



CORPUS CHRISTI—The Rev. Bala Swamy Govindu, then-pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in New Hamburg, at the altar while opening the National Eucharistic Revival with a procession, adoration, and benediction. The next phase, the Year of Parish Revival, begins June 11, 2023. (Photo by Jackie Griffith/The Mirror)

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The Eucharist is the summit of our faith, in which the entire story of our salvation is made real in a miraculous and powerful way. The Roman Missal calls Holy Eucharist the “Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received; the memory of his Passion is renewed; the mind is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given unto us.”

Yet how often do we have a moment to reflect on this priceless gift? Even in Mass, we can become distracted, and what is miraculous and precious becomes routine. The National Eucharistic Revival can be such an opportunity for reflection and for deepening our love for what God has given us—his Son, Jesus, who we receive into our hearts. During this time, we can make a point to focus on the Eucharist—in the Mass, in our reading, in our faith formation classes, and in the quiet of our own hearts. We can use this time well to pay closer attention to this gift.

THE EUCHARIST & THE MASS

At every Mass, we are witnesses to a miracle. The Eucharist is not a symbol of Our Lord; the bread and wine actually become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. At the altar, he truly comes to us, again and again, in his real presence.

Christ himself instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper as a “memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us” (“Sacrosanctum Concilium,” No. 47).

The Eucharist calls us to memorialize Christ’s passion and death on the cross, the sacrifice in which he won for us our salvation and eternity with the Father. It also is a tremendous sign of our unity as believers. We call it Holy Communion because when we approach the altar, we are acknowledging our unity with Christ, his Church, and one another.

Yet these words can only partially express a mystery that is beyond words: “If you understood him, it would not be God,” writes St. Augustine. So, too, with the Eucharist. During the National Eucharistic Revival, we can plumb this mystery more and more deeply—not just when we come together for Mass, but in every situation of life.

The Church asks all of us to examine our consciences to make sure we are truly prepared to receive Jesus:

- Are we in a “state of grace,” that is, not aware of any unconfessed grave sin? If not, then we should celebrate the

sacrament of reconciliation first.

- Have we observed the one-hour fast from food and drink (except for water and medicine) before receiving Our Lord?
- Do we believe in the Real Presence; do we believe that Christ is present, Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity?
- Are we faithful to the moral teachings of the Church in our personal and public lives?

WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Corpus Christi processions. The National Eucharistic Revival began on the feast of Corpus Christi in the US, Sun., June 19, 2022. The feast of Corpus Christi began in 1246 in France, and became a feast for the entire Western Church only 18 years later. It was itself meant to be a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharistic feast. In this centuries-old Catholic tradition, the faithful form a kind of “parade” to honor the Body and Blood of Christ, singing Eucharistic hymns as they march in a church or other public setting as a testimony of their faith.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Churches are celebrating Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. During Exposition, Catholics spend time praying and worshipping the Lord in the Eucharist while the Host is exposed on the altar.

Adult Faith Formation. Throughout the revival, parishes around the country are offering programs and other types of study on the Eucharist. Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to join with others in deepening their faith and understanding of the Eucharist.

MORE WAYS TO DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

At Mass. When we recognize that Jesus himself is present in the Blessed Sacrament, we come to realize that participation every week at Sunday Mass (or Saturday vigil Mass) is more than an obligation. It is a privilege! When you are in the presence of the Consecrated Host, pray with heartfelt sincerity, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my souls shall be healed.” With St. Thomas, who touched the wounds of the Lord, simply

say, “My Lord and my God.”

Make a spiritual communion. When we desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist but are unable to do so, we may make what is called a “spiritual communion.” Wherever we may be, we need only ask the Lord to come into our hearts and renew his life within us. We can then spend a few moments in prayer and praise, and then resolve to receive Communion as soon as possible.

Before the tabernacle. Jesus is present in the Host reserved in the tabernacle. We can take time out regularly to visit a church and talk to him there. Make it a “Holy Hour.”

In an adoration chapel. Many churches provide a place where the Blessed Sacrament remains exposed for prayer and adoration every day—sometimes even around the clock (the latter is known as “perpetual adoration”). In the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau there are two perpetual adoration chapels: in Saint Francis Medical Center, Cape Girardeau, and Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield. This arrangement provides an excellent and ongoing opportunity to draw close to Jesus in his Eucharistic presence outside Mass. If possible, sign up for a regular time to visit the church or chapel.

Through learning and teaching. Abundant resources are available for study. Ask pastors or directors of religious education for suggestions about literature, recordings, broadcasts, and Websites that teach about the Eucharist.

Cultivating an attitude of gratitude. Finally, keep in mind that the word “Eucharist” literally means “thanksgiving.” In Holy Communion, as Jesus gives himself to us, we give ourselves to him as well in gratitude. His sacrifice on the Cross—presented on the altar—takes away the sins of the world and makes possible for us a life of intimate union with God. ©TM

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.”

— St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)





COME, AND YOU WILL SEE

Bp. Edward M. Rice

Don't take a vacation from the Holy Mass

"If you're a parent attending a school board meeting, you're pro-life or praying at a clinic, or you're a Catholic simply going to Mass, you are a target of the government, a target of the FBI."

This statement was from the House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan of Ohio on May 18 at a news conference just before three FBI whistleblowers were scheduled to testify before the Committee. While I do not follow politics as much as I should, this statement struck me. In a recent column, I highlighted criticism directed to the rosary, attacks on pregnancy resource centers, and attacks on Catholic Churches, especially since the Dobbs decision. I was actually a bit hesitant to write the column, afraid I would sound a bit paranoid. But after hearing Chairman Jordan's words, I'm sticking to those words. Add to the list a visit from two FBI agents to the home of pro-life advocate Elise Ketch, of Woodbridge, VA for questioning. Why? Because she is pro-life. Whistleblowers from inside the FBI are speaking out against such FBI scare tactics, highlighting the abuse of power, using their clout to imply concerns of domestic terrorism threats. We shall see if anything comes of the Committee. What should our response be to such threats? Get out that "weapon," the



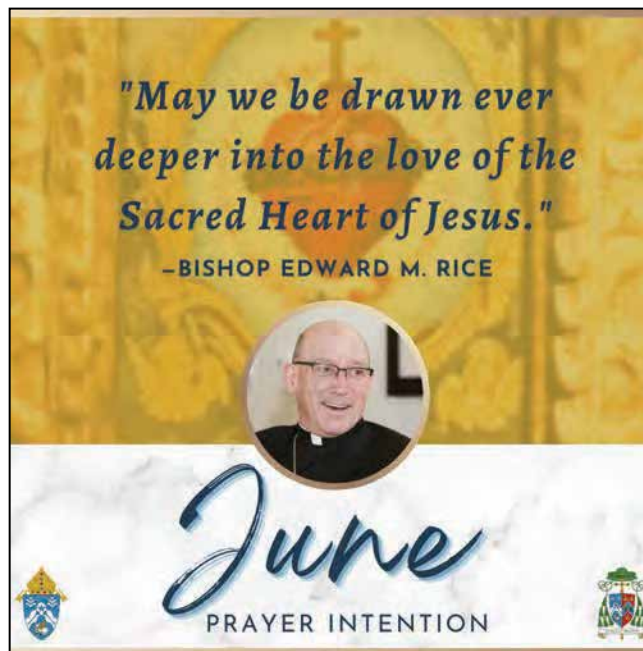
rosary, and pray! But be careful, if the FBI sees you going to Mass or with a rosary in your hand, they may come knocking at your door!

Speaking of pro-life, did you know that more than half of all abortions are now chemical abortions, and most of these

are unregulated? A Canadian study shows that 10.26 percent of women taking the abortion pill ended up visiting the emergency room. Those who propose the abortion pill say it's "safer than Tylenol." Well, let's be clear that it is certainly NOT safe for the baby! And mothers face many serious risks as well, such as infections, uncontrolled hemorrhages, and ruptured ectopic pregnancies. For more information, I recommend that you contact the National Right to Life Committee, www.nrlc.org. Stay informed.

ORDINARY TIME

Although we enter into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, a few Sundays are beautiful celebrations. On June 4, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and then on June 11, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly referred to as Corpus Christi. I have encouraged all our parishes to hold a Corpus Christi procession and I look forward to the



one at St. Joseph Parish, Springfield, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If your parish is not having a Corpus Christi procession, I encourage you to participate at one of the nearby parishes.

Of course, the term "Ordinary Time" is misleading. In Advent and Christmas, we prepare and celebrate the birth of Christ. In Lent and Easter, we celebrate His suffering and resurrection. What is Ordinary Time? The liturgical books tell us that Ordinary Time celebrates the "fullness of the life of Christ." Not just His coming in the flesh at Christmas and not just His conquering of sin and death at Easter, but the fullness of His entire life. And if that be so, then there is nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time.

Let the summer months be for us

the fullness of the life of Christ. Of course, these days, with modern travel and technology, if you are on vacation, all you have to do is ask your phone where the nearest Sunday Mass will be celebrated. It's all at your fingertips. Do not take a vacation from Holy Mass.

Is your parish singing "O sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine. All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine"? I've been promoting this verse, singing the first verse three times whenever possible after the distribution of Holy Communion. It is a simple, masterful, mystical expression of our belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Each

verse of this beautiful Eucharistic hymn expresses classic Eucharistic theology. Can't we all identify with the second verse: "Now come, all you who labor in sorrow and in pain; come, eat this bread from heaven; thy peace and strength regain." And verse three is pure genius: "Lord, Jesus, we adore Thee, our Victim and our Priest, whose precious Blood and Body become our sacred feast." In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, "May our adoration never cease." ©TM



ANOTHER WALK THROUGH: 'WALKING TOGETHER'

by Bishop Emeritus John J. Leibrecht

Before his retirement in 2008 as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Bishop John Leibrecht wrote a standing column in *The Mirror* entitled, "Walking Together." At the end of each article, Bp. Leibrecht would normally share a funny story referencing his travels to the schools, or time with friends, family, or other bishops. *The Mirror* has decided to share a few of these in an ongoing series entitled, "Another walk through: 'Walking Together.'" We hope you enjoy them.

April 7, 1989 At the conclusion of the Easter Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, I had a slip of the tongue and wished the people a happy *Christmas*. Naturally, everyone got a big laugh from my mistake, and, after Mass, outside on the sidewalk, we enjoyed wishing each other not only *Happy Easter*, but also *Merry Christmas* and *Happy New Year*. One young man came up to me and said, "Bishop, you just made my day! I slipped this morning and wished my family a *Happy Christmas*. Now I'm not alone. There's two of us. I really feel much better now. Glad to help!

April 14, 1989 I heard the Internal Revenue Service

described recently, by a man preparing his tax form, as "the people who tell you what you have to do with the money you've already done something with."

April 21, 1989 My visit in the second grade CCD class of Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield, was going beautifully. The children spoke freely about their families and how excited they were about their families and how excited they were about their approaching First Communion. I was really pleased by the visit. As I got ready to leave, a little guy put up his hand and asked, "Who are you?"



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VEN Y VERÁS

Obispo Edward M. Rice

No te tomes vacaciones de la Santa Misa

“Si eres un padre o madre que asiste a una reunión del consejo escolar, estás a favor de la vida o rezas en una clínica, o eres un católico que simplemente va a misa, eres un objetivo del gobierno, un objetivo del FBI.”

Esta declaración fue del Presidente del Poder Judicial de la Cámara de Representantes, Jim Jordan, de Ohio, el 18 de mayo en una conferencia de prensa justo antes de que tres denunciantes del FBI estuvieran programados para testificar ante el comité. Aunque no sigo la política tanto como debería, esta declaración me impactó. En una columna reciente, destacé las críticas dirigidas al rosario, los ataques a los centros de recursos para el embarazo y los ataques a las iglesias católicas, especialmente desde la decisión de Dobbs. En realidad, dudé un poco en escribir la columna, por miedo a parecer un poco paranoico. Pero después de escuchar las palabras del Presidente Jordan, me atengo a ellas. Añade a la lista la visita de dos agentes del FBI al domicilio de la defensora provida Elise Ketch, de Woodbridge, Virginia, para interrogarla. ¿Por qué? Porque es provida. Los denunciantes

de irregularidades de dentro del FBI están denunciando estas tácticas de miedo del FBI, poniendo de relieve el abuso de poder, utilizando su influencia para insinuar la preocupación por las amenazas de terrorismo doméstico. Veremos si sale algo del Comité. ¿Cuál debe ser nuestra respuesta a tales amenazas? ¡Saca esa “arma”, el rosario, y reza! Pero ten cuidado, si el FBI te ve yendo a misa o con un rosario en la mano, ¡puede que llamen a tu puerta!

Hablando de provida, ¿sabías que más de la mitad de los abortos son ahora abortos químicos, y la mayoría de ellos no están regulados? Un estudio canadiense muestra que el 10,26% de las mujeres que tomaron la píldora abortiva acabaron acudiendo a urgencias. Los que proponen la píldora abortiva dicen que es “más segura que el Tylenol”. Dejemos claro que, desde luego, ¡NO es seguro para el bebé! Y las madres también enfrentan muchos riesgos graves, como infecciones, hemorragias no controladas y embarazos ectópicos rotos. Para más información, le recomiendo que se ponga en contacto con el Comité Nacional del Derecho a la Vida, www.nrlc.org. Mantente informado.

TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Aunque entramos en el Tiempo Ordinario del año litúrgico, algunos

domingos son hermosas celebraciones. El 4 de junio celebramos la Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad, y el 11 de junio, el Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, comúnmente llamado Corpus Christi. He alentado a todas nuestras parroquias a celebrar una procesión de Corpus Christi y espero con interés la de St Joseph Parish, Springfield, después de la misa de las 10:30 a.m. Si tu parroquia no tiene una procesión de Corpus Christi, te animo a participar en una de las parroquias cercanas.

Por supuesto, el término “Tiempo Ordinario” es engañoso. En Adviento y Navidad, preparamos y celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo. En Cuaresma y Pascua, celebramos su sufrimiento y resurrección. ¿Qué es el Tiempo Ordinario? Los libros litúrgicos nos dicen que el tiempo ordinario celebra la “plenitud de la vida de Cristo”. No sólo su venida en la carne en Navidad y no sólo su conquista del pecado y de la muerte en Pascua, sino la plenitud de toda su vida. Y si es así, el Tiempo Ordinario no tiene nada de “ordinario”.

Que los meses de verano sean para nosotros la plenitud de la vida de Cristo. Por supuesto, en estos días, con los viajes modernos y la tecnología, si estás

de vacaciones, todo lo que tienes que hacer es preguntar a tu teléfono donde se celebrará la misa dominical más cercana. Todo está al alcance de tu mano. No tomes vacaciones de la Santa Misa.

¿Está tu parroquia cantando “Oh sacramento santísimo, oh Sacramento divino. Toda la alabanza y toda la acción de gracias sean tuyas en todo momento”? He estado promoviendo este versículo, cantando el primer versículo tres veces cuando sea posible después de la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión. Es una expresión sencilla, magistral y mística de nuestra creencia en la verdadera presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Cada verso de este hermoso himno eucarístico expresa la teología eucarística clásica. ¿No nos identificamos todos con el segundo verso? “Venid ahora todos los que trabajáis con tristeza y dolor; venid, comed este pan del cielo; recuperad vuestra paz y vuestra fuerza”. Y el verso tres es pura genialidad: “Señor, Jesús, te adoramos, nuestra víctima y nuestro sacerdote, cuya Sangre y Cuerpo preciosos se convierten en nuestra Sagrada Fiesta”. En las palabras del Papa San Juan Pablo II: “Que nuestra adoración no cese nunca”. ©TM



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WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 20:

The Church One and Visible

Throughout its history, the Church has insisted upon its visibility. Especially in these latter centuries as the Church — visible for so many years as some strange political entity — has changed its aspect, it has nonetheless still insisted that it is not just an immaterial, invisible society. It is, rather, quite visible. The Church is hierarchical and charismatic; it is an incarnate thing, visible and ethical, obedient to the teachings of Jesus. Echoing the Sermon on the Mount, it's a "communion of life, charity and truth" that is "sent forth into the whole world as the light of the world and the salt of the earth" (LG 9; Mt 5:13-16). One simply can't define the Church only in material terms or only in spiritual terms, opposing matter and spirit so absolutely. That is actually heresy.

Rather, as *Lumen Gentium* teaches, the Church is an "entity with visible delineation." The risen Christ "continually sustains here on earth His holy Church," not just as a Mystical Body, but also as a "society structured with hierarchical organs." The "visible assembly and the spiritual community" are not to be thought of as "two realities" but as "one complex reality which coalesces from a divine and human element." Again, the applicable analogy here is the incarnation: the idea of the divine and human present in the mysterious and visible (LG 8). Thus, the visible and material aspect of the Church cannot be completely separated from its invisible spiritual reality. That the Church is always visible simply follows from the fact of its nature as sacrament. This is basic Catholic theology, shared though also by the Orthodox and many other Christian traditions.

It's at this point, however, we encounter some of the unique claims of Roman Catholicism. Simply put, how does this Church we've been describing since John 17 relate to the Roman Catholic Church? The answer is complicated. Thus, *Lumen Gentium* speaks here carefully: "This Church constituted and organized in the world as a society, subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the Bishops in communion with him, although many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside of its visible structure. These elements, as gifts belonging to the Church of Christ, are forces impelling toward catholic unity" (LG 8).

Now, this is a loaded paragraph!

As we've already seen, the Church, as sacrament, is a visible organism — hierarchic, charismatic, spiritual, material — but not entirely circumscribable. That is, the Church we've been describing since John 17 is not exclusively identifiable with the Roman Catholic Church. The Church is bigger, more mysterious than that. But still, in a very real sense, the Roman Catholic Church is the Church. So, how do you get your head around that?

Lumen Gentium teaches that the Church "subsists in" the Catholic Church — the Church governed by the successor of Peter. Now, this little Latin verb — *subsistit* — is probably the most controversial word ever to come out of Vatican II. It does indeed mark a change in how the Catholic Church describes itself in relation to other Christian bodies, but it needn't be controversial. Before the Second Vatican Council, most Catholic theologians were content simply to say that the Church is (est) the Roman Catholic Church. However, *Lumen Gentium* changed that, adding actually quite helpful nuance. By saying the Church "subsists in" the Roman Catholic Church, *Lumen Gentium* is not saying the Roman Catholic Church is the ideal Church or the real Church in the sense that other Christian communities are unreal; rather, it's saying that the Church described in the New Testament is always fully present in the Roman Catholic Church, that by its sacraments and apostolic and Petrine structure, the oneness Jesus prayed for in John 17 is never absent from it (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 4). It's saying that the Roman Catholic Church, ecclesologically speaking, will always be fully and substantially the Church described in the New Testament and throughout Christian history.

But what about those churches and communities not part of the Roman Catholic Church? What about non-Roman Catholics? The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Christian Church subsists in the Roman Catholic Church, the Church in communion with Peter and his successors, the popes. And yes, it also teaches that non-Roman Catholic churches and communities are different from the Roman Catholic Church, that they "are not blessed with



St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. (Adobe Stock)

that unity which Jesus Christ wished to bestow on all those to whom he has given new birth into one body ... that unity which the Holy Scriptures and the ancient Tradition of the Church proclaim" (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 3). However, non-Roman Catholic churches and communities do indeed possess "many elements of sanctification" and also many gifts belonging to the great Church of Christ, all of which are innately "forces impelling toward catholic unity" (LG 2.8). Thus, for Baptists, Methodists, Anglicans, and so on — anyone with an inkling for truth: such truth, in whatever community it flourishes, tends toward the perfect unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit given to the Church in Christ.

But how can we get our heads around this very bold claim? The image that helps me think about this is a simple one — a broken flower pot. If I dropped a big potted plant on the floor, breaking it into several pieces, and if I looked at you and said, "Pick up the plant" — what would you do? You'd likely pick up the root stock, the big bit. It's unlikely you'd pick up that smaller fragment off to the side or the even smaller one farther away. When I say, "Pick up the plant," you're going to pick up the part you know is more fully the plant. But, of course, all the pieces belong together. All the fragments matter. That's what *Lumen Gentium* means when it says the Church "subsists in" the Roman Catholic Church. The one fragment off to the side may be Baptists with their great preaching; another fragment, Anglicans with their beauty and humor; another, Methodists with their hymnody. You see what I'm saying? That's basically the idea. All the broken pieces belong together, but the fullness of the thing is what it is — the Roman Catholic Church.

That's the unique claim of Roman Catholicism; and undoubtedly, it's quite

a claim. Speaking personally as a convert, I had to explore and wrestle with this for quite some time. I understood that Jesus meant us to be one; and I also understood (as we'll explore later in this series) that being one meant being one eucharistically, visible one. But does that therefore mean Roman Catholicism? I mean, I had been around Roman Catholics and was not bowled over. And so, for me, it became a historical investigation, questions

regarding the claims of the papacy. Is it true, for instance, that all Christians should be in communion with Peter and his successor? I did indeed come to believe this, yes. At this point, suffice it to say that I had to come to grips with this theology, and it wasn't easy. But in the end, my accepting it stemmed from this idea of God's mission for glory — that the Father sent his Son and that through the Son and the Spirit, the Church was created in holy, catholic, and apostolic oneness, a divine and human communion. Now indeed, this is an outstanding claim the Roman Catholic Church makes for itself. Yet, like it or lump it, believe it or not, for twenty centuries the Church has found the guts to proclaim it in season and out. Disagree, that's fine — it's understandable and even respectable in some instances. But, nonetheless, the outstanding claim remains; there it is. The Church we've been following since John 17 "subsists in" the Roman Catholic Church. It was the blunt stubbornness of this teaching that made me wrestle with it so much. Which really is all I can say to you — wrestle with it. Because this is what we Catholics really believe.

NEXT EDITION:
WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 21

**Sacramental Communion,
Sacramental Pilgrimage**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Belleville, IL—The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows will offer a three-part summer series entitled, **“Journey to Nicaea: The Evolution of Christianity from Gospel to Creed,”** on the following Saturdays: July 1, Aug. 5, and Sept. 2, in the Shrine Visitors Center. Presenter is Mark Etling, PhD, an adjunct professor at the School for Professional Studies at St. Louis University. Cost: \$10 per session or \$30 for series. Information and registration at <https://snows.org/> or call the Shrine at (618) 394-6281.

Diocesan-wide—Diocesan Evangelization and Discipleship Summit—SAVE THE DATE! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of prayer, formation, and inspiration! Featuring Bishop Edward Rice, Jason Simon (President of Evangelical Catholic), and more, on Sat., Oct. 28, in Cape Girardeau, and Sat., Nov. 4, in Springfield.

Cape Girardeau—A Sacramental Marriage Preparation Seminar will be held Sat., June 24, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1913 Ritter Dr. Couples civilly-married, or where either one has been married before, that seek the Sacrament of Marriage within the Church are invited to the upcoming day-long marriage seminar. For more information, please contact Kim Brayman at (417) 866-0841, or kbrayman@dioscg.org.

Cape Girardeau—Catholic Social Ministries Food Pantry will have a **Yard Sale**, Thu., July 27, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., July 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat., July 29, 7 a.m.-noon, in St. Mary Cathedral School gym. Fill a bag with clothes for \$1 and other items will be half-off on Saturday. Items may be dropped off to the school gym on Mon., July 24-Wed., July 26. All proceeds to benefit the Catholic Food Pantry.

Monett—St. Lawrence Parish will host **Dr. Scott Hahn**, Sat., July 22, 8 a.m.-12

p.m., at the Monett Performing Arts Center, located at 1650 E Cleveland Ave. Study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today’s most respected scholars. For additional information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://stpaulcenter.com/monett2023/>.

Oran—Southern Missouri Cursillo Group and Catholic Man Night have teamed up to celebrate our priests with a **Thanks to the Priests Party**, Fri., June 16, 6-9 p.m., at the Oran Knights of Columbus Hall. This will be a potluck meal; please bring something you know your priest would love to eat, bring drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils. Weather permitting, we will be outside; bring lawn chairs and games to play. For more information, please contact semocatholicmannight@gmail.com.

Oran—The Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women will have a **quarterly meeting** Tue., June 20, at Guardian Angel Church. Every woman in the Deanery is welcome to attend. Rosary is at 5:30 pm, followed by Mass at 6 pm with Fr. Joseph Kelly as celebrant. The Installation of Officers will take place after Mass followed by the meeting in the school gym across the parking lot. Speaker will be Sr. Evalyne Ekesa, LSOSF, with the Little Sisters of St. Francis. For more information, please contact Ruth Ann Hester at (573) 270-4844.

Springfield—Springfield Area Perpetual Adoration, hosted at Holy Trinity Chapel, has an **urgent need of Adorers**: Wed., 2 a.m. & 3 a.m.; Sat., 1 a.m., and Sun., 1 a.m., 2 a.m. and 11 p.m. Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marilyn Gibson at (417) 224-4043.

Parishes and organizations are invited to submit notices of future events to be printed on a space-available basis. There is no fee.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION HELD IN JACKSON



8TH GRADE GRADUATION—Immaculate Conception Catholic School, in Jackson, recently celebrated its graduating eighth grade class on May 16. Students posed for a photo with Fr. Randy Tochtrop, pastor; Principal Michele Campbell, and Lynn Dennis, 8th grade teacher. (Photo by Tim Huff/The Mirror)



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Cape Girardeau, MO

Saint Francis Foundation seeks partners for "Reach Out and Read," a program that provides free books to pediatric patients at well-child visits. This program gives young children a foundation for success

by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

Saint Francis pediatric patients in Cape Girardeau and Jackson

will receive an age-appropriate book at each well-child check from 6 months

to 5 years of age, providing a total of nine free books to a child before Kindergarten. Reading to children at an early stage promotes speech development and learning and helps parents bond with their children over books. Books are currently being offered at Cape Physician Associates and Saint Francis Clinic Jackson.

The program was launched through a generous donation from Jason and Lesley Coalter with Rent SEMO.

If you would like to help promote literacy and learning through the continuation of providing free books to pediatric patients, please contact Saint Francis Foundation at (573) 331-3192 or visit <https://secure.giv.com/for/reachoutandread/> to donate.



REACH OUT & READ—Julie A. Benard, MD, FAAP, DABOM, pediatrician with Cape Physician Associates, shared a book and a smile with Kirstan Mirgeaux and her daughter, Annie. (Photo courtesy of SFMC)

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Graviett retires from coaching, remains Athletic Director



Cape Girardeau, MO

After 27 years of coaching baseball and softball at Notre Dame Regional High School, Coach Jeff Graviett hangs up his cleats after this baseball season.

“Jeff has been synonymous with Notre Dame baseball and softball for the past 20-plus years. He has left his mark in both arenas across the state of Missouri and especially here in southeast Missouri,” said Notre Dame Principal Tim Garner.

Coach Graviett began his coaching tenure at Notre Dame as an assistant baseball coach in 1997, then taking over the program as head coach in 1999. In 2000, he joined the softball coaching staff, assuming the head coaching position in 2003. He has since amassed a record of 938-259 between both baseball and softball.



GRAVIETT

His baseball teams have won 11 district championships and made five final four appearances, bringing home state titles in both 2009 and 2015. Under his tutelage, the Notre Dame girls softball team won a state title in 2009, along with 17 district championships and nine final fours.

“There are so many great memories over the years, but my top three are of the state titles,” said Jeff Graviett. “The 2009 baseball team will always be my first state championship. What a tremendous group of coaches and young men on that team. Witnessing the father daughter moment with Ray (Reinagel) and Lauren (Reinagel Pobst) during the 2009 softball state title game will always be unforgettable. And the 2015 baseball group – I was around most of those guys since they were 12

years old – watching them dominate the postseason was one of the most remarkable runs I have ever seen a team make.”

“Coaching alongside Coach Graviett these past 20 years has been such a huge reward for me. Besides the district championships, final fours, and state championship, he has shown me so many ways to lead,” said Notre Dame Assistant Softball Coach Ray Reinagel. “Something he always instilled in our players was that it’s not how many times you get knocked down, it’s how you react when you get back up. My favorite statement of Graviett’s was ‘I will do my best to put you in a position to succeed, not to fail.’ It’s been an honor to have coached and learned from one of the best.”

Coach Graviett was named the Missouri Baseball Coach of the Year in 2009. He has been inducted into several hall of fames; including, Notre

Dame’s Athletic Hall of Fame, the Missouri High School Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2018), and the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association (MHSBCA) Hall of Fame (2019).

While he is retiring from coaching, Graviett will remain at Notre Dame. The change will allow him to focus solely on his role as Notre Dame’s athletic director.

“I began my tenure at Notre Dame coaching alongside Jeff,” said Garner. “I know how much he has cared about the young men and women he has coached; more than the wins and losses, that is what makes a hall of fame coach. Although he is leaving the coaching realm, Jeff will continue to offer that same level of care and expertise to student athletes year-round in his current role as Notre Dame’s athletic director.” ©TM

Unterreiner steps down as boys basketball head coach, remaining Asst. Principal & Dean of Academics

Cape Girardeau, MO

Paul Unterreiner is stepping down as the boys basketball head coach at Notre Dame Regional High School.

Unterreiner took over the basketball program for the 2014-2015 season, accumulating a 159-94 record. During his time as head coach, his teams had two final four appearances, won two SEMO Conference championships and one Christmas Tournament championship. He also spent four years as boys JV coach, four years as the girls basketball JV coach, and nine years coaching track.

“Coach U has always brought energy to the program,” said Notre Dame Athletic Director Jeff Graviett. “You could bet that his kids were going to play hard. He represents everything that ND is about: keeping God first, your family second, and you third. His ‘I am 3rd’ motto sums up his love for his team, his family, and most importantly, God.”

“Every team and season has memories I’ll cherish forever,” said Paul Unterreiner. “I’ll

forever remember our two state runs. The first run was my first year as head coach (2014-15), and I had a group of young men that were on a mission. The good moments and the bad moments that we shared are what sports are all about.



UNTERREINER

“The most special moment came during the 2019-2020 when we won our quarterfinal. I got the chance to celebrate with one of my best friends, Kirk Boeller (ND girls basketball coach), and his girl’s squad, said Unterreiner. “For the first time in Notre Dame history, both the boys’ and girls’ programs qualified for the final four. Yes, the pandemic got in the way of our end goal, but I’ll never forget how special that moment was.”

Over his nine seasons as the head of the boy’s program, Unterreiner has coached 19 academic all-state student athletes. Several players and teams have set school records; including, the best 2-point field goal percentage (57.30%) and 3-point field goal percentage (38%) by the 2014-2015 team, and the most 3-pointers in a season (215) from the 2022-2023 team. ©TM

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Women ages 30+ invited to serve in Glenmary Sisters Missionary Volunteer Program

By Barbara O'Nan

Missionary work is a vital part of the life of the Church. We are all called to be missionaries in some way. Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Day 2019, entitled, "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World," states, "I am a mission, always, you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission." He goes on to emphasize how we, as baptized Catholics, are missionaries by means of our baptism: We each have a missionary mandate from the Church which ultimately flows from the command given to us by Christ Jesus.

Not all missionaries are called to go directly into the missions, however. St. Therese of Lisieux is a

prime example. She lived her missionary calling in the monastery. She was never able to go physically into a mission area and serve. However, she was named by the Church as Patroness of the Missions, because she lived her calling as a missionary so well in prayer and sacrifice.

The Glenmary Sisters have been given the call to serve actively in the missions. Their charism of Catholic presence has been the backbone of their mission ministry since their founding in 1941 by Fr. William Howard Bishop. The Sisters spread the love of God throughout their missions by sharing their gifts and talents with people who are underserved, oppressed, and unchurched. They offer compassionate outreach to all those they meet in the mission areas where they serve in Kentucky and Missouri.

Lay single women

Some non-professed, lay, single women are also able to physically minister in a mission area and are being called to share their time and talents as active missionaries, but are unsure how best to serve.

The Glenmary Sisters are offering opportunities for single women, age 30-plus, to minister with them in the mission fields of the US in the rural southern areas. Each volunteer lives with one of the Sisters and serves that particular mission area for up to three months. This allows for ample opportunity to perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The volunteer discerns her particular gifts and talents alongside the Sisters and implements them in best

meeting the needs of the mission area to which she is assigned.

Some areas of need in the mission in which you could possibly share your gifts and talents may include: working at our outreach centers, which minister to young mothers and children; religious education; summer Bible School; helping with youth groups during the summer; Hispanic ministry; helping gather and distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, taking Communion to the sick and shut-ins; and literacy programs, to name a few.

Discernment

If you are discerning a tug in your heart from the Holy Spirit to spend some time in the missions, the

Glenmary Sisters Missionary Volunteer Program may be a perfect fit for you.


Always remember that you will meet God in the lives of the people whom you serve. You will be forever touched and will grow in your own faith life as you go forth to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit by answering 'yes' to serve the missions with the Glenmary Sisters.

For more information about this unique opportunity, please contact Barbara O'Nan, Volunteer Coordinator, by Emailing barbara@glenmarysisters.org, or calling (706) 414-2982. For more information, please visit the Glenmary Sisters Website at www.glenmarysisters.org. ©TM

O'Nan serves the Volunteer Coordinator for the Glenmary Sisters (Home Mission Sisters of America).

◀ **VOLUNTEER AS A MISSIONARY**—The Glenmary Sisters are offering opportunities for single women, age 30-plus, to minister with them in the mission fields of the US in the rural southern areas. Each volunteer lives with one of the Sisters and serves that particular mission area for up to three months. Some areas of need in the mission in which you could possibly share your gifts and talents may include: working at our outreach centers, which minister to young mothers and children; religious education; summer Bible School; helping with youth groups during the summer; Hispanic ministry; helping gather and distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, taking Communion to the sick and shut-ins; and literacy programs, to name a few. (*Glenmary Home Missions*)





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In June, let your garden honor the hearts of Jesus & Mary

By Margaret Rose Realy, OSV News

We enter into June, and Ordinary Time, with the sense of sharing the faith and expanding the church. The green of this liturgical season is symbolic of hope and new growth. Seedlings sprout—those planted in the earth or those growing in our soul—and we anticipate flowering, and when managed properly, an abundant harvest.

Interestingly, this season begins with the month's dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and includes the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A more verdant pasture of hope would be hard to find! The Sacred Heart of Jesus signifies not only his physical heart but also his love for all mankind, and love is powerful. It is a restoration of peace which is encircled with a crown of thorns, for peace is not easily gained. There is a harsh reality of love, because when we love, we are vulnerable to pain, loss, and anxiety.

During our dedication to the Sacred Heart we give our hearts, an act of consecration, to him in return. And

there are many beautiful ways to commemorate the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a garden. You can do so by using images or shrines attached to a tree or post, creating pavers, or adding symbolic plants and colors.

Plants for a Sacred/Immaculate Heart garden could include monochromatic or harmonious color schemes of reds and oranges, vines symbolic of clinging to God, or plants with heart-shaped leaves or flowers. If you plan to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary, consider adding white or red roses, or a touch of blue representing her mantle. A few of the more common flowers used for Sacred/Immaculate Heart gardens—both symbolically and in form—are anemone, angel wing begonia (*Begonia coccinea*), bleeding heart (*Dicentra*), and carnations (*Dianthus*). Also consider green—the color of hope—which is the foundational architecture of any garden. It is the varying shades of green that lend depth to our gardens, as does our varying intensity of hope to our faith. It is against

“When we love, we are vulnerable to pain, loss, and anxiety.”



SACRED HEART GARDEN—An image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, enshrined in wood and nailed to a tree, located on Pinus Cembra in the Stubai Alps. June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and includes the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (OSV News photo/Hermann Hammer, Wikimedia Commons)

Cyclamen: This tuberous plant grows throughout the Mediterranean and parts of Europe, and red flowering cultivars are readily available. It is symbolic of resignation both to love and to death.

Hosta: Nearly all species of this predominantly shade-loving plant have heart-shaped leaves, represent devotion and are closely related to the Virgin Mary.

Ipomoea batatas: A sun-loving trailing vine whose cultivars vary from bright chartreuse to deep magenta. It carries the same spiritual meaning as a morning glory, which is an enduring love even through eternity.

this backdrop that the flowers (our virtues) are revealed more distinctly.

For greens in a Sacred/Immaculate Heart garden consider using heart-shaped leaves. A few suggestions:

Brunnera: This shade-loving genus comes in a range of leaf textures and venation, and has delicate blue flowers in spring—an excellent selection for a garden dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Colocasia & Alocasia: Both genera are tropical plants with exceptionally large leaves, many of them shaped like a heart, and symbolize growing towards heaven.

However you intend to develop your prayer garden, it will be one created from the heart. It is an outdoor space that moves your faith forward with its creation, and a space where others who visit can learn the spiritual significance each plant holds for you. And isn't that a lovely way to evangelize? @OSVNews

Margaret Rose Realy is a Benedictine Oblate and the author of *A Garden Catechism: 100 Plants in Christian Tradition and How to Grow Them* (OSV, 2022).

Happy Father's Day!

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, to the care of Joseph. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation.

Amen.
- Author Unknown

Prayer Source: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/fathers-day-prayers>

Photo: K. Harter, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Billings

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR—Springfield Catholic High School Chaplain Fr. Allen Kirchner (left) and Bishop Edward M. Rice congratulated Class of 2023's **Drew G Stufflebam**. Stufflebam is being offered the **National Merit University of Tulsa Scholarship**. (The Mirror)

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CONGRATULATIONS

Notre Dame Regional High School, Class of 2023!



Cape Girardeau, MO

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 111 graduates in the class of 2023
- Summa Cum Laude (minimum 4.0 gpa average) - 27 students
- Magna Cum Laude (minimum 3.75 gpa average) - 26 students
- Cum Laude (minimum 3.5 gpa average) - 19 students
- 90% of the Class of 2023 received scholarships in excess of 9.6 million dollars,
- 10 students achieved a score in the Top 5% on the ACT
- 1 National Merit Commended Scholar
- 8 College Board National Rural & Small Town Recognition Program Scholars
- 1 Missouri Top 100 Scholar
- National Merit Commended Scholar and Perfect Score on the ACT: Evelyn Jones
- College Board National Rural & Small Town Recognition Program Scholars: Bridget Bailey, William Dodson, Chloe Heisserer, Evelyn Jones, Celia Keran, Wil Morgan, Reagan Randolph, Ella Shaffar
- Missouri Scholars 100 Award: William Dodson
- National Technical Honor Society: Blake Graviett, Jason Landewee, Reagan Randolph

Notre Dame Regional High School Class of 2023 College Acceptances

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Arkansas State University
Austin Peay State University
Belmont University
Bradley University
Central Methodist University
Franciscan University at Steubenville
Full Sail University
Hawaii Pacific University
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Jacksonville University
Jefferson College
Kansas State University
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Springfield Catholic High School, Class of 2023!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

TOP TEN STUDENTS

- Allisyn Bigler
- Avery Bowler
- Benjamin Del Vecchio
- John Griesemer
- Brigid Kerr
- Julia Lee
- Alexa Lewis
- Drew Stuffebam
- Evan Thompson
- Leah Zolfaghari

SERVICE AWARD

- Collectively, the 81 members of the Class of 2023 performed more than 9950 hours of Christian Service while attending Springfield Catholic High School!

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

- Business: Benjamin Smith
- Computer Science: Joseph Micka
- AV Media: Maggie Lowrance
- Mathematics Department: Drew Stuffebam
- Science Department: Benjamin Del Vecchio, Julia Lee
- English Department: Nhat Bui, Taylor Hanna



Springfield, MO

- Foreign Language Department: Drew Stuffebam, Alexa Lewis
- Social Studies Department: Julia Lee
- Fine Arts: Madeline Callahan, Danny Strange
- Choir: Emily Wieberg
- Harper Award (Music): Maggie Lowrance
- Band: Joseph Micka
- Theology Department: Nathaniel Warren, Alexa Lewis
- Physical Education/Health: Lyla Louderbaugh, Nathaniel Warren

CONGRATULATIONS

McAuley Catholic High School Class of 2023!



Left to Right: Joe Staton, Salutatorian; Jo Jo Wheeler, Co-Valedictorian; Bishop Rice; John Wheeler, Co-Valedictorian



Joplin, MO

Front Row (Left to Right): John Wheeler, Briana Rogers, Zittaly Torres, Kaitlyn Gooch, Bishop Rice, Jo Jo Wheeler, Aaliyah Perez Villa, Lily Black and Phillip Motazed
Back Row (Left to Right): Jack Jones, Trey Martinez, Kendall Jones, Drew Zeb, Evan D'Amour, Joe Staton, Kable Reichardt, and Noah Black

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

ACADEMIC HONORS

- One McAuley student earned the Bright Flight Scholarship.
- FBLA had 7 state qualifiers that attended the state FBLA contest. Out of those 7 students, two qualified to compete at Nationals this summer (2023).
- Class of 2023 received scholarships in the

amount of 1, 294,732.00 from 20 different Colleges and Universities.

ATHLETIC HONORS

- District Champs--Boys Track
- District Runner up--Golf
- District Runner Up--Baseball
- District Runner Up--Boys Cross Country
- District 3rd place--Girls Cross Country (1st

Cross Country in McAuley History team Boys and Girls to qualify for the state championship meet).

- Cross Country 4th Place Boys Division (1st Cross Country team in McAuley History to Boys or Girls to medal at the state championship meet).
- Golf 3rd place state Class 1A

Illinois AG releases report on Catholic clergy child sex abuse in IL

By Gina Christian, OSV News

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul released a May 23 report revealing decades of abuse by Catholic clergy against almost 2,000 children.

The report, unveiled during a May 23 press conference and totaling almost 700 pages, concludes a multi-year investigation launched in 2018 into child sexual abuse by 451 clergy and religious brothers in all six Catholic (arch)dioceses in Illinois.

Prior to Raoul's investigation, the Catholic dioceses of Illinois publicly listed just 103 credibly accused abusers.

According to Raoul's office, attorneys, and investigators "reviewed more than 100,000 pages of documents held by the dioceses and received more than 600 confidential contacts from survivors through emails, letters, interviews and phone calls."

"I was raised and confirmed in the Catholic Church and sent my children to Catholic schools. I believe the Church does important work to support vulnerable populations," said Raoul in a May 23 statement. "However, as with any presumably reputable institution, the Catholic Church must be held accountable when it betrays the public's trust."

He added that although "these perpetrators may never be held accountable in a court of law," their naming in the report would "provide a public accounting and a measure of healing to survivors who have long suffered in silence."

Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said in a statement that archdiocesan officials "have not studied the report in detail but have concerns about data that might be misunderstood or are presented in ways that could be misleading."

Among what he said Church officials "know to be true" is that the 451 clergy named in the report includes the priests already on the six diocesan Websites. "ALL were reported to civil authorities, none were undisclosed, none were 'hiding in plain sight' since at least 2002."

Similarly, Rockford Bishop David J. Malloy—who "first and foremost (apologized) for the pain endured by victim survivors of childhood sexual abuse"—said Raoul's report contained "inaccuracies."

Allegations that "known abusers (are) actively ministering" in the Diocese of Rockford are "to the best of our knowledge ... simply not true," said Bishop Malloy.

He added that the Diocese of Rockford has "worked cooperatively" with the attorney general's office since the inquiry was opened in August 2018, and "at no time" during the four-and-a-half year investigation was the diocese "ever informed that the Attorney General holds this view." "The Attorney General's report identifies 160 priests it maintains should be on public lists but are not. However, the Attorney General reports that none of those 160 priests is or was in any way affiliated with the Diocese of Rockford," Bishop Malloy said.

He added that safe environment protocols in the Rockford Diocese had been established in 1987, some 15 years before the U.S. bishops created their "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," also known as the Dallas Charter for the city where the bishops' meeting took place when it was adopted.

The Diocese of Peoria said in a statement that such protocols "have gone a long way to address the scourge of sexual abuse," and that "to the diocese's knowledge, there is not a single priest of the diocese with a substantiated allegation who is currently in ministry or who has not been reported to the authorities."

FORMER PRIEST SERVED IN DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

The recent Illinois State Attorney General released its comprehensive "Report on Catholic Clergy Child Sex Abuse in Illinois" on May 23, 2023. It lists a former religious order priest having served in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau as one against whom allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor were substantiated. Former Fr. Drinan was expelled from the Claretian Missionaries United States-Canada Province in 2006 and laicized in 2014. His name was found on public listing of accused clergy for the Archdiocese of Chicago. His name was not presented to the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in our 2018 inquiry to the Claretian Missionaries during our own internal review of files or during the external Missouri State Attorney General's audit. He has subsequently been added to the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau's public list, "Clergy With Allegations of Abuse and Misconduct," found on the diocesan Website.

FORMER FR. DANIEL MICHAEL DRINAN, CMF

1976

Deacon, Sacred Heart Parish, Poplar Bluff

1977

Ordained to the priesthood for the Claretian Missionaries United States-Canada Province

1979-1982

Part-time Chaplain for Catholic Campus Ministry at then-Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield

1985-1989

Chaplain, Catholic Campus Ministry, Nancy McGregor House, Springfield

1989-1992

Director & Chaplain, Catholic Campus Ministry, Springfield

Yet Bishop Ronald A. Hicks of Joliet stressed that "although the majority of abuse occurred decades ago, many victims/survivors remain haunted to this day."

"Some may be thinking, 'I thought this was over.' No sin of such great magnitude as sexual abuse of minors should ever be forgotten," he said in a May 23 statement. "Remembering the harm done forces us to remain vigilant in our efforts to ensure it never happens again."

Springfield Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki credited Raoul's office "for bringing about greater transparency" and for "keeping the spotlight on this issue to help us sustain the vigilance" needed to guard against future threats of abuse.

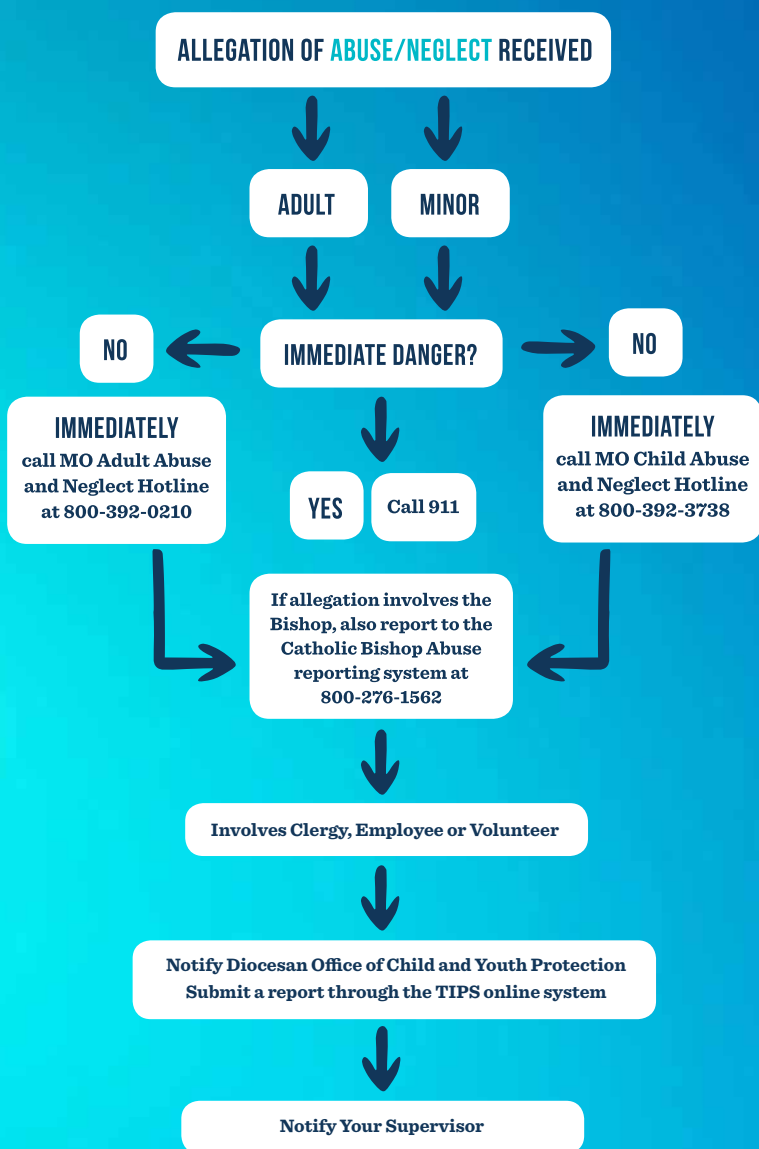
The report "(serves) as a reminder that some clergy in the Church committed shameful and disgraceful sins against innocent victim survivors, and did damage that simply cannot be undone," said Bishop Paprocki. "We hope the Attorney General's office continues this vigilance for creating a safer environment with other institutions, and it doesn't stop with just the Catholic Church."

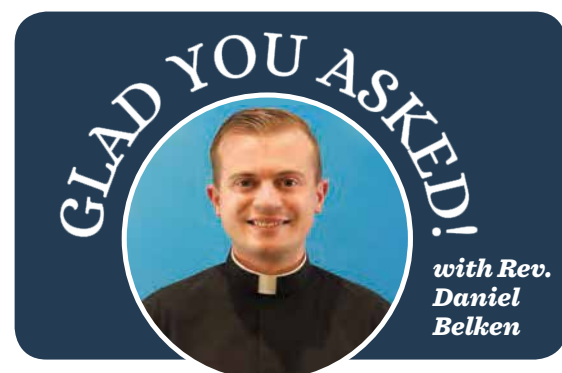
While noting he would "need some time to read and fully absorb" the report, Bishop Michael G. McGovern of Belleville said it was "crucial" to understand that "nothing is more important to us than the welfare of the youth entrusted to our care," and that the Belleville Diocese "takes all allegations of inappropriate or sexual misconduct seriously."

"In the name of our community, I offer my

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ALLEGATION OF ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTING PROCESS





ANSWER:

Whether you know the full definition of it or not, the word “blasphemy” is a powerful term. It almost invokes a certain fear or dread when it is thrown about. Yet, it does involve a very real action—namely when someone speaks against our Lord in some way, or against the sacred things that are a part of faith. We can think of this as violations that are against the Second Commandment, whether directly or indirectly. These could be words of hatred, reproach, or defiance, as they could be given in a spirit of malice. In short, the sin of blasphemy is a direct offense against the virtue of religion—which is the virtue by which we render to God the honor due to him as our Creator and for whom we are designed. This extends to speaking against the Church, the saints, and even sacred items.

Now, with the definition of what blasphemy is, we can move on toward the next part of the question, in discovering what it means in the context of Mark 3:29. In this passage, Jesus is correcting a misconception that had come from the scribes of Jerusalem, who had said that Jesus was “possessed by Beelzebul.” What this means is that the scribes, whether knowingly or not, are speaking against God out of malice against him, and therefore, they are committing the sin of blasphemy, though they may not have realized the full gravity of what they

QUESTION: What is the sin of Blasphemy? What does Mark 3:29 mean when it speaks about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

were doing.

In answering this misconception, Jesus begins to speak in parables, and tells them that it is impossible that Satan would drive out Satan.

Rather, it stands to reason that God is driving out Satan, rather than having an impossible scenario take place. Satan is always concerned with destroying what God has created, and Jesus is set about the work of restoration of what God has made. Therefore, it is absurd to think that Jesus would come from anywhere but God.

This brings us to the heart of the matter—what is the sin against the Holy Spirit? By the commentaries and the notes that they offer—this sin is attributing anything to Satan that belongs to the promptings and the power of the Holy Spirit, chief fruit of which is the victory over demons and over Satan himself. Thus, this sin is an apparent contradiction in itself. What makes it unforgivable is that one who believes this will extend themselves to believe that even forgiveness, a gift given by the Spirit, is not actually coming from God himself, and therefore, they will not even have the ability to ask for it. They have turned themselves from the promptings of God and of the Holy Spirit, and therefore they cannot receive forgiveness. It is not that God is withholding mercy or the grace of forgiveness, but it is rather the person closing themselves off to receiving it and out of a spirit of malice and blindness, sets themselves up against God.

This can be expounded upon and fleshed out into several other specific sins, namely despair, presumption,

impenitence, obstinacy, resisting truth, and finally: envy of another’s spiritual welfare. While this can seem to be a rather cumbersome list, and perhaps even one that can cause us to be fearful, quite honestly, the one that is likely most prevalent is not attributing things to the devil that belong to God, but rather the sin of despair, where we wonder if God can forgive us of what we have done. To be a person of faith, we have to understand that He has full power and authority to do as He says He will! If we truly concern ourselves with a life of faith, and by that we render to God what belongs to him, and that we believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to do what it says it will do for us, then we need not fear at all, and we need not be discouraged either.

The greatest fruit that we can take away from this verse, then, is that we need not doubt nor become discouraged in our journey of faith, and even in the tough moments of life, we should not give ourselves over to malice against God. Rather, we, with constant reliance and trust, turn to Him who is our Creator and our final end as well. God has full power and authority in this world and will do as he says! Thus, even if the scribes might have blasphemed that day—whether accidentally or not—let us rather be a people of faith and a people of religion. ©TM

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profound apology to all who have been harmed by the failure to prevent and properly respond to child sexual abuse by clerics,” said Bishop McGovern.

“We must think first of the survivors of sexual abuse who carry the burden of these crimes through their lives,” Cardinal Cupich said in his statement. “On

behalf of the archdiocese, I apologize to all who have been harmed by the failure to prevent and properly respond to child sexual abuse by clerics. Survivors will forever be in our prayers, and we have devoted ourselves to rooting out this problem and providing healing to victims.”

“For more than 30 years, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been at the forefront of developing and improving policies and programs to address the scourge of child sexual abuse and to support survivors,” he said, adding, “I hope the attention drawn to the issue by the report will encourage those who work with minors to learn from our experience and take steps to protect all children from sexual abuse.”

Attorney Jeff Anderson, who has represented numerous clerical abuse survivors, said in a May 23 statement that the report was “the most survivor-centric, robust, and thorough (attorney general) report—a foundational exposé unearthing crimes of

those who chose to abuse their positions of power.”

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Illinois Attorney General’s Report
<https://clergyreport.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/download/report.pdf>

Office of Child & Youth Protection, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
<https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

In the IL Report, there are names of several priests that also served in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and names that have already been included on the diocesan list, “Clergy with Allegations of Abuse and Misconduct,” <https://dioscg.org/clergy-misconduct/>.

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Addressing Gun Violence

“Miles Davis is in the building.” The message—a code identifying an active shooter—came over the intercom of the Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis, just after 9 am on October 24, 2022. Within minutes, 19-year-old Orlando Harris had killed a student, Alexzandria Bell, and a teacher, Jean Kuczka, and shot four other students.

Four months later, survivors of the shooting visited the Missouri Capitol to share their art and a message. Around 60 students traveled to the Capitol to advocate for legislation to prevent future tragedies. Specifically, the students called on legislators to pass red flag laws, which would allow a person to petition a judge for the temporary removal of a person’s guns if they appear to be a risk to themselves or others. Days before the school shooting, the gunman’s mother had asked the police for help removing his gun but they lacked the authority to do so.

Students from the school also presented an art display at the Capitol, much of it related to the school shooting. Bryanna Love, 17, said that she will carry the memories of that day forever. “You can’t hear certain noises without being taken back to that moment, hunched in the corner of your classroom comforting your classmates that are crying so it doesn’t get too loud,” she said.

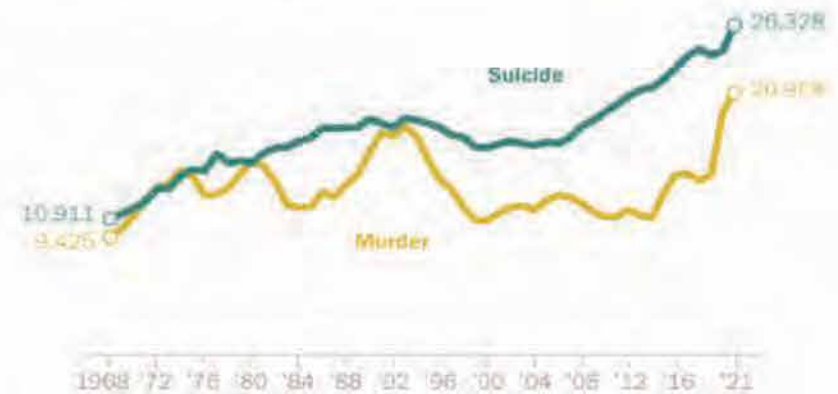
The attack on the St. Louis high school followed a string of shootings in Uvalde, Texas; Parkland, Florida; and Newtown, Connecticut. In March, a former student shot and killed three children and three staff members at a private Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee. While each tragedy brings a renewed call for legislative action, there is little agreement as to a policy solution. In this issue of *Messenger*, we examine the data on gun-related deaths and discuss what the Church says about gun violence.





U.S. saw record numbers of gun suicides and gun murders in 2021

Gun suicides and gun murders in U.S.



Note: Gun murders and suicides between 1968 and 1978 are classified by the CDC as involving firearms and explosives; those between 1979 and 2021 include firearms only.
 Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

How frequent is gun violence?

Pew Research Center recently conducted an analysis of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the FBI, and other sources related to gun deaths. More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2021—the most recent year for which complete data is available—than in any other year on record. 48,830 people died from gun-related injuries, with the vast majority of those resulting from murders and suicides (the number also includes less common types of gun-related death: accidental deaths, those involving law enforcement, and those whose circumstances could not be determined)¹. Suicides accounted for 54% of gun-related deaths while 43% were murders.²

While the overall number of gun deaths in the U.S. is at its high, the *rate* of gun deaths is still below its historical peak, although the number has increased sharply in the last few years. There were 14.6 gun deaths per 100,000 people in 2021 (6.7 murders and 7.5 suicides), down from 16.3 gun deaths per 100,000 in 1974.³

1 <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/04/26/what-the-data-says-about-gun-deaths-in-the-u-s/>

2 Id.

3 Id.

One major area of concern is the increasing number of gun deaths among children and teens. In 2019, there were 1,732 gun deaths among U.S. children and teens under the age of 18. By 2021, that figure had increased to 2,590. The gun death rate also increased during that time period, going from 2.4 fatalities per 100,000 minor residents in 2019 to 3.5 per 100,000 two years later, a 46% increase.⁴ Both the number and rate of deaths of children and teens in 2021 were at their highest rate since the CDC began tracking such numbers in 1999. While the majority of gun deaths among adults were the result of suicide, 60% of gun deaths among children and teens were the result of murders.⁵

Gun violence is also closely tied to instances of domestic violence. Research indicates that 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon of some type.⁶ However, the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation has been found to increase the risk of homicide by 500%.⁷ In 2020 in Missouri, 67 women were murdered by men. In those instances in which a weapon was identified, 78% of female victims were shot and killed by guns.

4 <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/04/06/gun-deaths-among-us-kids-rose-50-percent-in-two-years/>

5 Id.

6 <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/ndv0312.pdf>

7 Risk Factors for Femicide in Abusive Relationships: Results From a Multisite Case Control Study <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1447915/>

More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2021 than in any other year on record -CDC

About 8 in 10 U.S. murders in 2021 involved a firearm -CDC

Gun deaths among America’s children rose 50% from 2019 to 2021 -Pew Research Center



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Mass Shootings

One aspect of gun violence that is difficult to track is the prevalence of mass shootings, because there is not one agreed-upon definition of such an event. The FBI defines an “active shooter incident” as one where one or more individuals actively engage in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area. Using that definition, there were 61 active shooter incidents in 2021, up from 40 in 2020, and nearly double the number in 2017.¹ The 61 incidents resulted in 103 individuals killed and 140 wounded.² Twelve incidents met the federal definition of a “mass killing”, meaning they resulted in three or more deaths.³ While such incidents account for a small portion of overall gun deaths, they have been steadily increasing over the last few years.

¹ Active Shooter Incidents in the United States in 2021, <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active-shooter-incidents-in-the-us-2021-052422.pdf/view>

² Id.

³ Id.

Missouri Gun Laws

Missouri laws regulating guns have continued to loosen in recent years. The state currently does not require a waiting period for purchasing a gun, does not prohibit open carry, and in 2016, passed “constitutional carry”, allowing concealed carry of a firearm without a permit. In 2021, the General Assembly passed the “Second Amendment Preservation Act” which sought to nullify “all federal acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, and regulations, whether past, present, or future, that infringe on the people’s right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution”. However, the law is currently tied up in a legal battle and was recently struck down by a federal judge. Regardless, Missouri remains one of the friendliest states for those supporting expanded gun rights.

Statement from Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski Regarding Shooting at Central Visual & Performing Arts High School

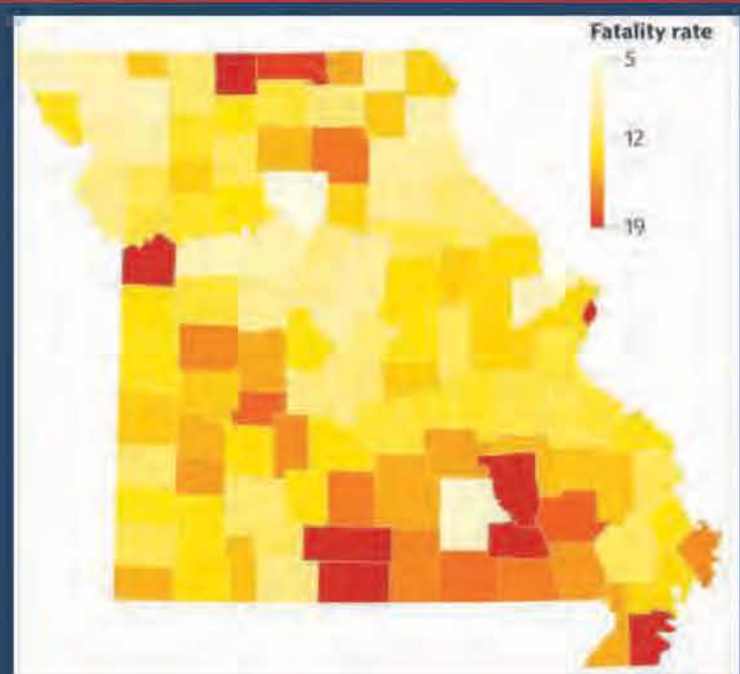
“Once again people in our city have experienced the tragic loss of lives and the trauma of a school shooting. I am holding our neighbors in the Central Visual & Performing Arts High School community in my prayers. It is a sad irony that this tragedy comes the day before the multi-denominational Vigil to Save Children’s Lives and Interfaith Gun Safety Initiative launch. I urge all people of good will to join together in prayer for everyone affected by today’s shooting, and for divine guidance as we continue as a community to seek ways of addressing the dual crises of mental health and violence.”

- Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



Missouri Gun Fatality Rate per 100,000 (1998-2018)

*Humera Lodhi and Neil Nakahodo,
The Kansas City Star*





Jessica Woolbright, Executive Director of the Saint Martha's domestic violence center in St. Louis, and Deacon Tyler McClay, Director of Advocacy, Catholic Charities of St. Louis, discuss the impact of guns in domestic violence situations, federal and state legislation, and the upcoming gun violence summit, in this episode of MCC from the Capitol.

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What does the Church say about gun policy?

The U.S. bishops have consistently advocated for federal and state policies to curb gun violence. After the tragic shooting in Uvalde, Texas where an eighteen-year-old shot and killed nineteen children and two teachers, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) called for “dialogue followed by concrete action” from Congress “to bring about a broader social renewal that addresses all aspects of the crisis, including mental health, the state of families, the valuation of life, the influence of entertainment and gaming industries, bullying, and the availability of firearms.”¹

In addition to policies addressing the larger societal causes of violence, the USCCB has also supported the following concrete policies intended to reduce gun violence²:

- A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 (Congress failed to renew it in 2004);
- Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
- A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking;
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions;
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns;
- Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision; and,
- An honest assessment of the toll of violent images and experiences which inundate people, particularly our youth.

The USCCB also supports “wholistic measures, such as the promotion of mercy and peacebuilding in our communities through restorative justice policies and practices, ongoing encounters and discussions at the parish level regarding violence in communities.”

Keeping with this approach, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is planning a summit on gun violence on July 29, 2023. The non-partisan event will focus on the impact on public health and the Catholic perspective on the crisis of gun violence in our communities.

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¹ Letter to Congress on Gun Violence, June 3, 2022, <https://www.usccb.org/resources/letter-congress-gun-violence-june-3-2022>

² Backgrounder on Gun Violence: A Mercy and Peacebuilding Approach to Gun Violence, January 2020, <https://www.usccb.org/resources/backgrounder-gun-violence-mercy-and-peacebuilding-approach-gun-violence-january-2020>

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