Most of the stamps the Vatican issues each year celebrate saints, popes or the birth or death of some late great European painter or composer.

Now and then there is a commemorative stamp marking a United Nations or Europe-wide year dedicated to themes such as water, books, forests and even the postal van!

Rarely has the Vatican stamp and coin office issued what it did this year: celebrating the 125th anniversary of the birth of Charlie Chaplin, "whose work impacted more than fifty years of the history of film," the office said.

Some of the only other recent stamps celebrating "modern" and more secular artists have included:

• a 2004 aerogram marking the anniversary of the birth of Charlie Chaplin
• stamps in 2003 celebrating the 19th century post-Impressionist painters Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin
• and a series in 2010 marking the birth of Anton Chekhov and death of Leo Tolstoy — two 19th century Russian writers

Sometimes the Vatican uses its collectors' appeal for promoting important causes and raising funds for different initiatives, like when all proceeds from the sale of a 2004 stamp dedicated to children with AIDS were donated in the pope's name to projects helping AIDS orphans.

In the on-going current crisis of unaccompanied children entering the U.S.A. from Mexico, authorities have discovered that most of the children come from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. The Catholic Church is present and offers help through evangelization, sharing of material goods, and education. Kevin Kuehl tells his story of teaching children in Honduras.

As a freshman at Georgetown University, I often wondered to myself: why do the bells of the clock tower sound a distinct peal at noon and again at six in the evening? (Being a college student, I had no idea that an identical clanging occurred at 6 a.m., too). Despite my Catholic upbringing, it was not until a priest explained to me sometime during my sophomore year that the joyful dancing of those bells was a call to prayer, a reminder of God's real presence among us, the Incarnation. The bells draw us into the life rhythm of the Church and remind us to say a prayer called the Angelus. Most Catholics of my generation respond in unison, "the what?" After over two years serving in a foreign mission, I can now propose that the Angelus, a kind of reliving of the joy of the Annunciation, is the most apt explanation of the missionary experience. Hold on; I'll explain.

Jump ahead a few years to the coastal tropics of Honduras at six in the morning. The whole community of the Finca del Niño shuffles into the chapel in various states of consciousness to prepare for Morning Prayer. About 35 children, a dozen foster parents, three Franciscan sisters, and twelve foreign missionaries find their way to their usual spots in the pews as if seats were assigned. The prayer, the Angelus, begins:

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary...
Catholic Charities of West Tennessee announces grants to 11 organizations

Catholic Charities of West Tennessee (CCWTN) announced that grants have been awarded to eleven organizations throughout West Tennessee.

The grants were awarded by CCWTN's Jackson Deanery Development Committee (JDDC) and support ecumenical, non-profit organizations located outside of Shelby County. The JDDC is comprised of volunteer representatives from eight Catholic parishes in West Tennessee. Funds for the JDDC Grants are collected by the 47 parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, which includes all of the 21 counties west of the Tennessee River. “We are pleased to be able to pass along these proceeds, as well as the good wishes of the people of our Diocese to these worthy organizations” said Mike Allen, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee.

This year's grantees are:
• Agape House - Martin, TN
• Fayette Cares - Somerville, TN
• FYI Clinic – Camden, TN
• Hardin County Jesus Cares – Savannah, TN
• Helping Hand Ministry - Union City, TN
• HOPE Ministries - Lexington, TN
• Matthew 25:40 - Dyersburg, TN
• The Milan Mustard Seed - Milan, TN
• Project HELP of Henry County - Paris, TN
• RIFA - Jackson, TN
• WE CARE Ministries – Martin, TN

From gangs to coffee rust: push factors for Central American migrants

By David Agren, Catholic News Service

Giovani Melendez, 31, fled this Central American capital with his family, setting out suddenly on a search for safety in the United States after gangs demanded growing extortion payments he was unable afford. The family -- Melendez, his wife, and children, ages 5 and 12 -- only made it to the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, where officials stopped them and sent them back to El Salvador.

“The main motive for leaving is insecurity,” Melendez, an auto painter by profession, said after arriving back on a bus carrying families and children -- including infants.

“I was doing well here with no problems” or plans to leave, he said. “But (the gangs) wouldn’t let me work.”

Emigration from El Salvador has been common in past decades; civil war and poverty prompted many to pull up stakes and flee for far-flung corners of the world. Efforts at reunifying families made many more follow.

But Central America is experiencing another outflow, as many minors attempt to escape violence or reconnect with their parents who support households they have not seen in years and suspect the law will look kindly upon children arriving in the United States.

Central American deportees describe desperation in their daily lives, in which violence is reaching intolerable levels and increasingly impacting children, who can be killed for coming from the wrong gang-controlled neighborhood, or forced into lives of crime as gangsters.

“They roughed me up,” said Oscar Mancilla, 17, another deportee waiting to be processed. “(The gangs) ask you to join, even if you don’t want to.”

The violence is forcing some families across Central America to send their children unaccompanied toward the United States; sometimes they pay a smuggler to accompany them. Often, though, they just wish the youngsters well as they steal rides through Mexico, where the risks range from robbery to rape to having their limbs cut off by the northbound trains they ride.

Migrants now leave Central America with something new, however: hope, especially that this time the children arriving will receive asylum or permission to stay, even though there has been no change in U.S. policy. Coyotes -- human smugglers -- are likely responsible for spreading such rumors.

“It’s a lie, but it’s been propagated throughout the country,” said Carlos Flores Pinto, director of the border project at Casa Alianza (Covenant House) in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

“Mothers and fathers decided this is the opportunity to save their children or, if they (parents) were already (in the United States,) the chance to see their kids again,” he said.

Those children have created concern for U.S. officials. U.S. Customs and Border Protection says it has detained 47,017 unaccompanied children from October 2013 through May 2014, an increase of 92 percent from the same period a year earlier. A draft internal Homeland Security memo from May, reviewed by The Associated Press, said U.S. Border Patrol agents could arrest as many as 90,000 unaccompanied children crossing the Mexican border this year.

President Barack Obama called it a “humanitarian crisis.”

Crisis could describe the northern triangle of Central America -- Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala -- “three of the region’s poorer countries (offering) little economic opportunity for an
increasingly younger population,” said Mike Allison, an expert on Central American politics at the Jesuit-run University of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

It includes three of the most violent countries in the world, with the murder rate in Honduras topping 90 per 100,000 residents, according to the U.N. office on Drugs and Crime. The rates run roughly half as high in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Honduras has struggled since a 2009 coup, which ushered in instability and allowed drug cartels to subsequently take advantage of the increasing instability and impunity to use the country as a transit point.

Gangs also grew in power, while a disease known as coffee rust wiped out the most recent coffee crop, throwing hundreds of thousands of poor Hondurans out of work. No one reason explains the exodus of children, said Juan Sheenan, country director for Catholic Relief Services, the charitable arm of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“It’s been a combination of a number of push factors, and the new ingredient is this coffee rust,” Sheenan said.

El Salvador has experienced a similar story of poverty and violence, especially with gangs, which have their origins in the Salvadoran immigrant enclaves of Los Angeles and were brought back with deportees in the 1990s. A gang truce produced a pause in the violence by driving down the homicide rate by 40 percent in recent years -- but the truce has since unraveled.

“It strengthened the gangs’ leaderships,” while everyday crimes such as extortion continued, Father Salomon Perez, pastor of San Jose de Flores Parish in Tonacatepeque, on the outskirts of San Salvador, said of the at-times unpopular truce, which was also attacked for a lack of transparency.

Father Perez has helped negotiate a truce between local gang leaders and the community to reduce extortion attempts and curb killings. Still, parishioners spoke of suffering when someone leaves the community.

“In any place we go, there’s violence. On top of that, there’s enormous poverty, which generates more violence,” said sales representative Rafael Ardon, 22.

Choir member Araceli Quintanilla, 24, had her brother abandon medical school and head for California, where he arrived in late June, because of threats: he lived in a barrio controlled by one criminal group, but studied in another area controlled by a rival gang, which took issue with his residence.

“He wants to keep studying, but he’s scared to come back,” Quintanilla said, adding that an aunt in the U.S. lent him $8,000 to pay a coyote, but that money must be repaid.

Another member of the choir, 20, left after his mother, who had supported him for more than a decade from New Orleans, fell ill and needed support, Quintanilla said. He arrived after three attempts: the number of chances the coyotes provide their client for each payment.

Rick Jones, CRS deputy regional director for global solidarity, justice and growth in Latin America and the Caribbean, has heard horror stories, too: children hiding at home because gangs threatened them at school, an estimated 130,000 people internally displaced due to violence, and a woman who had gangsters demand she hand over her two daughters -- to be their girlfriends.

A member of the Salvadoran national police is seen July 1 holding an infant who arrived back in San Salvador from Mexico. The number of children leaving the country is increasing due to factors such as violence and a belief that minors will be granted a refugee status upon arriving in the United States. (CNS photo/David Agren)
Organizations suggest ways to help unaccompanied minor migrants

With six weeks of steady reporting about the influx of Central American children and families crossing the U.S. border and no quick solutions being presented for what will happen to them, many people are asking their churches and dioceses what they can do to help. Unlike what would happen if a natural disaster generated a similar flow of migrants -- more than 57,000 children on their own and 39,000 families since the beginning of the fiscal year in October -- these people are at least temporarily the responsibility of the federal government, because they were apprehended by or turned themselves in to the Border Patrol. In the short term, that ensures that the migrants’ immediate needs for shelter, medical care and food are being met, even if that sometimes is under less-than-desirable conditions such as Border Patrol warehouses designed to hold adults for a few hours at most. But it also creates extra layers of procedure that complicate how people who want to help can do so. For example, organizations that have attempted to provide various kinds of assistance in the Border Patrol’s temporary holding areas have been rebuffed in several parts of the country, told that security concerns make any kind of outside efforts unwelcome. Children who arrive alone are required by federal law to be cared for by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement under Health and Human Services, which manages their care after the Border Patrol initially processes them.

Thomas said to Jesus, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth and the life. (John 14:5-6a) Jesus’ words interpret for us what the resurrection means. In his human life Jesus revealed the heart of God and rose from the dead; because of this, we Christians can make a bold claim: no trouble, no failure, no pain is ever permanent or unredeemable. Although tragic things happen to us, in the end life itself is not a tragedy. There is always hope. That is what it means to say that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!
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“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” (Mt: 13: 36)
Jesus talks a lot about seeds and weeds. Children of course are like the seeds that we nurture and hope to see blossom. But life doesn’t always work neatly. As parents, we must sometimes carefully weed bad habits out of ourselves and our children without damaging the root and their spirit. Has your child inherited any “bad weeds” from you? Prune yourself first.

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Reflections On Sunday's Readings

By Jean Denton, Catholic News Service

July 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time


It's not uncommon in the current economy to witness people -- including experienced professionals -- endure long-term unemployment. But it's hard to imagine in any economy someone choosing to become unemployed, especially when his or her star is on the rise.

However, in the early 1980s my cousin did just that. His accounting career appeared to be going uphill when he hit a glitch. A major client was involved in some unethical business dealings that would hurt many people. My cousin refused to participate. He quit his job.

There had been no question as to what he would do. He was a good man. His client was very influential in the community so his decision closed off many opportunities, and he was without work for a long period. It wasn't easy for him and his wife as they had two young children. But their faith was deep. They survived.

The former client realized enormous profits and “success” while my cousin was satisfied with a less lofty career. But he's always been one of my greatest role models of faith -- not only because of that one righteous decision, but because of how he centered every aspect of his life on Christ.

This weekend's Gospel includes Jesus' parable about good seed growing among weeds. Jesus explained that while God plants goodness in the world, evil still manages to thrive as well.

We see situations like my cousin's all the time. Oppression, hatred and mean-spiritedness often don't receive their just desserts. It's frustrating. Good, faithful people wish they didn't have to put up with the “weeds” of the world. But that's part of the test that goes with living God's life. Jesus promised that justice will be done in God's time.

My cousin never looked back. He committed his life to sowing good seed. He was a faithful rock for his family during times of serious illness and brokenness, continually returning it to joy. He's been a loving leader of his church community, bringing people to life in Christ and has also been instrumental in lifting up a partner faith community in Cuba.

He's already realizing Jesus' promise that “the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”
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HANSEN
A funeral home service was conducted July 7 for David Duane Hansen, 96, at Memphis Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens by Rev. David Orsak. Survivors include spouse, Kathryn Lois Hansen; son, David Keith Hansen; and two grandchildren.

HUNT
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 11 for Roger Dale Hunt, 70, at St. Joachim Chapel at St. Ann Church by Rev. David Orsak. Burial was at Lake St. Louis, MO. Survivors include daughters, Carey Hunt and Brenda Lilly; and sisters, Carol Hall, Cheryl Harper and Darla Wagner.

MORRIS
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 11 for Stephen Randall Morris, 57, at Church of the Incarnation by Rev. Ernie DeBlasio, concelebrant, Rev. Bruce Clinquegran. Burial was at Ebenezer Cemetery in Williston, TN. Survivors include spouse, Vicki A. Morris; daughter, Lindsey Signaigo; son, Christopher Morris; sisters, Carol M. Preuss, Terri M. Lambert, Joanie M. Cunningham, Susan M. Shaw and Sharon Pasley; brother, Keith Morris; and three grandchildren.

MORRIS
A graveside service was conducted July 3 for Collin Reid Morris, 23, at Southwoods Memorial Park by Rev. Ernie DeBlasio. Burial was at Southwoods Memorial Park. Survivors include parents, Patrick W. Morris, Jr. and Tracey C. Morris; grandparents, Wayne and Janette Morris; Meloney Bramlett; sister, Meloney Morris; and brother, Mason Morris.

NEGA
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 9 for Helen Marie Nega, 94, at St. Joachim Chapel at St. Ann Church by Rev. John Francis Clark. Burial was at Memphis Memorial Gardens. Survivors include spouse, Walter Nega; daughter, Regina Cesich; cousin, Tony Clark.

RAITERI
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 11 for Theresa Vescovi Raiteri, 94, at St. Paul the Apostle Church by Rev. Herbert Ene. Burial was at Forest Hill South Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Walter Nega; daughter, Regina Cesich; cousin, Tony Clark.

SHORT
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 5 for Joyce Louise Popp Helsel Short, 53, at Church of the Incarnation by Rev. Ernie DeBlasio. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Stephen Short; sons, Brandon Helsel, Matt Helsel, and Ryan Helsel; sisters, Jean Palme, Susan Lecours, Margie Zopf and Diane Febor; brother, James Popp, Jr.; and one grandchild.

STEWART
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 12 for Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Stewart, 70, at St. Ann Church by Rev. Russell D. Harbaugh. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include daughters, Kathleen M. Stewart and Elizabeth Anne Stewart; sons, Michael Stewart and Lawrence Stewart, Jr.; sister, Kathleen M. Cirincione; and brother, Thomas H. Bornemann.
Catholic Charismatic Renewal prepares to celebrate 50 Years.  
9 a.m., Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2500 Hickory Crest Drive.  
National Speakers - Jane Guenther, NSC Chairperson, St. Louis, MO and Msgr. Ed Griesedieck, Faculty Member at Kendrick Seminary. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2017. In preparation for that event, the International Service Committee has published a small book titled Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our local Advisory would like to offer Memphis Diocesan LAITY an introduction to this excellent resource and has invited Jane Guenther, NSC Chairperson, St. Louis, MO and Msgr. Ed Griesedieck, faculty member at Kendrick Seminary, to lead a workshop. The Friday evening session (18th) will be for priests, deacons and wives, and seminarians. Saturday’s session is open to all laity and begins at 9 a.m. with lunch provided. (5 HOUR CREDIT IS POSSIBLE). Come and bring a friend! For more information contact Deacon Werner Rose, liaison at (901) 754-7146 (church) or Carlene Inzer, associate liaison at (901) 454-5314 (home).


Third Annual Speaker Series: Being Catholic. “To Walk by the Spirit” - Peter Herbeck, Renewal Ministries/Host of “Crossing the Goal & The Choices We Make” on EWTN. St. Francis Hospital Auditorium (Use Emergency Entrance on Park Ave – park and enter in rear). 7 p.m., free and no registration necessary. Continuing education credits available from Diocese of Memphis. Moderated by Dr. Charles T. Kenny, Notre Dame Club of Memphis. More info at: www.ndmemphis.com, or call Dr. Kenny at 237-7048.

Seventh Annual Seminarian Dinner & Auction. 6 p.m., Marian Hall, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Central Avenue. Silent auction 6-8:00 p.m., live auction 8 p.m. Guest auctioneer, Ron Childers of Channel 5 News. Dinner will be served by Seminarians of the Diocese to support the Catholic Diocese of Memphis Office of Vocations. If you or your business would like to donate an Auction item, or to make a monetary donation, please call Nancy Shellenberger at 1-662-893-7265. Entertainment provided by Jon Angotti. Tickets $50/person or $400/table. Wine table (unlimited wine for 8), $500.00 per table. For more information and reservations call Chris Jackson (H) 384-8360 (C) 428-1417 (please leave a message).

Monthly Social for People with Special Needs. 5-7 p.m., Church of the Holy Spirit, 2500 Hickory Crest. For more information call Diocesan Pastoral Life office at 373-1237.

Ministry for Gay and Lesbian Persons Meeting. Share hospitality, potluck, prayer and education. 6:30 p.m., Marion Hall, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the first Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted. All are welcome to share in a meal and fellowship followed by a brief presentation. To contact the ministry call the rectory at IC at (901) 725-2700.

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Mid-South Area Association of Catholic Nurses Mass of Thanksgiving & Celebration. 10 a.m., St. Louis Catholic Church, 203 South White Station Road. For more information call Diocesan Pastoral Life office at 373-1237.

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De La Salle Elementary School - Middle School Science Teacher

De La Salle Elementary School is accepting resumes/applications for a Middle School Science Teacher who will be responsible for working with students to enhance their academic progress, collaborating with teachers and professional staff, communicating with parents on instructional programs and student progress. Applicants should have a passion for Catholic and Lasallian education, as well as a strong drive to expand life opportunities for a diverse, urban student population by dramatically raising achievement. Qualifications Bachelor’s degree in educational field or three years’ experience teaching, must have State of Tennessee licensure. Send resume/application to: Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr., Memphis, TN 38134.

St. John Catholic School - Science/Social Studies Teacher

St. John Catholic School is accepting applications for an elementary school teacher who models behavior consistent with Catholic/Christian virtues. The ideal candidate also embraces an ethos of continuous improvement, adeptly creates an environment of faith and community, and possesses the following qualities: innovative, knowledgeable of Common Core, able and willing to intrinsically motivate students, excellent communicator (verbal and written), technologically savvy (SMART Board and other tools). The applicant must be qualified in their subject area or eligible to meet Tennessee teaching requirements and meet the standards for Religious Education in the Diocese of Memphis. Send resume/application to: Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr., Memphis, TN 38134.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Augustine Catholic School - PreK-3 and PreK-4 Teacher

St. Augustine has two Early Childhood positions available (PreK-3 and PreK-4). The ideal candidate should be experienced in creating standards-based, high-interest lessons that balance play and academics. He/she will implement best-practices in classroom management, maximize classroom instruction, facilitate creative/academic centers, and utilize technology to advance student learning. Regardless of religious denomination, the candidate will foster the Catholic identity of the school and uphold the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Qualifications: Bachelor’s Degree, valid teaching certificate (or eligibility to be certified), and successful teaching experience preferred. Send resume/application to: Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134

Catholic Diocese of Memphis Schools - Director of Development/ Fundraiser - Schools Office

Jubilee Catholic Schools centered in urban areas in Memphis, TN, represent a unique model in urban education, serving predominantly low-income student populations via need-based scholarships. With a goal of “educating youth in truth for the honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls,” these schools prepare children from Pre K through 8th grade to graduate high school, go to college, and positively impact their lives and the Memphis community. We are seeking an energetic Director of Development/Fundraiser to guarantee that our students benefit from the resources needed to provide them with a vibrantly Catholic and academically vigorous education.

This position will provide leadership, operational direction and coordination for all Jubilee Schools’ fund development and fundraising initiatives. Responsible for the operational direction and tactical activities, including the development and implementation of fund raising goals, leadership of staff ensuring the development of appropriate fundraising materials, reporting systems, donor data bases, and all operational activities.

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree with successful fund development leadership experience, excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, and thrive in a team environment.

Interested parties should send resumes and introductory letter to: Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES-CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Catholic Diocese of Memphis - Catholic Campus Minister

The Diocese of Memphis is accepting resumes for the position of Catholic Campus Minister. This is a Full-Time position reporting to the Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. The Minister is responsible for promoting the vision of campus and young adult ministry within the Diocese of Memphis on behalf of the bishop and in accordance with the essential elements contained in the Pastoral Letters, Empowered by the Spirit & Sons and Daughters of Light. Maintains a viable ongoing ministry primarily to the Catholic students, faculty and staff of University of Memphis, UT College of Health Sciences and Rhodes University. Requirements include: Practicing Catholic, mature spirituality, good grasp of pastoral theology, strong proven leadership and communication skills, excellent interpersonal and collaborative skills, Masters in Pastoral Ministry or equivalent preferred, and equivalent experience in campus ministry preferred. A working knowledge of computer software applications. Send resume to: Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr., Memphis, TN 38134.

Catholic Diocese of Memphis - Facilities and Risk Management

The Diocese of Memphis is accepting applications for a Maintenance Technician, responsible for maintaining building equipment, heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical systems at various locations in the Diocese. Qualifications include three years of experience in building and school maintenance. Have own tools appropriate to perform smaller tasks. Must provide own transportation to various sites. Basic electrical and plumbing knowledge and experience. Send application to: Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr., Memphis, TN 38134

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church - Coordinator of Youth Ministry

The Coordinator of Youth Ministry will provide a vision and coordination of a comprehensive Youth Ministry program for young people from middle school to high school. Recruit, train, support and evaluate volunteers in youth ministry. Prepare and submit an annual budget for youth ministry and oversee all youth ministry program expenses and fundraising efforts. Will work in collaboration with the Director of religious education in the catechetical aspects of youth ministry; works with administration and faculty of the parish school. Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree required and a degree or certification in theology, religious education or related discipline is preferred. Prior experience as an adult leader in Catholic youth ministry is required. Active member of a Catholic parish and in good standing with the Church. Send resume/application to: Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr., Memphis, TN 38134

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Contact: Chris Butson (901) 722-4730

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St. Ann Church-Bartlett, Director of Parents’ Day Out

The Director is responsible for the management of a four day a week day care program running from August to May. Responsibilities include: planning and implementation of education and recreational activities, communicating with parents, administering the budget and supervision of teachers. Applicant must have a Bachelors Degree in early childhood education, child development, elementary education or related field. Applicant must be current or willing to become a registered and active member of St. Ann Catholic Church. For more information or to apply for the position, contact Susan Hunt at (901) 266-5206 or susan.hunt@stann.cdom.org.
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St. AnnE-School Benefit Auction

Everyone is invited to the 10th annual St. AnnE-School Benefit Auction on Saturday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. in St. Sebastian Hall, 670 S. Highland. Tickets are $30 in advance or can be purchased for $35 at the door. Tables of 8 can be reserved in advance for $210. This fun-filled evening will offer a delicious dinner buffet, beverages and both live and silent auctions. Music will be provided by Earl Randle. Free childcare will be available. The funds raised will support the children of St. AnnE-School through the University District Scholarship Fund. The E-School label acknowledges that Electronic technology is an integral part of the school. Call (901) 323-3817 or visit www.stannewhighland.net for information on tickets, to donate auction items or purchase ads for the auction booklet.

Tickets now at www.LumenCivitatis.org

The Magnificat Day

The Magnificat Day of Faith, sponsored by Lumen Civitatis, is coming to Memphis on November 1, 2014 at the Cannon Center! Father Robert Barron, creator and host of the “Catholicism” DVD series is just one of the keynote speakers. This event is expected to draw significant interest and tickets will be limited.

To stay updated on the The Magnificat Day events and ticket availability please visit:

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friends and family members are urging us to do, and come to know our own gifts and desires, which God can put to use. We welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives. This is called discernment, and it is the beginning of our mission.

We must become aware that God has selected each one of us for a mission and that God chooses us out of an immense and personal love. God has loved us first. The mission statement of the Fincas del Niño begins with the words, “In gratitude for the great love that Jesus Christ gives us…” and only then follows the commitment to share that love with the children in our care. Pope Francis tells us that only in a renewed encounter with God’s love and friendship do “we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?” (EG 8) Therefore, God’s call to mission is not merely listening, but also receiving God’s love with a joy that overflows into the world.

**Behold the handmaid of the Lord; Be it done unto me according to Thy word…**

God calls; we receive God’s Word. Perhaps at first we say with Mary, “How can this be?” (Lk. 1:34) Are you sure, God? But, God has heard all of the excuses. I am inarticulate; Moses tried that one (Ex. 4:10-17). I am too young; Sorry, Jeremiah (Jer. 1:4-9). I’m weak and afraid; oh, do you mean like Saint Paul? (Cor. 2:3). In perfect freedom we hand ourselves over to the Master Builder to be the imperfect tools in his impeccable hands. God is well aware that we are human. He made us that way, but he made us free, too. God asks us to use that freedom to say “yes” with humility and faith to the project of bringing the Incarnate Word into the world each day; therefore, we come before God as humble servants.

Like Mary, we are called not for our own prestige, success, and reputation, but for the glory of God. This is God’s project not just another line on a résumé; thus, we abandon ourselves completely to God’s will trusting that he will bring forth the fruits that he desires. So many times during my mission, I looked to God and said, “I am too weak. I can’t go on. I don’t know what to do.” In those moments God said to me. “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor. 12:9) So with the boldness of our Blessed Mother, we go forth to evangelize asking God to take all that we are—tired, weak, stressed, confused, too old, too young--and to give us only his love and his grace; those will be enough.

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us…

Here is the truly miraculous and mysterious part: when we say “yes” to God in perfect freedom, we give flesh to the Word of God. We believe that we, the members of the Christian community, are the Body of Christ, and when we freely embrace this mystery, it becomes a reality. When we daily affirm our missionary call to exemplify the truth through words and actions, Christ, the living God, comes into the world again and again. As St. John writes in his first letter, “No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another God dwells in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.” (1 John 4:12) In this way, Jesus, the living sacrament of God’s love for us, continues to become flesh and dwell among us.

As we search the Sacred Scriptures, we continue to see that the Incarnation and the missionary call are intimately intertwined. Receiving the good news of a God who seeks nearness with us sends us forth to that message. We are reminded that it is the joy of the Incarnation that propels Mary on her journey to share that good news with her cousin Elizabeth. As Jesus directs us in the final words of Matthew’s gospel, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt. 28: 19-20) Jesus remains with us and provides the spark for a renewed missionary spirit.

As Pope Francis tells us, recognizing the potency of the Incarnation changes everything:

> “The Son of God, by becoming flesh summons us to the revolution of tenderness.” (EG, 88)

God does not seek to be distant from us; rather, in Jesus, God comes as close to us as he possibly can. He gives us his very flesh and blood. Jesus humbles himself to share in our weakness, even to the point of death. In order to be Christ incarnate, we too are called to diminish ourselves and meet those who are on the periphery. The Holy Father has guided us toward this truth saying, “I see clearly that the thing that the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.” (America, 24)

As true Christians, we cannot remove ourselves from earthly reality, even in the face of suffering; rather, the Incarnation calls us to the kind of solidarity God himself has demonstrated for us and with us.

This “revolution of tenderness” is not a materialistic revolution; that is, it does not in any way suggest that we ought to be attached to material things, power, or prestige. This certainly can be a temptation of one who dwells in the world. The temptations that Christ battled in the desert are the same ones that confront the missionary today: the temptations to satisfy only the material needs of those we serve, to attempt to eliminate all suffering by one’s own power, to be esteemed for one’s impressive deeds, and to be able to influence others. We are called instead to recognize that the things of this life are transient, and they are gifts from God to be used for God’s glory. St. Peter tells us, “As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received. The one who speaks is to deliver God’s message. The one who serves is to do it with the strength provided by God. Thus, in all of you God is to be glorified through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:8-11) We ask to be gifted with a holy indifference to the material world, which allows us to be in the world while keeping our eyes fixed on Christ.

Although we continually look to God in heaven, the example of Jesus calls us to live out a worldly existence here and now with all who are suffering, alienated, and in need of mercy; that is where we will find Jesus Christ living today. In our daily pilgrimage towards God, we are called to closeness with and compassion for each member of the human family. As poet Madeleine Delbrêl paints it, “Christ does not provide his followers with a set of wings to flee into heaven, but with a weight to drag them into the deepest corners of the earth. What may seem to be the specifically missionary vocation is in fact simply what it means to be embraced by Christ.” We must find Christ in the least among us and allow ourselves to be embraced by...
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him; therefore, the missionary call touches all of us who seek to know Jesus Christ, who is “God with us.”

The next time that you hear the bells, take heed and listen to what they say. As Thomas Merton observed, the bells are calling out to us: We have spoken for centuries from the towers of the great churches. We have spoken to the saints, your fathers, in their land. We called them, as we call you, to sanctity. What is the word with which we called them?

We did not merely say, ‘Be good, come to Church.’ We did not merely say, ‘Keep the commandments,’ but above all ‘Christ is risen, Christ is risen!’ And we said: ‘Come with us, God is good, salvation is not hard, his love has made it easy!’ (Merton, Thoughts in Solitude)

Let the bells announce “a revolution of tenderness.”

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Subcommittee on Church in Central and Eastern Europe awards $5 million in grants

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe approved 211 grants for a total of $4,998,428 in aid to finance pastoral, educational, and construction projects in Central and Eastern Europe. The subcommittee evaluated and approved grant proposals for 2014 during the bishops’ annual spring General Assembly on June 10, in New Orleans.

The projects focus on rebuilding Catholic schools and orphanages, the formation of seminarians, and the preservation of Catholic education and intellectual life in 20 countries, covering a geographical area that extends into Central Asia. These grants are funded by the annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

“As recent events in the Ukraine have clearly demonstrated, our brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe stand in utmost need of our help,” said Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Washington, chairman of the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. “The Church in these countries is doing so much good, despite recovering from the harm done in the past and facing the challenges of today’s secular culture. Through our funded projects, Catholics in the United States are sending a clear message that, in the words of Pope Francis, we want to accompany them in this new phase of their journey as disciples of Christ.”

Among the grants allocated at this meeting, the subcommittee focused their attention on the Ukraine. They approved 80 grants for pastoral work and reconstruction in that country, totaling $1,305,532. Projects that were approved include: the construction of a shelter for the homeless, operating costs for several orphanages run by the Sisters of St. Joseph, program costs for youth retreats, and Catholic television programming. Several projects will support the religious who work in the Ukraine. These grants include: the construction costs for a seminary, formation and training programs for religious sisters, and windows for monastic cells in the Holy Intercession Studite Monastery, as well as support for several seminaries and programs for priests. “I thank each of you who have contributed to make these grants possible,” said Bishop Cupich. “And I ask for your continued prayers and financial support. Together, we can strengthen the Church in these countries by funding projects which give our Catholic sisters and brothers the resources to proclaim the faith anew in an age marked by secularism and a new atheism. We can be proud that we are helping them build on their rich heritage for future generations.”

The national date for the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is on Ash Wednesday. However, some dioceses take up the collection at other times during the year.

More information on the work of the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is available online at: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-europe/index.cfm.