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## Church Calendar

Events of the local, American and universal church

### Feast days



St. Cecilia St. Francis Xavier

- Nov. 20 Christ the King
- Nov. 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Nov. 22 St. Cecilia
- Nov. 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
- Nov. 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Nov. 30 St. Andrew
- Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier
- Dec. 6 St. Nicholas
- Dec. 7 St. Ambrose
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)
- Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8 (holy day of obligation)

Through the centuries the church has become ever more aware that Mary, "Full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:



"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 491-492

### COUNTDOWN

There are **6 days** to the implementation of the new Roman Missal (as of Nov. 20)

For resources, visit [www.eriecnd.org/liturg2.htm](http://www.eriecnd.org/liturg2.htm)

## Welcoming the new translation of the Roman Missal

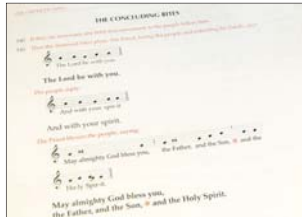
### Dozens of short, new phrases for congregation

By Patricia Zapor  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — When the first Sunday of Advent rolls around Nov. 27 and English-language Masses in the United States will all begin using the updated language in the third edition of the Roman Missal, people's tongues will undoubtedly trip over some of the changes.

What adds up to only a few dozen different words for the congregation begin with the response to the priest's greeting and continue through the text of the whole Mass.

The changes in what the priest says during Mass are more significant, with numerous bits of new wording throughout the standard parts of the Mass and in each of the four eucharistic prayers. For the congregation, the



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A page from the new edition of the Roman Missal shows a change in the people's response during the dismissal at Mass. After the priest says, "The Lord be with you," the people now respond, "And with your spirit." The new Roman Missal will go into use Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent.

first change is that the response to the priest's "The Lord be with you," repeated at various times during the

Mass, now becomes "And with your spirit." During the penitential rite, whether in Form A, the tradi-

### New 'Gloria'

For the congregation, one of the key changes in the new translation of the Roman Missal is the text of the Gloria, which changes throughout. It now reads:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen."

tion Confiteor, or in Form B, the congregation's text changes in a few places.  
In Form A, the phrase that

currently reads "that I have sinned through my own fault" changes in a few places.  
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## Ad Limina preview

## Visit to Rome a pastoral one for Bishop Trautman

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

**Editor's note:** This is Part II of our Ad Limina preview. Part I on the Quinquennial Report ran in the Nov. 6 edition of FaithLife.

ERIE — When Bishop Donald Trautman goes to Rome Dec. 1-10 for his "ad limina" visit, it will be his fourth such visit as the bishop of the Diocese of Erie.

He also made an ad limina visit as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo.

His previous meetings were with Blessed John Paul II. This will be Bishop Trautman's first official encounter with Pope Benedict XVI, but it will not be the first time the two have met. When the bishop was chair of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, he previously met with then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who at the time was head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith.

"We would meet on liturgical matters," Bishop Trautman said.

Every five years, diocesan bishops throughout the world are required to make an ad limina visit.

According to the church's Code of Canon Law, there are several requirements:

- Make a report to the pope on the state of the diocese entrusted to him. This report is known as the Quinquennial Report.

- Go to Rome to venerate the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul.

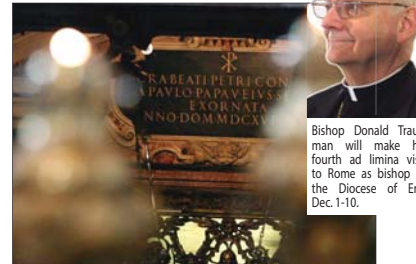
- Present himself to the pope.

"It's meant to be a pastoral visit on the part of the world's bishops going to pay respect to Peter and Paul, whose tombs are in Rome," Bishop Trautman said.

"Ad limina" is short for "ad limina apostolorum" in Latin, which means "to the thresholds of the apostles."

The Quinquennial Report is typically sent to the Vatican several months before a bishop arrives for his ad limina visit. Once the report gets to Rome, it is parceled out to the various Vatican offices—liturgy, doctrine, clergy and religious, among others. When bishops meet with the heads of the congregations, their departments already have knowledge of their diocese. The pope also receives a summary of the Quinquennial Report.

"This is my concluding report



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Burning lamps and an inscription are seen at St. Peter's tomb in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. The Latin inscription acknowledges the inauguration of the new "confessio" in 1615 by Pope Paul V. As part of their "ad limina" visits to Rome, bishops are required to make a pilgrimage to the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul in their respective basilicas.

after 21 years as shepherd of the Diocese of Erie," Bishop Trautman said. "Certainly the prayers will be very much in earnest. But it is a personal moment, as well, to recognize that I've come to the end of my shepherding here officially as the ordinary of the diocese and render-

ing my final report to the Holy Father."

The bishop recalled that when he received the call to lead the Diocese of Erie, he wrote a letter thanking Pope John Paul II for the appointment and promis-

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## SHARE IN THE CARE

### Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 10-11

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

It's been awhile since Sister Mary Andrew Himes, RSM, has been teaching in a formal classroom setting, but she's far from retired.

Her "classroom" is the St. Mark Seminary chapel where she teaches the priests of tomorrow to sing.

"It's been a great blessing," Sister Mary Andrew said of her time with the seminarians. "It's never been work. There's been worry at times because I get concerned about them. But it's been a blessing in my life. I never think of it as a job."

Sister Mary Andrew is one of many women religious in the diocese who are active in ministry beyond retirement age.

The 24th annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up Dec. 10-11 in the Diocese of Erie. Sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C., the appeal asks Catholics to "Share in the Care" of more than 34,000 women and men religious past age 70.

Last year, the faithful in the diocese



Sister Mary Andrew Himes, RSM, practices with the seminarians for their upcoming performance of Lessons and Carols.

contributed \$168,768.26 to this collection. In 2011, the Benedictine Sisters of Elk County, Benedictine Sisters of Erie and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania received a combined total of \$176,739.48 in financial assistance made possible by the national appeal.

Additionally, religious who serve or have served in the diocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may

also benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sister Mary Andrew received her bachelor's degree in music education from Mercyhurst College and her master's from Duquesne University. She taught music appreciation and private piano at Mercyhurst College. At Gannon University, she directed the chapel choir. She's also held a number of parish assignments where she was in charge of the music programs at both the church and school.

Asked to help out the seminary in 1983 to put on some programs during Advent, Sister Mary Andrew has stayed on ever since.

"It's a great responsibility," she said. "It does keep you praying."

With practice every other Monday, she is working in a few extra practices to get the seminarians ready for their performance of Lessons and Carols Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel.

"All the guys need to know how to sing," she said. "I'm not talking opera star. If they don't sing, the parishes don't sing."

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## Permanent diaconate, Tribunal get new directors

By Jason Koshinski  
FaithLife editor

Bishop Donald Trautman has announced several appointments to leadership positions for two diocesan offices.

Father Mark Nowak and Deacon Richard Shewman have been appointed as director and associate director, respectively, of the diocese's Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and Barbara Bettwy, JCL, has been appointed director of the Marriage Tribunal.

Msgr. Robert Smith, vicar general of the diocese, has served as the director of the diocese's Permanent Diaconate Formation Program since its inception in 1994. However, Msgr. Smith is recovering from heart surgery in September.

Father Nowak, who has a background in seminary formation, will continue to serve as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean.

Recently, the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program has been reorganized to conform to "National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons" published in 2004 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The first class under the new struc-

ture began in Sept. 2010 and includes 15 men currently in formation. New classes will begin every other year.

Father Nowak said the program is in the process of preparing for a new class to begin in Sept. 2012.

Father Nowak said one of his goals is to clarify the role the deacon has in the church.

"I'd like to give people—pastors, deacons, those in formation, lay persons—a sense of why we're doing what we're doing," he said.

Deacon Shewman said the revival of the permanent diaconate was a way to respond to the needs of the church and also to address many charity needs.

"If you go back to the beginning of the church, the deacon was there to see to the needs of the people: make sure that the widows got fed, the orphans were taken care of, see to the physical needs of the people and bind the community together," he said.

For the past 13 years, Deacon Shewman has been living and ministering in



Father Mark Nowak

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## IN THE U.S.

### Maryknoll marks 100 years of mission

Maryknoll is the gift of mission that the church in America gave to the universal church, and will continue to give, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick told more than 1,800 participants at a festive Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Oct. 30. The Mass celebrated the centennial of the group formally known as the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. "The church in the United States is a generous one, not because we give generously of our funds, but because we give generously of our faith," he said. Cardinal McCarrick said the men and women of Maryknoll recognize that when you have something as precious as the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you can't keep it to yourself. The Mass marked the official end of Maryknoll's year-long centennial commemoration. He was joined by 56 priests and eight bishops in a two-hour service rich with symbolic reminders of the lands catechized by Maryknoll missionaries since 1911. Maryknollers carried the flags of 47 mission sites in the procession. They represented countries in Asia, Africa, North, Central and South America.



### Bishops to Senate: Uphold DOMA

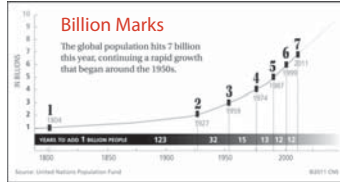
The U.S. bishops have urged the Senate Judiciary Committee not to repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, calling it important for human rights and the common good. "DOMA advances the common good in a manner consistent with the human dignity of all persons," Bishop Salvatore Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, wrote in a Nov. 2 letter to committee members. DOMA defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman and gives states the authority to reject same-sex marriages that may have been legally recognized in other states. The Senate Judiciary Committee began debate Nov. 3 on legislation to repeal the law. Called the Respect for Marriage Act, the legislation would end what its supporters consider illegal discrimination against legally married same-sex couples. However, advocates for traditional marriage said the Senate bill, S. 598, and an identical House bill, H.R. 1116, would open the door to redefining marriage and would eventually force states where same-sex marriage is illegal to recognize such unions.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Seven billion and counting

The United Nations chose Oct. 31 as the date of the birth of the 7 billionth person inhabiting the planet. The exact date when that number was reached may be in dispute. How many people really live in Lebanon, which hasn't taken an official census in nearly 80 years? How do little brothers and sisters born surreptitiously under China's strict

"one family, one child" policy get counted? According to the United Nations, it took just a dozen years for the world population to climb to 7 billion. The planet is expected to peak at 10 billion by 2050. It's worth noting that the planet's population grew despite the loss of tens of millions of lives in World War I, followed by an influenza epidemic, and the carnage of World War II, which included the incineration of two Japanese cities with atomic bombs.



### Nigeria attacks target Christians, Muslims

Pope Benedict XVI appealed for an end to violence in Nigeria and prayed for victims of the most recent wave of civil conflict there. Attacks Nov. 4 in Nigeria's northeastern states of Yobe and Borno left more than 100 people dead. The attacks targeted churches, police stations and military barracks. Vatican Radio reported. Officials blamed the violence on Boko Haram, a radical Muslim group responsible for previous attacks in the region. Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama of Jos, vice president of the Nigerian bishops' conference, condemned the attacks, saying that the radical group targets both Muslims and Christians. "They attack Christians and Muslims indiscriminately. Our police are Christian and Muslim, they are even targeting other Muslim leaders. Boko Haram are not anti-Christian, they are anti-civil society," Archbishop Kaigama said.

### Peace pilgrimage to Assisi

Taking 300 religious leaders with him on pilgrimage to Assisi, Pope Benedict XVI said people who are suspicious of religion cannot be blamed for questioning God's existence when they see believers use religion to justify violence. "All their struggling and questioning is, in part, an appeal to believers to purify their faith so that God, the true God, becomes accessible," the pope said Oct. 27 during an interfaith gathering in the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Marking the 25th anniversary of the first Assisi interfaith gathering for peace, hosted by Blessed John Paul II in 1986, Pope Benedict brought together the religious leaders and — for the first time — four philosophers who describe themselves as humanists or seekers who do not identify with any single religion. After a train ride of almost two hours from the Vatican, Pope Benedict and his guests arrived in Assisi and were driven to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels for the morning gathering focused on "testimonies for peace."

## By the Way...

Bishop Donald Trautman will make his ad limina visit to Rome Dec. 1-10. While the visit is a pastoral one, the bishop is anticipating a busy schedule upon his return. "I'm going to be gone for almost two weeks so I'm just thinking what my desk will be like when I come back." Bishop Trautman said. "But then the next preparation will be to welcome the new ordinary." When the new bishop will be named is anyone's guess. Perhaps Bishop Trautman will be given the inside scoop during his visit. One of the diocesaneries he will visit on his trip is the Congregation for Bishops.



Jason Koshinski

Birthday wishes go out to Msgr. William Biebel who turns 75 on Nov. 23. Msgr. Biebel has served as rector of St. Peter Cathedral in Erie since 1994.

The Diocese of Erie is in a great position to benefit from a national Catholics Come Home campaign which is timed to coincide with Advent and the Christmas season. Catholics Come Home will be airing its commercials Dec. 17 through Jan. 9 on several national networks including CBS, NBC, TNT, TBS and USA. During Lent this year, Catholics Come Home commercials blanketed the air on TV stations and cable outlets across the 13 counties of the diocese.

Just as in the local campaign, viewers will be directed to CatholicsComeHome.org. When they enter their zip code and click on the "Find Nearby Parishes" link, they will be directed to a map of parishes in our diocese and the diocesan website, ErieRCD.org. Ultimately they will have easy access to a list of local parishes, Mass times and parish websites.

It's almost certain time for the revised Roman Missal. Folks throughout the diocese have done a tremendous job in preparing for the use of the new missal, which will take effect on the first Sunday of Advent next week. Parishes have spent months on catechesis by offering workshops, classes and seminars on the new translation. Priests have talked about the Mass in their homilies. Bulletin inserts and pew cards have guided the faithful along the way.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington gave a great quote on the Roman Missal in the Oct. 30 edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*: "The real impact of the new translation will be felt among those who use this time to reflect on and renew our faith in what happens at Mass."

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## Share in the care of retired religious

### RETIREMENT FUND, from page 1

Aside from music, Sister Mary Andrew enjoys making vestments. "I've been doing those for a thousand years," she said.

Initially, she began making them for her brother, who is a priest. Her handiwork has also been raffled off over the years to benefit St. Mark's Auxiliary. Bishop Donald Trautman approached her several years ago about making a diocesan stole for priests and deacons. She gladly completed the task, which included 215 priest stoles and 65 deacon stoles emblazoned with the diocesan shield.

"The beauty of that isn't so much the stole as it is the emblem," Sister Mary Andrew said. "The emblem really makes the difference on the stole. I'm always happy to see them wear them, not because I made them, but to me it says, 'I'm connected to the bishop.'"

Her latest endeavor involves restoring the organ in the seminary chapel.

"I figured before I leave the place they ought to have an instrument that is worthy of the place," she said. "It is historically

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**  
Dec. 10-11  
[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

Most women and men religious receive, on average, a Social Security benefit of \$4,402 per year; the average U.S. beneficiary receives \$12,948 annually. Though community living provides economies of scale, health care and living costs in most religious communities far exceed income from investments, government programs and compensated ministries.

**By the numbers:**  
**34,000** Number of religious past age 70 living in the United States.  
**\$35,000** Average cost of skilled care in 2010 for religious past age 70. (Below the national average of \$54,000)  
**5,000** Religious in 2010 who required skilled care.

Data obtained from the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and "The Senior Care Acquisitions Report" from Irving Levin Associates, Inc.

something that needs to be preserved and should be preserved. It was made for that space."

Sister Mary Andrew noted that the organ is the primary instrument in Catholic liturgy.

"It's the best accompaniment too," she said. "We really need to have an instrument that's in good shape. And the kids deserve it, as well."

However, she called the thought of herself as a fundraiser "just hilarious."

"I couldn't even sell Holy Childhood stickers when I was a kid," she said.

Donations may be sent to: St. Mark's Organ Restoration Fund, c/o St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504.

## Diaconate, Tribunal get new directors

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Erie, where he works as a judge in the Tribunal. He is also a diocesan assistant at St. Luke Parish in Erie.

For the past several years, Deacon Shewman has been assisting Msgr. Smith in redesigning and implementing the diocese's formation program according to the USC-CB document. He has taught several courses in the program for a number of years.

"I've been very impressed by the diaconate program here," Deacon Shewman said. "There's a lot of good work going on."

He noted that deacons in the diocese have two basic assignments, which include assisting in parish life and taking on a work of charity.

Deacon Shewman was ordained to the diaconate in 1984 at Mount Carmel Parish in Saipan, Mariana Islands for the

Diocese of Guam. In the Diocese of Chalan Kanan (Northern Mariana Islands), he served as director of Catholic Social Services and diocesan chancellor.

Betwy has served as a judge in the Tribunal since March 2000 and will continue to do so as director. She received her licentiate in canon law in January 2000 from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

As director, she will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Tribunal, including fielding questions from parishes and dealing with other dioceses on case matters.

"It's very intimidating to follow in the footsteps of Father John Beal, who is one of the preeminent canon lawyers in the country, and Bishop Mark Bartchak," Betwy said. "They are both such profound and wonderful teachers. I've learned a lot from both of them."

Father Beal and Bishop Bartchak are the two most recent vic-

ars of canonical affairs for the Diocese of Erie, acting as directors of the Tribunal. Bishop Bartchak was appointed as bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in January. Father Beal, who has assisted the Tribunal since Bishop Bartchak's appointment, will return to teaching at Catholic University in December.

"I'm very grateful to the bishop for the confidence that he's expressed in me and in giving me this opportunity," Betwy said.

She is the first layperson responsible for the Office of the Tribunal in the history of the diocese. She noted that according to canon law, only a priest may hold the title of judicial vicar.

Betwy received her bachelor's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Penn State University and her master's in pastoral ministry from St. Francis College in Loretto.

Prior to time in the Diocese of Erie, she served as lay ministry instructor and auditor of the Tribunal for the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. She is a former director of the Office of Christian Initiation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and a pastoral associate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville, Pa.



Deacon Richard Shewman



Barbara Betwy

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France/Portugal/Spain: April 28-May 10, May 19-31, June 20-July 12  
Italy/Lourdes/Fatima: April 28-May 9, Sept. 8-19, Oct. 6-17  
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## Briefly

### Advent vigils at Mount St. Benedict

ERIE – The Benedictine Sisters of Erie will host Advent vigils each Saturday during Advent. The public is invited to attend at 7 p.m. in the chapel at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road in Erie.

As part of the service, the following sisters will offer reflections:

- Nov. 26 – Sister Theresa Zoky, OSB
- Dec. 3 – Sister Norma Jean Kingsley, OSB
- Dec. 10 – Sister Miriam Mashank, OSB
- Dec. 17 – Sister Maria Bleil, OSB

### Testify II – a discernment retreat for girls

CRANBERRY – Testify II, a discernment retreat for high school girls, will be held Dec. 2-4 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry.

This “mostly silent” retreat is open to high school girls who have made a To Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat or Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI).

Presenters include Father Steve Schreiber, Bob Summers, Sister Josephine Vuodi, FSO, and Sister Kathleen Dietz, FSO.

To register, visit [www.onthevine.us](http://www.onthevine.us) or contact Kathleen Peterson, coordinator in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at 814.824.1218 or e-mail [KPeterson@ErieRC.org](mailto:KPeterson@ErieRC.org).

### Advent day of reflection at Bethany Retreat Center

FRENCHVILLE – Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville is offering its annual Advent Day of Reflection on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day for individuals and families will include liturgy, conferences, quiet time, meals and sharing.

Special prayers and activities for children will be offered under the direction of Sister Suzanne Thibault, CA and Sister Tina Geiger, RSM. The adult facilitators will be Sister Therese Dush, CA, Sister Karen Willenbring, CA, and Father Philip Billotte.

To register or for more information, call 814.263.4855 or e-mail [bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com).

### 'Fifty Years Later: Vatican II and Beyond' at Mercyhurst College

ERIE – The Center for Mercy and Catholic Studies and the Office of Mission Integration at Mercyhurst College will sponsor “Fifty Years Later: Vatican II and Beyond,” Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the campus’ Walker Recital Hall.

- Panelists include:
- Father Scott Detsich, Ph.D., Erie – “The Virtue of Communion—The Unclaimed Legacy of Vatican II”
  - Dr. Paul Murphy, John Carroll University – “Mission and Identity in Catholic Higher Education”
  - Dr. Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh – “Chutes and Ladders: A Game for Catholic Women Since Vatican II”
  - This event is free and open to the public.

### Lessons and Carols at St. Mark Seminary

ERIE – The public is invited to join Bishop Donald Trautman and the seminarians of St. Mark Seminary for an evening of lessons and carols on Tuesday, Dec. 13 beginning at 7 p.m.

This reflective meditation on the Advent season includes music and Scripture. The program will be presented in the St. Mark Seminary chapel, located at 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie.



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## Dozens of short, new phrases for congregation

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now will be “that I have greatly sinned.” After the line: “in what I have failed to do,” these words are added: “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.”

In Form B, both the priest’s parts and the congregation’s responses change. The prayer now will begin with the priest saying: “Have mercy on us, O Lord.” The people respond: “For we have sinned against you.” Priest: “Show us, O Lord, your mercy.” People: “And grant us your salvation.”

The text of the Gloria changes throughout (see sidebar on page 1).

Both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles’ Creed change by a few short phrases. In the Nicene Creed, “we believe” changes in four places to “I believe,” and “all that is seen and unseen” from the old becomes “all things visible and invisible” in the new. The old phrase “the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father” becomes “the only begotten son of God, born of the Father before all ages.”

One of the most difficult words for many people to get used to may be “consubstantial” in the Nicene Creed. It replaces the phrase “one in being with the Father,” becoming “consubstantial with the Father.”

Also unfamiliar to the tongue may be this phrasing: “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary.” That replaces: “by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary.”

Also in the Nicene Creed, “he is worshipped and glorified,” becomes “is adored and glorified,” and the congregation will now “confess” rather than “acknowledge” one baptism and “look forward” to rather than “look for” the resurrection of the dead.

The Apostles’ Creed will have fewer changes. Most are the elimination of words, such as the second use of “I believe in” in the space of a few lines. Instead



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The new English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal was announced by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and first published in Latin in 2002. The missal underwent a lengthy translation process and received final approval by the Vatican for use beginning Nov. 27.

of saying “he descended to the dead,” the line will now be “he descended into hell.” And the wording about the Final Judgment will now be: “and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.”

Another point where the new wording might catch people is in the Sanctus, where the first line will now be: “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,” instead of “Lord, God of power and might.”

Two memorial acclamations familiar to Catholics will no longer be used in the new missal — “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again” and “Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.” One completely new acclamation has been added — “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again” — and two others were adapted from the previously used acclamations. They now read:

— “When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.”

— “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.”

The last substantial change for the congregation is in the Agnus Dei. The priest’s part now says: “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

To which the people respond: “Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

## Visit to Rome a pastoral one for Bishop Trautman

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ing him his faithful service.

“Now 21 years later, that has come to an end,” Bishop Trautman said. “It is kind of the examination period, introspection period. It’s a time for grateful hearts, a time for gratitude to almighty God, but petition as well, that the diocese will be strong, vibrant and vigorous in the faith.”

Bishop Trautman will make his ad limina visit with the U.S. bishops of Region III, which includes the dioceses of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Among the bishops making their ad limina visit with Region III are Bishop Mark Barchak of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and Bishop Lawrence Brandt of the Diocese of Greensburg, both priests of the Diocese of Erie. Bishop Barchak is making his first ad limina visit.

“Every day is quite busy visiting the congregations and dialoguing with them,” Bishop Trautman said.

However, he added, evenings are free.

During his visit, Bishop Trautman will be staying at the North American College Seminary in Rome.

The bishops will visit the holy sites, including St. Peter’s tomb at St. Peter’s Basilica and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, with Mass scheduled at each location. Bishop Trautman will preach during Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

“When the bishop visits the tombs of the Apostles, he goes there to pray for us,” said Father Christopher Singer, chancellor of the Diocese of Erie. “He takes with him our needs, our prayers, the needs of the people, the needs of our little corner of the world—he takes to the tomb of Peter and Paul, asking for their intercession on our behalf.”

As Bishop Trautman is the shepherd of the church in northwest Pennsylvania, Father Singer said the pope is the chief shep-



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Bishop Donald Trautman will preach at Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome when the U.S. bishops from Pennsylvania and New Jersey make their ad limina visit Dec. 1-10.

herd of the entire church.

“That really reaffirms to us that we are united spiritually and sacramentally with more than a billion other Catholics throughout the world,” he said. “We can’t all go speak personally to the pope, but the bishop does that on our behalf.”

With regards to the bishops’ meeting with the Holy Father, their visit with Pope Benedict XVI is expected to be much different than previous encounters with Pope John Paul II.

In a quiet modification of a traditional ad limina format, the Vatican has dropped most of the individual private meetings between Pope Benedict XVI and bishops making their visits to Rome. The change was instituted earlier this year, apparently in an effort to reduce the scheduling burden on the 84-year-old pope and to help cut through the backlog of ad limina visits.

In place of one-on-one meetings, the pope now usually holds more freewheeling sessions with groups of 7-10 bishops at a time, lasting about an hour. “We won’t know when we’ll

“ This is my concluding report after 21 years as shepherd of the Diocese of Erie. Certainly the prayers will be very much in earnest. But it is a personal moment, as well, to recognize that I’ve come to the end of my shepherding here officially as the ordinary of the diocese and rendering my final report to the Holy Father. — Bishop Donald Trautman ”

see the Holy Father until we arrive in Rome,” Bishop Trautman said. “Then we’ll get an envelope saying you have an appointment on such-and-such a date.”

Father Singer said the big picture of the ad limina visit is that it reinforces our connection to the universal church.

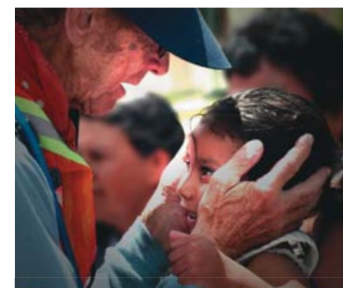
“Our Catholic family is one that extends through every country, every culture and every corner of the world, which is beautiful,” Fa-

ther Singer said. “On the bishop’s trip to Rome, he really represents us there. He goes and meets with the Vatican offices, he meets with the pope on our behalf and he expresses to the pope our hopes, our faith, our dreams and our efforts here in northwest Pennsylvania. So he’s like our ambassador going to Rome.”

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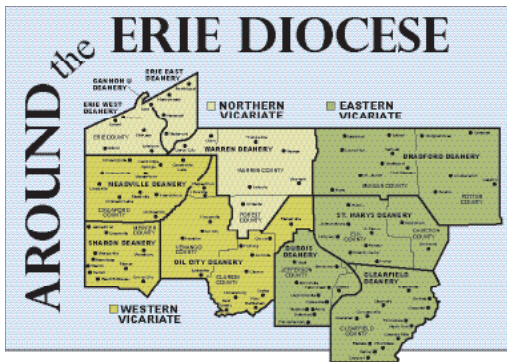
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### Fall Harvest at St. Thomas School, Corry

**CORRY** – The Corry Catholic community held its annual Fall Harvest dinner and festival Oct. 16 at St. Thomas School in Corry.

Pictured are Kathleen Bowes (left), who is in her first year as principal at St. Thomas School, and Sister Domenica DeLeo, RSM, who served as principal at St. Thomas from 1967-90.

The festival is held each year to support the parish and school.



### OLP receives STAR funds from Erie Bank

**ERIE** – Our Lady of Peace School in Erie received a \$1,000 gift from Erie Bank Sept. 29 through the Diocese of Erie's STAR Foundation. The funds will provide financial assistance for tuition for OLP families.

The STAR Foundation (Student Tuition Assistance Resource), a non-profit scholarship organization established by the diocese, is made possible by donations from businesses that participate in Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Pictured left to right are: Scott Calhoun, vice president, Erie Bank; Michael Aiello, commercial lending, Erie Bank; Jeff Lipiec, principal, Our Lady of Peace



School; Bill DeLuca, senior vice president, Erie Bank; and Father Ted Marconi, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish.

### Halloween party at St. Luke, Youngsville

**YOUNGVILLE** – St. Luke Parish in Youngsville held a Halloween party, but it wasn't exactly a traditional holiday gathering.

While children were dressed in Halloween costumes, the true meaning of All Hallows Eve as the vigil of All Saints Day was captured in song and prayer. Prayers were offered for the parish's deceased families, friends, clergy and the forgotten dead who make up the communion of saints. The children were encouraged to live Christian lives with the hope of everlasting life.

At Masses Oct. 29-30, Father John Neff, pastor of St. Luke Parish, preached on the communion of saints. All Saints Day and All Souls Day as special times to



remember and pray for the dead as they pray for those on earth. The party included a visit from Youngsville Police Chief Todd Minewasser who made sure everyone had a safe, fun time.

### Lemonade stand raises food pantry funds at St. Joseph School, Lucinda

**LUCINDA** – The second grade class at St. Joseph School in Lucinda recently operated a lemonade stand at the school with its proceeds going to charity.

Students read the story, "Lemonade for Sale," and decided to start their own lemonade stand, said second grade teacher Jennifer Weaver.

Lemonade sales generated \$150 for a local food pantry.

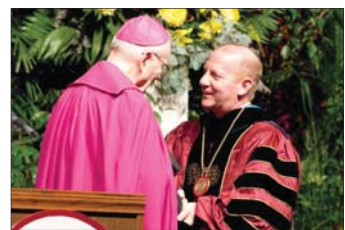


### Gannon University celebrates inauguration of Dr. Taylor

**ERIE** – Gannon University President Dr. Keith Taylor paid homage to Archbishop John Mark Gannon, the Sisters of St. Joseph and others who have helped shape the university in his Nov. 4 inaugural address. He also used the address, given to a crowd of more than 1,200 in Hammermill Center, to share his vision for the university going forward.

Gannon held a number of inauguration events Nov. 1-5 in honor of Taylor, who began serving as the university's seventh president in July, including an inaugural Mass celebrated by Bishop Donald Trautman at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

"What a true privilege it is to stand before you today," Taylor said during his address. "This is a proud day for me and at the same



time an incredibly humbling day, already great institution lie in our hands to take it one step further toward excellence."

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### Elk Co. Catholic schools go pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**ST. MARYS** – The Elk County Catholic School System celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month in a big way this year by participating in several activities to help raise funds and awareness.

In preparation of the schools' "Pink Days" Oct. 14, "Cross Your Heart" pink T-shirts were designed by Father Ross Miceli and sold to the ECCSS community. A special Mass was also celebrated at the high school for all who have been touched by cancer. Moments of silence were designated for special intentions.

In addition to "Pink Day," a "Pink Game" was held during an Elk County Catholic High School varsity football game. The cheerleading squad sold pink ribbon tattoos and pink beads, a pink-themed gift basket was



chanced off and a special "Blow Away Cancer" halftime ceremony took place during which members of the community who have been affected by the disease blew bubbles into the night air to symbolize a cure.

Proceeds from these activities exceeded \$1,500, and the funds were donated to Elk Regional Health Center's breast cancer services.

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