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VATICAN NEWS

All Chile's bishops offer their resignations

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a recent three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal.

"We want to announce that all bishops present in Rome, in writing, have placed our positions in the Holy Father's hands so that he may freely decide regarding each one of us," Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz said May 18 in a statement on behalf of the country's bishops.

Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez, secretary-general of the Chilean bishops' conference, said the pope had read to the 34 bishops a document in which he "expressed his conclusions and reflections" on the 2,300-page report compiled by Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and his aide, Father Jordi Bertomeu, during a visit to Chile to investigate the scandal.

"The pope's text clearly showed a series of absolutely reprehensible acts that have occurred in the Chilean church in relation to those unacceptable abuses of power, of conscience and sexual abuse that have resulted in the lessening of the prophetic vigor that characterized her," Bishop Ramos said.

After reflecting on the pope's assessment, he added, the bishops decided to hand in their resignations "to be in greater harmony with the will of the Holy Father."

The bishops will continue in office unless or until the pope accepts their resignations.

The document in which Pope Francis gave his evaluation of the situation of



Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz of San Bernardo, Chile, and Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez of Santiago, Chile, are among the bishops who submitted their resignations to Pope Francis in the midst of a clerical sex abuse scandal.

the church in Chile was leaked May 17 by Chilean news channel Tele 13. The Associated Press reported that the Vatican confirmed the document's authenticity.

The pope wrote in the document that removing some church leaders from office "must be done," but that "it is not enough; we must go further. It would be irresponsible of us not to go deep in looking for the roots and structures that allowed these concrete events to happen and carry on."

The wound of sexual abuse, Pope Francis said, "has been treated until recently with a medicine that, far from healing, seems to have worsened its depth and pain."

Pope Francis warned Chile's bishops of a "psychology of the elite" that ignores the suffering of the faithful. He also said he was concerned by reports regarding "the attitude with which some of you bishops have reacted in the face of present and past events."

This attitude, the pope said, was guided by the belief that instead of addressing the issue of sexual abuse, bishops thought that "just the removal of people would solve the problem."



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Bishop Lawrence Persico and Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro met in Erie May 16 to share their common concern for the victims of sexual abuse.

The meeting came about one week after Father David Poulson, a priest of the Diocese of Erie, was charged by Shapiro's office with eight counts of abuse related to encounters with two boys in three counties of the diocese between 2002 and 2010.

The meeting between the leader of a Catholic diocese and Pennsylvania's chief law enforcement officer is even more noteworthy considering the impending release of a report by a state grand jury.

Empaneled since 2016, the grand jury is investigating how the Diocese of Erie and five other dioceses handled allegations of sex abuse by clergy and others.

"I realize that the grand jury report will contain information that will be difficult for all of us to hear, but in order for us to focus on the future, we have to have a solid knowledge of the past," Bishop Persico said in a statement released after his meeting with Shapiro. "The grand jury investigation and its report will provide a voice for the victims. We must listen to that voice and learn from it as we move forward."

Shapiro, in a statement released by his office, said, "Bishop Persico has ... not sought to block these matters from seeing public light, or attempted to keep victims' voices from finally being heard. I commend his actions."

Bishop Persico has been committed to being transparent in cases of sex abuse in the diocese.

In January, he received credible allegations of sexual abuse against Poulson and immediately contacted Shapiro's office and other enforcement agencies. He also hired independent investigators to look into the case, and subsequently turned the findings over to the attorney general's office.

Bishop Persico requested Poulson's resignation as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Cambridge Springs, and removed him from active priestly ministry.

On April 6, the bishop took an unusual step in releasing the names of 34 priests (including Poulson) and 17 lay people who have been credibly accused of action—or inaction—dating back to the

'A Voice for Victims'

Attorney general, bishop discuss protection of children in wake of abuse charges against priest

Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico answers reporters' questions during a news conference following the arrest of Father David Poulson for alleged sex abuse of children in the Diocese of Erie.

1940s and which disqualifies them from working with children in the Diocese of Erie.

On May 8, Shapiro announced in Erie numerous charges brought against Poulson, 64. According to court records, Poul-

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—Bishop Lawrence Persico

son is charged with a total of eight counts of abuse, ranging from felonies to misdemeanors. The charges stem from offenses in 2002, 2003, 2006 and 2010.

The charges relate to abuse in three counties located in the diocese: Crawford, Clarion and Jefferson. The case has been consolidated in Jefferson County, where

Poulson co-owned a cabin in which some of the abuse is alleged to have occurred. He is being held at the Jefferson County Prison on \$300,000 bond, and is scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing May 31.

Poulson served as pastor of St. Anthony from 2010 to the date of his resignation in February. Previously, he was pastor at St. Michael Parish in Fryburg, from 2000 to November 2010.

Shapiro said he was "encouraged" by the response of the Diocese of Erie and his counsel Mark Rush.

"The Diocese has accepted responsibility by acknowledging this abhorrent abuse, expressing sorrow and regret, and announcing steps to prevent these horrors from happening again," Shapiro stated.

During the meeting between Shapiro and the bishop, they discussed the impending grand jury report and the diocese's efforts to implement a revised *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which, in part, streamlines reporting procedures and expands the role of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth.

"I remain committed to transparency," Bishop Persico said. "The Diocese of Erie is doing all it can to ensure a healthy, safe environment for all of the children entrusted to its care. In that endeavor, we are fully aligned with law enforcement, and they have my full cooperation."

List of credibly accused will be updated regularly

On May 18, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth added more names to its list of people who have been credibly accused of actions—or inactions—that disqualify them from working with children and youth.

The list was first announced April 6 and will be updated regularly at <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policyupdatenotice.html>.

The Diocese of Erie's revised *Policy for the Protection of Children* is considered among the most comprehensive in the nation.

- Significant updates include:
- An expanded set of definitions that leave no doubt as to what constitutes abuse (sexual, physical, emotional and neglectful)
 - The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth will become the central depository of all allegations from any school, agency, parish or other source connected to the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Erie
 - In addition to state clearances as a condition of working with children in the diocese, employees who work with children also will need a clearance from the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth. Any employers, whether public or private—as well as anyone supervising volunteers—may contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth to request a clearance for prospective employees.

Catholic Church helps Hawaii volcano victims

HONOLULU (CNS)—In addition to offering prayers, the Catholic Church is stepping into action on behalf of hundreds of residents displaced from a fierce and unpredictable volcanic eruption.

Members of Sacred Heart Parish in the town of Pahoa in the Puna District of the island of Hawaii—known colloquially as the Big Island—are opening their hearts, their homes and their parish hall to those forced to flee the lava flowing from cracks in the ground in their neighborhood.

Bishop Larry Silva of Honolulu has visited and offered his assistance. Local Catholic service agencies are working with victims, coordinating aid efforts, and collecting and distributing funds.

About 1,700 people reside in Lelani Estates, a rural subdivision of acre-



People watch ash rise from Kilauea Volcano in Hawaii May 15. CNS photo

ated lots on a grid of about 22 miles of roads, where at least 15 fissures have opened up since May 3 spewing molten rock and poisonous sulfur dioxide gas. A Hawaii County evacuation order sent residents packing shortly after the eruption began.

According to Hawaii County

Civil Defense, 36 structures, including 26 homes, already have been destroyed by lava from the 2.5-mile-long fissure system, the newest outflow from Kilauea Volcano, which has been erupting since 1983. Lava so far has covered more than 115 acres.

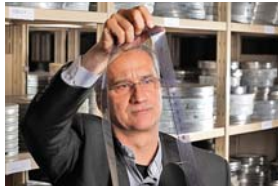
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Hollywood meets Holy See



Msgr. Dario Vignano, assessor in the Vatican Secretariat for Communication, looks at a historic film in the film storage room at the Vatican May 17. CNS photo

VATICAN CITY—Created by Pope Francis in June 2015, the Secretariat for Communication can claim pontifical authority when it comes to filmmaking inside St. Peter's Square or on Vatican property.

The secretariat fields all requests from film producers for access to Vatican property and the pope. The Vatican receives many requests for "images of the Vatican Gardens, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's," said Msgr. Dario Vignano, the former prefect of the secretariat, who currently serves as a top counselor to the office. "We are the reference point for these requests from various international production houses."

In 2017 alone, the secretariat reviewed and authorized production requests for about 90 TV and documentary projects focusing on the artistic, cultural and spiritual patrimony of the Vatican or the daily activities of Pope Francis, Msgr. Vignano said.

Pope will create 14 new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis will install 14 new cardinals June 29.

Announcing his choices May 20, the pope said that coming from 11 nations, the new cardinals "express the universality of the church, which continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all people of the earth." Pope Francis' list includes three men over the age of 80 "who have distinguished themselves for their service to the church."

When the pope made the announcement, the College of Cardinals had 213 members, 115 of whom were under the age of 80 and therefore

eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

The new cardinals hail from: Iraq, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Japan, Mexico and Bolivia.

Church supports separation of federal funds from abortion

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. bishops' pro-life chairman praised the Trump administration's move to reinstate Reagan-era regulations banning any family planning clinic that receives Title X federal funds from making abortion referrals or sharing space with abortion providers.

"The news that the Trump administration will be issuing new regulations to separate abortion from the federal Title X family planning program is greatly needed and deeply appreciated," said New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Other U.S. pro-life leaders around the country and several members of Congress echoed his remarks, prompted by the administration's release of the "Protect Life Rule" through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. After a period for public comment, the proposal will become final. Cardinal Dolan said the USCCB will offer comments during that period.



Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Memorial Day pumps everyone up for the summer season, so it's easy to forget the reason for the holiday.

As we remember the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military, take time on Monday to say this special Memorial Day prayer recommended by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

*God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Down syndrome Protection Act (House Bill 2050) before Pennsylvania legislators hits close to home for many parents who have children with the chromosomal condition.

In the last issue of *FaithLife*, Diana Englund and her son Nathan Englund—parishioners of St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community, Erie—shared their thoughts on the legislation that proposes to ban abortions based on a fetal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

"There's no reason justified to abort a person with Down syndrome," Diana Englund said.

Jean Roberts, a parishioner of St. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney, called diocesan offices last week to express her support of the bill, too.

Her 48-year-old daughter, Jennifer Roberts, has Down syndrome, works part-time and contributes

much of her time to volunteer work. Both Jennifer and Jean are past recipients of Punxsutawney's Woman of the Year award.

Said Jean, "The more people who are aware of this law, the better."

Congratulations to **Dominic DiRaimo**, a Cathedral Prep grad and standout athlete, who was recently promoted to director of player development for the University of South Florida's women's basketball program.

In 2017-18, USF women's basketball finished its sixth consecutive 20-win season and made its fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

DiRaimo served last season as a graduate assistant for the Bulls. A 2015 graduate of USF, he previously served as a student manager and an assistant to the video coordinator for the team.

A rare coin dropped into a special donation container at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren is being called "a windfall" by **Father Jim Gutting**, pastor.

Money from the container supports Holy Redeemer's sister parish of St. Peter in Yaxaba, Mexico.

Parish volunteers discovered the coin a few years ago, according to Father Gutting. He placed it in the parish safe for later examination by an expert.

Father Gutting finally got around to having the coin evaluated recently.

He learned that the coin is a 1925 D (Denver mint) worth about \$200.

Holy Redeemer may never know who donated the coin, or if the person even understood its value.

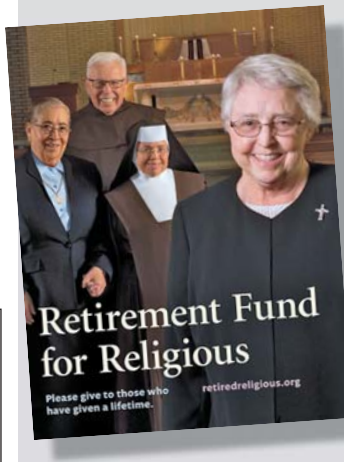
"St. Peter will be most grateful to this donor and will be able to do a lot with an extra \$200," Father Gutting said.

Holy Redeemer parishioners regularly visit their sister parish in Mexico; they understand its needs.

In 2017, parishioners put nearly \$1,000 into the "Coins for the Sister Parish" container.

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Parishioners give more than \$183,000 to religious



FAITHLIFE staff report

Parishioners of the Diocese of Erie donated \$183,599.33 in support of the national 2017 Retirement Fund for Religious collection, according to Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM, executive director of the National Religious Retirement Office in Washington, D.C.

Since the national collection was launched decades ago, Catholics in northwest Pennsylvania have given more than \$5.8 million to help religious communities provide support to older members while continuing to serve the people of God in their communities.

In a thank-you letter to Bishop Lawrence Persico, Sister Stephanie wrote: "Proceeds offer much-needed support for medications, nursing care, and other day-to-day necessities. A portion of the appeal also underwrites programming and education that promote long-term retirement planning."

"These resources focus on helping communities to reduce costs, enhance eldercare, and identify additional sources of income."

Congregations of women and men religious who serve in the Diocese of Erie are among the 32,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests who benefit from the collection.

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EVENTS

■ Masses at Gate of Heaven

Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate a Memorial Day Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 5711 West Lake Road, Erie, May 28 at 9 a.m.

Also at Gate of Heaven, Father Tom Fialkowski will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m. the third Saturday of each month in the chapel. Fellowship follows with coffee and homemade snacks.

■ FOCCUS training

FOCCUS training is a requirement for everyone who facilitates marriage preparation in the Diocese of Erie. The next training session will be offered by Father Johnathan Schmitt, a certified FOCCUS trainer, on June 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Michael Parish in Emlenton. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for participants. Deacons, other clergy or laity (with approval from their pastor) are encouraged to sign up by June 15 with the Family Life Office at 814-824-1265 or at familylife@ErieRCD.org.

■ St. Peter's anniversary gala

All are invited to attend the 125th anniversary gala of St. Peter Cathedral on June 30 at Gannon University's Waldron Campus Center, Yehli Ballroom. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m.; dinner and live music begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65 per person and \$125 per couple. For more information or to reserve tickets, go to <https://stpetercathedral.com>.

■ Kentucky mission trip

All high school students in the Diocese of Erie are invited to participate in the annual Kentucky mission trip to Vanceburg, Ky., July 14-21. This mission trip was started in 1972. For more information or for an application, please contact Father Mike DeMartinis at mike.demartinis@prep-villa.com.

■ Good Shepherd course

Anyone who wants to help others and learn how to love and serve Jesus better is invited to attend a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 class this summer at St. Mary's Parish, 325 Church St., St. Marys. If catechists complete all course requirements, they will receive a certificate from the CGS National Association. Tuition is waived due to a grant from the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Disciples Life Faith

Formation in St. Marys. To request a registration form or for more details, contact Elena Radkowski at 814-834-5149 or at elenam73@aol.com.

■ Golf Scramble

Join the ninth annual Holy Rosary Golf Scramble June 27 at Venango Valley Golf Course in Venango, Erie County. The cost is \$80 per person. The event is open to women and men over 21 years of age. Sign in at 11 a.m., enjoy lunch and be ready for the shotgun start at noon. For more information, contact Ken Kendziora at 814-825-7375.

■ Divine Mercy Encounter

The Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat Program offers two opportunities to make a DME retreat this summer: July 6-8 in Erie, and Aug. 10-12 in St. Marys. Applications can be submitted online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Questions? Contact Jessica Nelson at jnelson@divinemercyencounter.com or at 814-449-9533.

■ Summer Discipleship Camp

The Diocese of Erie's Summer Discipleship Camp (Camp Totus Tuus) will be held July 15-18 at St. Philip Church in Linesville. The camp is for middle school students who want to strengthen their relationship with Jesus. Camp begins with a Family Mass at 1 p.m. on July 15, and ends with a family picnic at 6 p.m. on July 18. The cost is \$175 per person. Register online at <https://www.ErieRCD.org/youth/> or contact Jennifer Durney of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at jdurney@ErieRCD.org or at 814-824-1219.

■ Anniversary celebrations

Diocesan anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2018 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

- Aug. 5 at 2 p.m., St. George Parish, Erie
- Aug. 19 at 2 p.m., St. Cosmas and Damian Parish, Punxsutawney.

Couples and/or parish staff may complete a registration form online at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>. For questions, call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1250 or email Christine Hess, Family Life director, at chess@ErieRCD.org.

Refugees, parishioners trek through forest, visit Kinzua Dam

Special to FAITHLIFE

Fifteen refugee youth from Ukraine, Bhutan (Nepal), Somalia, Eritrea, and a family visiting the area from Chile, enjoyed exploring the forests of Warren County and the region's popular Kinzua Dam May 12. A group of local parishioners and residents worked together to make the visit possible.

Inspired by a small faith sharing group session before Easter, parishioners from Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren invited the refugees to the area with the assistance of Erie's Multicultural Community Resource Center (MCRC).

The agency helps families from strife-filled foreign countries to settle in the United States.

MCRC helps families eliminate barriers, teaches English, provides life skills and employment classes and assists with social adjustment to America. Early employment is a key step toward this adjustment and self-sufficiency.

Of the Warren outing, Paul Jericho, MCRC associate director, said, "They [the refugee youth] don't have many good memories, and they will remember this."

The students were accompanied by four adults on their trip to Warren. They met Dave Sherman, executive director of the Warren County Visitors Bureau (WCVB), as well as a core group of Warren hosts, including Holy Redeemer parishioners Rose Mazzocchi, Regina Jabo, Steve Warner, Mary Massa and Bill Massa, and Holy Redeemer's pastor, Father Jim Gutting.

Fifteen of the refugee youth currently live in Erie.



Courtesy photos

Father Jim Gutting, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Warren, enjoyed a hike with refugee students through Allegheny National Forest May 12. Standing with Father Gutting are Kassem Abdullahi, left, and Abdi Welii Aden, both from Somalia.

"The kids were well-mannered, attentive and appreciative," Bill Massa said. "They seemed to have really enjoyed the day."

The group visited the Hearts Content National Recreation Area (HCNRA) of the Allegheny National Forest, where volunteers Chuck Keeperts and Sylvia Grisez led the group on a hike.

The one-mile loop winds through a virgin timber forest of 400-year-old trees. Everyone on the trek

learned about tall white pines, hemlock and beech trees, in addition to the plant-life, including fiddlehead ferns.

A bag lunch prepared by Jennifer Bliss of Warren was served at the HCNRA pavilion, with Father Gutting offering the blessing. Later, the group drove to the Big Bend Visitor Center of the Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir. The young people learned about the history of the dam.



Refugee youth and their chaperones, along with members of Holy Redeemer Parish, Warren, and others pose May 12 for a photo in the Hearts Content area of Warren County.

OBITUARY

Sister Joachim Onuffer, SSJ

Sister Joachim Onuffer, SSJ, 92, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died May 5. This year marked her 75th anniversary of religious life.

Born in Lewis Run, she was the daughter of the late John and Anna (Hvizdak) Onuffer. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Lewis Run, in 1943, and professed her final vows Aug. 15, 1949.

Sister Joachim attended Lewis Run Elementary School and graduated from St. Bernard High School, Bradford, in 1943. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Villa Maria College, Erie, in 1965, and earned a master's degree in education from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, in 1972.

Sister Joachim taught at many diocesan elementary schools, including Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary, both in Erie; St. Agatha in Meadville; and Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg. She served as house mother at St. Joseph's Home for Children in Erie from 1949-59, and served on the faculty of Spencer Hospital Nursing School, Meadville.

From 1968-75, she served on the faculty of Bradford Central High School, Bradford, and was superior of St. Bernard Convent. For 25 years, she worked as curriculum librarian at Villa Maria College and

Gannon University, both in Erie. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a seamstress at St. Mary's at Asbury Ridge.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers John, Steve, Joseph, Michael, Andrew and Paul; and her sisters Anna and Helen.

Survivors include one sister, Sister Maria Onuffer, SSJ, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania; a sister-in-law, Irene Onuffer of Bradford; several nieces and nephews; and members of her religious community.

A funeral Mass was held May 8 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission and Ministries Foundation, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA, 16506-1249.



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Transitional deacon earns master's



LATROBE—The Rev. Mr. Andrew Boyd, center, of Erie, received his master of divinity degree May 11 from Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate on April 22, 2017, and will be ordained to the priesthood on June 8 at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. He received the Diakonia Award, given to the student nominated by the entire seminary community, and chosen by the faculty. It honors a graduate who exhibits praiseworthy academic performance as well as service to the seminary community through building student morale and spirit, exercising leadership within the community, and demonstrating creative outreach to others.

He is a 2010 graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Gannon University, Erie, in 2014.

Standing with Deacon Boyd, are Father Edward Mazich, OSB, rector, left; and Father Patrick Cronauer, OSB, academic dean.

Congratulations to Jean Tylkowski



ERIE—Congratulations to Jean Tylkowski, a resident of Erie Homes for Children and Adults, who received her initiation sacraments of Communion and confirmation May 16 at Holy Rosary Church in Erie. She is pictured here with Father John Jacquet, pastor, and her brother Phil Tylkowski and his wife, Cheryl Tylkowski.

Smethport students celebrate first Holy Communion



SMETHPORT—Several students from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Smethport celebrated their first Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6. The entire parish community was invited after Mass to enjoy a cupcake reception. Pictured in the front row, from left, are: Calidonia Dart, Mackenzie Ginkel, Adrianna Keesler and Ruby Meyer. In the back row, from left, are: Father Vincent Cieslewicz, pastor; Aidan Hollowell; Zachary Hungville; Laynee Cosper and Jamie Douth.

DuBois Central Catholic awarded Palumbo grant for new initiative



DuBOIS—The A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust has awarded a foundation grant to DuBois Central Catholic in the amount of \$150,000 for the second phase of the school's "Classrooms of the Future Initiative." The grant will provide moveable classroom furniture for all levels of education, creating classroom environments conducive to project-based instruction. Participating

in the check presentation, from left, were: Karin Pfingstler, Palumbo trustee; Angela Edwards, DCC faculty member who specializes in software applications; Joseph Palumbo, Palumbo trustee; Sharon Varischetti, grant writer; Msgr. Charles Kaza, president of DCC; Tara Kramer, director of technology curriculum; and John Kovach, director and trustee of the Palumbo Foundation.

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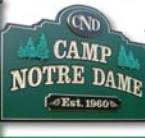
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