Kansas bishops denounce Kansas Supreme Court’s ‘shocking’ abortion ruling

By JOE BOLLIG

TOPEKA — The Kansas Supreme Court’s ruling on April 26 discovering a “right to abortion” in the 150-plus-year-old Kansas Constitution was called “shocking” and “an exercise in creative writing” by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

The state high court’s 6-1 ruling in Noden & Nauser v. Derek Schmidt comes after a two-year deliberation of an appeal of a Kansas Court of Appeals ruling.

A temporary injunction against the 2015 law that prohibited dismemberment abortions, also known as the dilation and evacuation abortion procedure, had been appealed. The Kansas Court of Appeals, however, split 7-7 on its ruling, leaving upheld a lower court’s temporary injunction against the implementation of the law. After the appeal, the case then went to the state’s high court.

Governor Sam Brownback — who hailed it at the time as a significant piece of pro-life legislation — signed SB 95, also known as “The Kansas Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act.” The law never took effect because of legal challenges. Abortion providers Herbert C. Hodes, M.D., and Tracy Lynn Nauser, M.D., of the Center for Women’s Health at 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, were the plaintiffs in the case.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, who defended the state law, said, “the far-reaching implications of the court’s decision are

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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

The Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, Bishop of Dodge City, announces the following: Father Peter Fernandez, a priest of the Diocese of Boac who had been pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace, Ulysses and St. Bernadette, Johnson, returned to his home diocese in the Philippines in late March.

Father Aneesh Parappanattu, MSFS, currently parochial vicar at Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, is appointed pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace, Ulysses and St. Bernadette, Johnson, effective June 1, 2019.

By Order of the Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, Bishop of Dodge City

Sister Janice Grochowski, CSJ, JCL, Chancellor

‘From Line to Shrine’: a prayer in 15 miles

Greg Tatro, Ross Ackerman, and Jared Helffrich (along with Gentry Heimerman, who took the photo), walk along a country road toward the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe (in background). The mens pilgrimage was organized by Heimerman, Director of Young Adult Ministries for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, as both a prayerful meditation, and an occasion for young men to discuss with their peers issues of family and faith that affect their lives.

Photos by Gentry Heimerman

Prayers to Moms and Babies

You knit me in my mother’s womb…” (Psalm 139:13). What a moving image, that God created each of us inside our moms! The mother and father of each child were co-creators with the Lord in this miracle. Why can’t our Kansas Supreme Court justices understand this simple and profound truth? On April 26, six un-elected judges found a “right” to abortion in the 150-year-old Kansas Constitution (see article by Joe Bollig, left, for details, and the statement by the Kansas Bishops). How many little girls and boys will be killed, how many moms will be wounded, how many dads will grieve due to this decision?

For those who are “undecided” on this issue, and for all, I urge you to view the movie “Unplanned.” This powerful film shows the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director, who assisted with an abortion. She viewed the sonogram during a procedure, and saw the little child moving away from the instrument, and then being torn apart with the powerful suction. The reality of abortion revealed, Abby immediately quit Planned Parenthood, and is now an author and speaker promoting respect for our little siblings in the womb. We pray that each person “will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32); Jesus is the Truth.

We thank our Gentle Jesus for the dedicated folks who staff and support the thousands of Pregnancy Care Centers around the country. These compassionate people assist moms in their struggles, and help each woman carry her baby to term. May each of us pray for the moms, dads, and their unborn children, and support those who help. Jesus teaching of…” You cared for me …” (Matthew 25) should be in our minds, hearts, and hands/feet, taking action to do.

For those who have experienced an abortion, there is healing and hope in our Loving Lord. The U.S. Bishops have a resource called Project Rachel Ministry (hopeafterabortion.com ) that can help. There are many other healing ministries for post-abortion trauma. I have assisted with many Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats (rachelsvineyard.org), which have provided great personal and spiritual help for this agony. “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed” (Psalm 34:19).

It is imperative that Catholics and all Kansans stand up for life, by passing a Kansas constitutional amendment that will protect the Lord’s pre-born children and their mothers. Let us pray, work, and vote for this needed step in our respect life efforts. Let us give our little sisters and brothers, their moms, dads, family, and all Kansans, a “future full of hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). Our Risen Jesus will help us, He loves all of us, pre-born and born, more than we can ask or imagine!
The Spirit of anger management

Would it surprise you to be told you have a temper that frightens others? It shouldn’t, really. Because sin entered the world, we are likely to be angry women, and angry men. On the outside, we smile, but on the inside, we seethe. Born of pride, Anger is one of the seven deadly sins. It is a fault line running deep inside us. We are like the volcano inside, some more than others. We can be frightening in the suddenness of our anger, in its unpredictability when it awakens, in its sheer violence. It controls us more than we allow ourselves to know. Our Spiritual Tradition says that anger has two main forms: there is a red rage, and there is a white rage. We are familiar with the first: The heart expands, blood rushes to the surface, the face becomes red, the breathing becomes rapid, the voice rises in volume, the whole body is poised to attack whatever threat is before it. We are not so familiar with the second: here the heart contracts, the blood runs cold, the face turns white, the whole body becomes difficult, the voice may lapse into an ominous silence, the whole body is also poised to attack ... but not now ... not just yet ... but sometime.

That anger will get out. It will burst forth. In some way, it will inflict pain. In some way, it will do damage to self and to others ... to the marital relationship, to the parental relationship, to the family relationships, to the priest—people relationships, to the societal relationships. Some way, physically or psychologically, anger will get out.

No wonder we often frighten others, and usually those closest to us.

Prayerfully reviewing your day

The following is a part of a series on prayer. It is printed with permission from Loyola Press; A Jesuit Ministry.

The Daily Examen

Part of the rich tradition of the Catholic Church is recognizing the need to reflect on the day’s activities—to remember God’s invitation and our response or lack of response. Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed a simple method by which you can review each day in a way that will help you grow in self-understanding and free you to follow God’s will. This practice is often called the Daily Examen. Many people choose to practice this prayerful review of their day before going to bed at night by following the five steps below.

Stiliness: Recalling God’s Presence

Relax in God’s presence in your favorite prayer place and posture. Be aware of how God shows his love for you in all his gifts to you. Be thankful as you think in God the Father’s love, the love of his Son Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Ask the Holy Spirit to come into your heart and to help you to look honestly at your actions this day and how you have responded in different situations. With the Spirit’s inspiration you can recognize what draws you close to God as well as what pulls you away from God.

Gratitude: Expressing Thankfulness

Review your day and give thanks to God for his gifts. Try not to choose what to be thankful for but rather to see what springs as mind as you reflect: Think of the concrete details of your day—the aroma of coffee brewing, a smile from a co-worker, or a beautiful rainbow. Reflect the gifts that God has given you that you can share with others—your ability to help in a crisis, your sense of humor, or your patience with children. Pause and express your gratitude to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Reflection: Looking Back on Your Day

Again review the events of the day and notice how you acted in the many situations in which you found yourself. Recall your feelings and motives to see whether you considered all of the possibilities and freely followed God’s will. Ask yourself when you were conscious of God’s presence. Think about opportunities you had to grow in faith, hope, and charity. When we think about why we did or did not take advantage of these opportunities, we can become aware of how we might change our actions in the future. Be grateful for the occasions when you freely chose a course to help others. Perhaps you let a shopper with a small order go ahead of you in line or did not join in a conversation critical of a co-worker. These are examples of responding freely as God wants us to. When we reflect on the times we did or didn’t act with God’s grace, we can be more sensitive to developing habits of positive responses.

Sorrow: Asking for Forgiveness

After you have asked for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in recalling and reflecting on the actions of your day, spend time talking with God or Jesus. Express sorrow for the times you failed to follow his direction and ask him to be with you the next time you encounter a similar situation. Give thanks to God for the grace that enabled you to follow his will freely. Feel the sorrow and gratitude in your heart as you converse with God.

Hopefulness: Resolving to Grow

Ask God to help you as you look forward to a new day tomorrow. Resolve to cooperate and trust in the loving guidance of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Conclude the day’s prayerful review with the Lord’s Prayer.

By prayerfully reviewing your day, you will experience the difference it can make in the way you live. If you make a habit of practicing the Daily Examen, you will grow closer to God in your thoughts and deeds and will be free to choose to follow him.

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Another Way
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Awareness Session:
Dodge City
Saturday, June 3; 12-3 p.m.
Chancery Office, 910 Central Ave, Dodge City, KS 67801
Contact: Adam Urban (620) 227-1540
PGC Facilitator: Sharon Stuart (620) 225-5164
Dodge City
Monday, June 10, 3-6 p.m.
Chancery Office, 910 Central Ave, Dodge City
Contact: Gentry Heimerman (620) 227-1550; PGC Facilitator: Cherry Degen (620) 227-1611
Garfield Center
Sunday, August 11; 2-5 p.m.
St. Dominic Church
615 J.C. St., Garden City, 67846
Contact: Sister Myra Arney (620) 276-2024; PGC Facilitator: Sharon Stuart (620) 225-5164
Abuse Hotline
If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child in Kansas, and the child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforce-
ment.

If you have suspicion that a child is being abused or neglected, make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center, 800-285-3219.

If you suspect abuse by Church personnel, in addition to making a report to those civil authorities, contact Charles Ber-
fort, cberfort@cox.net, 620-285-3219.

You may submit a report to the diocese. Report forms are available at www.dcdi-
cese.org/safe-environment.
The Most Rev. John B. Brungardt, along with Father Charles Seiwert, celebrated Mass at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City on April 29, the Feast of the hospital’s namesake, St. Catherine of Siena. Among the congregation were fourth grade classes from St. Dominic and St. Mary Catholic Schools.

St. Catherine Hospital’s origin can be traced back to 1902 when a two-room clinic above a clothing store on Main Street served as Garden City’s only hospital. In 1916, Dr. Charles Rewerts converted a rooming house into a 24-bed hospital, serving a vast territory in those pioneer days. Joined by Dr. O.W. Miner in 1929, they built Garden City’s first 45-bed modern hospital. The Dominican Sisters purchased the hospital in 1931 and re-named it St. Catherine Hospital after Saint Catherine of Siena, who lived in the 14th century and ministered to the sick of Siena, Italy.

Photo by Glenn Graham

St. Catherine Hospital celebrates feast day of namesake

Pope issues norms for reports of abuse of minors, seminarians, and religious

Editor’s Note: The long-standing policy of this diocese is to contact civil authorities/law enforcement immediately should there be suspicion of abuse. See the Protecting God’s Children policy on Page 2.

By HANNAH BROCKHAUS

Vatican City (CNA) - New Vatican norms for the Church’s handling of sex abuse, issued May 9, place seminarians and religious coerced into sexual activity through the misuse of authority in the same criminal category as abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. The norms also establish obligatory reporting for clerics and religious, require that every diocese has a mechanism for reporting abuse, and put the metropolitan archbishop in charge of investigations of accusations against suffragan bishops.

Pope Francis promulgated the law May 9 via a motu proprio, titled, “Vos estis lux mundi” (“You are the light of the world”). He approved its promulgation on an experimental basis for a period of three years. It will enter in effect June 1, 2019.

“The crimes of sexual abuse offend Our Lord, cause physical, psychological and spiritual damage to the victims and harm the community of the faithful,” the pope wrote, stating that the primary responsibility for improving the handling of these issues falls to the bishop, though it concerns all who have ministries in the Church or “serve the Christian People.”

“Therefore, it is good that procedures be universally adopted to prevent and combat these crimes that betray the trust of the faithful,” he said.

The norms regard what are called, in canon law, “delicts against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue,” consisting of sexual acts with a minor or vulnerable person; forcing someone to perform or submit to sexual acts through violence, threat, or abuse of authority; and the production or possession of child pornography.

The new law also concerns any actions intended to cover-up a civil or canonical investigation into accusations of child pornography use, sexual abuse of minors, or sexual coercion through abuse of power. It establishes the so-called “metropolitan model” for the investigation of accusations against bishops and their equivalents, as proposed by Cardinal Blase Cupich at the
I was a cool, spring day in Colorado. I set my wipers on “interruption” to clear the slowly building mist that came down like a series of sneezes from Mother Nature. The sky was white, as if someone had draped a large, blank sheet of printing paper across it. I was driving home to Denver to spend Easter with my mom. Cows dotted the southeast Colorado landscape. I opened my window and shouted, “Mooooooooo!!” They mooed and replied, which, if I spoke cow, I would know meant, “What … what’d that guy say?”

“I don’t know. Something about his cousin, think I couldn’t make it out.”

“Did he give a name?”

“No, that’s really all I got. He was moving out. Sounded like he was driving a 6.2 liter V6.”

“Naaa. We’re talkin’ Subaru. Zippy little cars, but 2.5 liter, V4, max.”

“Have you seen the new Fords?”

Of course, to you and me, it just, "Moo." “Moooooooo?. “Mooooo. “Moo.”

During those seven or so hours of relaxed driving through the serene hinterlands of Kansas and Colorado, I was able to get comfortably lost in thought. One of my great gifts, a superpower, if you will, is my ability to daydream for hours on end. It just comes naturally to me! It’s great when waiting two hours for the doctor, or when I’m at a meeting. My record is four days of day-dreaming, stopping only for sleep and reruns of The Andy Griffith Show.

Nearing the end of my journey, I found myself lodged in the quagmire of Denver traffic. I suddenly had heightened my alertness to Defcon 5, which threw me into high-stress, ultra-sensitivity mode after already being tired from the long drive — a place where I’ve never been known to thrive.

Suddenly a couple of gorillas in a work truck pulled behind me. I was going the speed limit (or thereabouts) for downtown Denver. There was space in front of me, but none to either side. They were so close to me that it would have been difficult to pirouette in between the vehicles, had someone been so inclined to do so, which I wouldn’t advise. There is a time and place to pirouette, and in between cars on a busy highway is not one of them. (Just in case you’re ever tempted to try.)

I felt the first embers of stress-induced anger boiling up inside of me. I looked back and the gorilla at the wheel was furiously waving for peace. It means taking the road less travelled, work

I’m a follower of Christ. That means that I seek peace. I mean it doesn’t seek to make things worse. That person on the highway was just someone pretending to be me.

When I arrived at my mom’s assisted living center, I suddenly found myself in a difficult situation with a staff member. That chip-on-my-shoulder lesson hadn’t yet been learned. I let my agitation show.

But as the lesson of the highway gorillas took root over the hours to follow, I became more and more at peace. With everything. Even the smelly Easter lily.

I learned that being an emissary of Christ’s peace is not for sissies. You have to swallow your natural urge to give in to your agitation. It doesn’t mean not standing up for yourself or someone else; it doesn’t mean that you will never raise a fist; it doesn’t mean that you’ll always walk away from a fight. It means taking the road less travelled, working for peace first and utmost, until all options have been met.

A few days later I met up with the same staff person. We talked, we smiled, we laughed. I injected Christ into a tough situation, and the outcome was well, Christ-inspired.

It isn’t always easy, but the rewards? The rewards are, as Bishop John alludes, “more than you could ask or imagine.”

Swallowing pride; digesting adversity

By Dave Myers Editor

Remembering ‘Miss K’

By ELIZABETH KELLY
Catholic News Agency

“Miss K” was an exercise in the incongruous. She couldn’t have weighed more than a spring robin, but she rode a Harley Davidson. I still remember her roaring – at a chug, mind you – down the long driveway of my childhood on her “hog.” It was something akin to a noodle of spaghetti riding in on a bull. Though meek in demeanor and dimension, her voice was husky and deep and always a little surprising emanating from her mild face. Miss K was the science teacher for most of my older siblings and over the years became a close friend to my mother. In that time, my mother came to understand that Miss’s childhood was marked by a terrible cruelty, and in the aftermath of this abuse, she was prone to depression and sometimes it would grip her without mercy. During these bouts, she would call my mom, who would listen to her for an hour or two. Occasionally, Miss K would come to stay with us. And though she was always tired, she never seemed able to sleep and I would wake in the middle of the night to hear her poking around in our kitchen.

Toward the end of her life, Miss K had found peace, good friends, a community that loved her in all of her quirksiness. There was a certain lifting in her spirit that was palpable. She remained close to my mother, recounting that those long, difficult phone calls with my mom probably saved her life; that my mother, by simply listening had helped her more than she could say.

Miss K was scheduled to stay for a few days over the New Year, but when my parents fell ill with colds, she postponed her trip and came a few weeks later instead. She was greeted warmly by my older brother, who just happened to be at my parents. A former student, he would become an electrical engineer years after he spent time in Miss K’s classroom, and I wonder if her way of teaching science might not have made a good impression on him as a boy. He helped her to carry in her many bags – Miss K never traveled light – and after settling in, she remarked, “I just love staying here.”

Not long after, she sat down to say a rosary with my parents and then have dinner. And some time in the next hour, Miss K had a massive stroke. She lost consciousness as my parents, held her and helped her to the floor where they covered her with a blanket and called 911. The paramedics asked my mother to go through her things, looking for any medicines she might be taking, and in every pocket and crook and cranny, my mom found prayer cards, novenas, and all of that Catholic DNA that marks a faith-filled life. Miss K died peacefully a few days later at a local hospital surrounded by those who loved her the most.

In her last hours, healing creeps along at a slow, steady pace. Sometimes, mercy is quiet and hidden and more effective for never drawing attention to itself. Sometimes, the simplest kindness, which seems to cost us almost nothing at all, is the very balm that does the most good. And sometimes, I think, the Father saves his greatest mercies for last in this life.

Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of Miss K and that she chose to pass on, not the cruelty she knew, but a love for your creation instead. And thank you for allowing her end to stand in such stark contrast to her beginning. Your mercy endures forever. Rest in peace, Miss K.

Inherit the Mirth

By Cuyler Black (cuylerblack.com)
Kansas abortion ruling a ‘grotesque caricature of emancipation’

A letter from the Kansas Catholic bishops

Far from empowering or advancing the status of women, the April 25 ruling by the Kansas State Supreme Court is a grotesque caricature of emancipation. The discovery of a right to abortion in the 150-year-old Constitution provides a merciful culture of death by belittling and trivializing the fundamental value and sacredness of each child and each mother.

There is no way to sanitize the barbaric procedure defended by the Court. The issue under review—live dismemberment abortion—is a most excruciating death. The non-anesthetized severing of a living child’s arms and legs and subsequent removal of the body is beyond our comprehension. Legally disguised as healthcare, this procedure kills an average of twelve children each week in Kansas[1].

The Supreme Court decision eliminates Kansas citizens’ right to pass sensible abortion regulations, including bans on Down Syndrome eugenic abortions, sex-selection abortions or even partial birth abortions.

As Catholics and Americans, we hold individual freedom to be one of our most cherished gifts from God. This gift of liberty, however, is not an absolute, despotric power, but a tool for the pursuit of the common good and the development of each human person to her and his fullest potential. The wanton destruction of any human life, unique and irreplaceable, is not a legitimate exercise of liberty, but its worst degradation and perversion.

The Catholic Bishops of Kansas and Catholics in the pew cannot and will not allow this attack on human life to stand. We join like-minded Kansans in prayer and we seek the most prudent and expeditious path forward toward adopting a State constitutional amendment to protect our babies and their mothers.

“No choose life, so that you and your children may live.” — Deuteronomy 30:19

Kansas legislature struggles with issues close to the hearts of Kansas Catholics

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth.” — Jeremiah 33:6

“I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.” — Deuteronomy 30:19

These Scripture passages came to mind as Kansas legislators finished the grueling 2019 Session with two monumental issues before them: the struggle over Medicaid Expansion and an astonishing State Supreme Court abortion ruling.

For many years, Bishop Brunardt and other Bishops of Kansas have supported Expansion, though with grave reservations that included cost and sustainability as well as the specter of increased public funding for contraceptives and even some abortions.

ABORTION

The recent State Supreme Court finding declaring abortion as a constitutional right sent shockwaves through the Capitol and beyond. Early legal analysis of the 199-page decision appears to extend “reproductive rights” even beyond Roe v. Wade.

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The current governor is a longtime defender of live dismemberment abortion and cannot be counted on to protect the preborn.

Medicaid, known as KanCare, already funds some abortions in rare cases. Non-partisan legislative researchers say more abortions will take place under Expansion. The new Court ruling opens the door to a many more publicly-funded abortions.

We expect an Interim Study Committee will be named to examine the question of abortion funding through Medicaid as well as several other emerging concerns about procedures contrary to the teachings of the Church.

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Most healthcare providers do not accept Medicaid patients because of low reimbursement rates. Government healthcare is unwieldy, inefficient and often uncaring. Ideally, we should seek the creation of a truly Catholic-centered system of healthcare that offers compassion and high quality care for all, regardless of means.

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We expect and anticipate these measures to be fully debated and voted upon as the initial major efforts of the 2020 legislative session.

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For information about public policy issues close to the heart of Kansas Catholics, visit the Kansas Catholic Conference, at kansascatholic.org.
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**BECOMING CHURCH**
Celebrating the Sacramental Journey

**INGALLS, St. Stanislaus Parish:** First Communion ceremonies were held at St. Stanislaus Church April 28. Member of the class are (front row, left to right) Mia Mendez, Raegan Seifried, Naialie Andazola, Amberly Martinez, Kinlee Simon, Karlee Jarnagin; back row: Seth Andersen, Jose Lopez, Gavin Maxwell, Father Warren Stecklein, Leonardo Lopez, Alan Lopez, Jesus Martinez.

**BUCKEYE CITY—Sacred Heart Parish celebrated the sacrament of First Communion on May 5. Pictured from left to right: Jessica Salazar, Carver Kerr, Damaya Kissinger, Layton Hoss, Brianna Lopez, Darell Guzman, Kaylie Harris, Maddison Turner, Father Pascal Klein.**

**HANSTON, St. Anthony Parish:** Three First Communicants pose with Father John Forkuoh and Kelli Reece, teacher.

**MARIENTHAL, St. Mary Parish:** With Father Timothy Hickey are, from left: Cadyn Williams, Cele Baker, Dax Berning, Keleigh Hernandez and Huck Carpenter.

**LES BUECHT, Mary, Queen of Peace Parish:** Pictured with Bishop John Brungardt, Father Peter Fernandez (second row, far left) and Deacon Hector Rios are students celebrating their Confirmation. At far left is teacher Donna Loewen.

A cross the Diocese, young people are taking part in two of the three Sacraments of Initiation: First Eucharist and Confirmation. During Confirmation, the candidate is anointed on the forehead with chrism oil by the bishop, thus receiving the Holy Spirit. It’s an acknowledgment that they are continuing their journey with God, and that they wish to grow in their relationship with Him. First Eucharist begins the journey during which they can receive the Body and Blood of Christ, which nourishes them spiritually just as food and drink nourishes them in the physical sense. Both sacraments represent a significant step along the Catholic journey.

Please note: Names of those pictured are included if provided with the photo submission to the SKC.
May the joy and peace of Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist, be with you today and always.
Abuse survivor finds that Saints give solace in coping with effects of child sex abuse

By ELEANOR KENNELLY GAETAN
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Dawn Eden Goldstein overcame the “spiritually isolating” effects of childhood sexual abuse via the communion of saints, as she recounts in her unusual memoir “My Peace I Give You: Healing with the Help of the Saints.”

Published by Ave Maria Press in 2012, the book was recently translated into Italian. The reader accompanies Goldstein as she gets through the Metro where she fully recalls the offending memory and briefly breaks down, and then makes sense of the trigger.

If God was truly calling me to study and I believe he was — then he wanted me to try to absorb what was being taught in class, even if doing so had painful side effects,” she said, resolving that “offered up to God, my symptoms of post-traumatic stress would no longer be purposeless pain. They would be sacrifice.”

Highlighting the lives of saints who experienced abuse or neglect — always showing how the saints find redemptive value in suffering — Goldstein offers new interpretation of, for example, St Thomas Aquinas’ response to his brother’s attempt to force a prostituted woman on him.

The saint used spiritually therapeutic techniques, relaxing and praying, to cope with a traumatic event. His story, Goldstein writes, underscores how “that which humiliates us can heal us.”

When Goldstein presents her book, people “always” come up to her after to share experiences of sexual abuse.

“They just want to talk to someone who listens,” the theologian told Catholic News Service.

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Pope issues norms for reports of abuse

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November meeting of the U.S. bishops’ conference and the Vatican February summit on the protection of minors.

According to the new law, the metropolitan archbishop will conduct the investigation into a所谓的 bishop with a mandate from the Holy See. The metropolitan is required to send reports to the Holy See on the progress of the investigation every 30 days and to complete the investigation within 90 days unless granted an extension.

The metropolitan archbishop may use the assistance of qualified laypeople in carrying out the investigation, though it is primarily his responsibility, the norms state. Bishops’ conferences may establish funds to support these investigations.

The document emphasizes that “the person under investigation enjoys the presumption of innocence.”

At the conclusion of the investigation, the results are sent to the competent Vatican dicastery, which will then apply the applicable penalty according to existing canon law.

In the event a report concerns a major archbishop, it will be forwarded to the Holy See.

One article states that Church authorities shall be committed to ensuring “that those who state that they have been harmed, together with their families, are to be treated with dignity and respect,” be welcomed, listened to, and supported, offered spiritual assistance, and medical and psychological assistance.

The norms also introduce obligatory reporting, requiring that every cleric or religious man or woman who has become aware of an accusation of abuse or cover-up report it “promptly” to the proper church authority.

The ‘motu proprio’ also states that it will be required that every diocese create a stable mechanism or system through which people may submit reports of abuse or its cover-up. The exact form of the system, which could also be an entire office, will be left to the discretion of the individual diocese, but must be established by June 2020.

“Even if so much has already been accomplished, we must continue to learn to see, ‘bitter lessons of the past, looking with hope towards the future,’” Pope Francis wrote.

“In order that these phenomena, in all their forms, never happen again, a continuous and profound conversion of hearts is needed,” he said, “attested by concrete and effective actions that involve everyone in the Church.”

“This becomes possible only with the grace of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts, as we must always keep in mind the words of Jesus: ‘Apart from me you can do nothing.’”
Praying from Line to Shrine

The approximately 15-mile pilgrimage was organized by Gentry Heimerman, Director of Young Adult Ministries for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City (second from left). Other participants included Ross Ackerman, Jared Helfrich and Greg Tatro.

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then resumed the next morning to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, nearly 15 miles in all.

It was an event filled with deep prayer, contemplation, discussion, and a more than a few laughs.

“It was good to get together with other men who are on fire with the faith and are willing to talk about it,” said Greg Tatro of Dodge City. “Plus, how great it was to see guys who are fathers that are having more kids.”

The event was organized by Gentry Heimerman, Director of Young Adult Ministries for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. Other participants included Heimerman, Ross Ackerman, and Jared Helfrich.

“I wanted to get out of my comfort zone and challenge myself,” said Ackerman. “I wanted to grow in my relationship with Christ.”

Did he find what he was searching for?

“(I encountered Jesus) all over in the beauty of the countryside and the lake, the sunrise, and the birds,” Ackerman said. “(I encountered Him) in the pain of the walk … reminding me of how much Jesus had to go through.”

“I like camping, the opportunity to get outside, and to talk and pray with other guys,” said Tatro. “During the pilgrimage we prayed … the rosary, Regina caeli (a prayer to Mary), and morning and night prayer.”

[He experienced] a “new desire to grow more in my faith both spiritually and intellectually,” Ackerman said. (I learned] that there are other men similar to me dealing with the same struggles and stresses as myself.”

The pilgrimage concluded at the cathedral where the men prayed for the intercession of the Holy Mother and before the Blessed Sacrament.

CONGRATS, GRADS!

St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls, honored their graduates on Sunday, May 5. Graduates were front row, left to right, Kaitlynn Dyke, Olivia McFadden, Aspen Bell, all from Cimarron High School, and Ashlyn Cure, Ingalls High School; back row Matt Mowry, CHS, Father Warren Stecklein, Ambrose Shaughnessy, CHS. Not pictured is Edsel Arjona, CHS.

With Father Francis Khoi Nguyen are high school graduates from St. John of Arc Parish, Elkhart: Rousmar Gomez, Javier Gomez, Natalie Navarez, (Father Khoi), Jamillett Villa, Angelica Hernandez, Paola Garcia, and Hailey Carrillo.

Free Service connects high school graduates to Catholic campus ministries

First, some bad news: 80 percent of students stop practicing their faith at some point in college.

Now some good news: Newman Connection is an organization that works against this tide by helping connect graduating high school seniors to the Catholic campus ministries available at their prospective colleges! (They mail a packet to every parish, make reminder phone calls to quite a few, and then do all of the databasing! They make it so easy for us, and all for free!)

Some sad news: In 2017 we had 14 parishes participate (29%) in the program and we gathered the names/colleges of 104 graduating seniors. In 2018 we had 15 parishes participate (31%) in the program and we gathered the names/colleges of 86 graduating seniors.

With such a great service—at such a wonderful price—it is sorely under-utilized. I would like to challenge all 48 parishes to participate this year, and here are some possible action steps:

Option 1. Simply use the packet that was mailed to your parish to gather the names of students and then send it right back to Newman Connection!

Option 2. You don’t know who received the packet? You don’t know if somebody at your parish is already on top of it? You don’t think that all the seniors have been properly accounted for?

No problem! Shoot me an email at gheimerman@dcdiocese.org and we will work it out! Worst case scenario: you send me an email with a list of student names and where you think they are planning to go for college. (I can enter them in manually and this is way better than not having any idea where our young people will be spending the next 4-5 years of their lives!)

But wait Gentry, what good does it do to have all these names in some database?

Well, it doesn’t guarantee their sanctity. But it is tremendously helpful in our attempts to continue to reach out and invite youth/young adults to an encounter with Christ! The Director of Young Adult Ministry, the Director of Youth Ministry, the Curia Intern, and the Director of Vocations (or some combination thereof) travel to colleges across Kansas throughout the year to connect with our students, facilitate a diocesan community of faith on campus, and to simply let them know that we still care about them even while they are away. The only problem is, if we do not know that Student X from Parish X is at College X, then there is no way that we can invite them to gather with us upon our arrival or encourage them to grow in their faith while in college.
El espíritu del manejo de la ira

¿Te sorprendería que te dijeran que tienes un carácter que asusta a los demás? No debería, en realidad.

Debido a que el pecado entró al mundo, es probable que seanamos mujeres enojadas y hombres enojados. Por fuera, sonreímos, pero por dentro, estamos hirviendo. Nacida del orgullo, la ira (o cólera) es uno de los siete pecados capitales. Es una línea de falla que corre profundamente dentro de nosotros.

Adentro somos como un volcán, algunos de nosotros más que otros. Podemos ser atormentados en lo repentino de nuestra ira, en su imprevisibilidad cuando despierta, en su pura violencia. Nos controla más de lo que nos permitimos saber.

Nuestra Tradición Espiritual dice que la ira tiene dos formas principales: hay una ira roja, y hay una ira blanca. Conocemos bien la primera: El corazón se expande, la sangre sale a la superficie, la cara se enrojece, la respiración se acelera, la voz sube de volumen, todo el cuerpo está preparado para atacar cualquier amenaza que se presente.

No estamos tan familiarizados con la segunda: aquí el corazón se contrae, la sangre se enfria, la cara se vuelve blanca con un sudor frio, la respiración se vuelve dificil, la voz puede caer en un silencio ominoso, todo el cuerpo está listo para atacar... pero no ahora... no todavía... sino en algún momento.


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Coronación de Mary

Los estudiantes de la escuela de la catedral del Sacramento de Dodge City celebran la Coronación de María en mayo el 1 de mayo en la gruta a las afueras de las puertas principales. Después de la coronación, los estudiantes se tomaron un tiempo para orar en la estatua de María.

Los estudiantes de la escuela de la catedral del Sagrado Corazón celebran la Coronación de María con el Coronación de María. Durante esta celebración, un estudiante colocará una corona de flores sobre la cabeza de una estatua de María. La práctica de dedicar el mes de mayo a la Santísima Madre comenzó a fines del siglo XVIII como una oración para que los estudiantes contrarresten la “infidelidad e inmoralidad”.

Ver más fotos en la página 16.

Una oración en 15 millas

Bajo un cielo azul fresco de Kansas, y más tarde sentado alrededor de una fogata en el condado de Ford County Lake cuando se ponía el sol, cuatro jóvenes participaron en la peregrinación para hombres de 2019 de dos días, también conocida como “Line to Shrine”, el 26 de abril.

La peregrinación comenzó en la carretera 50 y la Correction Line (Garnett Road), continuó hasta el condado de Ford Lake, donde los hombres acamparon por la noche, y luego se reunieron a la mañana siguiente a la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, casi 15 millas en total.

Fue un evento lleno de oración profunda, contemplación, discusión y unas pocas risas.

“Fue bueno reunirse con otros hombres que están en llamas con la fe y están dispuestos a hablar de ello”, dijo Greg Tatro de Dodge City. “Además, fue maravilloso ver a los padres que están entusiasmados por tener más hijos”.

Organizado por Gentry Heimerman, Director de Ministerios para Jóvenes de la Diócesis Católica de Dodge City, la peregrinación también incluyó a Heimerman, Ross Ackerman y Jared Helfrich.

“Quería salir de mi zona de confort y desafiarme a mí mismo”, dijo Ackerman. “Quería crecer en mi relación con Cristo”.

¿Encontró lo que estaba buscando? “[Encontre a Jesús] por todas partes en la belleza del campo y el lago, la salida del sol y las aves”, dijo Ackerman. (Me lo encontré) “en el dolor de la caminata... recordándome lo mucho que Jesús tuvo que pasar por mí”.

“Me gusta acampar, la oportunidad de salir y hablar y orar con otros muchachos”, dijo Tatro. “Durante la peregrinación rezamos... el rosario, regina caeli [una oración a María] y la oración de la mañana y la noche”.

[(Experimenté) un “nuevo deseo de crecer más en mí fe, tanto espiritual como intelectualmente”, dijo Ackerman. “[Aprendí] que hay otros hombres similares a mí que lidian con las mismas luchas y tensiones que yo”.

La peregrinación concluyó en la catedral donde los hombres rezaron a Nuestra Señora y antes del Santísimo Sacramento.

Rev. RONALD M. GILMORE,
Obispo Emérito de la Diócesis Católica de Dodge City
Oraciones por las mamás y los bebés

Me tejiste en el seno materno... (Salmo 139,13). Que imagén conmovedora: Dios nos creó a cada uno de nosotros dentro de nuestras mamás! La madre y el padre de cada niño fueron co-creadores con el Señor en este milagro. ¿Por qué nuestros jueces de la Corte Suprema de Kansas no pueden entender esta simple y profunda verdad? El 26 de abril, seis jueces no electos encontraron un «derecho» al aborto en la Constitución de Kansas, de 150 años de antigüedad (ver el artículo de Joe Bollig para más detalles, y la declaración de los Obispos de Kansas). ¿Cuántos niños y niñas serán matados, cuántas madres serán heridas, cuántos padres se lamentarán por esta decisión?

Para los que están «indecisos» sobre este tema, y para todos, les insto a ver la película «Unplanned». Esta poderosa película muestra la verdadera historia de Abby Johnson, una ex directora de Planned Parenthood, que ayudó con un aborto. Ella vio el sonograma durante un procedimiento, y vio al niño alejarse del instrumento, y luego ser despedazado con la poderosa realidad las palabras de Jesús: «...me lo hicieron a mi...» (Mateo 25) debe estar en nuestras mentes, corazones y manos/pies, actuando para ayudar. Para aquellas que han pasado por un aborto, hay sanación y esperanza en nuestro amado Señor. Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos tienen un recurso llamado Proyecto Raquel (esperanzasaborto.org) que puede ayudar. Hay muchos otros ministerios de sanación para el trauma post-aborto. He ayudado en muchos retiros del Viñedo de Raquel (www.elvinenedorarbol.org), que han proporcionado una gran paz en el Señor para este sufrimiento. El Señor está cerca de los que sufren y salva a los que desfallecen» (Salmo 34,19).

Es imperativo que los católicos y todos los habitantes de Kansas defiendan la vida, aprobando una enmienda constitucional de Kansas que proíba a los niños no nacidos que pertenecen al Señor, y a sus madres. Oremos, trabajemos y votemos por este paso necesario en nuestros esfuerzos por respetar la vida. Démosle a nuestros hermanos/ hermanas pequeños, a sus madres, padres, familia y a todos los habitantes de Kansas, un «futuro lleno de esperanza» (Jeremías 29,11). Nuestro Jesús Resucitado nos ayudará. Él nos ama a todos, nacidos y no nacidos, ¡y de lo que podemos pedir o imaginar!

El Hospital St. Catherine celebra tocadoy

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Christina ‘Chris’ Anna Bohrer, 101, died April 25, 2019, in Pratt. She was born near Willowdale, Kansas, the fourth of 10 children born to Ignatius and Magdalena Wagner Goetz. She married Aloisius R. (Ollie) Bohrer on Feb. 23, 1938; he preceded her in death. Ollie and Chris grew up on adjacent family farms. Shortly after their marriage, they moved one mile to the farm that Chris’s grandfather homesteaded. Their lives revolved around family, church and farming. They moved to Kingman in 1992. Because of failing health, they entered Pratt Health and Rehab in 2002. Christina is survived by her son, LeRoy; and daughters, Judy Doolittle and Gloria Holcombe; five grandchildren; a step-grandson; five great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandsons; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Goetz and Anna Jane Goetz; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Josephine ‘Josie’ Rupp, 93, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died April 22, 2019. She was born in St. Peter, Kansas, the daughter of Peter and Marianna (Applehans) Richmeier. On June 22, 1951, Josie married Frank Rupp in Garden City; he preceded her in death. They moved to Deerfield in 1964. Josie worked at the Deerfield Café and then for the Deerfield School District where she retired in 1991. Josie and Frank moved back to Garden City in 1992 where they lived since. She is survived by a daughter, Sharon Schiffelbein; four sons, Tom, Dick, Terry and Bob; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Father Warren Stecklein presided.

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Martha ‘Christina’ Anna Bohrer, 95, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died May 8, 2019. She was born at home in the Coalvale Community of rural Arcadia, Kansas, the son of Frank and Mary (Macke) Zveglich. He attended school in the Gross Community and was a 1940 graduate of Arcadia, High School. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946 and was stationed in Europe and fought at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. After the war, he entered the electrical trade and moved to Dodge City in the early 1950s where he supervised many projects throughout Western Kansas until retiring after 42 years of service. On April 28, 1952 he married Della Mae Slattery at Sacred Heart Cathedral at Dodge City. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Della Mae; their two daughters, Susan Beyer and Connie Nagel; his brother, Joe Zveglich; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson. Father Wesley Schawe presided.

Estelle A. (Stellie) Huelskamp, 81, of St. Anthony Fowler, passed away May 11, 2019. She was born in Dodge City, the daughter of Alexander and Frances (Kisner) Stegman. She later attended Sacred Heart Academy in Wichita, graduating in 1955. On August 2, 1958, she married Leroy E. Huelskamp at St. Patrick Church in Plains. After their marriage, the couple made their home on the family farm in rural Fowler. She was member of the Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella. She is survived by two sons, Tom and Tim; three daughters, Geri Leibham, Cynthia Swingle, and Tammi Schultz; twenty-five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
Garden City woman receives Excellence in Nursing award

Forty-four nurses throughout St. Catherine Hospital, Siena Medical, Women’s Clinic, Plaza Medical and Convenient Care were recently nominated to receive the 2019 Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award. From these nominations, three finalists were voted in by their peers: Elda Menjivar, ICU, Emma Merrill, Hospice, and Stephanie Thummel-Schwindt, Medical/Surgical.

This year, Thummel-Schwindt took home the top honor. This prestigious award includes a Clinical Excellence in Nursing plaque, a monetary gift, and her name embroidered on the nursing cape, a long time St. Catherine Hospital tradition.

Stephanie Thummel-Schwindt was born in Medicine Lodge then moved to Garden City. She graduated from nursing school at North Central Technical College. She became a traveling nurse and was introduced to her husband between travel assignments. They returned to Garden City in 2016 when they found out they were expecting. Stephanie started as a Med/Surg floor nurse, then moved to Charge Nurse, and just recently started a new position as the House Supervisor.

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Fourth Grade Teacher, Sacred Heart School, Colby
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Sunday, May 19
Monday, May 20
Acts 14:5-18/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 21
Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 22
Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 23
Acts 15:7-21/ In 15:9-11
Friday, May 24
Acts 15:22-31/ In 15:12-17
Saturday, May 25
Acts 16:1-10/ In 15:18-21
Sunday, May 26
Monday, May 27
Acts 16:11-15/ In 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 28
Acts 16:22-34/ In 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 29
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ In 16:12-15
Thursday, May 30
Acts 20:17-27/ In 17:1-11A
Acts 20:28-38/ In 17:11B-19
Acts 21:20-25

Acts of Kindness

Have you ever experienced, or been witness to an act of kindness? Bishop John B. Brungardt invites readers to submit stories to the Southwest Kansas Catholic: skregister@dcdiocese.org; write to: Dave Myers, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801; or call Dave at (820) 227-1519. The bishop asks us all to commit acts of kindness as a prayer for Priestly Vocations.

A simple way to serve others

The simplest way for me to live love is to try to look at what I’m doing routinely for my own family and expand it. For example, when I am clipping coupons for my own grocery trip, I also clip really good ones I see for other stuff I don’t need (especially baby food/formula, diapers; and things I think seniors will need but have trouble affording), then as I go through the store, I leave them by those items. I say a little prayer that the right person, the person in need, will find them, and I really trust the universe to do that part.

We all know where we pass the homeless poor/people holding cardboard signs on our way to work; it’s so easy to order two coffees and McMuffins at McDonald’s and hand the second breakfast to one of them as we pass. When I’m buying socks at Kohl’s or school supplies at CVS, the second package can go to the family shelter for another family’s child.

These simple things don’t take more than a minute, but keep me connected to the Great Commandment to love one another.

― Karen F., courtesy of SpreadKindness.org

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions

May: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Angelus to Xavier
to

Catholic Place Names in Kansas

Obvious & Obscure

A book by Diocesan Archivist Tim Wenzl

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“Stop worrying about the world ending. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

― Charles M. Schulz

Obvious

Leoville

Leoville (Barton County) – Twenty two miles northwest of Great Bend, a group of German Catholics changed the name of their community from Lebanon to Leoville to honor the reigning pontiff, Pope Leo XIII. The post office operated under that name from April 23, 1880 to June 17, 1881, when the name was changed to Nathan. The community was absorbed by the Omlitz settlement in 1888.

Leoville (Decatur County) – German Catholics from the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Illinois homesteaded in this valley located in southern Dresden Township. The name of this town also honors Pope Leo XIII and was suggested by early settler Joe Boeger. Pope Leo was known as the “Rosary Pope,” a title he acquired after writing eleven papal encyclicals on the rosary. The first Mass in the community’s frame church was celebrated on December 8, 1885. The parish was placed under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. The present brick church is on the Kansas Register of Historic Places.

Leoville

Pope Leo XIII

The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday, June 2
The Ascension of the Lord

Or

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60/ Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ In 17:20-26
Acts 1:26-32/ In 1:26-32

Or

PENTECOST Mass During the Day:
Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ In 20:19-33 or In 14:15-16, 23B-26

At the Vigil Mass:
Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8A, 16-20B or Ex 19:3-8A, 16-20B or Lv 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ In 7:37-39

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― Karen F., courtesy of SpreadKindness.org

“Stop worrying about the world ending. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

― Charles M. Schulz
ACROSS
1   Moses’ was radiant after he spoke with the Lord (Ex 34:29)
3   One who gives a homily
9   “Angel of God, my guardian . . .”
10  Chosen People
12  The Archdioceses of Tokyo and Mandalay are here
14  False god of the Old Testament
15  Catholic fitness guru, Charles ___
16  Paradise
19  “…the ___ he has sent away empty” (Lk 1:53)
20  Group of religious
22  NT epistle
24  Treasury of ___
25  Palms are burned to make these
27  “Whoever corrects the arrogant ___ insults” (Prov 9:7)
29  Catholic creator of Sherlock Holmes
31  Catholic Church
33  Ishmael and Isaac, to Abraham
37  They brought spices to anoint the body of Jesus
39  They shall ___ their swords into plowshares…” (Isa 2:4)
40  Knighted Catholic actor
41  “Blessed are they who hun-
42  “Vanity of vanities” source (Ec 1:2)
43  Sacred Roman ___ (Mt 5:6)
44  “A ___ of one crying in the desert” (Lk 3:4)
45  Biblical dry measure
46  Night of the Last Supper
48  Commandment carrier, and others
50  Saints
51  “And I will ___ you up on eagle’s wings” (Is 40:31)
52  Cardinal Dulles (abbr.)
53  Popes since Pius XII
54  “And he will ___ the nations of this world into his inheritance” (Rev 11:15)

DOWN
1   10,000 (A little ___ (Mt 6:33))
2   Administrative arm of the Catholic Church
3   Homeland of John Paul II
4   “Vanity of vanities” source (abbr.)
5   Agency headed by uncle of Cardinal Dulles
6   Saintly convert executed in Auschwitz
7   ___ presence in the Eucharist
8   Commandment carrier, and others
9   Movie reviewer/film critic who was a former altar boy
12  First word in the name of Parisian basilica
13  Brothers of Joseph
15  Sacred Roman ___
21  “And I will ___ you up on eagle’s wings” (Isa 40:31)
23  Pope during Vatican II
24  Catholic comedian/actor who started on SNL
26  Make up for sin
28  Wages of sin (Rom 6:23)
30  Saintly convert executed in Auschwitz
32  Catholic screenwriter and novelist best known for “The Exorcist”
35  “A ___ of one crying in the desert” (Lk 3:4)
36  The table
38  Gospel with the most chapters (abbr.)
39  Prayer counter
41  Abbr. for two OT books
42  St. Michael’s Mind Teaser
43  Sacred Roman ___
45  Biblical dry measure
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TEASER THE FIRST:
Can you decipher the musical instruments represented below?
1. P O
2. BA BA
3. ECLART

TEASER THE SECOND:
Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given:
Boast - Hip, move the ‘s’ from ‘Boast’ to ‘Hip’ creating two synonyms, or near synonyms.

TEASER THE THIRD:
Either Mr. Heimerman, his wife, their son, or their daughter is a butcher, and another is a baker. Here are some facts:
1. If the butcher and the baker are the same gender, then the baker is older than the butcher.
2. If neither the butcher nor the baker is the parent of the other, then the butcher is older than the baker.
3. If the butcher is a man, then he and the baker are the same age.
4. If the butcher and the baker are of the opposite gender, then the man is older than the woman.

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid containing areas surrounded by gray or dotted lines. The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box, and the sum of the numbers in each area is equal to the clue in the area’s top-left corner.

ST. SEBASTIAN’S SUDOKO

ACROSS
1   2   3
7   3   6   9   5
2   7   4   1
3   1   7   8   5
5   3   6   7
9   3   7   6   4
1   7
8

DOWN
1   2   3
4   1
5
6
4
1
Despair always lifts! If you are having thoughts of suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

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May Crowning

Students at Catholic schools and parishes across the diocese honored and celebrated Mary with the May Crowning. During this celebration, a student will place a crown of flowers upon the head of a statue of Mary. The practice of dedicating May to the Blessed Mother began at the end of the 18th Century as a prayer for students to counteract “infidelity and immorality.”

DODGE CITY -- Students at Sacred Heart Cathedral School celebrate the May Crowning of Mary May 3 at the grotto just outside the main doors. At right, a student places a crown of flowers on to the head of a statue of Mary. Below, Bishop John B. Brungardt leads those gathered in prayer.

BELPRE -- At right, Lydia Mendez of St. Bernard Parish places the crown of flowers atop a statue of Mary inside the worship area of the church.

BElPrE -- at right, Lydia Mendez of St. Bernard Parish places the crown of flowers atop a statue of Mary inside the worship area of the church.

MARIENTHAL -- Elise Whalen, a member of the 2019 confirmation class at St. Mary’s Church, crowns the statue of the Blessed Mother in the parish’s rosary prayer garden following the vigil Mass May 4. She is the daughter of Brandon and Angela Whalen and will be a freshman at Wichita County High School in Leoti in the fall. Looking on is Father Tim Hickey, pastor.

“if you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: ‘Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.’ I must admit — this prayer has never failed me.”

— Blessed Mother Teresa

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