Help for those struggling to heat their homes

The 2018 LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) application period for those who struggle to heat or cool their home runs through the end of March. Regardless of whether individuals/families need help with winter heating or summer cooling, they must apply for LIEAP assistance during the application period between January and March; applications are not taken at any other time during the year.

All three Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas offices (in Dodge City, Garden City, Great Bend) can assist individuals with their application if they need help. More information is available by calling: in the Dodge City region, (620) 227-1586; in Garden City, (620) 272-0010; and in the Great Bend region, call (620) 792-1393.

Or you can visit catholiccharitiesswks.org/home/news/40-home/news/economic-assistance/821-low-income-energy-assistance-program.

SKYAC is coming!

The Diocese of Dodge City invites all young adults ages 18-39 to attend the third annual Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference (SKYAC), Sunday, March 4 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. SKYAC offers participants the chance to get closer to God and each other in an atmosphere of fun and praise. See Page 9

People of the Diocese of Dodge City

Through tragedy and triumph, life remains a celebration

Just ask Louise Korbe!

By DAVE MYERS
Southwest Kansas Catholic

At top: Louise Korbe of Garden City dances in 1990 at a celebration marking the anniversary of Mexico’s independence from Spain. Above: at 92, amid memories of both joy and seemingly undeniable sadness, Louise celebrates her life.

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By BENJAMIN GLATT
Jerusalem Post

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“I am not a hero,” Miep Gies wrote in the first sentence of her prologue in a book she co-authored about her experiences hiding Anne Frank and her family. While this is an enormous understatement for the Roman Catholic Dutchwoman, the root of her actions during the Holocaust may be traced back to the atmosphere of kind actions that surrounded her in life.

The first time Gies was witness to the exceptional power of kindness was as a young child. As a member of a working-class family in Vienna during and after the First World War, Gies (then known as Hermine Santruschitz) and her family didn’t have enough food to eat.

In 1920, she was offered to leave Austria for the Netherlands, by virtue of a Dutch workers’ association aid program to help malnourished children in the aftermath of the war. In December 1920, she arrived at Leiden, being taken in by a Christian working family.

“Kindness, in my deplited condition, was very important to me,” she wrote in “Anne Frank Remembered: The Story of the Woman Who Helped to Hide the Frank Family.” “It was medicine as much as the bread, the marmalade, the good Dutch milk and butter and cheese, the toasty temperature of the warm rooms.”

One act of kindness led to another. Due to Gies’s poor physical condition, she ended up staying in the Netherlands past the date the workers association had told her foster family. But with their and her parents’ permission, she would stay with her foster family in the Netherlands until she would become an adult.

Looking for employment in the Depression, in 1933 Gies found work with a Swiss-German businessman selling pectin to make jam. His name was Otto Frank, the father of the famous-to-be Anne Frank. Gies and her future husband became well-acquainted with the Franks, with Otto and his family inviting them over frequently.

When the train went by, another man would hook them [and pull them onto the train.] That’s how we got the mail. The train never stopped!”

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February 10 Lenten Retreat to focus on ‘rebirth’

Among speakers: Columbine survivor turned Religious Sister

Sister Mary Gianna will bring her incredible story of purpose and meaning in her life. She found that purpose and meaning and joined a congregation of sisters known as The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accompanying Sister Mary Gianna on her visit to Kansas will be Sister Elizabeth Ann, the community’s Mission Advancement Director. She, too, brings an inspiring and musical talent.

The sisters will serve as retreat directors for Dannebohm’s “busy person’s retreat,” held annually as Western Christendom prepares for the Lenten season. The 3-hour retreat, takes place at the Dannebohm residence on Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants join in prayer, listen to moving testimonials, receive practical advice, and conclude the experience with a luncheon. Those seeking one-on-one spiritual direction with one of the sisters have the opportunity after lunch.

While Catholic in nature, the retreat is open to all denominations—all individuals searching for meaning in life. There is no charge to attend, however reservations are required.

The theme for this year’s retreat is “rebirth.” Both Sister Mary Gianna and Sister Elizabeth Ann will share personal accounts of the “rebirth” they experienced, finding purpose and peace when they opened their hearts and minds to God’s Will. They aim to provide participants with practical advice for finding peace, and experiencing a closer relationship with God in an incredibly busy and broken world.

A native Texan, Sister Elizabeth Ann grew up in a broken home. Her grandmother, who raised her Protestant, taught her to find peace and joy in the midst of suffering by having a strong relationship with the Lord. She found that joy especially through music, which she pursued as a career as a professional double bass player and orchestra director.

One day at the post office, she met Sister Rita, a member of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a beautiful friendship emerged. In 2002 Sister Elizabeth Ann entered the Catholic Church. Two years later she discovered her vocational call and joined the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Eventually my desire for worldly things diminished and my sole desire became to be closer to the Lord,” Sister Elizabeth Ann recalled.

“When I read in a book ‘sometimes we don’t know our vocation until we meet the person or the people we are supposed to spend the rest of our life with.’ I found the people then discerned my vocation.”

The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ

HELP WANTED

Hispanic Pastoral Minister

Prince of Peace Parish in Great Bend is looking for a qualified person to fill the position of Hispanic Pastoral Minister. Requirements include bi-lingual (Spanish/English), college degree (preferred), basic computer skills, basic office skills, ability to work with and motivate others, be a practicing Catholic, and some knowledge of the RCIA process (preferred). If interested in this position, please contact Father Donald Bedore at 620-792-1396 or fr.don11@gmail.com.

Space is still available

Father John Forkuoh to lead pilgrimage to Holy Land

Father John Forkuoh, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Spearville, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 11 days, beginning May 28 and concluding June 7.

The adventure will include visits to the following locations:
- Jerusalem • Nazareth • Bethlehem
- Via Crucis • Cana • Dormition • Nativity Church
- Capernaum • Last Supper
- Getsemani • Tel Aviv.

The price for the pilgrimage, including Mass each day, airfare, 4-5 star hotels, breakfast and dinner, tips, taxes, etc., has been discounted to $3,800.

Call 855-842-8001 to pre-register and for more information about the trip. You can also contact Sandi with proximo travel at sandi@proximotravel.com.

Protecting God’s Children

The Diocese of Dodge City requires all employees and volunteers who work with children to participate in a Protecting God’s Children awareness session. Through the Diocesan Awareness Sessions and other educational efforts of the diocese, all people of the diocese can learn how to discuss different aspects of abuse — including sexual abuse — with children and how to teach them to protect themselves.

For updated listings, visit www.dccdiocese.org/safe-environment.

Abuse Hotline

If you or someone you know may have been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Dodge City, you are asked to contact Dave Snapp, Fitness Review Administrator: (620) 225-5051 work; (620) 225-2412 home; dsnapp3@starrtech.net. You always have the right to directly contact the Department for Children and Families/Kansas Protection Report Center: Hotline number is 1-800-922-5330.

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Life is a celebration

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The family would add two more members, a younger brother and sister—Inez and Rafael. It was a difficult time. The Great Depression was soon to devastate the nation, and the terrible dust bowl was just around the corner. "We had no car, so Dad would hire someone to drive us to church," Louise said. "When I was young, there was a missionary priest out of Hays, a Capuchin. He took me to Tribune to teach the kids prayers before their First Communion. He drove a Model A."

"Sometimes it was scary to ride with him," Louise said, laughing. "He was all over the road! His name was Father Cyprian. I don't recall his last name."

A quick look in Tim Wentz's necrology, "Priests on the Prairie," and you find the German-born Father Cyprian Gehrling pictured in bushy, grey beard. He served Marienthal from 1931-1939, the precise time Louise was helping children in Tribune with their prayers. It was also a period in which mountains of darkened clouds created an avalanche of choking dirt onto Kansas towns known as "the Dustbowl."

Louise said of the dust bowl. "We had a four-poster bed. Mom would hang wet sheets on the posters, and by morning there would be a layer of dirt [half an inch thick]."

Yet, she assured with a smile, "I was always more or less happy. There were no worries. At Christmas, there was no money for toys, so we got candy and nuts."

Louise was silent for a moment, her face serious, and then the smile returned. "One day I walked past a hardware store in Leoti. I saw a doll. It looked so real with soft skin. I begged Dad for that baby. Dad said no, but at Christmas, there it was under the tree! We each received a present that year."

A few years later—when Louise was a senior in high school—their world came to a jarring halt. In 1943, Louise’s mother and sister were peering out their window when they saw a truck as it was rammed by a train when it tried to cross the tracks. The train was carrying troops preparing to fight in World War II. The two women darted out the door to help.

Moments later their dog discovered the body of their husband and father, Juan, a passenger in the truck. "The dog wouldn’t let anyone get near him," Louise said, sadly. "They told Mom and my sister not to move my dad until the authorities arrived, but they brought him into the house anyway."

The family was facing life with no income in one of the most trying eras of the nation’s history.

"My brother worked for a farmer," she explained. "The farmer had an unused dug-out house, and we all moved into the basement house. Most of the boys were in the service, so we helped with the farming. My brother taught me how to drive a tractor."

There was no electricity. No plumbing. When a scourge of rabbits began depleting farmers of their crops, men, women and children went to work.

"They would eat the wheat down to the dirt," Louise said. "We would go on rabbit drives using fencing to drive them into a trap where they were killed."

It was a matter of survival. Families could hunt rabbits for food, but there were far, far too many. And when the crops began to be destroyed, the cause had to be addressed.

"I remember seeing coal trains with tons and tons of dead rabbits. They were taken to factories where their furs would be processed."

Louise attended business school in Hutchinson for two years, and then returned home to care for her mother who had diabetes. By then Louise had married Willis Dale Ohi, and the couple had two children, Steven Lee and Melissa Marie.

"When we met, he had just gotten out of the service and was harvesting with a crew from Oklahoma."

Her life was renewed. A new best friend. They moved to eastern Kansas where the couple enjoyed several years of happy marriage.

While on vacation in Leoti to visit Louise’s mother, "Willis was driving out to an uncle’s farm. He was passing a big wheat truck, and his wheels got snagged in the dirt piled along the side of the dirt road. He was vehicle was thrown under the wheat truck. He lived for about a week. The doctor said that he had no internal organs that weren’t damaged."

Upon her beloved husband’s death, Louise’s health began to decline. Finally, it was her mother-in-law who demanded she go to the doctor to see if there was a physical reason why she was feeling so badly.

There was. Turns out that Louise was five months pregnant with a little girl she would name Melissa, the mother of Laci. (Laci is the granddaughter who was with her that day in Leoti.)

"This was something," Louise said of the dust bowl. "We lived next door to the Korbes. I knew Francis as a kid," she said of the man who would become her second husband.

"I thought he was stuck up," she remembered with a laugh. "He wasn’t a mixer. I knew him and he knew me, and we needed companionship."

Thirteen years after the death of her first husband, she wed Francis Korbe.

"We were married 25 years. He’s been gone almost 20 years now."

"He was a real good man."

The couple settled in Garden City, where Louise founded a women’s band using talented members belonging to a senior center. (Some readers may remember the travelling troop of seven senior women called “The Humdingers,” who delighted people at senior centers and other venues across southwest Kansas for many years. If you recall one playing a “melodica,” a small keyboard that you blow in as you play, that was Louise.)

Today, you can still hear Louise perform in the form of songs of praise, where she has for 50 years, with the St. Dominic Parish choir.

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Juan and Soledad Campos came to Selkirk, Kansas 91 years ago from their home near Lake Chapala in Mexico. Their youngest child at the time was one-year-old Louise, pictured below, right.
Things have gotten weird

Some people say that we are entering a dangerous phase in our ecological history thanks to global warming. While I’m concerned about this issue, what is far more terrifying to me is that life on planet Earth has entered into another phase, one hitherto unknown to humankind.

You might brush this off as the ravings of an immature man-child voicing his radical opinions through the prism of humor, or, you might think I’m just a doofus. Either way, I implore you: listen; read. For this frightening phase—this phase I call “Weirdness”—involves you, too.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Let’s start at the top. Granted, “weirdness” and “Washington, D.C.” are practically synonymous. But in the last several months, we’ve been the recipient of weirdness erupting from Washington like Mount Vesuvius onto Pompeii. First, we had the allegations of Russians trying to influence the presidential election. At first I didn’t know what to think. We all knew what we’ve been told.

But then I learned a startling fact. Not only did the Russians influence the presidential election, they also influenced the Spearville elections. How can I make such a bold accusation, you ask? Here is the actual transcript from a phone conversation I made to Spearville city officials:

**SKC:** “Do you deny that Russia influenced your election?”

**Elected Official:** “Da! Da!”

**SKC:** “You just answered ‘yes’ in Russian!”

**Elected Official:** “Nooo! I hab a bad code!”

Meanwhile, Britain has been accused of influencing a recent election in Clarmont, Kansas, right here in our own diocese. When I called the City of Clarmont and was put through to the mayor, His Royal Highness King Larry Simons vehemently denied the accusation.

**Iowa**

On another front, immigrants and refugees have been the victims of some highly troubling weirdness. The moves to end DACA as well as the temporary protection for Salvadorans without regard for separating families, has been defended by officials.

In an official press release, the administration is quoted as saying, “DACA is not a mandate for the ‘huddled masses’ living in the United States to live up for deportation. In addition, we believe that the final line of the poem originally read, ‘Don’t let the golden door hit you on the way out,’ but was left out due to space constraints.”

**INTERNET**

The weirdness isn’t just limited to Washington. On a far less serious matter, recently I received an email that read, “Thank you for your membership.” My membership? To what? It didn’t say. Apparently, I’m a member of something.

Thing is, I’ve never been a joiner. Rather than go to a meeting to discuss, well, anything—rather than belong to a gym or a bird-watching club, rather than be on a board or on a committee—which I’ve never been good at or good at anyway—I’ve always preferred to just sit on my woodwork ing shop. Or paint. Or read. Or watch an old movie. (Actually, “watch an old movie” is at the top of the list; I just wanted to sound cool by putting woodworking first.) I guess the email was good in a way. It’s nice to feel like I belong, even if I don’t know to what it is to which I belong to.

(Oh—I also received an email asking me personally to help a Nigerian princess. I sent her some Monopoly money. Since she was pretend, I sent her pretend money.)

**THE CHANCERY**

There’s also been weirdness here at the Catholic newspaper office. When I came back after Christmas, my co-workers were dressed in togas. Togas!

I asked my co-worker what was up, and he replied that Tuesdays had been deemed, “Toga Tuesday” as part of our ongoing Tending the Talents training.

“But today is Wednesday,” I said. “What’s your point?”

**MY COMPUTER**

I retreated to my office and found solace in half a cup of coffee I had left on my desk before I had gone to Denver for Christmas. It was upon my first sip that my computer began showing signs of weirdness.

Since that moment, I’ve come to realize that if you’ve noticed any errors at all, or times in recent issues where my columns have not made sense, or I got a name wrong, or a date, or I wrote something with which you didn’t agree, it honestly was the fault of my aging computer. Computers are supposed to be smart, and all mine does is what I tell it to do.

**ME**

That last bit of weirdness is me. I used to think that I was relatively normal, and that it was the rest of the world that was weird. I was wrong. I mean, I was right that the rest of the world is weird. That’s definitely true. But me? I’m weird, too. Super weird. So weird that I’ve long since forgotten what it is to be normal, if I ever knew.

But that’s okay. Two-thousand years ago a man came to earth who a lot of people thought was weird, too. Weird doesn’t have to be a bad thing. As long as it’s trumped by divine, unconditional love—love for God, love for all of His children—then go ahead and be just as weird as you want to be.

Leonie Aviat — 1844-1914

Leonie Aviat was born the daughter of French shopkeepers. She received her education in the Visitation Convent in Troyes. In her studies she felt the first stirring of a religious vocation that would grow over time. One day, she took her mother’s eyelashes for repair where young women worked in poor working conditions.

She noted young women in factory work facing homelessness and many forms of exploitation. Earlier the Chaplain of Leonie’s school, Father Louis Brisson, had created a Center in Troyes to house and educate such exploited women. Leonie joined Father Brisson in his work and became Administrator of the house.

Along with other volunteers, Leonie and Father Brisson formed a new congregation, “The Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales”. Eager to take inspiration from “Jesus the Worker”, the two were moved to spread God’s Spirit into work places. Her motto became “Let us be God’s little tools and allow Him to use us as He wishes.”

Approved as a Congregation in 1911, the community spread to South Africa and Ecuador. Mother Leonie, who served as Superior, died on Jan. 10, 1914. One of Leonie’s mottos was: “You must not wish to live outside the present moment. It contains the light you must follow and the help to use us as He wishes.”

Holy Ones of Our Time

By Sister Irene Hartman, OP

The SKC is presenting the last columns of Sister Irene as a celebration of her life and her gift to this newspaper. Sister Irene died Aug. 17, 2017.

“It’s out of love for God that I am a religious and, being a religious, I am the smallest servant of God; in serving others and in bearing with them, I do the work my Lord and Master entrusted to me.”

—— Sister Leonie Aviat

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Bishop Brungardt invites you to continue to pray for Father Marvin Reif, who went missing April 3, 2017. If you happen to see Father Marvin or know of his whereabouts, please contact local law enforcement.
The quirky Father Solanus: Squeaky violinist, tamer of bees

By MARY REZAC
Catholic News Agency

Detroit, Mich. (CNA) - You’ve heard of Christ’s multiplication of the loaves. But have you heard of Father Solanus Casey’s multiplication of the ice cream cones?

To be sure, what Father Solanus is most remembered for is his gentle holiness, humility and obedience to the will of God in all things. It’s why the beloved Capuchin friar was beatified Nov. 18 in Detroit.

However, there’s something endearingly unconventional about the story of Father Solanus Casey - from the miracles reportedly worked through his intercession down to his breakfast habits - that makes his story especially unique.

The ice cream miracle

Father Solanus was a friar and simplex priest, meaning that, due to lesser academic abilities, he was not allowed to preach or to hear confessions. The friar was not allowed to be a priest, meaning that, due to lesser academic abilities, he was not allowed to preach or to hear confessions.

But this freed him up for other charisms in which he particularly thrived - including serving as the porter (doorkeeper) at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, from 1924-1945.

As porter, Father Solanus became the main link from the brothers to the outside world, and he soon became renowned for the gentle and willing counsel that he offered, and for the miracles attributed to his intercession.

In one story, Father Solanus was stationed at the Franciscans, Father Solanus also had a special relationship with animals - bees in particular

The young friar sought Father Solanus’ blessing before heading out to the dentist, who told him to trust God that everything would work out.

While the friar was at the dentist, a lady who came to visit the monastery brought Father Solanus two ice cream cones.

Too busy to eat them at the moment, Father Solanus shoved the cones into his desk drawer, much to the dismay of his secretary, who was sure they would be a soup mix in a matter of minutes.

After more than half an hour, the young friar returned from the dentist, his tooth found miraculously healthy. He went to thank Father Solanus, who pulled out three (not two!) perfectly frozen ice cream cones from his desk drawer on the hot summer day

The friar was known for eating all of his breakfast at once - cereal, juice, coffee, and milk all mixed together in the same bowl.

In a story for the Michigan Catholic earlier last year, Father Werner Wolf, OFM Cap., recalled how he had been inspired to join the Capuchins specifically by Father Solanus Casey, who was still alive at the time. Eager to learn from the holy friar, Father Wolf decided he would watch Father Solanus very closely.

“He was sincere, everyone knew he was holy, even though listening to him play the violin was a challenge,” Father Wolf told Michigan Catholic in February.

“He started to talk to the bees. ‘All right now. Calm down. All right.’” Father Groeschel recalled in a story to Our Sunday Visitor.

“Then a young Capuchin, Father Groeschel had also heard of the holy Father Solanus, and watched him closely. One day, Father Groeschel and another friar were visiting the beehives kept by the friars, when the bees started swarming angrily.

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A violinist of ‘more love than skill’

Also on display at the Solanus Casey Center is the friar’s beloved violin, which by all accounts he played “with more love than skill.”

He loved to play the violin and sing, a skill he picked up while still living at home. But he had a high squeaky voice that some friars found grating. According to one account from the Catholic Education Resource Center, one of the Capuchin friars had fallen ill, and Father Solanus went to fetch his violin in order to cheer him up. While he was gone, the sick friar asked one of his visitors to turn on the radio to deter Father Solanus from playing his violin.

In another story about his violin playing, a friar heard a squeaky noise coming from the chapel. When he went to see where the noise was coming from, he found Father Solanus alone in front of the chapel’s Nativity scene, playing and singing Christmas carols in his squeaky voice for the baby Jesus.

The whole, Father Solanus’ quirks only served to make him more beloved among the people of Detroit and those who have a devotion to him.

“He was sincere, everyone knew he was holy, even though listening to him play the violin was a challenge,” Father Wolf told Michigan Catholic in February.

More than 20,000 people came to pay their respects after the friar died, and an estimated 70,000 people attended his beatification Mass last November in Detroit.

A tamer of bees

Like St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscans, Father Solanus also had a special relationship with animals - bees in particular.

On several occasions, witnesses recalled Father Solanus taming the bees that were kept by the Capuchin friars.

On one particular occasion, the witness was Father Benedict Groeschel, cofounder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Father Groeschel was visiting St. Felix Friary in Huntington, Indiana, where Father Solanus Casey was stationed at the time.

Then a young Capuchin, Father Groeschel had also heard of the holy Father Solanus, and watched him closely. One day, Father Groeschel and another friar were visiting the beehives kept by the friars, when the bees started swarming angrily.

Father Groeschel was instructed to get Father Solanus, who started talking to the bees and calming them when he arrived.

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Saints are often people known for offering up some kind of physical penances to the Lord - whether that’s a scratchy hair shirt, taking on some kind of fasting, or sleeping on a hard floor. Even in this way, Father Solanus’ penance was uniquely quirky.

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Migration Chairman
Bishop Joe Vásquez urges Congress to find legislative solution to protect thousands of Salvadorans in U.S.

The following comes from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 8, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it is terminating Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador.

TPS is a temporary, renewable, andstatutorily authorized humanitarian migration program that permits individuals to remain and work lawfully in the U.S. during a period in which it is deemed unsafe for nationals of that country to return home. The vast majority of TPS recipients in the U.S. are Salvadoran.

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, Chairman of the Committee on Migration (USCCB/COM), issued the following statement:

“The decision to terminate TPS for El Salvador is heartbreaking. As detailed in our recent delegation trip report to the region, El Salvador is currently not in a position to adequately handle the return of the roughly 200,000 Salvadoran TPS recipients. Today’s decision will fragment American families, leaving more than 192,000 U.S. citizen children of Salvadoran TPS recipients with uncertain futures. Families will be needlessly separated because of this decision.”

— Most Rev. Joe Vásquez

uncertain futures. Families will be needlessly separated because of this decision.

“We believe that God has called us to care for the foreigner and the marginalized: ‘So you too should love the resident alien, for that is what you were in the land of Egypt’ (Deut. 10:19). Our nation must not turn its back on TPS recipients and their families; they too are children of God.

DHS has provided an 18-month period (through Sept. 9, 2019) during which TPS recipients from El Salvador can legally stay in the United States and prepare for their departure. While we recognize and appreciate this extra time, it will not remedy the underlying protection and family unity concerns that remain for Salvadoran TPS recipients.

“We renew our call to Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to find a legislative solution for long-term TPS recipients, and we stand ready to support such efforts. TPS recipients are an integral part of our communities, churches, and nation. Without action by Congress, however, recipients’ lives will be upended and many families will be devastated. As with DACA, we strongly urge Congressional members and leadership to come together and address this issue as soon as possible.

“To Salvadoran TPS recipients, we promise to continue to stand in solidarity with you and pray for you and your families, and all those who are displaced or forced to flee from their homes.”

Feb. 10 Mass in Wright to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City will honor and celebrate all those in the diocese who are members of the consecrated life with a special Mass at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 at St. Andrew Church in Wright.

If you have someone in your life who is a Sister, Brother, or Religious Priest, you are encouraged to attend this special Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Benzakein, as an act of appreciation for their devotion to God and God’s people.

A dinner will follow for consecrated life members, and their families. (The deadline to register for the dinner has already passed.)

What is Consecrated Life?

In responding to their baptismal call, some men and women join religious communities in order to consecrate their lives to God as a way of seeking holiness. To consecrate something means to set it aside or devote it to a holy purpose. When a man or woman decides to accept Christ’s invitation to leave everything and follow Him in a more radical way, they make vows to live like Jesus in poverty, chastity, and obedience. They participate in a ceremony in which they make this commitment, much like a married couple exchanges their vows on their wedding day. They promise Christ that they will live the rest of their lives dedicated exclusively to Him. These vows help them to live simply, to be more open with God, and to depend totally on Him.

What is a Religious Sister?

A woman religious is a member of a religious congregation who shares in a particular apostolate. As a part of promising simple vows, the sister makes perpetual simple vows for life. These vows are poverty, chastity and obedience. Most of the institutes whose members are called Sisters were established since the nineteenth century. Congregations of sisters typically live and are active in the world. They serve in a variety of active charities reaching out into the world to assist the Church in health, schools, parishes, etc.

What is the difference between a Religious Sister and a Religious Nun?

While the titles are often used interchangeably, there is a difference. Nuns take solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and live a contemplative lifestyle, most often in a cloistered environment. They live a life of silence and prayer. They engage in some work to help themselves.

What is a Religious Brother?

A brother is a single, Catholic layman who lives his baptismal commitment by joining a religious community of vowed members dedicated to serving God and those around them. Religious brothers profess the evangelical counsels (vows) of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They also commit themselves to a life of ministry, prayer and Gospel witness within the context of community.

What is the difference between a Religious Brother and a Religious Priest?

A brother lives in a religious community and works in nearly any ministry: teacher, cook, lawyer, etc. Brothers do not feel called by God to the ordained ministry as priests and deacons are. Thus, since brothers are not ordained, they are not sacramental ministers. A religious priest takes the same vows as a brother and may work in a variety of positions, but he is also ordained to the priesthood and serves as a sacramental minister.

What is the difference between a Diocesan Priest and a Religious Priest?

A diocesan priest ordinarily serves the church within a geographic area called a Diocese. He ordinarily serves the people as a parish priest, but he may also be involved in many other forms of ministry like teaching, hospital ministry, campus ministry, or prison ministry. Diocesan priests make promises of celibacy as well as obedience and respect to their bishop. They do not make a vow of poverty, but are to live simply so they can be of service to God’s people.

A religious priest is a member of a religious congregation whose ministry goes beyond the geographical limits of any diocese. A religious priest seeks to live a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience within a community of men. The community shares a common vision and spirituality and often emphasizes a particular type of ministry.

What is a religious community?

Groups of men or women who live under a religious rule and who publicly profess vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience form a religious community. They are referred to as an order or congregation who are recognized by Church authority. Religious communities typically follow the rule of their founder, which can be apostolic and characterized by working in the world, or contemplative, which is characterized by a life of solitude and prayer. One way to identify an individual’s connection to a specific order or congregation is by the initials following their name, which identifies the order to which they belong.

What are vows and what do they mean?

A vow is a public sacred promise or commitment made to God with the approval of the Church. The vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience are also known as evangelical counsels; they may be taken for one, two, or three years, depending upon the decision of the community and the individual. These promises are solemn vows made for a period of up to nine years. As soon as three years after making temporary vows, a person can make a promise to live the vows for life.
In the reflection of Dr. Martin Luther King
Alveda King dedicates herself to the ‘Civil Rights’ of the unborn

BY ELISE HARRIS

Rome, Italy (CNA) - Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and longtime pro-life advocate, has in her blood to fight for the causes she believes in, one of which is to promote “civil rights” for the unborn.

King, 66, grew up in the heat of the civil rights battle led by her uncle, and surrounded by the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

Eager to stand for a cause she believed would liberate women, she joined the budding “pro-choice” movement at a young age.

But after experiencing the crushing physical and emotional effects of two abortions, and receiving what she believes was a prophetic intervention from her grandfather, Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., she had a change of heart. She became pro-life and committed herself to carrying forward what she feels is a mission to defend the rights of the unborn.

King spoke to a small group of journalists, including CNA, after arriving in Rome for a Dec. 13-11 conference organized by the Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs, titled “Promoters of Humanity in a Transforming World.”

The event drew a swath of representatives from various NGOs around the world, including non-Catholics, to discuss how Catholic-inspired organizations can help safeguard core Christian values and ensure that a proper integral human development is achieved in the context of a rapidly changing global society.

King was present on behalf of her project “Promoters of Humanity in a Transforming World,” a pro-life organization that works to promote an integral human development approach centered on the dignity and rights of all human beings.

On the last day of the gathering, King had the chance to meet Pope Francis, who often cites her uncle in his speeches.

She told CNA that she was honored to meet the Pope, and when she told him that she was related to Martin Luther King Jr., his face lit up and “he seemed very happy.”

She was also moved by the fact that Pope Francis asked her to pray for him, saying it was “a delightful moment,” and that she was “very blessed to do that. I do pray for him and for all who are in authority, that we can live a peaceful life.”

Although King is Protestant, she is a firm believer in working with the Catholic Church, which she sees as a “natural ally.”

She said that she is inspired by the Pope’s spontaneous spirit, engagement with everyone he meets, and defense of life at all stages.

Francis, she said, “doesn’t take one issue and make that his issue, he seems to be able to connect it and see that it all belongs together...I appreciate his work.”

“The Catholics were very supportive of the civil rights movement (of the) 20th century,” she said, adding that her uncle and father both “worked very closely with the Catholic community.”

When it comes to her own advocacy, life issues have always hit home for King, whose parents in 1950 became pregnant with her before they were married.

At the time, The Negro Project launched by Margaret Sanger in 1939 was continuing to gain steam. Among other things, the project worked to promote contraception and abortion in the black community.

King said her parents had considered getting an abortion until her grandfather, Martin Luther King Sr., “prophetically” intervened. Though they didn’t have ultrasound machines at the time, King said her grandfather had strongly rejected the claim that the fetus was “just a lump of flesh.” He said that the baby was a granddaughter whom he had seen in a dream three years earlier.

After hearing Martin Luther King Sr. describe how his granddaughter would look, Alveda King’s parents decided against the abortion and she was born in 1951.

Despite hearing this story many times in her youth, King took a different path after her father and uncle died. She had been married, divorced, and no longer had the support system she once did, so when the pro-choice women’s movement began to grow, “I joined it because I’m a freedom fighter.”

However, she said, following the birth of her first child, she was coerced into having two abortions. When she became pregnant again, and was planning to have another abortion, her grandfather gave her the same message he had given her mother: “That’s not a lump of flesh, that’s my great-grandchild.”

She decided to keep the baby. Seeing her baby’s heartbeat on the sonogram confirmed that decision.

“I heard with new ears,” she said, explaining that her uncle’s words, “injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere,” began to take on a new meaning in her mind.

“He also said the Negro cannot win if he’s willing to sacrifice the future of his children for immediate comfort and safety,” she said, and recounted how, after being “born again” in 1983, she immediately began advocating for life.

In addition to her famous family ties, King had a career in law, was a college professor and served in the Georgia State House of Representatives. In law classes she taught, King said she would bring up the abortion issue and make the argument that “a

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The story of the Catholic Dutchwoman who hid Anne Frank and her family

At far left, Miep Gies at the approximate age when she was sheltering Anne Frank and her family in the annex of the Opekta pecint and spices offices. At left is Gies later in life. It was Gies who found Anne Frank’s diary and presented it to her father, Otto. Gies died on Jan. 11, 2000.

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the era of rationing in the Netherlands, for the two to get a taste of the wedding party that they should have had if not for the Nazi occupation. And when the time came around for Gies to return to the kindness to her employer and to the family who had helped with her so much, the answer was a quick yes.

“We felt deep anxiety for our Jewish friends. I was eaten by a feeling of terrible regret. How had we been so naive as to think that our neutrality would be respected by an immoral man like Adolf Hitler?” she wrote.

“When Mr. Frank had confided in me about the hiding plan, I had that very night told Henk [pseudonym for Gies’s husband Jan Gies] about our conversation. Without discussion, Henk had affirmed his unconditional assistance to the Franks and agreed that the plan was a sound one.”

Gies and her other Dutch acquaintances succeeded in sustaining the Frank family, along with another family, in the secret annex of the Opekta pecint and spices offices. But on August 4, 1944, an SS officer arrived to arrest the families and their helpers. The only Jewish deportee to survive was Otto. In their time in the annex, Anne Frank was able to discern just how kind their Dutch collaborators really were.

“Never have they uttered a single word about the burden we must be, never have they complained that we’re too much trouble,” she wrote in her diary. “They put on their most cheerful expressions, bring flowers and gifts for birthdays and holidays and are always ready to do what they can. That’s something we should never forget; while others display their heroism in battle or against the Germans, our helpers prove theirs every day by their good spirits and affection.”

After the war, Gies gave Anne’s diary to Otto, which would eventually put the Frank family into the spotlight. Gies was honored as a Righteous Among the Nations on March 8, 1972. She died at the age of 100 on Jan. 11, 2000.
**Victim of terrible accident now works to help others**

The following is from the Jesuit blog, “A Migrant’s Journey.” (See photo Page 10)

In the United States we hear stories of people who immigrated to this country. Through hard work they have been able to settle, not only making a living for themselves, but also helping their families in their places of origin.

These past days in Honduras, we also have also heard “failed” experiences, stories of people who have been deported and are struggling to make a new life in their places of origin.

However, there are other stories that easily could be overlooked, the stories of those who in their attempt to find a better life up North suffer serious injuries in which they have lost one or several extremities.

The journey to the United States is extremely hard, very often inhumane. Some “economic migrants,” lacking financial means, have to ride on top of cargo trains with no security at all. The train reaches high speeds, with occasional sudden stops, easily causing people to fall.

Sometimes, these falls are fatal. Other times, they injure people so badly that it takes years to recover. Meanwhile, their dreams of providing a better life for their families disappear.

This is the case of Jose Luis Hernandez. On a train headed up North, he suffered a terrible accident, losing one leg, one arm, and four of the fingers from his remaining arm. It has taken Hernandez years to recover, not only from the physical wounds, but also from the emotional wounds: the stigma of now being disabled, the shame of returning home with nothing, the sense of being a burden for his family.

Through hard work, determination, and the support of other organizations in Honduras like ERIC (Reflection, Research, and Communication Team – a Jesuit apostolate) and COFAMIDE (Committee of Returned and Disabled Migrants), Hernandez has gathered other people who have suffered a similar fate.

Together, they now form COMIRED (Committee of Returned and Disabled Migrants). This organization has at least 26 members in Honduras who fight for government support of those returning migrants with special needs (jobs, prosthesis, wheelchairs, etc.).

This was the government response and support has been very little, and the challenges are many.

Nonetheless, Hernandez says that “it is better not to cry for what we do not have, but fight for what we want.”

That’s what he is trying to do with COMIRED.

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**Feb. 10 Lenten Retreat to focus on ‘rebirth’**

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is a Franciscan contemplative community of women with evangelistic apostolates. The sisters seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Lord through the profession of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

They also make a promise of fellowship in the Spirit with all members of the institute. Since its inception, Mother John Marie founded the institute in the charismatic tradition. They follow the rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi and their own constitutions.

Like Saint Francis, the sisters find a rhythm in their own lives from intense prayer to evangelistic outreach and back to prayer again.

They minister to the spiritual needs of people of all ages world-wide through retreats, vacation bible schools, door to door evangelization, parish missions, foreign missions, prayer ministry, spiritual direction and ministry to charismatic prayer groups.

Since leaving office, Dannebohm has distanced himself from politics entirely. Dismayed by the ever increasing, intense division partisan politics has caused in government, religion, and the private sector, he focuses his attention on promoting understanding through dialogue.

He hosts several events throughout the year, drawing impressive crowds that include live bands and an impressive array of special guests and speakers who share Dannebohm’s vision.

“One can’t help but notice the uptick of hatred and division that seems to be taking a grip on our world,” he said. “I’m not certain why it exists. I think part of the problem is that the internet made some people comfortable hiding behind a vague username, degrading one another,” said Dannebohm. “Over the past few years, that has evolved into a deranged sense of confidence and a delusion that it’s somehow okay to take an agenda of hatred and falsehoods into a deranged sense of confidence and a delusion that it’s somehow okay to take an agenda of hatred and falsehoods to the streets—sometimes literally.

“A lot of people believe how this increase in hatred happened. I’m more concerned with doing my small part to ensure it ceases.”

At this and every other event hosted at the Dannebohm residence, all are equal, all are loved, all are friends. At these gatherings, our differences are set aside and our humanity is celebrated.

To register to attend or for more information about the annual Lenten “busy person’s” retreat, call 620.564.3188 or email: mail@dannebohm.com.
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Although the event begins on March 4, participants have the option of attending a social mixer the night before at Dodge City Brewery beginning at 7 p.m. until TKO (they’re kicked out).

The next day will be filled with fun and praise, informative talks and games. There will be guest speakers to cover topics that are relevant to the various stages of life that young people find themselves in, and there will also be plenty of time for prayer and conversation.

SKYAC is designed which to bring young adults closer to Jesus and closer to each other.

“Our motto for the Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference is ‘Duc in altum’ which is Latin for ‘put out into the deep’, as Jesus tells the apostles to do in Luke 5:4,” explained Gentry Heimerman, Director of Young Adult Ministries for the diocese.

“We hope that this time together draws us ever deeper into the mystery of Christ. For a boring life is that which is lived in the shallows.”

A light breakfast will be provided after Mass on Sunday and lunch is included with the registration.

The cost is $30 per single registration and $55 per married couple.

Free daycare is offered for anyone who needs it. (Just be sure to let organizers know on the registration form.)

Catholic Charities offering free Life Skills classes

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free Life Skills classes covering: Healthy Relationships; Health & Wellness/Time Management; Home Maintenance and Safety; and Essential Food, Nutrition and Physical Activity Skills.

Each one hour class is presented at 305 W. Mary in Garden City from 6-7 p.m.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
Jan. 23

This one-hour healthy relationship workshop will cover how to communicate effectively with your spouse, loved one or child. Skills on the Speaker-Listener technique will be practiced in the group as well as “red flags” to watch for when entering into a new relationship.

HEALTH & WELLNESS
Feb. 13

Learn the importance of healthful living and essential grooming practices for optimal health and well-being. Will also assist those who are feeling overwhelmed, facing changes, or who lack management experience, to use time wisely.

HOME MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY
Feb. 27

Learn safe, affordable cleaning methods, develop strategies for controlling clutter, and understand important factors of home safety.

ESSENTIAL FOOD, NUTRITION, ACTIVITY
March 13

Develop skills related to food, nutrition, and physical activity with instruction and hands-on learning experiences related to food preparation, food safety, grocery budgeting and making healthful choices for nutrition and physical activity.

For more information about the Catholic Charities Life Skills Series, call 620-272-0010.
10 propósitos de Año Nuevo que te ayudarán a prepararte para la JMJ 2019

L a Jornada Mundial de la Juventud (JMJ) Panamá 2019 difundió una lista de diez propósitos de Año Nuevo, con el fin de ayudar en la preparación espiritual de los jóvenes que participarán en ese evento.

Los organizadores de la JMJ indicaron que “para los jóvenes católicos del mundo, el 2018 será un año crucial y decisivo, ya que iniciará la cuenta regresiva para la JMJ Panamá 2019 y tendremos que prepararnos en muchos sentidos para ello”.

Aclararon que “no es necesario que los adoptes todos. Haz una lista de propósitos personales y reales, de tal manera que puedas cumplirlos. Cada quien conoce cuáles son sus debilidades y fortalezas”.

Estos propósitos para “vivir el espíritu JMJ desde hoy”:

1. Sé un peregrino 24/7
Los organizadores del encuentro de los jóvenes católicos sugirieron que en este 2018 “trata de estar más cerca de tu familia e integrals para que te acompañen en este peregrinaje hacia la JMJ”.

“Como nuestra iglesia peregrina con amor. Todos somos parte de un solo cuerpo y estamos llamados a vivir en comunidad”, agregaron.

2. Convíértete en un misionero del Señor
Este propósito consiste en llevar la “palabra” y el “mensaje” de Jesús “a donde vayas. Trabaja incansablemente con tu grupo parroquial o movimiento, en comunicación con la iglesia, como lo pide el Papa”.

3. Cumple con tu trabajo apostólico
Los organizadores de la JMJ Panamá 2019 indicaron que la mejor forma de cumplir con esta propuesta es “siendo testigo y discípulo con mucha alegría, fe y vocación”.

Además, “deberás conocer más a Jesús, dar testimonio de las maravillas que ha hecho en ti e invocar constantemente al Espíritu Santo”.

4. Sé como María
La Virgen María “quiere ser tu mejor amiga y llevarte de la mano donde está su hijo”.
Por ello en este 2018 “bÚsca, acércate y ama a nuestra Madre, para sentirla más cerca en tu preparación hacia la JMJ. ¡Dedica el tiempo que se merece!”

5. Acepta la voluntad de Dios
Este propósito está basado en la letra del himno oficial de la JMJ Panamá 2019 “Hagase en mí según tu palabra”, que destaca la disposición de la Virgen María para aceptar la voluntad del Señor.

7 al 13 de enero fue la Semana Nacional de Migración

‘No llorés por lo que no tienes’

ESPECIAL PARA EL CATÓLICO
Por El Jesús
En los Estados Unidos escuchamos historias de gente que migró hacia el norte y que trabajando duro lograron establecerse y apoyar a sus familias en sus lugares de origen. Pero, durante estos días en Honduras nosotros también hemos escuchado historias de fracaso. Historias de gente que ha sido deportada y sufre para rehacer su vida nuevamente. Sin embargo, hay otras historias que fácilmente pueden pasarse por alto, las historias de aquéllos que en su intención de encontrar una vida mejor en el norte, sufrieron serios accidentes en los que perdieron alguna o varias extremidades.

La ruta a los Estados Unidos es extremadamente dura, inhumana. Algunos “migrantes económicos,” careciendo de medios tienen que viajar encima de vagones de trenes de carga sin ningún tipo de seguridad. Los trenes alcanzan altas velocidades y en ocasiones se detienen suavemente causando que la gente caiga de los trenes. En ocasiones estas caídas son fatales y otras veces, la gente queda tan mal herida que toma años recuperarse. Mientras tanto, sus sueños de proveer una mejor vida para sus familias desaparece.

Este es el caso de José Luis Hernández. Viajando en el tren, el sufrido un terrible accidente, perdiendo una pierna, un brazo y cuatro dedos de su otra mano. Le ha tomado años recuperarse, no sólo de las heridas físicas, sino también de las heridas emocionales: el estigma de ser ahora discapacitado, la vergüenza de haber regresado fracasado y sin nada y la pena de sentirse una carga para su familia.

A través de trabajo duro, determinación y apoyo de otras organizaciones Hondureñas, como el ERIC (Equipo de Reflexión y Comunicación –un apostolado de la Compañía) y COFAMIDE (Comité de Familias de Migrantes Desaparecidos), él ha reunido a más gente que ha corrido su misma suerte. Juntos, ellos han formado el COMIRED (Comité de Migrantes Retornados Discapacitados). Esta organización que tiene al menos 26 miembros en Honduras, lucha por obtener apoyo del gobierno para aquellos retornados con necesidades especiales como trabajos para discapacitados, prótesis, sillas de ruedas, etcétera. Hasta este momento, el apoyo del gobierno ha sido mínimo y los retos son muchos.

Sin embargo, José Luis dice que “no debemos llorar por lo que no tenemos, sino luchar por lo que queremos.” Eso es lo que él está tratando de hacer con COMIRED. (See the story in English on the top of Page 8.)

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El Papa Francisco manifestó que, de manera específica, se pudiera generar conciencia sobre la guerra y sus lamentables consecuencias.

Según explicó Vatican News, el fotógrafo señaló que cuando se encontró con aquel niño de 10 años “noté que cargaba a otro niño sobre sus espaldas. En esos días era una escena muy común en Japón. Con frecuencia nos encontrábamos con niños que jugaban con sus hermanitos o hermanitas en la espalda. Pero ese niño tenía algo muy distinto”.

En múltiples ocasiones el Papa Francisco ha denunciado que en el mundo actualmente existe una “Tercera Guerra Mundial a pedazos”, y ha alentado todos los esfuerzos para alcanzar la paz.
Viernes de la misericordia:
El Papa con los niños enfermos
Visita el Hospital Bambino Gesu de Palidoro

Z ENIT - El Papa Francisco hizo una visita improvisada al Hospital Pediátrico Bambino Gesu de Palidoro en la costa, al noroeste de Roma, el 5 de enero, 2018, alrededor de las 15h, ha indicado la Oficina de Prensa de la Santa Sede una hora más tarde. Una nueva salida que perpetúa la tradición de los “viernes de misericordia”.

El Papa fue a ver a niños enfermos, que fueron atendidos por el hospital propiedad de la Santa Sede, en la sede situada a unos treinta kilómetros de la capital. Visitó varios departamentos, saludo a los niños en las habitaciones e intercambiaron algunas “palabras de consuelo con los padres que acompañaban a sus hijos en estas tristes y dolorosas pruebas”, podíamos leer en este comunicado.

En una entrevista con la cadena de la Conferencia Episcopal Italiana TV2000, la presidenta del Bambino Gesu, Mariella Enoc, salió “una visita de ternura y dulzura. El Papa se emocionó varias veces, hizo algunas bromas a los niños y alentó a las madres. A veces sus ojos se cruzaron con los míos y dijo “Qué dolor ...”. El Papa Francisco, dijo, había pedido no hacer publicidad sobre su llegada. Él “deseaba encontrarse con los niños, las familias, los médicos, los cuidadores”.

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La sede de Palidoro nació en 1978 por voluntad del Papa Pablo VI, en una estructura dedicada a los niños con poliomielitis, que ha ido creciendo poco a poco con un departamento de ortopedía, de tratamiento de la diabetes, de cirugía, de ORL, de oftalmología, neurología.

En la actualidad, la estructura incluye, entre otros, un servicio de urgencia, 122 camas de hospitalización, de las cuales 8 para reanimación y 30 para reanimación neurológica, así como aproximadamente 20 camas quirúrgicas. También alberga un servicio especializado en artritis – diagnóstico y terapia de las artritis cardíacas – en los niños.

A lo largo del Jubileo de la misericordia, el Papa salió un viernes por la tarde cada mes para llevar a cabo gestos de cercanía y apoyo a los más desfavorecidos de Roma y su región, fueron los “Viernes de la Misericordia”.

Esta visita del Papa tuvo lugar en la víspera del 6 de enero, la solemnidad de la Epifanía y la fecha de la celebración del Día de la Infancia Missionera o el Día de la Juventud Missionera.

El Papa Francisco misionero, que trabajan con menores a asistir a las sesiones de consciencización. Las sesiones de consciencización están disponibles en ambos inglés y español. Son conducidos por gente de nuestra Diócesis especialmente entrenadas como facilitadores. Las sesiones se publicarán en las parroquias, escuelas, el periódico Southwest Kansas Register y la página electrónica de la Diócesis."
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TEASER THE FIRST:
What do these sentences have in common with each other?
1) Perfect opinions use no deadlines.
2) Doctors originally lose love around royalty.
3) Yellow engines nominate.
4) Friends realize any nonsense comes.
5) Even unusual rags overcome.

TEASER THE SECOND:
Inside each set of the following words, there are a pair of smaller words. By putting & between them, lo & behold, you’ll make a familiar phrase. For example, “Thighbone/Swallotail” conceals “High & Low.”
1. Skyrocketing/Trolleyman
2. Thermometer/Apoplexy
3. Delaware/Bordering
4. Surprised/Trashiness
5. Throughout/Stumblebum

TEASER THE THIRD:
(Left) To solve a Sudoku, fill in the table so that the numbers from 1 to 9 will be in each column, each row and each 3x3 box only once. Every sudoku puzzle can have only one correct solution.

Cada cuadrado 3x3 debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada fila debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada columna debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada cuadrado 3x3 debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9.

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NANCY GLASPIE FOSS, 87, of Sacred Heart Parish, Larned, died Jan. 10, 2018. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and had served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two sons, Joseph and John; two daughters, Ann Welch and Linda Rice; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Father Louis Hoang presided.

EDWIN RICHARD SCHMIDT, 68, of St. Boniface Parish, Ulysses, died Jan. 12, 2018. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a former employee of the Kansas Bureau of Mines. Survivors include his wife, Rose; two sons, Larry and Steve; two daughters, Mary and Lisa; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Father Bernard Felix presided.

WILLIAM D. "BILL" STOECHEL, 66, of Princeville Parish, Dodge City, died Jan. 12, 2018. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a retired farm worker. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two sons, Kevin and Paul; two daughters, Lisa and Carol; and 17 grandchildren. Father Bernard Felix presided.

Dale Stoecklein, brother of Father Ted, dies

Dale Francis Stoecklein died at his home in Denver on Dec. 25, 2017. He was 56. Born on Aug. 25, 1961, in Colby, Dale was the fifth of nine children of Theodore and Pauline (Wirtz) Stoecklein. After graduating from Colby High School in 1979, Dale received an associate's degree from Colby Community College, followed by a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University. In the years that followed, Dale made his home in many places throughout the country, including Oklahoma, Philadelphia, Orlando, and Denver. Dale discovered that he had a unique gift for working with people, listening to their issues and needs, and making them feel important. He recently earned a national award for being one of the top customer relations representatives with IKEA. Dale loved spending hours exploring libraries. He loved watching baseball. He loved karate. He loved to laugh. He loved being an uncle.

Dale loved being one of those Stoecklein kids growing up in Colby—running barefoot on the hot sidewalks to the local pool, getting his fishing line tangled with those of his sisters or brothers, participating in sports and excelling especially in competitive swimming, and posing for photos with his brothers and sisters under the big tree in the backyard. There is a lot that Dale loved. And there are a lot who loved Dale. We miss you, brother. He is survived by his brothers Mike of Lakeville, Minn., Mark of Seattle, Wash., Paul of Idylwild, Calif., and Father Ted of Great Bend; his sister Mary Disberger of Warren; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Kenneth and sister Linda Holzhuter.
Msgr. Aloysius Felling

Msgr. Aloysius Felling was born Sept. 6, 1914 at St. Joseph, Mo. He was ordained for the Wichita diocese by the Most Reverend Charles H. Le Blond, bishop of the Diocese of St. Joseph, on Sept. 23, 1944, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Conception, Mo.

Nearly all of his pastoral assignments were in the Dodge City diocese. He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary Cathedral, Wichita, (1944-46), and as pastor at St. Joseph, Beaver, (1946-50). From 1950 to 1952, when he was pastor at St. Mary, Chase, he also taught chemistry and philosophy at Odin High School. He was appointed to the faculty at St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, in 1952, and served as chaplain of the college from 1953 to 1965.

He was named a domestic prelate Oct. 14, 1964 by Pope Paul VI. During his pastorate at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst, (1965-67), he was named the founding editor of the Southwest Kansas Register (1966-1971). He served on the staff of the Register as assistant to the publisher until his death in 1977.

In 1968 he was appointed temporary administrator of St. Anthony, Fowler, before being named chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital in Dodge City (1968-1971). His last pastorate was St. Andrew, Wright, (1971-77). Msgr. Felling died at the age of 62 after suffering a heart attack at the chancery office on the morning of Jan. 24, 1977.

Bishop Eugene J. Gerber celebrated the funeral at St. Andrew Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

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