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63RD ANNUAL RED MASS

Holy Spirit Can Bring Unity to Language and Law

Those entrusted with the administration of justice should use language in a wise and prudent manner to help bring unity to the American people, the Archbishop of Atlanta said during his homily at the John Carroll Society's 63rd Annual Red Mass.

Among the congregation present for Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory's homily at the October 4 Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle were Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justices Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas. Also in attendance were Attorney General Loretta



Washington Archbishop Cardinal Donald Wuerl greets Chief Justice John Roberts on the steps of the Cathedral of St. Matthew following the Society's 63rd Annual Red Mass on October 4.

Lynch and White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough.

Washington Archbishop Cardinal Donald Wuerl was the main celebrant of the Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, which is held on the Sunday before the first Monday in October, when the U.S. Supreme Court begins its annual term.

Archbishop Gregory's homily, based on the first reading about the Tower of Babel, was a reflection on the power of language to bring about either unity or division.

"It is the mission of those involved in the administration of justice to help us all to understand the meaning of the words of

the law and their consequences for the common good," he said.

Those who work in law must strike a "careful balance" in safeguarding the rights of all people, Archbishop Gregory said.

"Our national identity has been forged by bringing a great multiplicity of peoples, cultures, and political opinions into harmony," he said.

In particular, Archbishop Gregory noted, the interpretation of laws "always must include the very basic right to religious freedom." The legal system depends on a "benign and positive relationship between religion and our nation's branches of government."

While God confused human languages at the Tower of Babel when people challenged His authority, "Pentecost was the corrective to Babel," Archbishop Gregory said.

"The outpouring of the Holy Spirit allowed people from many different cultures and nations to understand one another and to grasp the truth that is perfectly fulfilled in Christ Himself," he said.

The Red Mass – which takes its name from the red vestments clergy wear during the Mass to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit – has been sponsored by the Society at the Cathedral of St. Matthew since 1953. Its purpose is to invoke God's blessing on those responsible for the administration of justice.

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JANUARY BRUNCH

President of Jesuit Conference to Speak at January Brunch

The president of the Jesuit Conference, which promotes common goals and oversees international projects for the Society of Jesus in the United States, will be the guest speaker at the brunch following the Baptism of the Lord Mass on January 10.



Father Timothy Kesicki

Father Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ, is a Pennsylvania native who previously served as provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus. In his current role as president of the Jesuit Conference,

Fr. Kesicki works with the eight American Jesuit provincials in implementing national programs, represents the Conference internationally, and serves as the religious superior of national Jesuit ministries. He has also served in Jesuit high schools and in the Jesuit Refugee Service.

The Baptism of the Lord Mass and Brunch is celebrated by the John Carroll Society annually on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was baptized by St. John the Baptist in the River Jordan and which serves as the conclusion of the Christmas season.

JCS chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass, which begins at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church. The brunch that follows at the Hotel Monaco traditionally focuses on members of the academic community.

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan

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Fall Retreat is a Journey to Joy

Almost 80 JCS members and guests gathered November 7 at the Society's 18th annual Fall Retreat at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg together with Chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi. Msgr. Andrew Baker, the new rector of the seminary, was principal celebrant at the Mass and gave an inspiring homily. In addition to Mass, a Penance Service, and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the group shared two meditations by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, author of *The Joy of Priesthood* and *Born of the Eucharist*. Msgr. Rossetti's theme for the retreat, "Finding Joy in Our Secular Age," called us to reflect on our journey into joy.

Reminding us that sin creates its own hell, and that closeness with God provides the only true joy and real happiness, Msgr. Rossetti stressed his Ten Steps of our Journey Into Joy: Cease Any Serious Sin; Renew the Sacrament of Penance; Pray More; Dive Deeply Into the Eucharist; Nourish Good Friendships; Love the Church; Practice Gratitude; Embrace Your Crosses; Relax and Trust; and Abandon Yourself to God.

By Fred Murray

NEW JCS MEMBERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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December 5, 2015

ST. NICHOLAS MASS AND GIFT DRIVE

The Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, 5 p.m. Mass

Principal Celebrant: Bishop Mario Dorsonville. Reception and visit with St. Nick to follow in Parish Hall

January 10, 2016

JANUARY MASS AND BRUNCH ON THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

St. Patrick's Church, Washington, DC, 10 a.m. Mass

Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi. Brunch following Mass at the Hotel Monaco, 700 F Street, NW.

Brunch Speaker: Rev. Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ, President of the Jesuit Conference

February 26-27, 2016

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saint John Paul II National Shrine & Washington Retreat House

Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 8:45 a.m.

Retreat Director: Rev. Msgr. Paul McPartlan, STL, D.Phil.

March 6, 2016

25TH ANNUAL ROSE MASS

Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Principal Celebrant and Homilist: His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl

Luncheon to follow in Parish Hall with the JCS Pro Bono Health Care Service Awards.

April 15, 2016

30TH ANNUAL DINNER

The Four Seasons Hotel, Washington, DC, 6:30 p.m.

December 2015 through June 2016

FIRST THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi

Topic: Mercy

Every first Thursday at the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda

Theological Reflection at 7 a.m. (following 6:30 a.m. Mass) in the Rectory Meeting Room

Pro Bono Legal Service Awards Celebrated on Heels of Papal Visit

A local law professor and two law firms were recognized with the John Carroll Society's 2015 Pro Bono Legal Service Awards at a brunch at the Capitol Hilton on October 4 following the 63rd Annual Red Mass.

The awards honor those who have donated their time and expertise to the Catholic Charities Legal Network, which includes about 625 attorneys from 60 law firms who serve on behalf of those in need of legal assistance. In the last year, the network has donated \$1.8 million in pro bono legal services.

Frances C. DeLaurentis, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, received the award for her work with Georgetown Law students to create handbooks providing basic procedural and substantive information for pro bono attorneys conducting in-person intake at the Legal Network. She and her students are now working on the next series of handbooks.



JCS president Thomas Loughney, Georgetown Law professor and awardee Frances DeLaurentis, Red Mass chair Kristine Dunne, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, and chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi are pictured after DeLaurentis was awarded one of the 2015 Pro Bono Legal Service Awards.

"I'm very humbled by the award," DeLaurentis said. "It's my students who did most of the work. I think of it as their award."

The law firm of Keller and Heckman LLP was honored for its work providing volunteer attorneys who conduct in-person client intake at the Legal Network. The firm often staffs extra shifts to assist clients and often sends volunteer attorneys on short notice to the Legal Network's office when help is needed.

"We think it's important to give back to the community," said Danny Rubenstein, one of the Keller and Heckman attorneys who accepted the award on the firm's behalf. "We're happy to have the opportunity to do this."

The law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP



Attorneys Douglas Behr and Daniel Rubenstein (second and third from left) of the law firm of Keller and Heckman are joined by Loughney, Dunne, Cardinal Wuerl, and Msgr. Vaghi after receiving one of the 2015 Pro Bono Legal Service Awards.

received the award in recognition of its service to the Legal Network since its inception in 1989. Currently, firm attorneys staff telephone client intake on a weekly basis and many have accepted pro bono cases from the network over the years. Steptoe & Johnson attorneys have served for many years on the Legal Network's Advisory Council, and the firm has been a generous financial supporter as well.

"Steptoe & Johnson is honored to receive this award," said Jim Rocap, the chair of the firm's public service committee. "The Archdiocesan Legal Network is a critical part of providing access to justice for the under-served in Washington, DC, and we are proud to support it through the volunteer work of our dedicated attorneys."

Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, who preached the homily at the Red Mass preceding the brunch, was awarded the John Carroll Society Medal for his service throughout his long ministry.

Both JCS Chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi and Red Mass chair Kristine Dunne noted the special gift of celebrating the Red Mass and Brunch just ten days after Pope Francis' visit to Washington, DC. "We all enjoyed...a national retreat with



Attorneys John Kavanagh and James E. Rocap III (second and third from left) of the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson are joined by Loughney, Dunne, Cardinal Wuerl, and Msgr. Vaghi after receiving one of the 2015 Pro Bono Legal Service Awards.

our Holy Father's incredible visit to our city," Msgr. Vaghi said.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl offered his personal reflections on the papal visit – which he dubbed "Scenes from the Popemobile" – during his remarks at the close of the brunch.

Many encounters between the pope and the people made a deep impression on Cardinal Wuerl, he said. Pope Francis' meeting with students outside

the Apostolic Nunciature, his waving to crowds along the Mall, his visit with homeless men and women at Catholic Charities, his time with young men and



Cardinal Donald Wuerl shares reflections on the visit of Pope Francis to Washington, DC during his remarks at the Red Mass Brunch at the Capitol Hilton on October 4.

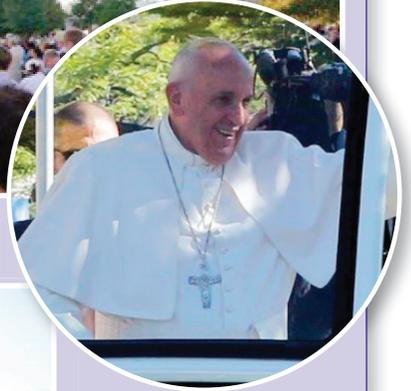
women in formation for religious life, his visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor, and his visit to the St. John Paul II Seminary were all experiences of grace and genuine encounter, he said.

In particular, Cardinal Wuerl said he was moved by the Mass of Canonization of St. Junipero Serra that Pope Francis celebrated on the steps of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

"It's a moment I will cherish forever," Cardinal Wuerl said of having the first pope from the New World celebrate the first canonization on American soil in Washington, DC.

"It was a blessed time for all of us," the cardinal said of the Holy Father's visit. "He simply showed us the face of the Lord Jesus in human form."

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan



JCS Members Witness History at Papal Mass

About 100 John Carroll Society members were part of history on September 23 when they served as volunteers at the Mass of Canonization of St. Junipero Serra celebrated by Pope Francis during his three-day visit to Washington, DC.

It was Pope Francis' first public Mass in the United States, as well as the first canonization to take place on American soil. Despite earlier predictions of rain, it was a beautiful day with blue skies. About 30,000 people

attended the Mass on the grounds of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Volunteers arrived early – around 7:30 a.m. for the 4:15 p.m. Mass. JCS volunteers

spotted each other in the crowds before the metal detectors and chatted while waiting to go through the security lines. After security, they picked up their badges and blue volunteer shirts and reported to their duty stations. It was the second time in recent years that the Society has been privileged to assist in a papal visit. Dozens of JCS members volunteered at Pope Benedict XVI's 2008 Mass at Nationals Park.

For the canonization Mass, Kevin McIntyre, Dave Matuszewski, Colleen Mudlaff, and Kathleen Paravano worked at the command center, where they provided relief and support wherever



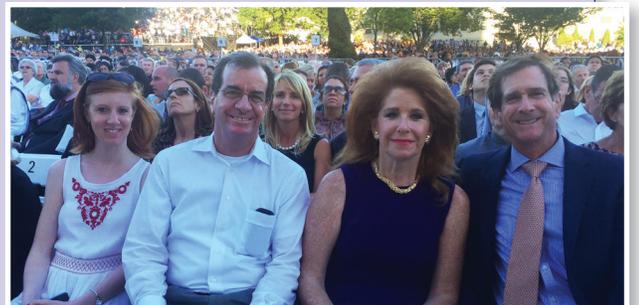
there was a need. Among the many jobs they did were to take tickets, distribute goody bags, take water to various stations, and answer any questions visitors might have. Others – including Kristine Dunne, Greg Grant, Eddie O'Connell, and Ben Allen – served as ushers, taking tickets, answering questions, and helping people find their seats.

Even from the earliest hours of the day, people were excited and full of energy. The sense of anticipation continued to build as the first waves of ticketed attendees arrived in the late morning and began milling about. Groups of religious men and women were everywhere.

"I was struck by the diversity of the crowd," observed volunteer Dave Matuszewski. "There were people from all races, nationalities, and economic backgrounds. The strong and the weak. The rich and the poor. The famous and the marginalized. The very young and very old. All wishing to share with Pope Francis their love of God."



Jumbotrons placed outside the Basilica allowed the waiting congregation to keep track of Pope Francis and see him up close throughout the day. When he waved to crowds on the way into the Cathedral of St. Matthew to address the U.S. bishops, people cheered. When he arrived at the Basilica steps that afternoon, people went wild. He made a circuit around the campus in the Popemobile before entering the Basilica. Some volunteers were close enough to take excellent photos, some of which are on the JCS website.



The highlight of the day was the Mass itself, which celebrated the canonization of Father Serra, an 18th-century Spanish Franciscan friar who served as a missionary to Native Americans in California. In his beautiful homily, Pope Francis invoked Father Serra's motto: Siempre adelante! Keep moving forward! Pope Francis encouraged us to go out and proclaim the good news, to all nations, and to every people.

By Susan Allen

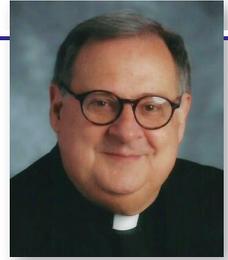


Photo by Eddie Arossi

My dear John Carroll Society Members,

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2015 and conclude on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.

In this brief reflection, I thought I would focus on Jesus Christ, the face of the Father's mercy, the face of the Father who is "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4). Hopefully this reflection will begin to unravel a deeper understanding of the meaning of mercy.

At the outset, I wish to refer to the well-known call of St. Matthew to be an apostle of Jesus. It is a significant text found at Mt 9:9-13. In that scripture text, we read simply that Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his customs post. Seeing him, he said to him, "Follow me." Scripture tells us that he got up and followed him without hesitation.

Now you might rightly ask where is the evidence of mercy in the calling of Matthew by Jesus? The medieval churchman, St. Bede the Venerable, commenting on this specific Gospel text, wrote: "Jesus saw Matthew not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of men" and chose him ("miserando atque eligendo" – by having mercy and by choosing). He wrote that Jesus saw Matthew, in effect, through the eyes of mercy. Matthew's acceptance was evidence of a conversion of sorts in the face of the merciful glance of Jesus. He abandoned his earthly wealth and his position as a tax collector to follow Jesus immediately. "By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, [Jesus] instructed him to walk in his footsteps," wrote St. Bede. "In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift." He thus had a conversion experience spurred on by the merciful glance of Jesus directed to him.

Properly understood, then, mercy is the face of God's love as it makes contact with one in need, each one of us from time to time, and triggers a conversion, a turning of our hearts and mind more and more to Jesus Himself.

Pope Francis would later write that this expression of St. Bede "miserando atque eligendo" (by having mercy and by choosing) "impressed me so much that I chose it for my Episcopal motto." (MV 8) In fact, in Cuba on the feast of St. Matthew a couple months ago, in his homily,

Pope Francis, speaking of the apostle Matthew said: "After the Lord looked upon him with mercy, he said to Matthew: 'Follow me.' Matthew got up and followed him. After the look, a word. After love, the mission. Matthew is no longer the same; he is changed inside. The encounter with Jesus and his loving mercy has transformed him. He leaves behind his table, his money, his exclusion. Before, he had sat waiting to collect his taxes, to take from others; now, with Jesus he must get up and give, give himself to others. Jesus looks at him and Matthew encounters the joy of service."

The Pope also said in that famous interview with Antonio Spadaro, S.J.: "I always stayed in [the neighbourhood of] Via della Scrofa [in Rome]. From there I often visited the Church of St. Louis of France, and I went there to contemplate the painting of 'The Calling of St. Matthew,' by Caravaggio. (It is a masterpiece.)

"That finger of Jesus, pointing at Matthew. That's I. I feel like him. Like Matthew." Here the pope becomes determined, as if he had finally found the image he was looking for: "It is the gesture of Matthew that strikes me: he holds on to his money as if to say, 'No, not me! No, this money is mine.' Here, this is I, a sinner on whom the Lord has turned his gaze. And this is what I said when they asked me if I would accept my election as pontiff." It was the gaze of mercy that turned his heart.

The scriptures are clearly full of many examples of the merciful and compassionate embrace of Jesus and his taking pity on those in need. He was, after all, a magnate for sinners and the sick and the infirm throughout His entire public ministry. In fact, many examples are from the Gospel of St. Matthew, Matthew himself who experienced the merciful gaze of Jesus.

May each of us during the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy experience abundantly the merciful gaze or embrace of Jesus – He who is the face of the Father's mercy, who is "rich in mercy." And may we share that spirit of mercy with those we meet and serve in all we do and say.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi

Chaplain, John Carroll Society



Photo by Christopher Newkumet

Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory delivers the homily at the John Carroll Society's 63rd Annual Red Mass on October 4 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, where he spoke of the need to use language to build unity.

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The Red Mass originated centuries ago in Rome, Paris, and London and was first held in the United States in 1928 in New York City. The tradition has spread to communities throughout the United States.

Among those concelebrating this year's Red Mass were Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, and Archbishop Carlo Maria

Viganò, the apostolic nuncio to the United States. Also present were Archbishop for the Military Services Timothy P. Broglio, Bishop of Arlington Paul S. Loverde, Washington Auxiliary Bishops Martin D. Holley, Barry C. Knestout, Mario E. Dorsonville and JCS Chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi.

Additional attendees at this year's Mass included members of Congress, the presidents of local Catholic universities, the deans of area law schools, various federal, state, and local judges, practicing attorneys, and law students.

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan

MEMBER NEWS



■ **Marjorie Mack** celebrated her 100th birthday on October 31. She was honored at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill on November 1.

■ Several Society members were honored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington at its annual volunteer recognition event. **Judge John Facciola** received the Caritas Award for Empowerment for his work with the Tenant Empowerment Network Volunteer Financial Mentors. **Kathleen Asdorian**



received a Volunteer of the Year Award for her work in the finance department of Central Services. **Judge James Belson** represented volunteers of the SHARE Network in receiving the Special Anniversary Award.

■ **Anthony DeFelice** and **Kristen Breslin** welcomed daughter Kara Anne DeFelice on September 1. Kara weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 ¼ inches long.



■ **Rachel D. Burke**, a partner at Furey, Doolan & Abell LLP, and **Dan Hardwick**, a partner at Cozen O'Connor, were recognized in July by *Bisnow* e-newsletter as part of its "DC Trending 40: Top Lawyers Under 40" list.

■ **Will Milligan** ran the Marine Corps Marathon on October 25 as part of a team that raised money for the Archdiocese for Military Services. He completed the course in 4 hours, 7 minutes.



DECEASED MEMBERS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following members of the John Carroll Society:

Mary Ugast

Barbara Colby

Paulette Brooks

Spiro Mouflouze

Francis Allegra

Tim Holden

Jean Abbruzzese

JUDGE FRANCIS M. ALLEGRA, 1957-2015

Longtime Society member **Judge Francis M. Allegra**, known to friends as Fran, died on August 27 after a long battle with cancer. He was 57. A Cleveland native, Judge Allegra was appointed to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims by President Clinton in 1998 and took senior status in 2013. He retired earlier this summer.



Judge Allegra was a devoted JCS member. He served the Society in numerous capacities over the years, including as chair of the Red Mass Committee and the Margaret Mary Missar High School Essay Contest. He was a volunteer at the Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI at Nationals Park in 2008. Judge Allegra is survived by his wife, Regina Esposito, and sons Domenic and Vincent. He is also survived by parents Frank and Mary Allegra and sister Christine Allegra.

TOP OF THE TOWN RECEPTION

Journey of Faith Shared at Top of the Town

Young adult members of the John Carroll Society and guests gathered in Rosslyn on September 16 to enjoy the Society's annual Top of the Town reception. JCS supplied the hors d'oeuvres, the Top of the Town Reception and Conference facility provided the views, and two young Society members provided the conversation.

This year, Mowele and Erik Causey shared their unique faith journey, including Mowele's recent conversion to Catholicism. Mowele was raised as a Lutheran in South Africa, and met Erik, a New Orleans native, while both were working for accounting firm KPMG.



Society president Thomas Loughney, speaker Erik Causey, chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi, speaker Mowele Causey, and organizer Jonathan Diffley share a photo together at the Society's annual Top of the Town reception in Rosslyn on September 16.

The Causeys discussed Mowele's experience converting to Catholicism and how that process inspired Erik to deepen his own faith.

In addition to the opportunity to mingle and discuss, attendees were encouraged to

support the Archdiocese of Washington's "Walk with Francis" campaign, which calls on groups and individuals to perform the corporal works of mercy as a sign of unity with Pope Francis, who visited Washington the following week. Attendees were encouraged to collect socks for men, women and children, which Catholic Charities distributed in the community. The

JCS wishes to thank all those who made this event possible, and look forward to seeing you again next year.

By Jonathan Diffley

Red Mass Chair Values the Community that JCS Offers



Courtesy Photo

Kristine Dunne has worn many hats in her nearly 15 years as a member of the John Carroll Society. She has been active in the younger members fellowship, a grader for the high school essay contest, a volunteer for the annual fall lecture, and a member of the Board of Governors. This year she took on one of the Society's most demanding roles: chair of the Red Mass committee.

"It was incredibly rewarding," Dunne said of the 63rd Annual Red Mass, which was held October 4 and counted five members of the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. attorney general among its attendees. "It takes a village to have the event done in such a wonderful way."

Dunne was for the last several years the head of the Red Mass program, a job she described as an "understudy" for the chair of the Red Mass Committee. Such personal development opportunities are one of the things she values as a JCS member.

"Monsignor Vaghi is wonderful at encouraging people to grow not just in their faith but in the Society and to learn and expand on what their gifts are," Dunne said. "The Society has been incredibly good at... encouraging more people to come through so that you get a lot of different experiences."

Hurricane Joaquin threatened to hit the DC area the weekend of the Red Mass, and the committee was "greatly relieved" when it did not. Dunne praised the homily by Atlanta

Archbishop Wilton Gregory and noted how special it was to hear Cardinal Donald Wuerl share personal reflections of Pope Francis' visit during the brunch.

The Society's focus on offering programs that focus on both faith and intellect are a great way to evangelize Catholics who have fallen away or introduce Catholicism to others in "a gentle way," Dunne said. The chance to grow in knowledge of the Faith within a community of Catholic professionals is what attracted Dunne to the Society in the first place.

"My faith is not just something personal but something communal," she said. "I really do seek out that community to help me in my faith. My parish as well as the Society have given me that opportunity."

Dunne, a parishioner at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, recently started a new job as general counsel of the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School, which offers adult education opportunities to the immigrant community.

Dunne said the job is a great fit for her new vocation as a married woman with a family. She and her husband, Christopher Maher, attended JCS events as some of their first dates. Maher, an attorney Dunne married last year, was a widower with five children and two grandchildren.

"Marriage as well as family has been literally a whole different life for me in a good way," she said. "It shows in stark contrast the different vocations that single life and married life bring, and I've been so grateful for it."

Nats Game Scores a Hit with JCS Members

On July 21, the John Carroll Society hosted its inaugural outing to a Washington Nationals game at Nationals Park. The evening was a rousing success in all but the final score, as 46 JCS members and their guests saw the Nats fall to the upstart New York Mets, 7-2.

Before the first pitch, we were treated to a private meeting with 31-year-old Nats reliever Craig Stammen, who was rehabbing from forearm surgery. Craig spoke eloquently about his Catholic upbringing in rural Ohio, the role of his faith in achieving unexpected baseball success, and the challenges of deepening that faith amid the grind of a major league season. Craig then graciously took our questions on topics ranging from his improving golf game (handicap: 1) to what

he'd be doing if not in baseball (selling farm equipment with his dad back home).

With the kind assistance of JCS member Ray McKenna, founder of the sports ministry Catholic Athletes for Christ, our group received a block of seats beside shallow right field, affording great views of the game action, several pop-up fouls, and the finish line of the 4th inning Presidents Race.

Although a couple of Nats errors enabled the Mets to plate some late runs that ruined our comeback hopes, a fun evening was had by all, including our chaplain, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, and new and former JCS presidents Dr. Tom Loughney and Elizabeth Meers, respectively. Even before the last out, several JCS fans were urging an encore Nats game next season. We hope this event will become a summer JCS tradition.

By Christopher H. Mitchell



Chaplain Msgr. Vaghi and dozens of JCS members gather on July 21 at Nationals Park with reliever Craig Stammen, who spoke to the group about his Catholic faith ahead of the Nats game against the Mets.

Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power

by Cardinal Donald Wuerl (2014, Our Sunday Visitor, \$12.95)

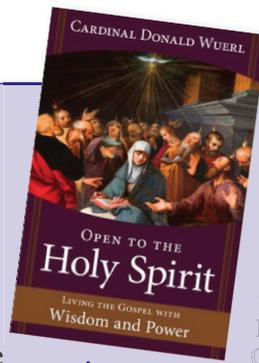
For Roman Catholics – and, indeed, all Christians – who wish to learn more about the Third Person of the Trinity, Cardinal Donald Wuerl has provided a succinct guide to this central aspect of our faith in his book *Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power*.

Cardinal Wuerl addresses questions posed by many, including how the Holy Spirit contributes to our sense of spirituality and faith, and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit complement Christ and His self-gift in the Eucharist. Cardinal Wuerl notes the words of Blessed John Henry Newman: The “Spirit does not take the place of Christ in the Soul, but secures that place to Christ.”

Open to the Holy Spirit proceeds in a straightforward, logical manner. The book begins with the theological foundations of the Church’s faith in

the Holy Spirit; explains the gifts of the Holy Spirit; describes the importance of Confirmation as the sacrament of the Spirit; and includes practical ways we can apply our understanding of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Particularly interesting are the descriptions of the role of the Holy Spirit in the early Church as depicted in the Acts of the Apostles and as recounted by early Church historians. Cardinal Wuerl provides a useful description of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. He also explains that Mary, as Mother of the Church, “teaches her children to be attentive to the Spirit.”

Cardinal Wuerl emphasizes that the Holy Spirit should be viewed as the common principle in Catholic spirituality. The Spirit “impels us to action in the world,”



“binds us in communion to the Catholic Church,” and “teaches us to be transcendent.” As an example, the cardinal urges readers to participate in the New Evangelization, “a re-Christianizing of lands

that have lapsed into secularism.” This challenge includes reminding fellow Catholics of what they already have through the sacraments, and, perhaps more importantly, leading us all to do more to be witnesses to Christ’s proclamation of salvation and His admonitions to serve others.

I strongly recommend *Open to the Holy Spirit* to readers who know little, or a great deal, about the Holy Spirit. At approximately 130 pages, the book is easy to use as a reference, and also as a source of prayer because it includes a prayer of Pope Francis to Mary and an appendix of various devotions to the Holy Spirit. This book can be a source of inspiration and action for everyone.



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