TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

September 6, 2026

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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle Church
23 South 5th Ave. (Access from corner of 6th & Raritan Ave.)
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Guardian Angels Church
37 Plainfield Ave.(Access from Market Street)
Edison, NJ 08817

Vision Statement

The vision of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance by appointment

Guardian Angels Church
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN BULLETIN

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, St. Paul the Apostle Church
Novenas for Miraculous Medal and St. Jude: Tuesday after 9:00 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels Church

Staff

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor
Deacon Edward Krupa & Deacon Ubaldo Valdes (part-time)
Maria Singares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary
Bridget O'Connor: Director R.E.

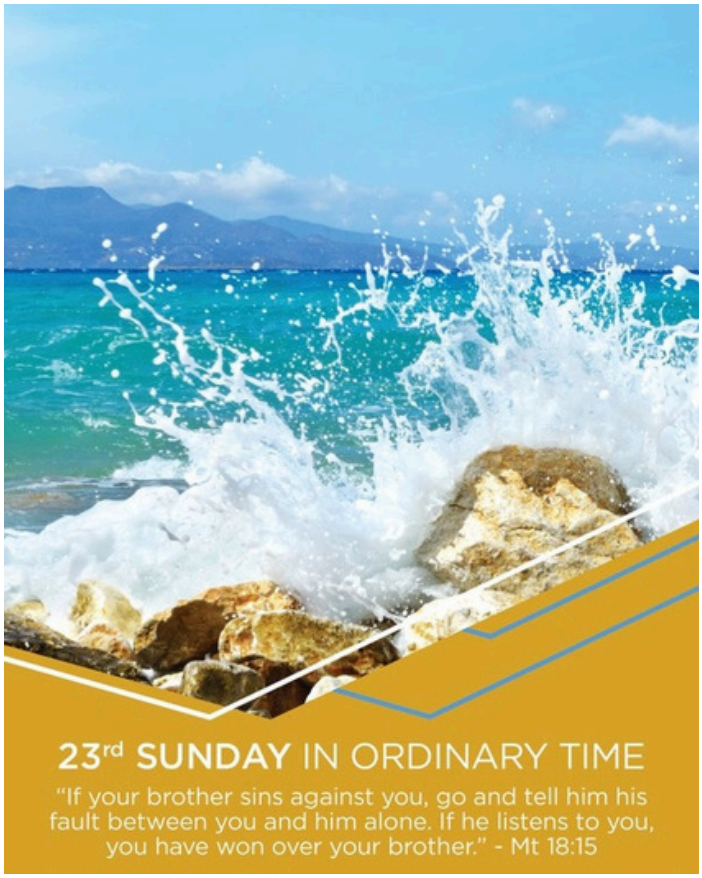
Parish Membership: ***We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith.*** **The parish cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship, give recommendations or character references if a per- son is not active parishioner.**

The Sacrament of Baptism: ***Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be regis- tered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain a certificate of eligibility from their parish.***

The Sacrament of Matrimony: ***requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.***

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: ***Anyone who feels called by God to become a member of the Catholic Church participates in the RCIA Program. A series of instructions and liturgical ceremonies designed to give total formation in the Catholic Faith***

Pastoral Care of the Sick: ***Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office to have a priest visit you at home or in the hospital.***



MASS INTENTION

Saturday, September 5
Guardian Angels Church
4:00 p.m. †**Terrance L. McComiskey,** *by Cathy McComiskey*
†**Noreen Fitzgerald,** *by Cathy McComiskey*
†**Jacqueline Afonso,** *by Jean Bertolotti*

Sunday, September 6
St. Paul the Apostle Church
9:30 a.m. **Dotty Wright,** *by Noreen Horvath*
†**William M. Volpe, Jr,** *by Your Brothers Knights of Council 6306*
12:30 p.m. **Por la salud y por el cumpleaños de Nicolasa Sandre y por las intenciones de Bernarda Cortes,** *by Socorro Cortes*
Guardian Angels Church
8:00 a.m. **Zenko Family,** *by Patricia Suchanek*
For safe & successful surgery of Kristine Baluyot, *by Minerva Brizuela*
11:00 a.m. †**Anthony White,** *by Virginia White*
†**Stephen Sloss,** *by Mary Hannah*
Bill & Jean Mikita, *by Karen Mohamed*

Monday, September 7
St. Paul the Apostle Church
8:00 a.m. **Labor Day - No Mass - Office Closed**

Tuesday, September 8
Guardian Angels Church
9:00 a.m. †**Helen & Owen McCormack**
†**Philomena Tracy,** *by Betty Lou Varady*

Wednesday, September 9
St. Paul the Apostle Church
8:00 a.m. †**Dan Varady,** *by Ed & Kim Krupa & Family*

Thursday, September 10
Guardian Angels Church
9:00 a.m. †**Mary & Jack Cizynski**

Friday, September 11
St. Paul the Apostle Church
8:00 a.m. †**Daniel Varady,** *by Rita & John Ferrara*
The WTC Victims & their Families

Saturday, September 12
Guardian Angels Church
9:00 a.m. **Kathleen Cunningham**
4:00 p.m. †**Lou & Betty Antonelli,** *by Betty Lou Varady*
9/11 Victims & their Families

Sunday, September 13
St. Paul the Apostle Church
9:30 a.m. †**John Foley**
†**Dan Varady,** *by Mary Anne Day*
12:30 p.m. **Por quienes perdieron la vida en el 9/11 y por la fortaleza de sus familiares**
Guardian Angels Church
8:00 a.m. †**Greg Tufaro,** *Tom White*
11:00 a.m. †**Charles LeVan,** *by Dolores LeVan*
†**Roland Hannah,** *by Mary Hannah*

Rest in Peace
Elaine Pearson
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angel Church

Saturday, September 5	**4:00 p.m.**
Lector:	**Matthew Biskupek**
Eucharistic Minister:	**Vivian Luna**
Ushers:	**R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**
Sunday, September 6	**8:00 a.m.**
Lector:	**Anthony Varghese**
Eucharistic Ministers:	**Rodel Santos**
	Angelo Damone
Ushers:	**A. Damone, M. Mehalick**
Sunday, September 6	**11:00 a.m.**
Lector:	**Louis Zappo**
Eucharistic Minister:	**Judy Barta**
Ushers:	**T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir**

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, September 6	**9:30 a.m.**
Lectors:	**Michael Romano**
	Alekasandro Boulieris
Eucharistic Minister:	**Silvia H. de Colina**
Ushers:	**John Adadevoh**

If you are away during this season, please travel safe. You can also look at our parish website: transfiguration-parish.com/ to learn of events in our Parish.

Donors invited for the following items for 2026:
Breaking Bread Hymnals (Guardian Angels): **Paul Bravo**
Breaking Bread Hymnals (St. Paul's): **Garlatti Family**
Misa del Dia: $1,000 **(Hispanic Community)**
Wine: **In memory of Arlene & William Eichler**
Hosts: **Anonymous**
Hosts (Gluten Free): **Anonymous**
Palm Leaves: **Anonymous**
Candles $ Candle Oil: **In memory of D'Amico & Romano Families**
For more information please contact Fr. Abraham Lotha

Please pray for the sick and homebound
Rodney Afonso, Jimmy Andrade, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belsky, Lucca Bernal, Hazel Blackwell, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, Ernesto De León, John Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Sarah Esposito, Angelica Francois, Michael Fuzesi, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Maggie Keogh, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Argentina de Mauriz, Jean & Bill Mikita, Bob Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Stephanie P., Paul Pa- chucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Alena Robles, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Joseph Skalla, Alice Marie Sloss, Donna E. Smith, Alice Sporer, Alyssa Stagno, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Sean W. White, Jeanette Wiegartner, William B. Zalek, and JoAnn Zullo.

Prayers for Military Personnel
Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. Captain Hayes Cozza, Marines. First Lieutenant Santino Cozza, Air Force. Corporal Thomas G. Monahan, Marines. SPC. Brandon D'Souza. Airman Tamari Bailey, Air Force. Captain Michael Asprocola, Army Sgt. Michael Tutalo, Marines. Sgt. Preston Zalek, Army. Chief Petty Officer Joseph M. Zalek, Navy. SR Cullen McArdle, Navy. Sgt. Juan A. Alejandro, Army. Jake Loftus, USN, 2nd Lt. Brennan Skirzenski US Army.
Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7. There will be no Mass that day.

25th Anniversary of September 11 Attacks
A Prayer for Remembrance

**God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,
we seek your light and guidance
as we confront such terrible events.
Grant that those whose lives were spared
may live so that the lives lost here
may not have been lost in vain.
Comfort and console us,
strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage
to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign
among nations and in the hearts of all
(Pope Benedict XVI)**

Rosary Altar Society and Legion of Mary Room (in the breezeway next to the bathrooms) new floors and room repainted. Thank you to the Rosarians and the Legion of Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

September 26: Spaghetti Dinner
October 4: Communion Brunch
October 9: Bingo Burger
November 15: Tricky Tray
November 14/15 & 21/22: Thanksgiving Offering
December 5: Christmas Tree Lighting
December 5: Ministries Appreciation Dinner
December 27: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	8/30/2026
Offertory:	**$5,245.00**
Shop Rite:	**$ 50.00**
Bring a Dollar:	**$ 222.00**

Parking Lots Repair

Shop Rite	**$ 575.00**
Bring a Dollar	**$ 1,902.00**
Other Donations	**$ 9,320.00**
Total (8/30/2026):	**$11,797.00**

Guardian Angels Parking Lot Repairs Final Cost. Repairs (patching) in several sections. Strip off first layer of Asphalt sweep clean and apply tack coat Install 2 to 3 inches of black top: $19,141.00.

Cleaning cracks of all dirt and debris, all grass removed, cracks filled with hot vulcanized rubber and leveled off: $10,862.

Total cost: $30,003.00

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Religious Education

Registration forms for our ***2026-2027 Program Year*** can be found in both churches and the parish office. Should you have any questions, you can email Bridget O'Connor , PCL at edisonparish@verizon.net or call (732) 572-7497 ext. 13.

Nuestra Visión Parroquial

La visión de la Parroquia de la Transfiguración del Señor es vivir una experiencia de Dios que nos ilumine y nos transforme a causa de un mejor conocimiento de Jesús y una Fe mayor en Él.

Lectores: Bertha Rojas y Guadalupe Diaz (9/6/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Maria Garcia (9/6/2026)

Lectores: Carmen Chanez & Luisa Torres(9/13/2026)
Ministro Eucarístico: Domingo Chanes (9/13/2026)

Membresía Parroquial

Nuevos residentes de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. También les pedimos que cualquier cambio de dirección, correo electrónico o numero de teléfono sea sometido a la oficina de la parroquia con prontitud.

El sacramento del bautismo

El bautismo es la celebración a través de la cual un niño es llevado a la fe de la Iglesia Católica. Los padres deben estar registrados y practicando miembros de la parroquia. Los padres están obligados asistir a una clase pre bautismal. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes y poder obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su parroquia.

RCIA

Cualquiera que se sienta llamado por Dios para convertirse en miembro de la Iglesia Católica participa en el programa RCIA. Una serie de instrucciones y ceremonias litúrgicas diseñadas para dar buena información en la fe católica.

Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos

Cualquier feligrés que esté enfermo, envejecido o incapacitado puede recibir la eucaristía en casa. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia.

Los formularios para nuestro Programa 2026-2027 de *Eduacion Religiosa* estan disponibles en ambas Iglesias y en la oficina parroquial . Si tiene alguna pregunta favor comunicarse con Bridget O'Connor al email: edisonparish@verizon.net o llamando al (732) 572-7497 ext 13.

La Diócesis de Metuchen será sede de la ***XI Conferencia para Músicos Pastorales Hispanos*** los días 25 y 26 de septiembre de 2026, organizada por AMPHE. La inscripción cuesta $75.00 por persona. Para apoyar la formación de los músicos, la Oficina de Evangelización Hispana ofrece cubrir parte del costo de inscripción para hasta cinco músicos por parroquia, invitando a cada parroquia a cubrir el resto. La Parroquia de Transfigurafiguracion del Senor esta interesada en apoyar a los musicos, por favor acercarse al Padre Lotha e informarle para llenar el formulario y empezar con los tramites antes del 11 de septiembre de 2026.

La vida del ***Beato Stanley Rother*** nos recuerda la entrega y valentía de servir a Cristo. Se invita a la comunidad a ver la película "Mártir Americano: La Historia de Stanley Rother", que se proyectará en español el 27 de agosto. Se anima a compartir el tráiler y esta historia inspiradora con los feligreses. También se recomienda aprovechar la programación de EWTN Español, que ofrece formación, apologética y recursos de fe en TV, YouTube y su app gratuita.

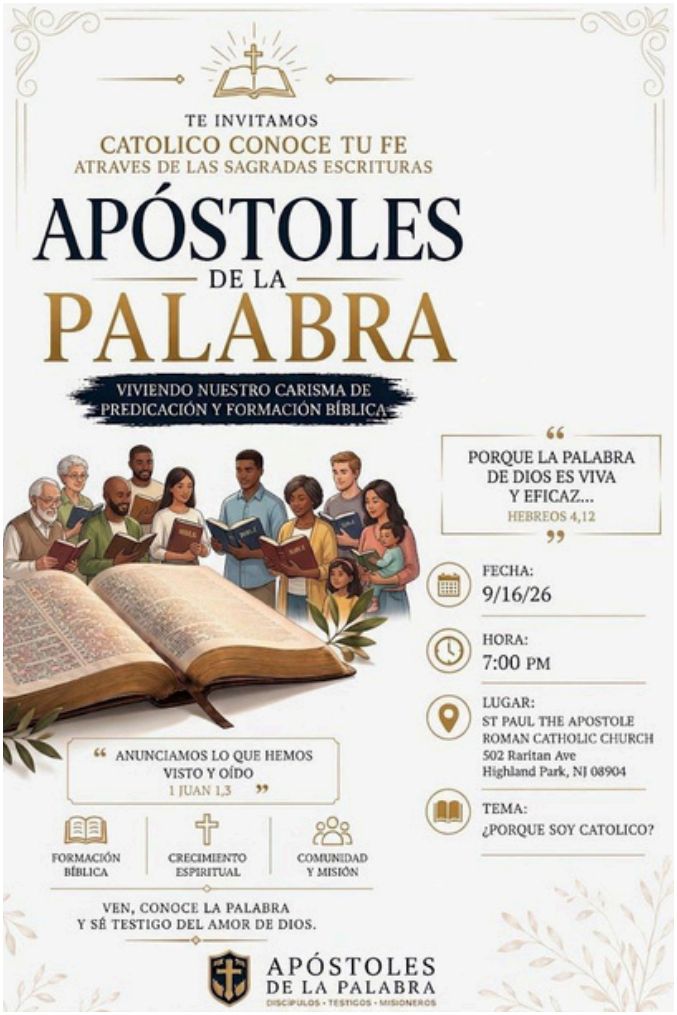
EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA
DILEXI TE
DEL SANTO PADRE LEÓN XIV
SOBRE EL AMOR HACIA LOS POBRES

La Iglesia y la educación de los pobres

72. Para la fe cristiana, la educación de los pobres no es un favor, sino un deber. Los pequeños tienen derecho a la sabiduría, como exigencia básica para el reconocimiento de la dignidad humana. Enseñarles es afirmar su valor, darles las herramientas para transformar su realidad. La tradición cristiana entiende que el conocimiento es un don de Dios y una responsabilidad comunitaria. La educación cristiana forma no sólo profesionales, sino personas abiertas al bien, a la belleza y a la verdad. Por eso, la escuela católica, cuando es fiel a su nombre, se convierte en un espacio de inclusión, formación integral y promoción humana. Así, conjugando fe y cultura, se siembra futuro, se honra la imagen de Dios y se construye una sociedad mejor.

Hispanic Heritage Mass

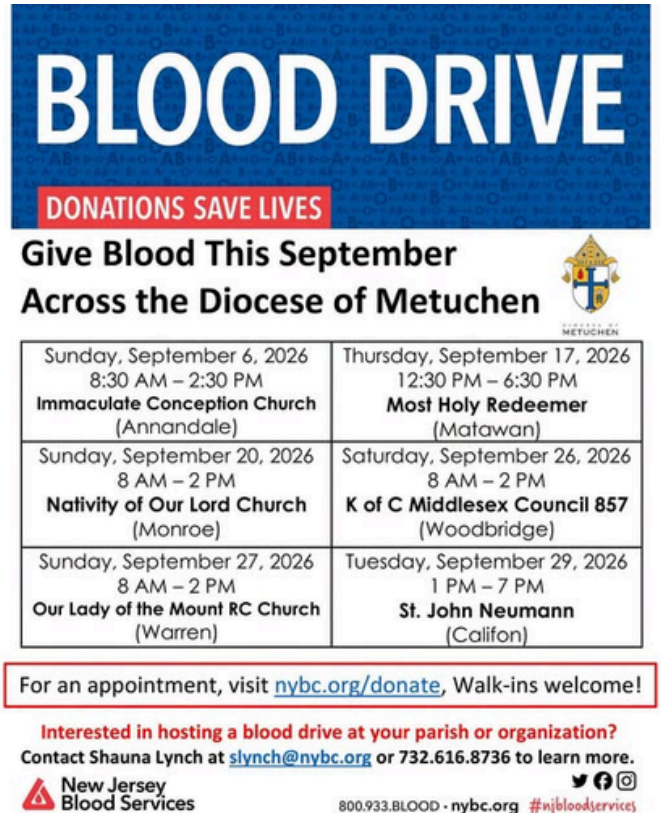
On Friday, **September 18, 2026,** the Office of Hispanic Evangelization will host the Annual Hispanic Heritage Mass at 7:00 p.m., at the St. Francis Cathedral (528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840).



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
DILEXI TE
OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
TO ALL CHRISTIANS
ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

The Church and Education of the Poor

72. For the Christian faith, the education of the poor is not a favor but a duty. Children have a right to knowledge as a fundamental requirement for the recognition of human dignity. Teaching them affirms their value, giving them the tools to transform their reality. Christian tradition considers knowledge a gift from God and a community responsibility. Christian education does not only form professionals, but also people open to goodness, beauty and truth. Catholic schools, therefore, when they are faithful to their name, are places of inclusion, integral formation and human development. By combining faith and culture, they sow the seeds of the future, honor the image of God and build a better society.

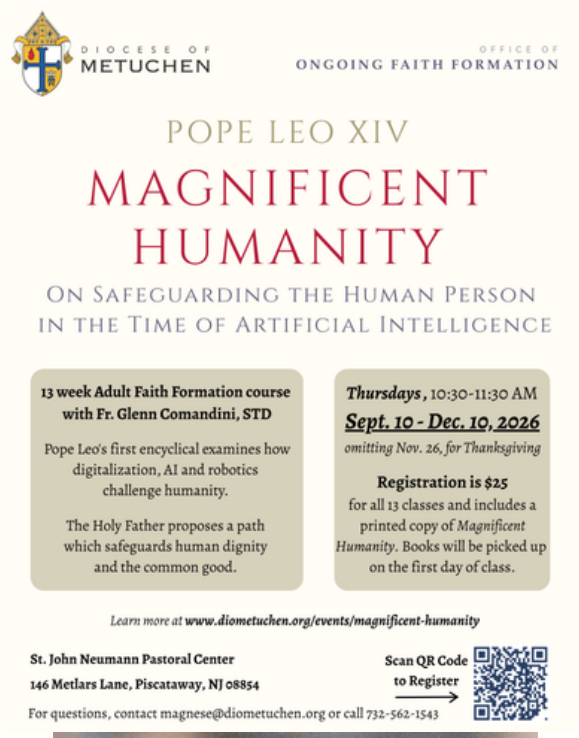


New Jersey Bishops' Mass for Life

The New Jersey Bishops' Mass for Life will be on Thursday, October 8 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton at 9:30 a.m., followed by an 11:00 a.m. rally/march at the Statehouse Annex. The diocese will have a bus trip for those who may want to go but not drive themselves. The bus seats are $20.00 per person, and the bus departs the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway at 7:15 a.m. After Mass, everyone will walk a short way to the Rally and March at 125 West State St, Trenton. The bus will depart from Trenton at approximately 1:15 p.m. and will arrive back in Piscataway at approximately 2:45 p.m. To register for the bus visit: https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity Please note that space is limited. For more information, please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Season of Creation: September 1 to October 4

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). In Pope Leo XIV's message for the 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, the Holy Father invites us "to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator." Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, noting that this time for creation offers "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."



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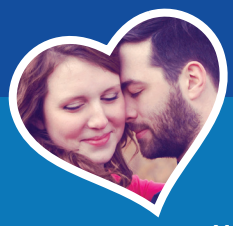

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