



JOHN ZYLKA THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Bishop Malesic announces \$4.1 million in scholarships; introduced as new Bishop of Diocese of Cleveland

In a whirlwind two-week period, Bishop Edward C. Malesic announced the St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership, an initiative that helps make \$4.1 million in scholarships and tuition assistance available for Catholic schools in the diocese, July 1 (left; see pages 4-5), and was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland by Pope Francis July 16. Bishop Malesic was introduced at a press conference in Cleveland that day (below; see page 3).



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BISHOP'S FAREWELL

The diocese will say farewell to Bishop Edward C. Malesic in a special issue of The Catholic Accent in September before his installation as Bishop of Cleveland. If you are interested in purchasing a farewell message advertisement, contact Beth Tallentire, btallentire@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-552-2543.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT LIFE:

Bishop Edward C. Malesic blesses a new ultrasound machine at the My Choice Medical Clinic in Kittanning June 30. The machine was made possible by contributions from Knights of Columbus councils 1011 of Kittanning (Grand Knight Frank Battaglia at right) and Divine Trinity Council 17178 of Ford City (Grand Knight Thomas Goughnour Jr. at left). The local councils contributed \$6,975 each and the Knights' Supreme Council provide the other half of the cost. The clinic is operated by Life Choices and provides free ultrasounds, tests and consultations for pregnant women.

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OBITUARY

Sister Elaine (Clarita)
DiZinno, CSJ



BADEN — Sister of St. Joseph Elaine (Clarita) DiZinno, 80, died June 28, 2020. She was in her 63rd year of religious life.

Sister Elaine taught in schools in the dioceses

of Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Altoona-Johnstown from 1960-78, including St. Bernard School, Indiana.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.



OFFICIAL

*The Most Reverend
Edward C. Malesic, JCL,
Bishop of Greensburg,
has made the following appointments:*

Effective Friday, July 24, 2020

ADMINISTRATOR:

The Reverend David J. Nazimek, Administrator of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, while continuing as Pastor of Saint Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish, West Newton.

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:

The Reverend Rodolfo P. Mejia, Jr., from Parochial Vicar of Church of the Resurrection Parish, Northern Indiana County, and Chaplain to Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana, to Priest in Residence with pastoral and liturgical responsibilities at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, with residence at Saint John the Baptist Rectory, Perryopolis.

The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, at the presentation of The Very Reverend Thomas Betz, OFM Cap, Provincial Minister, Province of Saint Augustine (Capuchin Franciscan Friars), has made the following appointment:

Effective Friday, July 24, 2020

CHAPLAIN AND PASTORAL ASSISTANCE:

The Reverend Matthew Palkowski, OFM Cap, as Chaplain to Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana, Chaplain to the State Correctional Institution — Pine Grove, Indiana, and Sacramental Assistance at Church of the Resurrection Parish, Northern Indiana County, with residence at the Friary at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Indiana.

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DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

Priesthood Discernment Day

'A wonderful, kind and gentle soul' Bishop Malesic meets Diocese of Cleveland

**Courtesy Catholic
Diocese of Cleveland**

CLEVELAND — The faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland got their first look at their new diocesan shepherd July 16 when Bishop Edward C. Malesic was introduced at a livestreamed press conference at diocesan headquarters in downtown Cleveland.

"I met with him last night and found him to be a wonderful, kind and gentle soul," said Father Don Oleksiak, diocesan administrator in Cleveland, as he introduced Bishop-designate Malesic.

The newly named bishop, who will be 60 on Aug. 14, will be installed as the 12th bishop of Cleveland one month later on Sept. 14 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. The appointment was made by Pope Francis.

"I am so happy to be here," Bishop Malesic said, acknowledging that he is coming to a much larger diocese. "I am looking forward to it."

He admitted it was a shock when he received a phone call two weeks ago from Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the papal nuncio to the United States, telling him the Holy Father wanted him to serve as bishop of Cleveland. He echoed remarks made by Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson Pérez, his predecessor in Cleveland.

"Be careful when you answer a call coming from the 202 area code," Bishop Malesic quipped.

"I love the Diocese of Greensburg. I thought I'd die there," he said, reflecting on his five years as leader of that diocese. Previously, he served as a priest in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Bishop Malesic said every change in his career has come with new blessings "and God provides me with the grace to do what I need to do."

He succeeds Archbishop Pérez, who served as the 11th bishop of Cleveland from September 2017 until his appointment as archbishop of Philadelphia earlier this year.

"I called Archbishop Pérez after I spoke with the nuncio. When I told him I had been appointed bishop of Cleveland, he said two words: 'Lucky you.'"

Bishop Malesic said he is extremely grateful to Archbishop Pérez for the work he did in Cleveland, including strength-

ening the schools and making deep strides in connecting with the community. He said he is looking forward to getting to know and work with the diocesan staff, the clergy and the faithful throughout the eight-county diocese.

"I was filled with great joy this morning to learn that our Holy Father has appointed Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop Malesic brings to his new diocese vast administrative expertise, a priestly heart and a deep commitment to serving the pastoral and temporal needs of the Church with zeal and energy," Archbishop Pérez said. "It has been a privilege to work with him here in Pennsylvania since my appointment as archbishop of Philadelphia in January. The Church in Ohio is receiving a true gift from Pope Francis in the person of Bishop Malesic. I know he will serve joyfully as a faithful shepherd and spiritual father."

The bishop-designate also thanked Father Oleksiak for his work. He will continue to serve as diocesan administrator until Bishop Malesic's installation.

Bishop Malesic said coming to a diocese with 700,000 Catholics is a bit overwhelming, but he is looking forward to learning about the diocese and promised to be responsive to the needs of the people.

When asked what the clergy could expect of him, he responded, "I'm a brother to them; I am a priest at heart. I understand their challenges and will treat them fairly and kindly."

He also addressed some remarks to the faithful in the Diocese of Greensburg, expressing his sadness at leaving. "It will not be an easy transition," he said, but he told them their prayers will make the change easier.

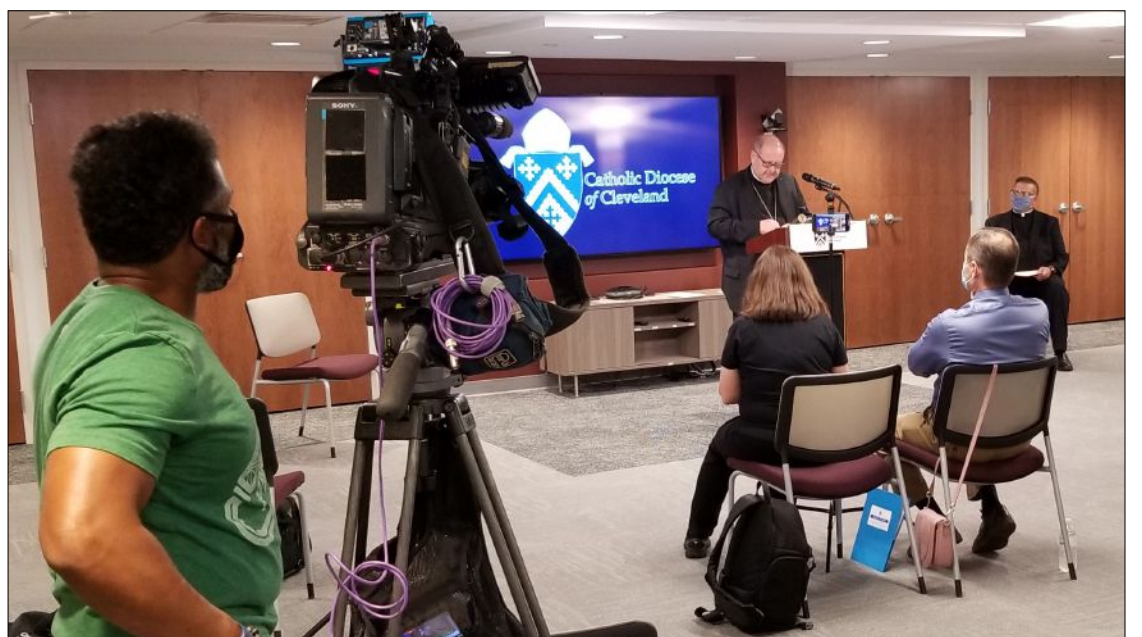
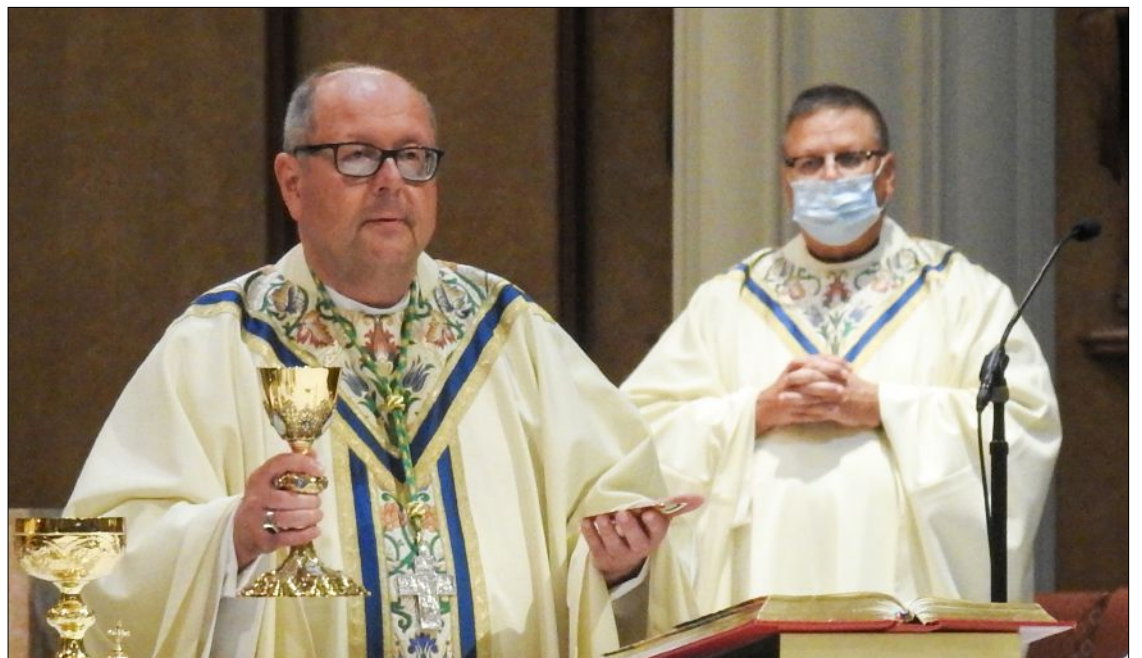
"You helped me learn to be a bishop. You walked with me and we did many good things. I will never forget my time in Greensburg."

Bishop Malesic asked the people of Cleveland to keep him in their prayers as he transitions to the diocese and his new role.

As an act of thanksgiving for his new appointment, Bishop Malesic celebrated noon Mass in the Cleveland cathedral. The Mass was livestreamed on the diocesan website and has been archived there, www.dioceseofcleveland.org.



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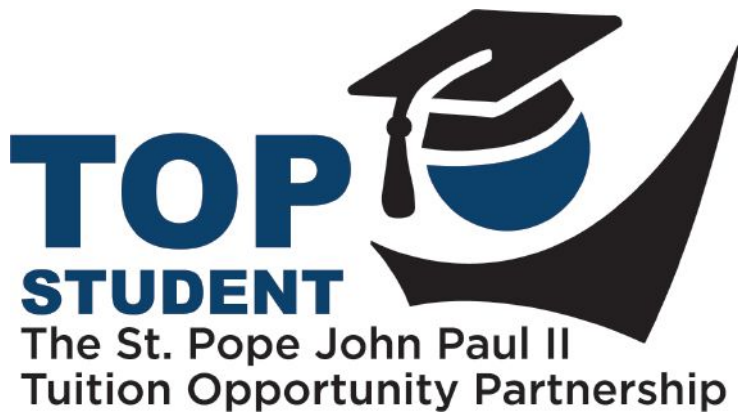
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From top: Bishop Malesic speaks during a press conference July 16 in Cleveland; he celebrates Mass in the Cleveland cathedral; members of the media listen to his remarks; he is introduced by Father Don Oleksiak, diocesan administrator in Cleveland.



Major donors partner with diocesan Catholic schools

\$4.1M in tuition assistance now available for students at 12 schools in Diocese of Greensburg



*"The future starts today, not tomorrow."
— Saint Pope John Paul II*

By Jerry Zufelt
Editor

GREENSBURG — A groundbreaking scholarship opportunity has been established for students who wish to attend a Catholic school in the Diocese of Greensburg.

The St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership initiative was founded by anonymous donors from the local business community who received Catholic educations and were profoundly influenced by St. Pope John Paul II. The donors believe that their Catholic faith, education and moral foundation gave them a great advantage in life. The diocese announced they have committed \$2.4 million in tuition assistance this year. That is the single largest donation by a family that the diocese has ever received in one year.

The announcements were made by diocesan officials, including Bishop Edward C. Malesic, July 1 at five separate media events at schools in each of the diocese's four counties. The locations were: Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, which shares its campus with Conn Area Catholic School, Connellsville; Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School; St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, Indiana; The Divine Redeemer School, Ford City; and Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington.

The donors' commitment,

combined with \$1.7 million in existing funds donated by more than 100 other individuals and businesses participating in Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, now make \$4.1 million in scholarships and tuition assistance available for the 12 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Malesic said.

The EITC program enables eligible businesses and individuals to receive state tax credits for contributions made to a qualifying scholarship organization.

"This is a major opportunity for our Catholic schools that is being made possible by visionary, community-minded individuals who understand how the impact of a private, Catholic education could benefit thousands of students," Bishop Malesic said. "We are grateful for their commitment to our schools and families through this partnership."

He spoke at four of the five events as the final two were held simultaneously at New Kensington, which Bishop Malesic attended, and Ford City, where Msgr. Larry J. Kulick read Bishop Malesic's remarks.

"The Diocese of Greensburg is hopeful that the St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership will become a model for making Catholic education accessible to families who value strong Catholic teaching and formation as a necessary part of their child's development," Bishop Malesic said.

He said that St. Pope John Paul II left a legacy of being

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Bishop Edward C. Malesic announces the St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership at Greensburg Central Catholic High School with principal Ben Althof, left, and Father Tyler J. Bandura, chaplain.

The Catholic School Advantage

- The Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools provide a caring environment where children can talk openly about faith in a high-tech atmosphere.
- The student to teacher ratio is 13-to-1.
- The high school graduation rate is 100%.
- 97% of our graduates go on to college.
- We teach children respect of self and others.
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- We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
- We form them to know the Gospel and become disciples of Jesus.

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JERRY ZUFELT THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Thomas Dinga, principal, makes the St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership announcement at The Divine Redeemer School, Ford City. Msgr. Larry J. Kulick, vicar general, is at right.



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Msgr. Michael J. Begolly, pastor of the three New Kensington parishes, speaks during the announcement at the Mary Queen of Apostles School site at Mount St. Peter Parish.

To **become a partner of TOP students** and help provide additional scholarship funds, contact Michael Lucotch, director of development, at 724-552-2503 or mlucotch@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership: How it works

Families interested in participating in the St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership will be matched with an outreach and admissions coordinator who will accompany them through the application process. The coordinator will serve as a caring and committed consultant, providing personalized attention to students and their families so that every question along the way can be answered.

The parent or guardian of an inter-

ested student should call 724-552-2565 or visit www.catholic-schools-guide.org to arrange an in-person interview with the designated outreach and admissions coordinator to begin the application process.

The family must then demonstrate a financial need and express a willingness to provide some financial contribution to the cost of the education and agree to support the child's spiritual and academic progress. This will

include the completion of the FACTS Grant and Aid application so that alternative sources of funding, such as EITC assistance, may be used for tuition assistance as well. However, the parent/guardian does not have to qualify for low-income assistance to be eligible for participation in the partnership.

The student must demonstrate evidence of academic commitment and an enthusiasm for learning as well as a willingness to participate in at least

one activity at the student's local parish or faith community.

The family, along with the student, must demonstrate their commitment to the school as well as to their parish or denominational church through the donation of time, talent or treasure as able. They should earn recognition as valued servant leaders. The family must be registered members, or be willing to become members, of a parish or other local faith community.



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Dr. Maureen Marsteller, superintendent of Catholic schools, speaks at St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, Indiana, with Principal Denise Swope, Father Matthew J. Morelli, pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent, second from right, and Bishop Malesic.



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Bishop Malesic and Patricia Nickler, principal of Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Connellsville.



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Colleen Sherman, Greensburg Central Catholic High School administrator and parent, talks with members of the media at the GCC announcement.

\$4.1M in tuition aid now available to Catholic school students

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one of the most important world leaders in the second half of the 20th century. He was a man of conviction and principle who built bridges of peace between people of different countries and religions. He was a preacher and a teacher who drew historic crowds of men, women and children all yearning to be closer to God. He was front and center on the global stage as a defender of human dignity, writing that, "Every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart."

He believed that Catholic schools should be supported because they are critical to the formation and inspiration of young people. Children who receive a faith-based Catholic education have the tools they need to develop a solid moral foundation so that they can become good and independent citizens of the world who, like Christ's disciples, follow Jesus' commands to love and serve God and their neighbors.

To quote St. Pope John Paul II, "Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts, but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom" (Address to bishops of the U.S. on ad limina visit to the Vatican May 30, 1998).

The national poverty rate in the United States is 13%, but in parts of the Diocese of Greensburg, the poverty rate is 19%, said Dr. Maureen Marsteller, superintendent of Catholic schools.

"Today, many underserved children in Western Pennsylvania face disadvantages similar to the 30 million

“For the first time in a long time, a Catholic school education is about to become more affordable than you might think.”

FROM PRINCIPALS' REMARKS AT JULY 1 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TOP INITIATIVE

immigrants at the turn of the century; they relocated to the United States from countries like Ireland, Italy, Poland and Slovakia and were welcomed into Catholic schools," Marsteller said.

"Today we are at a similar crossroads. In the public education system many would not have the life-changing mentorship and leadership opportunities in an openly Christian environment that are available to children in Catholic school communities," she said.

"Our Catholic schools have many advantages that others are not able to provide. Our schools create a caring environment where children can talk openly about faith in a high-tech academic atmosphere. Our personalized attention gives them other advantages as well. The student to teacher ratio is 13-to-1. And the high school graduation rate is 100%," Marsteller said and explained how the application process works (see above).

Bishop Malesic said, "All the clergy of the Diocese of Greensburg, myself included, are committed to caring for the spiritual needs of every student in the St. Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership so that each can deepen their faith, develop a personal relationship with Christ, enhance their self-esteem, and enjoy hope, joy and love of life."

Saint Vincent Benedictine community elects new archabbot

Right Rev. Martin Bartel, OSB, former Saint Vincent College president, will serve as chancellor of college, seminary

LATROBE — Benedictine Archabbot Martin de Porres Bartel, a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey for 40 years, former president of Saint Vincent College and a former pastor at parishes in the dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh, was affirmed as the new archabbot of the community at the Abbatial Blessing Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward C. Malesic July 10 at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica.

Archabbot Martin, 64, was elected the 12th archabbot of Saint Vincent by the members of the Benedictine community June 23.

With his election, Archabbot Martin also becomes chancellor of Saint Vincent College, where he served as president from 1995-2000, and of Saint Vincent Seminary. The archabbot of Saint Vincent is the spiritual head of Saint Vincent Archabbey, founded in Latrobe in 1846 as the first Benedictine monastery in America.

Archabbot Martin succeeds Benedictine Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, an Everson native who led the Saint Vincent community for more than 29 years. He resigned upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75 on May 8. Because of restrictions due to the coronavirus, the election was delayed until last month.

Bishop Malesic thanked Archabbot Douglas for the gift of service he gave to the community and the church beyond it.

Praising the Benedictine community as a treasure to both him and the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Malesic said, "The Lord provides what is needed, when it is needed and how it is needed."

And noting that the monks have chosen their shepherd, he said to Archabbot Martin, "Make no doubt that the good shepherd, Jesus, was speaking through them as they discerned together and ultimately voted for you."

"It is liberating to let the Lord live in us. We are simply laborers in the vineyard that the Lord entrusts to us for a time. Archabbot Martin, now is your time. Use it well."

Archabbot Martin's abbatial motto is "Brothers together as one," and Bishop Malesic said the Lord calls us to be brothers together.

"In our diversity, we must find unity. In our differences

“We are simply laborers in the vineyard that the Lord entrusts to us for a time. Archabbot Martin, now is your time.”

BISHOP EDWARD C. MALESIC

of opinion, we must find charity," he said. "And, of course, there are some truths that are not open for discussion: the love that God has for us, the saving mystery of Jesus, his real presence in the Eucharist, and our universal call to be saints."

At the Mass, which had several similarities to an ordination, Benedictine Father Earl Henry, prior, presented the new archabbot to the bishop. After Bishop Malesic's homily, the Litany of the Saints was sung while Archabbot Martin was prostrate on the altar. Bishop Malesic then presented the new archabbot with the Rule of St. Benedict and the archabbot's ring, miter and crosier.

Duties in Diocese of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

Archabbot Martin has been serving as the administrator of the Monaca, Aliquippa, Center and Hopewell Parish Grouping in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. In July 2013, he was appointed pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Center Township, by Bishop David A. Zubik. In September 2017 he assumed responsibility for St. Titus Parish, Aliquippa, and Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Hopewell. With the diocesan reorganization initiated in 2018, St. John the Baptist Parish, Monaca, became part of the grouping, and Archabbot Martin became the administrator of all four parishes.

In addition to his pastoral work in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Archabbot Martin was appointed to the Priest Advisory Council and elected as a religious order representative to the Presbyteral Council. He was also on the board of directors of Serra Catholic High School, McKeesport.

Prior to his assignments in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Archabbot Martin served in the Diocese of Greensburg as pastor of St. Bruno Parish, Greensburg, and administrator of St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite (2008-13), and as pastor of St. Martin Parish,

New Derry (2001-08).

An archabbot is an ordinary of a self-governing monastery, in the tradition of Saint Benedict and his Rule for Benedictine monasteries. The archabbot is a prelate in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Saint Vincent monastic community is composed of more than 150 monks who are priests or brothers. They serve at Benedictine Priory in Savannah, Ga., Wimmer Priory in Taipei, Taiwan, and São Bento Priory in Vinhedo, Brazil.

Saint Vincent Benedictines also operate Benedictine Military School in Savannah, Ga., and the Roman Catholic campus ministry program at Penn State University, and serve in parishes in Savannah; Virginia Beach, Va.; Baltimore, and the dioceses of Greensburg, Altoona-Johnstown, Pittsburgh and Erie.



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From top, Benedictine Archabbot Martin Bartel smiles during the Abbatial Blessing Mass July 10 at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica; the archabbot and Bishop Edward C. Malesic celebrate Mass; Bishop Malesic blesses Archabbot Martin.



JUBILEES

Recognizing diocesan priests and men and women religious marking milestone anniversaries who have faithfully served the Diocese of Greensburg or were born in the diocese.

FATHER LAWRENCE L. HOPPE, 60 YEARS



Hometown: Detroit, Mich.
Seminary: St. Mary and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich.
Ordained: May 28, 1960, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed

Sacrament Cathedral

Pastoral appointments: parochial vicar, St. Hubert Parish, Point Marion (1960), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe (1960), Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (1960-63), St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (1963-64), and former Transfiguration Parish, Mount Pleasant (1964-66); pastor, former St. James Parish, Maxwell, and its chapel in Isabella (1969-73), former St. Hedwig Parish, Smock, and its chapels in Brier Hill and Keisterville (1973-76), former St. Hyacinth Parish, Monessen (1984-85), former St. Michael Parish, Glen Campbell, and its chapel in Arcadia (1986-87), former St. Thomas Parish, Footedale (1987-89), and former St. Francis Parish, Coral (2000-02); administrator, former St. Francis of Paola Parish, Ford City (1989-2000)
Diocesan appointments: Principal, Greensburg Central Catholic High School

Other: Coordinator of Schools, Diocese of Sioux Falls, S.D.; spiritual director for students and assistant to the chancellor, Orchard Lake Schools, Orchard Lake, Mich.

Retired: Aug. 1, 2004

FATHER JOHN M. FORISKA, 50 YEARS



Hometown: Shoaf
Seminary: Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe
Ordained: May 9, 1970, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Pastoral appointments: parochial vicar, St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis (1970-71), St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (1971-75), St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, and its former chapel in Braeburn (1975-77), St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish, Uniontown (1977-79); pastor, former St. Michael Parish, Glen Campbell, and its chapel in Arcadia (1979-83), St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana (1983-87), St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont (1987-96), St. Florian Parish, United, and administrator of former St. Stanislaus Parish, Calumet (1996-2002), Ascension Parish, Jeannette, and administrator of former St. Boniface Parish, Penn (2002-08), Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, and administrator of Ascension Parish, Jeannette (2008-13), Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier (2013-19); senior priest active with parochial responsibilities at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (2020-present)

Diocesan appointments: Board of Consultors; chaplain, Penn State-New Kensington; director of campus ministry; Clergy Personnel Board

FATHER DANIEL C. MAHONEY, 50 YEARS



Hometown: Harrisburg
Seminary: Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe
Ordained: May 9, 1970, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Pastoral appointments: parochial vicar, former St. Mary and Holy Trinity parishes, Ford City (1970-72); administrator pro tem, former St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sutersville (1972); parochial vicar, St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale (1972-75) and St. Regis Parish, Trafford (1975-81); pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend, and its former chapel in Sugar Creek (1981-86), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe (1986-92), Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysburg (1992-2000), St. Paul Parish, Greensburg (2000-07), and Holy Family Parish, Latrobe (2007-20)

Diocesan appointments: Board of Education; Deanery Youth Director; Priestly Life and Ministry Committee; advocate, assessor and auditor in Tribunal; regional moderator, Region 12; Dean of Deanery IV; Bishop's representative for matters pertaining to the celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Other: president, Torrance State Hospital Board of Trustees; member, Priest Personnel Board; ex-officio member, The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Greensburg Board of Trustees

Retired: July 8, 2020

FATHER MICHAEL J. CROOKSTON, 40 YEARS



Hometown: Irwin
Seminary: Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe
Ordained: May 3, 1980, by Bishop William G. Connare, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Pastoral appointments: parochial vicar, former St. Cajetan Parish, Monessen (1980-81), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown, and St. Joan of Arc Parish, Farmington (1981-85), St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (1985-90) and St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon (1990-93); pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon (1993-98), St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana (1998-2005), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown (2005-12), The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen (2012-present) and St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon (2019-present)

Diocesan appointments: regional moderator, Region 17; Priests' Council; Dean, Deanery V

FATHER JAMES PODLESNY, OSB, 40 YEARS



Hometown: Bethlehem
Seminary: Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe
Monastic vows: first profession of vows July 10, 1976, and solemn profession July 11, 1979, at Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe
Ordained: May 24, 1980, at Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe, by Bishop William G. Connare

Service at Saint Vincent: faculty for

15 years at Saint Vincent College, teaching religious studies, and Saint Vincent Seminary, teaching moral theology

Pastoral appointments: assisted on weekends in parishes in dioceses of Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Altoona-Johnstown in the 1980s and 1990s; pastor, Church of the Holy Spirit Parish, Palmyra, for 18 years, and Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, for three years

Other: Catholic Ecumenist-Theologian, Pennsylvania Conference on Inter-Church Cooperation, Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese of Greensburg

FATHER STEPHEN CONCORDIA, OSB, 25 YEARS



Hometown: Shrewsbury, Mass.
Seminary: Pontifical Atheneum of Sant' Anselmo, Rome

Monastic vows: simple profession of monastic vows in 1991 and solemn profession in 1994 at Montecassino Abbey, Italy; transferred vows to Saint Vincent Archabbey, 2008, and made solemn profession of vows there in 2011
Ordained: Sept. 17, 1995, at Montecassino Abbey by Archbishop

Loris F. Capovilla

Service at Saint Vincent: director of the Saint Vincent Camerata (2008-present); director of the Saint Vincent College choir (2008-11); assistant professor of music (2008-18) at Saint Vincent College; assistant organist (2008-present); assistant director of monastery music (2008-18); monastery choirmaster; schola director (2008-12) and co-schola director (2012-18) at Saint Vincent Archabbey

Other: visiting professor and coordinator of sacred music at Franciscan University of Steubenville, became assistant professor in 2019

The Catholic Accent thanks all the priests and women religious for their faithful service to the Diocese of Greensburg.



God be with you as you mark these milestone anniversaries.

APOSTLES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

65 YEARS



SISTER ELEANOR POZZO
Born: St. Louis, Mo.
Entered: Aug. 30, 1952, from St. Ambrose Parish, St. Louis, Mo.

60 YEARS



SISTER DOMINIC JOSEPH VALLA
Born: New Haven, Conn.
Entered: Sept. 1, 1957, from St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, Conn.

BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PITTSBURGH

70 YEARS



SISTER CHRISTINE MAKOWSKI
Born: Vandergrift
Entered: June 26, 1948, from All Saints Parish, East Vandergrift

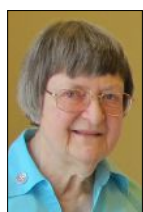


SISTER JULIA (MARY DANIEL) MAKOWSKI
Born: Vandergrift
Entered: Feb. 29, 1948, from All Saints Parish, East Vandergrift

65 YEARS



SISTER EVELYN DETTLING
Born: Canton, Ohio
Entered: 1953 from St. Benedict Parish, Canton, Ohio



SISTER CORINNE MOELLER
Born: Chicago
Entered: Aug. 22, 1953, from Assumption Parish, Bellevue

SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

70 YEARS



SISTER MARGARET ELAINE ROVNAK
Born: Erie
Entered: February 1949 from Holy Family Parish, Erie

65 YEARS



SISTER M. ROSALIA GIBA
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: February 1954 from St. Gabriel Parish, Pittsburgh

55 YEARS



SISTER M. DENISE OLSHAUSKY
Born: New Castle
Entered: September 1963 from St. Michael Parish, New Castle

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

60 YEARS



SISTER M. ANGELINA GRIMOLDI
Born: Italy
Entered: Oct. 4, 1954, from St. Stefano Tradate Parish, Varese, Italy

50 YEARS



SISTER ANNA MARIA LEOPIZZI
Born: Parabita, Italy
Entered: Sept. 8, 1965, from St. John the Baptist Parish, Parabita, Italy

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL

75 YEARS



SISTER JOAN MARIE MADDEN
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Jan. 1, 1946, from Assumption Parish, Bellevue



SISTER M. PHILOMENA MANNION
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1945, from St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Homestead



SISTER M. BEATRICE MCQUADE
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1945, from St. Anselm Parish, Swissvale



SISTER M. ELLENITA O'CONNOR
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1945, from Holy Cross Parish, South Side



SISTER MARY EDMUND SPEER
Born: Butler
Entered: Sept. 8, 1945, from St. Paul Parish, Butler



SISTER AGNES (M. INNOCENT) STEEDLE
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1945, from Holy Innocents Parish, Sheraden

70 YEARS



SISTER MARY PHILIP AARON
Born: McKees Rocks
Entered: Sept. 8, 1950, from The Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Pittsburgh



SISTER GEMMA (GEMMA MARIE) DEL DUCA
Born: Greensburg
Entered: Sept. 8, 1950, from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg



SISTER GERTRUDE (MARY MATTHEW) FOLEY
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1950, from St. Mary of the Mount Parish, Mount Washington



SISTER MAUREEN (MARIE AGNES) HALLORAN
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1950, from St. Agatha Parish, Bridgeville



SISTER MARY ALMA VANDERVEST
Born: St. Paul, Minn.
Entered: Sept. 8, 1950, from Queen of Peace Parish, Madison, Wis.

65 YEARS



SISTER MARY ANN (MARY GABRIEL) CORR
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from St. Kieran Parish, Lawrenceville



SISTER MARY VICTOR POWERS
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from St. Stephen Parish, Hazelwood



SISTER MARY ELIZABETH (MARY KATERI) SCHREI
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from Holy Innocents Parish, Sheraden



SISTER MARY LUCILLA WERTZ
Born: Altoona
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from Cathedral Parish, Altoona



SISTER MARY ANN (XAVIER MARIE) WINTERS
Born: Paterson, N.J.
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Phoenix, Ariz.

60 YEARS



SISTER CONSTANCE A. (ROBERT ANNE) BAHL
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from St. Philip Parish, Crafton



SISTER BARBARA ANN (M. THOMISITA) BOSS
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from Resurrection Parish, Brookline



SISTER VICTORIA MARIE GRIBSCHAW
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Jan. 2, 1961, from St. Bernard Parish, Pittsburgh

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL

60 YEARS



SISTER GRACE (LEO MARIE) HARTZOG
Born: Wilkinsburg
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from St. Anselm Parish,
Pittsburgh



SISTER MARY JOHN MOORE
Born: Ravenna, Ohio
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from St. Patrick Parish,
Kent, Ohio



SISTER HARRIET SETON NEWTON
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from Holy Innocents
Parish, Sheraden



SISTER LOIS (M. ALEXANDER) SCULCO
Born: New Kensington
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from Mount St. Peter
Parish, New Kensington



SISTER BARBARA ANN (MARY BERTHA) SMELKO
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960,
from St. Agatha Parish,
Bridgeville

SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

70 YEARS



SISTER WILMA (ALICE ANN) MCKEE
Born: Wheeling, W.Va.
Entered: Sept. 17, 1950, from St. Alphonsus Parish, Wheeling, W.Va.

65 YEARS



SISTER ANNE ARNOLD
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Dec. 23, 1955, from St. Basil Parish, Carrick



SISTER ROCHELLE HOLLY
Born: Herman
Entered: Sept. 11, 1955, from St. Mary Parish, Herman

SISTERS OF THE DIVINE REDEEMER

60 YEARS



SISTER M. ANNE ANGELCYK
Born: West Newton
Entered: Aug. 15, 1960, from Holy Family Parish, West Newton

SISTERS OF MERCY OF THE AMERICAS

75 YEARS



SISTER JOAN (JOAN OF ARC) LABOON
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: June 8, 1945, from St. Bernard Parish, Mount Lebanon



SISTER FIDELIS MCDONOUGH
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: July 2, 1945, from St. Teresa Parish, Perrysville

70 YEARS



SISTER MARIA GORETTI ZAMBERLAN
Born: Iselin
Entered: Feb. 1, 1950, from Holy Cross Parish, Iselin



SISTER JEANNE (MARY ROSE) SNYDER
Born: McKeesport
Entered: Sept. 8, 1950, from St. Pius V Parish, McKeesport



SISTER MARGARET (BLANCHE) HARING
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: July 1, 1950, from Nativity Parish, Pittsburgh

65 YEARS



SISTER PATRICIA (MARY BRIAN) LANG
Born: McKeesport
Entered: Sept. 7, 1955, from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Pittsburgh



SISTER PATRICIA (MARIE JOSEPHA) MCCANN
Born: Altoona
Entered: Sept. 7, 1955, from Holy Family Parish, Latrobe



SISTER JUDITH (MARY LEO) WORDEN
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 7, 1955, from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Pittsburgh

60 YEARS



SISTER JOANNA (MARY ELAINE) SINKO
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Feb. 20, 1961, from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

SISTERS OF ST. FELIX

60 YEARS



SISTER MARY EVELYN LABIK
Born: Ambridge
Entered: Aug. 16, 1960, from St. Stanislaus Parish, Ambridge

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE NEUMANN COMMUNITIES

80 YEARS



SISTER THERESE VAULET
Born: Butler
Entered: Sept. 8, 1939, from St. Peter Parish, Butler

70 YEARS



SISTER GEORGEANN OEHLING
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: July 6, 1949, from St. George Parish, Pittsburgh



SISTER M. TERENCE SPENGER
Born: Johnstown
Entered: Jan. 6, 1950, from St. Joseph Parish, Johnstown

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF BADEN

75 YEARS



SISTER SILVERIA MANNION
Born: Sewickley
Entered: Sept. 8, 1945, from St. Veronica Parish, Ambridge

65 YEARS



SISTER NATALIE LANN
Born: Johnstown
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from Immaculate Conception Parish, Willoughby, Ohio



SISTER HONORA MCCAWLEY
Born: Johnstown
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from St. John Gualbert Parish, Johnstown



SISTER JANET (GENEROSA) MOCK
Born: Johnstown
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from St. John Gualbert Parish, Johnstown



SISTER MARY ANN (JUDE THADDEUS) THIMONS
Born: Natrona
Entered: Sept. 8, 1955, from St. Joseph Parish, Natrona

60 YEARS



SISTER JEANETTE (CARME) BUSSEN
Born: St. Louis, Mo.
Entered: Aug. 21, 1978, from St. Dominic Savio Parish, St. Louis, Mo.



SISTER BARBARA ANN (JOHN MARTIN) GRAFF
Born: Rochester, Pa.
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from St. Cecilia Parish, Rochester



SISTER BARBARA ANN (MARY GORMAN) JOHNSTON
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from St. Athanasius Parish, Pittsburgh



SISTER MELISSA JOYCE
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from Holy Rosary Parish, Pittsburgh



SISTER SUE ANNE (ST. MARK) ORANGE
Born: Jeannette
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette



SISTER CAROLYN (AUREA) WIETHORN
Born: Pittsburgh
Entered: Sept. 8, 1960, from St. Bernard Parish, Pittsburgh

Christian Mothers of
Holy Trinity Parish
Ligonier, PA
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Father John M. Foriska

on the 50th Anniversary of his
Priestly Ordination.

Well done, good and faithful servant.



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**All God's Blessings to All the Priests
on the Occasion of
their Ordination Anniversaries**

**The Greensburg Diocesan Council
of the National Council
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Congratulations
and Blessings

to

The Reverend John M. Foriska

on the 50th Anniversary
of Priestly Ordination

From

The SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish Family

And

SS. Cyril & Methodius Christian Mothers

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~St. Ambrose



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Fr. Dan Mahoney
on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination

&

Fr. James Podlesny
on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination

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Congratulations
Very Rev. Daniel C. Mahoney
on your
50th ordination anniversary!

Thank you Fr. Dan for your
love, guidance, and support
as our chapter's Spiritual Advisor
for the past 15 years.

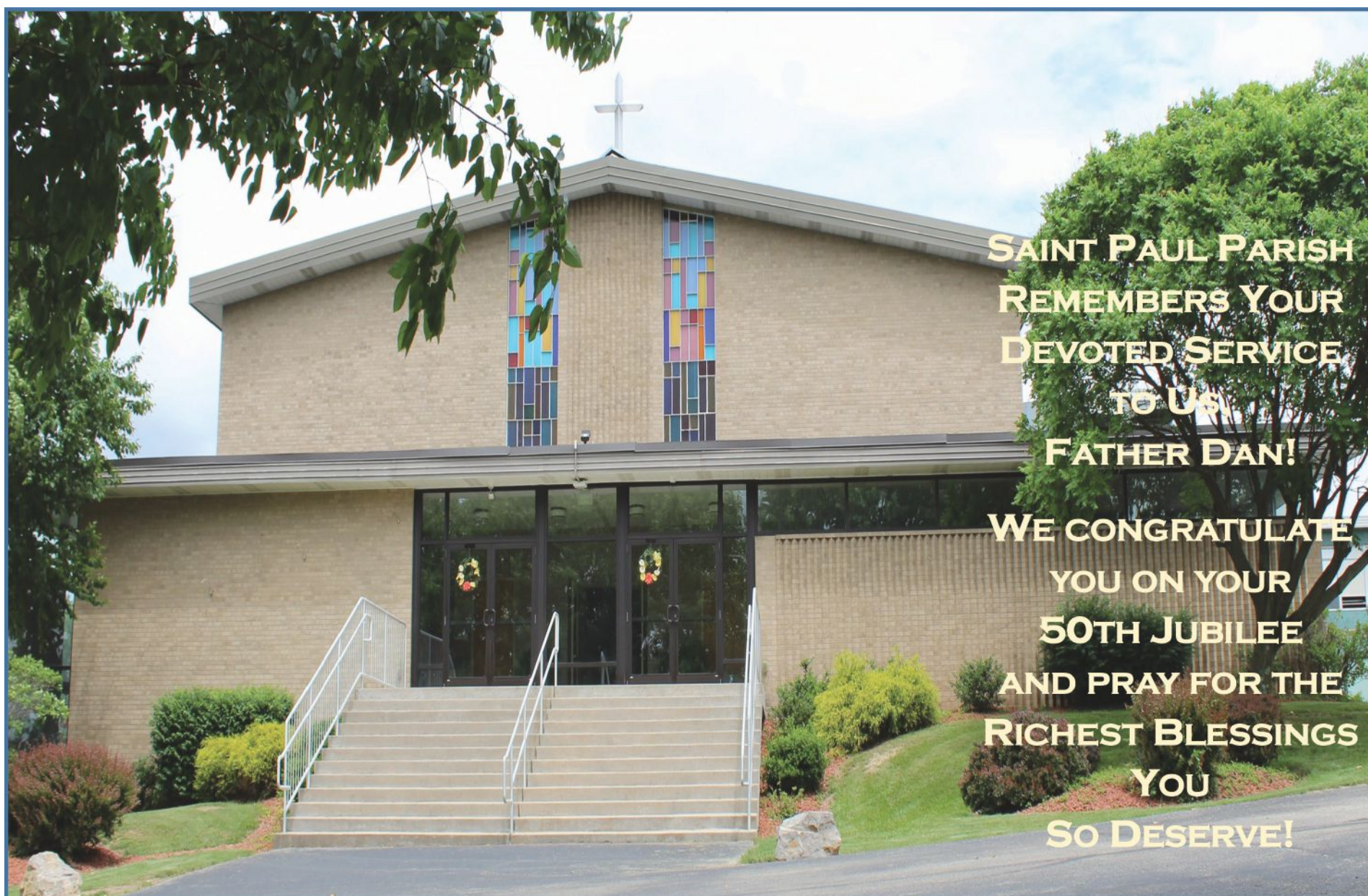




Congratulations
Fr. Timothy J. Kruthaupt

*on the 13th anniversary of
your ordination.*

*With love and appreciation
from the
Partner Parishes of the
Historic Church of
St. Peter and St. Cecilia.*



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REMEMBERS YOUR
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TO US,
FATHER DAN!**

**WE CONGRATULATE
YOU ON YOUR
50TH JUBILEE
AND PRAY FOR THE
RICHEST BLESSINGS
YOU
SO DESERVE!**

The parishioners of
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and
St. Sebastian Parishes
 Congratulate their pastor
Very Rev. Michael J.
Crookston, VF

On the **40th anniversary**
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40
 Years



Thank you for your service to the church and its people. Your devoted and caring ministry is a living testimony to Christ's love.
 May God bless you with many happy years.



The Partner Parishes of
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The Knights of Columbus Council #2648 and
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extend prayerful congratulations to our Pastor,



The Reverend Salvatore (Sam) Lamendola



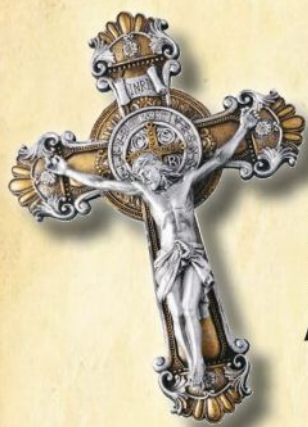
On the occasion of his 30th Anniversary of
Ordination to the Priesthood

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Father Mike,

*I remember our days together
at Immaculate Conception,
Irwin.*

*Congratulations and God
Bless you on your 40th
anniversary of ordination!*

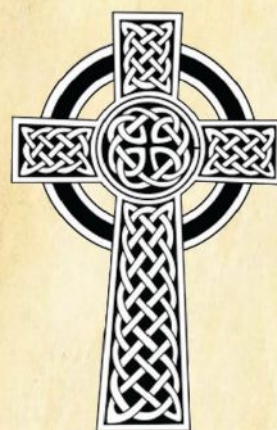


*Father McGuirk
and
The Parishioners of
Holy Cross Church,
Youngwood, PA*

Father Dan,

*My parishioners and I rejoice
that you beat COVID-19 and
are able to celebrate 50 years
of priestly life!*

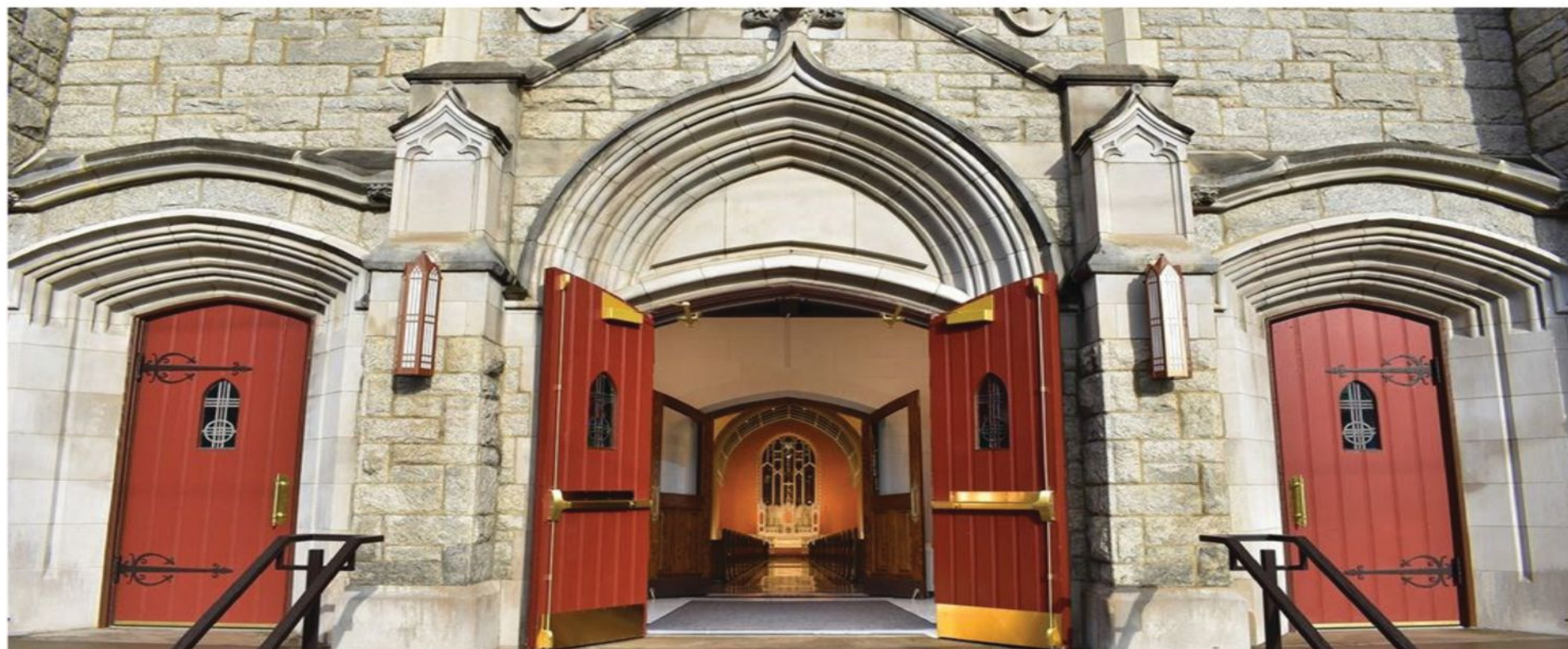
*Congratulations and God
Bless You!*



*Father McGuirk
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The Parishioners of
Holy Cross Church,
Youngwood, PA*



**Warmest Thanks, Father Dan,
for your Devoted Service to Holy Family Church
and the Entire Diocese of Greensburg!
You Have Prayerfully Guided Souls and Embraced Parishes!
Congratulations on your 50th Jubilee,
and May You Be Sustained with Grace and Blessed with Goodness.**





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*Celebrating 40 years
Ordination to the Priesthood*

Father James F. Podlesny, O.S.B.



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St. Cecilia Church**

"Answering God's Call"
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!"
(Isaiah 6:8)

Bishop blesses oils, priests renew promises at Chrism Mass

By Jerry Zufelt
Editor

GREENSBURG — Bishop Malesic noted the many differences between this year's chrism Mass and those of previous years in his homily at the annual celebration July 13 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

"This chrism Mass is like none other in the past," he said, noting that the Mass was not being celebrated on Holy Thursday morning, the priests of the diocese were not all in attendance and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral was not packed with worshippers because of the precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Mass, which was live-streamed, can be seen on the diocesan YouTube channel.

It included the traditional highlights: the renewal of priestly promises, which were made by the Presbyteral Council on behalf of all the priests in the diocese; the acclamation of the priests by the people in attendance; and the blessing of oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens and the consecration of the sacred chrism by Bishop Malesic.

"The church continued its mission — although in very different ways," he said about the past four months. "We continued to proclaim the Gospel online, in print and on television. The work of our Catholic Charities and other essential services in the diocese and our parishes never stopped."

He also noted that the seriously ill and dying were anointed. Infants were baptized, couples were married, and priests and deacons were

ordained, although with far fewer people in attendance, he said.

"Now the oils we use for many of our sacraments are running low, or getting old with age," he said. "These oils are the tools of the ministry of our priests, deacons and bishop."

He praised the priests for continuing their ministry and for their creativity in drawing their parishes together as communities of faith despite the limitations on public worship.

"As priests, we have all had to learn how to be ministers in new ways while keeping true to the ageless faith of our church," Bishop Malesic said. "Fathers, stay close to the Lord, who is our model and high priest. Listen to his constant voice asking you to give yourself for him."

"And know that you can do all things in Christ who gives you his strength. The oil of gladness already covers your consecrated hands — do not be afraid to use it for the people you serve."

Bishop Malesic said everyone — priests, consecrated men and women in religious life and lay people — is part of the priestly people.

"Together we give ourselves to God and ask him to use us and our gifts to build up his body on earth," he said. "We do this together. We have all been anointed in baptism and spirit-ed in confirmation to proclaim his Gospel to the world."

"Today, the Lord gives us what we need and the oils we use to grease the wheels of his church, allowing us to bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and to let the oppressed go free."



MARY SEAMANS THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

At top, Deacons Craig A. Gilbert, Robert W. Stauffer and William M. Newhouse prepare to bring the oils and chrism to Bishop Malesic at the chrism Mass July 13 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Above, Bishop Malesic blesses the oils and chrism, assisted by seminarian Christopher J. Pujol, center, and Father Tyler J. Bandura



KNIGHTS PRESENT ICON TO BISHOP:

The Knights of Columbus present an icon of Mary, Help of Persecuted Christians, to Bishop Edward C. Malesic July 2. Tom Pearson, diocesan membership chair, left, and Don Granata, state faith director, presented the icon, which calls on Mary to protect the many Christians around the world who do not enjoy religious freedom and who practice the faith at great risk to their lives and those of their family. The Knights are presenting the icon to every bishop in Pennsylvania.

JERRY ZUFELT THE CATHOLIC ACCENT



PHOTOS BY RAY ADAMS FOR THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

Above, Scouts attend the annual Scout Mass, where they received religious emblems, July 16 at St. Regis Parish, Trafford. Below, Father E. George Saletrik, Scout chaplain, talks to Scouts during the Mass.

Scouts receive Catholic emblems at annual Mass

By Ray Adams
Contributing Writer

TRAFFORD — Scouts received their Catholic emblems at the annual Scout Mass at St. Regis Parish July 16.

Father E. George Saletrik, pastor and diocesan Scout chaplain, was the principal celebrant and homilist.

He read a letter from Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who was unable to attend the Mass because he was appointed Bishop of Cleveland earlier in the day.

In the letter, the bishop said the religious emblems' programs stretch Scouts' understanding of their faith.

"I hope this experience has taught you to never shy away from a challenge, even if you think that challenge will stretch you beyond what you think your capabilities are," he said.

Bishop Malesic reminded the Scouts that Jesus has a plan for each of them.

"You will be happiest when you follow God's plan without deviation. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Follow him," he said.

Marissa Hunter of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, who received a Spirit Alive Medal, said it was a "great way to learn about my faith and how the Holy Spirit is involved in my faith."

Rachel Tinney, also from Our Lady of Grace Parish and a recipient of the Spirit Alive Medal, said, "I got to grow and understand the Holy Spirit, and this enabled me to more deeply understand my faith."

Joe Kudla of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, received the Ad Altare Dei Emblem and said it gave him "a lot of insight into the sacraments and showed me a lot of paths I can follow."



SPIRIT ALIVE MEDAL, GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

- Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg: Camille Ann Kuczynski
- Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg: Emily Campbell, Marissa Hunter, Rachel Tinney
- Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette: Haley Stoup

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- Joseph Kudla, St. Anne Parish, Troop 1542

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Ethan Schroeder, a 2020 St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, graduate, received the Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Chancellor's Scholarship, awarded based on performance at the 2020 Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 7 competition, as well as academic success and an essay. He is a parishioner of Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington.

St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, student **Brody Porter** received the Wilkes University Colonel Emerging Leader Award, a four-year, \$40,000 scholarship. He is a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell.

Cheryl Kestner, a science, math, computer science and pre-engineering teacher and technology coordinator at Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, won the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh's J. Kevin Scanlon Award for the Promotion of Science.

Angelo Bolcato, a student at Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, won honorable mention in the third-grade category of the annual WQED Writers Contest.

Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, students **Veronica Koval** and **Rory Pallone** won first and second place, respectively, at the district level of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2019-20 Patriot's Pen essay contest.

Six students from Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, were winners in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest: **Aaron Troiano, Samuel Litz, Ahriene Trimble, Elizabeth Kleckner, Bianca Bondi** and **Sabrina Drake**.

Virus forces parishes to adjust Vacation Bible School programs

By Samantha Hilyer
Intern

Several diocesan parishes adjusted their Vacation Bible School programs to online platforms this summer as opposed to the usual in-person program due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brian Lohr, coordinator of faith formation at Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, led a virtual VBS via teleconferencing. A week before the program began, Lohr and parish volunteers delivered packs filled with all the supplies the children would need to participate in the activities.

Every night the week of July 20 at 6 p.m., Vacation Bible School attend-

ees logged into the teleconference for sessions that began with a prayer and an introduction. They were then split into groups to use "breakout rooms" for crafts, games and Bible stories. A song and dance video was shared so attendees could follow along at home.

As a preschool teacher, Lohr had already become comfortable using online platforms during the school year, so he was confident that not only could he adapt the Vacation Bible School program virtually, but that children of all ages could utilize videoconferencing platforms.

"It's all new and challenging, but we tried our best to make the online Vacation Bible School meaningful for

the children," Lohr said.

Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, and St. Mary Parish, Export, held their second year as a multi-parish Vacation Bible School primarily through email.

With 80-90 attendees, social distancing would not be possible with traditional on-site sessions. This summer's program, held July 6-10, included song and dance and Bible story videos. Families also received kits with all the craft supplies they needed and recipe ideas for snacks.

Erin Colcombe, director of faith formation at Mother of Sorrows Parish,

directed the program and said the modified VBS was designed "to continue to help children and their families foster and nurture relationships with Jesus through a different formation experience."

Scott Martin, director of faith formation at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, said the successful transition of parish faith formation to a virtual program inspired the decision to hold Vacation Bible School online.

"Vacation Bible School was an expected event," Martin said. "I wanted to give children the ability to stay connected and to provide families with a place to discuss their faith as a group, despite the inability to gather in person."

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDICTION SUPPORT

Irwin — Sage's Army will host the following meetings/classes at its headquarters (unless otherwise noted):

- Veteran X group, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Sage's Army Recovery Center, Greensburg
- Waking Up With Willingness, Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. (virtual)
- Bible Study, Mondays, 6 p.m.
- Recovery Life Skills, July 28, 1 p.m.
- Women's Coffee Group, first Friday of every month, 4 p.m.
- Grief without the Stigma, second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, 6:30 p.m.
- Family/Reinforcement /Recovery, Thursdays, 6 p.m.

For more information, visit www.sagesarmy.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

Greensburg — Catholic Charities is offering virtual counseling to help people address anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflict, grief and more. Information: 724-837-1840 or counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

New Kensington — A "Christmas in July" indoor/outdoor fair is planned July 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Knead Community Cafe. Masks are required except when eating in the cafe.

DRIVE-THRU/TAKEOUT MEALS

Connellsville — St. John the Evangelist Church will hold a takeout chicken dinner Aug. 2 from 12:30 p.m. until sold out in the church hall.

Irwin — Immaculate Conception Parish will hold drive-thru Burger Bashes Aug. 8 and Sept. 12 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information: 724-863-9550.

New Kensington — Mount St. Peter Parish will host a drive-thru Italian platter dinner Aug. 1 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dinners will be served cold for reheating. Cost is \$15. An online basket raffle is also planned; baskets can be viewed at mountsaintpeter.org from July 24 until the drawing on Aug. 1.

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

Herminie — A food truck rally will be held at St. Edward Parish July 26 from noon to 6 p.m. Tents will be set up for those who would like to eat on the grounds (social distancing and other guidelines will be followed). Adult beverages will be available. A basket raffle and other games of chance are planned, plus music by the Woods Family Trio. Information: 724-446-5197.

Pathways sessions begin in September

GREENSBURG — Registration is open for Pathways, the diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship, tentatively set to begin in September (pending possible restrictions on gatherings).

The session includes 12 evenings (Tuesdays, 6:30-9 p.m.), three workshops and a closing retreat at St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale.

Registration/information: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pathways, pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-552-2598.

For Francis Fund financial aid information, call 724-837-0901, ext. 1249.

GCC VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Greensburg — Prospective students and families can learn more about Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School in a virtual open house and tour. Students can meet administrators, faculty and staff; learn about the school's college-prep curriculum; see how Catholic identity is at the center of the school's mission; and get a taste of the school's many extracurricular and athletic offerings. Registration: www.gcchs.org (a link will be sent immediately).

GOLF OUTING

Natrona Heights — St. Joseph High School has rescheduled its Spartan Scramble Golf Outing to Sept. 18 at Lenape Heights Golf Resort, Ford City. Registration: www.saintjosephhs.com.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Natrona Heights — St. Joseph High School is enrolling students in

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RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Latrobe — The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Aug. 16 from 3-4:15 p.m. (tentative location is the crypt church of Saint Vincent Archabbey). Newly ordained Benedictine Father Ignatius Camello will speak on "Prayer in Benedictine Spirituality." Attendees must wear masks, and attendance is limited to 25 people. Reservations: Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291.

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Diocese, Catholic Accent, 'Accent On-Air' win multiple honors

GREENSBURG — The Diocese of Greensburg, *The Catholic Accent* and “The Accent On-Air” received a series of awards from the Catholic Press Association of North America, the Telly Awards and the Communicator Awards.

The projects were produced by the Office of Communications and Evangelization in partnership with the vicar general and Offices of Finance, Development, Catholic Schools, Chancellor, Catholic Charities and several parishes.

Catholic Press Association — North America Advertising Business/Marketing Professional of the Year

First place, Jennifer Miele

CPA comment: Compelling content across multiple channels in a challenging environment, with proven results.

Best Diocesan Fundraising Appeal Produced by a Communication Department Staff

First Place, 2019 DLA campaign — Open Your Heart to Hope

CPA comment: The research really puts this campaign over the top. Great insights into the audience and the key messaging. The complete package has a cogent, sharp, clear message, and every piece of the campaign complements the others.

Best Audio/Video Interview

First Place, The Accent On-Air: Pain into Purpose — Wedding Dresses Repurposed as Baptismal Gowns (Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, Indiana County)

CPA comment: Life and death. Wedding gowns and baptism. Three interviews intertwined beautifully. Great, great work by the Diocese of Greensburg. A must-see and fantastic example of what Catholic communicators can achieve.

Best Initiative or Campaign

Second Place, *The Catholic Accent's* New Multimedia Strategy: Transforming to New Evangelization

CPA comment: I appreciate how well planned and consistently executed across mediums this strategic campaign was. The campaign involved audience analysis, research, specific goal setting and measurement of efficacy. The management of this campaign across the implementation cycle is really impressive.

Multimedia Journalist of the Year

Honorable Mention, Mary Seamans

Best Website, Magazine or Newsletter

Honorable Mention, TheAccent Online.org

Best Annual Report

Honorable Mention, Catholic Charities report

Telly Awards

The Telly Awards honor excellence in video and television across all screens.

Silver Telly in Television: Videography/Cinematography

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“The Accent On-Air”: Faith and Food

Communicator Awards

The Communicator Awards, determined by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts, honor excellence in marketing and communications. “The Accent On-Air” received seven awards, and two projects were honored for integrated marketing.

Television Award of Excellence

Winners “The Accent On-Air”: Sicuani, Peru, Craft Categories, Videography/Cinematography (team lead: Mary Seamans)

“The Accent On-Air”: Sicuani, Peru, Film Video — Religion/Spirituality (team lead: Mary Seamans)

“The Accent On-Air”: Magnificent Churches and Weddings, Film Video —



Religion/Spirituality (team lead: Jerry Zufelt)

“The Accent On-Air”: Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue, Craft Categories — Videography/Cinematography (team lead: Jordan Whiteko)

“The Accent On-Air”: Magnificent Churches and Weddings, Craft Categories — Editing (team lead: Jordan Whiteko)

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Integrated Marketing Awards of Distinction Winners

Diocese of Greensburg, *The Catholic Accent*, Campaign — Nonprofit (team lead: John Zylka)

Diocese of Greensburg, Time to Shine: Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg, Campaign — Nonprofit (team lead: Robin Mull)



Top, from left: Mary Seamans, multimedia coordinator; John Zylka, director of visual communications; Jordan Whiteko, multimedia content manager; Jerry Zufelt, editor and senior writer; Robin Mull, marketing director; and Jennifer Miele, managing director of the Office of Communications and Evangelization. Above, from left: Beth Tallentire, office coordinator/advertising representative; Valerie Rodell, production coordinator; and Nancy Balfe, proofreader.



A sampling of award-winning work from Diocese of Greensburg, *The Catholic Accent* and “The Accent On-Air.”