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Relics of St. Bernadette venerated in Kansas

RELIC TOUR OF ST. BERNADETTE—Bishop Edward Rice recently led a group of 30 people, including many The Catholic Center staffers, to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pittsburg, KS, on July 5 to view and venerate the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous. The relics of St. Bernadette were on a first-time nationwide tour in the US from April through August 2022. (Submitted photo)

by **Patrick Murphy** Pittsburg, KS

Bishop Edward Rice recently led a group of 30 people to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pittsburg, KS, to view and reverence the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous. The relics of St. Bernadette were on a first-time nationwide tour in the US from April through August 2022. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pittsburg was one of the more than 30 parishes in the US where the relics made a stop.

Participants included a number of current and former The Catholic Center staff members and their spouses, two diocesan priests, and other Catholics from the Springfield area.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to poor, illiterate, 14-year-old Marie Benarde Soubirous (Bernadette) 18 times between Feb. 11, 1858 and July 16, 1858, at the grotto of Massabielle in the town of Lourdes, located in the southwest of France. The first appearance happened when Bernadette was gathering firewood to sell in order to help support her family. During another appearance, Bernadette said that the Blessed Virgin Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. Pope Pius X had promulgated the dogma of the Immaculate Conception about four years earlier on Dec. 8, 1854. Bernadette was instructed by

the Blessed Virgin Mary on another appearance to bathe and drink from a spring that began to flow the following day. Since then, the bath at Lourdes has been associated with miraculous healings. Seeking healing and miracles, millions of people have gone to Lourdes to bathe in or drink from the waters. Lourdes continues to serve as one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the world, attracting thousands of visitors each year.

Debra Owensby, who works in the diocesan Catholic Schools Office at The Catholic Center, said that the idea for this pilgrimage came when she saw an advertisement in *The Mirror* stating that the relics would be in the Pittsburg parish. Owensby said that she and her husband, Michael, wanted to attend.

She discussed the pilgrimage with a few other people on the Bishop's staff and found that several people were excited about seeing the relics as well. Lynn Melendez, diocesan Director of Evangelization, Family Life, and Youth Formation talked with Bp. Rice about the idea. Bishop approved the pilgrimage, provided that the group have dinner at Chicken Annie's, a restaurant that serves fantastic fried chicken located just northeast of Pittsburg. (This dinner was the first stop on the pilgrimage! Bp. Rice was gracious enough to pick up the

tab—it was, after all, his idea).

The decision was made to open up the trip to the entire The Catholic Center staff, their spouses, and some others. Owensby made arrangements with Springfield Catholic High School to use one of its buses and drivers for transportation.

"I felt like the trip was inspired," Owensby said. "It gave us some time as a group for a small retreat. It was overwhelming to see the relics. The curator of the relics worked with us to make sure that we received the water to taste and to give us a schedule of the days events. It was a great day."

The group was welcomed to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on July 5 by Fr. Jerome Spexarth, pastor. The evening's events for the overflow crowd of faithful included viewing and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics in the beautiful church; Rosary and Anointing of the Sick; Evening Mass with the relics, at which Bp. Rice was principal celebrant and homilist; a candlelight procession of the relics around the parish campus, and a final blessing.

"It was a great experience. I was pleasantly surprised how many people attended," said long-time Springfield Catholic High School coach and theology teacher Bob Cornelison. "My favorite part was the procession. It was great to see so many people witnessing their faith out in the public square."

Father Allen Kirchner, who joined Cornelison as a full-time theology teacher in Springfield Catholic High School on July 1, was also on the pilgrimage.

"It was incredible to see the faith of so many who came from near and far seeking healing through the sacraments and the intercession of St. Bernadette," Fr. Kirchner said. "The chicken at Chicken Annie's was pretty dang good, too!"

On 8th December 1933, Pope Pius XI canonized St. Bernadette, and her feast day is celebrated in the world on **April 16**—the day of her passing. France celebrates the feast day on the **18th of February**.

The conservation and attribution of the relics were entrusted to the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, under the vigilance of the Bishop of Nevers. The *"Original Acts,"* preserved in the Archives of Nevers and written in Latin, indicate that taken for the relics were: A fragment of the 5th rib; a fragment of the 6th rib; the kneecaps; a sample of muscle, from the external part of the right femur; lots of hair; and various fragments which came from muscles and skin. ©TM

More information about this USA relic tour may be found at www.stbernadetteusa.org. Among other things, the Website provides interesting background information about relics, addressing three specific questions, "What are the relics? What do Catholics do with relics? Why are relics significant?"



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Bp. Edward M. Rice

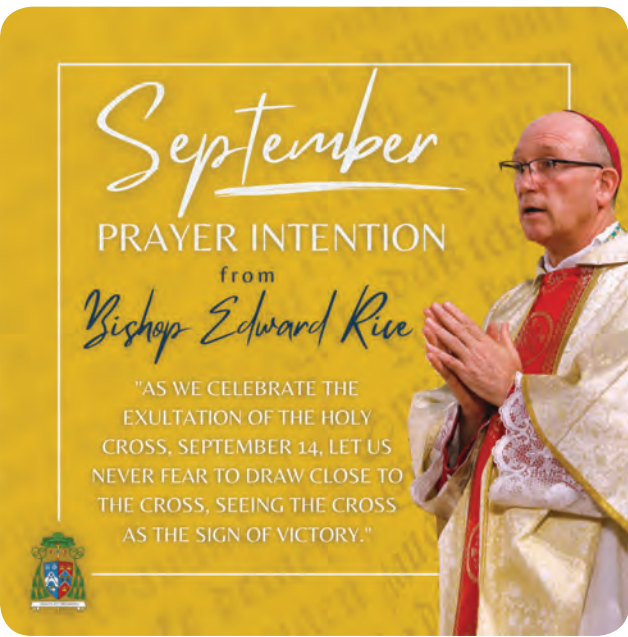
Strengthening Catholic identity in Catholic schools

On Mon., Sept. 5, we celebrate the civil holiday of Labor Day, the traditional ending of the summer season. Those with children will be back to following the school calendar and getting into the daily routine of study and homework. With that in mind, I recently had the opportunity to speak to the pastors and principals of our diocesan Catholic schools, and then to all of the teachers in the Springfield Catholic Schools System. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts.

On Jan. 25, 2022, the Congregation for Catholic Education issued a 20-page document discussing the identity of Catholic schools, “The Identity of Catholic Schools for a Culture of Dialogue.” No doubt, every bishop is concerned that the schools under his jurisdiction be authentically Catholic, and the document gives some good guiding principles to achieve that goal. There should always be **“a clear awareness and consistency of the Catholic identity of the Church’s educational institutions.”** Without a clear identity, we cannot have a clear discussion.

Just as a mother gives life, teaches and guides, so, too, does “Holy Mother Church.” A Catholic school should reflect the family dynamic, and like any mother, moms are concerned about the lives of their children in all the details. Therefore, a **Catholic education should offer a holistic approach, offering faith formation, values, and knowledge.** True education has the goal of the formation of the human person, collaborating with the parents. It is not

just about the transmission of information. Catholic formation within the school should address the whole of life that can be imbued with the spirit of Christ. Paragraph 18 says “a Catholic school lives in the flow of human history.” In other words, we are not immune to the issues in our culture. We do not live in a bubble. And therefore, we must **“adopt new teaching methods while remaining faithful to our own identity.”** For example, that principle is behind our “Theology of the Body, [TOB]” curriculum—TOB addresses the issues of science and faith and sex. That principle is the lens through which we prepare for the sacraments, utilize technology and other social issues. Our rich faith has something beautiful to say to these rather “new” issues in our culture. Paragraph 23 in the document states, “In the Catholic school... **There is no separation between time for learning and time for formation, between acquiring knowledge and growing in wisdom.**” Everything in the school setting is about formation. The teachers in our Catholic schools should be “teachers of learning and of life, to be a reflection, although imperfect, of the one Teacher,” Jesus Christ. The document goes on to remind us that “the whole school community is responsible for implementing the school’s Catholic identity: students, parents, teachers, non-teaching personnel, and the school administration.” All of them form the



educational community and become responsible for evangelization— it must be at the heart of all that they do. Paragraph 47 makes a powerful statement, **“Teachers must be outstanding in correct doctrine and integrity of life.”** So, if a teacher does not accept the call to holiness and is not on their own journey of faith, the principal or administration must have a conversation to see if it’s actually a good fit for them to be instructing in the Catholic school. **Teachers in our Catholic schools are not employees, or even professionals, but rather living out their personal vocation within the Catholic school community.** I thank our administrators, principals, staff, and teachers. Each one of you is an extension of my work. You collaborate with me; you represent me in the classroom and in the administration

of our 23 elementary and three high schools. I cannot do the work without you. Let’s make this our best year ever.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCES

On Sat., Sept. 17, at Notre Dame Regional High School, Cape Girardeau, and on Sat., Nov. 5, at Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield, the diocesan Office of Worship will offer a **“Diocesan Liturgical Conference”** on Sacred Music and Ministries for the Mass. The keynote address will focus on music and the Sacred Liturgy, including selecting music for Mass, weddings, funerals, etc. This workshop is open for all music leaders, choir members, musicians, readers, server trainers, liturgical coordinators, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers. This is the first time such a conference has been offered since I have been in the diocese—and I think it is a great opportunity for us during this three-year Eucharistic Revival—to learn more about what is at the very heart of the Church, the Eucharist. I thank Fr. David Dohogne, Director of the Office of Worship along with Katie Newton, for organizing this event. Please plan to attend. ©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.

June 26, 1987 Since my last column, I have had some vacation time with my family. It was wonderful! We flew to Boston, rented a car, and visited friends in New England. With each member of the family “chipping in,” this happy time together proved to be a real bargain. But I know the truth of the statement that no one needs a vacation so much as the person who just had one. Definition of the week: A vacation is what we take when we can’t take what we are taking any longer.

July 24, 1987 On a recent holiday with my family, we wanted to visit my mother’s Irish cousins. Having never been to their home, I called Mary Francis for directions. I followed her instructions on the city map of Boston I had spread on my lap. The directions were complicated. Finally, I could follow them no longer: “Mary Francis,” I said, “where do I go

from the last intersection you gave me?” “Bishop,” she said, “about an inch to the left!”

August 7, 1987 It was Mark Twain who described the game of golf as “a good walk spoiled.” (Twain could get crotchety about some things!) I hope you can find some enjoyable activities during the summer. I myself enjoy golf not only for the exercise and the companionship, but because it has so many stories connected to it which teach us about life. For instance: an inept golfer once drove his tee shot onto an anthill. After many swings, he demolished the anthill, but had not yet hit the ball. At this point, one of the two ants still alive turned to the other and said, “If we’re going to survive, we’d better get on the ball.”



**VEN Y
VERÁS**

Obispo Edward M. Rice

Reforzar la identidad católica en las escuelas católicas

El lunes 5 de setiembre celebramos la fiesta civil del Día del Trabajo, el tradicional final de la temporada de verano. Los que tengan hijos volverán a seguir el calendario escolar y a entrar en la rutina diaria del estudio y los deberes. Con esto en mente, recientemente tuve la oportunidad de hablar con los párrocos y directores de nuestras escuelas católicas diocesanas, y después a todos los profesores del Sistema de Escuelas Católicas de Springfield. Me gustaría compartir con ustedes algunas de mis reflexiones.

El 25 de enero de 2022, la Congregación para la Educación Católica publicó un documento de 20 páginas sobre la identidad de las escuelas católicas, "La identidad de las escuelas católicas para una cultura del diálogo". No cabe duda de que todo obispo se preocupa de que las escuelas bajo su jurisdicción sean auténticamente católicas, y el documento ofrece algunos buenos principios rectores para lograr ese objetivo. Siempre debe haber **"una clara conciencia y coherencia de la identidad católica de las instituciones educativas de la Iglesia"**. Sin una identidad clara, no podemos tener un debate claro.

Así como una madre da vida, enseña y guía, así también lo hace la "Santa Madre Iglesia". Una escuela católica debe reflejar la dinámica familiar, y como cualquier madre, las mamás se preocupan por la vida de sus hijos en todos los detalles. Por lo tanto, una **educación católica debe ofrecer un enfoque holístico, ofreciendo formación en la fe, valores y conocimientos**. La verdadera educación tiene como objetivo la formación de la persona humana, colaborando con padres y madres. No se trata sólo de la transmisión de información. La formación católica dentro de la escuela debe dirigirse al conjunto de la vida que puede estar impregnada del espíritu de

Cristo.

El párrafo 18 dice que "una escuela católica vive en el flujo de la historia humana". En otras palabras, no somos inmunes a los problemas de nuestra cultura. No vivimos en una burbuja. Y por tanto, debemos **"adoptar nuevos métodos de enseñanza sin dejar de ser fieles a nuestra propia identidad"**. Por ejemplo, este principio está detrás de nuestro programa de formación acerca de la "Teología del Cuerpo: la Teología del Cuerpo aborda las cuestiones de la ciencia y la fe y el sexo. Ese principio es la lente a través de la cual nos preparamos para los sacramentos, utilizamos la tecnología y otras cuestiones sociales. Nuestra rica fe tiene algo hermoso que decir a estas más cuestiones más bien "nuevas" de nuestra cultura.

El párrafo 23 del documento dice: "En la escuela católica... **no hay separación entre el tiempo de aprendizaje y el tiempo de formación, entre la adquisición de conocimientos y el crecimiento en sabiduría**". Todo en el ámbito escolar es sobre la formación. Los profesores de nuestras escuelas católicas deben ser "maestros de aprendizaje y de vida, para ser un reflejo, aunque imperfecto, del único Maestro", Jesucristo.

El documento continúa recordando que "toda la comunidad escolar es responsable de poner en práctica la identidad católica de la escuela: los alumnos, los padres, los profesores, el personal no docente y la administración escolar". Todos ellos forman la comunidad educativa y se convierten en responsables de la evangelización: esto debe estar en el corazón de

todo lo que hacen. El párrafo 47 hace una afirmación contundente: **"Los profesores deben destacar por su buena doctrina e integridad de vida"**. Si un profesor no acepta la llamada a la santidad y no está en su propio camino de fe, el director o la administración deben tener una conversación para ver si realmente es bueno para ellos instruir en la escuela católica. **Los profesores de nuestras escuelas católicas no son empleados, ni siquiera profesionales, sino que viven su vocación personal dentro de la comunidad escolar católica.**

Agradezco a nuestros administradores, directores, personal y profesores. Cada uno de ustedes es una extensión de mi trabajo. Ustedes colaboran conmigo; me representan en el aula y en la administración de nuestras 23 escuelas primarias y tres secundarias. No puedo hacer el trabajo sin ustedes. Hagamos que este sea nuestro mejor año.

CONFERENCIAS LITÚRGICAS DIOCESANAS

El 17 de setiembre, en la escuela secundaria regional de Notre Dame, Cape Girardeau, y el sábado 5 de

noviembre, en la Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Springfield, la Oficina diocesana de Culto ofrecerá una **"Conferencia Litúrgica Diocesana"** sobre Música Sacra y Ministerios para la Misa. El discurso principal se centrará en la música y la Sagrada Liturgia, incluyendo la selección de la música para la Misa, bodas, funerales, etc. Este taller está abierto a todos los directores de música, miembros de coros, músicos, lectores, formadores de servidores, coordinadores litúrgicos, sacristanes y ministros extraordinarios. Es la primera vez que se ofrece una conferencia de este tipo desde que estoy en la diócesis, y creo que es una gran oportunidad para nosotros durante este Renacimiento Eucarístico de tres años: para aprender más sobre lo que está en el corazón de la Iglesia, la Eucaristía. Agradezco al P. David Dohogne, director de la Oficina de Culto junto con Katie Newton, por organizar este evento. Por favor, planifica asistir. ©TM



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SAINT FRANCIS FOUNDATION AWARDS 23 SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS

Cape Girardeau

Saint Francis Foundation and the Saint Francis Auxiliary awarded a total of 23 healthcare scholarships to local students in July. Stacy Meyer was awarded the Steven C. Bjelich Executive Scholarship. The scholarship is available to graduate students pursuing a Master’s degree in healthcare administration and awards \$5,000 to one recipient every two years.



Twenty-two other scholarships were awarded with each student receiving \$2,000 in scholarship funds toward a degree in a healthcare-related profession. Those recipients and their scholarships include:

- Britni Helton – *Mamie Hall Memorial Scholarship*
- Chloe Pipkin – *Bess Estes Healthcare Scholarship*
- Allison Vaughn – *Huttegger-Scherer Memorial Scholarship*
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- Alyssa Nolen – *Clara D. Newnam Memorial Scholarship*
- Karolina Pogorzelski – *Raymond A. and Lillian K. Ritter Scholarship (one of two)*
- Sean Merk – *Raymond A. and Lillian K. Ritter Scholarship (two of two)*
- Kyla Beel – *Christen Joyel Aufdenberg Memorial Scholarship*
- Melanie Hayden – *Bernadean Campbell Memorial Scholarship*
- Cortney Watson – *Sisters of Saint Francis Nursing Scholarship*
- Logan Lemons – *Susan F. Hinkebein Memorial Scholarship*
- Austin Bucher – *Carrie Suedekum Memorial Scholarship*
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Scholarship recipients must have completed at least one year in an accredited healthcare program and be currently enrolled, maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA, and complete the application and essay requirements by the scheduled deadline. They must also reside within the Saint Francis service area as defined in the application. The Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program was established in 1980. Saint Francis Foundation, Saint Francis Auxiliary, and generous donors fund the program. Since its inception, the program has provided more than \$793,000 in education scholarships to college students to encourage participation in professional healthcare careers

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MCC'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/GENERAL COUNSEL

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) recently welcomed Jamie Morris as its new Executive Director. Morris joined the MCC in September 2018 as Legislative Counsel, lobbying primarily on issues related to the pro-life cause and marriage and family. Before joining the MCC he worked as an attorney with the Missouri Department of Insurance, where he helped draft and implement legislation and administrative rules. Morris will also serve as the MCC's General Counsel, advising Missouri's bishops on legal matters pertaining to public policy and representing the MCC before government agencies. His appointment comes after the departure of Deacon Tyler McClay, who served the Missouri Catholic Conference for over 12 years. *(The Mirror)*



COLUMBARIUM PROJECTS BEGINS AT RESURRECTION CEMETERY

400 NICHES PLANNED—A cross at Resurrection Cemetery, Springfield, was recently set and concrete poured for a new Columbarium project. The first columbarium unit will come in August and will hold 100 niches. In the meantime, all the pads and sidewalks have been poured for the project which outlines four columbarium units, holding 100 niches each. The cross was donated by Prestress Casting of Springfield. *(The Mirror)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Belleville, IL—The **16th annual conference, When Mental Illness Hits Home**, will be held in the Shrine’s Visitor’s Center, Fri., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This conference is for families, friends, and professionals who journey with those with a mental illness and will focus on the topic, “Living in the Now: Moving from Anxiety and Depression to Recovery and Peace.” Cost for the conference is \$40 and includes lunch. For more detailed information or to register, go to www.snows.org/illness, or contact the Shrine at (618) 394-6281.

Scott City—St. Joseph Catholic Church will have its **Annual Fall Dinner**, Sun., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the St. Joseph School gym. Served buffet style, menu includes kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, chicken & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dessert, tea & coffee. Cost: adults, \$14; \$7 for children, ages 6-12; children under age 5: free. Carry-out is available. The Country Store and Bakery Shop will be open.

Springfield—Abby Johnson will headline the **Vitae Pro-Life Dinner** on Fri., Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m., in the White River Conference Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; tickets are \$75 per person (\$45 tax deductible). All proceeds benefit Vitae’s mission to connect abortion-determine women with lifesaving pregnancy help and change the culture. Register today at vitaefoundation.org or call (573) 634-4316.

Springfield—Holy Trinity Catholic Church will host the first **Catholic Women’s Conference** on Sat., Oct. 15. Please mark your calendar and watch for upcoming registration details!

Springfield—Beginning Experience of Springfield is offering an **eight-week support program, “Coping with Life Alone,”** designed to help individuals work through the trauma of losing a spouse

through death, separation, or divorce. The program will begin Thu., Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Welcoming persons of all faiths, Beginning Experience programs offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support and prayer. The program’s trained facilitators have themselves experienced divorce or the death of a spouse. The cost is \$30, financial assistance is available for those in need. To pre-register, call Diane, (417) 859-0175, or (870) 688-8829; or Barb, (417) 827-3641, or Donna, (417) 529-1085.

Springfield—Springfield Area Perpetual Adoration in Holy Trinity Parish Chapel will suspend Adoration for the Labor Day holiday weekend beginning on Thu., Sept 1, at 8 a.m. until Tue., Sept. 6, at 1 p.m. Adorers & substitutes are needed to fill additional hours each day, Monday through Friday. For more information, or to sign up, contact Marilyn Gibson, (417) 224-4043.

Springfield—Revive your faith by joining with the **Praise & Worship Prayer Group** every Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church or join by Zoom. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, this group has been meeting since 2016 and includes many parishioners from across the diocese. For more information, please call Shelly Pichler at (417) 838-2730.

Springfield—You are invited to the **16th Annual Festival of Nations**, Sat., Aug. 27, 4-10 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Please join us for live entertainment, international foods from 20 countries (carry-out available), games for kids, vendors, and much more.

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



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Open to all faiths, Beginning Experience of Springfield is offering an eight-week support program, “Coping With Life Alone,” designed to help individuals work through the trauma of losing a spouse through death or divorce. The program begins Thu., Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, MO. Beginning Experience programs, offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support, and prayer. The program’s trained facilitators have themselves experienced divorce or the death of a spouse. The cost of the program is \$30, but financial assistance is available for those in need. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. To pre-register, call Diane at (417) 859-0175 or cell (870) 688-8829; Barb at (417) 827-3641; or Donna at (417) 529-1085. ©TM



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CORRECTIONS

In the “Catholic Schools Welcome New Principals,” article in the Aug. 5 edition of *The Mirror*, Alan Bruns name was incorrectly spelled in the text of the story. We regret this error and apologize for any confusion it may have caused.

The article in the Aug. 5 edition of *The Mirror* about Mother’s House in Hayti, MO, contained an error: Sr. Sharon Miller and Mother’s House in Hayti, MO. Sister Miller serves in Sacred Heart Parish, in Caruthersville, not in New Madrid as was identified in the first paragraph. We regret this error and apologize for any confusion it may have caused.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES
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The Very Rev.
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THE FIRST EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE
dates to the year 750

During the national three-year Eucharistic Revival, The Very Rev. Shoby Chettiyath, V.G., the diocesan Vicar General, will write a series of articles exploring the various Eucharistic Miracles of the World. A companion for readers in this series is, “The Eucharistic Miracles of the World,” an international exhibition designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the Servant of God. All rights reserved; used with permission. More information may be found at <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>

The first, and greatest of Eucharistic miracles took place in a Basilian monastery dedicated to St. Longinus in Lanciano, Italy, around the year 750. The Church of St. Francis was constructed almost 500 years later, in 1258, above the chapel where the miracle took place.

Doubting whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated host, a priest in the monastery was celebrating Mass one day and after he had consecrated the Body and Blood of Our Lord, the host was suddenly changed into physical flesh and the consecrated wine into physical blood, which coagulated into five globules of different shapes and sizes. The fame of this miracle spread throughout the world over the centuries.

They are still on display in Lanciano, even though almost 1,300 years have passed since they first appeared. The matter was investigated and proclaimed a miracle, and the host was placed in a special vessel, which is still exposed for adoration in Lanciano today.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI commissioned a series of scientific studies of the miraculous host of Lanciano. Dr. Odoardo Linoli, doctor of human anatomy and histology, to perform a thorough scientific examination.

Here are the basic results:

1. The “miraculous Flesh” is authentic flesh consisting of muscular striated tissue of the myocardium.
2. The “miraculous Blood” is truly blood. The chromatographic analysis indicated this with absolute and indisputable certainty.
3. The immunological study shows with certitude that the flesh and the blood are human, and the immuno – hematological test allows us to affirm with complete objectivity and certitude that both belong to the same blood

*The Flesh
and the Blood
of Lanciano
therefore are just
the same as they
would be if
they had been
drawn that
very day from
a living being.*



The flesh consists of part of the myocardium, more precisely of the left ventricle. The arteries and veins can be easily identified, as well as a double, slender branch of the vagus nerve. At the time of the miracle, the flesh was living and then submitted to the law of rigor mortis.

type AB – the same blood type as that of the man of the Shroud and the type most characteristic of Middle Eastern populations.

4. The proteins contained in the blood have the normal distribution, in the identical percentage as that of the serous-proteic chart for normal fresh blood.
5. No histological dissection has revealed any trace of salt infiltrations or preservative substances used in antiquity for the purpose of embalming. Professor Linoli also discarded the hypothesis of a hoax carried out in past centuries. This report was published in *The Sclavo Notebooks in Diagnostics* (Collection #3, 1971) and aroused great interest in the scientific world. Also, in 1973, the chief Advisory Board of the World Health Organization

appointed a scientific commission to corroborate Linoli’s findings. Their work lasted 15 months and included 500 tests. It was verified that the fragments taken from Lanciano could in no way be likened to embalmed tissue. As to the nature of the fragment of flesh, the commission declared it to be living tissue because it responded rapidly to all the clinical reactions distinctive of living beings. Their reply fully corroborated Professor Linoli’s conclusions. In the extract summarizing the scientific work of the Medical Commission of the WHO and the UN, published in Dec. 1976 in New York and Geneva, declared that science, aware of its limits, has come to a halt, face-to-face with the impossibility of giving an

explanation” (<http://acts2network.org/docs/Communion.pdf>).

The *Catechism of Catholic Church* teaches (CCC 1374) “in the most blessed

sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.*”

Let us go to Jesus. Go to confession. Receive him in Holy Communion. Spend time in Adoration. Learn more about Eucharist. On the Cross, Jesus cried out, “I thirst.” As many saints have told us, it was not water for which he thirsted—it



Painting located in the Valsecca chapel which depicts the miracle

was for you. Quench his thirst. ©TM

The Very Rev. Shoby Chettiyath, V.G., serves as Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, and Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. He is Parochial Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in Nixa, MO.

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The spread for the **Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conferences** and other summer activities will be in the next edition of *The Mirror*, Sept. 2.

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Bishop Rice announces pastoral changes

Father Dominic Ibok

The Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, releases Father Dominic Ibok for nine months for voluntary mobilization/deployment with the Army National Reserve Guard, with the possibility of extending to another three months, to serve as a military chaplain in Alaska, effective August 15, 2022.



IBOK

Father Victor Anokwute

Father Victor Anokwute will serve as the Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in New Madrid and Sacred Heart Parish in Caruthersville during the absence of Fr. Ibok. Father Anokwute will continue as pastor of St. Teresa Parish, Glennonville, and St. Ann Parish, in Malden.



ANOKWUTE

Father Mark Binder

Retired Father Mark Binder will serve as the Sacramental Priest of Immaculate Conception Parish, in New Madrid, and Sacred Heart Parish, in Caruthersville. He will reside at the rectory of Immaculate Conception Parish, 607 Davis St., New Madrid, MO 63869.



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Kissinger elected State Deputy of the MO Knights of Columbus

Doug Kissinger of Ozark, MO, has been named State Deputy of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus effective July 1. The election occurred during the recent 121st State Convention of the Missouri Knights held in Jefferson City. Kissinger will serve a minimum two-year term, until June 30, 2024. He became a Knight in 1995, joining Council #6470 in Branson. In 1997, Kissinger moved to Ozark and became very active in St. Joseph



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the Worker Parish. He most recently served as State Secretary for the Missouri Knights.

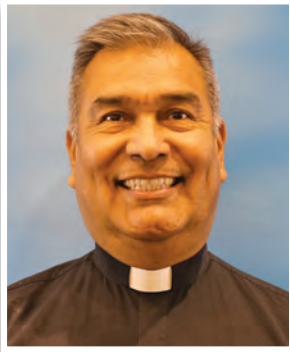
“My duties [as State Deputy] involve overseeing the operation of the State Council along with the appointment of Director, Chairmen, and District Deputies to run all of the programs and oversee the Council operations,” Kissinger said. “I also serve as president of the Columbian Charities board which oversees the Knights charitable operations. Our biggest programs are the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital; our partnership with Special Olympics; the Religious Information Bureau (RIP), which funds Evangelization and Catechesis in the four (arch)dioceses in Missouri; the Catholic Education Fund, which grants money to

Catholic schools and PSR programs; and Meet Life which funds ultrasound machines, marketing and training for pregnancy resource centers.”

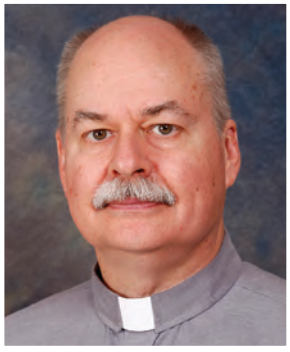
Kissinger serves the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau as Director of Development and Properties. He and his wife, Patty, have seven children.

STATE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Effective July 1, Father Daniel Robles has been named State Chaplain for Missouri State Knights of Columbus. Father Robles serves as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, in Poplar Bluff, and St. Benedict Parish in Doniphan. Father Robles will be in charge of Masses, holy hours and adoration at all Missouri State Knights of Columbus meetings. He also works with Council chaplains to provide a faith-based program for Knights and their families. Deacon Michael Fritz of Elkland will assist Fr. Robles. Deacon Fritz serves in St. William Parish, Buffalo, MO. ©TM



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Leaders and experts in different areas of policy and/or church teaching will join the show as guests. Most recent episodes include “Missouri rolls out school choice scholarship program” and “The pro-life movement post-Roe.” The Podcasts may be found at: <https://mccatholic.org/news-and-events/mcc-podcast>

Disparities persist in Missouri’s maternal mortality rate



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Jefferson City

A multi-year study of maternal mortality in Missouri found that women on Medicaid are eight times more likely to die within one year of pregnancy than mothers with private health insurance and that Black women in Missouri were three times more likely to die within a year of pregnancy than white women. The annual report was published by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. It found that an average of 61 women a year die while pregnant, putting the pregnancy-related mortality ratio at 25.2 deaths per 100,000 births—a

dismal ranking. Mental health conditions were the leading underlying cause of death—many of them were determined to be preventable.

The report identified several factors that contributed to Missouri’s maternal mortality rate, including late entry into prenatal care and ensuring rural patients can access adequate care for high-risk pregnancies. Among the recommendations for improvement was for the state to extend Medicaid coverage for pregnant Missourians to one-year postpartum. The report may be reviewed at <https://health.mo.gov/data/pamr/pdf/2019-annual-report.pdf>. ©TM

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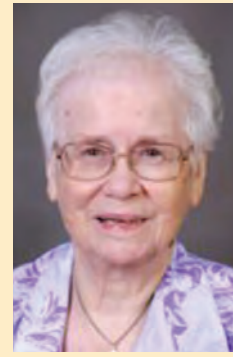
'SENIORS' GRADUATE KINDERGARTEN ... FINALLY



NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES—St. Joseph Catholic School, Scott City, hosted an honorary Kindergarten graduation for those who did not get to attend Kindergarten in their youth. "Sister Mary Robert" made a special guest appearance as "pupils" learned to print their names, play alphabet Bingo, and ate dinner on school trays. One student brought an apple for the teacher! Tuition was charged: participants had to bring new school supplies for the upcoming academic session. Father Thomaz Wilk serves the community as pastor.

(Submitted photo)

OBITUARY | *Sr. Helen (Mary Ethel) Kiefer, ASC*



Ruma, IL

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Sr. Helen (Mary Ethel) Kiefer, ASC, July 18 in the Benedictine Living Community Chapel at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL. The aunt of Fr. Tom Kiefer of Springfield, MO, Sr. Kiefer died July 12. She was 90 years old and a professed member of the Adorers of the

Blood of Christ for 73 years.

Sister Kiefer was one of eight children born on March 29, 1932 to the late Theodore and Bernardine (Eftink) Kiefer in Oran, MO. She made her first profession on July 1, 1949, and final vows on July 1, 1954.

Sister Kiefer's higher education accomplishments began with a certificate in childcare from Saint Louis University in 1951. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Kansas Newman College (now Newman University) in Wichita, Kansas, in 1971. She became certified in pastoral care in 1973 and earned her master's in elementary education in 1975, both from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO. She also held teaching certificates for the states of Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas.

Burial was at the convent cemetery in Ruma, IL. ©TM

OBITUARY | *Bishop Morgan A. Casey*



St. Louis

The Most Rev. Morgan A. Casey, ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Louis and served in the Bolivian missions for nearly 50 years, died July 27. He was 87 years old.

Morgan A. Casey was born in Portageville, MO, on June 23, 1935 to Anthony and Margaret (Pinkley) Casey. He grew up in Potosi and attended St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, Cardinal Glennon College, and Kenrick Seminary. Cardinal Joseph Ritter ordained him to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on April 7, 1962, in the Saint Louis Cathedral.

Beloved son of the late Anthony and Margaret Casey; dear brother of Tony (Mary Ruth) Casey, and the late Deacon James Faherty (survived by Maxine) Casey; our dearest uncle, great-uncle, cousin, friend, and Brother in Priestly Life.

Following ordination, Bp. Casey served three years as assistant pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brentwood. In 1965, he accepted an assignment to the archdiocesan missions in Bolivia.

In 1983, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of La

Paz and his episcopal consecration took place on Jan. 28, 1984, in Viacha, Bolivia. He was known by the people there as "Bishop Luis." He became the second St. Louis priest to be chosen for the episcopacy in Bolivia, following Bp. Andrew B. Schierhoff, one of the three priests sent initially to Bolivia in 1956 as part of an archdiocesan-sponsored mission.

As an auxiliary bishop, Bp. Casey was vicar for one of three zones in the La Paz Archdiocese. He served as episcopal moderator of the Catholic daily newspaper, La Presencia, and continued to work with the major seminary that he and other St. Louis priests founded to train Aymaran Indian youths for the priesthood. During his priestly ministry in Viacha, he was responsible for the opening of a 40-bed community hospital.

Besides affirming the work of religious sisters and priests ministering in the area — including the Maryknollers and Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon — Bp. Casey said he wanted to "work for a pastoral plan in which all of us are going in the same direction and working toward the same end."

In 1988, Bp. Casey was appointed head of the Vicariate of the Pando, moving from La Paz into the warm, tropical jungles of Riberalta, a mission territory in northwestern Bolivia at the headwaters of the Amazon basin. He served in that area until his retirement in 2013, returning to St. Louis. He most recently had resided at Mother of Good Counsel

Home.

Cardinal Raymond L. Burke once wrote that from the time he entered the missions, Bp. Casey has served "with the zeal of St. Paul. Our archdiocese has a strong bond with Bp. Casey. It is a great honor for the archdiocese to have a native son serving as a successor to the apostles in the missions."

Several times a year, Bp. Casey would journey into the jungle aboard a small boat to bring the sacraments and Jesus' message of hope and love to the people. In a 2019 interview on the Synod of Bishops of the Amazon, he spoke of the difficulty of providing sacraments to the people of the vast region of South America with so few priests.

"There were communities that we got to once a year, and it just took great effort to get to them," Bp. Casey said. "Just to be able to have someone there to make the Eucharist available would be a tremendous boon to a Christian community."

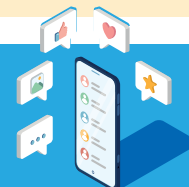
He also said that the Amazon region is "being exploited irrationally through the mining industry, through clearing land for grazing, soybeans and timber. Fires that were started, for example, in Bolivia now were started because people were clearing land and they got it out of control. That's why a huge swatch of the Amazon forest in Bolivia was completely destroyed."

Bishop Casey emphasized that "we need to be more aware of the fact that this is our common home, this is our world, and we've got to take care of it." ©TM



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IN-SERVICE HELD FOR JACS TO LAUNCH NEW SCHOOL YEAR



GOOD-BYE SUMMER—Faculty, staff, and administrators from JACS (Joplin Area Catholic Schools) gathered for an opening school Mass and in-service day on Aug. 15. Pictured are staffers from St. Mary Preschool and Elementary, St. Peter Middle School, and McAuley Catholic High School with Deacon Rob Huff, diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Fr. Andrew Williams, Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, and Fr. Brian Straus. (Submitted photo)



BLESSING—Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Joplin, along with the help of Deacon Rob Huff, diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, bestowed a blessing on teachers, staff, and administrators of the Joplin Area School System on Aug. 15 commemorating the start of the new school year with Mass and an in-service Day. (Photo by Margie Black/The Mirror)



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Encountering the Eucharist, East to West

Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Corpus Christi processions held on June 19 served as the launch of the three-year *National Eucharistic Revival* in our diocese. Bishop Rice will make a pilgrimage across the diocese called, “**Encountering the Eucharist, East to West,**” traveling to a parish in each deanery from **Sept. 25 through Oct. 1**. Bishop Rice will begin with morning Mass at each location, then expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day. School classes, families, and other parishioners are invited to sign up for a 30- or 60-minute time period of Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament. The Parish will close with Solemn Benediction at the end of the day.

Encountering the Eucharist Pilgrimage Schedule:

Deanery 4	Sun., Sept., 25	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield
<i>Parish Mass at 5 p.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction 7 p.m.</i>		
Deanery 5	Mon., Sept., 26	Sacred Heart, Willow Springs
<i>Parish Mass at 9 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 6 p.m.</i>		
Deanery 1	Tue., Sept., 27	St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin
<i>Parish/School Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction 6 p.m.</i>		
Deanery 2	Wed., Sept., 28	St. Mary, Pierce City
<i>Parish/School Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 7 p.m.</i>		
Deanery 3	Thu., Sept., 29	Sacred Heart, Bolivar
<i>Parish Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 6 p.m.</i>		
Deanery 7	Fri., Sept., 30	Sacred Heart, Poplar Bluff
<i>Parish/School Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 7 p.m.</i>		
Deanery 6	Sat., Oct. 1	St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
<i>Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 7 p.m.</i>		

“I encourage your parishioners to visit, especially those who are unfamiliar with Eucharistic Adoration or have never been. Together, let us do whatever we can do to bring more of our faithful to a personal encounter with our Lord in the Eucharist.”

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Doors open/Check-in

9:00 am

Mass with Bishop Rice

10:00 am

Keynote – *In the Dust of the Rabbi: Making Discipleship Come Alive for Parish Faith Formation Today* Presenter: **Dr. Edward Sri**

11:15 am

Break

11:30 am

Keynote – *The Eucharist* Presenter: **Sr. Joseph Andrew or Sr. Johanna**

12:30 pm

Lunch/Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition/Catholic Store

1:20 pm

Breakout Sessions

1.

“Common Questions, Biblical Answers: How to Explain the Catholic Faith From Scripture” Presenter: **Dr. Edward Sri**

2.

“10 Ways to Bring Fallen Away Children (and Others) Back to the Church” Presenter: **Adam Janke**

2:10 pm

Move to church

2:20 pm

Personal Witness/Testimony on the Eucharist

2:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction (as part of National Eucharistic Revival)

3:30 pm

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