Jessica Mauck receives
Companions on the Journey Award
By Dianne Dolan, director of Diocesan Youth Ministries

Jessica Mauck, youth director at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, is the 2016 recipient of the Companions on the Journey Award for the Memphis Deanery. Every year, the Office of Youth Ministries presents the award to one adult in the Jackson Deanery and one adult in the Memphis Deanery. This award is the highest honor awarded to an adult from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

The recipient has been actively involved in parish and diocesan youth ministry for several years. She has served as director of youth ministry for the youth at Holy Rosary for the past six years, including both junior high and senior high. In this role, she is a true example for the young people of how to live their faith, leading (continued on page 5)

Jessica Mauck, second from left, is the 2016 recipient of the Companions on the Journey Award for the Memphis Deanery. She was presented the award on Sunday, September 18 at Holy Rosary Church. Pictured from left are Alma Abuelouf, director of Catholic Diocese of Memphis Parish Life Ministries, Jessica Mauck, Dianne Dolan, director of Diocesan Youth Ministries and Father Jim Martell, pastor of Holy Rosary Church. (Photo by Sam Mauck)

ICCS students celebrate Hispanic Inheritance Week
By June LaPorta, director of Advancement and Communications

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School students celebrated Hispanic Independence Week by studying the histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanic countries. Beginning on Monday, students put into action what they learned through activities including a door decoration contest and Spanish-language skits and music.

Seventh-graders celebrate Hispanic Independence Week by singing *Cielito Lindo* (Lovely Sky) in Spanish.

Exhibit of St. Thomas More artifacts debuts at St. John Paul II shrine

A new exhibit featuring artifacts revolving around St. Thomas More has opened at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington. Titled *God’s Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More*, the exhibit runs through March 31. The title comes from what (continued on page 17)
Cardinal Dolan warns on deceptive “Catholics for Choice” ad campaign
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement alerting the public to a deceptive ad campaign calling for taxpayer funding of abortion in the name of the Catholic faith.

Cardinal Dolan’s chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities full statement follows:

An abortion advocacy organization called “Catholics for Choice” (CFC) placed deceptive full-page newspaper ads in multiple cities on September 12 calling for taxpayer funding of abortion in the name of the Catholic faith.

As the U.S. Catholic bishops have stated for many years, the use of the name ‘Catholic’ as a platform to promote the taking of innocent human life is offensive not only to Catholics, but to all who expect honesty and forthrightness in public discourse.

CFC is NOT affiliated with the Catholic Church in any way. It has no membership, and clearly does not speak for the faithful. It is funded by powerful private foundations to promote abortion as a method of population control.

The organization rejects and distorts Catholic social teaching – and actually attacks its foundation. As Pope Francis said this summer to leaders in Poland, “Life must always be welcomed and protected … from conception to natural death. All of us are called to respect life and care for it.”

CFC’s extreme ads promote abortion as if it were a social good. But abortion kills the most defenseless among us, harms women, and tears at the heart of families. Pushing for public funding would force all taxpaying Americans to be complicit in the violence of abortion and an industry that puts profit above the well-being of women and children.

According to a July 2016 poll conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, 62 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, including 45 percent of those who say they are pro-choice.

Let your light shine by doing good, shunning jealousy, pope says
By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

Good works “do not keep well in the fridge,” Pope Francis said; they need to be shared the minute there is a need.

Reacting to someone in need by thinking, “I’ll take care of it tomorrow” is a classic, recurring form of hiding the light of faith given to each Christian at baptism, Pope Francis said Sept. 19 during an early morning Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

Reflecting on the day’s Gospel reading in which Jesus says no one lights a lamp and then covers it, the pope said that just as there are simple ways of sharing the light of faith with others, there are simple ways of hiding it, which make one a “lukewarm” Christian or a Christian “in name only.”

One way is to delay helping those in need, he said; others including gossiping about someone who trusts you or always picking fights.

Using someone’s trust to trick them or to fool them into doing something they shouldn’t is the “little piece of mafia that we all have in reach,” the pope said. “Profiting from another’s trust in order to do evil is mafioso!”

Being jealous of the rich and powerful also hides the light of faith and runs counter to the Gospel message of God’s special love for the meek and the poor.

Besides, the pope said, “the same worms that will eat us will eat them. The very same! In the end, we will all be the same.”

Finally, the CFC pits the needs of pregnant women against those of their unborn children. This is a false choice. Catholics and all people of good will are called to love them both. Consider supporting local pregnancy help centers, which do incredible work caring for mothers and children alike in a manner consistent with true social justice and mercy.
On September 16, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, Catholic Relief Services’ (CRS) board chair, announced Sean Callahan as the organization’s new President & CEO. CRS is the international humanitarian organization of the Catholic community in the United States that supports more than 100 million people living in poverty around the world.

Callahan, 56, who is currently the agency’s chief operating officer, will begin his new position on Jan. 1, 2017 when Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo ends her five-year term as president and CEO.

“We are pleased that this comprehensive six-month search process brought us to Sean,” said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the CRS Board. “He is eminently qualified as he has served at CRS for 28 years, the last four as Chief Operating Officer and, for eight years before that, executive vice president for Overseas Operations.”

The Board’s decision came after a presentation by its Search Committee, which unanimously recommended Callahan.

“Sean’s experience, faith and empathy make him ideal to lead CRS in its important, lifesaving and life-affirming mission,” said Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, NY, head of the CRS Board Search Committee. “We looked all across the nation and found that the best person for the job was Sean, already working for us.”

“I am at once honored and humbled to take on this great responsibility,” Callahan said. “Our work is so important, both around the world and here in the U.S., where our donors and partners look to CRS to live out their faith and aid the poor in God’s family, no matter where they might live.”

A native of Andover, Mass., Callahan holds a master’s in law and diplomacy from Tufts University, where he also received a bachelor’s, magna cum laude, in Spanish. At CRS, Callahan has headed the Nicaragua program and East India office, was director of Human Resources and, from 1998 to 2004, was regional director for South Asia. While working in India, he got to know Saint Teresa of Kolkata, a relationship that led to her visit to CRS headquarters in 1996.

Incarnation inducts new Beta Members

Incarnation Catholic School recently held their Junior Beta Club Induction Ceremony. The national Junior Division of the Beta Club began in 1961 to recognize and promote academic achievement, leadership, character development and community service among elementary and middle school students. To become a member, Incarnation students must consistently turn in quality work, have an outstanding code of personal conduct and must demonstrate a calling to help others. These new Beta Club members will strive to be role models for all Incarnation students!

Pictured at the Beta Club reception are (L to R) Michael Pepper, Mason Halley, Ian Laird, Daniel Leoni, Hannah Brucks, Adelina Brady, Alexandra McLaren and Anna Leoni /Not Pictured-Drew Petro.
How a new classical academy is reaching out to millennial parents
By Maggie Maslak, Catholic News Agency

Coming in 2017, families in Northern Colorado will have the option to send their children to a Catholic elementary school through a new regional, classical academy in Thornton.

“It is with great joy that we announce the opening of a new Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Denver to be called Frassati Catholic Academy,” stated a letter from Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Kevin Kijewski.

“Given the growing Catholic population around Thornton, we desire to offer a new opportunity to help form your children both spiritually and academically,” the Sept. 15 statement continued.

In an email interview, Kijewski told CNA that one of the reasons they chose to make Frassati Catholic Academy a classical education school was because of parents.

“Classical education, while not completely new in the archdiocese, is an academic program of study that many millennial parents prefer,” Kijewski said.

“Parents are rediscovering how timeless lessons from great thinkers such as Aristotle, Socrates, and Cicero can prepare their students for a rapidly changing world,” he continued.

Frassati Catholic Academy will be the first regional Catholic academy opened by the archdiocese of Denver, meaning that it will not be associated with a single parish, but will rather serve a range of different families in various parishes throughout the Northern Colorado region.

The school, located in an almost 62,000 sq. foot building, will be located at 133rd Ave. and Colorado Blvd. on over seven acres of land. The academy will open Fall 2017, and will offer programs to children beginning at junior kindergarten through the fifth grade.

Kijewski said they have great hopes for their first academic year.

“For our first year of operation in the fall of 2017, we expect anywhere between 120 to 240 children to enroll in grades K through 5. We will be adding an additional grade up to grade 8 for each subsequent year,” he told CNA.

With a focus on classical education, the archbishop’s letter stated that Frassati Academy will “be rooted in the wisdom of the past, particularly in western civilizations such as Greece and Rome,” where the “study of Latin, Art, and Music will be integral parts of the curriculum.”

“The foundations of classical education will equip our young people to faithfully navigate today’s secular and rapidly changing world,” the statement continued.

According to the school’s website, classical education will also help the next generation navigate “our modern world (which) requires classical thinking skills more than ever.” The site also states that the classical style will foster children’s “ability to be critical thinkers, literate evaluators, ethical problem solvers, and socially responsible global citizens.”

The patron of the school, Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, is an Italian outdoorsman known for his social activism and adventurous spirit - especially appropriate for the Colorado area. Blessed Frassati died at the age of 25 and was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002, 77 years after his death.

“He is known as the man of the beatitudes, a title which speaks to living out the faith with authentic joy,” noted the statement from the archbishop and superintendent.

“We believe he is an excellent patron for this new school,” they continued, saying he “serves as a great example for young people today, especially here on the Front Range.”

Registration for the school will open during Catholic Schools Week on January 30, 2017. More information can be found at www.gofrassati.org.
Jessica Mauck ... (continued from page 1)

them in prayer, instructing them in their faith, and encouraging them to participate in the church through the sacraments and through parish and diocesan events.

She has led groups to the last four World Youth Days, including the one just this year in Krakow, Poland. She has served on the adult team for the diocesan youth retreats, including VOYAGE, QUEST and SEARCH and served as co-chair for the Diocesan Youth Celebration for two years. For the past several years, she has worked with the Knights of Malta to hold Friar Fest at Holy Rosary, opening it up to all youth throughout the diocese.

Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Stieb to be honored

For 23 years, Bishop Terry Steib has served as a dedicated and caring leader and shepherd to the clergy, parishioners and community at large within the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. All parishioners from throughout the Memphis Diocese are invited to visit with Bishop Steib at a reception to be held in his honor on Sunday, October 9, from 3 - 6 p.m. at St. Benedict at Auburndale, 8250 Varnavas Drive, Cordova, Tennessee. To RSVP, call (901) 373-1217 or go online to Eventbrite “Bishop Steib Reception.”

Several thousand protesters marched peacefully in this city just south of Mexico City, voicing displeasure with a presidential proposal to enshrine same-sex marriage in the Mexican Constitution.

Signs at the march spoke of supporting traditional families – mother, father and children — and opposing sex education in schools. Promotional materials for the march said, “Don’t mess with my children.” The discourse among marchers also turned tough, especially when the topic touched on plans in the president’s proposal to portray diverse family units, including same-sex couples, in textbooks and educational materials.

“I don’t want this ideology to poison the mind of my daughter,” said Jaime Vargas, a truck driver and father of a preschool-age daughter. He called President Enrique Pena Nieto “an enemy of the homeland” for introducing the same-sex marriage legislation. “We’ll block the schoolhouse doors to stop this if we have to.”

The president’s proposal to expand the rights of same-sex couples and promote more positive portrayals of such families has set off a firestorm in conservative and some Catholic circles in Mexico, along with a backlash.

It also brought about rare cooperation among Catholics and Evangelicals and moved religious-minded people into the political arena of a country where secularism was an ethos and politics and religions were kept separate. Hot-button social issues have seldom moved the masses in Mexico or been politically profitable, something organizers insist is changing.

“What happened (Sept. 10) has never been seen before,” said Rodrigo Ivan Cortes, spokesman for the National Front for the Family, which organized the marches. “It is absolutely unprecedented in Mexico (to have) more than 1.2 million people in street in favor of a citizen initiative and against a presidential initiative.”

Organizers plan a national protest march Sept. 24 in Mexico City as a show of strength, though critics consider it a risky proposition as the national capital,
Dedicated to battling the devil, noted Italian exorcist dies at 91

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

Pauline Father Gabriele Amorth, an Italian priest renowned for his work in dispelling demons, died at the age of 91.

Ill and hospitalized for some weeks, the priest passed away in Rome Sept. 16.

Father Amorth began his ministry as an exorcist for the Diocese of Rome in 1986 and performed — according to his own estimates — some 70,000 exorcisms or other prayers to liberate people from demonic influence.

He spoke out frequently warning that while it was rare for a person to be possessed by a demon, the devil's influence was strong in today's world, affecting not just individuals but sometimes entire societies.

“For example, I am convinced that the Nazis were all possessed by the devil,” he told Vatican Radio in 2006.

“If one thinks of what was committed by people like Stalin or Hitler, certainly they were possessed by the devil. This is seen in their actions, in their behavior and in the horrors they committed,” he said. One reason the devil's influence was so high today, he said, is that Christian faith has weakened, replaced in many cases by superstition and an interest in the occult, which he said “open the way to demonic influences.”

Born in Modena in 1925, the future priest joined the Italian underground partisan movement against occupying German forces and Italian Fascists when he was 18. He received a number of honors and medals for his efforts and leadership during the resistance including escaping from capture.

After World War II, he earned a law degree and was ordained into the priesthood when he was 28.

The Pauline priest was a prolific author, contributing to numerous magazines and publications. He wrote a number of books including An Exorcist Explains the Demonic: The Antics of Satan and His Army of Fallen Angels and An Exorcist Tells His Story. He was also an expert in Mariology and served for many years as head of the Italian monthly, Mother of God.

Father Amorth gained notoriety in 2000 when he revealed that then-Pope John Paul II had performed an impromptu exorcism on a young woman who flew into an apparent rage at the end of a general audience at the Vatican.

He co-founded the International Association of Exorcists and served as its honorary president until his death. Father Amorth started bringing Italian exorcists together in the 1980s in response to an upsurge in interest in Satanism and occult practices. The first biannual international conference was held in 1994 so exorcists could exchange experiences and best practices. The Vatican formally recognized the association in 2014.

In a written message to the association the same year, Pope Francis said exorcists demonstrate the love and care of the church for “those who suffer because of the work of the devil.”

For the Catholic Church, exorcism is the driving out of evil spirits through invocation of God’s authority. The church has explicit rules and rituals for exorcism, and the exorcist—always a priest—must be explicitly assigned by the local bishop to perform the rite. It must be certain the person is experiencing real demonic possession, and not some kind of emotional or psychiatric disturbance.
SAA-SDS wins National Safe Sports School Award
By Ginger Jordan, director of Communications & Alumnae Relations

St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School has been awarded the Safe Sports School Award by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA). This award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes. The award reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.

“At St. Agnes-St. Dominic we remain committed to keeping our student athletes safe during PE classes, team practices and games so they can accomplish their own goals of great competition, fair sportsmanship and good health. Our goal is to lead our athletics program to the highest safety standards for our players,” said Jim Lassandrello, Athletic Director.

The school takes sports safety seriously and has taken many steps to promote safety on our campus. Through a partnership with OrthoMemphis, St. Agnes-St. Dominic has a full time certified athletic trainer on staff, Katie Perkins. Under her guidance the school has drafted an SAA-SDS Sports Medicine Policies and Procedures manual that includes a concussion policy, MRSA staph policy, heat guidelines, inclement weather/lightening policy. Additionally the school has written Emergency Action Plans for both the Davis gym in Siena and the SAA gym, as well as the soccer/football field and the softball/baseball field. OrthoMemphis supplies an AED, vacuum splints, and crutch bag to SAA-SDS so that the athletic trainer has proper equipment available in case of an emergency.

“Keeping our athletes safe at SAA-SDS is a team approach from the athletic trainer, team physician, coaches, school nurse, security guard, teachers, and administration. When an injury occurs we all come together to respond and help the athlete return to learn, as well as return to sport, as soon but as safely as possible.” said Katie Perkins, ATC.

“We believe that fielding a team of fellowship trained orthopaedic surgeons and full time certified athletic trainers is the best approach to caring for athletes,” said Randy Holcomb, MD, President and Managing Partner of OrthoMemphis.

St. Agnes-St. Dominic students commemorate September 11
By Ginger Jordan, director of Communications & Alumnae Relations

In observance of September 11 the seventh-graders at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School continued the school’s tradition of honoring area First Responders and thanking them for their dedication and service. Junior high students filled large baskets with coffee, tea, candy, cookies, microwave popcorn, cupcakes and gift cards. Seventh grade students then delivered the baskets to area fire stations and police precincts. The SAA-SDS students visited the Appling Farms Station, Tillman Station, Old Allen Station and the Germantown Fire and Police Station. St. Agnes-St. Dominic seventh-graders have been making these special deliveries since 2002.
Man and wife in heaven?
By Father Kenneth Doyle, Catholic News Service

Q. My wife passed away three years ago, and I miss her very much. We were married for 63 years. What are the church’s thoughts on the hereafter? Will we still be man and wife? (Milford, Iowa)

A. Your question is one frequently asked by those who are mourning deeply the death of a spouse. The response should bring you some comfort.

In one Gospel story (Mark 12:18-27), a question is posed to Jesus by the Sadducees, who did not believe in an afterlife; they wanted to know about a woman who had had seven spouses successively, and which man would be her husband in heaven. Jesus explained that “when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven” (Mk 12:25)

Some have interpreted these words – erroneously – to mean that there will be no continuing and special relationship in heaven between earthly spouses. Instead, what Christ simply meant was that the institution of marriage, as we have known it on earth, will be unnecessary in heaven. There will be no need for procreation because no one will ever die; human companionship will not be required to satisfy our loneliness because the desire for intimacy will be fulfilled by knowing the Lord personally.

Still, though, the church does believe that the relationships we have enjoyed on earth will be transformed and enhanced as they continue in heaven. A prayer frequently used at the end of funeral Masses has the priest saying, “Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother/sister. May our farewell express our affection for him/her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.”

Parenting Pointers ©

When things are not going well for you or your child (and there are plenty of days like this) try reversing your attitude. Think of one thing that you are grateful for this day. Ask your child to stretch to think of something too.
Thomas of Villanova
1488-1555  Feast September 22

Born in Spain to virtuous, generous parents, Thomas graduated from the University of Alcala and joined the Augustinian friars in Salamanca. Not long after his ordination in 1518, he was made prior of that house; during the next 25 years he held various Augustinian posts and became a wellknown preacher. He also had an intense prayer life. In 1544, under order from his superiors, he was ordained archbishop of Valencia, and until his death used that diocese’s wealth to assist those in need and restored order among the clergy and laity after a long period of neglect.

MOVIE REVIEW
The Wild Life (Summit)

Daniel Defoe’s 1719 adventure novel Robinson Crusoe morphs into a 3-D animated comedy for kids, co-directed by Vincent Kesteloot and Ben Stassen. A sailor (voice of Matthias Schweighofer) is shipwrecked and washes ashore a deserted island. There he encounters a wide array of exotic (and exceedingly loquacious) birds, reptiles and mammals, who tell the story from their point of view. The narrator is an exuberant parrot (voice of David Howard) who becomes the human’s companion. Danger lurks from a pair of feral cats (voices of Debi Tinsley and Jeff Doucette) fixated on island domination. Silliness (and occasional sassiness) aside, the animation is first-rate and the messages of friendship and loyalty are worthy. A few action scenes of shipwreck and feline mayhem may frighten the littlest ones, but overall it is good, clean fun. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I – general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG – parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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Archbishop Arthur Roche is coming to Memphis

Archbishop Arthur Roche is coming to Memphis from the Vatican on Thursday October 6, 2016, at 7 p.m. to St. Louis Catholic Church in Memphis, TN. Archbishop Roche is the next speaker in the 2016 Lumen Civitatis Jubilee Year of Mercy series. His talk is entitled “Mercy and the Spiritual Life” and will complement the Lenten presentation on “The Jesus Prayer in the Year of Mercy” given earlier this year by John Michael Talbot. To register go to http://bit.ly/2eIV8SX. Please register early as a capacity crowd is expected and is seating limited.

Archbishop Arthur Roche was appointed in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI to serve as Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican. He is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture, to which he was named by Pope Francis in 2014.

Bereavement Ministry Training

Are you being called to help others who have lost a loved one? Has someone been there for you when you went through the grieving and mourning process? Please consider joining the Bereavement Ministry to provide comfort to those experiencing loss.

Training will be held on:
Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
St. Louis Catholic Church, Clunan Center
203 S. White Station, Memphis

Whether a parish is seeking to start a new bereavement ministry or new ministers would like to learn more about the grief process and how to support those in bereavement, the training will cover a range of topics, including Christian funerals, the grief process, communicating with the bereaved, leading support groups and beginning a parish bereavement program.

Training is free. All candidates must have the approval of their pastor or his representative.

For more information please call the Office of Pastoral Services at 901-373-1224
Visit www.cdom.org for registration form or it is available at your parish. Deadline for registration: October 19, 2016.

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BIS
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sep. 13 for Pawel “Paul” R. Bis, 29, at Church of Nativity by Rev. Robert Szczezchura, concelebrant, Rev. Christopher Rusin. Burial was at Memphis Memory Gardens. Survivors include parents, Marek and Urszula Bis; sisters, Sylvia and Marta; and daughter, Amelia Bis.

GRISANTI
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sep. 14 for Kay Wilson Grisanti, 73, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church by Rev. Carl Jude Hood, concelebrants, Rev. Msgr. J. Edwin Creary, Rev. Gary E. Lamb, assisted by Rev. Mr. Dave Lucchesi. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Rinaldo “Ronnie” Grisanti; sons, Dino Grisanti, Alex Grisanti and Judd Grisanti; sisters, Dorothy Shrader and Elizabeth Carter; brother, Robert C. Wilson Jr.; and nine grandchildren.

HOLLOWAY
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sep. 10 for Evangeline (Eva) G. Holloway, 85, at Church of Nativity by Rev. J. Keith Stewart, concelebrants, Rev. Russ Harbaugh, Rev. Robert Marshall, Rev. Johnnie Smith, Rev. David Orsak and assisted by Rev. Mr. Chris Frame. Survivors include daughter, Barbara Jean Holloway; sons, Charles F. Holloway Jr. and John R. Holloway; brother, Isidro Gonzalez; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

KIEFER
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sep. 17 for Noal George Kiefer, 91, at Catholic Church of the Incarnation by Rev. Ernie DeBlasio. Survivors include spouse, Yvonne Kiefer; daughters, Dr. Tina Burns and Cass Kiefer; son, Michael Kiefer; and two grandchildren.

RAY
A funeral home service was conducted Sep. 13 for Harrell E. Buddy Ray, 67, at Memphis Funeral Home by Rev. Ernie DeBlasio. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Mary Jo Ray; daughters, Kim Logan, Lindsey Ray and Laura Fisher; son, Mike Williams; sister, Beth Barbaro; brothers, Lee Carter and Reagan Williams; and four grandchildren.

ROMEO
A funeral home service was conducted Sep. 16 for Vito Anthony Romeo, 92, at Memorial Park Funeral Home by Rev. Msgr. John B. McArthur. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Dorothy Romeo; sons, John Romeo, Robert Romeo and Richard Romeo; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A year after pope’s visit, domestic workers gather on immigration issue

Last year, when they heard the pope would be addressing immigration on his first trip to the U.S., a group of 100 domestic workers, including many immigrants and women of faith, decided they would make a religious pilgrimage, including visits to churches and prayer circles, from Pennsylvania to Washington to hear what the pontiff had to say. A year after his historic visit, many of them returned to Washington to keep the pope’s message of honoring the dignity of migrants alive, said Marzena Zukowska, of the National Domestic Workers Alliance. The organization is one of the groups that coordinated an anniversary march and vigil Sept. 16 from the Supreme Court to the White House, calling for an end to deportations and detention centers. Some of those gathered on the steps of the Supreme Court said faith and their belief in God is what helps them face a daily fear – of being deported, or of having a husband or children taken away – until politicians find a solution that can help them. America Carbajal, a Catholic domestic worker from Colorado who was in Washington in mid-September for the events, said staying close to God while organizing prayer vigils at immigration detention centers and leaning on others who want to help and being of help to those seeking comfort is what keeps her going. This is especially true, she said, because there doesn’t seem to be an easy or imminent fix for those who do not have proper documentation to be in the U.S. A Pew Research Center study released on Sept. 20 reported 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants were in the U.S. in 2014, a number unchanged since 2009. Congress and the president both have said the immigration system is “broken” but can’t agree on what action to take.
I love it when youth say what’s on their mind. For instance, they’ll ask, “What’s so special about poor people?” or, “If there is fire in hell, do you burn up and disappear?”

Likewise, adults often express confusion about Catholic social teaching’s “preferential option for the poor.” They ask whether the church is saying that God loves the poor more than fortunate people and, if not, then what’s the point?

The church has profound answers to these great questions that are addressed in this week’s Scriptures. Picture life in the garden before Adam and Eve brought sin into the world: There was no poverty, no alienation and no competition among the species. Everyone lived in harmony; no one was without.

But sin corrupted life in Eden with consequences to this day. Division and conflict arose over the distribution of resources.

However, the Second Vatican Council, St. John Paul II and Pope Francis have taught that God provided the earth’s resources for all, so all property (private and public) has a “social mortgage” obligating its use to serve the common good.

Thus, poverty is the principal manifestation of sin. Whenever and wherever we see poverty, we see the effects of sin.

God loves everyone equally. What he despises is poverty.

The Gospel shows starving Lazarus painfully begging for crumbs from the rich man’s sumptuous table without receiving a scrap.

When they both died, Lazarus was carried to heaven by angels while the rich man in purple garments fell into the netherworld. Tormented in flames, the rich man looks up and now begs for a cool drop of water from Lazarus’ fingertip.

However, the chasm between them is so wide that no one can cross it. This isn’t a physical description of hell such as Dante’s burning inferno.

St. John Paul II said that we should not think of hell as a place, but as separation from God – an immense chasm of lost love whereby one truly knows, sees and feels the pain of having chosen to reject one’s Creator, Lord and Redeemer. To be on the outside of heaven looking in, that is hell.
Immaculate Conception Cathedral School Fifth Annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon. Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Marian Hall. All are invited to join the entire student body and faculty to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 9:30 a.m., followed by a tour of the new Early Childhood Center. The Awards Luncheon will begin at 11:30. Tickets are $25. For more information or to purchase luncheon tickets, please visit MyICCS.org/mercyday or call (901) 435-5345.

Faith and Family Night for all families at the “Canticle of Praise: A Musical Celebration of Faith and Family” with John Angotti. 7 p.m., at the AMP at the West TN Farmer’s Market, 100 Union Avenue, Jackson, TN. Food vendors will be available. Or bring your own cooler. Please bring folding chairs and blankets for seating.

St. Ann Catholic School Trivia Night. 7 p.m., St. Ann Catholic Church, Trinity Hall. Benefiting the Sister Connie Passing on the Faith Scholarship. Our theme will be fall holidays, including Christmas. Emcee: Brother Ignatius. Come early to decorate your table with a holiday theme. BYOB/BYOF (food); Door Prizes, Mulligans, Heads & Tails. Registration: $10/per person if registered and paid before 9/23; $15 at the door. Table of 8: $80 To register, please email Annmarie Ghio at annmarie.ghio@sascolts.org. Mail payment to St. Ann Catholic School, Attn: Ghio/Trivia Night, 6529 Stage Road, Bartlett. Please make checks payable to St. Ann.

“Grace at the Trace” Natchez Trace State Park. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for middle school and high school youth. Activities include interaction among small groups in the morning, followed by free time in the afternoon (bring your own sports equipment). Small group activities will be at Cub Creek Lake at the park. The day will end with an outdoor liturgy at 4:30 p.m. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from. Teens should contact their youth minister to register for the event. For questions or more information, contact Dianne Dolan at (901) 373-1292 or dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org.

St. Michael Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. St. Michael’s Parish. We are hosting Memphis’ first taco competition, along with salsa and margarita competitions. There will also be a petting zoo, pony rides and live music. Door prizes are available for a donation of $10: a statue of St. Michael, an iPad, and a 40-inch LED television. Tickets for door prizes and registration forms for taco teams are available at the Parish Office. Come join the fun!

“Laudato Si,” Encyclical by Pope Francis, with Fr. Christopher Rusin. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 1210 E. Wood St., Paris, TN. Bring lunch. Register at parish office: (731) 642-4681.

Mid-South Area Association of Catholic Nurses Speaker. 6-8 p.m., Bishop’s Conference Room, Catholic Center, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive. Speaker is Deacon Jack Conrad, topic, “Adverse Childhood Experiences and the Effects on Long Term Disease.” 1.5 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) hours will be awarded for full participation through VA Medical Center. Please R.S.V.P. to Lou Ellen McElmurry, MSAACN President @ louelllen3@bellsouth.net or call (901) 794-4555.

Forget Me Not Mass. A special Mass for those who have lost children especially through miscarriage or stillbirth and those who struggle with infertility. 6:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 4851 Park Ave. Sponsored by Diocese of Memphis Pro-life Committee. No registration required. Just come and be with Jesus. If you need more information, please call Mary Pat Van Epps (901) 373-1285.

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During the Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities of West Tennessee hosted several “Come and See: Sharing Love-Giving Voice” opportunities designed to help us develop a more mature understanding of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Here is another way to grow.

It’s that time of the year again when we clean out garages, attics, closets and cabinets. We are organizing our “stuff” switching from summer to winter. Garage Sale signs will be popping up in our neighborhoods. All of us are familiar with the “garage sale” mentality:

- We set aside items that no longer matter to us to be sold at the garage sale.
  - The items are either too big, too small, stained, out of date, slightly broken or just no longer useful to us.
- We can either share our “stuff” with a friend’s garage sale or have our own sale.
- We make some money, and anything that is leftover (does not sell) goes to charity—the poor and vulnerable.
- From the “get-go,” those who are poor and vulnerable are destined to have the leftovers.

It is also that time of year when the Year of Mercy is quickly rolling to a close on November 20. Pope Francis opened the year by encouraging all of us to live the Corporal Works of Mercy. How about finishing the year by challenging ourselves and each other to give what matters vs. our leftovers to those who are poor and vulnerable?

- From the “get-go,” plan to give our best to those who are poor and vulnerable.
- Set aside something that really matters to us to give to charity or to put in our own garage sale.
- If we do have a garage sale, we give the proceeds to charity.
- Teach our children to model our behavior about giving the best to those who are poor.

If Jesus visited our garage sale, we would choose our best for him. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matt 25:40

Kudos to St. Brigid’s Church for hosting their Year of Mercy Garage Sale on October 15. All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities of West Tennessee.

For information contact: Carol Bigam at cbsundancer@yahoo.com.

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Are believed to be More’s last words before going to the chopping block where he was beheaded: “I die the king’s good servant, and God’s servant first.” Nearly all of the 60 or so items in the exhibit come from Stonyhurst College in England, according to Jan Graffius, the curator of collections at Stonyhurst, a Jesuit institution. The Knights of Columbus and Stonyhurst’s Christian Heritage Center organized the exhibit and are its sponsors. To be able to have so many artifacts is remarkable, Graffius told Catholic News Service Sept. 15, the day before the exhibit opened, as she and her team were putting the finishing touches on the exhibit. King Henry VIII, who had St. Thomas More imprisoned in the Tower of London for more than a year before his execution, and subsequent monarchs had made Roman Catholicism virtually illegal and had all traces of Catholicism wiped out. St. Thomas More, a lawyer and the first layman to serve as chancellor of England, had balked at helping Henry VIII obtain an annulment so he could marry Anne Boleyn in hopes of bearing him a son to be heir to the throne. After the pope denied the annulment, Henry declared himself head of the church in England, conferring upon himself the power to divorce and marry whomever he pleased.
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when compared to outlying areas, has consistently showed far more favorable attitudes toward social issues like same-sex marriage and abortion. Both were legalized over the past decade by a Mexico City government at odds with the local archdiocese.

Pena Nieto proposed a measure in May to expand rights for same-sex couples, along with revising textbooks to include positive portrayals of gays and lesbians and nontraditional families. The Supreme Court has made same-sex marriage part of Mexican jurisprudence, meaning any couple can marry, but they might have to obtain an injunction to do so.

The president’s own party, however, has shelved his measure, saying the timing was not convenient, a rare show of internal opposition to Pena Nieto, whose approval rating barely reaches 20 percent.

“It shows that this issue isn’t politically profitable,” Cortes said, adding that polls show Mexicans placing the family above all other institutions on levels of importance and trust.

Polls also show a split on support for same-sex marriage, though the trend has been toward increased support. A telephone poll, which focuses more on urban areas, published Sept. 20 in the newspaper Reforma, found opinions split, with 45 percent supporting and opposing same-sex marriage, though 70 percent of respondents disagreed with gay couples adopting children.

The organizers’ claims of success and the marches themselves have come under attack from critics both inside and outside the church.

The Mexican bishops’ conference has endorsed the National Front for the Family, a lay movement that includes non-Catholics, and bishops in some cities joined in the marches.

Critics of the marches point to the lack of inclusion of those from nontraditional families, even though census data show just 40.7 percent of households are formed by heterosexual couples with children. The polls showing support for the family, meanwhile, reflect the realities of a country in which family is often a social safety net and do not necessarily show support for the traditional family, said Rodolfo Soriano-Nunez, a Catholic sociologist in Mexico City.

Critics also question the organizers’ march figures, saying official statistics in some cities such as Guadalajara showed far fewer participants than the numbers boasted by organizers.

Some in the church saw misplaced priorities as the bishops push an agenda of social issues such as same-sex marriage while treading cautiously on the thorny matters of crime and corruption, which might upset local officials.

“What amazes and saddens me is the fact that they chose this one, not any other issue, as the litmus-test kind of issue to mobilize,” said Soriano-Nunez.

Father Alejandro Solalinde, an activist for Central American migrants, told the newsweekly Proceso, “I have not seen marches (convened by the church) to protest corruption, impunity, the Donald Trump visit, nor (showing) solidarity with people harmed and suffering such as the disappeared, the kidnapped and murdered women. ... The Catholic Church is in crisis because it follows the mania of judging ... labeling and excluding.”

Others pointed out that Catholic leaders attending a conference of border bishops in Ciudad Juarez led a Sept. 3 memorial for popular singer Juan Gabriel – who was believed to be gay, though he never said it openly – while marching against same-sex marriage that same day.

“There’s a double discourse,” said Father Oscar Enriquez, director of the El Paso del Norte Human Rights Center in Ciudad Juarez, who has criticized the church for failing to consistently condemn crime or the authorities’ excesses while the city was suffering waves of drug cartel violence.

A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Mexico City, which did not participate in the organization of the marches, but lent moral support, called the criticism unfounded, while insisting the church was correct to fight what it considered attacks on the family, instead of marching against crime and corruption.

“Attacking the family is much more serious than all of this,” said Father Hugo Valdemar, the archdiocesan spokesman. “To ask why the church is not convening marches to attack all these problems, this is an absurd vision that does not correspond with the mission of the church.”

Marchers in Cuernavaca, capital of a state plagued by insecurity, agreed.

“Wherever there is family,” Vargas said, “there’s peace.”
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