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Members and friends from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception stand on the altar around the remains of St. Cabrini.

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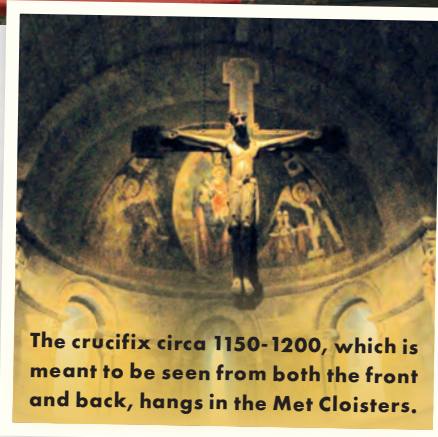
In September, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury organized a pilgrimage to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in Manhattan, N.Y. A busload of parishioners and friends experienced the intercession of St. Cabrini during a Mass at her tomb celebrated by three of our archdiocesan priests, Father Christopher Ford, Father John Lavorgna and Father Lee Hellwig.

St. Cabrini, who was an Italian-American religious sister, is widely recognized as the patron saint of immigrants. Today, many people who make a pilgrimage to the shrine are immigrants themselves who kneel at the altar and pray before St. Cabrini's remains enshrined under glass.

With immigration issues plaguing our country and the violence that has ensued, we should all be praying to St. Cabrini for the alleviation of suffering and a peaceful resolution.

"As a Church, we need to be concerned with the most vulnerable here, the refugees," Father Ford said in his homily during Mass at the shrine. "Refugees all over the world are facing a crisis and we need to be here for them and we need to assist people on the move."

In Connecticut, immigration is just one social justice issue Connecticut bishops are continuing to address. Read more about



The crucifix circa 1150-1200, which is meant to be seen from both the front and back, hangs in the Met Cloisters.

their efforts in this issue's Connecticut Catholic Conference article beginning on page 14.

After our trip to St. Cabrini Shrine, the bus made a stop at Fort Tryon Park and Gardens, named by the British after Sir William Tryon (1729-1788), major general and the last British governor of colonial New York. Our last visit was to the Met-Cloisters Museum, part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to see the most precious Catholic art in the Americas.

The museum specializes in European medieval architecture that came from the collection of John D. Rockefeller, who initially purchased it from George Gray Barnard in 1925 and expanded it. The whole museum is designed to look and feel like a medieval European monastery, with four cloisters or covered walkways.

If you are planning a trip to the Big Apple for Thanksgiving or Christmas, consider stopping at St. Cabrini's Shrine for Mass, silent prayer and reverential homage to a woman who gave so much to many of our ancestors. ☪



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My *Ad Limina Apostolorum* Visit to Rome



ARCHBISHOP LEONARD P. BLAIR
is the 13th bishop of the
Archdiocese of Hartford.

At every Mass, one of the prayers proclaims that those present are “in communion with Francis our pope and Leonard our bishop.” Full communion with the pope and the Diocesan Bishop are an essential element of our Catholic faith.

One way of expressing the spiritual bond between the pope and all the local Churches and their bishops is a traditional visit to Rome “*Ad Limina Apostolorum*” which I will explain in a moment. All the bishops of the United States are scheduled to make this visit, starting in November and continuing into 2020. The bishops of New England are scheduled from Nov. 3 to 9.

The Latin words *ad limina apostolorum* literally mean “to the threshold of the apostles.” This refers to the fact that foremost among the bishops’ obligations while in Rome is to make a personal visit to pray at the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul in the basilicas that bear their names. It is an ancient custom that goes back at least to the time of Pope St. Leo III who died in the year 816. Later, it developed into a discipline of the Church. It requires bishops to make a programmed visit to Rome, usually every five years.

Our New England group will offer Mass together in both of the basilicas. This is an important reminder that bishops are not businessmen or bureaucrats reporting to “corporate headquarters.” We are successors of the apostles with the successor of St. Peter as our visible head. We are shepherds, and we accomplish our mission in and with the help of the communion of saints.

And that leads to the second purpose

of our visit to Rome. During the *ad limina* visit, bishops meet with the pope. It is an opportunity for us as pastors, to discuss with him the state of the Church in our dioceses and in our country.

The bishops spend much of the rest of the week visiting the various offices (called dicasteries) of the Roman Curia, which assists the pope in his pastoral care of the universal Church. The areas that are covered include doctrine, worship, education, family life, child protection, evangelization, clergy, religious, ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, among others.

These various offices will have received ahead of time a report which each bishop submits about the general state of his diocese. It is a kind of “snapshot” of the diocese at this moment in history. You will understand that in assembling the report I revisited in mind and spirit many of the joys and sorrows, the rewarding times and challenging times, the accomplishments and crosses, not only for me personally, but for our archdiocese over the last several years.

The Church is living in a turbulent era, and we her members are pulled in every direction by competing voices, both within and without. She is rocked by the sinfulness of her all too frail members, including the clergy in a most painful way. But what does Jesus say? The sheep that are his always hear and recognize



PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair was the principal celebrant at a Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 8, closing the 150th Anniversary Year of the Congregation of Notre Dame in Waterbury. Msgr. Joseph Donnelly gave the homily, and concelebrated with Father Daniel James Sullivan, Father Lee Hellwig and Father John Lavorgna.

his voice, no matter what. So we can be absolutely confident of the Church’s future and our future inasmuch as we hold fast to Christ. He warned us that the road is far from smooth, but he makes all our yokes easy and all our burdens light.

If this sounds a bit somber, I want to assure you that many joys are highlighted in the report. Many good things are being accomplished, whether by the archdiocese as such or by parishes, schools, Catholic institutions and by individual clergy, religious and laity. I think too of our joyful 175th anniversary celebration of the archdiocese and our archdiocesan synod “Grow and Go” which is meant to stir up enthusiasm and commitment for sharing our Catholic faith with other people, especially our unchurched neighbors and friends and those even of our own families who are not practicing the faith.

Since my episcopal ordination in 1999, I have made two *ad limina* visits — as bishop of Toledo in 2004 with Pope St. John Paul the Great and with Pope Benedict in 2012. Now, I will be able to convey to Pope Francis the prayerful greetings and good wishes of all the clergy, religious and laity of the Archdiocese of Hartford. May God be with him — and with all of us. ❧

Mi visita *Ad Limina Apostolorum* a Roma

EL ARZOBISPO LEONARD P. BLAIR

es el decimotercer obispo de la Arquidiócesis de Hartford.

En cada Misa, una de las oraciones proclama que los presentes están “en comunión con Francisco nuestro papa y Leonard nuestro obispo”. La comunión plena con el Papa y el obispo diocesano es un elemento esencial de nuestra fe católica.

Una forma de expresar el vínculo espiritual entre el Papa y todas las iglesias locales y sus obispos es una visita tradicional a Roma “*Ad Limina Apostolorum*”, que explicaré en un momento. Todos los obispos de los Estados Unidos hacen esta visita, a partir de noviembre y hasta el 2020. Los obispos de Nueva Inglaterra están programados del 3 al 9 de noviembre.

Las palabras latinas *ad limina apostolorum* literalmente significan “hasta el umbral de los apóstoles”. Esto se refiere al hecho de que la principal obligación de los obispos mientras están en Roma es hacer una visita personal para orar en las tumbas de los apóstoles Pedro y Pablo en las basílicas que llevan sus nombres. Es una costumbre antigua que se remonta al menos a la época del Papa San León III, quien murió en el año 816. Más tarde, se convirtió en una disciplina de la Iglesia. Requiere que los obispos realicen una visita programada a Roma, generalmente cada cinco años.

En nuestro grupo de Nueva Inglaterra ofreceremos la Misa juntos en las dos basílicas. Este es un recordatorio importante de que los obispos no son hombres de negocios ni burócratas que se reportan a la “sede corporativa”. Somos sucesores de los apóstoles con el sucesor de San Pedro como nuestra cabeza visible. Somos pastores y cumplimos nuestra misión en y con la ayuda de la comunión de los santos.

Y eso nos lleva al segundo propósito de nuestra visita a Roma. Durante la visita *ad limina*, los obispos se encuentran con el Papa. Es una oportunidad para

nosotros como pastores de dialogar con él sobre el estado de la Iglesia en nuestras diócesis y en nuestro país.

Los obispos pasan gran parte del resto de la semana visitando las diversas oficinas (llamadas dicasterios) de la Curia romana, que ayudan al Papa en su cuidado pastoral de la Iglesia universal. Las áreas cubiertas incluyen doctrina, culto sagrado, educación, vida familiar, protección infantil, evangelización, clero, religión, ecumenismo y diálogo interreligioso, entre otros.

Estas diversas oficinas habrán recibido de antemano un informe que cada obispo presenta sobre el estado general de su diócesis. Es una especie de “instantánea” de la diócesis en este momento de la historia. Comprenderán que al redactar el informe revisé en mente y espíritu muchas de las alegrías y penas, los tiempos gratificantes y los tiempos desafiantes, los logros y las cruces, no sólo para mí personalmente, sino también para nuestra arquidiócesis en los últimos años.

La Iglesia está viviendo una era

turbulenta, y nosotros, sus miembros, somos atraídos en todas direcciones por voces en competencia, tanto internas como externas. Ella es sacudida por la pecaminosidad de sus miembros demasiado frágiles, incluido el clero de la manera más dolorosa. ¿Pero qué dice Jesús? Las ovejas que son suyas siempre escuchan y reconocen su voz, pase lo que pase. Por lo tanto, podemos estar absolutamente seguros del futuro de la Iglesia y de nuestro futuro en la medida en que nos aferremos a Cristo. Él nos advirtió que el camino está lejos de ser suave, pero hace que todos nuestros yugos sean fáciles y todas nuestras cargas sean ligeras.

Si esto suena un poco sombrío, quiero asegurarles que muchas alegrías se destacan en el informe. Se están logrando muchas cosas buenas, ya sea por la arquidiócesis como tal o por parroquias, escuelas, instituciones católicas y por clérigos individuales, religiosos y laicos. Pienso también en nuestra alegre celebración del aniversario 175 de la arquidiócesis y nuestro sínodo arquidiocesano “Grow and Go”, que está destinado a despertar el entusiasmo y el compromiso de compartir nuestra fe católica con otras personas, especialmente con nuestros vecinos y amigos sin iglesia y aquellos que incluso son parte de nuestras propias familias pero que no practican la fe.

Desde mi ordenación episcopal en 1999, he realizado dos visitas *ad limina*: como obispo de Toledo en 2004 con el Papa San Juan Pablo Magno y con el Papa Benedicto en 2012. Ahora, podré transmitirle al Papa Francisco los saludos en oración y buenos deseos de todos los clérigos, religiosos y laicos de la Arquidiócesis de Hartford. Que Dios esté con él, y con todos nosotros. ❀



Archbishop Leonard P. Blair was the principal celebrant and homilist at a Mass for consecrated life that was offered at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Thirty-five religious women marked special jubilee anniversaries from 25 to 80 years.

PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Father Dairo Diaz celebrates Mass on the hood of a Humvee in Afghanistan in 2016.



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SERVING GOD AND COUNTRY

Military chaplains serve God and country through a unique second calling.

Story by **SHELLEY WOLF**

Over the years, Father Dairo Diaz has celebrated the Mass in some unusual places. En route to Afghanistan, he celebrated Easter Vigil Mass in the back of a plane with the airmen he accompanied. “I told them, ‘You’ve never been this close to the Lord,’” he says.

He also celebrated Mass on a rock in the desert in Afghanistan and in a stony field in Greenland.

“That’s a challenge but a joy,” Father Diaz says. “I can bring them the bread from heaven, even though we are so far from home and in a war zone.”

A priest for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Father Diaz is just one of a number of priests who have served the spiritual needs of military members and their families over the years through this unique second calling.

Created by Pope St. John Paul II in 1985, the Archdiocese for

Military Services deploys chaplains to support the faith of men and women in the United States military and in Veterans Affairs medical centers. Military chaplains perform many of the duties of a parish priest, but they are also looked to as trusted advisers in matters pertaining to religion, morals and morale.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FATHER DAIRO DIAZ

Father Dairo Diaz gathers with airmen for Mass in Greenland, where he used a large rock for an altar.



Father Philip O'Neill, left, and a fellow airman practice map reading and navigation during commissioned officer training at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

A CALL WITHIN A CALL



PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Father Philip O'Neill, a priest for the Archdiocese of Hartford, became a military chaplain for the U.S. Air Force in the fall of 2019.

Father Philip O'Neill will soon be bringing the good news and the Catholic sacraments to military personnel in the U.S. Air Force.

This fall, through special permission from Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Father O'Neill is being loaned to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, headquartered in Washington, D.C. He'll become a Catholic military chaplain on full-duty assignment in the U.S. Air Force wherever he is needed.

For Father O'Neill, who grew up in a military family, it was being in the presence of military chaplains as a child that influenced his priestly vocation. Ordained in 2016, today he is the youngest and the newest military chaplain from the Archdiocese of Hartford.

"It was always the military chaplains who were ministering to us," Father O'Neill says of his religious upbringing and rich Catholic faith, which was fostered on military bases in Europe.

For Father Diaz, who grew up in Colombia, it was a lunch meeting with a military chaplain during seminary in Maryland and a prayer to Mary that directed him to the military chaplaincy. "If Mary is involved with this," he says today, "I know I am in the right spot."

Ordained in 2001, Father Diaz served as a parochial vicar for more than a decade in Hispanic parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford before he joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 2013, entering active duty in 2015 and then rejoining the Reserve in 2018.

"It's a call within a call," he says. "I love working in a parish, but I felt the desire to still work in the military. It's my faith that's motivating me to do this, my love for Christ, my love for the faith and for our military personnel."

For Father Kevin Cavanaugh, who served as a military

chaplain from 1991 to 2019, it was a childhood interest in the military and global events that caused him to become a military chaplain. Ordained in 1986, he served as an assistant pastor in the Archdiocese of Hartford until a military conflict gripped the nation.

"In the buildup to Desert Storm, the archbishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services made a plea to the U.S. bishops to send chaplains who would serve the needs of their soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen," he says. By the time Father Cavanaugh was in uniform as a Catholic military chaplain in the U.S. Army, the Desert Storm conflict had subsided. Instead, he was sent to Somalia.



To hear Father Kevin Cavanaugh in a video discuss "God and Country: A Reflection of Service on Independence Day," visit archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript.

SACRAMENTS AND COUNSELING

Catholic military chaplains are tasked with supporting military personnel of all faiths. However, they play a special role in bringing the Catholic sacraments to their fellow Catholics, whether on a military base or in a combat situation. Oftentimes, they are the only Catholic priest for many miles around.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FATHER KEVIN CAVANAUGH

Father Kevin Cavanaugh poses in the sanctuary of St. James Church in Manchester, where he is currently the pastor.

Father Cavanaugh says he most felt God's presence while administering six of the seven sacraments on various military bases in the United States, where military families were also present.

"You always had the sense you were there as God's ambassador," he explains.

In addition to providing religious services, all the military chaplains say they spend a great deal of their time counseling

military personnel. Per military law, chaplains are allowed 'privileged communications,' or complete confidentiality, when speaking to other members of the

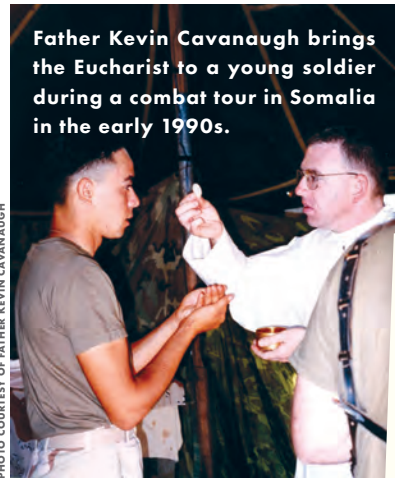


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Father Kevin Cavanaugh brings the Eucharist to a young soldier during a combat tour in Somalia in the early 1990s.



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military on any subject.

Prior to joining the U.S. Air Force, Father O'Neill served as a military chaplain for the Connecticut Air National Guard, making monthly visits to Bradley Air National Guard Base in East Granby to celebrate Mass and offer confidential advice from a chaplain. Airmen have consulted him on spiritual questions as well as personal issues, ranging from family problems to substance abuse.

"Here you get to be like Jesus, going into the town and engaging everybody," he says.

On military bases, other chaplains say they counsel family members who may be worried about the safety of their loved ones or about how to manage their household or family while their loved one is away on assignment.

And there are times when military chaplains also address moral behavior. Father Cavanaugh, a straight-talking priest, says he tried to redirect some young soldiers in the U.S. Army on Christian morality by "providing very candid counseling about the path they were on and where it was going to lead them."

SACRIFICE AND MORALE

Depending on their assignment, military chaplains may also bolster troops in dangerous situations, providing them with the needed strength to carry out their duties.

In the early 1990s, Father Cavanaugh was deployed on a combat tour with the U.S. Army to Somalia. "Somalia was dangerous," he recalls. "There were ambushes in places where we expected there could be casualties. You had no idea what was coming around the corner. It was tense and rightfully so."

While there, he supported the spiritual needs of the troops and provided guidance and counseling to the wounded. Yet, he recalls those trying years with great affection for his troops.

"There's a real bond that develops and it's strengthened when you deploy because you only have each other."

In 2016, Father Diaz was deployed with Air Force Special Operations to Afghanistan. He says he always feels the presence of God and shares it with others, whether or not he is in a war zone. Chaplains, he notes, do not carry weapons.

Father Diaz tells his airmen: "History has proven there are times when we need to use force to protect ourselves against the enemy, but there is another way as well. It's being in a state of grace, confident the Lord will fulfill his promise," he says.

He also advises, "Make sure you are in a state of grace,

TO READ A STORY about the challenges and joys of a Navy chaplain by Father Lee Hellwig, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript.

because you can go at any time."

A war zone is a good place to talk with military members about their faith, Father Diaz says. "It's dangerous, and we know that we can die," he says. "They are more open to talking about God, and about the questions they have."

Chaplains also bear responsibility for maintaining good morale. For three months last spring, Father Diaz was deployed north to Thule Air Base in Greenland.

"It's the largest and most isolated base in the world," he says. Though it is strategic for air and space defense, airmen are exposed to extreme conditions — -35°F temperatures in winter and darkness 24 hours a day.

"We do a lot of resiliency events like Fathers' Day celebrations, sports and cooking competitions — and checking in on people," Father Diaz says, to prevent isolation and depression.

Morale can be critical on the home front, too. As a chaplain at Fort Carson in Colorado, Father Cavanaugh had to bring an entire Catholic military community — military personnel, their families and local retirees — back from despair. When a fire destroyed the main post chapel, Father Cavanaugh renewed


hope by overseeing its reconstruction and shepherding the faithful back to their place of worship. For his efforts, he was named Chaplain of the Year in 1999 by the Military Chaplains Association.

WHERE THEY ARE NOW

Last summer, Father O'Neill was accepted by the U.S. Air Force and completed his commissioned officer training at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. At press time, he was awaiting his new assignment as a Catholic chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

Currently, Father Diaz is a parochial vicar at St. Augustine Parish in Hartford. He will return to Thule Air Base in Greenland for a few weeks in December to celebrate Christmas Mass and the Solemnity of Mary. Until then, he notes, there is no Catholic chaplain available on base.

Father Cavanaugh is the pastor of St. James Parish in Manchester, where he leads his congregation today. He just stepped down after nearly 20 years as the state chaplain for the entire Connecticut National Guard.

While running his parish, he also worked out of the state armory in Hartford, recruiting and training chaplains. 



Father Diaz arrives at Thule Air Base in Greenland last spring to serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.



For a list of living military chaplains, visit: archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript.

HBF Grant Supports Latino Enrollment in Catholic Schools

Information provided by **THE HARTFORD BISHOPS' FOUNDATION**

As part of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation's \$430,750 grant, the Archdiocese of Hartford hosted visiting experts from the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program's Latino Enrollment Institute at the University of Notre Dame to train priests and school administrators to better attract, engage, and serve Latino families in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese.

One of the attendees was Deacon Dominic Corrado, principal of Holy Trinity School in Wallingford, who has already witnessed an increase in Latino enrollment this fall as a result of the enhancements that were made in the school's recruitment initiatives. A Latino father recently approached Deacon Corrado and thanked him for inviting his son to enroll at Holy Trinity this year.

"He told me how nice it was that we were bringing both classes of people together," said Deacon Corrado when he spoke with him. "I told him 'there are no different classes, we are all one class. He had tears in his eyes and was so grateful for the effort we were making to reach out to his family and his community."

There are many stories like that of Deacon Corrado from families full of gratitude for the opportunity their children have to pursue a high quality, Catholic school education. ACE founded the Latino Enrollment Institute (LEI) in 2012 in response to national data indicating Latinos are both the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. Catholic Church and the most underserved by Catholic schools.

The program was made possible by supporters of the Foundation-led **Forward with Faith** campaign. More than 125 priests, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers representing 42 Catholic schools in the archdiocese attended the daylong workshop featuring presentations from experts on marketing, recruitment, cultural responsiveness and fundraising strategies designed to boost enrollment among Latino communities.

"These are the types of programs that excite us," said Anne Clubb, who serves as director of Community Engagement. "They allow us



Holy Trinity School Spirit Choir.

to innovate and move in creative new directions not previously pursued, while better serving the needs of the current Catholic school market."

Since the workshop took place last fall, the Office of Education, Evangelization, and Catechesis (OEEC) has encouraged information-sharing among the schools and developed a toolkit offering best practices and successful initiatives from the LEI for pastors, faculty, school boards and staff to utilize while incorporating lasting changes into their future enrollment efforts.

"Increasing enrollment among Latino families will have a significant and positive long-term impact on our parish and school communities," Clubb said. "The program

enriches our parishes and schools by making them more diverse and inclusive. It also empowers families by affording them with educational opportunities they never thought were possible."

Over the next two years, the Hartford Bishops' Foundation seeks to raise a minimum of \$80 million through its **Forward with Faith** campaign that will be invested in new programs like the LEI that strengthen the long-term capacity of parishes, schools and ministries serving the wider region.

"This program represents our foundation's mission to bring more Catholic children into our classrooms and to the Church," said Terry Becker, who serves on the Foundation Board. "The Latino community is a pivotal part of our Church's future, and it is vital that we invest in an inclusive teaching and learning environment where Latino families feel at home."



Deacon Dominic Corrado, principal at Holy Trinity School in Wallingford.



This Holiday Season, Cherish Time Spent with Family



AUXILIARY BISHOP JUAN MIGUEL BETANCOURT is the ninth auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The holiday season is rapidly approaching. Here comes again the time to plan gatherings and dinners — and to purchase gifts for the loved ones. Many of us will save time for volunteering and helping those who might be in a particular need this year.

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— BISHOP JUAN MIGUEL BETANCOURT

With the season comes the business of keeping on top of these our preparations. However, with the holidays, the “dark spirit” of melancholy and sadness also creeps in, especially for those who are away from home or have lost a beloved one close to the celebrations.

Most of us have grown up with the conviction that these are the days we definitely spend with family and close friends. Moreover, celebrating together the milestones of the year and the crucial moments of our family life is an essential part of our religious upbringing. Therefore, when we are unable to be with those we love, our sense of loss is enhanced. We could consider skipping the celebrations, hoping to spare ourselves from grief and pain. Then, we might feel guilty for not joining the festivities for the sake of those who want to be with us during those days. Since the sadness we feel probably will still be present, Scripture can point out to us what to do.

Pain that comes from the loss of someone we loved, or from the inability to be back home for a holiday, can be addressed by remembering that God is always near to us to comfort us. The Lord once said to Moses, “I myself ... will go along with you to give you rest.” (Ex 33:14) God, our Father, wants to be with us in our grief so we can find our way out of despondent sorrow. His love is as strong and faithful as the love of a caring mother: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you ...” (Is 66:13)

He keeps reminding us that his assistance is assured: “I, I am he who comforts you ...” (Is 51:12). Likewise, Jesus is the fount of consolation that comes from the Father. “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” (Jn 14:1)

Once we embrace the sad feelings we experience as we relate them to the Lord, we will find ourselves in a place of consolation and peace: “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.” (2 Thes 2:16-17)

Remembering the happy moments we have spent with our loved ones, wherever they may be, and thanking God for those blessed moments with them will always make our holiday celebrations more than happy. It will make them meaningful. ☪

Esta Temporada de Festividades, Valoren El Tiempo Pasado con La Familia

EL OBISPO AUXILIAR JUAN MIGUEL BETANCOURT *es el noveno obispo auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Hartford.*

La temporada de festividades se acerca rápidamente. Llegan nuevamente el momento de planificar fiestas y cenas, y de comprar regalos para nuestros seres queridos. Muchos de nosotros dedicaremos tiempo al voluntariado para ayudar a aquellos que tengan una necesidad particular este año.

Con esta temporada, viene el ajetreo de estar al día con nuestros preparativos. Sin embargo, con estas celebraciones también acecha el “espíritu oscuro” de la melancolía y la tristeza, especialmente para aquellos que están lejos del hogar o han perdido a un ser querido cerca de las celebraciones.

La mayoría de nosotros hemos crecido con la convicción de que estos son los días que definitivamente debemos pasarlos con familiares y amigos cercanos. Además, celebrar juntos los días feriados del año y los momentos cruciales de nuestra vida familiar es una parte esencial de nuestra formación religiosa. Por lo tanto, cuando no podemos estar con aquellos que amamos, nuestra sensación de pérdida aumenta. Podríamos considerar no participar de las celebraciones, con la esperanza de evitar el dolor y la pena, pero entonces podríamos sentirnos culpables de no unirnos a las festividades por el bien

de aquellos que quieren estar con nosotros durante esos días. De cualquier manera, aunque la tristeza que sentimos probablemente seguirá presente, las Escrituras pueden indicarnos qué hacer.

El dolor que proviene de la pérdida de alguien que amamos o de la incapacidad de volver a casa para pasar las festividades que se avecinan, se puede manejar recordando que Dios siempre está presente con nosotros para consolarnos. El Señor dijo una vez a Moisés: “Yo mismo iré contigo y te daré descanso” (Éxodo 33:14). Dios, nuestro Padre, quiere estar con nosotros en nuestro dolor para que podamos salir de la tristeza sin esperanza. Su amor es fuerte y fiel como el amor de una madre afectuosa:

“EL DOLOR QUE PROVIENE DE LA PÉRDIDA DE ALGUIEN QUE AMAMOS O DE LA INCAPACIDAD DE VOLVER A CASA PARA PASAR LAS FESTIVIDADES QUE SE AVECINAN, SE PUEDE MANEJAR RECORDANDO QUE DIOS SIEMPRE ESTÁ PRESENTE CON NOSOTROS PARA CONSOLARNOS.”

— EL OBISPO AUXILIAR JUAN MIGUEL BETANCOURT

“Como una madre consuela a su hijo, yo te consolaré ...” (Isaías 66:13).

Dios nos recuerda que su ayuda está asegurada: “Yo, yo soy el que te consuela ...” (Isaías 51:12). Del mismo modo, Jesús es la fuente de consuelo que viene del Padre. “No se inquieten. Crean en Dios, y crean también en mí” (Juan 14: 1).

Una vez que aceptamos los sentimientos tristes que experimentamos y se los presentamos al Señor, nos encontraremos consuelo y paz: “Que el mismo Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, y nuestro Padre Dios que nos ha amado y nos ha dado gratuitamente un consuelo eterno y una esperanza espléndida, los consuelen en lo más profundo de su ser y los confirmen en todo lo bueno que hagan o digan” (2 Tesalonicenses 2: 16-17).

Recordando los momentos felices que hemos pasado con nuestros seres queridos, dondequiera que estén, y agradeciendo a Dios por esos días de bendición, siempre mantendrá nuestras celebraciones festivas más que felices, las hará más significativas. ☪



PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Bishop Juan Miquel Betancourt was the principal celebrant and homilist at the Hispanic Heritage Mass on Sept. 22 at St. Justin-St. Michael Parish in Hartford. Bishop Betancourt is shown here with Father Kingsley Ihejirika, parish administrator, and Deacon Ramon Rosado.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY

Connecticut Catholic Conference at the frontline of social change.

Story by **JACK SHEEDY** | Photos by **AARON JOSEPH**

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This article, which focuses on human rights issues, is the fourth in a series highlighting issues of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, the voice of all the Catholic bishops in Connecticut.*

The image shocked the world: the bodies of a man and his 23-month-old daughter face down in the Rio Grande on the United States-Mexico border on June 24, drowned while fleeing El Salvador and seeking the safety of the United States. The bishops of Connecticut reacted quickly, releasing a letter calling for a reform in our country's immigration policies.



From left, Chris Healy, Lori Stewart Anne LaMonica and David Reynolds of the Connecticut Catholic Conference.

The July 8 letter stated, “United States governments led by both of our major parties have fallen woefully short of enacting immigration reform and of honoring the basic humanity of migrants and refugees.”

It further stated that the poor treatment asylum-seekers face at the border “undermines our shared values of freedom and belief in human dignity.”

Immigration and a domestic workers’ bill were the most viable social justice issues the CCC dealt with this year, according to Chris Healy, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, which distributed the bishops’ letter. The letter, he adds, delivered a comprehensive message on the need to address the issue.

Working through the CCC and other agencies, coalitions and individuals, the bishops of Connecticut are addressing many issues beyond immigration. They include domestic workers’ rights, in-state tuition bills, gambling, the Paid Family Leave Bill and the Clean Slate Bill.

▶ IMMIGRATION

Lynn Campbell, executive director of the Archdiocese of Hartford Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, works closely with the CCC on immigration and all social justice concerns. She says she took the bishops’ July 8 letter to different Hispanic parishes to speak about it.

“For most of them, it was their first time hearing it,” Campbell says, “and it was a great source of comfort for them to know where the Church stands and that the Church is there for them and supporting them and thinking about them this way, because otherwise they don’t really know who’s on their side.”

Although no specific immigration



Lynn Campbell.

legislation was acted upon this year in the Connecticut General Assembly, Healy says immigration is an issue at the forefront that needs to get “eradicated and fixed.”

“Obviously, it’s all part of our faith, to be welcoming, to offer love and to alleviate suffering,” he says. “And there’s clearly suffering going on here.”

At the same time, Healy adds, “We’re also sensitive to the idea that this is a nation of laws and we have to obey the laws that are there. But clearly the laws need to be adjusted and changed to prevent these kinds of mass humanitarian problems from happening on the border.”

▶ DOMESTIC WORKERS’ RIGHTS

While a domestic workers’ bill was enacted several years ago, the CCC and the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry worked with the Connecticut Domestic Workers Justice Campaign to try to strengthen the law this year.

The bill would have allowed a person who works in a private home to be paid minimum wage, and also it would have allowed domestic workers to have a written job description, Campbell says.

Campbell’s written testimony states that the bill would have afforded domestic workers legal protection from discrimination and harassment. “If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected,” she wrote.

“Right now, that’s not required,” she

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Deacon David Reynolds.

says. “So what happens is they might be told that they’re coming to do one job, and things just continually get added to it. So they may start off cleaning the house and end up taking care of grandma.”

Deacon David Reynolds, CCC’s assistant director for public policy, says the bill made it out of committee, but it died awaiting action by the House.

It encountered strong opposition from lobbyists for businesses that deal with au pairs and businesses that provide home care workers, he says, adding that efforts to amend the bill to make it more acceptable to these groups resulted in delays so the bill was not voted on.

CCC’s written testimony in February quoted *A Catholic Framework for Economic Life*, by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which states, “All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.”



“OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AFFIRMS THE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND BELIEVES — AS OUR FAITH INSTRUCTS — THAT JUSTICE IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH VICTIMS AND CONVICTS, BUT NOT VENGEANCE.” — LORI STEWART

▶ **PAID FAMILY LEAVE BILL**

One of the successes of CCC’s work on social justice issues with the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry this year was the enactment of Senate Bill 1, which ensures up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave per 12-month period. The law will take effect in 2022, paid for by an employee payroll tax.

In written testimony before the Labor and Public Employees Committee in February, Healy wrote: “New mothers should be able to care for their newborns without fear of missing a paycheck. Similarly, when illness or tragedy strikes, working parents, who often care for both their children and aging parents, would benefit from the relief that this bill offers ...”

In his testimony, Healy reminded lawmakers that the money to pay these benefits “would not come from the employers, but from all Connecticut employees.”

▶ **GAMBLING**

Connecticut’s bishops have stated their opposition to the expansion of gambling in Connecticut and no expanded gambling legislation has passed thus far. The CCC worked with a coalition to oppose the expansion of gambling in Connecticut.

Deacon Reynolds says that between 35 percent and 50 percent of casino gambling revenue comes from problem and pathological gamblers, making the industry dependent upon preying on people with gambling problems.

Earlier in the year, he offered written testimony in opposition to four bills aimed at expanding gambling in the state. In it, he quoted a March 2017 statement by Connecticut’s bishops that reads in part: “We are mindful that the expansion of casinos in Connecticut would be a potential source of new revenue, but revenues are not the sole criterion of the common good.” (*A Catholic Perspective on Expanded Gambling in Connecticut*, March 2017)

In July, Gov. Ned Lamont opposed a move by lawmakers to build a new casino in Bridgeport and to introduce sports betting in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference will continue to stress the negative impact gambling has on our society and its detriment to the common good. A bill is expected to be introduced in the 2020 legislative session, and CCC is prepared to fight it.

House Bill 5712, which would have wiped a criminal record clean after seven years, did not come up for a vote this year. But Lori Stewart, legislative liaison for CCC, submitted written testimony in favor of the bill, both on behalf of the bishops and as a witness to the misfortunes of people she knows.

She wrote that she personally knows people “who have experienced ... impediments to employment and opportunity based on offenses they long ago

committed, for which they have long since paid the price.

“Our Catholic community affirms the purpose and goals of our judicial system and believes — as our faith instructs — that justice is required for both victims and convicts, but not vengeance,” Stewart adds.

▶ **IN-STATE TUITION BILL**

In 2015, the CCC assisted the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry with an in-state tuition bill. That bill, House Bill 6844, states that if an applicant is “without legal immigration status,” he or she must file “an affidavit with such institution of higher education stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file such an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.”

“[It] allows students who are undocumented ... to get the same tuition rates at Connecticut schools ... [if] they show that they’ve graduated from a high school in Connecticut within the last two years,” Campbell says.

This legislation is commonly referred to as the Connecticut Dreamers Act and is reflective of similar efforts on the national level. Undocumented activists want Congress to pass the DREAM Act, which would give immigrants who have entered the United States before the age of 18 and who have lived here at least four years legal status and an opportunity later to apply for citizenship. ❸



Lori Stewart.



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Culture of Charity at Holy Trinity Church Attracts Diverse Parish Community

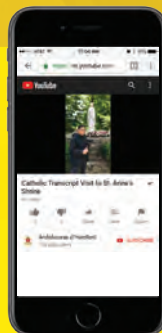


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SYNOD COMMITTEE CONCLUDES MEETINGS



BY FATHER JEFFREY V. ROMANS, who is serving as secretary of the synod in addition to his duties as pastor of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire.


Although the synod meeting took place in October, the work of the synod continues. Delegates gathered last month for three days to reflect on the synod themes of:

- 1. Encountering Christ.**
- 2. Becoming missionary disciples.**
- 3. Sent on mission.**
- 4. Collaborating in the local Church.**

The delegates gave practical ways in which each of the propositions might be lived out as individuals, families, parishes and as an archdiocesan family of faith.

They prayed together, discerned together and worked together to come up with ways in which we can Grow & Go together.

Though the delegate meetings have concluded, the work of the synod continues. The Synod Preparatory Commission will now work to synthesize the material from the meeting and develop a final document for consideration by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair.

Every step of the way, we'll be praying that the Holy Spirit will provide us with the wisdom and insight we need to carry out this important work for the life this local church. Plans and preparations for the synod closing Mass, which will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020, are also underway. You can help us by offering the gift of your prayers. Please join us in praying the "Synod Prayer," which was written by Archbishop Blair, in these coming weeks. 



Synod Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Gospel we hear the voice of the Father telling us to listen to you.

*It is your voice that we heed.
It is your way that we follow.
It is your Spirit who leads us into all the truth.*

Look kindly upon your Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford and upon the work of our archdiocesan synod.

We pray that through the synod our souls may be stirred and our hearts set on fire in order to bring new energy and zeal to the mission of our local Church.

May the synod inspire us to missionary discipleship, so that filled with the faith and boldness of the apostles and first Christians, we may draw others to you and to your body and bride, the Church.

At Pentecost, Mary your Mother joined the apostles in imploring the gift of the Holy Spirit. By her prayers, and those of her spouse, St. Joseph, our patron, may the same Holy Spirit inspire and direct us and the work of our synod.

Through you, Lord Jesus, we give glory to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen!



Jean II Restout, Pentecost, 1732.

Joenette Mansel Franklin is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver, the largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the United States, which is named for St. Peter Claver, the Spanish priest who ministered to African slaves. Franklin is a member of the St. Benedict Court, Council 311 in Hartford.



CLINGING TO FAITH AMID GREAT CHALLENGES

Despite racial insults, disabilities and personal challenges, Black Catholics remain devoted to Christ.

STORY BY JOE PISANI

EDITOR'S NOTE: *There are three million African-American Catholics in the United States whose devotion to Christ may have been tempered by challenges. What follows are the accounts of four black Catholics from the Archdiocese of Hartford who are not strangers to racial insults, disabilities and personal challenges, yet have remained faithful Catholic servants. The timing could not be better. The Church has designated November as Black Catholic History Month in recognition of their profession of faith.*

**JOENETTE
MANSEL
FRANKLIN**

When Joenette Mansel Franklin was 5, her family fled their home in Greenville, S.C., because of racist threats on her father's life. They found sanctuary in a church in

Charleston, where they were cared for by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. It was the beginning of a new life for them as Catholics.

Although Franklin has confronted discrimination and racism during her life, she has also received love and compassion from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Katharine Drexel's order dedicated to working with Native Americans and African Americans.

The sisters sheltered her family when their lives were threatened. Later, Franklin was educated at an all-black school they ran in Cleveland because she wasn't allowed to attend the white Catholic school.

"Growing up being a Roman Catholic, the nuns taught me a wonderful thing," Franklin recalls. "They taught me to love and not to look at skin tones. We are all children of God."

When she moved to Connecticut in 1953, she remembers going to downtown Hartford for midday Mass. "If I sat next to a Caucasian person, they would get up and move," Franklin says. "They don't do that anymore. When you go in now, people are very kind."

Franklin, who today attends St. Justin-St. Michael Parish in Hartford, says the sisters instilled a lifelong love of God in her and taught her not to hate. "They told me to love everybody," she says. "As for people who are racist, you pray to God. You take it to him and leave it there."

Like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Franklin has a deep devotion to the Eucharist. "Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is my life," she says. "You must believe the Eucharist is the body of Christ. When the priest elevates the Eucharist, I have to say, 'My Lord and my God,' because that is what it is."

**PATRICK
KWANASHIE**

At age 6, Patrick Kwanashie from Nigeria lost his sight due to an unknown cause.

There were no schools in his town that could accommodate his special needs. So his parish priest sent him to a school for the blind run by the Sisters of Charity.

"The priest in our parish saw something in me and didn't want my talent to be wasted," he says. "I consider myself blessed. My moral and character formation and my outlook on life have been determined by my Catholic upbringing and the solid education I received."

Kwanashie's father made sure the children were baptized and went to Sunday Mass. He is the fourth



PATRICK KWANASHIE.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



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of seven children born in Nigeria. His mother, who was Anglican, eventually converted to Catholicism.

In 1982, Kwanashie came to the United States to attend the University of Wisconsin. Four years later, he received a fellowship in the master of law program at Yale University.

In September, Kwanashie retired as assistant attorney general in the Health and Education Department of the Office of the Attorney General, for the state of Connecticut. In that capacity, he represented the state's health, education and social service agencies in state and federal courts.

Kwanashie's wife, Eunice, who is also from Nigeria, and their daughter, Sarah, worship as a family at St. Mary Church in Newington. He is also a lector at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Much racism, Kwanashie says, is rooted in fear and our sinful natures and manifests itself in our tendency toward factionalism and assuming the worst about other groups.

"In my daily working life, there have been times of tragedy and difficulty, but God has always been there for me, and I have tried to please him and do his will," he says. "I thank God that he made me Catholic. I have always considered my Catholic faith a gift."

In recalling St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, Kwanashie says, "To help us overcome such fear, the Church must once again emphasize that we are all one in Christ and that in him there is no Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, rich nor poor."

PATRICK DOUGLAS

When Patrick Douglas was growing up in Hartford, he, his brother and sister were the only kids in the neighborhood who went to school wearing uniforms. They attended St.

Augustine School in Hartford because their mother, Sandra, thought it was important for them to have a Catholic education — 12 years of it.

Today, Douglas, who teaches fifth grade at St. Matthew School in Bristol, is entering his 16th year of teaching and coaching.

“My mom felt we would get a deeper education, academically and spiritually,” he says. “And my experience as a teacher goes back to everything I learned at St. Augustine’s. I had Sister Evelyn, a tough but fair principal who wanted nothing more than for us to be successful and to instill values in us that would last the rest of our lives.”

Douglas, who graduated from Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford and Endicott College, has worked at several Catholic schools and coaches at Western Connecticut State University. As an African-American teacher, he says, “I don’t let my heritage dominate my job, but I definitely keep my ears attuned to what goes on because if I hear something I’d find offensive, I can only think how my students would feel.”

When he has discussions around racial issues in the classroom, he points to the example of his hero, Jackie Robinson, the Brooklyn Dodgers’ second baseman who was the first African American to play Major League Baseball. On April 15, 1947, Robinson played his first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Although he encountered racism, he did not let it affect his performance on the field.

“I’m forever thankful because of the opportunities he provided the rest of us by taking the field that day in 1947,” Douglas says.

Growing up, Douglas was raised in a family which prayed every day and went to church on Sunday. Today, there are spiritual practices that he and his wife, Karla, observe with their son, Dylan, 5. Their older son Ethan, who was diagnosed with hydrocephalus before birth but died at 12, exceeded everything the doctors said he would be able to do.

“He was just a happy kid who wasn’t going to let anything get him down, and if he could talk, he would have said, ‘I’m going to do it, no matter what,’” Douglas says. One of the greatest accomplishments, he adds, was teaching Ethan the Lord’s Prayer.

PATRICK DOUGLAS.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



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Yvonne Brown attended Catholic schools in Connecticut for 12 years. She was a good student with a strong faith who loved the nuns. Growing up, she belonged to what she calls a secret spiritual society in high school with three other girls. They met to pray and discuss their faith. All four wanted to enter a religious order.

Brown says she felt the call ever since attending St. John the Baptist Elementary School in New Haven, where the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame had a profound influence on her.

“I was fascinated with the nuns,” she says. “I was a good student and a well-behaved child and spent a lot of time helping out at the convent.”

However, Brown pursued a different path that let her share Christ’s love with those who have special needs and became a special education teacher. Inspired by the book *The Family Nobody Wanted*, she worked with autistic and foster care children. “I took the kids that nobody wanted,” she says, adding that, over the years, she adopted six children and has eight grandchildren.

Throughout her life, she has been no stranger to racial insensitivity. During high school, she learned from a college recruitment letter that she had been named a National Merit Black Scholar. Her own high school did not inform her or honor her with the white students.

For seven years, she stayed away from church; however, a Jewish friend who converted to Catholicism persuaded her to return.

“It was an odd thing for people to encounter someone who is black and Catholic,” Brown says. “You knew you were out of place. People didn’t want to look in your direction.”

Today, Brown believes her life has followed God’s plan for her although, she says, “he sometimes had to send an angel with a baseball bat” to get her attention. “My faith has gotten me through very challenging times.” **CT**





Feeding the Hungry and Welcoming the Stranger

Holy Trinity Church helps the community year-round.

BY SHELLEY WOLF

PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

Parishioners volunteer to serve a variety of picnic salads during a summer picnic sponsored by Holy Trinity Church in Hartford.

Tommy is a Catholic homeless man in Hartford who says he has never been in trouble with drugs or alcohol. However, setbacks have left him with no resources to fall back on and no family to help him.

“I don’t have family,” he explains. “They all passed away.”

Tommy (who did not want his last name published) says surgery and the subsequent loss of work have contributed to his homelessness. But he knows he can occasionally visit Holy Trinity Church in Hartford, where he can share in a meal and be treated with respect and like family.

This year, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, and Christmas Day, Dec. 25, parishioners at Holy Trinity Church will again welcome Tommy and many other guests to its noontime dinners in the parish hall, located in the church basement.

Father Charles Jacobs, administrator of Holy Trinity Church, says his parish is uniquely situated on Capitol Avenue in downtown Hartford so it is easy to help the community, not only during the holidays but all year long.

“We’re so close to locations with needy people,” he says, citing nearby

homeless shelters, social service agencies and the bus and train station in downtown Hartford. “[The Church] is an oasis of peace in a chaotic city — a peaceful and serene presence. We’re the sign and symbol of hope for people.”

Elaine Hatcher, who attends Mass at Holy Trinity Church, organizes the dinners. All are welcome, but not everyone is homeless. “You can come here and have a Christmas dinner and feel like family,” she says. “Faith, family and friends are the key things in life. This is an extended family.”

Holy Trinity Church organizes holiday dinners on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, in addition to sponsoring a summer picnic for anyone who wants to take part. The church also collaborates with social service groups, like Community Partners

in Action, for its Christmas Day dinner and other events.

Last Christmas, in a hall with festively decorated tables, Holy Trinity Church offered food for people of many nationalities and tastes. Upon leaving the Christmas dinner, guests were given goodie bags containing clean socks, T-shirts and toothbrushes donated by parishioners.

Each month, the church places a notice in the church bulletin asking parishioners to meet the needs of a different agency. Donations of food, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies and paper products go to local agencies that serve the homeless, former prison in-



PHOTO BY JOHN SULLIVAN

A family enjoys a Christmas Day dinner as volunteers in Santa hats welcome guests.

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU MADE ME WELCOME; NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME, SICK AND YOU VISITED ME, IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO SEE ME.”

— MATTHEW 25



Father Charles Jacobs and some of his parishioners celebrate the holiday together at the Christmas Day dinner at Holy Trinity Church in Hartford.

mates and victims of domestic violence, just to name a few. To mark the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, on Oct. 4, parishioners even donated pet food and

supplies to the Connecticut Humane Society for needy pet owners.

“We also have a special collection for various agencies in the area 12 months a year,” Father Jacobs adds.

Hatcher, who acknowledges the uncertainty of life, says you never know when you may be in a situation and need help. “People don’t realize, that could be me tomorrow,” she says, adding that many families in downtown Hartford are struggling. “Some people have a place to live but don’t have food.”

At the holiday dinners and the summer picnic, Father Jacobs joins his parish volunteers to welcome guests and offer

the love of God. “You can’t just teach the faith — you have to live it,” he says. “I always tell people, we have to practice what we preach. Otherwise, what’s the point of it all? It’s just buildings.”

Tommy says he comes to the dinners at Holy Trinity Church not only for the food but for much more. What draws him in? “The people, the energy and the respect I get from the people, being in the situation I’m in,” he says. **CT**

+ For more information about Holy Trinity Church and its upcoming dinners, visit holytrinityhartford.org.



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— ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

A three-story image in stained glass of St. Cabrini in her shrine.

PATRONESS OF IMMIGRANTS

St. Cabrini picked up her cross to help others.

Story and photos by **KAREN A. AVITABILE**



From left, Father Lee Hellwig, Father Christopher Ford and Father John Lavorgna.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, whose tireless devotion helped thousands of immigrants in America, is just as relevant today as she was in the late 1800s.

Urged by Bishop Scalabrini and with the blessing of Pope Leo XIII, St. Cabrini and six of her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus arrived in New York from her native Italy in early 1889.

Like many of her native immigrants who suffered tremendous hardships in their new country, they were unable to speak English and did not have a place to stay. But they persevered and, in short order, established an orphanage and school and also organized catechism classes for children and adults alike to learn about God in their native tongue.

Recognized as the first American citizen canonized in 1946 by the Roman Catholic Church and declared the 'Heavenly Patroness of all Emigrants' by Pope Pius XII in 1950, St. Cabrini gave hope to those seeking help both in material and spiritual needs.

Today, visitors come from all over the world to visit St. Cabrini Shrine in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, N.Y., overlooking the tranquil banks of the Hudson River and the New Jersey Palisades. The shrine is attached to Mother Cabrini High School, founded by St. Cabrini.

St. Cabrini was originally interred at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in West Park, N.Y. But in 1933, she was exhumed and enshrined in the current shrine's altar in St. Francis Cabrini

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION


The St. Frances Xavier Cabrini feast day celebration will be held on Nov. 9 to 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a blessing with the relic of St. Cabrini after each of the five Masses, in five languages, over the two days. For more information, call 212.923,3536 or visit cabrinishrinenyc.org.

Shrine. Thousands of visitors, many of them immigrants, come to the chapel to pray before her visible remains in the altar with her own habit and a wax face mask.

Surrounding the altar is a recently restored 123-foot long and 24-foot high pictorial mosaic, which depicts St. Cabrini's life as a devout child, teacher and sister. It also displays St. Cabrini's one-on-one meetings with Pope Leo XIII.

There is also a ship and the Statue of Liberty on the mosaic, which serve as a reminder of St. Cabrini's immigration to America and her own transoceanic voyages. The final scene illustrates St. Cabrini being escorted into heaven.

A three-story image in stained glass of St. Cabrini in the back of the shrine is extremely detailed. It combines pieced stained glass and paint to make the figures more lifelike. A small Blessed Sacrament chapel off the sanctuary with two kneelers is a peaceful spot for personal prayer. In a small courtyard, under the Sacred Heart statue, is a bench that St. Cabrini used to say her prayers.

At the time of St. Cabrini's death in Chicago on Dec. 22, 1917, at the age of 67, she had overcome great obstacles and set up 67 institutions, including schools, orphanages, hospitals and social service outreach programs, in nine countries and on three continents. On Dec. 22 each year, St. Cabrini's memory is honored with a prayer service at noon in her Manhattan shrine. 



BEFORE YOU VISIT

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine is located at 701 Fort Washington Ave., Manhattan, N.Y.

The shrine is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The gift shop is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mass schedule: Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon; and Sundays, 9:30 and 11 a.m. A Spanish Mass is celebrated every Sunday, 3 p.m., and the last Saturday of every month, 2 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sundays, noon to 3 p.m.



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS: Soldier, Good Samaritan, Bishop

FEAST DAY: NOV. 11

St. Martin of Tours was the first great leader of Western monasticism, and played an instrumental role in spreading Christianity to people in the rural areas of Western Europe.



Louis Anselme Longa, *La Charité de Saint-Martin* Huile sur toile.

Content to retire after encountering opposition as a missionary, he reluctantly accepted ordination as bishop of Tours in 372. His life provides a model for intentionally embracing the work one is called to with enthusiasm and trust in God's plan.

Born in 316 of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, Martin declared the desire to become Christian at age 10.


Forced to serve in the Roman army at 18, he one day gave half of his military cloak to a naked beggar at Amiens. That night, according to his biographer, Martin dreamed that Christ was wearing the shared half of his cloak. Upon awakening, Martin discovered his cloak restored. Inspired by this miracle, Martin requested baptism.

Martin then asked to be released from military service. Denied, he refused to fight, declaring, "I am Christ's soldier: I am not allowed to fight." Charged a coward, he offered to face a battle line, defending himself with only the sign of the cross. He was instead imprisoned but later released.

Discharged from the army, Martin joined Hilary, the first bishop of Poitiers, preaching against Arianism in Illyricum and Pannonia (in the Balkans). Forced out of the area by its proponents, Martin retired to Italy.

Rejoining Hilary at Poitiers in 360, Martin founded the first monastery of

the Western Church in Gaul at Liguge; he was ordained bishop of Tours in 371. Martin next founded a monastery at Marmoutier, attracting ascetics from all over Europe who then carried Christianity across the Western Roman Empire. Martin joined his disciples in the rural areas where few words of the Gospel had been sown, visiting each of the outlying settlements yearly to evangelize and encourage the faithful.

Martin also defended the Church's rights, protesting to Emperor Magnus Maximus against the killing of heretics and interference by the state in all Church matters. He died Nov. 8, 397, with a reputation for working miracles, and is one of the first non-martyred Christians to be canonized. 



To make horseshoe cookies inspired by St. Martin, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript.

St. Martin of Tours Parish to Hold Veterans Day Mass

BY SHELLEY WOLF

Father M. David Dawson, pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Canaan, is planning a special evening Mass for Veterans Day this year to honor his parish's patron saint, a former soldier whose feast day falls on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Father Dawson looks to his new

parish's patron saint as a model of courage and good character.

"The fact that St. Martin was able to conduct himself in such a counter cultural manner is tremendous," he says. "When he believed that God was calling him to passivism, he told his superiors in his military unit that he could not fight any longer. They accused him of cowardice.

"He proposed that he advance, weaponless, to the frontline so that he could pay the price for not continuing on

as a soldier, while honorably remaining true to his principles," Father Dawson explains. "It was agreed.

Yet, through God's grace, that battle did not happen, he says, and he was released from service with his life.

+ FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Veterans Day Mass, call 860.824.7078 or visit smartinofoursct.org.

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“BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BROTHERS TO LIVE IN UNITY.”

— PSALM 133:1



Dozens of priests participated in the 175th anniversary liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford last fall.



Father Lawrence Symolon and Father Robert Kwiatkowski converse at a recent Archbishop’s Annual Appeal dinner.

Priests Serve Together in Brotherhood



FATHER MICHAEL CASEY is the director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Photos by **AARON JOSEPH**

One of the most pressing concerns a young man has when considering the priesthood is the worry about loneliness. The priestly commitment to a life of chaste celibacy brings with it the perception that priests spend their entire lives personally alone. While priests may be very socially present and publicly visible, there is a perception that deep down they are alone. Further, the modern-day pastoral demands that require priests to often serve alone in parishes only heighten the public perception that the priestly life is a lonely life.

Yet even in its origins, the priesthood developed from the community of the apostles chosen by the Lord to be together around him and then to go out and spread his Gospel. Every priest, in being conformed to Jesus Christ, shares a fraternal bond with his brothers in the priesthood. This is made visible in the ordination liturgy when all priests give the fraternal sign of peace to the newly ordained. Priests serve together in brotherhood in union with their spiritual father, the bishop.

Priestly fraternity is one of the unseen blessings of the priestly life. When a man is ordained, he becomes a de facto member of the family. His brothers are there to provide example, encouragement and even correction when needed. A priest knows that he is not a lone ranger, saving the day all on his own. Rather, each priest is part of the larger whole. This helps keep them humble. It helps them stay accountable. When priests avoid or even scoff at times to be with the brother priests, then the alarm bells should sound.

“Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another.” (PRV 27:17) Times of priestly fraternity lead to the sharpening of our priests. The life of a priest surrounded by so many brothers is far from isolated. While priests may often appear alone, the often unseen, but very real, support of priestly fraternity is ever present, continuing to strengthen our priests to faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy Church. ☪

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Nov. 9



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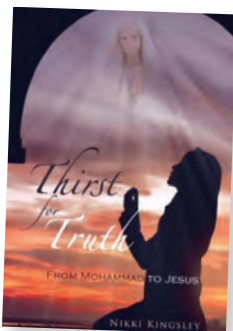
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BIDS FOR KIDS TO BENEFIT ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL

St. Gabriel School in Windsor is holding its 34th annual Bids for Kids auction on **Nov. 9** at Maneeley’s Banquet facility, South Windsor. Doors open and the silent auction begins at 6 p.m.; the event includes a buffet dinner, with dessert served, a cash bar and a live auction that starts at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at charityauction.bid/bidsforkids2019. In addition to the live and silent auctions, there will be raffle prizes, student art work, a wine and spirit pull and grub grab. For more information or to make a donation, contact auction@stgabrielschool.org.

FINDING THE TRUTH RETREAT

“Finding the Truth Retreat” will take place **Nov. 16** at St. Aloysius Church, Plantsville, with featured speaker, Nikki Kingsley, author of *Thirst for Truth: From Mohammad to Jesus*. Kingsley will share the remarkable story of her journey that led her from Pakistan to America and to ultimately finding the truth in the person of Jesus Christ. The retreat also includes praise and worship, music and more. For more information, call 860.302.9304 or visit Nikkikingsley.com.



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WJMJ features a mix of songs that you can’t hear anywhere else and inspirational messages that include an explanation of

the day’s Gospel reading and information about the saint of the day. In addition, the station provides local news, weather and sports — including play-by-play coverage of Catholic high school football games. You can even listen to messages from Archbishop Leonard P. Blair during his weekly show on Sunday mornings. During the show, also available on podcast, the archbishop answers questions from listeners about the Catholic faith.

A VISION FOR LIFE, LOVE AND MARRIAGE

The Franciscan Life Center in Meriden is sponsoring a two-day conference for married and engaged couples, single adults, college students, priests and religious based on *Humanae Vitae*, an encyclical on life, love and marriage, on **Dec. 7**, 8:30 to 5 p.m., and **Dec. 8**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presenters will be Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and lay associates. The cost is \$65/adult for both days, with lunch included. Visit flcenter.org or franciscanhc.org for more information and call 203.237.8084 to register.



WEEKLY MASS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

St. Anthony Church, in Prospect, welcomes everyone to a Mass for the hearing impaired with an interpreter every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. For more information, call the parish center, 203.758.4056 or email stanthonyadmin@comcast.net.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNULMENTS

Many Catholics have asked the following questions about the Church’s position on divorce, annulments and marriage: “Can a divorced person receive holy Communion?” “Can a divorced person marry in the Catholic Church?” “Why might a non-Catholic consider or need an annulment?” “Does a divorced person need an annulment when the marriage was performed only by a justice of the peace?” Often, these questions and others have been met with misleading, misguided and sometimes wrong responses. For more information, contact the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Hartford at 860.541.6491, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/metropolitan-marriage-tribunal/ or send a message to tribunal@aohct.org.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS

St. Margaret Knights of Columbus will sponsor its 17th annual holiday craft show on **Nov. 8**, 5 to 9 p.m., and **Nov. 9**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Margaret Church Hall, Madison. A ladies shopping night with wine and cheese will take place on Friday night. Free coffee will be given to shoppers on Saturday. A raffle will benefit the K of C scholarship fund. For information, call Linda, 203.421.582.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish in North Haven will hold a holiday bazaar on **Nov. 8**, 5 to 8 p.m., and **Nov. 9**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Our Lady of Fatima craft fair in Yalesville will be held on **Nov. 9**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the parish hall.

The Women's Guild of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, Washington Depot, will sponsor its annual holiday bazaar on **Nov. 9**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A silent auction, white elephant table, jewelry and accessories table, linen 'n' things table, raffle table, baked goods, food table and more will be featured. For more information, call 860.868.2600.

A Fair Trade Christmas Showcase, sponsored by **Sacred Heart Parish** in Bloomfield will be held on **Nov. 9**, 4 to 6 p.m., and **Nov. 10**, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Women's Guild of **St. Jeanne Jugan Parish** in Enfield is having a fall into winter bazaar at Holy Family Church on **Nov. 16**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The **St. Bridget of Sweden** Women's Society is holding its 16th annual shoppers 'delite' on **Nov. 16**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Bridget School, Cheshire. There will be more than 50 artisans and crafters with holiday gifts for the home, family and friends. New this year: Food trucks will be on the premises.

St. Mary Magdalen Church's annual bazaar will be held on **Nov. 16**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the St. Mary Magdalen School gymnasium, Oakville. Theme baskets, raffle items, granny's attic, vendors, breakfast and lunch will be offered.

The sixth annual craft fair of **Mary, Gate of Heaven** will be held on **Nov. 17**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Robert's Hall, 52 South Elm St., Windsor Locks. About 30 vendors will be featured. There will be a bake sale and food for sale, too.

The **St. Ann Craft Fair** will be held on **Nov. 23**, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Ann Church Hall, 215 West St., Bristol. More than 50 craft tables will be on hand.

The 28th annual **Franciscan Christmas Fair** will be held on **Nov. 23**, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Franciscan Life Center Campus, Meriden. Come and experience a living crèche, Franciscan pottery, homemade jams, jellies, pickles, breads, rolls, cookies, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, children's activities, fresh cut Christmas trees, wreaths, raffles and refreshments. For more information, visit flcenter.org.

Our Lady Queen of Angels' Christmas bazaar will be held on **Nov. 30**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Holy Angels Center, Meriden.

The Ladies Guild of **St. Anthony Church**, Prospect, is sponsoring a Christmas bazaar on **Dec. 6**, 6 to 9 p.m., and **Dec. 7**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

The **St. Anthony School** Christmas bazaar will take place **Dec. 7**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the St. Joseph Franciscan Center gymnasium, Winsted.

The bazaar will feature crafters, lunch bake sale, raffle, children's games, Santa and more.



Don't miss the **St. Raphael Parish** Christmas fair at St. Ann Parish Center, Milford, on **Dec. 7**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be artists, crafters, vendors, Santa, crafts for the kids, raffles, bakery items and a food court.



HOPES AWARDS— At the 42nd annual HOPES (for Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) dinner, Robert and Marianne Rice, from St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School in West Hartford, received the **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award**. They are pictured with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and Sister Mary Grace Walsh, provost for education, evangelization and catechesis. Others honored: **Distinguished Elementary School Pastor**, Rev. Kevin P. Cavanaugh, St. James School/Church, Manchester; and **Distinguished Catholic School Administrator**, Eileen Regan, Sacred Heart High School, Waterbury.

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POLISH MASS — Several priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford and beyond concelebrated a special Mass at Holy Cross Church in New Britain that included Polish President Andrzej S. Duda and first lady Agata Kornhauser-Duda, shown standing center, second step up from sidewalk.

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LOURDES IN A DAY PILGRIMAGE — Bishop Emeritus Peter A. Rosazza offers the anointing of the sick at the annual Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage that was held at St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford.

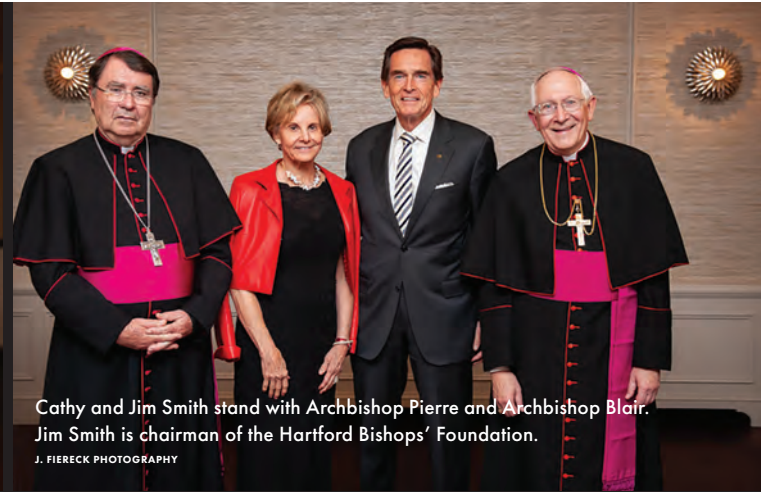
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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHDIOCESE ANNIVERSARY CONCLUDES — A leadership reception and dinner, marking the conclusion of the 175th anniversary year of the Archdiocese of Hartford, was hosted by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair at the Hartford Golf Club in West Hartford. Honored that evening was the papal representative to the United States, the Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre receives a gift from Archbishop Leonard P. Blair.

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Cathy and Jim Smith stand with Archbishop Pierre and Archbishop Blair. Jim Smith is chairman of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation.

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Entertainment was provided by the Cathedral Schola Cantorum under the direction of Ezequiel Menendez, director and organist for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and Meredith Neumann, choirmaster at the cathedral.

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The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, S.T.D., has made the following appointments:

- **Deacon Patrick Terrence Moran**, senior status, effective Sept. 1, 2019.
- **Rev. Joseph P. Crowley**, appointed as a representative of Deanery One on the Presbyteral Council, effective September 2019 for a term of four years.
- **Rev. Alvin J. LeBlanc**, appointed as a representative of Deanery Three on the Presbyteral Council, effective September 2019 for a term of four years.
- **Rev. Michael A. Santiago**, appointed as a representative of Deanery Six on the Presbyteral Council, effective September 2019 for a term of four years.
- **Rev. Christopher M. Ford**, appointed as a representative of Deanery Seven on the Presbyteral Council, effective September 2019 for a term of four years.
- **Rev. John Gancarz**, from parochial vicar, St. Jeanne Jugan Parish, Enfield, returning to study in Rome, effective Sept. 19, 2019.

OBITUARIES



Sister John Martin Sullivan, ASCJ (Barbara Arlene Sullivan), 81, died on Sept. 12 at Whitney Manor, Hamden. She was professed as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for 60 years. The daughter of the late John and Barbara (Faherty) Martin, she was born

in Passaic, N.J., on July 2, 1938. She attended Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden. She professed first vows on Feb. 28, 1959, and perpetual vows on Aug. 23, 1962, at Mount Sacred Heart, Hamden. She earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and physics from Webster College, St. Louis, Mo., and a master of arts degree in science from Fairfield University. She was a teacher at Sacred Heart Academy from 1962 until 1975.



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