-1547 for more information.

Cenla Magnificat

Cenla Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, will host a brunch Oct. 25, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Merci Beaucoup in Natchitoches.

The speaker will be Patti Gallagher Mansfield, who was present at Duquesne University in 1967 when the Catholic Charismatic Renewal was born. She has written several books and most recently was mentioned by Pope Francis during one of his general audiences.

Tickets (\$15 per person) are on sale Oct. 13-22 by calling Mary at 318-359-7735, Joan Gahagan, 318-352-8701 (Natchitoches area); Sue Dauzat, 318-240-1256 (Avoyelles Deanery); Servant House, 318-253-7810 (Avoyelles Deanery); Donna Reason, 318-240-3824 (Avoyelles Deanery); June Giglio, 318-876-3712 (Avoyelles Deanery); and Diane Ardoin, 318-419-1547 (Alexandria area).

Adult Faith Series

Everyone is invited to a 10-week Adult Faith Series on Jesus Christ: Life and Light Revealed in St. John's Gospel. The series, which began Sept. 2, is held at St. Joseph Church in Marksville on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish office bldg. A Bible (New American Bible) & Catechism of the Catholic Church (both may be purchased at the Office) are recommended for the Sessions. To sign up, please call 253-7561. Topics include Oct. 7: Jesus - Great Light; Oct. 14: Jesus - Good Shepherd; Oct. 21: The Great Hour; Oct. 28: The Great Prayer; Nov. 4: Unique Death of Jesus; Nov. 11: Resurrection of Jesus New Life & Light



FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS. John Morovich, new diocesan coordinator of the 4th Degree Knights, and Larry Feldkamp, retiring diocesan coordinator of the 4th Degree Knights present a check to Bishop Herzog for the Excellence in Religious Education fund.



INSTALLATION OF FR. ABRAHAM. Father Abraham Varghese was installed Aug. 9 as pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Marksville. After the ceremony, a banquet was held in the church hall. Pictured are Fr. Chris Nayak, director of Spiritual Care at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital; Fr. Scott Chemino, vicar general for the diocese; Father Abraham Varghese, pastor of Holy Ghost Church; Fr. Rusty Rabalais, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Marksville; and Fr. Agnel Figredo, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Church in Marksville.

800th Anniversary of the Rosary

A Special Rosary Rally commemorating the 800th anniversary of the gift of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11. Mass will be offered at Cabrini Church at 4:30 p.m. A Procession will march with the statue of Our Lady to the City Park Pavilion where a candlelight service will begin at 6 p.m. Come join us as we honor Our Lady and answer her call for prayer especially for peace.

Rachel's Vineyard

The Rachel's Vineyard ministry for healing after abortion is having a retreat on the weekend of Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie, LA. The price of the retreat is \$170 (some financial assistance available, if necessary). This Catholic retreat for healing the pain of abortion is open to everyone whose life has been touched by abortion. All faiths are welcome. For more information and to register, contact Melanie Baglow, (504) 889-2431 or (504) 710-6458, mkbaglow@cox.net or Pam Richard, (504) 460-9360 or (985) 809-0773, richj504@bellsouth.net. This retreat is strictly confidential.



KC COUNCIL 9217, (Belledeau) is supporting fellow council member Bufford Jeansonne in his studies to become a permanent deacon with a monthly check. Presenting Jeansonne (center) with the first check is Vincent Lacombe (left) Grand Knight and Thomas Wacker (right), treasurer.

September - October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>22</p> <p>PRAY FOR MSGR. S. TESTA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Adult Faith Series 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. K. TEXADA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. THOMAS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Illuminated Rosary 7:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>WRC Celebration of Life Gala, Natchitoches Events Center</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. THOMPSON</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PRAY FOR MSGR. J. TIMMERMANS</p>	<p>27</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes, Vidalia</p> <p>Parish Picnic 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. St. Joseph, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. E. TIRKEY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Worldwide Day of Prayer for Synod</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. TRAVIS</p>
<p>29</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. G. UZONDU</p>	<p>30</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. VARGHESE</p>	<p>OCTOBER 1</p> <p>Month of the Holy Rosary</p> <p>PRAY FOR BISHOP R. HERZOG</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Illuminated Rosary 7:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. V. VEAD</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. VELEZ</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OLPS Fall Fest 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Silent Retreat -- Maryhill Renewal Center</p> <p>Holy Ghost Church Fall Festival -- Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. N. VIVIANO</p>	<p>5</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. XAVIER</p>
Priests' Retreat -- Maryhill Renewal Center						
<p>6</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. YOUNG</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Adult Faith Series 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. K. ZACHARIAH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. AELAVANTHARA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Illuminated Rosary 7:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. T. ALLEN</p>	<p>10</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. S. BRANDOW</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Rosary Rally 4:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Procession St. Frances Cabrini Church, Alexandria</p> <p>Married Couples Retreat -- Maryhill Renewal Center</p> <p>St. Joseph School Fall Fair, Plaquemine</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. BRAQUET</p>	<p>12</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. BROCATO</p>
St. Augustine Church Fair -- Isle Brevelle						
Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops						
<p>Bishop's Golf Tournament 12:00 noon Oak Wing Golf Course, Alexandria</p> <p>Radio Maria Rosary 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>13</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. CATELLA</p>	<p>Adult Faith Series 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. S. CHEMINO</p>	<p>Deadline to register for Extreme Obstacles, St. Frances Cabrini Church, Alexandria</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. COOK</p>	<p>Illuminated Rosary 7:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. CORKERY</p>	<p>Taste of Creole 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. St. Juliana Church, Alexandria</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. CUNNINGHAM</p>	<p>White Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria</p> <p>St. John the Baptist Church Fair, Deville</p> <p>Sacred Heart School Fair, Moreauville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. DECOSTE</p>	<p>19</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. DEJESUS</p>
Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops						
<p>COLUMBUS DAY PRAY FOR FR. A. CATELLA</p> <p>20</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. FAULK</p>	<p>Adult Faith Series 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. FERGUSON</p>	<p>22</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. B. DESHAUTELLE</p>	<p>Illuminated Rosary 7:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. T. FEY</p>	<p>24</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. FIGREDO</p>	<p>Cenla Magnificat 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Merci Beaucoups, Natchitoches</p> <p>St. Rita Church Fair -- Alexandria</p> <p>Retrouvaille Weekend -- Maryhill Renewal Center</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. GARRIONE</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. GEARHEARD</p>

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