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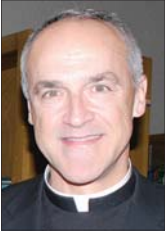
Prep, Villa exceed capital campaign goals

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Erie's Cathedral Preparatory School and Villa Maria Academy raised more than \$23.5 million in separate record-breaking capital campaigns, school officials announced recently.

Both secondary schools exceeded their campaign goals—Prep by \$2 million and Villa by \$500,000.

Father Scott Jabo, president of



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Erie Catholic Preparatory School, which includes Prep and Villa, credited the success of the campaigns to the loyalty of individual donors who contributed anywhere from \$20 to the millions.

"Even after the financial collapse, people kept their pledges, which is really remarkable," Father Jabo said. "People wanted to make a difference."

Prep's capital campaign raised \$20.1 million, nearly \$2 million more than the \$18.3 million goal set when the effort began in 2007.

Villa's campaign, begun in 2010, raised \$3.5 million, exceeding its goal by a half-million dollars.

The impact of the fundraising efforts will be felt for years to come. Both schools have used their campaign funds to make numerous improvements.

Prep's campaign dollars have helped to fund the \$9 million Cathedral Prep Events Center in Erie, a \$1 million renovation of the science wing, a \$1.8 million

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IRONMAN MOM

Woman participates in grueling triathlon for Our Lady's Christian

Mary Solberg

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Kelly Goodelle, a parishioner of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie, remembers when she could barely run a mile.

Today, she is training for an Ironman Triathlon challenge, one of the most grueling athletic competitions in the world. She credits God and the memory of her father for inspiring her to compete.

At age 37, Goodelle is gearing up for the Dec. 1 Ironman in Cozumel, Mexico. It is actually her second Ironman race; the first she completed two years ago in Sandusky, Ohio, finishing third in her age group with a time of 12 hours and 21 minutes.

The Ironman Triathlon is not for lightweight or the faint of heart. Goodelle is neither.

In Cozumel, she will be competing against 89 other women in her age group from 19 different countries. Their goal is to complete a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike course, followed by a full marathon, 26.2 miles—in that order, without a break.

"Training for Ironman has made me appreciate how perfectly God has made our bodies," Goodelle says.

Dressed in a form-fitting racing suit, the mother of two is clearly toned from years of workouts. But it's her heart—still aching from the loss of her father to colon cancer four years ago—that has inspired her to push the limits of her endurance and reach out to others.

In mid-October, she designed a fundraising effort with an online site called GoFundMe. Titled "Kelly Goodelle and Ironman Cozumel," her page asks people to donate money in memory of someone who inspired, encouraged or helped them to know God. All donations will go directly to her children's school, Our Lady's Christian in Erie.

"My dad gave me my love of sports, specifically triathlons, and along with my mom, taught me about God and my faith," Goodelle explains. "Those two things are what helped me cope with his death. Now with this Ironman [Cozumel], I am trying to fundraise for a school that I believe also gives children those things."

According to Goodelle, Our Lady's Christian offers numerous athletic opportunities for its students. Its singular focus, however, is a quality, faith-based education. She sees the benefit first-hand with her children, Zachary, a fourth-grader, and Grace, a second-grader, both of whom are active—not surprisingly—in numerous sports.

In addition to working out six days a week, Goodelle coaches the grade 1 through 4 cross country and track teams at Our Lady's Christian. She also helps coach its swim team.

"I'm not the holiest of Catholics, the fastest or the strongest athlete, the best wife, mother, daughter, sister or friend," Goodelle says. "But I find strength in my faith, inspiring others, and believing in the Ironman mantra, 'Anything is possible.'"

So far, Goodelle has collected \$4,871 on her fundraising site. That's more than three times as much as her goal of \$1,406. She originally wanted to collect \$10 for each of the 140.6 miles that she will be swimming, biking and running in Cozumel.

Judy Vorisek, advancement and marketing director of Our Lady's Christian, says that whatever Goodelle raises will be matched by an anonymous donor. The donor has pledged to match all



Photo by Mary Solberg

Kelly Goodelle is training for her second Ironman competition in Mexico next month. She is shown here with her family at Our Lady's Christian School in Erie. Pictured left to right are: Grace Goodelle, Zachary Goodelle, Kelly, and her husband, Craig Goodelle.

new or increased gifts to the OLC School Fund this school year, up to \$25,000.

"As a parent, teacher and coach, Kelly has passed on her father's gifts of faith, determination

and discipline," Vorisek explains. "By inviting others to join her, she's expanding the circle."

Goodelle is surely her father's daughter.

Allan Steven of Temperance, Mich., was a fierce competitor, having raced in many triathlons.

He was making plans to do an Ironman with Goodelle when he died at age 55. Like him, she shares her passion with her children, and will travel to Cozumel with them and her husband, Craig.

"He [Craig] has definitely been supporting me 100 percent. He has been by my side all the way," she says.

The outpouring of donations to her fundraising page has made Goodelle even more thankful for what she has. She plans to laminate a card with the names of all the people, including her dad, who people have remembered on her fundraising page. She will compete with the card tucked inside her racing jersey.

"It will be nice to touch that card when the going gets tough and remember why I'm doing

this and who I'm doing it for," Goodelle adds.

Meanwhile, Goodelle is maintaining her rigorous training regimen, which includes swimming three days a week, and running and biking four days a week. Her long runs last three hours and 15 minutes, preceded by 90 minutes of cycling. Her long bike rides are usually seven hours, followed by an hour run. In early October, the cold waters of Lake Erie got to be too much for her to continue outdoor training swims.

For Goodelle, God is an intrinsic part of the intense workouts.

"It gives me a chance to pray and meditate," she says. "It's sort of my chance to be still and move at the same time."

To donate to Kelly Goodelle and Ironman Cozumel, go to www.gofundme.com/4tr6z2c

Congratulations!

St. Gregory parishioner wins pope contest

Sue Andrzejewski of North East claims she was just lucky, but something else clearly contributed to her winning the recent "Find the Pope" contest sponsored by FaithLife.

"I try to be thorough," admits Sue, 53, a lifelong member of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish in North East.

Sue's detail-oriented nature helped her find all 16 times that the word "pope" was used in the Oct. 13 edition of FaithLife. For her efforts, she won a \$75 gift certificate to Hofmann's Church & Religious Goods in Erie.

She was the only person out of 120 submissions to guess correctly. (Go to www.erieRCD.org/popes.asp to see the answer key.)

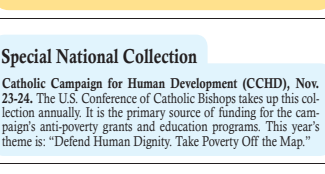
A seek-and-find puzzle enthusiast, Sue enjoys participating in similar contests in magazines and other publications. She knew from experience that she would have to read every inch of FaithLife's four pages, including ads and graphics.

"They always hide something," Sue says. She was right.

FaithLife staff hid the word "pope" in a graphic at the top of page four. Yes, it was small, but Sue discovered it on her first read-through. She found pope mentioned four times on page one, 11 times on page two, zero times on page three, and once on page four.

Sue not only inspires others with her thoroughness, but she lives a busy life despite her 31-year struggle with multiple sclerosis. In 1982, she graduated with a physician's assistant degree from Gannon University, and worked full-time at UPMC North Shore Neurology until 1997, when her disability forced her to go part-time. She later earned a master's degree from Gannon in psychology counseling.

Her advice to future contestants: "Be thorough."



Sue Andrzejewski used her keen seek-and-find skills to win a \$75 gift certificate to Hofmann's Church & Religious Goods, Erie.

Special National Collection

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), Nov. 23-24. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops takes up this collection annually. It is the primary source of funding for the campaign's anti-poverty grants and education programs. This year's theme is: "Defend Human Dignity. Take Poverty Off the Map."

Clergy Appointments

The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie, makes the following clergy appointments:



The Very Rev. David L. Poulson, V.F., bishop's delegate for Mass in the extraordinary form, concurrent with his appointments as pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Cambridge Springs, and St. Bernadette Mission, Saegertown, and as chaplain at CSI Cambridge, effective Nov. 1, 2013.

Msgr. Thomas Snyderwine, senior priest advocate for retired priests, effective Oct. 14, 2013, for a term of five years.

HYS wins state award

HARBORCREEK—Harborcreek Youth Services, a support service of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, has been named this year's state residential treatment program of the year by Pennsylvania's Juvenile Court Judges Commission.

"It is quite an achievement," said John Petulla, executive director of Harborcreek Youth Services the past 10 years.

Petulla and members of his staff accepted the award at the commission's annual conference in Harrisburg on Nov. 7.

The state's judges recognized Harborcreek for its performance and quality improvement programs. In 2012, they said, Harborcreek achieved several juvenile justice system targets.

According to the Juvenile Court Judges Commission, Harborcreek Youth Services in the past five years has made "considerable progress" in the delivery of some services and programs, including:

- the adoption of a Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) practice model

in clinical work with clients

- the delivery of research-based Life Skill Psycho-Educational Programs that cover such issues as anger management, social skills, drug and alcohol prevention and cyber bullying prevention.

According to a statement by the Judges Commission: "The agency's [Harborcreek's] treatment promotes parent and family participation in the assessment and treatment process."

Harborcreek was nominated for the award by the Allegheny County Juvenile Court in Pittsburgh. Petulla said he has worked regularly with its probation officers and county liaison to provide quality services to clients.

Petulla also credits Harborcreek's achievement to its relatively new Christian-based Sanctuary approach. Sanctuary is a philosophy that recognizes the impact of trauma in the lives of the young men it serves. Five staff members who were trained in Sanctuary five years ago are still working at the agency.

"We've had continuity," Petulla explained. "Sanctuary has had a positive impact in how we treat young men."



Families join pope at Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Through the sacrament of marriage, a couple receives from God the grace they will need to fulfill their mission in the world, Pope Francis said.

Addressing an estimated 100,000 people who came to St. Peter's Square Oct. 26 for a Year of Faith celebration of family life, Pope Francis said Catholic spouses know difficult moments will come. But vowing to love one another in sickness and health, joy and sorrow, Catholic couples put their lives in the hands of God and rely on him for strength.

"They do not run away; they do not hide; they do not shirk the mission of forming a family and bringing children into the world," the pope said.

The pope became a sensation on YouTube and Twitter again after a little boy wandered on stage and hugged the pontiff.



CNS photo

Pope Francis enjoys an unplanned visit by a child during a special event for families at St. Peter's Square on Oct. 26.

Kennedy plaque draws people to Washington cathedral

WASHINGTON (CNS)—On Nov. 25, 1963, a television audience of millions of people around the world prayerfully bid farewell to President John F. Kennedy, as his flag-draped coffin was placed before the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, during the funeral Mass for the slain president.

Today, almost 50 years later, people come to the cathedral from across the country and around the world. Visitors have a chance to read an inlaid marble plaque inscribed with the words, "Here rested the remains of President Kennedy at the Requiem Mass, Nov. 25, 1963, before their removal to Arlington, where they lie in expectation of a heavenly resurrection."

On a recent weekday, Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, the cathedral's rector, stood beside that plaque.

"Many people who come here, come because of that," he said, noting that many talk about "the sense of hope" that Kennedy brought the nation.

Bishop Zubik named liaison to Catholic Charities USA

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Bishop David Zubik of Pittsburgh has been named to serve as the liaison between the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Charities USA, which supports dioceses nationwide in their service to the poor, to families in crisis and in disaster relief.

"Catholic Charities challenges us to live out Jesus' call to serve the poorest among us. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us to greater outreach with the poor, and I welcome this opportunity to deepen this relationship on behalf of the U.S. bishops," Bishop Zubik said.



CNS photo

Theory of one hominid species is compatible with faith, experts say

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A group of scientists has proposed that human beings emerged from one single evolving human species rather than branching from a tree of multiple, early ancestral species.

The new hypothesis, while still disputed, fits even better with the Catholic Church's position that humans came from one source, in that they were freely created by God, said two experts in science and faith.

"Certainly, confirmation of humanity's origin in one single lineage, just like modern humanity belonging to one species (as is proposed by the recent study), fits better with the understandings of the faith," said Msgr. Fiorenzo Facchini, an expert paleontologist and anthropologist.



Editor's Note

Mary SOLBERG

Who says kids don't read anymore?

They haven't met 11-year-old **Hugh Kennedy** of Bradford, the **second-graders** in **Liz Swantek's** class at Our Lady of Peace School in Erie, or 12-year-old **Jessica** and 11-year-old **Veronica Kibbe** of Erie. They were among the youngest participants in last month's "Find the Pope" contest in *FaithLife*.

We asked readers to look over the Oct. 13 edition to see how many times the word "pope" was used.

I was impressed when Hugh emailed me, saying that his dad encouraged him to participate in the contest.

It was a real challenge for me to find them, but I think I got it. Thank you. It was fun," he wrote.

Unfortunately, Hugh guessed that Pope appeared 14 times. The correct answer was 16. (See page one for a story on our winner.)

The second-graders at Our Lady of Peace guessed 14, too, and sisters **Jessica** and **Veronica Kibbe** of Erie, along with their mom, **Rachael Kibbe**, guessed 15.

FaithLife sent these young readers a holy card of Pope Francis, along with a medal of St. Francis and St. Anthony. These items were blessed by the pope this fall during the diocesan Year of Faith pilgrimage to Rome.

The competition gave me a chance to learn more about our readers. **Donna Schroeder** of Coudersport says her husband, **Ronald**, faithfully reads *FaithLife*. **Betty Walter** of Ridgway said how much she loves entering contests, and **Ellen Perry** remarked how a gift certificate to Hofmann's Church & Religious Goods in Erie would have "come in handy" since she is a fourth-grade religious education teacher at St. Callistus Parish in Kane.

Thank you all for reading and writing.

Have you ever wondered what happens to the funds collected in the baby bottles that the Knights of Columbus distribute?

Meet **Connie Young**, manager of AAA Life Services of Clarion. The center offers free and confidential pregnancy tests, peer counseling, limited ultrasounds, adoption and community referrals, and abstinence education in Clarion County.

In a recent baby bottle fundraiser, the Knights of Columbus Council 8538 of St. Charles Parish, New Bethlehem, collected \$1,285.92, donating it to AAA Life Services of Clarion.

Congratulations to **Bob Dymski**, who recently retired as choir director of Mount Calvary Church in Erie after 46 years of ministry at the parish. The church would not be what it is today had Bob not taken charge in so many ways.

In fact, Bob was instrumental in getting the church built, having served on the building committee. It is said that the late Father Herbert Gloekler, pastor, often joked that the church was built by "G & D Construction" (for Gloekler & Dymski).

A fine musician, Bob taught himself how to play the organ for a story on our winner. He brought those skills to Mount Calvary in 1967 and played at many weddings with his band, the 3 B's.

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman was the keynote speaker at last month's Parish Liturgy Day at the Bayfront Convention Center. He capped off a week of great discussion on the liturgy during the annual meeting of the national Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. Bishop Emeritus Trautman's talk was fittingly titled, "The Future of Liturgy in the Life of the Church: What We Learn from the Four Constitutions of Vatican Council II."

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Are you smarter than a 6th-grader?

St. James School wins diocesan religion contest

FaithLife Test your knowledge of the Catholic faith... just like sixth-graders who competed recently in the final round of the "To Know and To Serve" religion competition in the Diocese of Erie. (Find the answers at the bottom of this story.)

St. James Elementary School in Erie captured first place on Oct. 28 in the annual diocesan-wide "To Know and To Serve" religion competition.

Members of the "Green and Gold Gems" from St. James correctly answered 48 of the 50 questions posed to five teams of sixth-graders who gathered for the final round of competition at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

"I'm really proud of them," beamed teacher Gina Brennan of St. James. "They put a lot of time into this."

Time and prayer, added Sister Martha Cadden, CDS, another St. James teacher who attended the final competition. She credited the support of principal, Sister Colette Hilow, CDS.

Since the beginning of the academic year, the five members of the St. James team spent 15 minutes before school each day studying facts about their Catholic faith. They also crammed after school for 30 minutes two days a week.

"We didn't mind studying," said St. James sixth-grader Jenna Babay.

A true/false question about the 5th commandment stirred some debate on the team, said Garrett Glowacki, team captain.

"There was some serious discussion about that," Garrett said.

But the team rallied and then answered correctly.

"You have to stick with your first instinct," teammate Ashley Benek added.

Besides Ashley, Jenna and Garrett, other St. James team members included Mary



Photo by Mary Solberg

St. James School in Erie captured first place in the diocesan-wide "To Know and To Serve" religion competition this fall. Pictured, left to right, are: Sister Martha Cadden, CDS, a teacher at St. James; students Mary Swigonski, Gretchen Hess, Garrett Glowacki and Jenna Babay; Father Nicholas Rouch, vicar for education for the Diocese of Erie; and teacher Ashley Benek; and teacher Gina Brennan.

Swigonski and Gretchen Hess.

They competed in the finals against four other teams who were all winners in their respective region of the 13-county diocese. Other school finalists were: St. Michael in Greenville, St. Joseph in Lucinda, St. Leo in Ridgway, and Our Lady of Peace in Erie.

A total of 21 teams representing 14 elementary schools initially entered the competition. Each school was asked to do a service project as an entrance fee, and the five regional winners received \$100 for the agency connected with their outreach project.

Service projects included buying pet supplies for the Humane Society, helping the Mercy Center

for Women, and raising funds for the diocesan Mission of Friendship in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

"Everyone was a winner," said Kim Lytle, the diocesan director of curriculum who organized the competition.

Answer key:

1. contrition, or sorrow
2. True
3. d. at least once a year
4. d. consubstantial
5. persons, places or things

Test your knowledge

1. During the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, we are asked to express _____ for our sins.
2. The 5th commandment teaches us to respect life from conception to natural death. True or False?
3. Catholics must confess sins:
 - a. once a month
 - b. every Saturday
 - c. whenever we commit a venial sin
 - d. at least once a year
4. The word in the Nicene Creed that expresses the equality of Jesus with his Father:
 - a. transubstantiation
 - b. peer
 - c. divine
 - d. consubstantial
5. Occasions of sin are any _____ or _____ that might easily lead us to sin.

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Briefly

Marriage 'tune-up' offered at weekend

GREENSBURG—Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Western Pennsylvania is offering its next WWME Weekend on Nov. 15-17 at the Bishop Connaire Center in Greensburg.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter covers important topics of marriage, with real-life examples given by presenting couples. After each presentation, couples are given a question to discuss in the privacy of their own rooms.

The weekend includes lodging for two nights and five meals. There is a \$75 non-refundable application fee and a confidential fee-will be offered at the end of the weekend.

To learn more about WWME or to apply, call 814-823-4600 or 412-635-7775.

An application is available at www.yourmarriageisworthit.org.

Coping with holidays alone is topic of next Transitions support group

ERIE—Catholic Charities' Transitions ministry for persons who are separated, divorced and widowed will host its 4th annual "Coping with Life Alone During the Holidays" on Sunday, Nov. 24, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Following a brief program, participants will have time for personal reflection, small group sharing, a simple prayer service and refreshments. For more information, call 814-924-1265 or email familylife@ErieCCD.org. Reservations are not required. All are welcome.

Turkey trotters, cooks invited to early Thanksgiving Mass

ERIE—Cooks and those participating in the popular Erie Runners Club Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day now have the opportunity to attend a special 6:30 a.m. Mass that morning at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

Father Michael Ferrick, pastor of St. Peter, said he wanted to make it convenient for runners and people who cook Thanksgiving dinner to attend Mass early the morning of Nov. 28.

"Thanksgiving Day is the day to give thanks," he said. "What better way to do that than to celebrate the Eucharist?"

Gannon University to give Erie \$500,000

ERIE—Gannon University will contribute \$500,000 over the next five years for police and firefighting needs in the city of Erie.

"As the only university in Erie's downtown area, we recognize the futures of Gannon University and the city are impossible to separate," said Gannon President Dr. Keith Taylor.

As an education institution, Gannon is exempt by law from paying property taxes to the city. It also does not have an official payment in lieu of taxes plan, known as P.I.L.O.T., in which tax-exempt entities pay a portion of what their property taxes would be.

Gannon owns 45 buildings in Erie and is finalizing a closing on two more properties.

"I think this payment is fair," Erie Mayor Joe Sinnott said. Gannon will give the city \$100,000 each year, starting in 2013. In 2010, it donated \$250,000 to the city over a three-year period.

Gov. Corbett honors Benedictine sister

HARRISBURG—Benedictine Sister Christine Vladimiroff, executive director of Saint Benedict Education Center and former prioress, was among nine women honored as Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania during a luncheon ceremony at the home of Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett and his wife, Susan.

In her remarks Sister Christine said: "This gathering from our state makes it evident that the women in this room are exceptional and our beauty lies in the work we choose to do, in the meaning we have given our lives, and in what we do for ourselves and for one another."

Villa Vegas Night benefits elementary school

ERIE—Villa Maria Elementary will host its first annual Villa Vegas Night on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Rainbow Gardens in Erie. Cost for the event is \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. The cost includes admission, food and beer, and a chance to win a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Activities will include card games, table games, horse racing, wine and basket raffles, and much more. Guests must be 21 or older to attend. All are welcome to bring their own food and alcohol to the event. All proceeds benefit Villa Maria Elementary School. Contact Jessica Nelson, director of development, at 814-838-5451, extension 223, or email jessica.nelson@vmelementary.com.

2232 seeks to strengthen men in faith

Hundreds expected to attend first annual men's conference

Mary Solberg
FaithLife

The men behind Erie's first 2232 Men's Conference on Nov. 23 want to challenge one prevailing notion: Guys are happy to stay in the background when it comes to their faith.

"By and large, men are a little more closed in emotionally and many focus on sports as a way to connect.

But we need to challenge that and say you can still do all those things but why can't you do it with God present?" says Dan Schaaf, conference chairperson.

In fact, the 2232 Men's Conference at the Bayfront Convention Center features an opening talk by Danny Abramowicz, a former player and coach of the New Orleans Saints. His talk, titled "Spiritual Discipline," draws on his athletic experiences.

Like any coach worth his salt, Abramowicz will likely fulfill the main goal of the half-day conference: to challenge and strengthen men to be the best they can be.

"We as men need to take a good hard look at ourselves so that we become better men to

our families, better men to our communities, better men in our parishes. Who wouldn't want to see Jesus in the way that you act?" says Schaaf, who works full-time as vice president of Building Systems Incorporated, Erie.

While the Men's Conference is new to Erie, the concept of reaching out to men in this way is growing in popularity. Fa-

ther Larry Richards, pastor of the St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community in Erie, has conducted conferences and retreats for men in the United States, Canada and Ireland. He is planning to travel to Poland, Germany and Brazil to share insights from his 2009 book, "Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be." The volume has been on Ignatius Press' top 10 list since its release.

Last spring, Father Richards asked a group of men from various Erie parishes and the Serra Club to consider establishing a men's conference in Erie. With Bishop Lawrence Persico's support, the group acted quickly, establishing a date and speakers, and, most importantly, its focus.

Calling itself 2232 Men, the group is an outgrowth of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation in Erie. The numbers 2232 refer to St. Luke, chapter 22, verse 32: "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

"The men's movement in the church is exploding and the No. 1 reason is that these men's conferences challenge men to be men," Father Richards explains. "Men do not respond to, 'I love you. You love me.' Men respond to being challenged. We want to give

them the perfect man of Jesus."

Father Richards wants participants to be energized by two ideas inspired by St. John Vianney: pray and love. They are encouraged to pray every day and tell their families every day that they love them.

"This is a call for men to rise up—not in

Father Larry Richards

"Men do not respond to, 'I love you. You love me.' Men respond to being challenged. We want to give them the perfect man of Jesus."

power—but to be the leaders of service that they are called to be," Father Richards says.

Besides Abramowicz and Father Richards, a third speaker at the November conference is Dr. Ray Guarendi, a father of 10, a clinical psychologist, author, and host of the nationally syndicated radio show, "The Doctor is In."

Bishop Lawrence Persico of the Diocese of Erie will preside over the opening ceremony and closing Mass. He will join other priests in offering the sacrament of reconciliation during the day.

Men and boys in high school are encouraged to attend the conference, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bayfront Convention Center. Reservations are encouraged, but not necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.

The cost of the conference is \$40 per person, which includes lunch. There will be a discount for high schoolers.

For more information or to register, visit www.2232men.com.

Prep, Villa exceed campaign goals

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renovation of the auditorium, and funding to both the endowment and annual fund.

Villa's campaign money has helped to fund renovations of classrooms, a science lab, the gym, library and auditorium. A fitness center has been built, too, along with a cafe and a chapel. Funds also contributed to Villa's endowment.

Additionally, donations were used to provide an iPad to every student at both Villa and Prep.

"We have a responsibility to prepare our students for the future, and using this technology not only will help our teachers teach effectively, but will give our students an effective way of learning in our world today," Father Jabo added.

Despite the uncertain economic times, donors sacrificed to meet their pledges, according to Father Jabo. A single gift of \$5.5 million boosted Prep's campaign, while a significant contribution to Villa's effort was made by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, who founded the school.



Several people gathered at a recent cocktail reception announcing the successful capital campaigns of Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy. Pictured, left to right, are: Mark Patrizia, who graduated from Prep in 1994; Matt Lechner, who graduated from Prep in 1991; and Abby Lechner, who graduated from Villa in 1998.

DEATH NOTICE

SSJ dies in 73rd year of religious life

Sister Mary Frederick Prenatt, SSI, 91, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died Oct. 24 in her 73rd year of religious life.

A native of Meadville, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Bernard Parish in Bradford on June 28, 1941. She professed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1946.

Sister Mary Frederick earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Villa Maria College. She completed additional studies at Dayton University, Dayton, Ohio; Boston College, Boston, Mass.; Edinboro Univer-



Sister Mary Frederick Prenatt, SSI

sity of Pennsylvania, Edinboro; and Stonehill College, Easton, Mass. A certified librarian, she also was employed in elementary math and evaluative criteria. She taught at many diocesan elementary schools, including: Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, St. Andrew, Our Lady's Christian, Holy Rosa-

ry and St. Joseph Schools, all in Erie; St. Leo, Ridgway; St. Francis, Clearfield; St. Bernard, Bradford; St. Agatha, Meadville; and Holy Rosary, Johnstown. Additionally, she spent time working at Saint Vincent Hospital and the Regional Cancer Center, both in Erie. Although she retired from active ministry in 2003, she participated in the Sisters of St.

Joseph Prayer Card Ministry until her death. She resided at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center in Erie.

Memorials may be made to the Community Support Fund of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506-1249. The Kloetker Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

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Seminarians enjoy soccer match

EMMITSBURG, Md.—**Jamie Power**, left, and **Sean Kerins**, both seminarians from the Diocese of Erie, recently participated in the fourth annual Vianney Cup at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

The Vianney Cup is an annual soccer tournament involving four regional seminaries. Power and Kerins are both seminarians at Saint Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore. Power is a native of St. Patrick Parish, Erie, and is in his second year of theology. Kerins, a native of Notre Dame Parish in Hermitage, is in his first year of theology.



Villa Maria Elementary shares the #AJO spirit

ERIE—Students at Villa Maria Elementary School in Erie recently raised \$125 for epilepsy awareness by participating in a casual dress day at the school.

but more donations collected through that week went to the #AJO Forever Fund, in memory of Alyssa O'Neill, an Erie teenager who died recently after suffering an epileptic seizure.



Three parishes attend Pittsburgh pilgrimage

PITTSBURGH—Thirty-one people from St. Luke Parish, Youngville, St. Anthony Parish, Sheffield, and St. Joseph Parish, Warren, made a pilgrimage to Pittsburgh on Oct. 10.

Father John Neff, chaplain of the pilgrimage, celebrated Mass at St. Anthony Chapel, which holds more than 5,000 authenticated relics of the saints.

The group also visited the historic churches of St. Patrick and St. Stanislaus in the Strip District. Following lunch at Station



Square, the group continued with a fall sightseeing tour of Pittsburgh aboard the Gateway Clipper.

Ridgway students meet the chief



RIDGWAY—Kindergarten students at St. Leo School in Ridgway learned some safety lessons at school recently.

They also spent some time talking with Ridgway Police Chief Ralph Tettis. Chief Tettis is an alumnus of St. Leo School.

Lucinda Knights of Columbus recognized

LUCINDA—The St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus Council #4216 in Lucinda received international recognition recently for its exceptional participation in the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Former field agent Tyler Weaver was instrumental in increasing participation.

Kenneth Grugel, director of the Knights of Columbus State Educational Foundation, is pictured at left presenting the Founder's Award to Grand Knight **Robert Hoover**, head of the local council.



Octoberfest held at St. Gabriel Parish

PORT ALLEGANY—People from all over the Port Allegany area joined in the fun at this fall's Octoberfest at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish.

Activities included a kinderfest and performances by a variety of bands. Authentic German food was served.

Pictured are: **Meg Hutton**, left, a musician at the parish Masses, and **Diane Smith**, music director.



Pink is everywhere!

HERMITAGE—Students at Kennedy Catholic's high school and middle school show off their pink during Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

The students also participated in a jeans day fundraiser for the Angel Fund at Sharon Regional Health System.



Kane firefighters blessed at special Mass

KANE—Father Phil Pinczewski, pastor of St. Callistus Parish, Kane, took the opportunity to bless firefighters during a Sunday morning Mass recently.

Pictured in the back row, left to right, are: **John Mehalko**, **John McAlee**, **Leroy Harlan** and **Zach Holt**.

In the middle row, left to right, are: **Jim Greville**, **Tom Aiello**, **Joe Stauffer** and **Tom Brinkley**.

In the front row, left to right, are: Assistant Fire Chief **Dave Silvis**, Father **Pinczewski**, **Jim Davis** and Fire Chief **Tim Holt**.



Secular Franciscans celebrate with new member

WATERFORD—Members of the Secular Franciscans, Canticles of the Son Fraternity of Lady Poverty Region at All Saints Church in Waterford celebrated with **Patricia Jaworski**, front row, third from left, who made her profession of vows on Oct. 13. Canticles of the Son Fraternity in Waterford is one of five groups of Secular Franciscans in the Diocese of Erie.

Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: **Linda Caldwell**, **Jennette Briggs**, **Jaworski**, and **Candy Henry**.

Second row, left to right, are: **Mary Lou Krieder**, **Devi Youngberg**, **Mary Nelson**, **Barb Repasy**, **Nancy Mattson**, **Harriet McClellan**, and **Sister Rose Kuzma**, OSF, (spiritual assistant).



Back row, left to right, are: Missing from the photo is **Diana Mary Good** and **Mary Stewart**. Twaroski.

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