By Cindy Wooden
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APARECIDA, Brazil — Comfortable in the presence of Mary and at a shrine that symbolizes one of his most important experiences as a member of the Latin American bishops’ council, Pope Francis kicked off five days of intense activity with an act of devotion.

Visiting the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida July 24, the pope entrusted World Youth Day to Mary’s maternal protection, but also challenged parents, priests and other adult Catholics to give the young people things that the world, with all its wealth, cannot: faith and values.

The pope began his homily during Mass at the world’s largest Marian shrine by recalling the month he spent in Aparecida in 2007 as part of the Latin American bishops’ council, CELAM, and his role as head of the committee that drafted the gathering’s final document on evangelizing the continent anew.

Pope Francis said the thousands of lay Catholics who continued to come to the shrine each day to pay homage to Mary and ask her help during the meeting served as a witness to the bishops and helped them with their work.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims had gathered in the rain outside the shrine, hoping for a glimpse of the pope, who traveled most of the way by plane instead of helicopter because of the weather.

Before Mass, Pope Francis prayed before the image of Our Lady of Aparecida. CNS/Reuters

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Pope Francis tells youth, ‘God never abandons you’
Argentine-born pontiff returns to South America, entrusts World Youth Day in Rio to Mary
Dear Mark,

When cleaning out my grandmother’s house following her admission to a nursing home, we were shocked to come across an urn containing the ashes of her brother who died in 1986. What are we supposed to do with them?

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Diocesan ministries provide resources for parish life

Offices for Catholic youth ministry, schools, religious education, Hispanic ministry directly help parishes

By Gary Morton
For The Dialog

When Dan Comp was named youth minister at Sts. Peter and Paul in Easton, Md., last August, he knew he faced a learning curve.

Comp, now 22, had just graduated from Catholic University of America. His main experience came at Archbishop Curley High School in Baltimore where he and some classmates, along with the school’s youth minister, developed a leadership group within the youth ministry program. At Sts. Peter and Paul he was on his own.

Well, almost on his own. Comp quickly learned that the diocesan Office of Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry provided a treasure trove of resources and confidants to whom he could turn.

“Since starting here, CYM has been an invaluable part of my growth in ministry,” said Comp, who grew up in Port Deposit, part of Good Shepherd Parish in Perryville, Md.

CYM organizes monthly “Network” meetings of youth ministry directors and coordinators, brings in speakers on various topics, provides in-service programs, and assists youth ministers in parishes in a variety of ways.

Diocese helps parish ministries

Now CYM and other diocesan ministries that provide training and support for various parish ministries need some assistance as well. Sustaining Hope for the Future, the diocese’s $28-million capital campaign, includes $2 million to bolster the work of diocesan offices.

Besides CYM, diocesan ministries include the Office of Worship, Office for Catholic Schools, Office for Religious Education, and Hispanic Ministry, which directly help parishes, and other ministries such as the Apostolate for Ethnic Ministries, Office for Marriage and Family Life, and Pro Life Activities.

Those offices and ministries go to the heart of parish life, such as preparing children and adults for the sacraments of reconciliation, first Communion, confirmation and marriage; training lectors and Eucharistic ministers at Mass; suggesting ways to achieve continuing adult formation; and also training and certifying religious education directors and teachers.

Most are small operations. CYM, for instance, has three employees: Patrick Donovan, director; Joe McNesby, athletic director, and Jen Watson.

Catholic Charities is the largest of the diocesan ministries; its employee provide assistance to the poor and the elderly, counseling, and other services.

Cost of ‘essential’ ministries

Diocesan offices have had to cut personnel in recent years because of financial restrictions. Even with fewer employees the cost of maintaining what Bishop Malooly calls “essential diocesan ministries” continues to rise. Salaries, health benefits, insurance and building maintenance drive the increasing expenses.

Resource for best practices

Donovan of CYM said his office’s goal is to help parishes develop the best youth ministry they can provide. “Basically our job is to serve as a resource for the parishes,” he said, by offering “best practices” ideas, efficient ministry tips, and reports on latest research.

CYM will even help in the selection of a new youth minister, should the parish desire. This summer CYM helped Holy Cross in Dover and Resurrection in Wilmington’s Pike Creek neighborhood search for new youth ministers.

When a youth minister is needed, CYM will organize a candidate search and screen the pool of applicants for the best possible fits for parish search committees to consider. The final decision is the parish’s.

On sustaining diocesan ministries for parishes

Q. Most of the diocese’s ministries are carried out at the parish level. Why do we need the diocesan offices?

A. While it is true that parishes carry out most of the church’s direct ministry, the diocese provides training, support and coordination to ensure effective ministry. The Office of Worship, for example, trains lectors and Eucharistic ministers; Catholic Youth Ministry provides resources, training and coordination for youth ministers; and the Office of Religious Education certifies teachers and parish programs to ensure they adequately provide Catholic doctrine and teachings.

Q. We already support these through the Annual Catholic Appeal and diocesan assessments. Why do we need to provide $2 million more for these ministries?

A. The cost to maintain these ministries continues to rise, even though diocesan ministry offices have cut back on the number of employees. The $2 million included in Sustaining Hope for the Future will ensure continued existence of these ministries that support the local parish.
Appreciating good health the hard way

Joseph Ryan

Reflecting on his new patron saint, Pope Francis said, “For me,” St. Francis of Assisi “is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation; these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we?”

No, we do not. Consider the words of Pope Francis’ predecessor, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, “Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change … loss of productivity in vast agricultural areas, the pollution of rivers and aquifers, the loss of biodiversity, the increase of natural catastrophes and the deforestation of equatorial and tropical regions?”

We remain indifferent to the poor relationship we have with creation, and of the peril of our children and future generations yet to be born.

Of all the human-caused threats to the natural world, none is more serious, or urgent than climate change, especially global warming. According to a new report from the United Nations’ World Meteorological Organization titled “The Global Climate 2001-2010, A Decade of Climate Extremes,” the Earth is warming faster than ever in recorded history.

The report states that the 2001-2010 decade was the warmest since modern meteorological records began around 1850. And that during 2010 – the warmest year ever recorded – Russia experienced a severe heat wave that killed approximately 55,000 people. It was also the wettest on record, causing massive flooding.

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 97 percent of climate scientists agree that global warming trends over the past century are “very likely due to human activities.”

The current warming trend, says NASA, is of particular significance because “most of it is very likely human-induced and proceeds at a rate that is unprecedented in the past 1,300 years.”

According to NASA, the evidence for climate change is compelling. In addition to human-induced rising temperatures, oceans are warming, Arctic sea ice is shrinking, sea levels are rising, glaciers are retreating, ocean acidification is increasing and extreme weather events are on the rise.

We still have a little time to avoid an environmental nightmare. But we must act quickly. Unfortunately, green is obviously not Congress’ favorite color. And President Barack Obama’s recent climate plan speech at Georgetown University was narrow and vague. While he promised tighter restrictions on fossil-fueled power plants, he failed to be specific.

Climate change must be treated as an emergency. Dangerous nuclear and global warming fossil-fueled power plants need to be phased out. In the interim, these plants and other polluting industries need tough anti-pollution regulations and restrictions. Safe and clean solar, wind, and geothermal sources of energy need to receive enormous financial investments to slow down and reverse climate change.

We know from Genesis that “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.” Let’s begin to follow his master climate plan, and be responsible stewards of his good creation for our sake, and the sake of those yet to come.

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Holy orders, part III

The origins and the three kinds of orders

After a summer respite, I want to pick up where I left off in the series on the sacraments.

Order in the court

Like a king’s court would have men who would be advisers and workers specific to the king’s work, so too in holy orders, the court of Christ the King finds certain groups of men set aside to continue in his ministry within his church. For this purpose, those men are “ordained” for their work, through a sacrament called “orders” (more commonly “holy orders”). The term holy orders, as in the sacrament, is sometimes misconstrued to mean being “under orders” or being “given orders.”

Holy orders, received by deacon, priest or bishop, is not a form of angelic marching orders, but rather the entry into an order of being, and a way of life. When a man is ordained, as a deacon, priest or bishop, he has in a profound way been set apart. That man has been changed by God on the ontological level, the level of his being.

That change doesn’t perfect him. When ordained, a sinner will still snore, a forgetful guy will still be forgetful, and a bad singer (like yours truly) will still sing badly. However, the grace of holy orders helps to make that man more closely conformed to Christ so that he can live out the state of life to which he is being called.

Listen to what the man said

Paul McCartney, in a catchy ditty, encouraged all of us to “Listen to what the man said.” That’s good advice, especially when the man is Christ. So, let’s visit the early church, to allow us to understand developments in holy orders. In 33 A.D. at the Last Supper, Jesus Christ instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist, and the sacrament of holy orders. He instituted holy orders then when he uttered, “Do this in memory of me.” This meant that, like his Apostles, should continue confecting this sacrament and should continue his work of teaching, sanctifying and governance. From this moment the Apostles became the first priests and bishops, and they would then ordain successors.

So, how did this institution of the sacrament of holy orders develop into what we know today as bishops, priests and deacons?

First orders

To understand the priesthood, we have to go back to the beginning to understand who priests were that we may understand who they are.

The order of priests, or more traditionally, the order of presbyters, takes it name from the Greek, “presbuteros,” meaning elder or priest. In the New Testament, there is little distinction made between priests and bishops. That being said, let’s be clear: the Apostles were both the first priests and the first bishops. As the church grew, however, it became obvious that co-workers for these bishops would be needed and the bishops thus ordained other men to be priests to share in the work of teaching, sanctifying and governance.

As the church grew, the distinction between priest and bishop became clear by the end of the first century. From then and to today, while all bishops are priests, not all priests are bishops – but both share in the same priestly ministry of Christ.

In the Vatican II document, “Presbyterorum Ordinis,” that truth is stated in this way: “Because of the institution is a sacram- pal order the office of priests shares in the authority by which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his Body.”

The Boss and E (episcopacy) Street Band

Often when people speak to me about our bishop, they refer to him as “the boss.” I know they are not mistaking Bishop Mal- ooly for Bruce Springsteen (though both were “Born in the U.S.A.”), rather, they are using a common title given to those in lead- ing positions. However, as short- hand, it confuses the shepherd, with the owner of the abattoir. That is, tending the flock isn’t a bishop’s business, but rather it is his calling and his life. He is not the “boss” of the diocese in the strictest or secular sense of that word, but rather he is the shepherd of it. That role speaks to the understanding we have of the order of bishops.

The order of bishops is sometimes called the episcopal order, from the Greek, “epis- copoi,” meaning overseers. It’s connected to the function of those in leadership, but not identical to the order of priests. The word “bishop” was so much in use by the end of the 20th century, bishops were not described as being “ordained as bishops,” rather they were priests who were “consecrated” to be bishops. That understanding has been nuanced in recent years to say that while a bishop is and must be a priest, his elevation to the order of bishop is by way of consecration as a sacred, or more accurately, as a priestly ordination. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1557) puts it: “The fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by episcopal consecration.” In terms of the effects of this ordination, according to the Second Vatican Council document “Lumen Gentium,” a bishop is “marked with the fullness of the sacrament of Orders” and he is “the steward of the grace of the supreme priesthood.”

Deacons: Service, agreement

In the 1980s, the Rembrandts (one hit wonders) sang, “I’ll be there for you …” Wonders) sang, “I’ll be there for you …” The order of deacons, like St. Stephen, a martyr whose feast day is December 26, were there to serve the bishops in their ministries. By the early Middle Ages in our Latin rite of the church, the diaconate became reserved only as a transitional step to the priesthood, thus there were no men ordained for the purpose of serving as deacons for their entire lives until the revival in the Western church of the “permanent diaconate” after the Second Vatican Council.

People get ready

On “The Tonight Show,” people get ready to take the stage by preparing in what is called the green room. The guests go in there, get their mind set for what they have to do and when their name is called, they go out on stage.

“Does the church have a green room for clergy preparation?” The answer is yes, though probably not as nice as the one at “The Tonight Show.” On the good news side, in our “green room” you prepare to know Christ, not Jay Leno.

Here’s how one prepares for the sacrament of holy orders. Prior to the reception of the sacrament, a man called to priesthood must take a structured course of philosophical and theological study stretching from four to eight years. These studies are accomplished in a seminary, a school for those studying for priesthood. At the seminary, in addition to academics, both spiritual and personal formation are undergone to prepare the candidate for life as a priest.

Once that man, who while in seminary would be installed as a lector and an acolyte, was deemed ready for ordination as a transitional deacon, he would be “called to orders” by his bishop. The term “called to orders” differs from a transitional deacon, that man would have to wait a minimum of six months to be then “called to orders” by his bishop for ordination to the priesthood. A man being ordained a transitional deacon must be at least 24 and a man being ordained a priest must be at least 25.

For a man to be ordained a bishop, he must be at least 35 years of age and must be a member of the order of presbyters (priests). He is “called to orders” by the pope.

For permanent deacons (as opposed to transitional deacons) things are vastly different: A permanent deacon may be married or unmarried. If married, he must be at least 35 years old, and his wife must give her permission for him to enter the diaconate. If unmarried, a man must be 25 years old. The training they undergo varies from diocese to diocese, and while there may be some study, there usually is not. Though a married man may become a permanent deacon, a permanent deacon may never become a married man. Once you are ordained to the permanent diaconate, the state of life you were in (married or single) becomes permanent.

The rite stuff

The ritual for ordination as a permanent deacon, transitional deacon, priest or bishop requires, for validity, proper form and matter.

• The matter needed for the sacrament is a baptized Catholic male, assenting to his call, and hands laid on him by the bishop. A bishop is to be ordained by three bishops laying hands on the bishop-to-be at his ordination.

• The form of the sacrament of holy orders for deacons, priests and bishops is the words which accompany the ritual and liturgy of that sacrament.

• Additionally all the requirements of canon law (age, training, etc.) and of church practice are to be observed, for licetly (conforming to the law).

Next column: Public vs. private revelation

Father Lentini is pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Dover.
Delegates return from Guatemala feeling responsibility to help

Parishioners visit San Marcos diocese 10 years after Solidarity partnership was formed with Wilmington

By Laura Fay
The Dialog

The delegates from the Diocese of Wilmington, who traveled to San Marcos, Guatemala, in June, returned with a sense of responsibility to make sure the 10-year Solidarity partnership between the dioceses continues to grow.

Brother Chris Posch, the Franciscan priest who directs the diocese’s Office of Hispanic Ministry, led the delegation. He said the main goal of the trip was simply “to strengthen the relationship” between the dioceses, but also to “zoom in on” smaller ministries from the Diocese of Wilmington and saw areas devastated by earthquakes last year.

Holy Family parishioner Nada Jones said their experience in Guatemala was humbling and enlightening. Their itinerary included dinner with the bishop of San Marcos and visits to homes, schools, churches and orphanages in El Rodeo, San Pablo and El Quetzal, Guatemala. They met people who have received aid from the Diocese of Wilmington and saw areas devastated by earthquakes last year.

Holy Family parishioner Nada Jones said she has a new understanding of the Guatemalan culture that she will bring to her church and work.

She said the “tremendous amount of faith” she saw in the people there, despite the startling amount of poverty, made a lasting impression on her.

“The mission was also about similarities among people, not differences, and Jones said she learned about the meaning of “universal church,” especially when she had the opportunity to serve as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at a Mass in Guatemala. Jones said her experiences in San Marcos will help her relate to people in her parish and the larger community.

A member of Holy Family Parish in Newark and a teacher at Brookside Elementary, Jones has seen her community grow diverse, and she said the Solidarity partnership helps the parishes welcome people from all cultures.

“They’re part of who we are,” she said of the Guatemalans and others who live in her community.

“We have to grow with the communities that are coming to us.”

Stephanie Gallagher, a student at the University of Delaware and member of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Glasgow, also feels her visit to San Marcos gave her a “huge responsibility,” but one she is happy to bear.

The kindness and generosity of the people she met inspired her, and she is eager to tell stories about her time with them, she said.

“We now have a responsibility to take everything we learned and everything we saw and show people here,” she said.

Gallagher and the other delegates have already started making plans to raise money for rebuilding in El Quetzal, which is still suffering from earthquake damage.

Emily Shick, a teacher at Christ the Teacher School and member of St. Margaret Parish, said she and the others have begun making plans to raise money for the people they met in San Marcos.

Mallory Freebery, also a University of Delaware student, said the trip reinforced her decision to enter the medical field after graduation. She and Gallagher hope to organize some longer trips to San Marcos with college students and other young people in the next few years.

“We have a call to try and amp up the enthusiasm among young people about Guatemala,” Freebery said.

The partnership began 10 years ago when Wilmington’s Bishop Michael Saltarelli and San Marcos, Guatemala’s Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini started communicating and visited each other’s home dioceses. Since then, delegations from both communities have made the trek to the United States or to Guatemala.

Four levels of cooperation are happening between the dioceses, Brother Chris said. The most basic is spiritual, when the people pray for one another. The next level is educational, as the groups learn about the other’s culture and way of life. Next, the people learn more about one another through communication and visits. Finally, at the deepest level, the groups create projects to help each other.

For example, the delegates visited children who had received scholarships funded by members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Brother Chris said. This helped them see that real people are in need and what the partnership provides for them.

The people of San Marcos also help their sister diocese, though in more “intangible” ways, he said. One way is through the Guatemalan immigrants in the diocese, he said, because they are used to a different way of life than many American-born Catholics. They are great lay leaders, he said, and they are involved in their communities.
Aparecida, a dark wooden sculpture that was caught in the nets of three local fishermen in 1717. One of the men kept the statue in his home for 15 years as neighbors, then people from farther away, came to consider it an object of devotion. A chapel was built to house the statue in 1734, and work on the first basilica began in 1834. In 1929, Pope Pius XI declared Our Lady of Aparecida the “queen and patron of Brazil.”

Pope Francis asked Mary to aid him in fulfilling his responsibilities as pope and formally entrusted to her the hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world who were gathering in Rio for World Youth Day.

In his homily at Mass inside the basilica, Pope Francis said that before beginning his heavy schedule of World Youth Day activities, he wanted to “knock on the door of the house of Mary.”

Pope Francis said he would entrust to Mary the success of World Youth Day, and he prayed that “she may help all of us, pastors of God’s people, parents and educators, to pass on to our young people the values that can help them build a nation and a world which are more just, united and fraternal.”

Hope is one key to that future, he said, even in the face of difficulties and the reality of evil.

“Always know in your hearts that God is by your side; he never abandons you,” Pope Francis said. “Let us never lose hope. Let us never allow it to die in our hearts.”

Referring to the Mass reading from the Book of Revelation and its description of a dragon pursuing a woman and wanting to devour her child, Pope Francis said, “the dragon, evil, is present in our history, but it does not have the upper hand.”

“The one with the upper hand is God,” he said, “and God is our hope.”

Pope Francis said all people, including the young, are attracted by a variety of “false idols” that seem to promise hope and happiness, things like “money, success, power, pleasure.”

While it is tempting to be pessimistic and worry that faith cannot possibly compete with the flashy attractions of the world, the pope told the people that they must be confident, trusting in God and in the goodness that lies in each human heart.

“Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world,” he said.

“Young people are a powerful engine for the church and for society,” the pope said. “They do not need material things alone; and above all, they need to have held up to them those non-material values which are the spiritual heart of a people, the memory of a people.”

The values they need to see and learn, he said, are “spirituality, generosity, solidarity, perseverance, fraternity (and) joy.”

Like the fishermen who found in the nets the body of the Marian statue, then the head, then an abundance of fish, Christians need to be ready to be surprised by God, the pope said. “Even in the midst of difficulties, God acts and he surprises us.”

The Gospel reading at Mass was the story of the wedding feast at Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine.

“God always saves the best for us, but he asks us to let ourselves be surprised by his love, to accept his surprises,” the pope said. “If we draw near to him, if we stay with him, what seems to be cold water, difficulty, sin, is changed into the new wine of friendship with him.”

Finally, the pope said, Christians must be people of joy, who share their happiness and confidence with others.

“Christians are joyful, they are never gloomy,” he said.
Delegate for Religious retires but looks forward to busy years

Franciscan Sister Margaret Cunniffe extended her family to diocese in her 48 years of service here

By Laura Fay

Sister Margaret Cunniffe has always made family the center of her life, from her West Philadelphia childhood to the Diocese of Wilmington.

Sister Margaret, 80, who joined the Franciscans in 1951 and came to Wilmington in 1965, retired in June. She has worked at Padua Academy and St. Helena, St. Hedwig, St. Elizabeth and Holy Child parishes, and most recently in the diocesan office as Delegate for Religious.

Sister Margaret said she looks forward to having “contemplative time and space” in her retirement after many busy years in the diocese.

One of 10 children born to “ fervent Catholic” parents in St. Rose of Lima Parish in Philadelphia, Sister Margaret’s family was always close to the church, both physically and spiritually.

“I grew up in West Philadelphia, within a block of the church. We could step out on our front steps and look up and see the church. … and make annual trips to visit their childhood church and home.

As a child, she told people she wanted to be a “pink sister” because she often met Sacred Heart sisters in her neighborhood. As she grew up, several of her cousins and her best friend entered convents and her brother became a priest.

Sister Margaret also helped the Sisters of Christian Charity in Philadelphia, but the Franciscan sisters she met at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia inspired her the most.

Sister Margaret entered the Franciscan order in 1951 and professed final vows in 1954 as Sister Aloy- sus Marie. She taught high school in Philadelphia before she was assigned to the Diocese of Wilmington in 1965. She called the move to Delaware “one of the best things that ever happened” to her.

She taught at Padua Academy and helped St. Anthony of Padua Parish until 1968, moved to Towson, Md., for a few years, and returned to Padua in 1977. She later moved to parish work at St. Helena, then religious education at St. Hedwig and St. Elizabeth parishes.

Sister Margaret said she loved every position she had, but especially working in religious education because it is “the heartbeat of a parish” and she met many wonderful families there, she said.

Sister Margaret’s family grew even more when she moved to her diocesan office in 2005, but she continued to embrace the people around her with enthusiasm and dedication. That position was the “icing on the cake” of her career.

She served for nine years as the bishop’s representative to the religious of the diocese, and her job included organizing events such as jubilee celebrations, retreats and an annual Mass and picnic with the bishop. She speaks of keeping in touch with the religious of the diocese as lovingly as she talks about calling her siblings and their children to chat.

“My day-to-day basis, this job includes keeping in touch with the religious and visiting them. A lot of their community events — vow ceremonies, jubilees, any events that are really important to them — I will try to be there,” she said.

Sister Margaret credits her family for her success and happiness in her religious life, saying her relatives were her greatest support system.

She and her brother feel the family “took on the vocation” when they entered the religious life by visiting and encouraging them.

Sister Margaret and her siblings still spend time together every year and make annual trips to visit their childhood church and home.

Sister Margaret said her favorite pastimes are reading, listening to music and corresponding with her family and friends. She mostly stays in contact by phone but isn’t afraid to use email and the Internet.

A grandniece is bugging her to open a Twitter account, but she said she has to draw the line somewhere, and she won’t be tweeting.

Sister Margaret said her mother always told her to stay in touch with relatives who have moved away, so they always know someone is interested in “who they are and what they’re doing.”

“I feel like I have been faithful to what she asked. It’s very time-con suming,” she said, as she has relatives throughout the country.

But being busy has never stopped Sister Margaret. Whether it is keeping in touch with her grandnieces and grandnephews as they grow up, exchanging emails with girls she taught at St. Maria Goretti High School, checking in with the religious in the diocese or just having a meal with the other sisters in her community, Sister Margaret is committed to keeping her families together.

“That’s really what we must always safeguard — our common life and our prayer in common.”

Obituary: Sister Mary Elaine, 64, served at Christ the Teacher

Mercy Sister Mary Elaine Williams, who worked at Christ the Teacher School in Glasgow since before it opened, died July 9 at Vitas Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby, Pa. She was 64 and had been a member of the Sisters of Mercy since 1967.

Sister Elaine came to the Diocese of Wilmington in 2001 to help plan the opening of Christ the Teacher, which serves four parishes in the diocese. She was named business manager and worked with the planning committee and principal Sister La-

Verne King to design the school. One of her touches was to fill empty trophy cases with M&M collectibles, which have been expanded by friends, students and families and now contain more than 2,500 items.

She remained in her position until March of this year. She also taught algebra and tutored students. A sports enthusiast, she arranged her vacations to coincide with spring training and attended Phillies games in Clearwater, Fla., and Citizens Bank Park.

Before serving in Wilmington, Sister Elaine was a schoolteacher and administrator in the Philadelphia archdiocese and in North Carolina.

Services were July 13 in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy in Merion Station, Pa. Burial was in the community cemetery. Donations in her name can be made to the Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community, 515 Montgomery Ave., Merion Station, PA 19066.
Sick and elderly are ‘masterpieces of creation,’ Pope Francis says

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — As Great Britain and Ireland debate right-to-life issues in current health care policies and legislation, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics there to uphold “the inestimable value of all human life.”

“The weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect,” the pope said.

His encouragement came in a message made public in the run-up to the annual Day for Life, celebrated by the Catholic Church in England and Wales July 28. The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales published the pope’s message July 16.

The message said the pope was praying “that the Day for Life will help ensure that human life always receives the protection that is its due.”

He underlined that “the glory of God is seen in a living human being” and asked that all Catholics work “to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognize the inestimable value of all human life.”

This year’s Day for Life theme, “Care for Life: It’s Worth It,” is based on a homily then-Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio gave at a Mass in 2005 in honor of St. Raymond Nonnatus, patron saint of expectant mothers and midwives.

In his homily, the future pope said, “All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth ... to give life is to open the heart, and to care for life is to expend one’s self in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others. “Caring for life from the beginning to the end, what a simple thing, what a beautiful thing ... So, go forth and don’t be discouraged.”

Pope Francis greets a group of sick and elderly people last month during a general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican.

Analysis: House’s cutting nutrition assistance from farm bill called ‘misguided’

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — As Congress lurches toward its summer recess, inside and outside the corridors of Congress, people have been asking, “What in Sam Hill is going on with the House on the farm bill?”

“It’s anachronistic, unworkable,” said Bob Gronski, a policy adviser for the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, about a decision by members of the House to abandon nutrition items in the farm bill, saying they will deal with food assistance programs later. “The message that sends is: I don’t understand what the House is thinking.”

“It is a very confusing, misguided and dysfunctional process,” said Roger Johnson, head of the National Farmers Union.

“In my 25 years of working on farm issues, this has been a really different way of how lawmakers are acting,” said Kathryn Ozer of the National Family Farm Coalition.

“Getting food to the people who need it is problematic. I do believe we’re the kind of country where we do take care of the people who are in need,” said Armando Nieto of the Community Food and Justice Coalition. But “there is a segment of Congress that doesn’t believe it, that it’s just not the role of government” to feed the hungry, he said. “We’ve got to change it and (the conversations are not even happening).”

Summer had barely begun when the farm bill surprisingly went down to defeat in the House. The House version would have more than quadrupled the cuts in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, that had been in the Senate-passed version of the bill.

Then, on one day’s notice, House Republican leaders reintroduced a stripped-down, agriculture-only farm bill, yanking out the funding for nutrition programs like SNAP and saying they’d develop a separate bill later on nutrition. The stripped-down bill was approved by an eight-vote margin, 216-208, with votes cast largely along party lines.

Although House leaders said they would not take their bill to the Senate for a committee conference to reconcile the two versions, they reversed course July 16 and did just that. Observers are trying to figure out what such a bill would look like once it is reported out of committee for a vote.

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End-of-life protocol in Britain ends after anti-euthanasia campaign

Independent study finds evidence of abuse and suffering, a ‘national disgrace,’ says care services official

By Simon Caldwell
Catholic News Service

MANCHESTER, England — A British official indicated the government will abandon a controversial end-of-life protocol following an anti-euthanasia campaign spearheaded by concerned Catholic physicians.

An independent inquiry into the Liverpool Care Pathway has recommended that the protocol be abolished and replaced by “individualized care plans” after evidence of abuse and suffering was discovered.

“This is not civilized. It is a national disgrace,” Norman Lamb, Britain’s care services minister, said in July 15 comments reported by the London-based Daily Mail newspaper.

The pathway was designed to make the final hours of dying patients as peaceful and dignified as possible. But the report, “More Care, Less Pathway,” said the protocol’s “tick-box” approach to end-of-life care allowed medical professionals to base clinical judgments not on patient needs but on whether the criteria set out by the framework had been met.

The foreword to the report, said many people reported positive experiences with use of the pathway. “Clinicians themselves expressed their views that in their own last hours they would prefer to be treated under an approach such as the LCP, and we found that many relatives of people dying while being treated under the LCP had felt that their loved ones had good deaths,” it said.

“It would seem that when the LCP is operated by well-trained, well-resourced and sensitive clinical teams, it works well,” the report said.

However, it said that reports of “uncaring, rushed, and ignorant” treatment abound and that “many families suspected that deaths had been hastened by the premeditation, or over-prescription of strong pain-killing drugs or sedatives and reported that these had sometimes been administered without discussion or consultation.”

The inquiry, set up by the government in November and led by Baroness Julia Neuberger, a rabbi, found that the drugs often served as a chemical weapon to keep patients quiet while they were dehydrated.

It found numerous examples of patients dying of thirst, with one patient sucking desperately on a wet sponge used to moisten his mouth. The review team also heard stories of nurses shouting at families who intervened to give their relatives a drink.

When one family pleaded with a nurse to give a patient a drink they were told “to soak a paper towel from the dispenser in the toilet and let her suck it.”

Some patients took 16 days to die after they were wrongly diagnosed as dying and placed on the pathway. Others suffered irreversible damage from being placed on the pathway that doctors felt they could not remove them, the inquiry found.

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The fact that there are well- documented cases of patients being taken off the pathway and surviving over a year shows that this is a real issue, he said. “There was clearly a failure to provide dignity in a significant proportion of patients.”

Neuberger said he was also concerned that the flaws in the pathway would create similar problems in more than a dozen countries to which it has been exported, such as Italy and Australia. The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has been supportive of the pathway, and it defended the protocol in a submission to the Neuberger inquiry earlier this year.

The submission by the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship suggested the inquiry investigate whether “misreporting has had a detrimental effect on the ability to deliver end-of-life care.”

However, the chairman of the department, Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark, said July 16 that he welcomed the report and the response of the government.
Caring for a family member can be a blessing and benefit

Washington, D.C., where I live, is a government town, and reminders of this fact crop up in places you might not expect. Many cities run ads in their transit systems for consumer goods and services. The ones in the Washington Metro often focus instead on advocacy and policy.

I noticed one this month decrying cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. “Today you’re an accountant,” it reads. “Tomorrow you’re dad’s nurse. Further cuts to Medicaid and Medicare will impact 78 percent of post-acute and skilled nursing care patients. We have a solution.”

The “we” refers to the American Health Care Association, a trade organization of long-term and post-acute care providers. I have mixed feelings about the ad itself. It makes caring for your dad seem like a personal disaster. It’s not. It is actually a blessing from which many families would benefit.

In my family, we tend to live long lives and the survivors frequently end up in somebody’s home. My parents cared for my grandparents. My mother moved in with my sister. My wife’s mother lived with us for her last three years. It wasn’t always bright and cheery, or easy. She was in a wheelchair and on oxygen. If we weren’t careful, she would light up a cigarette (and risk blowing up the house).

Eventually she needed help with feeding, and then with other things. She was in and out of the hospital. Sometimes she thought it was 1927. She shared a room with our youngest child, who, at age 4, would toddle into our room at 3 a.m. and mumble, matter-of-factly and without removing her pacifier, “Grandma fell out of bed.”

Despite all of this, everyone was better for the time we had together. Old people have the kind of grace that takes a lifetime to acquire. They have many hours in the day, so they can be patient with little ones. They’ve committed and repented of a lifetime of sins, so they are good confidantes for teenagers. They have the humility and charm to accept care without making you feel awkward or embarrassed for them. And if they are at all self-deprecating, they can be a lot of fun.

We all live through good and bad phases. My mother-in-law had a long bad phase, but she was a great old lady. She thanked my wife every day for being so good to her. Her genuine appreciation healed years of unhappiness. She died at home, surrounded by children and grandchildren singing her off to heaven. The American Health Care Association’s solution, however wonderful it might be, does not include this service.

Health providers do something really important for old people, and sometimes they’re indispensable. But I don’t like the implication that they do this so we can get infirmity, how to prepare for death. Those lessons may be more important than the ones they taught us when we were 6. We owe it to ourselves to have a chance to learn them.

Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, writes for Catholic News Service.

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Youth are servant ministers at summer camp

Pitcher and Basin participants work and pray together, helping renovate Salisbury campus ministry house

**By Gary Morton**
Special to The Dialog

**SALISBURY, Md.** — Mary Flynn grew up with Pitcher and Basin. Her family in Cambridge, Md., has helped feed and care for diocesan youth in the program who stayed at Our Mother of Sorrows Church while working on Habitat for Humanity projects in Cambridge and Easton.

This summer, Mary, a rising sophomore at St. Peter and Paul High School, took advantage of an expanded Pitcher and Basin program. She and 19 other high school students from across the diocese stayed at St. Francis de Sales Church social hall while helping renovate the Catholic Campus Ministry House at Salisbury University. Team members also assisted at Catholic Charities’ Seton Center in Princess Anne and at the priory of the Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary.

“My mother signed me up and told me,” Mary said. But it did not come as a surprise. “Since we did it [helped host campers in the past], I expected we would do it.”

The best part of the week-long work camp is “meeting new people and finding common interests,” according to Mary.

The week in Salisbury is one of three sessions this year. The other two are in Cambridge and Easton, said Patrick Donovan, director of the Office for Catholic Youth Ministry which organizes the weeks. This is the second year the campers have worked in Salisbury.

The goal is to foster a sense of servant ministry reminiscent of Jesus washing the feet of the apostles; hence, the name Pitcher and Basin, Donovan said. The program began in 2006.

During the day, campers work at various projects; at night they gather for a community dinner, prayer and reflection on the day’s activities.

Donovan filled in as campus minister at Salisbury University this past year, traveling to Salisbury several times a month from his office in Wilmington. He knew what had to be done to improve the facility.

“We’re redoing almost every room in the house,” he said during the week that ended last Saturday.

Ceiling fans were installed in most rooms, the downstairs bathroom was gutted and redone, and rooms painted inside; outside, the garage was cleaned out, repaired and repainted, and a prayer garden was added to a patio area overgrown with ivy.

The prayer garden was established by adult leader Melissa Calvanico-Pollio, who noticed the brick patio beside the garage and envisioned its potential. A rustic cross about 5 feet tall, found in the garage, was set up in the garden area. The ivy was trimmed back, a fence painted white, and a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary added.

“It will look a lot better than when we began,” said Leslie DeRepentigny of Delmar. “You couldn’t even see the patio when we first came.”

Inside, Mary Flynn and Donovan were putting up a ceiling fan in the kitchen as others scraped the walls for painting. Inside the bathroom a group worked to strip the wallpaper as others scraped the toilet, sink and bathtub were replaced.

As Alex Hantman of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bear scraped wallpaper glue, he said, “I didn’t know I would be doing this, but it’s fun – it’s cool,” even if the air conditioning was off.

The campers appeared to have fun even as they worked hard. They could imagine early in the week how their efforts would pay off. As Charles Parilio of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Wilmington put it, “This place is going to look great!”

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**Student news**

Poirier will work with a mentor who is a working artist during in-studio sessions, and she will participate in panel discussions and networking events with industry professionals and collectors.

The five artists’ work will be on display Aug. 2-4 during the Park City Kimball Arts Festival and in the main gallery of the Kimball Arts Center until Sept. 1. Poirier is a student at Alfred (N.Y.) University with a double major in accounting and fine art with a focus in ceramics.

**Recent Salesianum graduate receives Merit Scholarship from Vanderbilt**

Robert Hennessy, a 2013 graduate of Salesianum School in Wilmington, has received a college-sponsored National Merit Scholarship from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Hennessy’s probable career field is listed as mechanical engineering.

Hennessy is one of four Delaware high school graduates to receive scholarships in the final group announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. The 1,800 winners announced Monday bring the total to more than 7,800, who have received awards worth approximately $35 million.

**Katie Lowman, 2003 Ss. Peter and Paul alumna, hired to coach lacrosse**


Lowman comes to Ss. Peter and Paul from the Stowe School in England. Before that, she served as the head coach of the Loyola (Md.) University women’s club team for two years. She also has coached at Friends School in Baltimore, North Carolina High School and Ss. Peter and Paul.

**St. Elizabeth graduate will represent Delaware in national chess tourney**

Michael Pergeorelis, a 2013 graduate of St. Elizabeth High School, will represent Delaware July 27-30 in the Denker Chess Tournament of High School Teens, which will take place in Middleton, Wis. The competition allows one champion from each state to compete for scholarships.

The Delaware champion is elected by a committee that evaluates and determines the highest-rated actively playing United States Chess Federation high school member. This is Pergeorelis’ fourth trip to the Denker tournament. Pergeorelis, of New Castle, is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

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‘RED2’ finds heroes among retired again, ‘Conjuring’ prompts chills

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

Those “retired and extremely dangerous” (RED) secret agents are back on the case in “RED 2,” a lively sequel to the 2010 film based on the graphic novels by Warren Ellis and Cully Hamner.

In a summer multiplex filled with superheroes and cartoon characters, “RED 2” is a refreshing change of pace for the more mature moviegoer, as a gaggle of (very human) senior citizens shows off before their younger and fitter colleagues, battling to save the world from nuclear annihilation.

Having cheated death in the first film, ex-CIA agent Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) is adjusting to a quiet life with his kooky girlfriend, Sarah (Mary-Louise Parker). Whether these two were ever destined for an Ozzie-and-Harriet existence is up for grabs.

Before long, Frank is contacted by his former partner, Marvin (John Malkovich). There’s trouble afoot, and it involves a nuclear bomb.

Ah, not just any bomb. Code-named “Nighthshade,” it is the ultimate weapon, designed by mad scientist Bailey (Anthony Hopkins). It’s made of “red mercury,” which renders the portable device undetectable. Word is, it’s buried under the Kremlin, and set to detonate.

The Americans want it found, as do the Russians and the British. The chase is on, with Sarah along for the ride, anxious to share the experience with her beau.

“Let’s face it, Colombo,” she tells Frank. “Things were getting a little stale.”

Joining the pursuit across three continents are some of the world’s best assassins: Victoria (Helen Mirren), an elegant British spy; Katja (Catherine Zeta-Jones), a super-sexy Russian agent and Frank’s former flame; and Han (Byung Hun Lee), a killer from Hong Kong who can make a deadly weapon out of origami.

While each is initially contracted to kill Frank and Marvin, who are falsely accused of a cover-up, allegiances switch as double-crosses are exposed. Director Dean Parisot (“Galaxy Quest”) keeps it all light and silly amid the mayhem with lots of witty repartee and innuendo.

“I’m the queen of England!” screams Victoria, bewigged and crowned, as she tries to gain entry to a mental institution, playing on Mirren’s many imperfections of British monarchs.

Still, “RED 2” must expend more bullets than any film in recent memory. While the violence is mostly gore-free and highly stylized, it nonetheless places this film firmly in the adult camp.

The film contains frequent but largely bloodless violence, brief drug use, and some profane language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III, adults.

The Conjuring

Director James Wan and screenwriters Chad Hayes and Carey W. Hayes tell the story of one family’s struggle with evil spirits taking over their house, aided by real-life “demonologists” Ed and Lorraine Warren, played by Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga.

A skewed view of Catholic faith practices, intense action sequences, mild gore, fleeting profanity, and intense, nonviolent scenes involving children.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-III, adults.

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Mary-Louise Parker, Bruce Willis and John Malkovich star in a scene from the movie “RED 2.” The Catholic News Service classification is A-III, adults.

‘Faith’ is the key to ridding evil, says ‘Conjuring’ source

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

One of the self-styled lay exorcists who was called in for both “The Amityville Horror” and the house-haunting that served as the basis for the new movie “The Conjuring” said it is critical to take stock of “the importance of faith” in such situations.

“There’s a lot of people with no faith. If something like this happens to them, what do you do? Do you leave them?” said Lorraine Warren, a Catholic who accompanied her husband, Ed, on numerous such trips to rid dwellings of demons.

The story told in “The Conjuring” is of a family in Harrisville, R.I., with six children, none of whom had been baptized. In the movie, the family has five children.

“If you’re dealing with haunting phenomena like what was going on in that home in Rhode Island, you’re dealing with that, and there’s six children, and at that time, they weren’t religious, that was dangerous, because when things happen, you can command in the name of Jesus (for the demon) to leave for where it came from,” Warren said in a telephone interview from her home in Monroe, Conn.

“But you want to be in a state of grace when you’re doing it.”

Under canon law — Canon 1172 specifically — only those priests who get permission from their bishops can perform an exorcism after proper training.

Now in her 80s, Warren said she was glad that the filmmakers wanted to tell the story of this 1971 haunting.

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itual life for a deeper relationship with Christ.
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Aug. 4, 5-8 p.m.: Chesapeake City Ec-
umenical Association Vacation Bible
School, Town Point Church, Chesapeake City,
Md. Theme is “Kingdom Rock. Where Kids
Stand Strong for God.” For more information,
(443) 553-4049 or www.cccfa.com.
Aug. 10: Carmelite Community of
Mary meeting, St. Francis de Sales Church,
Riverdale Dr. and Wicomico St., Salisbury, Md.
Visitors are invited to join the community for
prayer and to learn about Carmelites spiritu-
ality. More information, Marianne Chapin,
(410) 742-1777 or www.carmelitesfa.com.
Aug. 10: Diocesan Joven Consejo
gathering, Brother Chris Posch, chrisposch@
.com.
Ongoing: Parents Pray group for par-
tents with children infant to age 5. Meets every
Tuesday, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Discuss faith topics
while children have an opportunity to play to-
gether. Holy Savior Parish Center, 1705
Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, Md. Contact
Rita Danforth, (410) 289-7038.

Retreats
Aug. 4-2: Juan XXIII Retreat for men.
For more information, Damaris Cruz,
(302) 293-2280.
Nov. 1-3: Marriage Encounter week-
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1235.

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July 28: Twelfth annual Chrome City
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Aug. 9: Holy Family Catholic Church annual
golf tournament, benefits Holy
Family Parish outreach, K of C charities and youth
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300 W. Main St., Newark. 7:30 a.m. registration;
8:30 a.m. shotgun start. $160 per
person, $600 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities available. Breakfast and lunch
included, awards, Father Nash will challenge all golfers for closest to the pin on the par 3.
For more information or registration form, contact Fr. Nash, (302) 368-4665, or
Charles Strickler, mjstrickler@gmail.com.
Sept. 13: Our Lady of Fatima Parish 13th annual
golf classic, Ed Oliver Golf Club,
800 W. Dupont Rd., Wilmington. Shotgun start at
11 a.m. at www.olfnewcastle.com.
Floral peas.
Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: St. Jude’s parish floral
show, Sixth and Pine streets, Wilming-
ton. Benefits the Christmas bazaar and annual
Black History Luncheon. Vendors welcome, $10 per table. Contact Valerie Townsend, (302) 652-8394, leave message.

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Aug. 5-9, 9:30 a.m.-noon: Holy Savior Church Vacation Bible School, 1705
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Festivals/Bazaars
Nov. 8-9: Crafters wanted for St.
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and Saturday. $30 for Friday only or Saturday only, includes 8 foot space which includes a 6
ft. x 30 in. table and two chairs. Details of the
Craft Show and application form can be found
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gious art, wood cut, silk screens, cards,
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Aug. 17, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jumble
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table, contact Francesco Cristiano, (302) 222-
3482; Jim Boden, (302) 652-8468; or
Frank Castiglione, (302) 369-1258.

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Suspect charged in theft of Wilmington pastor’s car

By Mike Lang
Dialog reporter

WILMINGTON — Franciscan Father Paul Williams’ introduction to Wilmington, where he is pastor of St. Joseph’s Church on French Street, had gone smoothly until Wednesday morning, when a thief pointed a gun at him and stole his car.

Wilmington police reported the arrest of a 19-year-old suspect, Deondre Travis, of the 100 block of North Broom Street, that same afternoon. Officers had seen the car, a 2010 Nissan Murano, parked in the 900 block of West Third Street, and apprehended Travis when he returned to the vehicle.

The alleged robber confronted Father Williams as the priest went to move his car before breakfast at the old convent at St. Paul’s Church. Father Williams said the parking spots were full at the rec-datory, where he lives with other members of his congregation, so he parked in front of the garage at the church, and he didn’t want to block people trying to get in and out of the lot.

“I saw this kid, young man about 20 years old, he was sitting on the handicapped railing, he wasn’t looking at me or anything, so I didn’t feel suspicious,” said Father Williams, 62, who arrived from South Carolina in April.

The man called the priest a derogatory name, and then demanded his keys and cell phone.

Father Paul Williams wasn’t wearing his habit at the time.

Father Williams was not carrying his phone or anything else on him besides his keys, and the robber took off in the car. There were some possessions inside the car.

“My driver’s license, wallet and some money was stolen,” he said, as were some credit cards. “I had to get all that stuff canceled out.”

Father Williams was not wearing his habit at the time, but he doubts the robber would have cared that he is a priest. The priest said St. Paul’s custodian had seen the man around the property in recent weeks.

Travis was charged with first-degree robbery and possession of a weapon during a felony, according to police.

“The theft was not the first that happened,” Father Williams said. The friary also has had minor incidents in the past, but nothing like this.

“With what happened today, that’s never happened before. That’s kind of got all of us very on edge. We haven’t really discussed yet what we want to do,” Father Carpenter said.

There are cameras on the property, but the parish may need to add more, he said.

Whatever happens, he added, “This won’t deter us from doing our ministry.”

Father Williams said he hopes the city will add to patrols around the Hilltop neighborhood.

“Maybe it will make the city government be more vigilant,” he said.

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Diocese names new HR and safe environment coordinators

The Dialog

WILMINGTON – The Diocese of Wilmington has announced the hiring of two individuals to replace Sister Suzanne Donovan, who is retiring as the coordinator of human resources and coordinator of safe environments. Kelly Anne Donahue will lead the human resources office, while Sister Carroll Juliano will lead the safe environment program.

Donahue, of Wilmington, comes to the diocese from AAA Mid-Atlantic, where she has been the human resources business partner since July 1999. Before that she worked as the personnel administrator for Delaware Technical and Community College.

A member of St. John the Beloved Parish, Donahue has worked in recruiting and staffing, employee relations, and human resources policy and procedure. She has a master’s degree in HR management from Wilmington University. She will begin with the diocese Aug. 19.

Sister Carroll, a member of the Society of the Holy Child of Jesus, has served on the American Province leadership team for her congregation and as its director of formation. She has conducted many presentations for religious congregations around the world.

She also has been an adviser and consultant for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Women in Church and Society. Sister Carroll will participate in some training sessions for diocesan employees before beginning her position full-time in early September.