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29TH ANNUAL ROSE MASS



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Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory, principal celebrant and homilist at the 2021 Rose Mass.

Celebrating Health Care Professionals With Restrictions and Hope For Better Days Ahead

As many people in this country began taking stock of the past 12 months by marking one year since the coronavirus changed the world, a local hospital chaplain reflected on hope.

“As long as there is life – there is hope,” Father Nwabueze said. “When we have life there is hope – hope to pray, hope to comfort, hope to administer the sacraments. When we do all that we can, God takes it from there.”

A chaplain at Children’s National Hospital, Father Nwabueze received the 2021 Msgr. Harry A. Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry at the annual Rose Mass honoring health care professionals. Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory served as the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass held at The

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34TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Society Presents Honors

Celebrating 70 years of service to the archdiocese, members of the John Carroll Society gathered virtually on April 23 to mark the anniversary and hold their 34th annual awards ceremony.

Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory praised the society for their outreach. “Your willingness to step forward and work steadily to advance the faith formation of your members, to reach out to the poor and to provide pro bono legal and medical services along with your readiness for any needed special projects are but some of the reasons I am personally grateful for your ministry and enduring partnership,” the archbishop said.

The cardinal noted that this year’s honorees “served tirelessly and selflessly in a variety of community service responses for those most in need during this continued pandemic.”

Sister Donna Markham, a member of the Adrian Dominican Order, presented the keynote address. Since June of 2015 Sister Markham served as the first female president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA – one of the largest non-profit organizations in the United States providing more than \$4.4 billion in aid to over 13 million people struggling with poverty.

In her address, the woman religious praised her parents, her Catholic school education and an intellectual curiosity for leading her to mission



Marie and Jack Murphy, Annual Awards Ceremony co-chairs, shown during the ceremony.

service. She recalled two poignant stories involving her parents – attending daily Mass with her father before he caught the train to work and her mother’s own crisis in faith. Sister Markham said her mother turned to the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas, closely studying the theologian’s proofs of God’s existence. “I guess I was destined to be a Dominican,” the woman religious said with a smile.

Sister Markham said although she did not know it at the time, she experienced some unusual influences growing up – including being taught to learn Scripture, and study the encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII. She attended Sacred Heart Parish in Winnetka, Illinois led by Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, pastor and a visionary leader of liturgical reform and social renewal. She noted that the pastor banned school uniforms because he did not want the students thinking they were superior. Msgr. Hillenbrand also brought children

from the neighboring Black community to her grade school. “So that we could meet one another, grow up together, learn how to be friends with each other and play with each other,” Sister Markham recalled.

After attending high school with the Dominicans Sister Markham left

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September 22, 2021

RECEPTION AT TOP OF THE TOWN WITH THE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Father Robert Boxie, Howard University, Chaplain
Top of the Town, Rosslyn, 1400 N. 14th St., Arlington, VA from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

October 2021 - May 2022

FIRST THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi
Every First Thursday at the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD.

This year's theme is "The Pandemic Challenge: A Renewed Appreciation of the Eucharist"

October 3, 2021

69TH ANNUAL RED MASS

Principal Celebrant: His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Homilist: Most Rev. Gabriele Caccia, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations
The Cathedral of St. Matthew, Washington, DC, at 10:00 a.m.

November 6, 2021

FALL RETREAT

Retreat Director: Father Patrick Lewis
Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

December 4, 2021

ST. NICHOLAS MASS & GIFT DRIVE

Principal Celebrant: Msgr. Peter Vaghi
The Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, Md. 5:00 p.m. Mass

NEW JCS MEMBERS

As of April 30, 2021

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Fr. Seith Directs JCS to Look to Easter Joy During a Pandemic Lent



On February 27, nearly 100 retreatants joined together via Zoom for a retreat led by Father Christopher Seith. During the annual Lenten Day of Reflection, Father Seith, who currently directs spiritual formation of the Archdiocese's seminarians, brought his spiritual insights to laypeople. Father Seith's reflection was timely for a Lenten retreat during a global pandemic

which prevented society members from the annual tradition of gathering in person at the retreat house in Washington, D.C.

While Father Seith's first reflection addressed the challenging topics about sin, suffering, and hell, he reminded the retreatants that Jesus offers us hope on the way to redemption, healing, and heaven. Society Chaplain Msgr. Vaghi noted he, as many retreatants that day, may have substituted the word "hell" for "pandemic."

Father Seith helped attendees see the liturgical season in time periods – our need for repentance in the first four weeks and then Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. He explained repentance means changing the vision of the world as one dominated by death. Jesus wants to set us free from that perspective of sickness, despair and loneliness – hell – by transforming our suffering into acts of love and offering us eternal life – heaven,

he said. Jesus teaches us that the fullness of His love is a gift capable of pulling us out of hell and changes the way of seeing life. God's love heals our sadness and loneliness by giving us meaning and offering a relationship with him.

Father Seith reflected on the transformation Jesus offered in two Gospel passages – the woman who was caught in adultery, and the appearance of the risen Christ to Mary Magdalene. First, Mary Magdalene was weeping and did not recognize Jesus. However, Jesus called her by name – "Mary" – at the cross and changed the way she saw her experiences – now knowing that, even in her emptiness, Jesus was beside her. Likewise, the woman who was confronted with her sin of adultery and sentenced to be stoned was not the end of the story. Jesus called her to see the hope in repentance and offered her a way to break free from the sentence of death.

Society President Jeff Paravano said, "We have a record turnout for this retreat. It's a wonderful opportunity on a rainy morning during a pandemic, both to spend time together and grow in our faith."

Msgr. Peter Vaghi recognized this retreat has been "a tradition which has been over 30 years – this Lenten Day of Recollection." This tradition continues for the Society, as nothing – even a global pandemic – can separate us from the love of Christ.

By Maya Noronha

Celebrating 70 Years of Service to the Archdiocese

As we celebrate the John Carroll Society's 70th year of service to the Archdiocese of Washington since our founding in 1951, I would like to thank our Chaplain, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, our Executive Director, Colleen Mudlaff, and each of our members for their outstanding contributions and thoughtful and creative leadership and service during this past year. We held an amazing virtual annual awards dinner April 23, and other virtual events this past year – including the Young Associates Top of the Town; the Red Mass; both the Fall and Lenten retreats; the St. Nicholas Mass and toy collection; the January Lecture; Msgr. Peter Vaghi's First Thursday Reflections; and the Rose Mass. Many of these events have been recorded and are available to view on our website.

We have much to look forward to in the coming year. Top of the Town will be held on Sept. 22, with Fr. Robert Boxie, the Catholic chaplain at Howard University, as our guest and speaker. Additionally, Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, will serve as homilist at the Red Mass on Oct. 3.

If we follow the guidance of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits – to act justly, love loyally and walk humbly; as well as the direction of our Archbishop, Cardinal Wilton Gregory – to share gifts, pursue justice, and reach out to be one with those on the margins; then we will be successful in continuing the long-standing and impressive work of our predecessors in the John Carroll Society.

Throughout 2020, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we experienced numerous daily hardships. Many witnessed the death of persons close to us or to our colleagues or friends, the loneliness of those at greatest risk as they practiced physical distancing to remain safe and children trying to learn by video screen without going to school. Numerous businesses closed while others downsized resulting in high unemployment. Outside of the pandemic we witnessed the reality of brutal racism in our country, including the death of victims of that racism. Many countered with an overwhelmingly strong response by our citizens who have been determined to rise up together to fight racism and to commit significant time to listening, learning, and making diversity, inclusion and equity priorities in their lives. One might sum up 2020 as grieving with hope while courageously pushing forward to create a better world.

In the midst of the pandemic, however, a number of unexpected gifts emerged. There were significant technological advances and a willingness by the multitudes to further embrace helpful technologies. We all expressed a deep gratitude for heroes willing and able to work through the pandemic or to assist the most vulnerable. Business and cultural shifts placed many organizations on an accelerated and enlightened path of progress that more deeply embraces flexibility and is more respectful of the humanity of individuals in the workforce. Evidence unfolded of the incredible resilience of mankind – with many brave and expert adapters to change, willing to navigate through uncharted and turbulent waters helping



family members, colleagues and friends stay connected, productive, and healthy even as we remained physically separated in an effort to remain safe. Our members have worked to be inclusive, flexible and supportive while assisting others in the Archdiocese to thrive.

Being inclusive, flexible and supportive means remaining firmly rooted and grounded but open to other ways of viewing the world and to seeing the world through the eyes of others.

- It means being willing to recognize and fight brutal racism; and to realize that each of us plays a daily role in tearing down or failing to tear down various types of racism.
- It means presupposing the very best of intentions with every word we hear from others and looking to the future with optimism.
- It means seeking to find the richness in each moment, setting ambitious goals, and believing that the very future of the world depends on what we are doing.
- It means having the vision to see each person's talent, potential and dignity and showing concern for the aspirations, well-being and personal needs of others.
- It means realizing that each person wants and deserves our affection and deserves to be noticed. It means striving to "see" the person in front of you, the whole person as they are, with all of the beauty that entails.
- It means becoming a hero for the immigrant, the down-trodden, the victims of racism, the poor, the imprisoned, the frail, the unnoticed.
- It means championing inclusion and diversity and equity and treating all with dignity and respect each day.
- It means together recognizing and celebrating jobs well-done and approaching all of our tasks and opportunities and new ideas with integrity and with a positive attitude.
- It means realizing that each of us plays an important role in what differentiates what The John Carroll Society and the Archdiocese offers the world and that we are stronger together.
- It means realizing that what we do matters. It matters to our families, our friends, our colleagues, our employers and to our communities.
- It means realizing that the strength of our faith and our relationships and commitments to each other are what prepares us for whatever situations we may need to face as we focus on needs in our current times while imagining the next inspiring future and help to shape it.

The strength and longevity of the John Carroll Society continues because its hopes and dreams remain focused on people. With gratitude for all that you are and all that you do, and to all John Carroll Society members and others who support Archdiocesan ministries in ways large and small.

By Jeff Paravano, John Carroll Society President

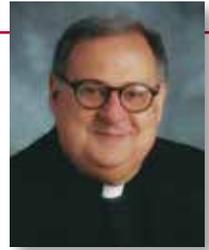


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My dear John Carroll Society Members,

The Easter season liturgically ends each year with the celebration of Pentecost, that solemnity when we annually celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. In its deepest sense, however, we have been celebrating the passion, death, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit for fifty days.

In this Easter season, we have been uniquely celebrating the love of Jesus and the love of the Father and their Holy Spirit.

For sure, we celebrate a new source of energy for us. That source is the Holy Spirit, the permanent gift of Easter, the Pentecost gift. It is that source that makes it possible for us to love one another from the heart and in a sacrificial way. St. Paul makes it clear in His letter to the Romans: “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Rom 5:5) What an incredible gift of God!

During this unique and challenging time of pandemic, when our world has changed so very much and it has affected each and every one of us uniquely and continually, we turn to our faith. The Lord awaits us and reaches out to us. Above all, we turn to the Eucharist, the Risen Jesus, and the love that is poured into our hearts. How blessed we are to have the Eucharist, that most unique gift that is ours as members of the Body of Christ!

Gradually, we see our churches filling up again. It will take time but the Eucharistic Lord awaits us. He is never outdone in His love for us. He awaits us. He so loves each of us.

In a certain way, precisely in the midst of this continuing pandemic, we call from the depth of our hearts for a new Pentecost, or a new experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit into our own lives.

In my book *Meeting God in the Upper Room*, I write: “Recall the experience of your own confirmation, when the gifts of the Holy Spirit you received at baptism were strengthened and enriched with a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. How have you experienced those gifts in your life since that time? For sure, you want those gifts to be renewed in your life! And so we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives: ‘Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.’” (pp 65-66)

God bless you and your families in this wonderful season of grace.

Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi

Chaplain, the John Carroll Society

Celebrating Health Care Professionals With Hope For Better Days Ahead

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Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda on March 14. Sponsored by the John Carroll Society, the 29th annual Mass, held with covid-19 restrictions in place, was also live-streamed for the archdiocese. A recording of the event is available on the society website.

Father Nwabueze noted the past year “has been incredible in many senses” including witnessing a range of emotions, seeing suffering on a whole new level and experiencing joy, through many of the children. “In all this I see the beauty of fellowship, the beauty of the grace of life, and the beauty of the gifts of the sacraments,” said Father Nwabueze.

Earlier Cardinal Gregory welcomed all the participants to Mass describing health care workers as “servants of the sick.” Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent or Laetare Sunday, when priestly

vestments are rose-colored, the Mass invokes God’s blessing on the medical, dental, nursing and allied health care workers and many health care institutions in the archdiocese. In his welcoming remarks, Jeffrey Paravano, Society president noted that “the rose also has come to symbolize life whose precious care is entrusted to the healing professions.”

Cardinal Gregory urged the faithful to use “Lent as a time to reexamine our lives in the bright light of Christ.” It is easy for many to lose heart and become discouraged at the darkness in the world, but “Lent is a time to decide to walk in the radiant light of Christ,” he added.

While the cardinal advised the faithful to “set aside anything that hinders us from walking in the light,” he also praised the John Carroll Society for their service to the archdiocese and health care workers for their “great light and hope to countless citizens – especially now in this time of the global pandemic when the needy became needier.”

“These fine men and women represent the bright light for us and during this pandemic they have increased that light.” Cardinal Gregory said.

Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, pastor of The Church of the Little Flower and chaplain of the John Carroll Society prayed “for the many courageous doctors, nurses, health care workers and chaplains keeping us safe during these challenging times.”

Eileen Moore, physician and chair of the Rose Mass said, “it’s been a very challenging year but with God’s grace and guidance we’re moving through the dark time.” She noted the gifts of prayer, community and fellowship as the recent vaccines offer hope. “Today is a true celebration of all that God has given us,” added Moore who said she has missed Mass over the year of restrictions. “We’ve come through this year incredibly resilient – I recognize that as a gift of God. We’re coming to a wonderful new era.”

By Lynnea Mumola

~ Society Honors Health Care Heroes ~



Gathered following the Rose Mass from left to right are: Eileen Moore, chair, Sister Romana Uzodimma, program manager for Catholic Charities Health Care Network; Charles D. Dietrich, honoree; Dominican Father Raymond Nwabueze, honoree and hospital chaplain; Alan J. Kronthal, honoree representing the Radiology Department of Sibley Memorial Hospital; and Jeffrey Paravano, president. Not pictured are honorees Elizabeth Timbrook Brown, George A. Patterson, and Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Paul Melluzzo.

Following the annual Rose Mass, Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory announced the 2021 Pro Bono Health Care Award recipients including: Elizabeth Timbrook Brown from MedStar Georgetown University Hospital; Charles Dietrich of Charles D. Dietrich Dentistry; George A. Patterson, from George A. Patterson Ophthalmology; and the Radiology Department at Sibley Memorial Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine represented by Alan J. Kronthal, department chair. Dominican Father Raymond Nwabueze, a chaplain at Children's Hospital, received the 2021 Msgr. Harry A. Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry.

In addition Paul Melluzzo, from the Spanish Catholic Center and Sibley Memorial Hospital John Hopkins Medicine received the 2021 James Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Service Award. In the late 1980s Washington Cardinal James Hickey co-founded the Catholic Charities Health Care Network. Last year the network of more than 200 medical and dental health care specialists provided treatment to over 5,600 low-income patients totaling \$15 million in pro bono services.

Melluzzo, currently volunteers at the Spanish Catholic Center where he has since his retirement in 2006. A native of Connecticut, Melluzzo, completed an internship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston before serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. Later he came to Georgetown University for a surgical residency eventually joining the Department of Surgery faculty there. Additionally in 1978 he co-founded Foxhall Surgical Associates. He served as program director of the surgical residency at Georgetown and practiced there until 1992 when he joined the Surgical Department at Sibley Hospital. Throughout his entire career in Washington, Melluzzo provided care to the indigent, many referred by the network.

George Patterson completed his education at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Kentucky Medical School. He also served two years active duty as an aviation medical officer following an internship at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in 1979. A residency in ophthalmology at the Washington Hospital Center followed. In addition to his solo practice, currently Patterson volunteers at the center where he teaches resident physicians in a half day of training each month. Patterson has served many poor

and uninsured patients suffering from eye disease and has been providing pro bono ophthalmology care for patients of the network for several decades.

Elizabeth Brown is an assistant professor of urology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and the program director for the urology residency. She was recently named as the 2019 American Urologic Association Gallagher Health Policy Scholar and one of Washingtonian Magazine's Top Doctors, 2018, 2019. Brown specializes in the medical and surgical management of urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, neuro-urology and urodynamics, and pelvic floor reconstruction in both men and women.

A native of Washington, Charles Dietrich began practicing general dentistry in 1977. He has participated in missions to the Dominican Republic and also Native American Indian Reservations in South Dakota and Minnesota. Dietrich became a volunteer at the Spanish Catholic Center Dental Clinic in 1987 and continues to provide pro-bono dentistry a half-day each month. Dietrich converted to Catholicism as a young adult and is a parishioner of St. Raphael's Church where he has served as a Eucharistic minister since 1989.

Hailing from Baltimore, Alan Kronthal became chairman of the Department of Radiology at Johns Hopkins Radiology-National Capital Region in 2017. The department offers many pro bono services to patients of the network. These imaging services include conventional x-rays, ultrasound, mammography, dexa scans, nuclear medicine, interventional radiology, PET scans, MRI scans and CT scans.

After witnessing several tragedies within his own family while growing up in Nigeria, Dominican Father Raymond Nwabueze entered pre-medical studies following in the footsteps of his mother and older siblings – all nurses. However, the priest said he soon felt drawn to the life and work of St. Dominic. The winner of this year's ministry award said he was eventually called to the priesthood where he currently serves as a hospital chaplain. Father Nwabueze said his ministry in health care allows him the blessing of being "present physically, emotionally and spiritually." He also currently serves as the mission director and chaplain for the Dominican Province of Nigeria and is active in fundraising for the mission work of the Dominican Province in the Caribbean.

Photo by Christopher Newkumet

Higher Education Paramount in Advancing Common Good Says Keynote Speaker

President of Georgetown Virtually Addresses Society

Speaking a few days after a mob attacked the U.S. Capitol in a failed effort to halt the certification of the Electoral College victory of President Joe Biden, the president of Georgetown University reflected on the role of higher education in restoring commitment to the common good.

“An educated citizenry is essential to our democracy. We must remember this and commit to our young people,” President John J. DeGioia told over 170 participants gathered online for the January Lecture. “Just days ago we faced a violent attack on the U.S. Capitol – a reprehensible attempt to undermine our democratic process and the work of our Congress.”

Urging a return to formation, inquiry and the common good DeGioia outlined the basic elements of the university. “We have a unique role to play in society” he said. “We are committed to the pursuit of truth.”

The focus must be on the university’s role in returning education to a public good – to “restore the idea of higher education as a shared responsibility of one generation to the next generation,” DeGioia said.

DeGioia referenced the Jan. 6 Capitol attack in his scheduled talk, “Higher Education and Its Place in a Post Pandemic World.” A recording of DeGioia’s Jan. 10 talk is available on the society’s website.

DeGioia, historian of the society, noted the increasing milestones in

hospitalizations and rising number of Americans dying of covid-19 even as “every aspect of daily life has been impacted for almost a full year.”

Drawing on more than four decades in higher education at Georgetown, the 48th president cited the pandemic for two main impacts to higher education: exposing persistent and historical challenges at universities and accelerating change for institutions of higher education.

“One set of persistent challenges so clearly presented throughout this past year is the challenge of racial justice. The pandemic has revealed ever more deeply racial injustice,” DeGioia said effecting Black people of all ages. Black children are more than twice as likely to attend high poverty schools with lower resources, typical White families earn eight times more than typical Black families and in the District of Columbia White men outlive Black men by 15 years. The mortality rate for Black people is 2.5 to 3 percent higher for Black Americans than White Americans, DeGioia added. “Higher education has played a role in trying to address the persistent gaps in the markers of racial injustice,” DeGioia said. “Our work has never been more important.” The path forward, he said, requires focusing on the three characteristic elements of the university: formation, inquiry and the common good.

Universities need to promote civil engagement and solutions to social inequities while preparing a workforce and developing citizens for the common good, the administrator explained.



President John J. DeGioia, 48th president of Georgetown University and historian of the society speaks during the January Lecture.

Students need to be engaged in various approaches to knowledge, identifying patterns, making connections, and shown ways of an authentic life. This includes freedom so students can achieve such authenticity, DeGioia added.

At the end of the presentation, DeGioia took questions and said that while the past 11 months of the pandemic taught him many new skills, he also came to realize the incalculable worth of the on-campus experience. “I can’t wait to get everybody back here for the campus experience,” he said.

Earlier Msgr. Peter Vaghi, chaplain of the society reminded participants of God’s revelation of His “only Beloved Son” during Jesus’ Baptism. “It’s a great privilege to pray this morning – with all of us – to pray in special fashion for our nation and these challenging times in which we live.”

“Keep us your children – born of water in the Spirit – faithful to our calling, especially our calling to holiness,” the chaplain prayed, “a call that we received on the day of our Baptism.”

By Lynnea Mumola

MEMBER NEWS



■ **Elizabeth Meers**, former president of the John Carroll Society, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America.

■ Member **Robert Lannan**, the owner of Lannan Legal PLLC, in Washington, D.C. is celebrating the tenth anniversary of his firm.

■ **Kathy Kelly** has been named director of the Maryland chapter of Democrats for Life of America.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following members and friends of the John Carroll Society:

David Asdorian
Deb Bertacchini
Michael Bradshaw
David Buttross

Mary Ann Clancy
Martha Finney
Edward Grenier
Janice Heisey
John Hurley

Christine Leon
Evangeline Nwozuzu
Michael O’Farrell
John Sweeney



Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, chaplain; honoree and keynote speaker Sister Donna Markham; Honoree Carol Bates; Honoree Msgr. John Enzler; Honoree Msgr. Stephen Rossetti; and Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory online during the awards ceremony.

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the country to attend the University of Toronto in Canada. "All of this added momentum to my desire to somehow be able to make a difference for good in our world," Sister Markham said. "I wasn't sure what that meant, but I know I was clearly in my search for what was true, and good, and holy."

The former Prioress General of the Adrian Dominican Congregation, Sister Markham earned a doctorate in clinical psychology and led the Southdown Institute in Ontario, Canada – treating clergy members and religious suffering from serious emotional illness. Before her position at Catholic Charities USA, Sister Markham served as president of the Behavioral Health Institute for Mercy Health System, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Taught by theologians following Vatican II, trained as a Dominican to preach God's word and guided by the mission of the Dominican Sisters to work together in love to bring about Jesus' justice and peace, Sister Markham continues to live out her vocation. "The benefit of such an education resulted in an openness and deepening sense of tolerance and passion to meet the world with all of its challenges and wonders – in all of its contradictions and messiness," she said.

The society selected Sister Markham to receive the award "for the example you set of a mission driven life," said Jeffrey Paravano, president and master of ceremonies for the evening. "Thank you for all that you do and the inspiration and leadership you provide."

Following Sister Markham's address, the society also honored: Msgr. John Enzler, president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington; Carol Bates, immediate past president; and Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, faculty at the Catholic University of America and chaplain to the 2019 World Champion Washington Nationals. "Each of our awardees has followed the advice of Cardinal Wilton Gregory to share gifts,

pursue justice and to reach out and be one with those on the margins," said Paravano.

"It is fitting this evening that we honor the leaders of Catholic Charities on both the national and the Washington Archdiocesan level" Paravano added in his introduction of Msgr. Enzler, former pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. In his brief message, the priest said the honor was not so much for him but for the work of both Catholic Charities of the archdiocese and the John Carroll Society. "I am most proud that we're doing such great work together for those in need. What a gift it is to serve the Lord through direct services," Msgr. Enzler said.

The society honored Carol Bates, the immediate past president for her faithful service and witness in daily life. "Being president of the John Carroll Society was a great joy and honor in my life," Bates said. "I so look forward to opportunities for fellowship in-person with all of you in the very near future."

Since 2009 Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, a professor at Catholic University served as chaplain to the Washington Nationals. Previously Msgr. Rossetti served as president and CEO of St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring. Paravano said the John Carroll Society is honoring the priest "for the care you have given to your fellow priests and religious, the wisdom and insight you have provided the Church, and the guidance you have provided in the community including the Washington Nationals team members."

Thanking the society and donning a World Series Championship ballcap, Msgr. Rossetti recalled the celebration following the victory on the field. "In 2019 with our World Series win was a special moment for the Washington Nationals and this entire city," Msgr. Rossetti said.

He praised the society for their work adding, "Thank you for helping and reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need."

Each year members raise money for the Agnes E. and Joseph P. Vaghi Scholarship for students attending Archbishop Carroll

High School, N.E. This year's scholarship winners include: Harold Ashton; Malachi Baker; Alexa Desormeaux; Jude Muraya and Cynthia Pattison.

Additionally, students at Catholic high schools are invited to enter the Margaret Mary Missar/John Carroll Society High School essay contest. A special video category was added for the first time in 2021, the 25th year that the Society has conducted the contest and awarded the Missar/JCS scholarships. The 2021 competition drew 138 submissions from students attending 10 Catholic schools reflecting on the theme, "Made in God's Image: Pray and Work to End the Sin of Racism."

In his first-place essay, Sean Morgenstern from DeMatha Catholic High school noted: "When individuals unite with others through the Church to call for justice and take action in helping the marginalized, racism ends. As Christians we are called to do this. This is the challenge of our lifetime that God has charged us to be part of the solution; let us accept His charge with humility and love."

The winning essays include: first place, Sean Morgenstern, DeMatha High School; second place, Eden Friedman, Academy of the Holy Cross; third place Alika D'Souza, and Elena Hicks both from Academy of the Holy Cross; and honorable mention, Sydney Campbell, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cate Beggy and Mackenzie Hoefler both from Academy of the Holy Cross. The winning videos were: first place, Ijeoma Okere, Archbishop Carroll High School; second place, Emily Micklos, Academy of the Holy Cross; third place, Amara Alexander, Academy of the Holy Cross, and Zenobia Bey-Braye, Archbishop Carroll High School; and honorable mention, Alaina Wheeler, Gabrielle Davis both of Archbishop Carroll High School, and Mary Celeste, Academy of the Holy Cross.

The awards ceremony, winning essays and video can be accessed on the John Carroll Society website: www.johncarrollsociety.org.

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BOOK REVIEW by *Ted Hirt*

Pope Francis’s Challenge to our Secular World

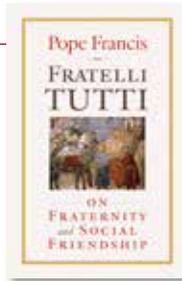
Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti of the Holy Father Francis on Fraternity and Social Friendship (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Twenty-Third Publications, 2020, \$ 9.95)

Today’s world is marked by secularization and alienation—trends worsened during the COVID pandemic. In his 2020 encyclical letter, known as Fratelli Tutti (“Brothers All”), Pope Francis challenges the world to embrace a vision of “human fraternity and social friendship.” Here, I summarize some of the principal themes.

The words Fratelli Tutti derive from a counsel of Saint Francis, who urged a love that would transcend the “barriers of geography and distance.”

Pope Francis asserts, however, that many trends hinder the “development of universal fraternity.” These include, globalization that makes us “more alone than ever in a world that promotes individual interests, and a loss of a sense of history and an abandonment of traditional cultures.” He criticizes a “profit-based economic model” and a “consumerist” philosophy that may be indifferent to human needs. He also criticizes ideologies that undermine and divide the communal sense of civil society.

Despite “these dark clouds,” paths of hope exist. Ironically, the pandemic has enabled us to appreciate those around us “who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line.” Pope Francis invokes the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) in which a man assaulted by thieves



gets no care or attention from two passersby – a priest and a Levite – but ultimately is rescued by a Samaritan. One lesson from this parable is that a community “can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others,” who reject a society of “exclusion,” and who try to help the “fallen for the sake of the common good.” This means that we must “move beyond

ourselves” and support the dignity and worth of every human person.

Pope Francis gives recommendations on how these goals might be achieved, with quotations and citations from his prior writings. Developed countries should take better account of the needs and values of the developing world, and business and commerce should find the best technological means of multiplying goods and increasing wealth, focused on the value of others, not simply profits. Pope Francis decries continued wars and capital punishment. He urges better “communion” within each community and society, and among nations, and he warns against simplistic solutions offered by both socialist and populist ideologies. Instead, we should adopt a “healthy politics” that emphasizes “working for a social and political order whose soul is social charity.”

We must “open a respectful dialogue” and “cultivate kindness” and not fall into “consumerist individualism.” That dialogue, however, must respect the “inalienable dignity” of every human being. As believers within the Church, we can build fraternity and advance justice, knowing that “our witness to God benefits our societies.” Fratelli Tutti is a challenge for us to be Good Samaritans in our daily lives.