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Above: Retreatants come together for a Women of Manresa Retreat at The Cenacle on the Lake. Left: The resurrected Christ greets visitors to The Cenacle. The Resurrection Garden is one of several upgrades to the grounds of The Cenacle. The hope of staff is the upgrades to the outdoor spaces will continue to invite retreatants into a deeper appreciation of the beauty of God's creation as they pray in peace and silence.

Women of Manresa: In the Spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola

By Kim Roberts

Since 1931, Jesuits have been offering retreats along the banks of the Mississippi River centering upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, La. For more than 90 years, men from across the South have been stepping away from the busyness of life to pray and participate in three-day retreats rooted in these Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola whose Feast Day is celebrated July 31.

Local women had often expressed a desire to have the opportunity to participate in a similar retreat. They wanted to experience what the men in their lives have experienced. Manresa Retreat House and The Cenacle on the Lake in New Orleans have teamed up to make this a reality. In the Spring of 2023, The Cenacle on the Lake opened registration for Women of Manresa Retreats lead by Jesuit priests, brothers and Manresa retreat leaders offering the spiritual exercises for women at The Cenacle on the Lake.

"For many years my husband John has looked forward to his retreat at Manresa and has come home rejuvenated," said Donna Hummel. "I would envy him as he would talk about his one-on-one experience with God through the St. Ignatius Exercises. Recently I was given the opportunity to attend the Women of Manresa Retreat at The Cenacle and was able to quiet my thoughts and deepen my relationship with God."

During the 1520's, St. Ignatius Loyola (a Jesuit) wrote about the emotions that took hold of him – feelings of gratitude and anguish, consolation and sadness all while reading the Scriptures. The meditations he practiced during this time came to be known as the Spiritual Exercises, which were first published in 1548.

The retreats are also based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and follow the same schedule and format of the retreats offered for the men.

"We had the opportunity to attend Mass, pray the rosary and pray the Stations of the Cross together," Hummel added. "I no longer envy John because I now have the opportunity to be spiritually rejuvenated at the Women of Manresa Retreat. I came home feeling like a new person."

According to The Cenacle on the Lake staff, more than 800 women from 20 states across the country (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts Virginia, Colorado, Montana, California and Puerto Rico) have registered (see CENACLE p. 13)

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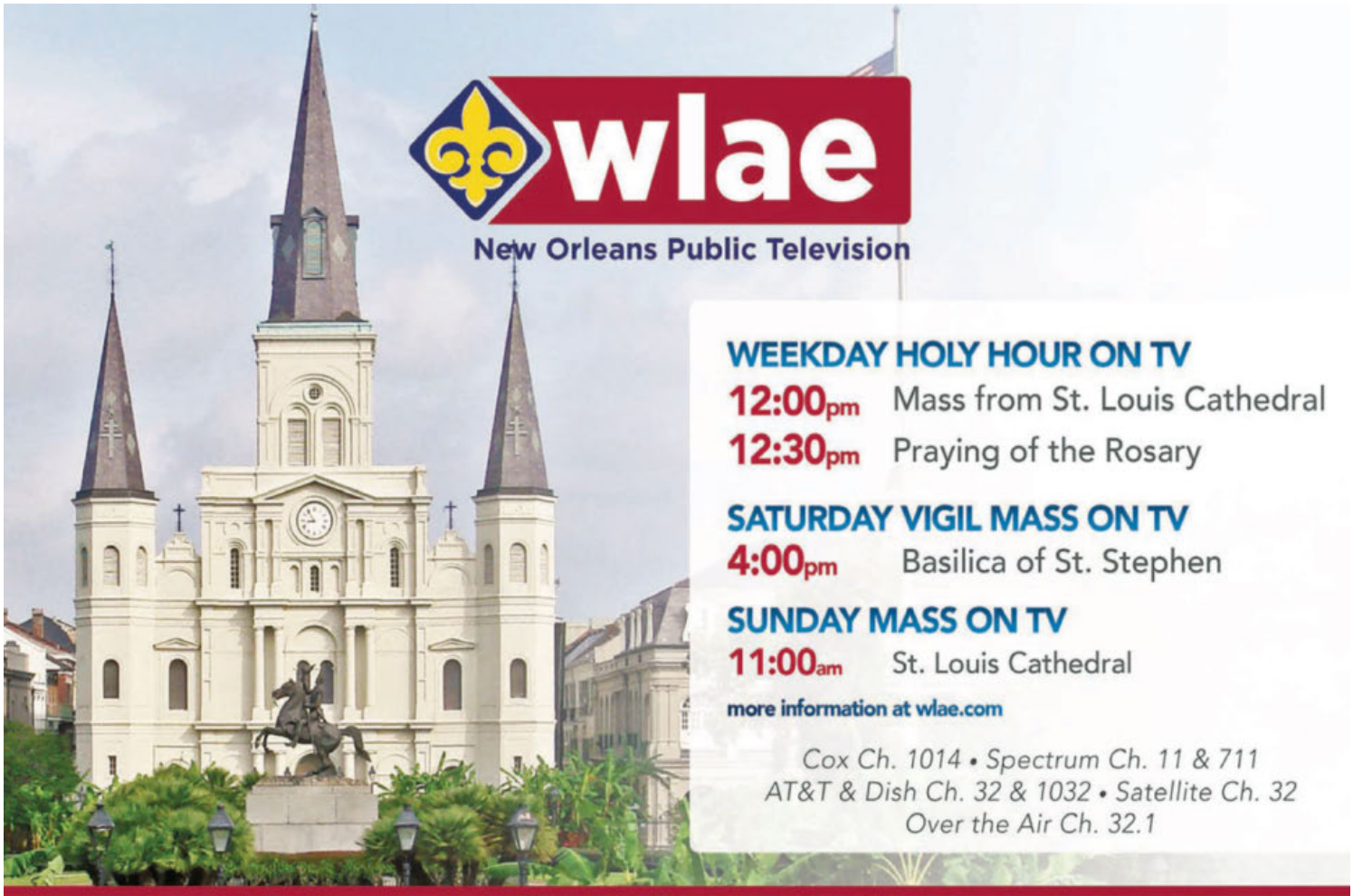

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A large wooden crucifix greets pilgrims at top the staircase at St. Ann Church & Shrine in Metairie. Tradition is that pilgrims and visitors to the shrine pray the Stations of the Cross on their knees up the stairs. The people of St. Ann Parish are honored to be designated as a Jubilee Pilgrimage site and to share the various opportunities for prayer offered at St. Ann. For more information about Jubilee events and opportunities for pilgrims this jubilee year, visit https://stannchurchandshrine.org/.

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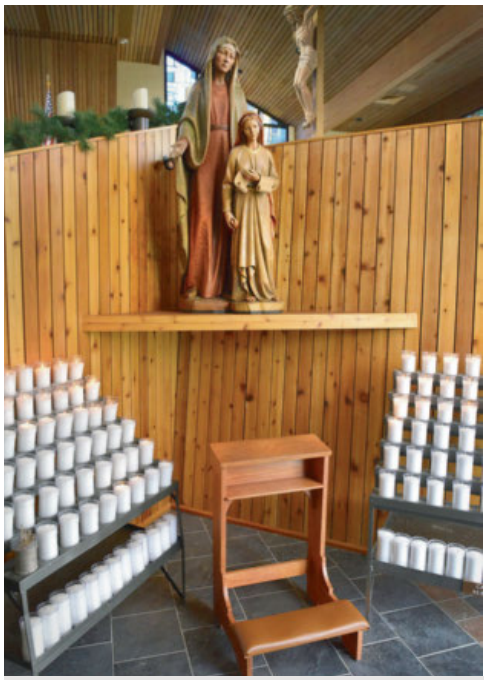
Significant stained glass
The window facing the north depicts St. Joachim and St. Ann. The main window depicts the Holy Trinity. These windows are a memorial to the Louisiana Oyster Industry, the fishermen and their families, who generously donated to the cost and installation of the stained glass windows.

The grotto-like structure in the center of the shrine behind the sanctuary includes the holy stairs whereby people ascend the steps on their knees while praying the Stations of the Cross, which are magnificently depicted in the stained glass windows as pilgrims ascend the stairs.

Upon reaching the top of the stairs, there stands a large wood-carved crucifix alongside a statue of St. Ann.

Feast of Saints Ann & Joachim
St. Ann & St. Joachim's feast day is celebrated by the Church on July 26 and is celebrated at the parish with a Novena. It is also recognized by the Catholic Church as Grandparents Day as a way of honoring the grandparents of Jesus.

Find Pope Benedict XVI's "Prayer for Grandparents" on page 15.



The prayer grotto holds a statue of St. Ann with the Blessed Mother as a child offering another place for pilgrims to pray, reflect and offer up their own prayer intentions and the intentions of others while lighting a candle.

All are Welcome
All are invited to the celebration of the Eucharist and to pray the Stations of the Cross on the Calvary steps. Come, pray, light a candle and seek the intercession of the Mother of the Mother of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Commitment to Stand with You During this Challenging Hour

A Pastoral Statement from the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops

As your shepherds, the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops are keenly aware of the recent immigration-enforcement actions across Louisiana affecting our communities. Such enforcement actions aimed at preserving order and ensuring community security are necessary for the common good. However, the current efforts appear to go well beyond those with criminal histories.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that at the heart of the Christian faith is an invitation to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the first community and based completely on love. The Holy Father also challenged us to be a sign of hope by making the world a better place.

Considering Pope Leo's message, no one can turn a deaf ear to the palpable cries of anxiety and fear heard throughout our communities in Louisiana in the wake of a surge in immigration enforcement actions.

In the context of a gravely deficient immigration system, the detainment and possible removal of our neighbors, friends and family members, particularly in ways that are arbitrary or without due process, represent a profound social crisis before which no person of goodwill can remain silent. The situation is far from the communion of life and love to which this nation of immigrants should strive.

We want to assure all of those affected by actions which tear at the fabric of our communities of Louisiana the solidarity of your pastors. Louisiana is a hub for federal detention centers and has three immigration courts with a significant volume of cases. We provide needed pastoral care in the detention centers as much as possible.

As your shepherds, your fear echoes in our hearts and we make your pain our own. Count on the commitment of all of us to stand with you in this challenging hour.

Let those motivated by the urgency of the current moment to work for just and humane solutions to these immigration challenges know of the commitment and goodwill of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops.

A Sacred Vision of Compassion at Our Lady of the Angels Hospital

By: Kay Kearney
Our Lady of the Angels Hospital

When visitors step into Our Lady of the Angels Hospital, they are now greeted by more than just a welcoming space and smiling faces. They're met with a powerful visual reminder of faith, healing and the enduring strength of compassion.

A Scene of Tenderness and Strength

Positioned prominently in the hospital's main lobby, "The Canticle of Praise" depicts a deeply moving scene: St. Clare of Assisi tenderly tending to the wounds of a frail and blind St. Francis. The setting, a lush garden filled with mint, lavender and roses, contrasts the weakness of the human body with the vitality of nature, symbolizing suffering transformed by charity and grace.

Artist Robert Puschautz captures St. Francis reclining, his face turned upward as he recites his Canticle of Praise, a prayer of gratitude and reverence for creation, even in the face of his own physical suffering. The painting radiates a sense of quiet strength, embodying the Franciscan values that guide Our Lady of the Angels' mission of compassionate care.



Archbishop Gregory Aymond blesses "The Canticle of Praise," a new painting by artist Robert Puschautz that now hangs in the entry way of Our Lady of the Angels Hospital in Bogalusa.

"This painting is more than just art," says Ralph Serpas, vice president and chief operating officer, Our Lady of the Angels Health.

"It is a testament to faith, healing and the Franciscan values that continue to guide our ministry." (see CANTICLE p. 23)

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The Ultimate Honeymoon Experience: Rome & White Smoke!

By: Kim Chatelain
Mary, Queen of Peace Parish

It was May 8 and honeymooners Triston and Kailee Wenturine had spent a long day sightseeing in Rome. At about 6 p.m., they stood near the entrance to Saint Peter's Square as Cardinals gathered in the Sistine Chapel to select a new pope.

It was the second day of a conclave that many predicted would last at least three days. The newlyweds, who are Madisonville residents and Mary, Queen of Peace parishioners, were trying to decide whether it was worth their time to wait around just to see black smoke coming from the chapel's chimney.

"We had just said, 'It'll probably be black smoke so is it worth it?'" Kailee said.

Just then, shortly after 6 p.m. Rome time, they heard cheering coming from the square. When they looked up at the chimney, they saw smoke.

At first, Triston said he couldn't tell if the smoke was white or black. Before long, the crowd made it obvious that Catholics around the world had a new leader. Soon they would find out that they were witnessing a history-making event: the election of the first ever U.S.-born pope.

"I was shaking," Kailee said.

The reaction was somewhat like when the Saints won the Super Bowl. Bells rang out and many in the crowd were overcome with emotion.

Kailee and Triston said it was especially interesting to see the ecstatic reactions of several priests and nuns who were nearby. A bunch of American study-abroad students who were in a nearby classroom burst from the building and came sprinting down the street toward the square.

"It was just a really cool feeling to be there," Triston said. Ironically, it was divine intervention that put the couple in Rome that day.



Honeymooners, Triston and Kailee Wenturine, from Mary Queen of Peace parish gathered in Saint Peter's Square in Rome and witnessed first-hand seeing the white smoke signaling a new pope had been named.

About a year and a half ago, Triston – a St. Tammany Parish sheriff's deputy – was driving home early one morning after working the night shift when he had what he calls "a real encounter with God."

Though he is a cradle Catholic, Triston had drifted away from the faith. But for some reason, he felt compelled to talk to God while on that drive home.

He doesn't remember what prompted the "conversation" but remembers vividly the outcome, which was a feeling he had never experienced.

"I started getting goosebumps, but I wasn't cold. It was a feeling of fear, love and ecstasy," he said. "Then, out of nowhere, I hear within me the words 'Have faith, my child.' I started bawling my eyes out."

Although they were not yet engaged, Triston made an immediate call to Kailee, a petroleum engineer who has been an ardent Catholic her whole life.

"I was like 'Oh my gosh, you're not going to believe what just happened,'" said Triston, a 28-year-old Norco native.

Soon afterward, Triston began attending Mass at MQP with Kailee. After getting engaged, they began working with Deacon Eddy Beckendorf as part of their marriage preparation.

Long before Pope Francis became ill, they set their wedding date for May 3, 2025, in North Carolina.

"As soon as we got engaged, he (Triston) said 'I want to go to Rome. I want to see the Vatican,'" Kailee said.
(see HONEYMOONERS p. 17)

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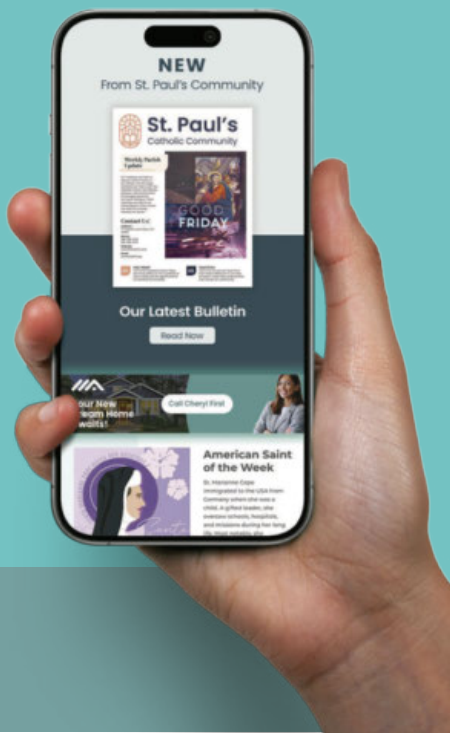

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“Still-grimage”: Making a Jubilee Pilgrimage Where You Are



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The Catholic Church liturgical year isn’t like regular years. It’s a cool year. It starts with Advent and ends with the Feast of Christ the King. January can insist that it goes first, and December can insist that it’s the most wonderful, but the Church year will just smile, light up more incense, and follow its own rules.

The excellent news for us is that this Church year is a Jubilee Holy Year. 2025 marks the 2,025th anniversary of Jesus’ Incarnation and a year of special grace, with a particular emphasis on the graces of reconciliation and pilgrimage.

The Jubilee invites us to become “pilgrims of hope” who engage our body-soul nature in making pilgrimages to sacred places. If you can travel to Rome or another sacred place beyond your usual routine, somewhere that takes you into unfamiliar beauty, I think you should. It’s a worthy expense that you will never regret. Immersing yourself in holy places and walking in the actual footsteps of the saints connect you with the universality of our faith. Pilgrimage is an experience of integration of the body and soul. We move our bodies through a tangible course of sacred places, and our hearts and souls open in new and profound ways.

Happily, the Church has also designated locations all over the globe as Jubilee pilgrimage sites. And of course, God is everywhere, and you can find Him anywhere you happen to be.

I have a special love for this practice of “still-grimage”: you know, like “stay-cation,” but make it holy. You can make a Jubilee pilgrimage wherever you are. Here’s how.

Choose a specific time.
Set aside a designated day, afternoon, or even just a few hours to make your still-grimage. You need to make this a concrete commitment, or it’s likely to remain a “that would be nice” instead of an actualized benefit for your soul.

Choose a location.
The Archdiocese of New Orleans has a list of designated Jubilee Pilgrimage sites at http://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025. You can check the USCCB Jubilee website for a list of the Jubilee pilgrimage sites around the country.

Plan an itinerary.
Plan an itinerary starting with confession and Mass times.

The Jubilee grace of plenary indulgence is an unfathomable gift; avail yourself of it by completing the required practices. Making a pilgrimage is one of the requirements for receiving this indulgence. You must also receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and offer certain prayers. We use this free online search tool to find accurate sacramental schedules around the world.



St. Joseph Abbey (pictured above) is one of 12 Jubilee Pilgrimage sites located in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Visit http://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025 to learn more.

Sacred and Historic Spaces
Dig into the history and spiritual significance of your chosen location.

You’ll be surprised what amazing things have happened in the familiar places of your regular life. Even learning about the buildings and fixtures can reveal some incredible stories and holy people. In New Orleans, we are blessed with churches and shrines that are packed with historic and spiritual meaning.

After you’ve selected your pilgrimage site, dig a little deeper for other holy sites in your area.

Pilgrimage often includes contact with the saints in their own homes, convents, towns and in their own words. Is there a servant of God, venerable, blessed, or saint who lived or ministered nearby? Is there a dedicated museum or shrine, even a small one? Even better if he or she is buried somewhere you can visit and pray.

Develop a plan for prayer and reflection.
You can pray lectio divina with the daily Mass readings, make use of saints’ quotes for contemplation, or journal with questions for contemplation. Bring a Bible, journal and a writing implement. Download a prayer app like the Ascension app, which offers the entire Bible along with scholarly, but accessible commentaries, video reflections and other enriching content. You don’t have to do everything you might plan, but it’s helpful to have some concrete structure for your still-grimage.

Don’t forget your senses.
St John Paul II reminds us: “The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world, the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it.” We ought to engage the great gift of our bodily senses for the even greater good of revealing the divine.

Beauty: Pilgrimages are punctuated with beautiful art, architecture and even landscapes for contemplation. Where in the area can you

(see STILL–GRIMAGE p. 17)

The Church of St. Henry: 100 Years Alive!



Alden
HAGARDORN
Church of St. Henry
Good Shepherd Parish



Photo Credit: Robert Morton

Alden Hagardorn and Archbishop Gregory Aymond share a laugh at the Mass celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Church of St. Henry on July 12.

My introduction to the "St. Henry life" began when I was five years old, living on Magazine St. and attending my first day of Kindergarten at St. Henry's School. The interesting thing was that we lived on the lake side of Magazine St., which was technically not in St. Henry's Parish, but my family had been parishioners there for years. I think the key word is "family."

We were a small parish carved out of a larger one. St. Henry was known as the "sliver by the river, but just as mighty oak trees grow from tiny seeds, the spiritual growth as well as the love and dedication within the St. Henry community grew to gigantic proportions."

While I cherish the fact that I was baptized, made my First Communion and was Confirmed at the Church of St. Henry, which are so important to my spiritual upbringing, the love and affection that has existed in our community has truly blessed all parishioners making us a true parish "family."

In addition to my education and receiving Sacraments at our Church, my involvement from the time of that first day of Kindergarten has grown tremendously. I served as an altar boy throughout my childhood and including my college years at Tulane. I later served as President of the St. Henry Pastoral Council.

Now I serve as the President of the Friends of St. Henry – an organization that exists to maintain the dignity of our Church and continue with that St. Henry family tradition.

This year our Church (building) is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary. But we proudly proclaim that we are not 100 years old, but rather "100 years alive."

The Congregation of St. Henry became part of Good Shepherd Parish in 2008. Daily Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Henry with Eucharistic Adoration from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursdays. For more information visit https://www.goodshepherdparishnola.com/.



Transforming Power of Liturgy: Migrants, Refugees & the Poor

Committee on Divine Worship

Leer en español en la página 16.

In examining the ways that the liturgy transforms us into people who care for the sick and dying; who go forth with the Gospel to those on the margins and peripheries of society; and who uphold the dignity of all races and ethnicities, we also reflect upon the ways that the liturgy prepares us to be people who gladly receive migrants, refugees and the poor.

Theology

Persons who migrate, seek refuge, or lack life's necessities are each created in the image of God. While each person bears this image in a particular national, ethnic and social identity, the image of God is the ultimate one, and every human being equally and fully bears it. The facts of migration, seeking refuge, or lacking life's necessities– these do not compromise God's image but rather manifest it in unique ways. Indeed, as Pope Francis reminded us: "The poor are a sacrament of Christ; they represent his person and point to him" (Message, Fifth World Day of the Poor, June 13, 2021).

Christ dwells within the "least ones" (cf. Mt 25:31-46), and he reveals himself through them in a special way.

This concept of human dignity is the foundation for the care which must be given to migrants, refugees and the poor as well as the foundation of economic and migration policy.

It is also important to recognize that the human person is a member of a family, the "fundamental cell of society […] where we learn to live with others despite our differences" (Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium, no. 66). Thus, care is to be given to both individuals and families and policies or practices that harm families must be evaluated in light of their inherent rights to remain together.

Additionally, the human realities of migration and poverty reveal something about God and ourselves. In creating the world, God goes outside of himself in love, and, in restoring it, he calls people to migrate to him (e.g., the call of Abraham). In the fullness of time, Christ came forth from the Father, emptying himself and becoming poor for our sake (Jn 16:28; Phil 2:7; 2 Cor 8:9). The call to discipleship is a call to become poor (Mt 5:3) and to journey from one way of life to another (Lk 9:57-62). At the Great Commission, Christ commands the apostles to migrate (Mt 28:19) and to proclaim God "who is rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4).

Liturgy

Every fall, the universal Church observes days dedicated to migrants, refugees, and the poor. The World Day of Migrants and Refugees takes place on the last Sunday of September, with National Migration Week celebrated in the United States in the last full week of the same month.

The World Day of the Poor occurs in November on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, a day when the annual collection for the U.S. bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) also takes place.

In addition, the feast days of Saint Josephine Bakhita (Feb. 8) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) are frequently observed as days of prayer for migrants and refugees. Other prayers for migrants may be found at JusticeForImmigrants.org/ engage/prayer.

The Roman Missal also contains Masses and formulas for praying for migrants and refugees.



Photo Credit: The Vigil Project

"The facts of migration, seeking refuge, or lacking life's necessities—these do not compromise God's image but rather manifest it in unique ways."

Action

A good place to start is the joint pastoral letter of the Bishops' Conferences of the United States and Mexico, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope," available in both English and Spanish at USCCB.org/migration.

Individuals and communities may take action by offering hospitality to migrants, refugees and the poor: welcoming them into church parishes, meeting their material and spiritual needs and inviting them to share their experience.

The members of these communities are not only recipients of care, but persons who mutually enrich those from whom they receive.

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“Exceptions” and Undermining of the Moral Law



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Whenever we make small exceptions to universal moral rules, we shouldn’t be surprised that the rules themselves can be quickly undermined. Establishing an “exception” in one case makes people think they’re due an exemption for their case as well. Certain norms of moral behavior, however, do not admit of any exceptions, and we risk undermining morality altogether if we don’t recognize them. Moral norms governing the protection of human life are one such example.

A recent and lengthy article in *The Guardian* took a look at the practice of euthanasia in the Netherlands. It led off with this provocative title: “Death on demand: has euthanasia gone too far? Countries around the world are making it easier to choose the time and manner of your death. But doctors in the world’s euthanasia capital are starting to worry about the consequences.” The article points out that:

As the world’s pioneer, the Netherlands has also discovered that although legalizing euthanasia might resolve one ethical conundrum, it opens a can of others – most importantly, where the limits of the practice should be drawn. In the past few years a small but influential group of academics and jurists have raised the alarm over what is generally referred to, a little archly, as the ‘slippery slope’ – the idea that a measure introduced to provide relief to late-stage cancer patients has expanded to include people who might otherwise live for many years, from sufferers of diseases such as muscular dystrophy to sexagenarians with dementia and even mentally ill young people.

The logic behind these concerns is clear. If we are willing to make an exception to the rule that direct killing of an innocent human being is always wrong, then it only becomes a matter of “haggling over the price.” If killing by euthanasia can be allowed for a deeply emotional reason, it can certainly be allowed for other reasons too, and soon for nearly any reason, making it difficult, if not impossible, to put the cat back into the proverbial “moral bag.”

The almost instantaneous deployment of abortion-on-demand around the world several decades ago relied on very similar logic: first, grant a single exception, and in time virtually any instance begins to appear plausible and defensible. That exception, of course, was rape. By playing on the tragedy of sexual assault, abortion advocates managed to direct attention and blame towards the child, an innocent bystander, turning him or her, almost more than the rapist, into the culprit. After the child had been successfully targeted in situations of rape, he or she became generally targetable in other situations as well.

When it comes to abortion, the state of Louisiana in past years required some of the most comprehensive reporting in the U.S., and their detailed records are a helpful resource for determining how frequent abortions for rape really are. Abortionists were required to fill out a form entitled "Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy" for every abortion. The form stated at the top: “Failure to complete and file this form is a crime.” Item 9d on the form was entitled “Reason for Pregnancy Termination.” Statistics compiled from these forms over a 14-year period reveal the reasons for 115,243 abortions in Louisiana from 1975 to 1988.
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Seeking Love and Seeking God: A Reflection on Bethlehem Farm



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Ursuline seniors Sloane Pierce and Estella Holland, and juniors Ava Dabon and Hallie Wangler traveled to Bethlehem Farm in West Virginia this summer with Campus Minister and Ursuline alumna Beth Joubert '80. Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic Community in Appalachia that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices.

When we first drove up the mountain in Alderson, W.Va., to Bethlehem Farm, the only thing visible for miles was farmland.

Driving in and out of bends and turns, up and down the rolling hills of Appalachia, I was overcome with a sense of peace, as all of the worries that fill the outside world disappeared with every mile we put between us and the hustle of the city.

Upon entering the gates to Bethlehem Farm, the first thing I heard wasn't the birds chirping or the cats meowing on the porch; it was the echoing "Welcome home" from all the summer servants and caretakers currently living at the farm. While I was initially thrown off, by the end of the week, I was crying over the fear that I might never hear that sound again.

Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic Community in Appalachia that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices. They harvest their own solar energy, grow their own food, and provide aid to those in the community around them through their home repair programs, solar energy program, as well as farm work for those who need help working on their land. They allow volunteers to come and spend a week with them, living out the cornerstones of service, prayer, simplicity and community; as well as adults 18 years of age or older to become a summer servant or caretaker.

Every day on the farm was like entering a completely new world, with no two work sites or chores being alike, from the people on the site to what we were working on at the time. The very first day, the chore I signed up for was garlic picking, and I only realized the importance of the harvest later. Bethlehem Farm grows around 10 strains of garlic, some more than others based on their usefulness, and every single one was watched over by Eric, one of the founders of the farm.

I spent hours that Monday feeling relaxed and tranquil while pulling garlic up from the soil, with no idea how what we were doing would impact them later this year, though I would taste it in the food.

Throughout the rest of the week, I was taught how to use a nail gun and a circular saw, learned why I was using a hammer wrong, and saw exactly how much love and care is put into Bethlehem Farm year-round. We might not be able to see the fruits of our labor while working on the farm, or while helping build someone a new roof, but it will be passed on to the next group of people, and in the end, the love and work that everyone puts into each activity will be made visible. Whether that is seen physically in the garlic harvest next year, or in a few months when the wood we chopped will be burned to warm the house, God's love is visible all around us.

At one point, we were asked where we saw love and where we saw God that week. While they were posed as two separate questions, my answer was the same. I noted that during our time there, I had not met one person who complained about the work we did or the conditions, or even how much we sweated in the summer heat. To quote my friends from Wilmington, "It's so hot and no one's even complained about it." Everyone poured all of their energy and effort and love into every activity, and that is where God's love was most evident.

Bethlehem Farm not only fosters the growth of community within Alderson and Appalachia, but also connects people from across the country. Although we are spread out, I know, without a doubt, that I will reconnect with everyone I can, and we will continue to talk every day until we can meet again.

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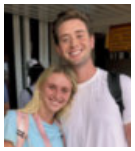
Young adult parishioners, inspired by their mission experience, lead a group of 22 St. Catherine of Siena parishioners on a mission trip to Belize this summer.



Reiley Connor
MACICEK & KULIVAN
St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Punta Gorda, Belize is a special place that will forever have a piece of our hearts.

In June of 2024, God gave us the opportunity to join the first group of St. Catherine of Siena parishioners on the mission trip to Belize. There we encountered the face of Jesus amongst the children and people we met. We knew right away this was not the last time we wanted to visit and learn from the people we had the privilege of meeting there.

As we began our semester at LSU we continued to talk and pray about our desire to go back to Punta Gorda and to share this opportunity to experience the love we received there with more adults our age.

We talked to our pastor, Father Tim Hedrick, about leading a young adult mission trip the following summer. He loved the idea and guided and supported us along the way. Our group of 22 parishioners was able to experience the joy and love that Belize left in our hearts last year.

My (Reiley's) sister, Reese Macicek, developed a strong connection with a little girl on last year's trip and both had a hard time when the trip ended knowing there was a possibility that they may never see each other again. As Reese walked back into the classroom this summer, she immediately found Leanne who ran up to her and gave her the biggest hug.

Leanne's first question was "Why were you gone for so long?"

Although we only get a short amount of time to meet and learn about these young individuals, it is so powerful to see the impact we have on each other's lives.

After our first day of work, we stopped by the school to drop off new balls for the kids to play with during recess. As I (Reiley) was talking to an older student, the student said "I have never seen the playground look so alive."

This is a beautiful reminder that small moments in life can hold great value.

During our final workday, we got to celebrate the second all-school Mass of the year with the students. Something that is so easily accessible to us is a rare opportunity for the people of Belize. The spirits of joy and gratitude are something we all left hoping to emulate more often in our daily lives.

We are extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to share this experience with other young adults. We hope we can inspire others our age to be bold in their faith and answer God's call with an open heart and mind. While everyone's journey in life is different, experiences like this remind us that we are all children of God. We could not be more thankful for the welcoming people of Belize.





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for these retreats. These silent retreats accommodate 64 women from either Thursday evening until Sunday midday or Monday evening until Thursday midday.

"Having always had a desire to learn about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, I jumped at the chance to attend a Women of Manresa silent retreat," said Georgine Bienert.

"Patterned exactly like the retreats given for men at Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, the women who attend this retreat can share knowledge and joy of learning to pray using the Ignatian Prayer Structure of contemplation or mediation. I loved it."

She added that being able to utilize a template of sorts and receiving more direction on the "how" of praying was helpful in her spiritual growth.

"I have long believed that the greatest gift the Jesuits have to offer the Church is their dedication to preaching and teaching the Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola," said Jan Tate. "Gifted preachers ensure that St. Ignatius' work will continue to flourish as the Spiritual Exercises are made more readily available to women as well as men, lay as well as religious."

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August 13 – 16, 2026
September 10 – 13, 2026
October 16 – 19, 2025

For more information (or to register) about Women of Manresa retreats at The Cenacle on the Lake, visit: https://neworleansretreats.com/womenofmanresa.

The Spiritual Exercises
The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God.

For centuries the Exercises were most commonly given as a "long retreat" of about 30 days in solitude and silence. In recent years, there has been a renewed emphasis on the Spiritual Exercises as a program for laypeople. The most common way of going through the Exercises now is a "retreat in daily life," which involves a months long program of daily prayer and meetings with a spiritual director. The Exercises have also been adapted in many other ways to meet the needs of modern people. To learn more about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, visit https://www.ignatianspirituality.com

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Living Liturgically in the Month of July

Staff Reports

Saints Ann & Joachim
Patron Saints of Grandparents & the Childless
Feast Day: July 26

Saints Joachim and Ann, known as the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus, are primarily documented in non-canonical writings and tradition.

They were a wealthy, devout couple living in Nazareth who struggled with childlessness. When Joachim was turned away from the temple for being childless, he retreated to the mountains in sorrow, while Ann prayed fervently for a child. An angel appeared to both, promising them a child who would be a blessing to the world. Ann gave birth to a girl named Mary, free of original sin.

Despite the lack of specific information in the New Testament about Mary's parents, their strong character and devotion are inferred from the atmosphere surrounding Mary in the Scriptures. Their story represents generations of faithful individuals who prepared for the coming of the Messiah.

St. Ann is patron saint against fever, against poverty, against sterility and of broom makers, carpenters, cemeteries, childless people, dress makers, equestrians, expectant mothers, glove makers, grandmothers, grandparents, housewives, lace makers, laundry workers, linen merchants, lost articles, miners, mothers, the poor, pregnancy, seamstresses, stable workers, weavers, widows, the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Archdiocese of Michigan.

St. Joachim is patron saint of; fathers, grandfathers and grandparents.

Celebrate the memorial by:
- Learning more about their lives at nolacatholic.org/livingliturgically.
- Praying for victims of elder abuse.
- Spending time with your grandparents or grandparent figures in your life.
- Praying for grandparents using Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents.
- Volunteer at a nursing home.
- Attending Mass at St. Ann Church & Shrine in Metairie or St. Joachim Church in Marrero



Photo Credit: St. Ann Church & Shrine

Saint Ignatius Loyola
Patron Saint of the Society of Jesus and Retreats
Feast Day: July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola was born in Oct. 23, 1491 in the castle of Loyola, into the Spanish nobility. He started his military career as a page. At age 17 he enlisted in the Spanish army longing for fame and glory.

At the battle of Pamplona, in 1521, Ignatius was seriously injured when a French cannonball ricocheted off the wall, fracturing his right leg, ending his military career. While recovering, he had a spiritual conversion while reading a book about the lives of the saints.

Once he had fully recovered, he went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In 1522, he visited the monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat where he confessed his past sins. He gave away his fine clothes and wore a sackcloth garment and laid his weapons on the Virgin's altar.

For a year, he begged and then completed chores at the local hospital for food and shelter. Ignatius lived in a cave, known as Manresa, where he practiced asceticism, praying for seven hours and formulating his Spiritual Exercises.

From 1526 to 1527 he entered school to educate himself so he could better help others. In 1539, Ignatius with Peter Faber and St. Francis Xavier formed the Society of Jesus, which was approved by Pope Paul III in 1540. Ignatius sent his companions on missions across Europe to establish schools, colleges and seminaries.

Then sent them across the world to convert others. Ignatius wrote the Jesuit Constitutions, which created a centralized organization of the order and stated absolute self-denial and obedience to the Pope and the hierarchy of the Church, adopted in 1553. Ignatius died from Roman Fever on July 31, 1556 in Rome.

He is the patron saint of Basque Country, education, military ordinate of the Philippines, retreats, soldiers, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Spiritual Exercises and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Celebrate the Memorial of St. Ignatius by:
- Learning more about St. Ignatius and the Jesuits
- Learning more about and practicing his Spiritual Exercises
- Planning a retreat
- Baking Ignacio (Cake for St. Ignatius Day).
- Attending Mass at one of the Jesuit institutions in the archdiocese

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

-St. Ignatius Loyola

A Prayer for Grandparents from Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.
Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen!

El poder transformador de la liturgia: Los migrantes, refugiados y pobres

By: USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

Al examinar las formas en que la liturgia nos transforma en personas que cuidan de los enfermos y moribundos, que llevan el Evangelio a quienes están en los márgenes y periferias de la sociedad, y que defienden la dignidad de todas las razas y etnias, también reflexionamos sobre las formas en que la liturgia nos prepara para ser personas que reciben gustosamente a los migrantes, los refugiados y los pobres.

Teología

Las personasque migran, buscan refugioo carecen de lo necesariopara la vida están creadas aimagende Dios. Si bien cada persona lleva esta imagen en una identidad nacional,étnica y social particular, la imagen de Dios es la primordial, y cada ser humano la lleva igual y plenamente. Los hechos dela migración, la búsqueda de refugio ola falta de lo necesario para la vida no comprometen la imagen de Dios, sino que la manifiestan de maneras únicas. De hecho, como nos recordó el Papa Francisco: "Los pobres son sacramento de Cristo, representan su persona y remiten a él" (Mensaje, V Jornada mundial de los pobres, 13 de junio de 2021). Cristo habita en los "más pequeños" (cfr. Mt 25, 31-46),y se revela a través de ellos de manera especial. Este concepto de dignidad humana es el fundamento del cuidado que se debe brindar a los migrantes, los refugiados y los pobres, así como el fundamento de la política económica y migratoria.

También es importante reconocer que la persona humana es miembro de una familia, la "célula básica de la sociedad, el lugar donde se aprende a convivir en la diferencia" (Papa Francisco, Evan- gelii gaudium, n. 66). Por lo tanto, se debe brindar cuidado a los individuos y también alas familias,y las políticas o prácticas que perjudican a las familias deben evaluarse a la luz desus derechos inherentes a permanecer juntas.

Además, las realidades humanas de la migración y la pobreza revelan algo sobre Dios y sobre nosotros mismos. Al crear el mundo, Dios sale de sí mismo en amor y, al restaurarlo, llama alaspersonas a migrar hacia él (por ejemplo, el llamado de Abraham). En la plenitud de los tiempos, Cristo salió del Padre, despojándose desí mismo y haciéndose pobre por nosotros (Jn 16, 28; Flp 2, 7; 2 Co 8, 9). El llamado al discipulado es un llamado a hacerse pobres (Mt 5, 3) y a transitar deun modo de vida aotro (Lc 9, 57-62). En la Gran Comisión, Cristo manda a los apóstoles que emigren (Mt 28, 19) y anunciena Dios, pues "la misericordia y el amor de Dios son muy grandes" (Ef 2,4).

Liturgia

Cada otoñoboreal, la Iglesia universal observa días dedicados a los migrantes, los refugiados y los pobres. La Jornadamundial del migrantey del refugiado se lleva acabo el último domingo de sep- tiembre, y la Semana nacional dela migración se celebra en los EstadosUnidos en la últimasemana completa del mismo mes. La Jornadamundial de los pobres tiene lugar en noviembre,en el trigésimo tercer domingodel Tiempo Ordinario, día en el que también se lleva acabo la colecta anual para la Cam- paña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) de los obisposde los Estados Unidos. Además, los días festivos desantaJosefina Bakhita (8de febrero) y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (12 de

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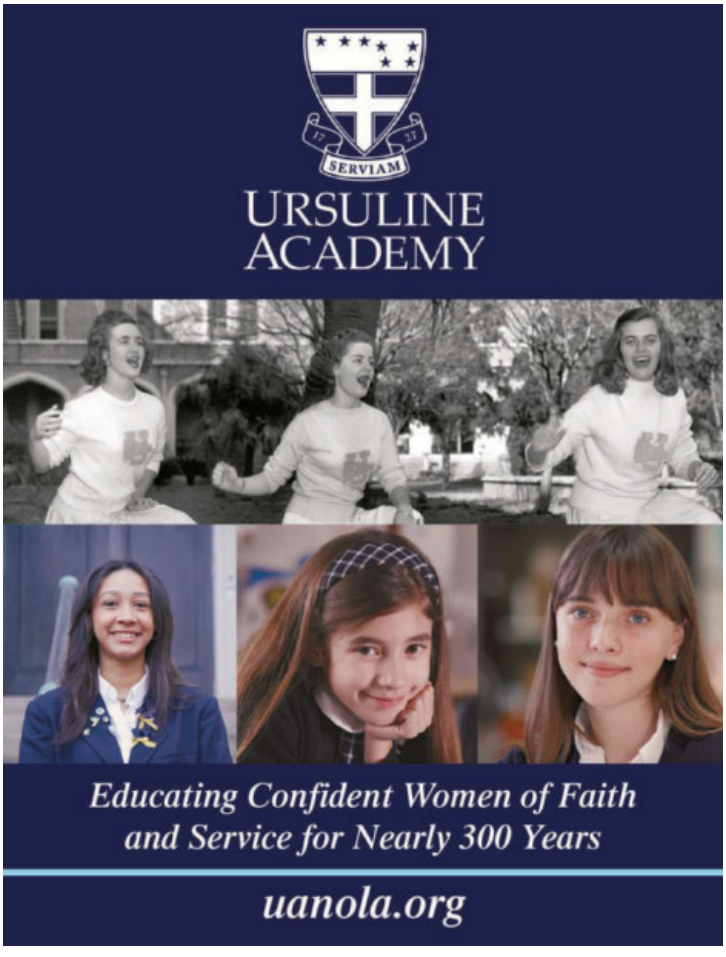

STILL–GRIMAGE

immerse yourself in beauty? Remember that it need not be an explicitly religious location – the Creator has given us all of creation as a revelation of His love and goodness. Is there a beautiful park, forest, hilltop, or body of water nearby where you can stroll in silent prayer? Is there an art museum you can duck into and let the visual beauty fill your soul?

Music: Make a playlist to stir your heart – singing is "praying twice," according to the great St Augustine. Don't limit yourself to spiritual music, but add any music that calls you to authentic contemplation. You can start with these: a not-your-typical Marian playlist; a playlist inspired by the saints; a hurricane-themed playlist; and a "divine romance" playlist of secular songs that shimmer with spiritual analogy.

Food: Don't forget good food. Look along your route for a restaurant whose dishes will make you praise God all over again. Even better: Find a restaurant that connects to your still-grimage theme.

Carry intentions for others.
An ancient pilgrimage practice is to carry the intentions of loved ones with you. Before your pilgrimage, invite friends to send you their special intentions so you can pray for them through the experience. I'm a believer in the particular power of intentions written on physical cards that you can deliver to the sacred place.

Bring companions.
We are made for communion. Even on a one-day still-grimage, you'll be surprised how deeply bonding the shared experience will be. And there's always, always something you didn't notice or see or think that's noticed or seen or thought by someone else. Invite friends or even a small group to join you.

This post was originally published on Aimee's blog Thy Ship. Visit thyship.com for more from Aimee and to find links to her recommendations.



Columnist Aimee Boudreaux MacIver delivers intentions to the altar in Lisieux, France. MacIver describes "carrying intentions for others" as an ancient pilgrimage practice and part of what local Catholics can do with a jubilee "still-grimage."

MIGRANTES

diciembre) se observan con frecuenciacomo días de oración por losmigrantes y los refugiados, y se pueden encontrar otras oracionespor los migrantes en JusticeForImmigrants.org/engage/prayer (en inglés).

Acción
Aun buen lugar para comenzar es la carta pastoral conjunta de las Conferencias Episcopales de los Estados Unidos y México, "Juntos en el camino de la esperanza: Ya no somos extranjeros", disponible en español y en inglés en USCCB.org/migration. Los individuos y las comunidades pueden actuar ofre- ciendo hospitalidad a los migrantes, los refugiados y los pobres: dándoles la bienvenida en las parroquias de la iglesia, satisfaciendo sus necesidades materiales y espirituales e invitándolos a compartir sus expe- riencias. Los miembros deestas comunidades no son sólo receptores decuidados sino personas que enriquecen mutuamente a aquellos de quienes los reciben.

HONEYMOONERS

Triston said his renewed faith – and his Italian heritage – made him want to visit the location of the Catholic Church's supreme authority.

As a wedding gift, Kailee's grandparents gave the couple a tour of the Vatican – for May 8, the day of the billowing white smoke.

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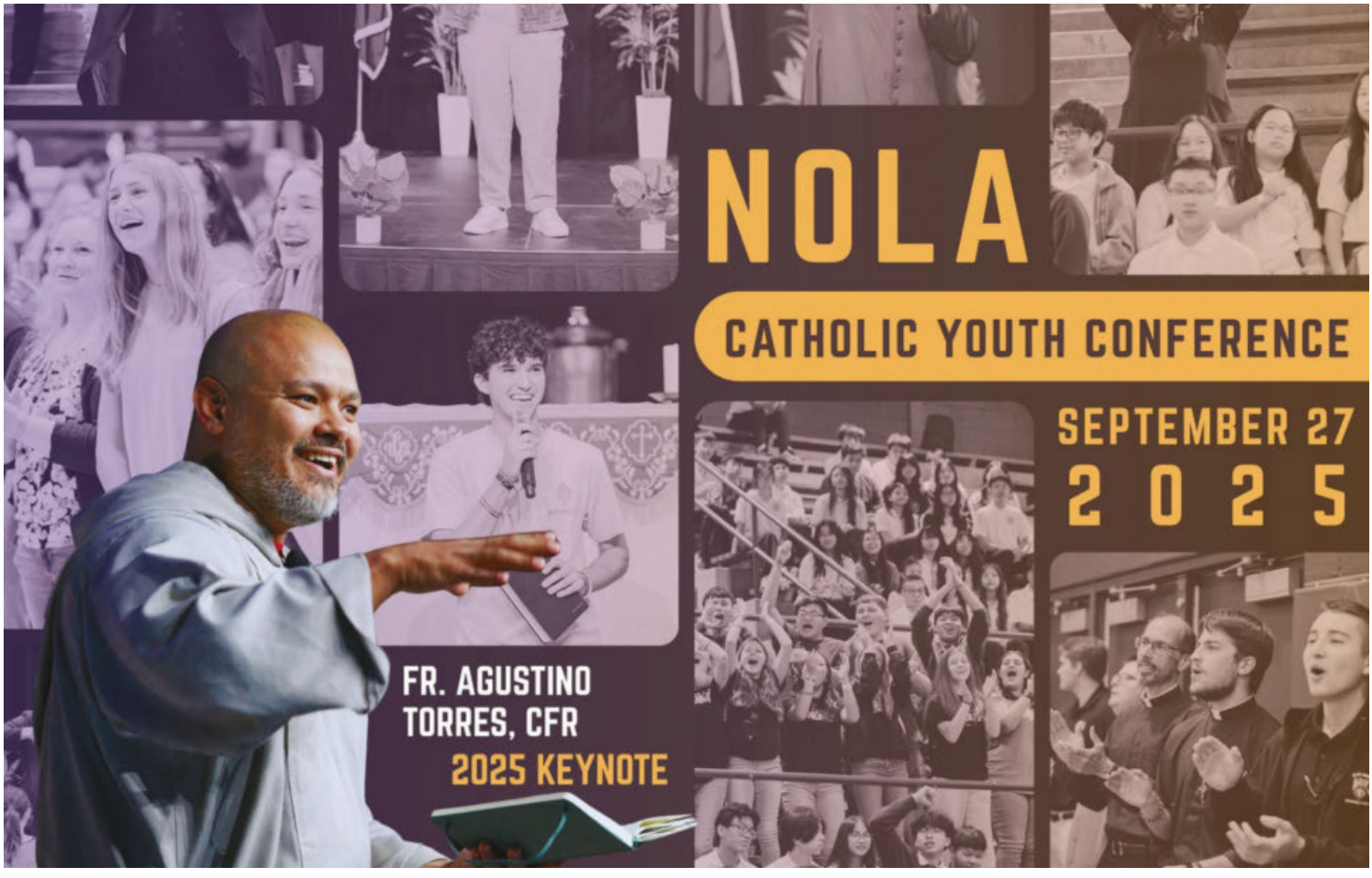

High School Book Leaves Impression



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When I was in high school, our class was given the assignment to read a book entitled "Gift from the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

She was a mother of five who spent a vacation in a small house on a Captiva Island beach, off Florida's west coast. Lindbergh was a person who appreciated the beauty and simplicity of time spent in this lovely environment.

She collected seashells and smooth stones and placed them on her windowsill at home to bring her back to the time when she took some purposeful inventory of her life.

Originally this was an exercise she intended to do just for her own benefit, but it soon became a wonderful inspiration for others to come and do the same.

She considered her life in the 1930's to be hectic since she was raising a family but also participating in flights with her husband (Charles Lindbergh) to establish early aerial routes for the aviation industry. So, her life was full of ordinary and extraordinary experiences.

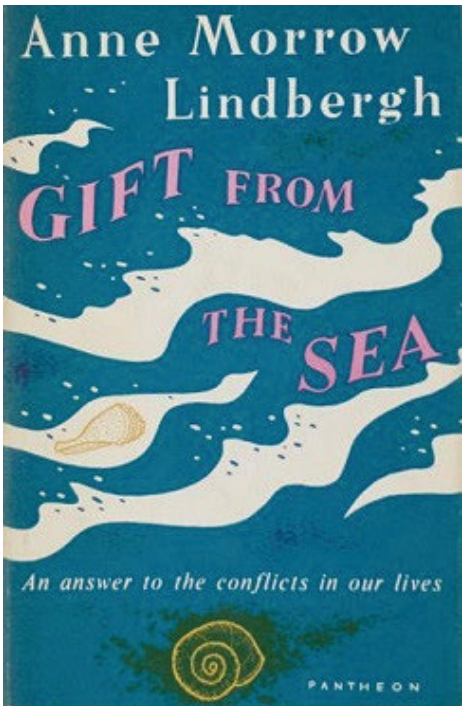
In her book, she reflects upon the search for patience, faith and openness amidst life's challenges and reminds us by reflecting on the beauty of a small, spiraled shell that we all need to hold still, just a moment, for a touch of salvation.

She invites us to find clarity and hope along our way by looking up to see the stars or looking down to see a flower blossoming at our feet. All of us are looking for a happy balance and state of harmony in our life.

There are different names for it, but essentially it means that somewhere between our sense of duty, purpose and dreams we want to be content. Threats to this sense of peace are multiplicity instead of simplicity, fear of the unknown or a desire to take a leap of faith.

Living in the modern world, women are especially affected by distractions. Anne makes a joke and says, "I begin to understand how saints were rarely married women." It has little to do with chastity or children, but more to do with constant distractions.

I recently watched a video about a woman who counted in one day how many times her child called for her "Mom, mama, mother." The number was literally hundreds of times!!! Well, we can't become a hermit or run away, but we can attempt to balance our lives with pauses of quiet.



I find going to Mass or Eucharistic adoration during the week is a great opportunity for our unsettled souls to find rest.

Once we are refreshed, we can return to chaos with a better attitude and bring some calm to our family or friends.

Anne talks about relationships. She describes it as coming upon a new and beautiful shell on the seashore.

It is a gift freely given. Just like our discovery of a new person in our life. If it is a romantic relationship, we may find ourselves swept off our feet in joy and excitement.

The first moments will never be repeated. If it is meant to be a relationship that will be long-lasting then it will have to be allowed to grow, change and develop on a timeline that is out of our control. Don't expect it to stay exactly as it began. The real goal is to meld the two people into a unique creation.

Marriage is the strongest example of what a life lived in love can be. It must be sanctified which means that each person must be willing to give themselves to each other under the care of God. I think Anne's book has a lot to offer us as we discover the shells or guideposts of our lives.

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"Did I Answer Your Question?"



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It's such a simple phrase, yet a powerful tool that can transform the way we communicate. Have you ever attended a meeting or workshop where you asked a question, but walked away feeling dismissed, misunderstood, or ignored?

Sometimes, the disconnect happens because the person doesn't understand what we were truly asking. Other times, we may not have asked our question clearly. And then there are moments when the person simply doesn't know the answer and instead of admitting that, they deflect, redirect, or give a vague response.

But yesterday, I observed something refreshing. A presenter thoughtfully responded to each question and then followed up with, "Did that answer your question?" That one small question created space for clarity, understanding and mutual respect.

It reminded me how impactful it can be to integrate this habit into our daily lives, with our spouses, children, coworkers and neighbors. When we pause to check in, we show that we value the other person's voice and want to ensure real communication is happening, not just speaking, but connecting.

Of course, we always have to ensure that our tone doesn't come across as condescending. Even the best intentions can be misunderstood, and our most carefully planned efforts can fall short if we overlook tone and nonverbal cues. Communication is more than what we say, it's how we say it.

One little question, thoughtfully presented, can yield transformative results.

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Around the Archdiocese

St. Jude Summer Novena
July 26-Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe/ International Shrine of St. Jude, 411 N. Rampart St., New Orleans
Fr. Richard Sudlik, OMI will present on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope". Masses are Saturday July 26 and Aug. 2 at 7 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m.; Sunday, July 27 and and Aug. 3 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) and 6 p.m.; Monday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1, 7 a.m. and noon. Call (504)525-1551 or visit www.judeshrine.com for more.

Charismatic Healing Mass at Center of Jesus the Lord
July 26 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1235 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans
Praise and Worship at 10 a.m., Eucharistic Celebration at 10:30 a.m., and healing prayer following Mass. Please contact Helen Owens at (504)529-1636 for more information.

Voices Reclaimed: Celebrating Black Composers
July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church and Shrine, 610 Sixth St., Gretna
Embark on a journey through classical music history with "Voices Reclaimed," a program dedicated to unveiling hidden gems of the genre. Taylor White and Kelly Cuppett will perform. Doors open at 6 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert is free and open to the public.

Heal, Grow, Thrive! A Grief Retreat
Aug. 2-3 at The Cenacle on the Lake, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie
A grief retreat for men and women presented by Jewell Bayhi.Retreat begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. $150 registration fee includes meals and accommodation. To register for this retreat, you may do so online by following the link provided neworleansretreats.com or by calling our retreat office at (504)267-9604.

God's Special Children Mass
Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie
All are welcome to the celebration of the Eucharist with "God's Special Children."

Blessing of the Fleet
The blessing of the fleet of Hopedale, Shell Beach and Yscloskey will take place at 1 p.m. on Aug. 9, at Robin's Seafood in St. Bernard.

Solemnity of the Assumption
Aug. 15 - Holy Day of Obligation
Please visit parish websites for Mass times.

Interfaith Prayer Service observing 20 Years Since Hurricane Katrina
Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans
Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside with leaders of other Christian and interfaith leaders over a prayer service commemorating 20 years since Hurricane Katrina hit the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

The Forge: The Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference
Sept. 4-7
The conference is designed to offer a safe space for men to pray, gather and discuss the challenges they face. Visit https://www.bowmanfrancis.org/ for more information and to register.

NOLA Catholic Youth Conference
Sept. 27 at Jesuit High School, New Orleans
The youth of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to gather for the annual NOLA Catholic Youth Conference at Jesuit High School. Visit cyo-no.org for more information.



Statement of Policy

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond

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Archbishop of New Orleans
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Archbishop Hannan High
St. Paul's High
St. Peter
St. Scholastica Academy
Mandeville
Mary, Queen of Peace
Our Lady of the Lake
Slidell
Our Lady of Lourdes
Pope John Paul II High
St. Margaret Mary

WASHINGTON PARISH
Bogalusa
Annunciation

Let's Celebrate Summer with Scenes Around the Archdiocese!


Photo Credit: Clarion Staff

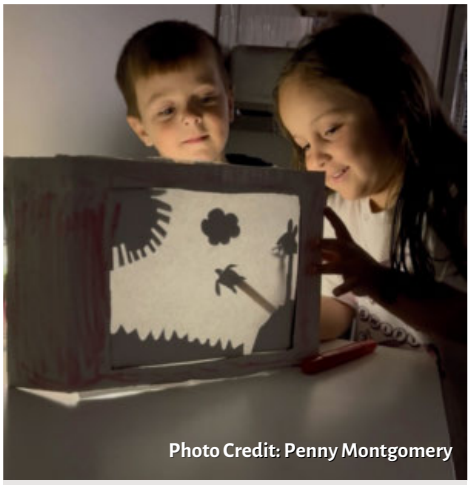
Before commemorative edition of the Clarion Herald was released, Archbishop Aymond welcomed over a 100 clergy, religious and laity to his residence to honor Peter Finney, Jr.'s over 30 years of service as executive editor of the Clarion.


Photo Credit: St. Francis Xavier CYO, Metairie

Members of the St. Francis Xavier CYO gathered to celebrate and give thanks for Fr. Andrew Sanchez before Fr. Andrew departed to train for military chaplaincy. The youth gifted him an engraved St. Michael the Archangel medal to take with him as he begins his military service.


Photo Credit: Betty-Ann Hickey

Over 100 married couples were honored at the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Prayer Service this summer at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. To find the names of the couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, visit clarionherald.org.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Campers at Camp Jaguar, St. Francis Xavier Parish's summer camp, spent six weeks of play and fun learning. During week six, the young campers created their own stories and a shadow puppet show to go along with them.


Photo Credit: Camp Abbey

Participants at Camp Abbey in Covington enjoy a wide-range of activities outside and inside during their time at the camp. Camp Abbey is a serene and peaceful destination offering a variety of retreat experiences for individuals and groups. With a focus on spiritual renewal and personal growth, it provides a tranquil setting for reflection, meditation and connection with nature.

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EXCEPTIONS

Mother's Mental Health: 114,231 (99.12%)
Mother's Physical Health: 863 (0.75%)
Fetal Deformity: 103 (0.09%)
Rape or Incest: 46 (0.03%)

These data confirm other calculations indicating that, on average, about 550 women per year in the U.S. become pregnant as a result of rape. Assuming they all ended in abortion, this means that an average of 0.04% (one twenty-fifth of one percent) of all abortions have been performed for rape – or only one out of every 2,500! Yet for every one of the more than 50 countries that now have abortion on demand around the world, the initial step taken by pro-abortion forces was intense lobbying for abortion in the so-called 'hard cases' – especially rape and incest. Once abortion advocates secured the availability of abortion for the 'hard cases' they went on to argue for abortion in any situation.

Even if one granted, for the sake of argument, that rape justified a mother's decision to end her child's life, could that ever justify the other abortions that occur for non-rape related reasons? It is duplicitous to justify 2,499 deaths from the one assault, unjust and traumatic as it may have been.

By granting the exception, the moral rule has been, in effect, eliminated, and the doors have been thrown open to the practice of abortion for any reason. Encouraging exceptions is the entry point into a broader repudiation of our moral duties towards each other, the first of which is the duty to respect the inviolability of each other's life.

Rev. Tadeusz "Fr. Tad" Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.



"The Canticle of Praise" hangs in the lobby of Our Lady of the Angels Hospital. Plans are underway to install more information about the painting and its meaning as well as prayer cards and an intention box in the entryway.

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St. Francis and St. Clare's story reminds us of the power of compassion and care and values that our hospital strives to embody every day."

More Than a Masterpiece
The blessing ceremony brought together hospital leadership, board members, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Sisters, donors and health system executives to honor the painting's unveiling.

E.J. Kuiper, president and chief executive officer, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, joined Serpas, alongside Chuck Spicer, president of Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of the Angels Health and Rafael Flores, director of mission, to commemorate this meaningful addition to the hospital's space.

The painting's presence is more than symbolic. It's a reflection of the hospital's mission to provide compassionate, faith-based care to all who enter. It serves as a source of inspiration, comfort and peace, reminding patients, families and caregivers that healing is not just a physical journey, but a spiritual one as well.

A Heartfelt Thanks
This remarkable work of art was made possible thanks to the incredible generosity of donors and the support of the St. Louis IX Art Society. Their contributions allowed this vision to come to life, creating a lasting tribute to faith and healing for everyone who visits Our Lady of the Angels.

The Mission Endures
"The Canticle of Praise" now stands as a beacon of hope and a reminder that, even in moments of suffering, compassion and faith endure. It reflects the care offered by the dedicated healthcare professionals who serve at Our Lady of the Angels, inspired by the same spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare.

About Our Lady of the Angels Hospital
Our Lady of the Angels Hospital is classified as full-service acute care hospital in Bogalusa. It is part of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System has provided faith-based, quality and compassionate care to the people of Louisiana and now Mississippi for over 100 years. To learn more visit https://www.fmolhs.org.

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