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His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus

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Before leaving the Vatican, Benedict XVI issued his last tweet: "Thank you for your love and support. May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the centre of your lives."

Shortly afterwards the Holy Father, accompanied by his private secretary, Archbishop Georg Ganswein, prefect of the Papal Household, took a car to the Vatican heliport where the dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, greeted him and he boarded the helicopter that carried him to Castel Gandolfo. As the helicopter lifted off, the bells of St. Peter's Basilica and the churches of Roma began ringing.

The Pope's helicopter flew over the city of Rome, passing by the

Colosseum and St. John Lateran Basilica, and landed at the Castel Gandolfo heliport just after 5:20pm. The Pope was then taken by car to the Castel Gandolfo Apostolic Palace, where he was greeted by hundreds of people while the bells of Castel Gandolfo's parishes rang out.

Shortly afterwards, Benedict XVI appeared at the balcony of the Apostolic Palace and said to the many faithful who were waiting to thank him for his pontificate: "Thank you. Thank you all. Dear friends, I am happy to be with you, surrounded by the beauty of Creation and your well wishes, which do me such good. Thank you for your friendship and your affection. You know that this day is different for me than the preceding ones. I am no longer the Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church, or I will be until 8:00 this evening

and then no longer. I am simply a pilgrim beginning the last leg of his pilgrimage on this earth. But I would still—with my heart, with my love, with my prayers, with my reflection, and with all

my inner strength—like to work for the common good and the Good of the Church and of humanity. I feel very supported by your kindness. Let us go forward with the Lord for the good of the Church and the world. Thank you. I now wholeheartedly impart my blessing. Blessed be God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Good night! Thank you all!"

Benedict XVI's pontificate concluded at 8:00pm this evening (Rome time), at which time the period of the Sede Vacante begins. The Swiss Guards will no



longer be in charge of his safekeeping—and will return to the Vatican to offer their service to the College of Cardinals. During this period the twitter account @Pontifex will be deactivated. Once elected, the new Pope may, if he so desires, take over its use. Benedict XVI's Fisherman's Ring and the seal of his pontificate will also be destroyed at that time and the papal apartments in the Vatican Palace will be sealed.

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(Photo: Reuters)



How a New Pope Is Chosen

We are certain: it is the eternal Pastor who leads his flock with the power of his Spirit and assures it in every age to the Pastors whom he has chosen.

—Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Members of the College of Cardinals, April 22, 2005

HOW A NEW POPE IS CHOSEN

BY JOHN THAVIS, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

The voting by cardinals to elect the next pope takes place behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, following a highly detailed procedure last revised by Pope Benedict XVI.

Under the rules, secret ballots can be cast once on the first day of the conclave, then normally twice during each subsequent morning and evening session. Except for periodic pauses, the voting continues until a new pontiff is elected.

Only cardinals under the age of 80 when the “sede vacante,” or the period between the death or lawful resignation of one pope and the election of his successor, begins are eligible to enter the conclave and vote for the next pope. In theory, any baptized male Catholic can be elected pope, but current church law says he must become a bishop before taking office; since the 15th century, the electors always have chosen a fellow cardinal.

Each vote begins with the preparation and distribution of paper ballots by two masters of ceremonies, who are among a handful of noncardinals allowed into the chapel at the start of the session.

Then the names of nine voting cardinals are chosen at random: three to serve as “scrutineers,” or voting judges; three to collect the votes of any sick cardinals who remain in their quarters at the Domus Sanctae Marthae; and three “revisers” who check the work of the scrutineers.

The paper ballot is rectangular. On the top half is printed the Latin phrase “Eligo in Summum Pontificem” (“I elect as the most high pontiff”), and the lower half is blank for the writing of the name of the person chosen.

After all the noncardinals have left the chapel, the cardinals fill out their ballots secretly, legibly, and fold them twice. Meanwhile, any ballots from sick cardinals are collected and brought back to the chapel.

Each cardinal then walks to the altar, holding up his folded ballot so it can be seen, and says aloud: “I call as my witness Christ the Lord who will be my judge, that my vote is given to the one who before God I think should be elected.” He places his ballot on a plate, or paten, and then slides it into a receptacle, traditionally a large chalice.

When all the ballots have been cast, the first scrutineer shakes the receptacle to mix them. He then transfers the ballots to a new urn, counting them to make sure they correspond to the number of electors.

The ballots are read out. Each of the three scrutineers examines each ballot one by one, with the last scrutineer calling out the name on the ballot, so all the cardinals can record the tally. The last scrutineer pierces each ballot with a needle through the word “Eligo” and places it on a thread, so they can be secured.

After the names have been read out, the votes are counted to see if someone has obtained a two-thirds majority needed for election. The revisers then double-check the work of the scrutineers for possible mistakes.

At this point, any handwritten notes made by the cardinals during the vote are collected for burning with the ballots. If the first vote of the morning or evening session is inconclusive, a second vote normally follows immediately, and the ballots from both votes are burned together at the end.

If a conclave has not elected a pope after 13 days, the cardinals pause for a day of prayer, reflection and dialogue, then move to a runoff election between the two cardinals who obtained the most votes on the previous ballot. The two leading cardinals do not vote in the runoff ballots, though they remain in the Sistine Chapel.

When a pope is elected, the ballots are burned immediately. By tradition, the ballots are burned dry—or with chemical additives—to produce white smoke when a pope has been elected; they are burned with damp straw or other chemicals to produce black smoke when the voting has been inconclusive.

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PERIOD BETWEEN POPES INCLUDES MANY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

BY CAROL GLATZ, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

What are the most important elements of the “interregnum,” or transition period between popes?

- At the beginning of the “sede vacante,” the College of Cardinals assumes governance of the church.
- The Roman Curia loses most cardinal supervisors and cannot act on new matters.
- The College of Cardinals begins daily meetings at the Vatican to deal with limited church business and conclave arrangements.
- Cardinals under 80 years of age enter into conclave 15-20 days after the beginning of the “sede vacante.”
- Voting for a new pope proceeds with two ballots each morning and afternoon; a two-thirds majority is needed to elect.
- Shortly after the pope is elected, his name is announced and he offers his first blessing to the world in St. Peter’s Square.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE

ROMAN MISSAL, COLLECT

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

HOW A POPE IS NAMED

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When the election has canonically taken place . . . the Cardinal who is first in order and seniority, in the name of the whole College of electors, then asks the consent

of the one elected in the following words: “Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?” And, as soon as he has received the consent, he asks him, “By what name do you wish to be called?” Then, the Master of Papal Liturgical Celebrations . . . draws up a document certifying acceptance by the new Pope and the name taken by him.

REFLECTION FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI

AUDIENCE WITH GERMAN PILGRIMS, APRIL 25, 2005

At the beginning of my journey in a ministry that I never even imagined and for which I felt inadequate, all of this gives me great strength and assistance. May God reward you for this!

When, little by little, the trend of the voting led me to understand that, to say it simply, the axe was going to fall on me, my head began to spin. I was convinced that I had already carried out my life’s work and could look forward to ending my days peacefully. With profound conviction I said to the Lord: Do not do this to me! You have younger and better people at your disposal, who can face this great responsibility with greater dynamism and greater strength.

I was then very touched by a brief note written to me by a brother cardinal. He reminded me that on the occasion of the Mass for John Paul II, I had based my homily, starting from the Gospel, on the Lord’s words to Peter by the Lake of Gennesaret: “Follow me!” I spoke of how again and again, Karol Wojtyła received this call from the Lord, and how each time he had to renounce much and to simply say: Yes, I will follow you, even if you lead me where I never wanted to go.

This brother cardinal wrote to me: Were the Lord to say to you now, “Follow me,” then remember what you preached. Do not refuse! Be obedient in the same way that you described the great Pope, who has returned to the house of the Father. This deeply moved me. The ways of the Lord are not easy, but we were not created for an easy life, but for great things, for goodness.

Thus, in the end I had to say “yes.” I trust in the Lord and I trust in you, dear friends. A Christian is never alone.

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February 19, 2013

Women's Day Event:

Church Alive!

An Invitation to Women to Evangelize

Come ... reawaken, reflect upon and delight in
the joy which is the gift of the true faith!

This Day of guided spiritual reflection, group discussion, prayer and ritual has been structured to complement our Holy Father's establishing a "Year of Faith" and inviting all to "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world."

Speaker for the Day is Sister Janice McLaughlin, M.M., President of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic. Sister Janice's latest book, *Ostriches, Dung Beetles and Other Spiritual Masters: A Book of Wisdom from the Wild*, serves as the foundation for her presentation.

Ms. Marie Joseph, author of *Faith on Fire*, a resource for those longing for a more passionate experience of the Catholic faith, and Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation, will facilitate group discussions focused on how the "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church.

Saturday, March 9, 2013

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Parish Hall of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception**

Corner of Franklin and Brown Streets in Philadelphia

Pre-Registration - Helen Fedoriw (201.289.0346) \$25.00

(\$30.00 at the door)

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Church Alive!

An Invitation to Women to Evangelize

March 9th
9am - 4pm

On **SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013**, step away from the every-day world and come to the **ARCHEPARCHIAL WOMEN'S DAY** at the **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** to examine – challenge – your perceptions about how:

You feel alive today;

You perceive God as being alive today;

God is here with us today!

Our speaker for the day is **SISTER JANICE MCLAUGHLIN, M.M.**

MS. MARIE JOSEPH will act as Group Facilitator.

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Immaculate Conception Cathedral Hall

Corner of Franklin and Brown Streets,
Philadelphia, PA

Open to ALL Women
Including those Over 10
Years of Age

Cost:

\$25 Pre-Registration
or \$30 at the Door
(Includes Lunch and Parking)

No Cost for Women
Under Age 18;
Scholarships Available
for Women Age 18 to 25.

President of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic and a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Sister Janice has lived and worked in Africa for thirty-five years.



She is the author of "*Ostriches, Dung Beetles and Other Spiritual Masters: A Book of Wisdom from the Wild.*"

Through animal imagery, Sister Janice will guide us as we consider these important aspects of spiritual life while teaching us about ourselves and how we learn:

From the *elephant* the meaning of community;

From the *buffalo*, responsible leadership; and

From the *dung beetle*, the value of perseverance.

Author of "*Faith on Fire,*" a resource for those longing for a more passionate experience of the Catholic faith, Ms. Joseph is the Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation.



A single mother of two teenagers who taught for seven years in a Catholic elementary school, she has been deeply involved in Catholic mission work in Kenya, Africa. Ms. Joseph completed her undergraduate work at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and received from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia a Master of Arts degree in Theology.

To deepen your experience, you may wish to acquaint yourself with Sister Janice's "*Wisdom from the Wild*" prior to your participation in *Church Alive!* Copies of "*Ostriches, Dung Beetles, and Other Spiritual Masters,*" as well as copies of Marie's "*Faith on Fire,*" are available through Amazon.com.

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Replica Shroud of Turin evokes many emotions from visitors

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SHENANDOAH - Visitors to St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Chestnut and Oak streets, to see the Shroud of Turin replica on Sunday had a wide variety of reactions, including awe, silence, tears, the need to touch it, and most of all, reverence.

Delivered to the church on Saturday, the shroud replica, measuring 14.3 by 3.7 feet, is in a wooden display located near the icon wall - iconostasis - in front of the church. It is set at an angle so visitors can get a good look at the replica of the shroud, which many believe to be burial cloth of Jesus Christ.

The official welcome of the shroud replica was made during the Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. by Monsignor Myron Grabowsky, pastor.

"On behalf of St. Michael Church and St. Nicholas Church in Saint Clair, we wish that you come and participate in this Divine Liturgy," he said. "Also, we want you to take in the presence of Our Lord here in the Shroud,

and that you look upon it and let it just touch your hearts in the way you can be touched. Each of us is different and the Lord will allow that (to) take place in each of us."

The Rev. Johnson Kochuparambil, parochial vicar of the Roman Catholic churches in Shenandoah, assisted in the Divine Liturgy. Attending in a group were members of the Knights of Columbus Francis Cardinal Brennan Council 618 and American Legion Anthony P. Damato "Medal of Honor" Post 792, both of Shenandoah. Three sisters from the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, came from their convent in Mahanoy City to attend.

The church opened at 9 a.m., which allowed visitors to see the shroud before the Divine Liturgy, the electronic media to record the shroud and Grabowsky, Paul Kerrick and William Jones to answer questions and point out details in the shroud.

During his homily, Grabowsky spoke of



Jacqueline Dormer/staff photo: The Shroud of Turin replica on display in St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Shenandoah.

the original Shroud of Turin in Italy and how "it reminds us of what Our Lord Jesus Christ did for us. It shows what this man, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did because of His love for you and for me."

Throughout the two weeks, there will be volunteers available at the shroud as hosts and guides. A display

to explain what the shroud shows is in the church vestibule, along with holy cards and a brochure with additional information. People are encouraged to say the "Prayer at the Holy Shroud" in the brochure. Edward and Gloria Gwiadowski, Palmerton, came to Shenandoah to visit a relative and

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decided to stop at the church. Both are originally from Shenandoah.

"We didn't realize it was the first day today for the shroud," Gloria Gwiadowski said. "We went to visit them (relatives) and they weren't home, so we decided to come see the shroud."

"We went downstairs to see the film, which was very interesting," Edward Gwiadowski said.

"The shroud is just amazing," Gloria added. "I did see a replica in Rome many, many years ago. It was high up so you couldn't really get near it. It's amazing you can actually look at it close up and touch it here. It's wonderful."

Ann DeTurk Swaldi, Ringtown, said it is a great opportunity to see what the Shroud of Turin looks like close up.

"This is so enlightening in its enormous presentation," said Swaldi, tears filling her eyes. "It is absolutely beautiful. I have a torn rotator cuff with a lot of pain and seeing the shroud makes the pain so much easier to bear. It does."

After the Divine Liturgy, Grabowsky said he's been thrilled with the reception of the shroud by so many people.

"They're all being touched," he said. "Everyone will be moved in their own special way. The Lord will touch the heart if we're open to allow our heart to be touched by Him. That's what is so important. And this is a great renewal for Shenandoah, especially after such a tragedy yesterday (fire destroyed or damaged 11 homes on West Coal and North Jardin streets) and then today being able to come and witness the presence of Our Lord."

The following services and devotions will be held during the two weeks the shroud replica will be at St. Michael church:

- The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the rosary will be recited at 3 p.m. daily.

- Prayer services will be conducted at noon March 7.

- Healing services will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 5 p.m. March 6. Grabowsky will be available for healing

prayer and anointing throughout the exhibit.

- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 27 and 4 p.m. March 6.

- Stations of the Cross will be held at 3 p.m. March 3. The stations are part of the deanerywide devotions during Lent in area Ukrainian Catholic churches. The Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, director of evangelization for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia who coordinates the shroud replica visits, will speak on the shroud and its history.

- Divine Liturgies will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and March 2 and 10:30 a.m. March 3.

- The church will have guides available to

answer questions and a priest will be available for confessions and counseling throughout the shroud's display.

- A monitor will be set up and videos about the Shroud of Turin will be screened in the church hall on the ground floor.

The Vatican-approved replica - one of nine such replicas - is on display from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through March 8. Regular church services during the two weeks will be held during those times. The replica will be removed from the church on the morning of March 9 to be delivered to its next exhibit location in Wilmington, Del.

<http://republicanherald.com/news/replica-shroud-of-turin-evokes-many-emotions-from-visitors-1.1449702>



Jacqueline Dormer/staff photo: Williams Jones, Shenandoah, talks about the replica.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – March 3, 2013

The Lord said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." And he said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." (Mk. 8, 34 – 9, 1)

The Third Sunday of Great Fast - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Eastern Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.

Historical Background

The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with

Christ.

As we have "crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers "planted" on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and

rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection. His Life-Giving Cross is His royal scepter, and by venerating it we are

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filled with joy, rendering Him glory. Therefore, we become ready to welcome our King, who shall manifestly triumph over the powers of darkness.

The present feast has been placed in the middle of Great Lent for another reason. The Fast can be likened to the spring of Marah whose waters the children of Israel encountered in the wilderness. This water was undrinkable due to its bitterness but became sweet when the Holy Prophet Moses dipped the wood into its depth. Likewise, the wood of the Cross sweetens the

days of the Fast, which are bitter and often grievous because of our tears. Yet Christ comforts us during our course through the desert of the Fast, guiding and leading us by His hand to the spiritual Jerusalem on high by the power of His Resurrection.

Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam's gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has

condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal.

Icon of the Veneration of the Cross

The most common icon associated with the Veneration of the Cross is the same icon used on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14. In the icon, Patriarch Macarius is standing in the pulpit elevating the Cross for all to see and venerate. On each side of the Patriarch

are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine.

In the background of the icon is a domed structure that represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.



A Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

will be celebrated

at St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church

(601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, PA)

on Sundays, February 24,

March 10 and 24, 2013, at 1:30PM.

Officiating celebrant – Very Rev. Andriy Rabi,

pastor of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Reading.

For more information, please call 610.376.0586,

or send email nativitybvmucc@mail.com

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI FOR LENT 2013

Believing in charity calls forth charity

“We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us” (1 Jn 4:16)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The celebration of Lent, in the context of the Year of Faith, offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship between faith and charity: between believing in God – the God of Jesus Christ – and love, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and which guides us on the path of devotion to God and others.

1. Faith as a response to the love of God

In my first Encyclical, I offered some thoughts on the close relationship between the theological virtues of faith and charity. Setting out from Saint John’s fundamental assertion: “We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us” (1 Jn 4:16), I observed that “being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction ... Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn 4:10),

love is now no longer a mere ‘command’; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us” (*Deus Caritas Est*, 1). Faith is this personal adherence – which involves all our faculties – to the revelation of God’s gratuitous and “passionate” love for us, fully revealed in Jesus Christ. The encounter with God who is Love engages not only the heart but also the intellect: “Acknowledgement of the living God is one path towards love, and the ‘yes’ of our will to his will unites our intellect, will and sentiments in the all-embracing act of love. But this process is always open-ended; love is never ‘finished’ and complete” (*ibid.*, 17). Hence, for all Christians, and especially for “charity workers”, there is a need for faith, for “that encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others. As a result, love of neighbour will no longer be for them a commandment imposed, so to speak, from without, but a consequence deriving from their faith, a faith

which becomes active through love” (*ibid.*, 31a). Christians are people who have been conquered by Christ’s love and accordingly, under the influence of that love – “*Caritas Christi urget nos*” (2 Cor 5:14) – they are profoundly open to loving their neighbour in concrete ways (cf. *ibid.*, 33). This attitude arises primarily from the consciousness of being loved, forgiven, and even served by the Lord, who bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles and offers himself on the Cross to draw humanity into God’s love.

“Faith tells us that God has given his Son for our sakes and gives us the victorious certainty that it is really true: God is love! ... Faith, which sees the love of God revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus on the Cross, gives rise to love. Love is the light – and in the end, the only light – that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working” (*ibid.*, 39). All this helps us to understand that the principal distinguishing mark of Christians is

precisely “love grounded in and shaped by faith” (*ibid.*, 7).

2. Charity as life in faith

The entire Christian life is a response to God’s love. The first response is precisely faith as the acceptance, filled with wonder and gratitude, of the unprecedented divine initiative that precedes us and summons us. And the “yes” of faith marks the beginning of a radiant story of friendship with the Lord, which fills and gives full meaning to our whole life. But it is not enough for God that we simply accept his gratuitous love. Not only does he love us, but he wants to draw us to himself, to transform us in such a profound way as to bring us to say with Saint Paul: “it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (cf. *Gal 2:20*).

When we make room for the love of God, then we become like him, sharing in his own charity. If we open ourselves to his love, we allow him to live

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in us and to bring us to love with him, in him and like him; only then does our faith become truly “active through love” (Gal 5:6); only then does he abide in us (cf. *1 Jn* 4:12).

Faith is knowing the truth and adhering to it (cf. *1 Tim* 2:4); charity is “walking” in the truth (cf. Eph 4:15). Through faith we enter into friendship with the Lord, through charity this friendship is lived and cultivated (cf. *Jn* 15:14ff). Faith causes us to embrace the commandment of our Lord and Master; charity gives us the happiness of putting it into practice (cf. *Jn* 13:13-17). In faith we are begotten as children of God (cf. *Jn* 1:12ff); charity causes us to persevere concretely in our divine sonship, bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Gal* 5:22). Faith enables us to recognize the gifts that the good and generous God has entrusted to us; charity makes them fruitful (cf. *Mt* 25:14-30).

3. The indissoluble interrelation of faith and charity

In light of the above, it is clear that we can never separate, let

alone oppose, faith and charity. These two theological virtues are intimately linked, and it is misleading to posit a contrast or “dialectic” between them. On the one hand, it would be too one-sided to place a strong emphasis on the priority and decisiveness of faith and to undervalue and almost despise concrete works of charity, reducing them to a vague humanitarianism. On the other hand, though, it is equally unhelpful to overstate the primacy of charity and the activity it generates, as if works could take the place of faith. For a healthy spiritual life, it is necessary to avoid both fideism and moral activism.

The Christian life consists in continuously scaling the mountain to meet God and then coming back down, bearing the love and strength drawn from him, so as to serve our brothers and sisters with God’s own love. In sacred Scripture, we see how the zeal of the Apostles to proclaim the Gospel and awaken people’s faith is closely related to their charitable concern to be of service to the poor (cf. *Acts* 6:1-4). In the

Church, contemplation and action, symbolized in some way by the Gospel figures of Mary and Martha, have to coexist and complement each other (cf. *Lk* 10:38-42). The relationship with God must always be the priority, and any true sharing of goods, in the spirit of the Gospel, must be rooted in faith (cf. *General Audience*, 25 April 2012). Sometimes we tend, in fact, to reduce the term “charity” to solidarity or simply humanitarian aid. It is important, however, to remember that the greatest work of charity is evangelization, which is the “ministry of the word”. There is no action more beneficial – and therefore more charitable – towards one’s neighbour than to break the bread of the word of God, to share with him the Good News of the Gospel, to introduce him to a relationship with God: evangelization is the highest and the most integral promotion of the human person. As the Servant of God Pope Paul VI wrote in the *Encyclical Populorum Progressio*, the proclamation of Christ is the first and principal contributor to development (cf. n. 16). It is the primordial

truth of the love of God for us, lived and proclaimed, that opens our lives to receive this love and makes possible the integral development of humanity and of every man (cf. *Caritas in Veritate*, 8).

Essentially, everything proceeds from Love and tends towards Love. God’s gratuitous love is made known to us through the proclamation of the Gospel. If we welcome it with faith, we receive the first and indispensable contact with the Divine, capable of making us “fall in love with Love”, and then we dwell within this Love, we grow in it and we joyfully communicate it to others.

Concerning the relationship between faith and works of charity, there is a passage in the *Letter to the Ephesians* which provides perhaps the best account of the link between the two: “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God; not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are his workmanship,

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created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (2:8-10). It can be seen here that the entire redemptive initiative comes from God, from his grace, from his forgiveness received in faith; but this initiative, far from limiting our freedom and our responsibility, is actually what makes them authentic and directs them towards works of charity. These are not primarily the result of human effort, in which to take pride, but they are born of faith and they flow from the grace that God gives in abundance. Faith without works is like a tree without fruit: the two virtues imply one another. Lent invites us, through the traditional practices of the Christian life, to nourish our faith by careful and extended listening to the word of God and by receiving the sacraments, and at the same time to grow in charity and in love for God and neighbour, not least through the specific practices of fasting, penance and almsgiving.

4. Priority of faith, primacy of charity

Like any gift of God, faith

and charity have their origin in the action of one and the same Holy Spirit (cf. *1 Cor* 13), the Spirit within us that cries out "Abba, Father" (*Gal* 4:6), and makes us say: "Jesus is Lord!" (*1 Cor* 12:3) and "Maranatha!" (*1 Cor* 16:22; *Rev* 22:20).

Faith, as gift and response, causes us to know the truth of Christ as Love incarnate and crucified, as full and perfect obedience to the Father's will and infinite divine mercy towards neighbour; faith implants in hearts and minds the firm conviction that only this Love is able to conquer evil and death. Faith invites us to look towards the future with the virtue of hope, in the confident expectation that the victory of Christ's love will come to its fullness. For its part, charity ushers us into the love of God manifested in Christ and joins us in a personal and existential way to the total and unconditional self-giving of Jesus to the Father and to his brothers and sisters. By filling our hearts with his love, the Holy Spirit makes us sharers in Jesus' filial devotion to God and fraternal devotion to every man

(cf. *Rom* 5:5).

The relationship between these two virtues resembles that between the two fundamental sacraments of the Church: Baptism and Eucharist. Baptism (*sacramentum fidei*) precedes the Eucharist (*sacramentum caritatis*), but is ordered to it, the Eucharist being the fullness of the Christian journey. In a similar way, faith precedes charity, but faith is genuine only if crowned by charity. Everything begins from the humble acceptance of faith ("knowing that one is loved by God"), but has to arrive at the truth of charity ("knowing how to love God and neighbour"), which remains for ever, as the fulfilment of all the virtues (cf. *1 Cor* 13:13).

Dear brothers and sisters, in this season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the event of the Cross and Resurrection – in which the love of God redeemed the world and shone its light upon history – I express my wish that all of you may spend this precious time rekindling your faith in Jesus Christ, so as to enter with him into the dynamic of love for the Father and for every brother and sister

that we encounter in our lives. For this intention, I raise my prayer to God, and I invoke the Lord's blessing upon each individual and upon every community!

**From the Vatican,
15 October 2012**

BENEDICTUS PP. XVI

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/len/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20121015_lent-2013_en.html

March 4 – March 8



The 2013 Scranton Eastern Catholic Churches Lenten Mission



Fr. Bob Simon

Father Bob is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, ordained in 1990. He encountered the Christian East in first grade as a student at St. Mary's Ruthenian Catholic School in Wilkes-Barre. Father Bob's seminary education took place at Seton Hall University; since ordination Father has completed a Master's Degree in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame, where he was privileged to study under Father Robert Taft, S.J. Over the past 15 years he has been a student of iconography and iconology. Father Bob is the pastor of St. Catherine's Parish in Moscow, Pa. and serves in the Worship Office of the Diocese of Scranton as the Coordinator of Christian Initiation.

Mission Theme: Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year, the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, to be a "Year of Faith." Our Holy Father calls us to recognize that faith is ultimately not about doctrine or dogmas, but about a Person. At the heart of it all, we believe not in this or that, but we believe in some One. This some One loves us more than we can possibly hope for or imagine. This intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and what it means to respond to Him in faith, will provide the theme for this year's Lenten Mission.

Monday, March 4: "**Lenten Vespers**" St. Joseph Melkite Greek Catholic Church, 130 St. Francis Cabrini Ave., Scranton. "**EACH ONE AN ICON OF CHRIST**" The liturgies of the East and West and the Church's iconography draw us close to the saints and to a deeper appreciation of their role in the life of the Christian particularly on the Lenten journey.

Tuesday, March 5: "**Divine Liturgy**" [Concelebrants welcome] St. Ann Maronite Catholic Church, 1320 Price St., Scranton. "**EACH ONE TRANSFIGURED BY LIGHT**" The Divine Liturgy is the best of schools to teach us the meaning of life and how to live in this world of ours.

Wednesday, March 6: "**Lenten Prayer Service**" St. John Ruthenian Catholic Church, 310 Broadway, Scranton. "**EACH ONE CALLED INTO THE DESERT**" If we are honest, we are not as eager as John the Baptist to leave everything behind and to go out into the wilderness.

Thursday, March 7: "**Akathist of the Passion**" St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 N. Seventh St., Scranton. "**EACH ONE HAVING PUT ON CHRIST**" The life of prayer is essential for those who have been conformed to Christ and are seeking to live in him each day.

Friday, March 8: "**Liturgy of the Presanctified**" St. Mary Ruthenian Catholic Church, 310 Mifflin Ave., Scranton. "**EACH ONE GOING OUT TO MEET HIM**" Preparing to celebrate Pascha by contemplating the icons of the Passion.

All Mission Services begin at 6:30pm with homily/presentation. The Sacramental Mystery Forgiveness (Confessions) begin at 6pm. After each service, everyone is invited to remain for refreshments and discussion on the topic of the evening.

MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE, THOUSANDS PRAY FOR END TO ABORTION AT NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

January 23, 2013

WASHINGTON—Over 10,000 pilgrims, many of them youth from schools around the nation, gathered in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for an end to abortion at the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life, Thursday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m., the eve of the annual March for Life. The vigil coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973, which legalized abortion nationwide. Since the decision was handed down, an estimated 55 million abortions have been legally performed in the United States.

"Marking the anniversary of the Roe decision each year could be disheartening in light of the lives lost and the lives shattered by abortion," said Susan Wills, assistant director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "but this Mass and events this week are also a time to pray with faith and hope in God's mercy."

"The commitment and energy of hundreds of thousands of young people who are here to pray and to march on behalf of unborn children and grieving post-abortive mothers is proof that the pro-life movement is alive and growing and stronger than ever," she added.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, was the principal celebrant and homilist at the Vigil Mass, concelebrated by fellow cardinals and many of the nation's bishops and priests. Following the Opening Mass, the Vigil continued in the Crypt Church of the Basilica with confessions, a National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer according to the Byzantine Rite, and holy hours led by seminarians from across the country from midnight until 6 a.m.

That same evening, The Catholic University of America hosted more than 1,200 pilgrims overnight.

On Friday, January 25, the Basilica hosted Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m. in the Crypt Church and the Closing Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the Great Upper Church. Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas, was the principal celebrant and homilist.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is co-sponsored by the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America.

Adapted from the article on <http://www.usccb.org/news/2013/13-023.cfm>

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Rev. Robert Hitchens, Rev. Wasyl Kharuk and Rev. Mark Morozowich were among those at the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life on Thursday, January 24, 2013.



<http://www.catholicstv.com>

Watch a video of the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life on <http://www.catholicstv.com/National-Prayer-Vigil-for-Life-Opening-Mass.aspx>

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil in Observance of March for Life

On January 24, 2013, on the eve of the March for Life Vigil in Washington, DC, Against Abortion and For Life, the Prayer Group of St. Nicholas parish, Passaic, NJ, gathered in solidarity with those holding vigil at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, conducted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



It was a bitter cold night and many of all ages, both men and women, came to pray for those lives lost to abortion, to pray for all women struggling with the effects of abortion, for the men in their lives and the families affected by abortion.

Fr. George Worschak was present along with Fr. Jodi Baran, a Knight of Columbus and assistant priest from St. Michael's Byzantine Cathedral, Passaic and several of his parishioners as well as the Sisters Servants who teach at St. Nicholas. The group spent an hour in prayer with the recitation of the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a chaplet to Our Lady, alternating in Ukrainian and in English. At the conclusion of prayers, Fr. Jodi spoke on the evil of abortion in our time. It has been forty years since our government passed legislation allowing legal abortions which have taken over fifty million lives. Fr. Jodi encouraged continued prayers for the unborn, for all women and for all who may be contemplating an abortion. Many who attended were genuinely touched by outpouring of prayer for those innocents who suffered such a fate.

The evening concluded with fellowship and refreshments served in the church hall.

S.S. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa

S.S. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church will be sponsoring our 2nd Annual "Meatless Meal for Lent" a Baked Haddock Dinner on Friday March 22, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Regal Room, 216 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant, Pa SIT DOWN OR TAKE OUT. Dinner includes: baked haddock, potato, vegetable, cole-slaw, roll and dessert. Pre-sold ticket at \$12.00/per ticket/dinner. Call Cheryl by Monday, March 18th for reservations at 570-489-4348 No tickets will be available at the door. <http://www.stcyrils.maslar-online.com/>



(Photo) Parishoners and committee members gather for tickets for the Fund Raiser for the 125th Anniversary of the Church (1888-2013) "Meatless Meal for Lent", Baked Haddock Dinner on March 22, 2013. Tom Matkosky, Anne Matkosky, Cheryl Matuszewski (Chairwomen) Marlene Zelno, Joseph Lewis and Evan Lewis.

Meatfare Sunday in Nanticoke, PA

It has become a tradition that the Parish of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in Nanticoke, PA joyfully celebrated "Miasopusne" this year on February 3, 2013. On the Sunday of "Miasopusne", over 145 persons took part in the event. Thanks to the Pastor Father Volodymyr Popyk and volunteers Lisa Pleisek and Christine Mesh, and other volunteers in the parish, there was a solemn Dinner and a Concert, with the participation of children's dancing groups from Allentown, PA and of the parish Choir under the direction of Richard Barno. Just as the Holy Fast is a time of spiritual renewal and abstinence from music and dancing, the tradition of "Miasopusne" has become a good opportunity to come together in a family atmosphere before the Great Fast, and to have a good time. Warm greetings at meeting friends and acquaintances, the welcoming words of Pastor Volodymyr with the greeting "feel at home", tasty food and Ukrainian folk dances, all this created a relaxed, pleasant joy for the heart. Even after the end of the event, the guests and parishioners remained in the hall for a long time, conversing and sharing their good impressions. We thank sincerely all the volunteers for the preparations, the participants of the Concert program, and the vendors of Ukrainian embroideries, pysanky, and literature. We are always glad to meet the good people who visit our parish, which recently celebrated its one hundredth anniversary.



Marriage Preparation Workshop

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church is pleased to present a marriage preparation workshop, "Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage", to take place on Saturday, April 13, 2013 with a follow up session on Saturday, April 27, 2013. The program focuses on various aspects of marriage, both spiritual and practical, and provides each person an opportunity for greater understanding of one's partner and a means to strengthen one's relationship.

In addition to various presentations and exercises, each couple will be given the opportunity to take the Catholic version of a premarital questionnaire called FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) which was developed by Sister B. Markey, Ph.D. and M. Micheletto, from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha. The FOCCUS Inventory provides participants with a computer-generated profile of unique couple issues, challenges, strengths and realities to be discussed prior to marriage. The FOCCUS results for each couple involved will be presented to them by a Pastoral Counselor trained in the use of this tool in a subsequent 30 minute private session on April 27, 2013.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on April 13, 2013 as well as the 30 minute private meeting on April 27, 2013 in order to receive the certificate of completing the program. No exception will be made.

The workshop will be held at: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027

The total cost per couple will be \$140 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments.



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MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

"Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage"

Saturday April 13, 2013

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| 10:00 Registration | 2:00 Sacred Sexuality of Marriage (Dr. Mary Teeter-Babiak) |
| 10:15 Opening Prayer and Welcome (Reverend Ihor Royik) | 2:45 Break - refreshments |
| 10:20 Marriage as a Holy Mystery and Sacrament in the Church (Reverend Ihor Royik) | 3:00 Our relationship with God |
| 11:00 Administration of the FOCCUS Inventory | 3:30 Communication Skills for Marriage |
| 12:15 Lunch | 4:30 Conclusion - Scheduling of 30 minute meetings on April 27, 2013 for reviewing results of FOCCUS Inventory |
| 1:00 Knowing your Finances | 4:45 Closing Prayer and Blessing |
| 1:30 Knowing your In-Laws | 5:00 Divine Liturgy |

Saturday April 27, 2013

Each couple will meet for 30 minutes with John J. Michalczyk, M.A., M.Div., Pastoral Counselor, to discuss results of the FOCCUS Inventory and to receive the certificate of completing the program.

The total cost per couple will be \$140 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. Please make a check payable to "ABVM Ukrainian Catholic Church"

Please fill out this form and mail back as soon as possible to the above address!

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| Date and place of marriage _____ | |

Catholic Schools Week at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ

The students of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ celebrated the start of Catholic Schools Week – whose theme this year is “Raising the Standards” – by attending Sunday Liturgy in uniform. 7th grader Adrianna Oliver read the Epistle. After both Liturgies, parishioners were invited to partake of the delicious Parish Appreciation Breakfast prepared by Bobby Baran and other parents from the PTA, and to admire the “Zaporizka Sich” projects prepared by students from grade 6.



The school celebrated Catholic Schools Week by providing a fun or interesting activity every day.

On Monday, the students wore red, white, or blue and enjoyed an “American Lunch” of hotdogs and hamburgers in a cafeteria beautifully decorated in patriotic colors by Mrs. Lydia Loukachouk and her family. They topped off their lunch with ice cream, and later, some classes even tried their hand at making their own ice cream in plastic bags, using cream, sugar, ice, and salt.

Tuesday was devoted to Academics. The eighth-graders got to stand at the other side of the desk as teachers for a morning. In the afternoon, grades 5 thru 8 participated in a Team Trivia contest, competing on multi-grade teams to answer 100 questions in a wide variety of fields.

Wednesday is usually Gym Day, and instead of their usual class, the students ran obstacle courses, three-legged races, and enjoyed other zany games. Thursday was designated Ukrainian Heritage Day; everyone came to school in blue and yellow, and enjoyed a delicious lunch of pyrohy prepared by the ladies of the parish. After lunch, everyone headed over to the auditorium for an enthralling presentation of “Close Encounters with Birds of Prey”, featuring live hawks, falcons, owls, and a golden eagle with Bill Streeter from the Delaware Valley Raptor Center in Milford, PA.

On Friday, students were invited to bring along a grandparent or other family member to First Friday Liturgy; afterwards, everyone filed downstairs to watch a presentation on the 12 Apostles prepared by the twelve 7th graders and Sr. Charlotte Pipping, SSML. After a light breakfast, Principal Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSML and Pastor Father Andriy Dudkevych handed out Awards for the end of the second quarter. Sister proudly commended two eighth-graders for their outstanding performance on the Math portion of the COOP exam: Stefan Klics scored in the 99th national percentile, and Daniel Loukachouk in the 96th national percentile. In the afternoon, Father Andriy treated the teachers and staff to a special lunch at a new neighborhood restaurant owned by a local Ukrainian. The celebration ended on Saturday evening with Family Bingo Night, prepared by the PTA.



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More photos from Catholic Schools Week at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ



Pysanky Workshop Olyphant, PA

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa. offered the third annual traditional Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) Workshops for the past 2 weeks using: raw egg, kistka-stylist, bees wax, and special dyes. Over 40 people attended. The remaining two classes are sold out!!!! To see photos years (2012 and 2011) of previous Pysanky classes go to <http://www.stcyrls.maslar-online.com/>



Photos from February 2013 (by Lauren Telep)



Clifton Heights, PA

Spring Pierogie/ Kielbasa Sale - Orders Now Being Taken!

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights, in conjunction with one of the area's well-known kielbasa makers, proudly announces the 2013 "Easter Pierogie & Kielbasa Ring Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, high quality kielbasa for the

unbelievably low price of only \$11.00 per ring. We are also offering our homemade, mouth-watering, flavorful, potato-cheese pierogies for the unbelievably low price of only \$7.00 per dozen! For your convenience, we now are able to accept your orders via email. To place your pierogie and/or kielbasa orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Pickup

will be at noon on either Saturday, March 23rd or Sunday, March 24th, at our Church which is located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA. Please place your orders early since high demand and our desire to fully satisfy all orders may require us to limit quantities and stop taking orders.

"Special Spring Food Collection for the Needy" - Now

through March 24th

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church will hold a "Special Spring Food Collection" for the needy in the community from now through Sunday, March 24th. Anyone wishing to donate any canned or boxed, non-perishable food items should bring them to the Church on any Sunday before/ or after the 11:00 am. English Divine Liturgy.

Bishops of UGCC Visit Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine



19 February 2013

On February 18, the participants of the Permanent Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) visited the Apostolic Nunciature in Kyiv. The bishops told Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullickson about the Synod's decisions regarding an international church pilgrimage to the Patriarchal Cathedral of Christ's Resurrection in Kyiv on the occasion of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine to be held on August 18 and the planned consecration of the cathedral during the event.

According to the Information Department of UGCC, the bishops also shared their impressions of their recent visit to the parishes of Donetsk-Kharkiv Exarchate where they led liturgies in Kharkiv, Poltava and Sumy.

<http://risu.org.ua>

Cardinal Lubomyr (Husar) Celebrates His 80th Birthday



On February 26, 2013, Major-Archbishop Emeritus of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Cardinal Lubomyr (Husar) celebrated his 80th birthday. He is called the moral authority of the nation.

On that day, in St. Yur's Cathedral in Lviv, a hierarchical liturgy on the occasion was celebrated by Patriarch Sviatoslav in concelebration with the bishops of UGCC.

According to the Information Department of UGCC, on February 28, in the Patriarchal Cathedral of UGCC in Kyiv, a thanksgiving prayer service and a meeting of the Archbishop Emeritus with the representatives of the youth communities of UGCC were held.

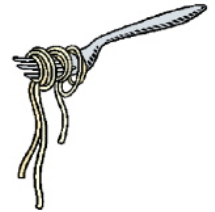
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