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## Editor's Notes | Help Spread the Faith



# Connecting People to the Gospel Message

BY KATHLEEN BAGG

**IN SEPTEMBER**, the Help Spread the Faith Catholic Communications Appeal will occur in all parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine. The appeal supports the mission to share the Good News of Christ and his church. As Catholics, we are called to share this message with everyone. We are called to go and make disciples.

The appeal supports the work of the church through various communications initiatives. One of those initiatives is the *St. Augustine Catholic* magazine. The magazine is vital to our mission because it reaches nearly every Catholic household of the diocese, sharing inspiring stories of how ordinary Catholics in our midst live extraordinary lives of faith and service to God's people. It also provides an avenue to open up the church's teachings, explain key doctrines of Catholicism, and empowers Catholics to share their faith with others.

The outreach of the magazine is extended through its digital version and, most recently, the myParish app, which allows people to take the content of the magazine wherever they go and quickly and easily share it with friends and family.


If you enjoy the *St. Augustine Catholic* magazine, consider donating to this year's *Help Spread the Faith Catholic Communications Appeal*, Sept. 21-22, in your parish. Ninety cents of every dollar given to this appeal goes directly to the diocese to cover the cost of our communications efforts. The remaining 10 cents is sent to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to assist with evangelization efforts on the national

level as well as projects in developing countries.

Last year, Catholics in the Diocese of St. Augustine were very generous and gave more than \$54,700 for our communications outreach. Funds collected last year are helping us rebuild the diocesan website, produce inspiring videos for Lent and develop communications workshops for parishes.

### Here are some the areas the appeal helps fund:

- *St. Augustine Catholic* bimonthly magazine
- New diocesan mobile website ([www.dosaf.com](http://www.dosaf.com)) launched Sept. 12
- Social media evangelization through Facebook and Twitter
- E-Community newsletters
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Even if you are not able to give financially, please pray for our staff that we will continue to do God's work well and spread the Good News across the Diocese of St. Augustine. 

# Saint | A Life of Change

## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Repairing God's House

BY ELIZABETH JOHNSON

Born into a life of privilege in the 12th century, Francis spent his youth pursuing leisure. But then, one day, something changed. Some say it was because of a serious illness. Others say it was the experience of being imprisoned for a year as part of a military expedition. But change he did.



During this period of rebirth, Francis was praying in front of a crucifix at the abandoned San Damiano chapel near Assisi. There, he had a vision in which God said, "Francis, repair my house, which is falling into ruin." He listened, looked around at the crumbling chapel, and then sold some of his possessions in order to help rebuild it.

Did Francis sense that God was referring to more than that crumbling chapel in Assisi when he asked Francis to rebuild his church? Perhaps. The wider church in the 12th century was wealthy and often corrupt. So when Francis sold everything he owned and embraced a life of humble poverty and preaching, it was counter-cultural, to the extreme. Francis' goal was to bring the church back to its roots of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to ordinary people.

And people listened. And the number of his followers began to grow. The simple rule of the brotherhood of followers was: "To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps." Soon, the message spread far and wide, and Francis' followers numbered in the thousands. Eventually, St. Francis traveled to Rome and was given approval for the Franciscan order.

Before his death at the age of 44, St. Francis had founded three religious orders and spent his life in poverty preaching and caring for the sick and poor. He was canonized in 1228, only two years after his death. The world was reminded of this humble saint's legacy when, in 2013, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the newly elected pope, chose the name Francis, saying, "How I would love a Church that is poor and for the poor." 🐦

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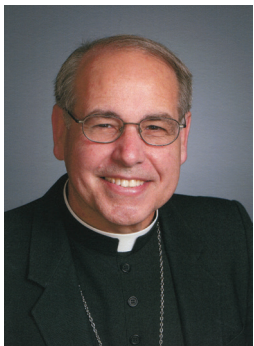
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## Missionary Disciples of a EUCHARIST-CENTERED CHURCH

BY BISHOP FELIPE J. ESTÉVEZ

**IT IS TRUE THAT** Jesus directly asked some individuals to “give up everything” to follow him, but not all are called by the Lord to take a strict life of poverty or to travel to Third World countries to preach the Gospel. In fact, most are not. All of us are called, however, to be missionary disciples in our own way and in the place where God puts us. The word Gospel means “Good News,” and we all have something of the good news to share with others.

As bishop of this truly dynamic diocese, I am deeply aware that we have been given so much by our predecessors who brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our land. We are heirs to a great wealth of spiritual gifts and blessings. Here in our diocese, the first Christians in Florida, Timucuan, Appalachians witnessed heroism and sacrifice in defense of their Catholic faith. In light of that, allow me to offer you some reflections on what it means to be a missionary disciple here and now.

As pastor of St. Agatha in Miami, I

would join a team of home visitation in our neighborhood; this practice taught me that the large celebrations of Mass on Sundays were truly quite limited in consideration of all Catholic faithful who were not practicing except at Easter and Christmas.

First and foremost, being a disciple and a missionary requires us to keep Jesus before our eyes and imitate him in all things. That is the work of a lifetime, of course, but it is the essence of everything we are as Christians. Jesus is the model of all missionaries. He came

from the Father to offer himself for us. He is our Way, our Truth, and our Life (John 14:6). I am delighted more and more parishes are increasing opportunities for visits and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament creating thus a real pastoral of prayer in our parish facilities.

Being Christ-centered, therefore, means that we are Eucharist-centered in everything. How blessed we are to dwell in the place where the very first Catholic Mass was celebrated on the First Coast in St. Augustine, the first city. Our Mission Nombre de Dios and the Great Cross and Our Lady of la Leche y del Buen Parto are symbols of our belief that the Mass is Christ, the source and summit of all grace, our spiritual center for any work of evangelization.

We share the Gospel both personally and as a church. It is a high priority of mine that our parishes always be united, welcoming of a truly catholic diversity (catholicity), and compassionate toward all, particularly those in need or distress. Being compassionate to others does not mean we lose sight of the truths of our faith but, rather, that we imitate the Good Shepherd who went out in search of those who were lost. Pope Francis is such a model for me.



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Our culture seems to grow harsher every day in its treatment of people. One gets the impression everyone is outraged. That means our evangelization has to address each person in all their personal dignity and must attempt to provide for both their spiritual and their material needs. It means standing in solidarity with the suffering and persecuted. It means becoming poor with the poor, just as Jesus took on the poverty of our human condition to minister to us (2 Corinthians 8:9). This is particularly important concerning life issues and matters of social justice.

Anyone who looks at the educational, spiritual, and humanitarian programs of our diocese will see the enormous amount of outreach that missionary disciples of this diocese accomplish every day: to the young, the vulnerable, the needy, the sick, prisoners, particularly to those who are not of our faith. This is evangelization at its finest, and anyone can participate in these apostolates as a way of being a missionary and sharing the Gospel with others.

In this coming month, I would like everyone in our diocese to ask themselves what their missionary outreach will be to others. I don't wish to add more responsibilities to peoples' already busy lives but rather to stimulate discernment as to how every Catholic can be a steward of the blessings we have received.

We must never be afraid to be generous. God cannot be outdone in generosity! St. Paul captures this attitude of stewardship well when he reminds the early Christian communities that "God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things... you may have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Some people are called to be missionaries in foreign lands, but the vast majority of us don't need to travel to other countries to serve God's people. The mission is right here in our midst – we are all missionaries of Christ's Good News to others! As saintly Cardinal John Henry Newman would say: one step is enough for me. 🐦

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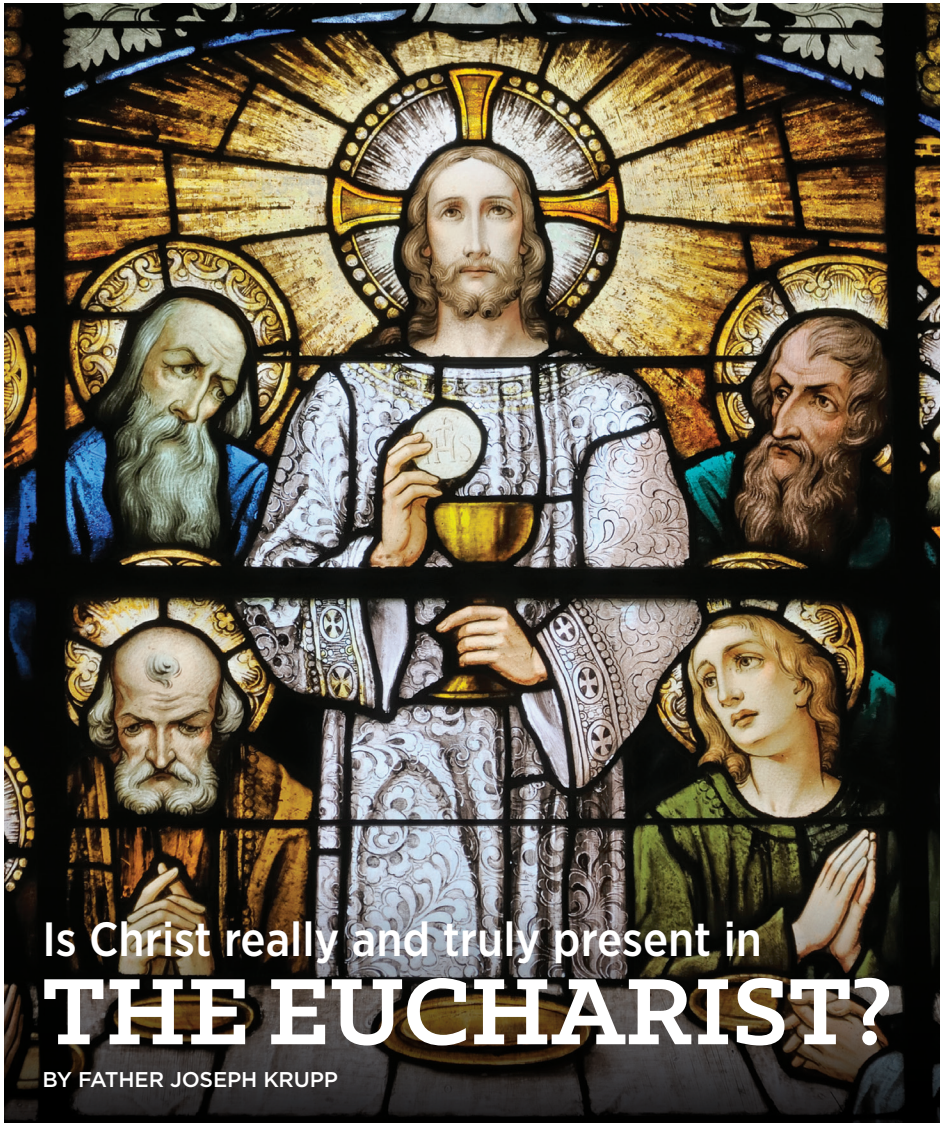


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## Is Christ really and truly present in **THE EUCHARIST?**

BY FATHER JOSEPH KRUPP

**Q:** **DEAR FATHER JOE:** I've read a lot of talk online that, according to a recent study, most Catholics don't understand church teaching about the Eucharist or don't believe in it. People seem very sad and angry about this and as I read all the comments, I wondered if I believe the right thing. Please help, I want to be a good Catholic.

**A:** God bless you! Your email was like many I have received in the past few days and, this concern is so common that we decided to jump a few topics and get after this as soon as we could. So, we'll start right off by looking at the poll, what it revealed, and then what we, as Catholics, believe about the Eucharist.

First, what did the poll reveal?

Thirty-one percent of Catholics interviewed stated that they

believe the church's teaching about transubstantiation, 69 percent stated that they "believe the bread and wine are only symbols."

Now, take that 69 percent who stated they believe the bread and wine are only symbols, and you find that 43 percent of them believe that this is what the church teaches.

What does this tell us? In my opinion, it reveals not so much a willful disagreement with the church on a core

doctrine as a misunderstanding of what the church teaches.

So let's look at a quick summary of transubstantiation, the church's explanation for the bread and wine actually becoming the reality of the body and blood of Christ. I'm going to try to explain simply some fairly complex theological and philosophical truths using an analogy, so stick with me on this.

We start with the idea of you, a human. Every human being - every *person* - has elements to him or her that are visible and some that are invisible. The visible part of you, and me, is an external reality we share with everyone we meet. Most humans follow the basic human form: we physically look like humans and share more visible traits than we don't.

The invisible parts are more of an "internal reality." We commonly describe this as our soul, or spirit, or nature, or heart. (Just to name a few, and these are not theological terms!) This is a way of saying that we are completely unique in many ways. We all have strengths and weaknesses, we are varying levels of patient or happy or smart - all these sort of "internal" traits that make us unique are from the invisible part of us. They are what we might call our substance.

What is true of you, is also true of other things: there is an element that is visible to the world and a core element of it that is not visible.

Now, let's go back to the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. What we believe is that, at the sacred moment, Jesus took the bread and changed its substance. The outside of it (form) stayed the same, but the wheat and water that made it bread (substance) was changed into **Christ's very body**.

This is what transubstantiation is: "transforming the substance." Jesus did the same thing with the wine, too, as it became his blood. We believe that, at every Mass we pray, we join in Christ's eternal sacrifice. And as we re-present the sacrifice, the priest becomes *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ), and the substance of the bread and wine is transformed from bread into the very flesh and blood of Christ. And not just



his body and blood, but every aspect of who Christ is: his body, blood, soul and divinity are fully present in each element of the Eucharist.

Why did he do this? For a lot of reasons, but as he showed us in the Incarnation, it is all part of the way his love works - he enters every element of our experience and transforms it. Christ took something our bodies need (food) and transformed it into something our souls need - him!


In this, Christ literally enters us in a way that feeds both parts of the human experience - the body and the soul.

This is a miracle of love, and I think that part of the reason some Catholics say they don't believe it is not because they were never taught it, but because it is so unbelievably miraculous and shocking that they just assume they were taught wrong.

I did a very small, unscientific poll with random parishioners throughout the week. I asked them about transubstantiation and it was definitely a word they struggled with. However, as the conversation continued, I asked them what happens to the bread and wine we offer at Mass and every person I asked but one said that it becomes the body and blood of Christ.

I share this to help us put things in context. I think at least some of the confusion is that our church language is confusing in today's world. We use different words differently in the Roman Catholic Church and, frankly, it's often that misunderstanding that is reflected in such polls.

The key is this: the Eucharist should transform us, and it takes more than proper theology for that transformation to occur in us. Our pride, anger, stubbornness can work against the miracle that Jesus gives us. We need to approach the Eucharist with great reverence, devotion and love and let that change how we see and treat everyone we encounter.

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## Keeping God in your life **DURING A HECTIC DAY**

BY SISTER ANN SHIELDS

**How can I keep God present in my life during a hectic work or school schedule? How can I be attentive to him?**

These are two very good questions which require a clear answer, especially in the times in which we live. Noise surrounds us these days – more than ever before. Between keeping up with our jobs, schoolwork, social media and the daily news – not to mention spending quality time with family and friends each day, we are squeezed for time. We struggle to keep up.

But if we are going to make a real effort to keep God in our daily lives, we have to shut out the noise, at least for a few minutes during the day. Once we have

made that commitment, we need to pray for greater faith:

- To believe that our unseen God is very present,
- To believe that our God has created us, each of us, in his image and likeness, and
- To believe that our God loves us and wants to build a personal relationship with each one of us. Remember: No one is excluded. We can choose not to believe that truth; we can choose to live our lives with only earthly goals. But if we do follow that earthly path, we can end up very far from the heart, the mind and the Spirit of the living God.

Let's review some steps you can take if you feel you are headed in the wrong direction and have the courage to admit it.

1. Pray every day that God will resurrect that gift of faith given to you in baptism and confirmation. Just say, "Lord, restore or strengthen the faith I have."
2. If you don't have a regular prayer time, ask God to give you the discipline to carve out 15 minutes a day – preferably at the beginning of the day.
3. Pray the Morning Offering
4. Read the Mass readings for the day.
5. Make a decision about how to live out the teaching for this day in your life: an attitude that needs to change, forgiveness to be offered or a request for forgiveness from another; a new way to serve others in your family; a new attitude toward your fellow workers or parishioners – you get the idea. Each small thing put into practice begins to lighten the darkness of sin in our own lives. As we follow this process, we can begin to experience a new joy, even in the routineness of daily living – joy, which is a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.
6. Keep a Bible near you or use a Bible app – read it for a few moments when you have time during the day. Thank God for saving you, thank him for giving you the real hope of eternal life.
7. Close with praying the Lord's Prayer slowly, focusing on every word. By giving God your attentiveness and willingness to conform your life to his Truth, you will begin to receive joy and peace the world cannot give.

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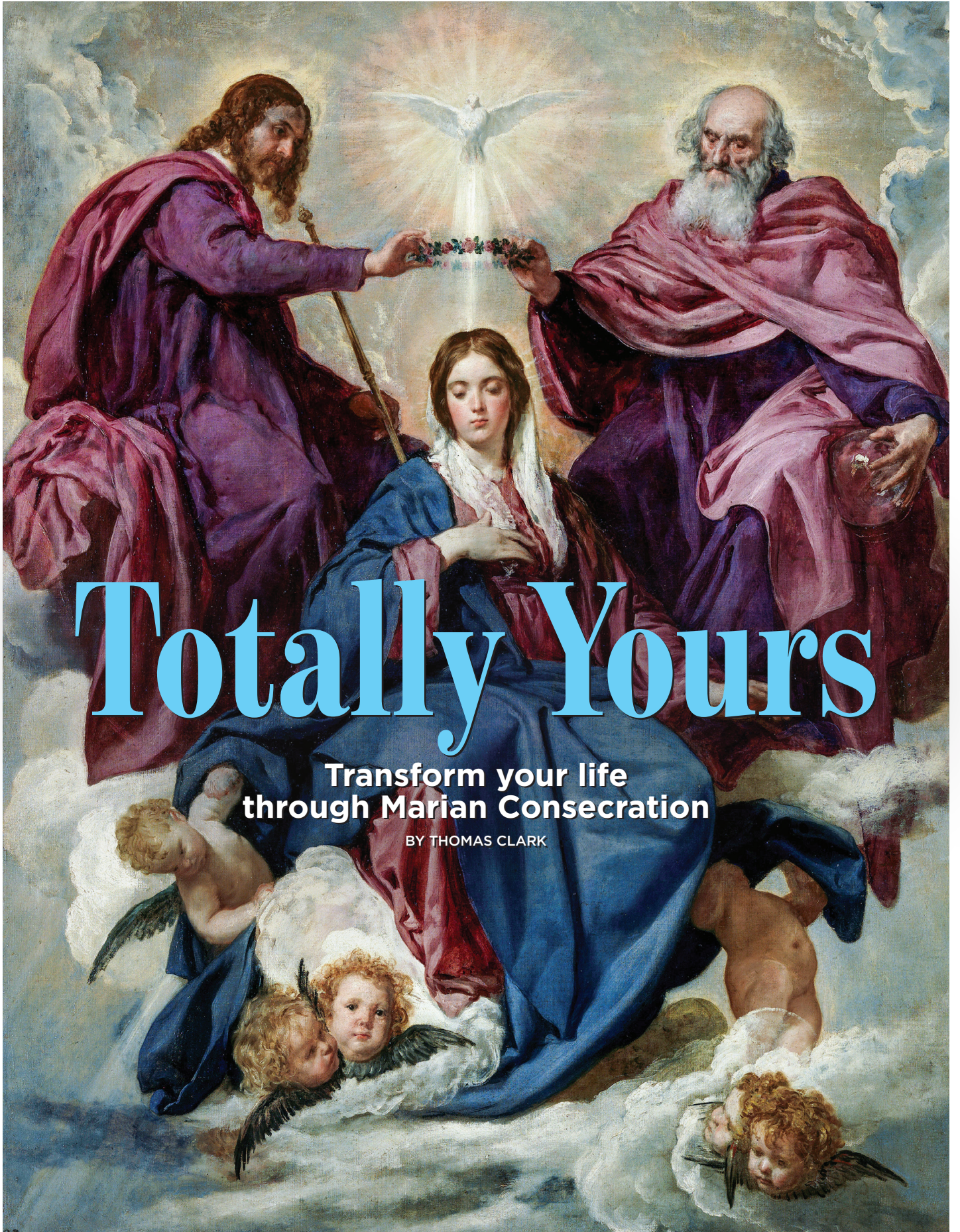
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# Totally Yours

Transform your life  
through Marian Consecration

BY THOMAS CLARK

**IT'S NOT UNCOMMON** to spot people wearing medals of the Virgin Mary or brown scapulars around their necks. While some might think these are just pieces of jewelry, for others, they represent the spiritual practice of Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Through Marian Consecration, which can take weeks or months of preparation, a person turns to the Virgin Mary as a special intercessor. By the end of the consecration, participants end up more knowledgeable about Mary, better equipped to look to her as a role model of holiness.

While Marian Consecration is typically practiced by individuals and small groups, it can also take place at a much larger scale. The Diocese of St. Augustine is preparing for a diocese-wide Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, which will take place Oct. 11, 2020, at 2 p.m., at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine as part of the diocese's 150th anniversary. Bishop Felipe Estévez will specially entrust and consecrate the entire diocese to Jesus through Mary under the title of Our Lady of La Leche. Similar consecrations have a long history in the church, such as when Pope Benedict XVI consecrated all priests to the Immaculate Heart at Fatima in May of 2010.

Prior to the diocesan consecration next year, individuals are invited to make a personal consecration at one of three locations in October 2019. The three events are happening on Oct. 11, at 6 p.m., at Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in High Springs, on Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. at Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville, and on Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine.

Noreen Thurson, a religion teacher at Bishop Kenny High School who renews her consecration annually, explained that Marian Consecration draws inspiration from Mary's actions in the Gospels.

"The consecration reminds me that I have a special intercessor in our Blessed Mother. It helps to remind me of her words to the servants at Cana: 'Do whatever he tells you.' They followed her instructions and it turned out just fine."

Father Bob Hoffman, a recently ordained priest of the diocese, credits Marian Consecration with playing a large role in his life. As a seminarian, he heard about Marian Consecration from older priests and completed the consecration shortly before his ordination.

"Devotion to the Blessed Mother is an indispensable part of who we are as Catholics," said Father Bob. "We recognize her role in always leading us into a greater relationship with her son."

Marian Consecration is not just for clergy or religious but can be used by Catholics at any stage of life. Lola Martin, a recent graduate of Bishop Kenny High School who is now a freshman at Florida State University, described deepening her relationship with Mary while in high school.

"From a young age, I always knew that Catholics should have a high devotion to Mary, but I never knew why," said Martin. A retreat at Assumption Parish taught her more about Marian devotion, and she embarked on a consecration using Father Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

Because the consecration process requires setting aside time for prayer and reading, Martin recommended having someone to keep you accountable during the process.

"Being a young student living in a brand-new city, it was hard, at times, to set my priorities straight," she said, adding that she started a group chat with friends who were also involved in Marian Consecration.

Liz Kennedy, a parishioner at Queen of Peace in Gainesville, spoke about how her Marian Consecration strengthened her during trying times. Several years ago, a hurricane was closing in on Florida just as she and her husband were setting off on a pilgrimage to Fatima.

"There was no gas at the pumps, no food at the supermarkets," said Kennedy, who worried about leaving her 21-year-old son in charge of the home during the approaching storm. "But I felt that this [pilgrimage] was something that I was called to do, and I needed to trust."

During this time, Kennedy said she drew strength from prayer, particularly the rosary.

"From infancy, I would see my grandmother praying the rosary, and she taught me how to pray... As I matured in my faith, I wanted to understand why."

Going through a Marian Consecration had helped her develop a deeper relationship with Mary. On her pilgrimage to Fatima, Kennedy prayed the rosary and experienced "great peace" when thinking of her home back in Florida. She then received a phone call from her son, who told her that the hurricane had passed, leaving no injuries or damage.

"I have no doubt in my mind what it was," said Kennedy. "God does what he does, and he's always faithful."


Marian Consecration can also be practiced by couples who hope to prioritize faith within marriage. Elaine Corrigan, a parishioner of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, first heard of Marian Consecration as a teenager but renewed it with her husband.

"Marian Consecration has transformed my life," said Elaine Corrigan. She explains that "When I met my husband, we prepared for our marriage with St. Louis Marie De Montfort's formula of consecration. Our Lady took that consecration very seriously. With all the trials and the joys we have experienced, she has accompanied us in a special way."

Critics sometimes claim that Catholics put excessive emphasis on Mary. Corrigan, however, explained devotion to Mary is a gift from God, rather than a distraction.

"The Eternal Father chose to give us his only son through Mary... It is so pleasing to him when we choose her as a way back to the son."

Meanwhile, Thurson hoped that the upcoming diocesan consecration will bring faith and joy at a time when there is great suffering in the church and in the world. Asked what she would say to someone considering undergoing a Marian Consecration, Thurson was enthusiastically encouraging.

"Truly, don't be afraid. God, our Father, is waiting with open arms for you... And like all good mothers, the Mother of Jesus will take us by the hand and walk with us to him." 

■ Joe DeSalvo, board president for San Jose II and Alma Ballard, executive director of Family Housing Management Co.



# VOLUNTEERS

## Make Elderly Residents Feel at Home

BY JEFF BRUMLEY

**J**ACKSONVILLE RESIDENT MARY JO MYERS has very strong convictions about the senior apartments that she calls home.

“You have a lot of folks depending on those facilities, Alma and her staff. It’s a challenge, but we’ve been truly blessed by the support we receive throughout the year by organizations and individuals.”

She says they are well-run, affordable, host a lot of fun activities and are just a stone’s throw from the parish where she draws spiritual strength.

“I feel like the Lord has put me here,” Myers, 86, says of San Jose Apartments II, which is located on Galicia Road – just around the corner from San José Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

“It’s wonderful to go to Mass every morning. It’s lovely to have the parish so close.”

San Jose I opened 20 years ago this fall, while San Jose II was completed in early 2000 for a total of 99 apartments. But as with most things that are divinely provided, the work is accomplished through people laboring behind the scenes to make it happen.

Myers’ building, which is adjacent to San Jose Apartments I, together with the Hurley Apartments near Jacksonville University and Barry Apartments in Palatka, are run by Family Housing Management Company, Inc., an agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Since 1986, the company runs the four low-income buildings which are HUD-subsidized for elderly and disabled residents of all faiths.

But neither the company itself nor the four buildings it operates are financed by the diocese. And while HUD subsidizes rent, it does not provide funds for all the other costs that go into caring for the physical,

emotional and spiritual needs of the residents.

Social activities and other services are provided at community centers dedicated to each facility, with the costs covered through fundraising efforts led by dedicated volunteers. And they are looking to not only raise money but also to inspire local parishes to consider the residential facilities as places to share faith and fellowship.

“We are trying to let people know that we are here. We would love to have more parish interaction,” said Alma Ballard, executive director of Family Housing Management Co.

One person who already knows is Joe DeSalvo, presiding board

president for San Jose II and a key fundraiser and champion for the units.

The San Jose Car & Truck Show, held at nearby DuPont Station Shopping Center, is an example of the lengths supporters go to provide for residents. It was launched to provide financial support for the Bishop John J. Snyder Community Center, the fellowship and services location for the two San Jose facilities.

More than \$13,000 has been generated by the annual shows so far, with funds raised from entry fees, donations and sponsorships. Key Buick/GMC/Hyundai/Genesis and North Florida Lincoln are the presenting sponsors, bringing several new vehicles to the show. The show, now in its fifth year, will be held on April 4, 2020.

Another major source of support has come from members of the Order of Malta, who host an annual, gala-style dinner for residents, many of whom are unable to afford such a luxury otherwise.

They also provided nearly half of the \$17,000 required for a roof replacement at the Snyder Center, Ballard said.

DeSalvo said such generosity exemplifies a faith-inspired concern for others.

“You have a lot of folks depending on those facilities, Alma and her staff,” he said. “It’s a challenge, but we’ve been truly blessed by the support we receive throughout the year by organizations and individuals.”

For some, that empathy emanates from personal experience with the facilities. That includes DeSalvo.

“My father was a resident of San Jose II from February 2000 until he passed away in January 2006. San Jose was a godsend for him and our family.”

Over that time, DeSalvo said he and his family grew to know and love the other residents as well as the friendly, caring staff.

“Serving on the board is my way of giving back to San Jose Apartments for the impact it made on my dad’s life,” DeSalvo said. “What we are doing now is trying to raise the awareness and support of senior housing in our diocese. Pat Thornton and Rita Joost, long-serving board members whom we lost this year, serve as inspiration for our board to work even harder to make sure it will happen.”

In addition to the Bishop John J. Snyder Center, the Hobart H. Joost Center serves residents at Hurley apartments and a portion of the former St. Monica’s Catholic School serves Barry residents.

The amenities provide social and fellowship activities, including potlucks and daily game nights. Residents also are provided coffee and other beverages in those facilities.

The locations also provide space where residents can acquire many of the social services they need, including finding help with Medicare issues. St. Vincent’s sends a mobile health unit to the Snyder center regularly.

The needs are real, Ballard added, but are not covered in HUD funding or by the diocese.

“Most of our residents are very low-income. Some are living just on Social Security, from which they pay rent



WOODY HUBAND

■ Mary Jo Myers in her apartment at San Jose II.


and medical expenses,” she said. “That’s why we do so many potlucks.”

Myers added another benefit: Eucharistic ministers often come to serve communion to residents who cannot make it to church.

“People are just so warm and welcoming,” Myers said. “There are card games and bingo every night, too. I never feel alone.”

And that’s why they are raising awareness among Catholics in the region to generate interest in, and the giving of time, talents and finances to senior residents of the four facilities.

Myers said she is grateful to those who help make the facilities possible.


“I looked at several different senior facilities,” she said. “This just outshines them all.” 

► For more information on how to give and volunteer, contact Alma Ballard, Family Housing Management Co., Inc., at (904) 632-1255.

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■ Marywood staff, from left, Shawn Jamerson, Christina Cannon, Victor Mearini, Ansley Beaver, Patrick Kahn, Matthew Achorn, Alexandria Dunbar, Nicole McCarter, Kevin Leal and Arthur Irwin.

# MARYWOOD

## A Hidden Gem

BY LILLA ROSS

**G**EOERGE HODGES SR., wouldn't recognize the place, and neither will people who have spent time at Marywood Retreat and Conference Center.

The property is in the final stages of a year-long renovation so Marywood can expand its marketing reach for weekend retreats, business meetings, weddings, and other social events.

“Marywood has been underutilized. It’s a hidden gem, and the diocese thought we could do more with it,” said Executive Director Matt Achorn, who brings years of experience in the food and beverage industry, having worked at Epping Forest Yacht Club and The Bolles School.

The 100 acres along the St. Johns

River in St. Johns County was originally the estate of the Hodges, who built the mansion in 1939 with a deep-water dock.

Bishop Joseph P. Hurley bought it in 1958 with plans to open a summer camp.

Camp St. John opened the following year. Over the years, it has played many roles. In the 1960s, it was home to Cuban refugees; in the 1970s, it was used for a Job Corps program.

Since the 1980s, it has been home to Camp I Am Special, week-long summer camps for children



■ The chapel at Marywood seats up to 74 people.

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■ Marywood's grounds span 100 acres.

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with disabilities. Last year, the old swimming pool, which opened in 1961, was replaced with a modern aquatic center.

Under Bishop John J. Snyder, the rest of the property began its metamorphosis into “a gathering place for the faithful.”

Over the years, thousands of Catholics attended Cursillo, Engaged Encounter, Search retreats for young people and group retreats for priests, religious and parishes. In 1984, a team from the Montfort Community moved to the mansion to offer retreats and spiritual direction.

In 1989, the property was refurbished and dedicated as Marywood Retreat and Conference Center, and for the next 30 years was used by diocesan and other groups.

Bishop Felipe Estévez authorized the current renovation so Marywood could be marketed more widely.

The Kelly Center has been renovated with a larger kitchen and dining area and a professional chef. The 59 guest rooms have been enclosed in three villas with hotel-style rooms. The driveway has been widened, and by this fall a new parking lot will be added, and the area landscaped.

Achorn is especially proud of the expanded kitchen and dining room, designed with flexibility in mind to handle small groups or large events for up to 230.

The 12-person staff is responsible for scheduling, catering, banquet preparations, and the kitchen.

“We work hard, nights and weekends,” Achorn said. “It’s really a labor of love for the team.”

With its oak-shaded riverfront ambiance, Marywood has become a popular venue for weddings, showers and anniversary parties.

“We are holy land so we can have outdoor weddings, and the chapel

accommodates about 130 people,” Achorn said.

Marywood is getting rave reviews on the wedding planning website The Knot.

Hannah S. wrote: “My husband and I had already booked another reception venue, but when they had to cancel the booking due to renovations, we were sent in a scramble. Marywood came to mind, and I am so glad that it did! They were able to accommodate our larger wedding (about 300), and they did it with ease! We didn’t think we would end up with a waterfront reception!”

And from Kelsey D.: “This venue has it all, a church, reception hall, hotel rooms all on the same property!”

The reviews on The Knot have been good publicity, Achorn said, but most of their business is coming from word of mouth and repeat business.

“Every event brings in more business,” he said. “We’ll have a wedding, and they’ll come back for a graduation party and then a baby shower.”

Achorn also is trying to attract corporate events. For instance, a realtors group recently used one of the four conference rooms for a meeting followed by lunch.

And, as always, Marywood is still a place for worship, retreat, and renewal for parishes and religious organizations and social events for groups like the Knights of Columbus and Order of Malta.

“It’s important that we keep the spirituality of the property,” Achorn said.

While most religious events are Catholic, Marywood is open to all faiths and has hosted its first bar mitzvah party, he said.

“This is an entity of hospitality. It’s very simple,” Achorn said. “Our goal is to provide high quality service, high quality food, and high quality ambiance.” 🕊

■ The grounds overlook the St. Johns River.

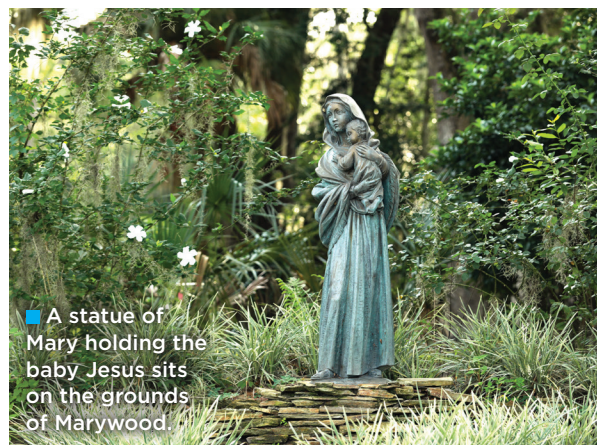


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■ Casa del Rio is the original historic home built by George Hodges, Sr.

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■ A statue of Mary holding the baby Jesus sits on the grounds of Marywood.

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■ Alaina Allison was part of the St. Joseph Academy mission trip to Belize in 2019.

BRYAN OTT

## PROFILES OF FAITH – CATHOLICS ON A MISSION

BY LILLA ROSS

**In November 1919, as the world emerged from the “useless slaughter” of World War I, Pope Benedict XV issued the apostolic letter *Maximum Illud*, calling for the church to revive a concern for the least fortunate throughout the world and a sense of duty to the missions.**

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis has declared October 2019 an Extraordinary Mission Month. Pope Francis reminds us that the Gospel mandate to “go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15) is not an option for the people of the church. The church is missionary in its very nature; it exists to evangelize. We are all called to preach the Gospel with words and especially actions, and to intentionally work to bring people to Christ. Our concern in this mission knows no geographic nor cultural boundaries.

In the pages that follow, we would like to hold up those within our diocese who have answered this missionary call in a powerful way. We are thankful for the inspiration they give us to preach the Gospel and give a Christian witness “to the ends of the Earth.” (Acts 1:8)

– Deacon Bryan Ott, diocesan director of the Missionary Childhood Association and Pontifical Mission Societies

### TIM GARVEY

■ Dentist Tim Garvey, a parishioner at St. Patrick in Gainesville, says his passion for mission work started in 1987 with a casual invitation from a colleague to accompany him on a mission trip to perform dental work in the Dominican Republic.

“What he was accomplishing was extraordinary,” Garvey said. “He was helping people who wouldn’t get help any other way.”

Garvey was hooked. He’s been providing dental services in the Dominican Republic and Haiti for 32 years.

A Dominican Republic parish spreads the word and makes arrangements for Garvey and a team of about three dozen dentists and volunteers, faculty and students from the University of Florida.

“It’s very rural, no electric or clean water. We work for five days and do surgery on 700 to 750 people,” Garvey said. “It’s amazing. You look at how they live, and you think, I’ve got nothing to complain about.”

A few years ago, some doctors came home so fired up, they put together something permanent. The group now works out of a small clinic built at the parish and supplied with donated equipment.

Garvey’s also been to Haiti a half dozen times, once with Queen of Peace Parish in Gainesville and once on his own.

“I went down to Port au Prince to work with a dentist who became a Franciscan priest. On Sunday morning, we had Mass outdoors for a couple of hundred people. Then we made peanut butter sandwiches and powdered milk for lunch and then took teeth out that afternoon,” Garvey said. “It was great.”

He also does free clinics in North Florida, including one in November at St. Patrick’s, for people who can’t afford access to dental care. “You don’t have to go around the world. You can go across the street,” he said.

And it’s not just dental work. Garvey has arranged for the donation of surplus liturgical vestments and other religious items to parishes in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and after the hurricane, in Puerto Rico.



■ Dr. Tim Garvey

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■ Shirley Anderson

### SHIRLEY ANDERSON

■ Shirley Anderson says she fell in love with St. Mary, Mother of God mission in Bunnell in 1955 as she and her husband were driving past on their way to their new home in Daytona Beach. “It was in my heart the first time I saw that little church,” she said.

They moved to Bunnell in 1980, and Anderson wasted no time getting involved in the parish. Her model was Antoinette Slovak, a longtime member in her 80s.

“She was the one they counted on to do things,” said Anderson. “But she told me, ‘I just can’t do this anymore.’ So, I stepped up,” said Shirley.

Over the years, she’s worked many areas: parish council, Eucharistic minister, lector, Renew, minister to the homebound. But her signature contribution is the thrift store.

She started holding rummage sales twice a year for the building fund. Then in 1994, after the parish moved into its new building, she asked the pastor for permission to use the old parish hall as a thrift store. It has since moved into a new, bigger building.

St. Mary’s thrift store is open Thursday through Saturday, staffed by volunteers and stocked with donations.

“We have a lot of everything – clothing, household items, books, crafts, shoes,” she said.

They lack space for larger items, such as furniture, so they keep a list of people’s needs, she said.

Anderson said they try to find a home for everything that comes into the shop.

“Our shelves are stocked with quality goods at affordable prices; and for those in need, their needs are met.”

Household items and clothing have been shared with farmworkers, a homeless shelter in Gainesville and other community organizations.

Anderson said she grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania, the elder girl of a family of seven and went on to a career in nursing.

“I’ve always taken care of people and helped people out,” she said. “I don’t know any other way of life except to follow Jesus.”

### FLORITA CORRALES

■ Florita Corrales fed the hungry in her native Colombia, but when she moved to Jacksonville in 2010, it took her nearly seven years to continue that ministry with a group called Servants of the Servant at Blessed Trinity Parish in Jacksonville.

“I have always had it in my heart. It is a love for them,” Corrales said. “But when I moved here, I didn’t know how to do it. I was afraid to go downtown. It is so different in this country.”

She started small with two or three people and has grown to about 10 people, including young people preparing for their confirmation.

“We go downtown with coffee and sandwiches,” she said. “The main thing is to have eye contact, hug them, listen to them, give them love. That’s the main reason.”

Donations come from parishioners and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The little group has had to move from place to place downtown. They started at the Jacksonville Landing and then moved to Hemming Park but each time the police said they had to move. They now are serving from the parking lot at Main and Monroe streets.

Every Sunday at 7:30 a.m., they meet in the parking lot at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Parish, where they assemble for prayer. Then they go to a parking lot at Main and Monroe streets where they set up tables to serve water, coffee, sandwiches, bananas and pass out toiletries, t-shirts, towels, socks and shoes. Then they close with a scripture reading and a prayer.

“The people are very respectful,” she said. “It’s wonderful. It’s good for the soul.”



■ Florita Corrales

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■ John and Annie McCranie

### ANNIE AND JOHN MCCRANIE

■ When John McCranie retired from the Air Force in 1996, he and his wife, Annie, were ready to settle down. During his career, they had moved 26 times. They settled in John's hometown of Jacksonville and joined St. Matthew Parish.

A St. Vincent de Paul Society conference was getting organized, and they got involved. "They told us we would be asked to do food deliveries and home visits," Annie said. "We weren't sure about the home visits."

Then they got a call from the emergency volunteer coordinator about a family that needed a food delivery.

"When we drove up the mother and a little boy around four were waiting in the driveway. When my husband opened up the back, the little boy turned to his mother and said, 'oh look, mamma, food.' We both cried," Annie said.

"He jumped up in my arms," John said. "It was a beautiful thing."

The conference began with six people and has grown to 49. In the past 15 years, the service provided to those in need has expanded to include nursing home visits, prayer blanket distributions, purchasing of food and service at the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless. St Vincent de Paul ministries also provide financial assistance, as well as vouchers for clothing and furniture.

In 2011, the national society encouraged an outreach to young people, and the McCranies helped start the Minnie Vinnies at St. Matthew school.

In the fall the Minnie Vinnies have a Silver Penny War, a competition between the young and older classes to see how many coins can be donated to buy coats for the homeless at the Sulzbacher Center. The winner gets a pizza party. The students also volunteer with Farm Share, making 720 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches twice a year for the homeless at St. Francis Soup Kitchen.

The McCranies also encourage new volunteers. Annie said she likes to remind people about the story in the Bible about the man robbed, beaten and left in a ditch.

"We see them in the ditch every day," she said. "They have been beaten by health, lack of opportunity, poverty, circumstances in life. We have the responsibility, and we can't turn away from that. We see the face of Christ in everyone we serve."

### BOB HART

■ Bob Hart says it's easy to get lost in the numbers when talking about the Sister Parish ministry at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Sister Parish, founded in 2012, is a partnership between Our Lady Star of the Sea and San Antonio de Padua Parish in San Antonio de Guerra, Dominican Republic.

Hundreds of people – doctors, nurses, students, families, seminarians and even the bishop – have volunteered. They have provided health care for 6,000 and built 10 chapels, 60 houses and two schools.

But Hart said the most important part of Sister Parish can't be measured in statistics.

"It's the depth and transformational value of personal encounter over and over again," Hart said.

The Americans, the Dominicans and Haitians find "a special place in the laughter or tears, the hugs and quiet time. There's a real encounter."

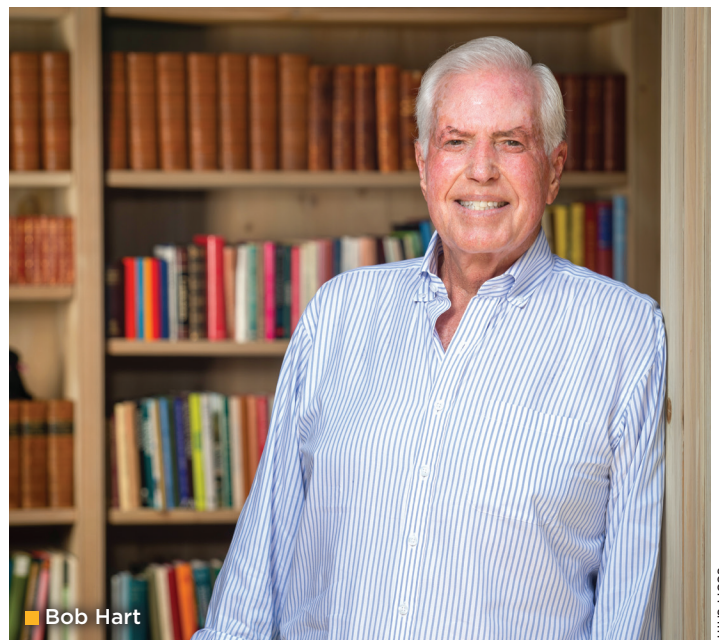
Hart said some people who make the trip start with the attitude that they're going "to do something nice" for less fortunate people, altruistic tourism.

"It's kind of cynical, but then they have their personal experience and all that cynicism disappears," he said.

An attorney spent 45 minutes in silence holding the hand of an elderly lady and said it was one of the most profound things he had done in 15 years, Hart said.

Hart has recently published a book about the ministry called *Encountering Joy*, which is available on Amazon, with contributions from a variety of people involved in the ministry.

"It's touched a lot of people in our diocese who have experienced the true meaning of missionary encounter," Hart said. "It's not to change the world. It's to experience the change within." 🕊



■ Bob Hart

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## THE DISH ON WORKING TOGETHER

BY MICHELLE DIFRANCO

### SPANISH PAELLA

- 4-6** skinless chicken thighs, seasoned with salt and pepper
- 2** chorizo sausages, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1** pound raw, peeled shrimp
- ½** pound raw sea scallops or chopped calamari
- 10-12** littleneck clams or mussels (in the shell), scrubbed
- 1** (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
- 2-3** red, yellow, orange or green bell peppers, sliced into strips
- ½** cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1** medium to large onion, chopped
- 5-6** cloves minced garlic, pinch of crushed red pepper (or more for added heat)
- 1** teaspoon Spanish saffron
- 4** cups chicken stock or broth
- 2-3** tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2** cups white rice, salt and pepper to taste
- ½** cup chopped parsley, lemon wedges for serving

#### DIRECTIONS:

In a paella pan (or large sauté pan or wok), heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the chorizo and chicken until browned. Remove and set aside for later.

In the same pan, add 1-2 tablespoons (more) oil and sauté peppers, onions and parsley for 5-6 minutes (on medium-high heat). Add tomatoes

and cook until peppers are tender and onions slightly caramelize. Fold in the rice, crushed red pepper and garlic, and stir until the grains are well coated. Add the chicken stock and saffron. Give mixture a quick stir and bring to boil. Simmer for 15-20 minutes, carefully moving pan around until the rice absorbs most of the liquid. Add the chorizo and chicken. Add clams, followed by shrimp and scallops (in that order/waiting about a minute between each ingredient). At this point, you can cover and cook for an additional 8-10 minutes or when the clams (or mussels) have opened. Gently fold in peas and continue to simmer until rice looks fluffy and moist. Serve with lemon wedges and a garnish of parsley



SHANE FOLKERTSMA

**A**S A WIFE AND MOM, I find that sacrifice can be broken down into two categories. The first is the kind that is solely for the benefit of your spouse. Whether large or small, it is very selfless. Like when I forfeit the TV remote so he can change from HGTV, which I love, to People Caught On Tape Hurting Themselves By Doing Stupid Things or whatever it's called, which he loves. Or, conversely, when he forgoes guy-time with his friend whom he hasn't seen in months to help me with a project that I know he wishes I had not begun.

The second is the kind that spouses do together for the benefit of the home, the kids or another person. These collaborative sacrifices can become great blessings in disguise since they seem to reinforce and bolster the bonds of marriage as well as deepen our relationship with Christ. They give us (as a couple) a common purpose, so we, in turn, learn to become

SHANE FOLKERTSMA



mutually dependent and supportive toward each other for a common goal. Examples might include relinquishing a precious Saturday to visit an ill or elderly acquaintance together. Or something we're going to be doing in the near future, getting rid of our cable TV, so our children aren't exposed to inappropriate programming and racy ads.

Another example of the collaborative type happens at dinnertime. Don't get me wrong, my husband and I love to cook. But there is a big difference between fun, creative and leisurely experimentation in the kitchen and the mundane food preparation that happens on a routine basis for the family. I'll be frank: it can be a chore, and, thus, a small sacrifice made for their benefit. But when we work together in the kitchen, the burden of the job becomes a common goal and challenge. We operate like true partners.

Of all the meals my husband and I cook together, few have been as demanding, and rewarding, as paella. Paella is a Spanish rice dish that includes a lot of ingredients and preparation. I will be forthcoming in saying that it is one of the more involved recipes I've shared in this magazine. But it is totally worth the effort, as it results in a delicious combination of complex flavors and textures. Guests love it and our children devour it. And the sacrifice it demands (work, extra time and some cleanup) is as rewarding to us as the taste of the finished product.

My husband and I find that sacrificing for each other has long-term benefits. But sacrificing together for the benefit of others offers some immediate gratification. I encourage you to try this incredible dish sometime. And if you can tackle its preparation with your spouse or a family member for others to enjoy, it can be a labor of love that will benefit your relationship, as well as your palates. Enjoy! 🐦



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■ Jesuit Father Charles Gallagher, Ph.D.

In the coming year, the Diocese of St. Augustine celebrates its 150th anniversary with a variety of events. Jesuit Father Charles Gallagher, Ph.D., associate professor of history at Boston College, will be speaking about the early years of the diocese in a presentation entitled, *Plenty of Sunshine: Finding God in the Evangelical History the Diocese of St. Augustine*. His presentation is Nov. 4, 2019, as part of the Clergy Continuing Education Day at Marywood Retreat and Conference Center. A video of his talk will be available for public viewing.

He is the author of *Cross and Crozier, the History of the Diocese of St. Augustine*, 1999, and in 2008, he published *Vatican Secret Diplomacy: Joseph P. Hurley and Pope Pius XII* (New Haven: Yale University Press), which he was awarded the John Gilmary Shea Prize from the American Catholic historical Association.

Verot, a native of Le Puy, France, was a member of the Sulpician Order, whose mission is the education of priests. In 1830, as a young priest, Verot was sent as a missionary to teach at their seminary, St. Mary's in Baltimore, Md. He taught theology, philosophy, and science.

Verot was on the verge of retirement when in 1857 he was named a bishop and appointed vicar apostolic of Florida.

"Those types usually aren't sent out to be missionary bishops. They're book worms," Gallagher said.

"All of a sudden, he's assigned to be a missionary bishop in an immense territory," Gallagher said. "Traveling Florida by car is an all-day affair, I couldn't imagine doing it by horseback and making inroads with evangelization."

Verot had three priests to minister to 1,328 Catholics concentrated in North Florida and Key West. He immediately traveled to France and returned with seven priests.



■ Bishop Augustin Verot

## Historian Provides Insight into the First Bishop of St. Augustine

BY LILLA ROSS

**The first bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Augustin Verot, had the heart of a missionary, which would serve him well in 1870 when he became the shepherd of a far-flung flock that encompassed almost the entire state of Florida.**



For three centuries, the church had grown when Florida was a Spanish colony. But in 1821, the Spanish left when Florida was ceded to the United States, and the churches in St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Key West fell into poor repair.

Verot set about repairing the churches and building new ones in Fernandina Beach, Mandarin, Palatka, Tallahassee, and Tampa. He recruited the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy to open schools in St. Augustine for boys and girls.

In 1861, he was named bishop of Savannah and for the next decade oversaw two states that would be torn apart by the Civil War.

Verot also gained national prominence for taking a public stance in defense of slavery, which gained him the title of Rebel Bishop.

“He’s controversial in that way,” Gallagher said. “When he was labeled ‘Rebel Bishop,’ it wasn’t simply grounded in his political view of the confederacy but also his moral opinion on slavery.

“As unseemly as his position on slavery is to us today, Bishop Verot was in conformity with Pope Pius IX, who opposed the sudden abolition of slavery in favor of gradually seeking emancipation.” For the Pope, slavery was an unfortunate consequence of humanity’s flawed state, and of how original sin consistently nettles human history.

While a man of his times, “what’s perhaps beneficial from a Christian perspective is Verot’s view on being solicitous toward slaves,” Gallagher said. “He was one of the first to argue for the humane treatment of slaves as persons and argued for the sanctity of marriage rights among slaves.”

What’s puzzling is how a Frenchman came to his views on slavery. The French Revolution did

away with slavery. Slaves would not have been a part of Verot’s upbringing.

Gallagher thinks Verot’s views on slavery were part of his missionary integration into American Southern culture.

“Part of being an effective missionary is becoming grounded in the culture of your target population. You ‘go native.’ He would have had to make decisions about the institution of slavery.”

Retaining cultural views shaped by the French Revolution would have created serious conflicts for him living in Maryland, where the economy depended on slavery.

Gallagher also thinks Verot’s attitude about the humane treatment of slaves was influenced by the Spanish style, which had a more fluid system of slave rights.

Verot took his stand on slavery on the eve of the Civil War and the ensuing four years saw him traveling on foot and horseback across two states ministering to Union and Confederate, slave and free. He even spent time at the infamous Confederate prisoner of war camp in Andersonville, S.C.

After the war, this proponent of slavery became an advocate for the education of slaves, recruiting the Sisters of St. Joseph from his hometown to open schools for black children.

He also had to rebuild churches, especially Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville and St. Michael’s in Fernandina Beach, which had been sacked and burned by Union troops.

And, for the rest of his life, he evangelized the state of Florida.

“He’s pretty savvy,” Gallagher said. “He knows he needs to go south, central and north. He’s foreshadowing the geographic regionalism that is still known in Florida today with Miami, Orlando, and Jacksonville.”

Verot had just completed an exhaustive tour of the state in 1876 when he died. He left behind a more vibrant diocese with 11 priests, 20 parishes and six schools to serve 10,000 Catholics.

He foresaw more growth ahead and wrote shortly before his death, “Honest, industrious settlers, furnished with a reasonable capital, can scarcely meet with failure.”

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■ Father Charles Gallagher teaches history at Boston College.

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# 50 YEARS OF CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP IN FLORIDA

BY SAVANNA KEARNEY

**O**N FEB. 1, 1969, Bishop Paul F. Tanner of the Diocese of St. Augustine, alongside four other Florida bishops, established the Florida Catholic Conference. Fifty years later, the Tallahassee-based conference is still speaking out on public policy and advocating for the common good.

Now the FCC's board of directors is comprised of the bishops and archbishops of the seven Florida dioceses. The conference acts as a nonpartisan liaison between the Catholic Church and the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

In 2012, the Florida Catholic Conference was organized under the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB). Although the FCC is still the primary entity for coordinating within the church across the Province of Miami, the longstanding political work now comes through the FCCB.

The conference's work can be organized into a few main issues: life, health, education, and family and social concerns. For a full list of the FCC's current top priority issues under these four categories,

visit [www.flaccb.org/public-policy-priorities](http://www.flaccb.org/public-policy-priorities).

"I would say that a key part of the vision for the conference is providing Catholics in Florida with an opportunity to exercise their political responsibility in a good way," said Michael Sheedy, executive director of FCC.

One way that the conference carries this out is through events that gather Catholics from all parts of Florida to advocate for important issues. One such event is Catholic Days at the Capitol, which allows Catholics to convene in Tallahassee where they partake in meetings with lawmakers, view the legislative process in action, tour historic capitol buildings and advocate for imperative Catholic topics. The culmination of this event is the Red Mass, which is concelebrated by the bishops of

Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. The next Catholic Days at the Capitol will be Jan. 28-29, 2020.

Another important event by the FCC is the Florida Respect Life Conference, which will be hosted by our diocese Oct. 11-12. Visit [www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference](http://www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference) for details.

A lot has changed in the past five decades, but the Florida Catholic Conference has managed to stay consistent with Catholic values while also evolving to stay up to date with current policies.

"In 2019, and as we look to 2020, we still hope to provide alternatives to abortion, and to promote the health and safety of women and their unborn children, as well as concern about the death penalty," said Sheedy.

With regards to education, the FCC advocates for a strong system of public schools, parental empowerment and choice in education. When it comes to health care, Sheedy said that the environment was a big priority this year. Other areas of concern included criminal justice, juvenile justice reform and

■ (Facing page) From left, Michael Sheedy, Auxiliary Bishop Enrique Delgado of Miami, Bishop Gerald Barbarito of Palm Beach, Bishop Felipe Estévez of St. Augustine, Bishop Gregory Parkes of St. Petersburg, Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, Bishop John Noonan of Orlando, Bishop Frank DeWane of Venice, Bishop William Wack of Pensacola-Tallahassee and Bishop Peter Baldacchino, who is now bishop of Las Cruces.

addressing immigration at the federal level rather than state level.

And according to Sheedy, the FCC has made quite a bit of progress, not just since its establishment, but in recent years as well.

“I think we have definitely expanded resources for alternatives to abortion. We also had a big hand in passing legislation – that is currently working its way towards the courts – that could potentially roll back the decision that gave more rights to abortion than exist in the U.S. Constitution here in Florida,” he said.

The conference, Florida bishops, and school superintendents have led the way towards Florida being among national leaders in promoting school choice for parents and families, as well as having some of the most robust school programs and participation.

“We’re kind of a small group, but we continue to have more influence than maybe our size would dictate. It’s probably a credit to our consistency in being

nonpartisan and principled. As Bishop Thomas Wenski once said, ‘we punch above our weight,’” said Sheedy.

There are a few important pillars that the FCC was based on 50 years ago that still ring true today. The conference hopes to gather dioceses at the regional level to work together to address important pastoral needs. The conference also recognizes the vocation of the laity – the fact that laypeople are called to sanctify the world. And lastly, that the church recognizes its desire for solidarity with the world.

“They realized that loving our neighbor includes participating actively for the good of society,” said Sheedy. “And that’s what we’ve been able to do for these many years.”

For more information on the Florida Catholic Conference, visit [www.flacathconf.org](http://www.flacathconf.org). For more information on the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, visit [www.flaccb.org](http://www.flaccb.org).



■ The late Thomas A. Horkan, Jr., FCC's first executive director.

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# Diocese to Host 33rd Annual Florida Respect Life Conference

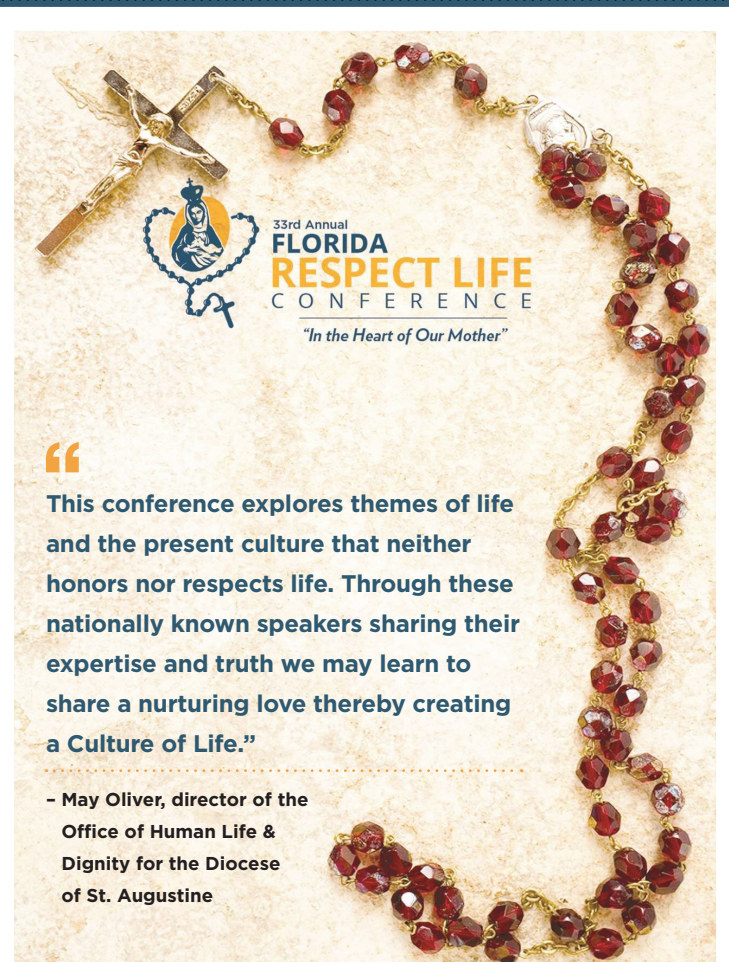
**FOR 32 YEARS** the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has put on the Florida Respect Life Conference, rotating the location between the seven dioceses of Florida. The statewide conference features a variety of speakers on different life issues, such as abortion, adoptions, the death penalty and end-of-life care.

This year, the conference will be held in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Oct. 11-12, and the theme is *In the Heart of Our Mother*.

The conference will kick off Friday evening at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. Bishop William Wack of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a talk by Dr. Mary Soha, vice-postulator for the cause of Antonion Cuipa and companions, the Martyrs of La Florida.

On Saturday, track one will begin at 9 a.m. at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in the St. Enda of Aran Formation Center. An incredible lineup of speakers awaits, including Robert Raspa, a family physician at St. Vincent Medical Center, Ron Wright, Jr., an exonerated death row survivor and member of Witness to Innocence, Star Parker, director of Center for Urban Renewal and Education, and many more.


A separate youth event will be held on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Hall of the St. Anastasia campus. Speakers include Megan Almon of the Life Training



“  
This conference explores themes of life and the present culture that neither honors nor respects life. Through these nationally known speakers sharing their expertise and truth we may learn to share a nurturing love thereby creating a Culture of Life.”

— May Oliver, director of the  
Office of Human Life &  
Dignity for the Diocese  
of St. Augustine

Institute, Ryan Neuhaus of Students for Life Florida, plus a concert by Sean Forrest.

Registration is as follows: \$75 for individuals, \$60 for students, and \$140 for married couples. The deadline to register is Sept. 20. To register, visit [www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference/](http://www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference/). 

**If you have any questions, contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity at (904) 262-3200, ext. 159 or [moliver@dosafl.com](mailto:moliver@dosafl.com).**

■ To prepare for the Florida Respect Life Conference, the diocese will also host its first ever Rosary Congress. For eight days, across nine different parishes throughout the diocese, parishioners will partake in Masses for Life, continuous adoration and hourly rosaries. A hand-painted banner of Our Lady Mother of the Eucharist will be blessed by Bishop Estévez and carried around the diocese as well. The banner will include an envelope where parishioners can place their hand-written intentions.

- **Friday, Sept. 27**, at 8 a.m., Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, St. Augustine
- **Saturday, Sept. 28**, at 8 a.m., Assumption Catholic Church, Jacksonville
- **Sunday, Sept. 29**, at 2:30 p.m., St. Augustine Catholic Church, Gainesville
- **Monday, Sept. 30**, at 9 a.m., Corpus Christi Catholic Church, St. Augustine
- **Monday, Sept. 30**, at 8 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, Jacksonville
- **Tuesday, Oct. 1**, at 9 a.m., St. Catherine of Sienna, Orange Park

- **Wednesday, Oct. 2**, at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church
- **Thursday, Oct. 3**, at 8 a.m., Christ the King Catholic Church, Jacksonville
- **Friday, Oct. 4**, at 8:30 a.m., Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, High Springs

Twenty-four hours of continuous adoration begins at the conclusion of each Mass, with rosaries prayed every hour. For details or to sign up for an adoration hour, contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity at (904) 262-3200, ext. 159 or [moliver@dosafl.com](mailto:moliver@dosafl.com).



### Resurrection Parish Celebrates 60 Years

Although Resurrection was originally founded as a mission in 1958, it quickly outgrew its mission status and was elevated to a parish in 1959.

In 1962, under the leadership of Father Matthew Connolly, the parish school opened in 1962 with 89 students. And in 1978, Bishop Paul Tanner officiated at the groundbreaking for a new church, which was dedicated the following year. The parish has since been through a few renovations, but six decades later, the parishioners have remained a constant.

Under current pastor, Father Peter Akin-Otiko, the parish has been celebrating this milestone anniversary throughout the year. They kicked off with a special Easter Mass and have been holding monthly events to “Remember, Recommit and Rejoice.” In July they held a Mass and candle procession to remember deceased parishioners, in September, they recommitted with a ministry fair and walk for the poor, and on Friday, Oct. 11, the parish will rejoice with a gala and potluck at 6 p.m.

The final anniversary event will be a 60th celebration closing lunch after the 11 a.m. Mass. For details, call (904) 744-0833.



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### Catholic Charities Jacksonville Finds a New Home

The Jacksonville Regional Office of Catholic Charities is moving from the Providence Center at 134 East Church Street to the nearby Jessie Ball duPont Center on 40 E. Adams Street in downtown Jacksonville. Catholic Charities will continue providing services at their current location until they move to the nonprofit complex sometime in October.

“The move will save the agency money on rent and enable Catholic Charities to provide more outreach to people in need,” said Anita Hassell, CEO and diocesan director of Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc.

Hassell said the duPont complex houses several non-profit organizations, which will provide them with a better opportunity for collaboration. In addition, there are dedicated classrooms for the agency’s Work Force job training program, and



the complex is better equipped with technology.

The relocation of Catholic Charities is part of a larger plan for the Providence Center, which currently houses the diocesan operations of Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., Catholic Family Housing, which manages five low-

income senior apartments, and the Multicultural Ministry. And since the Providence Center opened its doors in 1986, the Diocese of St. Augustine has provided support in the way of free rent and insurance to the St. Francis Soup Kitchen, a non-diocesan volunteer-operated facility.

“It is a wise business decision and good stewardship that we seek new options for the Providence Center,” said Deacon David Williams, chancellor for the diocese.

“The cost to maintain and operate the center has become too expensive,” he said.

In April, Catholic Charities moved their food bank to the former St. Pius V Catholic School, located in Durkeeville of North Jacksonville, to meet the needs of their clients.

The remaining diocesan offices and the St. Francis Soup Kitchen will have until the end of the year to find a new location for their ministry. In the meantime, the diocese is exploring options for the reuse of Providence Center – options that will continue to address the needs of our residents.

## Bishop Celebrates White Mass for Medical Professionals

The St. Gianna Guild of North Central Florida Catholic Medical Association is proud to present the 8th Annual White Mass in honor of St. Luke, a physician, celebrated by Bishop Felipe Estévez. The event, held Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine, will begin with a rosary at 3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m.

So named for the color worn by medical professionals, the White Mass' origin comes from the national Catholic Medical Association in the early 1930s. For this specific Mass, under the patronage of Our Lady of La Leche and St. Gianna, Catholic physicians, medical students and residents, healthcare professionals, and healing ministers come together to serve Christ through the medical profession and pray to be able to faithfully fulfill their vocation like St. Luke.



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■ Members of Galveston-Houston's large health profession community pray during the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese's annual White Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston Oct. 20.

The St. Gianna Guild of North Central Florida was established in 2012 and is one of seven Florida guilds. If you are interested in learning more about this event or in helping to establish a Jacksonville guild, contact Dr. Angeli Akey at [stgiannaguildfl@gmail.com](mailto:stgiannaguildfl@gmail.com).



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■ The Chris Thomas Band performed at the 2016 Festival d'Vine.

## 16th Annual Festival d'Vine

All are invited to participate in Catholic Charities' 16th Annual Festival d'Vine, where you can enjoy delicious food and wine while raising money to transform lives.

The event will be held Friday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. in Treaty Oak Park in San Marco, Jacksonville. Dishes from the area's best restaurants will be served alongside samples of wine from across the globe. There will also be craft beer, music, dancing and more. Early bird tickets are \$75 until Sept. 30, and young professional tickets are \$50. The event will be held rain or shine.

Over the past 15 years, this signature event has raised nearly \$1 million for Catholic Charities. Thanks to Festival d'Vine, last year alone, Catholic Charities' six programs served more than 18,756 people throughout the diocese.

Visit [www.ccbjax.org/events/festival-dvine-2019](http://www.ccbjax.org/events/festival-dvine-2019) to purchase tickets. Email [nbarnack@ccbjax.org](mailto:nbarnack@ccbjax.org) for details.

## A 'Night in Havana' Raises Funds for Morning Star

Spend an evening in Old Havana at Morning Star School's Eighth Annual Gala & Auction Saturday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. in the Haskell Building in Riverside.

Tickets are \$75 per person and includes a night of Cuban-inspired tapas and cocktails, casino games, dancing, cigars, an auction and more.

All the proceeds help children with

learning differences and intellectual disabilities. Funds from this year's Gala are directed towards Morning Star's Annual Fund which "bridges the gap" between the actual cost to educate a child with learning differences and/or intellectual disabilities and the average tuition. The current school year "gap" is \$2,450 per child. Your participation supports tuition assistance for families in need, technology, educational tools, field trips and so much more. Morning Star School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contact Maria Johnson, director of development at



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■ The 2018 Morning Star Gala and Auction's theme was "Cinco de Mayo."

[development@morningstar-jax.org](mailto:development@morningstar-jax.org) to discuss how you can help.

To buy tickets or purchase a sponsorship, visit [morningstar-jax.org/gala-auction/](http://morningstar-jax.org/gala-auction/).



## Anniversary Celebration Highlights Wedding Milestones

Couples celebrating a 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or more wedding anniversary during 2019 are invited to

attend a special celebration with Bishop Felipe Estévez on Saturday, November 23. Noon Mass and reception to follow at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A S., St. Augustine. Register by November 15 at [family.dosafl.com](http://family.dosafl.com) or contact the Office of Family Life, at (904) 289-3200, ext. 289 or [familylife@dosafl.com](mailto:familylife@dosafl.com).

## Sisters of St. Joseph Celebrate Jubilees



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Catherine Blitzer



■ Sister  
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■ Sister Thomas  
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■ Sister  
Alexius Murray



■ Sister  
Beatrice Sullivan



■ Sister  
Margaret Zapf

Seven Sisters of St. Joseph will celebrate milestone anniversaries of religious life at a special Jubilee Mass, Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. A reception will follow at 241 St. George Street, St. Augustine.

Sister St. Margaret Zapf will celebrate 85 years; Sister Thomas Joseph McGoldrick will celebrate 75 years; Sister Mary Alexius Murray and Sister Mary Beatrice Sullivan will celebrate 70 years; and Sister Catherine Bitzer, Sister Mary Kathleen Clark, and Sister Kathleen Power will celebrate 60 years of service.



## 6th Annual Faith Formation Day in Gainesville

The Office of Christian Formation is proud to present its Sixth Annual Western Faith Formation Day on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Gainesville.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the day begins with opening prayer and remarks at 10 a.m.

Registrants can choose from three catechetical options: Basic Certification with Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Bea Caulson, Incarnating the Kerygma with Vincent Reilly, or Fostering Mature Discipleship for a Lifetime with Dennis J. Johnson.

To register, visit [form.jotform.com/92023830318147](http://form.jotform.com/92023830318147). For details, contact Erin McGeever at [emcgeeve@dosafl.com](mailto:emcgeeve@dosafl.com) or (904) 262-3200, ext. 118.

## SEPTEMBER 11

### Blessing of Homeschool Families Mass & Dinner

All homeschool families of the diocese are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Father Peter Atkin-Otiko, followed by dinner in the parish hall. 5 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, Jacksonville. For details, call (904) 262-3200, ext. 118 or email [emcgeever@dosafll.com](mailto:emcgeever@dosafll.com)

## SEPTEMBER 12-NOVEMBER 14

### Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends Seminar

A 10-week seminar for the healing of those adjusting to the end of a love relationship through separation, divorce, abandonment, or death. Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Holy Family Parish Life Center, Jacksonville. Call (904) 262-3200, ext. 289 to register

## SEPTEMBER 13-15

### The Evangelizing Parish Program

The Office of Christian Formation invites all parish ministers and clergy for a three-day series of workshops in collaboration with Liturgy Training Publications at the Wisdom Center at Marywood Retreat & Conference Center. Register at [form.jotform.com/91924015811149](http://form.jotform.com/91924015811149). For details, call (904) 262-3200, ext. 118 or email [emcgeever@dosafll.com](mailto:emcgeever@dosafll.com)

## SEPTEMBER 14

### Rise Up

An evening of food trucks, a free concert, an inspirational message by Katie Prejean McGrady. Food trucks open at 4:30 p.m., events starts at 6:30 p.m., Parker Auditorium at The Bolles School (Bartram Campus). Visit [riseupyc.org](http://riseupyc.org) to get your free ticket

## SEPTEMBER 14

### Life in the Spirit Seminar & Healing Prayer

Come let the Holy Spirit kindle in us the fire of his love with a retreat presented by the Marian Servants of the Blessed Sacrament with speakers Tom & Jean Marie Edwards. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 6070 Church Rd., Elkton. For details, contact Diane Hemsoth at [dhemsoth@comcast.net](mailto:dhemsoth@comcast.net) or (904) 814-8499

## SEPTEMBER 14-15

### Living in Love Retreat

An energizing retreat workshop for husbands and wives. Saturday begins at 8 a.m. and includes breakfast and dinner. Sunday begins with 8 a.m. Mass and concludes by 4 p.m. Blessed Trinity Parish, 10472 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. Call Kathy

or Ron Feher at (610) 506-7958 or (484) 366-6102 for details

## SEPTEMBER 18

### Luncheon for Life

Enjoy a free luncheon and discuss pro-life topics with speaker Karin Barbito. 11:30 a.m., Marywood Retreat Center, 235 Marywood Dr., St. Johns. For details, contact May Oliver at (904) 262-3200, ext. 159 or [hld@dosafll.com](mailto:hld@dosafll.com)

## SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 4

### 2019 Rosary Congress

Prepare for the Florida Respect Life Conference with eight days of perpetual adoration and hourly rosaries throughout the diocese. For a full list of parishes and dates, visit [www.dosafll.com/respectlife](http://www.dosafll.com/respectlife). For details, contact May Oliver at (904) 674-4412 or [moliver@dosafll.com](mailto:moliver@dosafll.com)

## SEPTEMBER 27

### Christus Vivit - Christ is Alive Workshop

The Office of Youth and Young Adult ministries is hosting a workshop facilitated by Katie Prejean McGrady for priests, youth ministers, DREs and anyone who accompanies youth and young adults, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Robin Shipley at (904) 262-3200, ext. 189 or [rshipley@dosafll.com](mailto:rshipley@dosafll.com)

## SEPTEMBER 28

### 6th Annual Western Faith Formation Day

Speakers include Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Bea Caulson, Vincent Reilly, and Dennis J. Johnson. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Queen of Peace Parish, Gainesville. To register, visit [form.jotform.com/92023830318147](http://form.jotform.com/92023830318147). For details, contact Erin McGeever at (904) 262-3200, ext. 118 or [emcgeever@dosafll.com](mailto:emcgeever@dosafll.com)

## SEPTEMBER 28

### Morning Star School 8th Annual Gala & Auction

Theme: "Havana Nights," tickets cost \$75 and include tapas, cocktails, Casino games, dancing, cigars and fun auction items. 100 percent of funds help children with learning and intellectual disabilities. 6 p.m., Haskell Building, 111 Riverside, Ave., Jacksonville. Email [development@morningstar-jax.org](mailto:development@morningstar-jax.org) for details

## OCTOBER 4

### Mass for St. Francis of Assisi

Bishop Felipe Estévez invites the faithful of the diocese to a Mass for the feast of St. Francis Assisi to highlight the martyrs who died on the mission grounds. 6 p.m., Mission Nombre de Dios. Call the shrine at (904) 824-2809 for details

## OCTOBER 4-6

### Retrouvaille

A marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a closer bond. Call Maggie and Ernie at (904) 662-8604 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for details

## OCTOBER 11

### Feast of Our Lady of La Leche

Activities will be held all day at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine to celebrate the feast day of the shrine's namesake. Call (904) 824-2809 for details. There will also be activities at the Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche to celebrate the feast day. Call (386) 454-2358 for details

## OCTOBER 11-12

### Florida Respect Life Conference

Theme: "In the Heart of Our Mother," 7 p.m., Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, 101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. track 1 begins, St. Anastasia Catholic Church. To register, visit [www.dosafll.com/respectlifeconference](http://www.dosafll.com/respectlifeconference) by Sept. 20. For details, contact May Oliver at (904) 674-4412 or [moliver@dosafll.com](mailto:moliver@dosafll.com)

## OCTOBER 13

### Télé Lumière Concert

Télé Lumière, the first and only Arabic-speaking Christian TV station in the Middle East, presents Tania Kassis, a multilingual, Lebanese singer with guest of honor, Bishop Felipe Estévez. 6 p.m., University of North Florida Robinson Theater Call Zeina Rizk at (904) 349-6548 for tickets

## OCTOBER 19

### It's Just Fun 10th Anniversary Celebration

It's Just Fun is a diocesan ministry for single Catholics age 35 and above. Enjoy music, dancing, appetizers, and drinks for just \$20. Theme: "The Roaring Twenties". 7 p.m., Holy Family Parish Hall, Jacksonville. Visit [www.itsjustfun.org](http://www.itsjustfun.org) for tickets and details

## OCTOBER 19

### White Mass

A Mass for doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals, celebrated by Bishop Felipe Estévez at 4 p.m., Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, 101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. For details, call the Shrine at (904) 824-2809



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**N**O ES RARO ver a personas con medallas de la Virgen María o escapularios marrones alrededor del cuello. Mientras que algunos podrían pensar que son sólo piezas de joyería, para otros, representan la práctica espiritual de la Consagración a Jesús a través de María. Mediante la Consagración Mariana, que puede llevar semanas o meses de preparación, una persona toma a la Virgen María como intercesora especial. Al final de la consagración, los participantes terminan siendo más conocedores de María, mejor equipados para mirarla como un modelo a seguir de santidad.

Si bien la Consagración Mariana se practica habitualmente por individuos o grupos pequeños, también puede ocupar un lugar a mayor escala. La Diócesis de San Agustín se está preparando para una Consagración Total de la diócesis a Jesús a través de María, que tendrá lugar el 11 de octubre del 2020, en la Misión Nombre de Dios en San Agustín como parte del 150 aniversario de la diócesis. El obispo Felipe Estévez confiará especialmente y consagrará toda la diócesis a Jesús a través de María, bajo el título de Nuestra Señora de La Leche. Consagraciones similares tienen una larga historia en la Iglesia, como cuando el Papa Benedicto XVI consagró a todos los sacerdotes al Inmaculado Corazón de Fátima, en mayo del 2010.

Para preparar a la diócesis para este evento histórico, se llevarán a cabo consagraciones individuales más pequeñas hasta octubre del 2019. Los tres eventos se llevarán a cabo el 11 de octubre a las 6 p.m. en el Santuario de Santa Fe de Nuestra

## TOTALMENTE SUYO

Permita que María transforme su vida a través de la Consagración Mariana

POR THOMAS CLARK

■ *The Virgin in Prayer* by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato



Señora de la Leche en High Springs; el 12 de octubre a las 10 a.m. en la Iglesia Católica de la Asunción en Jacksonville, y el 12 de octubre a las 4 p.m. en la Santa Iglesia Católica de Anastasia en San Agustín.

Noreen Thurson, profesora de religión del colegio Bishop Kenny y quien renueva su consagración anualmente, explica que la Consagración Mariana se inspira en las acciones de María en los Evangelios.

“La Consagración me recuerda que tengo un intercesor especial en nuestra Madre Bendita. Es útil recordar su palabra a los sirvientes de Caná: “Haz lo que Él te diga. Ellos siguieron sus instrucciones y todo salió bien”.

El Padre Bob Hoffman, un sacerdote de la diócesis recientemente ordenado, atribuye a la Consagración Mariana el haber jugado un papel importante en su vida. Como seminarista, escuchó sobre la Consagración Mariana de sacerdotes mayores, y completó la consagración poco antes de su ordenación.

“La devoción a la Madre Bendita es una parte indispensable de quiénes somos como católicos”, dijo el Padre Bob. “Reconocemos su papel en llevarnos siempre a una mejor relación con su Hijo”.

La Consagración Mariana no sólo es para clérigos o religiosos, sino que puede ser utilizado por católicos en cualquier etapa de la vida. Lola Martin, una recién graduada del colegio Bishop Kenny, y ahora estudiante de primer año en Florida State University, describió la profundización de su relación con María mientras estaba en la secundaria.

“Desde muy joven, siempre supe que los católicos deben tener una gran devoción a María, pero nunca supe el por qué”, dijo Martin. Un retiro a través de la Iglesia de la Asunción, le enseñó más sobre la devoción Mariana, embarcándose en una consagración usando el libro del Padre Michael Gaitley, 33 Días Hacia un Glorioso Amanecer.

Debido a que el proceso de consagración requiere reservar tiempo para la oración y la lectura, Martin recomendó tener a alguien que ayude durante el proceso.

“Siendo una joven estudiante que vivía en una ciudad completamente nueva, fue difícil, en ocasiones, establecer mis prioridades”, dijo. Ella comenzó una conversación grupal con amigos que también estaban involucrados en la

Consagración Mariana.

Liz Kennedy, feligrés de la Reina de la Paz en Gainesville, habla cómo la Consagración Mariana la fortaleció durante los tiempos difíciles. Hace varios años un huracán se acercaba a Florida justo cuando ella y su esposo se dirigían a la peregrinación a Fátima.

“No había combustible en las gasolineras, ni comida en los supermercados”, dijo Kennedy, a quien le preocupaba dejar a su hijo de 21 años a cargo de la casa durante la tormenta que se aproximaba. Pero sentí que esta peregrinación era algo que estaba llamada a hacer, y yo necesitaba confiar”.

Durante este tiempo, Kennedy dijo que ella sacó fuerza en la oración, particularmente del Rosario.

“Desde la infancia veía a mi abuela rezar el rosario, y ella me enseñó a rezar. . . A medida que maduraba en mi fe, quería entender el por qué”.

Pasar por una Consagración Mariana ha ayudado a desarrollar una relación más profunda con María. En su peregrinación a Fátima, Kennedy rezó el rosario y experimentó una “gran paz” al pensar en su hogar en Florida. Luego recibió una llamada telefónica de su hijo, quien le dijo que el huracán había pasado sin heridos ni daños.

“No tengo ninguna duda en mi mente de qué se trataba”, dijo Kennedy. “Dios hace lo que hace, y siempre es fiel”.

La Consagración Mariana también puede ser practicada por parejas que esperan priorizar la fe dentro del matrimonio. Elaine Corrigan, feligrés de la Basílica Catedral de San Agustín, escuchó por primera vez sobre la Consagración Mariana cuando era adolescente, pero la

renovó con su esposo.

“La Consagración Mariana ha transformado mi vida”, dijo Corrigan. Explica que, “cuando conocí a mi esposo nos preparamos para nuestro matrimonio con la fórmula de consagración de St. Louis Marie De Montfort. Nuestra Señora se tomó muy en serio esa consagración. Con todas las pruebas y alegrías que hemos experimentado, ella nos ha acompañado de una manera especial”.

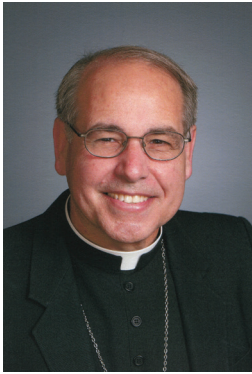
Los críticos afirman que a veces los católicos ponen un énfasis excesivo en María. Sin embargo, Corrigan explicó que la devoción a María es un regalo de Dios, más que una distracción.

“El Padre Eterno eligió darnos a su Santo Hijo, a través de María. . . Es tan agradable para Él cuando la elegimos como un camino de regreso al Hijo”.

Mientras tanto, Thurson espera que la próxima Consagración Diocesana traiga fe y alegría en un momento en que hay un gran sufrimiento en la Iglesia y el mundo.

Cuando se le pregunta qué le diría a alguien que esté considerando la Consagración Mariana, Thurson es entusiastamente alentadora.

“En verdad no tengas miedo. Dios, nuestro Padre, te espera con los brazos abiertos. . . Y como toda buena madre, la Madre de Jesús, nos tomará la mano y nos acompañará hasta Él”. 🙏



## Discípulos Misioneros DE UNA IGLESIA CENTRADA EN LA EUCARISTÍA

POR EL OBISPO FELIPE J. ESTÉVEZ

**ES CIERTO QUE** Jesús les pidió directamente a algunas personas que “renunciaran a todo” para seguirlo, pero no todos fueron llamados por el Señor para llevar una vida estricta de pobreza o viajar a países del Tercer Mundo para predicar el Evangelio. De hecho, la mayoría no lo son. Sin embargo, todos estamos llamados a ser discípulos misioneros a nuestra manera y en el lugar donde Dios nos pone. La palabra Evangelio significa “Buenas Nuevas”, y todos tenemos algo de las “buenas nuevas” para compartir con los demás.

Como obispo de esta diócesis ciertamente dinámica, soy muy consciente de que nuestros predecesores que trajeron el Evangelio de Jesucristo a nuestra tierra nos han dado tanto. Somos herederos de una gran riqueza de dones espirituales y bendiciones. Aquí, en nuestra diócesis, los primeros cristianos en Florida, timucuanos y apalaches fueron testigos de heroísmo y sacrificio en defensa de su fe católica. A la luz de esto, permítanme ofrecerles algunas reflexiones sobre lo que significa ser un discípulo misionero aquí y ahora.

Como pastor de St. Agatha en Miami, me unía a un equipo de visitas domiciliarias en nuestro vecindario, esta práctica me enseñó que las grandes celebraciones de la misa los domingos eran realmente bastante limitadas en consideración a todos los fieles católicos que no practicaban, excepto en Pascua y Navidad.

Ante todo, ser discípulo y misionero requiere que mantengamos fija la mirada en Jesús y lo imitemos en todas las cosas. Ese es el trabajo de toda una vida, por supuesto, pero es la esencia de todo lo que somos como cristianos. Jesús es el modelo de todos los misioneros. Él vino del Padre para ofrecerse por nosotros. Él es nuestro camino, nuestra verdad y nuestra vida (Juan 14: 6). Estoy encantado de que cada vez más parroquias estén aumentando las oportunidades de visitas y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, creando así una verdadera pastoral de oración en nuestras instalaciones parroquiales.

Estar centrado en Cristo, por lo tanto, significa que debemos estar centrados en la Eucaristía para todo. Cuán bendecidos somos de vivir en el lugar donde se celebró la primera misa católica en la First Coast en San Agustín, la

primera ciudad. Nuestra Misión Nombre de Dios y la Gran Cruz y Nuestra Señora de la Leche y del Buen Parto son símbolos de nuestra creencia de que la misa es Cristo, la fuente y la cumbre de toda gracia, nuestro centro espiritual para cualquier obra de evangelización.

Compartimos el Evangelio tanto personalmente como en iglesia. Es una alta prioridad mía que nuestras parroquias estén siempre unidas, y sean acogedoras de una diversidad verdaderamente católica (catolicidad) y sean compasivas con todos, particularmente con los necesitados o atribulados. Ser compasivo con los demás no significa que perdamos de vista las verdades de nuestra fe, sino que imitamos al Buen Pastor que salió en busca de los perdidos. El Papa Francisco es un gran modelo para mí.

Nuestra cultura parece hacerse más dura cada día en el tratamiento de las personas. Uno tiene la impresión de que todos están indignados. Eso significa que nuestra evangelización debe dirigirse a cada persona con toda su dignidad personal y debe intentar satisfacer sus necesidades espirituales y materiales. Significa estar en solidaridad con los que sufren y con los perseguidos. Significa volverse pobre con los pobres, así como Jesús asumió la pobreza de nuestra condición humana para ministrarnos (2 Corintios 8: 9). Esto es particularmente importante con respecto a los temas vitales y asuntos de justicia social.

Cualquiera que vea los programas educativos, espirituales y humanitarios de nuestra diócesis verá el enorme esfuerzo que los discípulos misioneros de esta diócesis realizan todos los días para llegar a los demás: a los jóvenes, los vulnerables, los necesitados, los enfermos, los prisioneros; particularmente a aquellos que no son de nuestra fe. Esta es la evangelización en su máxima expresión, y cualquiera puede participar en estos apostolados como una forma de ser misionero y compartir el Evangelio con los demás.

En el próximo mes, me gustaría que todos en nuestra diócesis se pregunten cuál será su alcance misionero para los demás. No deseo agregar más responsabilidades a las vidas ya ocupadas de las personas, sino estimular el discernimiento sobre cómo cada católico puede ser un administrador de las bendiciones que hemos recibido.

Nunca debemos tener miedo de ser generosos. ¡Dios no puede ser superado en generosidad! San Pablo capta bien esta actitud de mayordomía cuando recuerda a las primeras comunidades cristianas que “Dios puede hacer que toda gracia abunde para ustedes, a fin de que teniendo siempre todo lo suficiente en todas las cosas, abunden para toda buena obra”. (2 Corintios 9:8)

Algunas personas están llamadas a ser misioneros en tierras extranjeras, pero la gran mayoría de nosotros no necesitamos viajar a otros países para servir al pueblo de Dios. La misión está justo aquí entre nosotros: ¡todos somos misioneros de las Buenas Nuevas de Cristo para los demás! Como diría el santo Cardenal John Henry Newman: Un paso es suficiente para mí.



## ¡ME LLEGÓ LA GREEN CARD! ¿POR QUÉ SE VENCE EN DOS AÑOS? El proceso de remover la condición.

POR IRAIDA M. MARTÍNEZ

**A**lgunas personas, al concederles su estatus legal en los Estados Unidos, reciben una tarjeta de residencia de vencimiento en dos años. Esto les confunde porque entienden que, como residentes permanentes, deberían haber recibido la tarjeta de residencia de vencimiento en diez años.

Solicitantes y sus derivados, que solicitaron la residencia basada en matrimonio, como también personas que presentaron su solicitud por ser empresarios o inversionistas tienen que pasar por el proceso de remover la condición para finalmente obtener la residencia legal permanente. Hoy solamente trataremos este proceso cuando se originó de una petición por matrimonio.

Cuando una pareja lleva dos años o menos de casados, al momento de aprobarse su solicitud de estatus legal en los Estados Unidos, recibirá una tarjeta de residencia que vencerá en dos años. Esta tarjeta evidenciará su estatus de Residente Condicional.

La Ley de Inmigración de los Estados Unidos ha establecido esta etapa en el proceso migratorio para desalentar el fraude. Como parte del proceso el residente condicional y su pareja

deberán demostrar que su matrimonio fue en buena fe y no para obtener un beneficio migratorio al que no tiene derecho.

Para remover la condición sobre la residencia, la pareja deberá presentar una solicitud junto con documentos que comprueben que han estado viviendo en su relación matrimonial por los pasados dos años.

Entre los documentos que deberán presentar se incluyen: la declaración conjunta de impuestos federal, los estados de cuenta bancarios de cuentas conjuntas por los pasados 24 meses, contrato de rentas o escrituras de compra de propiedad, certificados de nacimiento de hijos nacidos de la relación, recibos, facturas, comprobantes, además de testimonios notariados de amigos, familiares o conocidos, entre otros documentos.

Es muy importante que no se deshaga de ningún documento, ya que su futuro depende de cada uno de esos papeles.

Esta petición deberá ser presentada a USCIS durante el período de noventa días antes de la fecha de vencimiento de la tarjeta. Este proceso tiene que completarlo para obtener su residencia permanente, si no, perdería su residencia en los Estados Unidos y se enfrentaría a un proceso de remoción de los Estados Unidos.

Hoy día el solicitante tendrá que esperar un promedio de dieciocho (18) meses para obtener respuesta de su petición ya que USCIS está evaluando con detenimiento cada solicitud antes de tomar una decisión.

Esta columna está escrita a modo de orientación general, no debe tomarse como una consejería legal formal. Todo asunto migratorio debe conversarlo con un profesional en inmigración, ya sea un abogado o un representante acreditado por el Departamento de Justicia que trabaje para una organización sin fines de lucro. Si tiene alguna duda o comentario, no dude en escribirme a mi correo electrónico [imartinez@ccbjax.org](mailto:imartinez@ccbjax.org). Hasta la próxima. 🐦



## Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar Por el seminarista Santiago Mejía Rojas, LC.

► El nombre de nuestra parroquia tiene una historia rica en espiritualidad y devoción que abarca siglos de amor por la Virgen María... y todo comienza como una "coincidencia", o más bien, una "Diosidencia".

En los inicios de la Edad Media, San Jerónimo hizo una traducción al latín de un texto griego que hablaba sobre "Mariam". Esta palabra compuesta la escribió como "stilla maris" que quería decir literalmente "gota del mar". Muchos años después, un monje copista que tenía como misión hacer

copias de textos sagrados y litúrgicos, la escribió mal, cambiándola una letra y la dejó como "stella maris", así cambiando el sentido de la palabra a "estrella del mar". Esta advocación de Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar cobró vida y se instaló en el corazón de la Iglesia como una devoción profunda y extensa y que permea la liturgia desde los siglos VII y VIII.

Desde entonces ha habido una relación directa y una metáfora con la Estrella del Norte, o la Estrella Polar, como guía real entre tormentas y oscuridad para los marineros que se encuentran en el vasto océano de nuestro viaje hacia Cristo.

Como nos dice San Bernardo de Claraval: "*Si los vientos de la tentación*



## ¿CAUTIVOS EN LA PORNOGRAFÍA?

POR CLAUDIA ROJAS

**D**enominada en la actualidad como “la droga del siglo XXI”. Epidemia que afecta psicosocialmente al que la consume, es un problema global que trasciende todas las razas, culturas, lenguas, religiones y estratos sociales.

La pornografía fue aprobada en los Estados Unidos en 1973 y en diciembre de 2018, once estados de esta nación han declarado la pornografía como un problema de salud pública. El Centro Nacional contra la explotación sexual de este país, reveló en un estudio publicado en 2017 que el 64% de jóvenes entre 13 y 24 años buscan activamente pornografía. El reporte también advierte que las mujeres menores de 25

años están en alto riesgo y se encuentran en peligro de ser víctimas de acoso, abuso y tráfico sexual.

Otros estudios revelan que hay casos de niños de 8 años que acceden a estas redes. El fácil acceso en los teléfonos móviles, computadores, tabletas y a veces estas imágenes aparecen sin que nadie la solicite, pero es la ventana que se abre y despierta la curiosidad sexual especialmente en los varones.

La pornografía se define “como cualquier material escrito o audio/visual que presente desnudez o actividad sexual explícita con el propósito de excitar sexualmente al consumidor”. La pornografía crea una esclavitud como las drogas, entre más se consume más se desea, y más cantidades se necesitan para alcanzar el mismo efecto.

La pornografía y la masturbación van de la mano, la primera crea las obsesiones, las fantasías eróticas y la segunda las compulsiones, el sexo aberrado y descontrolado, se crea un ciclo vicioso que es muy difícil de romper.

En el año 2002 una niña de 14 años, Elizabeth Smart fue secuestrada, agredida sexualmente, forzada a ver pornografía por sus captores, una pareja de esposos. Hoy en día ella, una sobreviviente, da su testimonio acerca del dañino y peligroso efecto de la pornografía. Por meses, Elizabeth fue víctima de aberraciones sexuales y violencia.

Otro caso reciente de una niña de 6 años

en Colombia, secuestrada, violada, muerta en manos un hombre de edad media, profesional, de estrato social alto, que sufría de adicciones sexuales, incluyendo uso de pornografía. Una tragedia nacional.

El resultado, depresión, ansiedad, suicidio, irritabilidad, destructibilidad, culpabilidad y baja autoestima. Las relaciones afectivas importantes como la pareja y familia se ven afectadas.

También, problemas financieros, gastan el dinero en la adicción, ponen en riesgo el trabajo por entrar en estos sitios web de porno, problemas legales, arrestos, uso de drogas y alcohol.

¿Por qué las personas “consumen” pornografía? Pueden empezar por curiosidad, entre más joven, las obsesiones y compulsiones sexuales van a estar más arraigadas, pasan de algo pasajero a ser y hacer parte intrínseca de la persona. Estas conductas pueden ser síntomas de traumas sexuales, físicos, emocionales no resueltos. Los niveles anormales de sustancias químicas en el cerebro como la serotonina, la dopamina, la norepinefrina, que ayudan a regular los estados de ánimo.

Para tratar y prevenir este problema podemos restringir el acceso por completo a estas redes, denunciar al abuso sexual infantil y trata de mujeres. Se debe consultar a un profesional de la salud si usted o alguien conocido tiene este problema, no importa en qué etapa de uso o de la adicción se encuentre. La abstinencia, la psicoterapia, medicamentos, grupos de apoyo que se basen en los 12 pasos, como Alcohólicos Anónimos y confesión. A su vez, diálogo con la familia, con los niños, con la pareja, monitoreo de sus hijos, en la escuela, con los amigos. Recuerden hay que enfrentar este problema con determinación, valentía y esperanza.

El Papa Francisco, durante el Congreso “Dignidad Infantil en el mundo digital” dijo: “es importante cuidar a los niños que actualmente constituye más de la cuarta parte (unos 800 millones) de los usuarios de internet... la red tiene su lado oscuro, donde el mal consigue actuar y expandirse de manera siempre nueva y cada vez con más eficacia”. Nos advierte el Santo Padre, “debemos tener los ojos abiertos y no ocultar una verdad que es desagradable y que no quisiéramos ver”.

*amenazan; si te encuentras sobre las rocosas orillas, mirad a la estrella, llamada a María; Si te arrojan las olas de la soberbia, ambición, envidia, rivalidad, llamada a María. Si la ira, avaricia o deseos de la carne amenazan la débil barcaza de tu alma, mirad a la estrella, llamada a María.”*

Otra referencia histórica que incluye el nombre de la parroquia Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar, se encuentra en el convento fundador de la Orden Carmelita, en Israel del siglo XIII sobre el Monte Carmelo. Este convento adoptó el nombre de “Stella Maris” y hasta el día de hoy se lo considera la sede la Orden.

Entonces, lo que comenzó como un error tipográfico cometido por un monje

medieval, se ha convertido en una rica y sólida espiritualidad de amor y devoción a la Virgen María, y que ha dado el nombre de nuestra parroquia costera, Nuestra Señora Estrella de Mar o en inglés, Our Lady of the Sea. También, tenemos la dicha de celebrar, junto con la Iglesia universal, la festividad litúrgica de “Stella Maris” el 27 de septiembre. Con real acción de gracias y amor, nos unimos al increíble himno mariano del siglo IX “Ave Maris Stella” (Salve, Estrella del Mar):

*“Danos una vida limpia, prepáranos un camino seguro; para que, viendo a Jesús, nos alegremos eternamente contigo”.*

# La eficacia de lo pequeño

**ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE LA HABANA, La Habana, 1ro. de septiembre de 2019: Monseñor Juan de la Caridad García Rodríguez, arzobispo de La Habana, es un hombre sencillo, un sacerdote de pueblo, amigo de trabajadores del campo, amas de casa, macheteros, mecánicos o choferes. Una mañana a la semana se va a un hogar de minusválidos y enfermos mentales para ayudar a bañar y repartir desayuno. Una madrugada a la semana reza el Rosario, como parte de una antiquísima devoción mariana. Le gusta irse de misión adonde la gente no sabe qué es un obispo, para que se enteren de que Dios los acompaña desde antes que su madre decidiera no abortarlos y que cuando se enseña el perdón y la fraternidad, se accede a ese Dios que los ama y los cuida, sobre todo si aprenden a hablarle como lo harían a un papá.**

La palabra Cardenal viene del latín “cardium”, que significa “corazón”. Un Cardenal es entonces un católico a quien el Papa acoge como miembro del Corazón de la Iglesia, por tanto, de la comunidad que se ocupa junto al Santo Padre de reunir y dar curso a los sueños, frustraciones, gozos y esperanzas de todo el pueblo cristiano del mundo, para que la Iglesia sea la casa de todos, su fortaleza y remanso, el motivo para seguir adelante a pesar de toda dificultad: es decir, la comunidad que gobierna la Iglesia junto al Papa.

Jesucristo confió el gobierno de la Iglesia a Pedro, ayudado por a aquellos sencillísimos pescadores, junto al lago de Galilea, hace dos mil años. El Sucesor de aquel Pescador de Galilea ha llamado a Mons. Juan de la Caridad, para “que lo ayude en el gobierno de la Iglesia, y para el bien de toda la Comunidad Cristiana”.

Monseñor Juan de la Caridad es, a su vez, un obispo de una Iglesia pequeña y pobre, que se abre camino a trancos, en medio de una realidad difícil en lo económico, político y religioso, en la que abundan los bloqueos en mentes, corazones, leyes y estilos de gobierno, dentro y fuera de una isla que tiene vocación universal, y que hoy sigue buscando maneras de abrirse al mundo y cuyos ciudadanos siguen buscando cómo ser protagonistas de su propia vida personal,



■ Monsignor Juan de la Caridad García Rodríguez

familia y social, con unas cuotas de creatividad que desafían cualquier límite.

En esta realidad la Iglesia en Cuba reúne en Misa dominical a menos del 3% de la población, aunque al menos de la mitad se confiesa católico o simpatizante con lo católico. La Iglesia en Cuba no tiene colegios, universidades, periódicos, emisoras o centros asistenciales que le ayuden a tener una presencia social masiva. Sin embargo anima cientos de pequeñas comunidades en casas de familia allí donde no hay templos, atiende a miles de niños y jóvenes en formas complementarias de educación o a miles de ancianos que necesitan compañía, alimentos y ropa.

¿Qué significan esos pequeños esfuerzos ante tantas necesidades? ¿Qué significa la pequeña comunidad cristiana ante el avance masivo de religiones animistas basadas en el miedo, la desesperanza, el desarraigo y la fragilidad, también masivas? El Papa ha dado testimonio de que para Dios y su Iglesia lo pequeño es importante, más aún, es esencial. Por eso escogió a aquella gente sencilla de Galilea, a aquella Virgen indefensa o a aquel Obispo que casi nunca reía en público y lo trajo al Vaticano desde “el fin del mundo”.

¡Gracias Señor por la Iglesia que se afina en la fuerza de lo pequeño! Y por el pequeño-gran Obispo Juan de la Caridad, que ahora ayudará a gobernarla en su dimensión más universal. 🕊

## CALENDARIO

### 26-29 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Cursillos para los Hombres en el Campo St. John - Marywood (235 Marywood Drive St. Johns, FL 32259) Más información con Lulú Escamilla (904) 962 8928.

### 3-6 DE OCTUBRE

Cursillo de Cristiandad para mujeres en el Campo St. John - Marywood (235 Marywood Dr. St. Johns, FL 32259). Más información con Lulú Escamilla (904) 962-8928.

### 4-6 DE OCTUBRE

Retiro Juan XXIII para mujeres en el North Florida Christian Camp, en Kingston High, Florida. Mayor Información (904) 353-3243.

### 12 DE OCTUBRE

#### Seminario Mariano

Seminario Marino el sábado 12 de octubre de 10:00 am a 2:30 pm, Santuario de la Virgen de la Leche. Mayo información Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural (904) 353-3243.

### 19 DE OCTUBRE

Pre\_cana en español en la Iglesia Elizabeth Ann Seton, Palm Coast. Para más información comuníquese con Family Life (904) 262 3200 ext. 158 o con Martha Alers-Alers (904) 703 5772

### Celebración del Señor de los Milagros

- Iglesia St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Palm Coast 13 de octubre a las 5:00 pm
- Iglesia San Joseph, el 20 de octubre a las 8:30 a.m.
- Iglesia San José, el 27 de octubre a las 12:30 p.m.
- Iglesia St. Catherine de Siena, Orange Park, 18 de octubre a las 7:00 pm

### Rama de Señoras

#### Movimiento de la Virgen de Schoenstatt

Las invitan a formar parte de este movimiento mariano. Sus reuniones son todos los jueves a las 6:00 p.m. en la Iglesia Blessed Trinity. Mas información al (904) 610-2300 Mayra López



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