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28TH ANNUAL ROSE MASS

Prelates Assure Healing is Possible Through Christ's Love



Photo by Christopher Newkumet

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport, delivers the homily during the 28th annual Rose Mass on March 31.

Speaking on March 31 during the conclusion of the 28th Annual Rose Mass and Luncheon, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington reflected on the need of the Catholic Church to "follow all of the steps that are a part of healing."

Comparing the medical profession with the Church today, Cardinal Wuerl said just like with a physical illness, "once you know the problem, you can begin the healing." He reminded the faithful of the protections put in place to prevent clergy sexual

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33RD ANNUAL DINNER

Annual Dinner Honorees Model Faithful Living

Heroic virtue is possible for everyone, insisted the co-founder of The Carlyle Group, a global investment firm based in Washington, during a keynote address at the John Carroll Society's Annual Dinner.

"Faith isn't an abstract – we can live it in plain sight every day," said Daniel A. D'Aniello at the 33rd Annual Awards Dinner held on April 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel in northwest Washington. "We, the faithful laity are also called. You can be a saint -- and we are called to be one."

A native of Pennsylvania and graduate of Syracuse University, D'Aniello served in the United States Navy before earning a degree at the Harvard Business School. He served as a financial

officer at both PepsiCo and TWA prior to being named Vice President for Finance and Development at the Marriott Corporation. In 1987 D'Aniello co-founded the Carlyle Group with David Rubenstein and William Conway. Today the group employs 1,725 people, manages \$222 billion in assets and runs 33 offices across six continents. His business partner Conway, who received the John Carroll Society Medal and delivered the keynote address in 2012, introduced D'Aniello.

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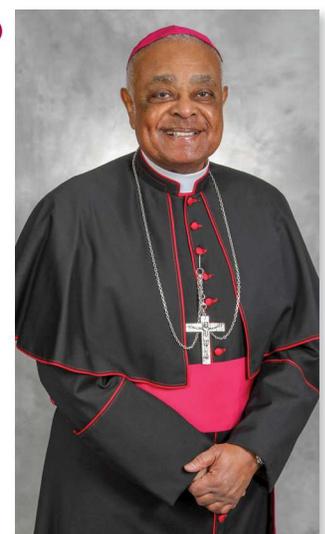


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Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, JCS chaplain and Carol Bates, JCS president, with the 2019 Annual Dinner Honorees. Pictured from left to right: Sister Rosemaron Rynn, retired principal of Little Flower School; Daniel D'Aniello, keynote speaker and co-founder of the Carlyle Group; Jennifer McIntyre with her children accepting the Medal on behalf of her deceased husband, Kevin McIntyre, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Dr. Shannon Gomez, head of school, Connolly School of the Holy Child.

Welcoming the New Archbishop

The John Carroll Society warmly welcomes Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, installed on May 21 as the seventh archbishop of Washington. During the Installation Mass held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States read the decree from Pope Francis formally naming Archbishop Gregory as the ordinary of this archdiocese. Earlier at an April 4 press conference announcing his appointment the archbishop, formerly of Atlanta, said, "Today I humbly begin a new chapter in my life and pastoral ministry as I accept the appointment from Pope Francis to become the archbishop of Washington. This is obviously a moment fraught with challenges throughout our entire Catholic Church, but no more so than here in this local faith community." For a related story about Archbishop Gregory see page 10.



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Annual Lundi Gras Celebrated by Younger Members

Many people are familiar with Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday – the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Although less well-known, many celebrations also take place on Lundi Gras also known as Shrove Monday.

In recent years the John Carroll Society Younger Members meet on Lundi Gras for Mass and fellowship.

On Monday, March 4th, more than 40 current and prospective JCS members began preparing for Lent together. The evening



Father Alec Scott, parochial vicar, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

began with Msgr. Peter Vaghi celebrating Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral. A group dinner followed at K&L Gates LLP, where the participants enjoyed fellowship, and Lenten encouragement from Father Alec Scott, parochial vicar at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

In his uplifting and encouraging talk on having

a fruitful and productive Lent, Father Scott gave participants a new take on how to choose our Lenten fast. Rather than trying to give up an unhealthy habit, he encouraged us to give up something that makes us happy so as to fill that space with God, the true source of happiness. We are grateful to Father Scott for his words of wisdom and hope to welcome back many of the first-time attendees in the future.

By Jennifer Bruneau

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019-20

September 18, 2019

RECEPTION AT TOP OF THE TOWN WITH THE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Top of the Town, Rosslyn, 1400 N. 14th St., Arlington, VA from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Mary Gen Ledecy, mother of Olympic Swimmer, Katie Ledecy.

October 2019 – May 2020

FIRST THURSDAY AND THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP (OCTOBER - MAY)

First Thursday in the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, Md. Theological reflection at 7:00 a.m. following the 6:30 a.m. Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. In addition the same talk will be given every third Thursday at the law firm of Cozen O'Connor P.C., Washington, D.C. at 12:00 p.m. Lunch provided.

Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi

Series Title: "Back to the Basics of Our Faith".

October 6, 2019

67TH ANNUAL RED MASS

The Cathedral of St. Matthew, Washington, DC, at 10:00 a.m. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Brunch to follow at The Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St., NW with the JCS Pro Bono Legal Service Awards.

October 26, 2019

FALL RETREAT

Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD; Bus leaves St. Ann's Church at Tenley Circle, DC at 8:00 a.m.

Retreat Director: Rev. Dennis McManus, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof., Mount St. Mary's Seminary

December 7, 2019

ST. NICHOLAS MASS & GIFT DRIVE

The Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD, 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Reception and visit with St. Nick to follow in Parish Hall.

NEW JCS MEMBERS

As of April 30, 2019

Sean Boland
Anne Dammen Boyden
Robert Costa
Elizabeth Ring
Linda Rowe
George Vassiliou
Sarah Dalton Vassiliou
Sponsor: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi

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Tannia Talento
Sponsor: Mark Cummings

Christopher Themistos
Sponsor: Jeff Mancabelli

Rev. James Van Dyke, S.J.
Sponsor: Carol G. Bates

Brendan P. Welsh
Sponsor: John M. Lynham, Jr.

My dear John Carroll Society Members and Friends,

In our First Thursday/Third Thursday meditations in the last two years, we have focused on the well-known spiritual book of St. Francis de Sales, "Introduction to the Devout Life" published in 1609. It has been a wonderful two years as together members of the Society and friends probed the depth of the spiritual life of St. Francis de Sales and how, in a unique way, it applies to the spiritual journeys of the laity in his day and our own.

In his 5th (and final) part of the Introduction, he suggests and encourages the reader to:

"State openly that you desire to be devout. I do not say that you should assert that you are devout but that you desire to be devout. Don't be ashamed to practice the ordinary, necessary actions that bring us to the love of God. Acknowledge frankly that you are trying to meditate, that you would rather die than commit a mortal sin, that you are resolved to frequent the sacraments and to follow your director's advice, although some times for various reasons it may not be necessary to give his name. This candid confession of our desire to serve God and to consecrate ourselves entirely to his love is most acceptable to his Divine Majesty." (Fifth, #18)

For de Sales, true devotion presupposes love of God and hence in effect it is simply true love of God, of doing all we do out of love of God. This spirituality has been characterized as devout humanism, which means, in his words, some who wish to be angels are not even good at being a good human being. The saint says: "try first at being a good human being." That is why his spirituality is characterized by the practice of "ordinary" virtues that make life pleasant and easy for everyone.

For de Sales, moreover: "True devotion consists in a constant, resolute, prompt, and active will to do whatever we know is pleasing to God." (Fourth # 13)



Photo by Eddie Arrossi

Saint Francis de Sales encourages each of us to continue and persevere in the blessed enterprise of the devout life. And at the end of the book, he states that we "Live Jesus! to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and throughout the endless ages of eternity. Amen.

*A blessed summer and in gratitude to all members of the John Carroll Society, I am,
Prayerfully in the Lord,*

*Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi
Chaplain, the John Carroll Society*

Lend a Helping Hand to Help Fight Hunger



On February 2 members of the John Carroll Society and their families once again joined parishioners of the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda to package thousands of meals for the poor in Burkina Faso. Catholic Relief Services sponsors 80 Helping Hands events throughout the country packaging millions of meals annually. According to Catholic Relief Services the program helps to coordinate volunteers to "come together to learn about the people of Burkina Faso and the hunger they face, to reflect on our Catholic call to address hunger and to have fun packaging thousands of meals that will help save lives."

President of Georgetown Prep Urges a Return to Catholic Imagination



Photos By Christopher Newkumet

John Carroll Society President Carol Bates and Chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi (center) welcome new members to the society on Jan. 13 during the annual January Mass and Brunch.

As a blanket of snow covered the city in silence during Washington's first winter storm of the year, the president of Georgetown Preparatory School suggested a return to wonder and awe. In his keynote address, "The Crying Need for Catholic Imagination," Jesuit Father James Van Dyke urged the society to move minds and hearts of the faithful and join God in setting "an imagination on fire with love."

The administrator delivered the keynote address at the John Carroll Society's January Mass and Brunch, an annual celebration commemorating the end of the Christmas season that this year included a Mass for the Baptism of the Lord held on January 13 at St. Patrick's Church, N.W.

"You may have noticed that our nation, our public discourse, our social media, our larger media, and even our relationships with friends and family and at work have become increasingly polarized and vitriolic. The lens through which our culture seems to read everything is that of suspicion; everyone has a motive, everyone wants something, everyone is hiding something," Father Van Dyke noted.

The priest, who focused his remarks on countering the negativity of the present day did not advocate turning to simpler or better days of the past. "But I do propose that there is something we do need to recover, something that really has been lost, something we need desperately and which our world desperately needs as well," Father Van Dyke added. "And that thing is precisely the awe and

reverence and wonder that our faith proposes."

The priest said in today's polarized world it is way too easy to be a bean-counter and add up all of the problems in the world and in one's personal relationships. He noted the ease of tallying up hardships and varied challenges such as sin, corruption, sickness and poverty. "It takes nothing to read about the criminal and to ache at the damage he has done to his victims. It takes nothing to see how I have failed and how far I am from the people who love me and from God," Father Van Dyke said.

"But it takes enormous imagination, enormous creativity, enormous hope to see that these are each moments of incredible grace, that the realization of sin is an opportunity for reconciliation, that the moments of pain can give rise to compassion, that the less-than-perfect child is an invitation to incredible love, that the worst place we can find ourselves opens the possibility of finding God there."

The same hope which is the path to understanding the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist even in a dark world, the priest added.

According to Father Van Dyke, imagination is more

important than test scores, career prospects, a sense of discipline – while all important, most students also need creativity "to see beyond the awful truths of our world and see all the possibilities, all the hope, that our loving God sees in it — that our loving God sees in us. Because they will need the sense of awe and reverence and wonder that makes life worth living, and people so worth loving, and families worth raising, and marriages worth honoring, and priesthood worth celebrating."

Before being named president of Georgetown Prep in September 2017, Father Van Dyke served as the founding principal at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School and taught English in several high schools in New York. A native of Buffalo, he graduated from Canisius High School there before completing a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English from the University of Virginia. Father Van Dyke received Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from the Weston School of Theology and a Master of Liberal Arts degree from St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1981 and received his Final Vows in 2005.

Immediately following the presentation, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, pastor of Church of the Little Flower, in Bethesda and chaplain of the John Carroll Society awarded Father Van Dyke the organization's John Carroll Medal. "Father Van Dyke gave a new prism in which to see the beauty of our Catholic faith," Msgr. Vaghi said. "In times like this a new prism is helpful, encouraging, faith-building and consoling." Msgr. Vaghi urged the audience to "get our Catholic imagination going. Ordinary time is a great time to deepen our prayers, to deepen our spiritual life – a time to deepen our faith."

The annual January Mass and Brunch is sponsored in conjunction with graduates of the following Catholic colleges and universities: Assumption, Boston

College, Catholic University of America, Fairfield University, Fordham, Georgetown, Holy Cross, Marist, Marquette, Marymont, Notre Dame College of Maryland, Notre Dame College of Ohio, Providence, Trinity,



Jesuit Father James Van Dyke, president of Georgetown Prep delivers the keynote address to society members during the January Brunch. Father Van Dyke spoke on the need for Catholic awe and wonder.

University of Dayton, University of Notre Dame, University of San Francisco, University of Scranton and Villanova. The keynote address often focuses on an area of education while new members to the society are formally welcomed.

Despite the continuing snowfall, over 100 people attended the brunch. For Deidre Hill, a society member and parishioner of St. Patrick's, the keynote "spoke deeply to my experience of being Catholic. We have to take people where they are and grow them where they are," she said.

Carol Bates, society president, said the brunch provides a great time to highlight new members and for Catholic adults to hear from educators. "It was brilliant," Bates said of Father Van Dyke's presentation. The chair of the event, Edward O'Connell described Father Van Dyke's address as "inspiring. It's a great way to end the Christmas season with an exclamation point," O'Connell added.

Earlier against the backdrop of Christmas poinsettias lining the altar at St. Patrick's Church, Msgr. Vaghi delivered the homily for the Mass of the Baptism of the Lord. "By that most memorable and humble action of our God, Jesus makes the waters of Baptism holy and ready for you and me," Msgr. Vaghi said. "Whatever our individual vocation, be it laity, priest or religious, we celebrate and give thanks for our own baptisms on this particular Sunday."

Within the Sacrament of Baptism, the faithful are reborn as a child of God, united to the body of Christ, the Church, and entrusted as a temple of the Holy Spirit, he continued. Sins are removed -- and there is nothing left in the world to halt entry into the Kingdom of God. "By Baptism, a radically different way of living becomes possible," Msgr. Vaghi said. "A new life of grace begins."

Jesus' Baptism -- "his bowing down in a river" offers an "unforgettable example," Msgr. Vaghi said. "Importantly it is you and I whom he identified with in the Jordan River -- people like us then and now -- sinners."

The vocation to holiness offered at Baptism noted the priest, continues and "in the recent words of Pope Francis: 'keeps us from falling into false dichotomies and reductive ways of thinking, and from remaining silent in the face of a climate prone to hatred and rejection, disunity and violence between brothers and sisters.'"

By Lynnea Mumola

MEMBER NEWS



■ Earlier this year John Carroll Society Member Valencia Yvonne Camp was named Director of Special Events and Operations Manager at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

■ This Spring Georgetown University honored Law School alumna April McClain Delaney with the John Carroll Award. The award is given to alumni whose achievements and record of service exemplify the ideals and traditions of the university and its founder, Archbishop John Carroll. Described as "a staunch advocate for women and children" April currently serves as the Washington director and board member of Common Sense Media. For over 25 years she has served in the field of communications law, regulatory affairs and child advocacy.

■ Preeya and Ashok Pinto are blessed to announce the arrival of Joseph Eustace Anand Pinto on March 15, 2019. He joins big sisters Seraphina and Lucy and big brother John.



■ Member Dr. Martha Hogan captured this photograph of David Florenzo at left and David Matuszewski on the right taking flowers home to their wives following the 28th annual Rose Mass Luncheon.



■ The University of the District of Columbia Law school honored Jim Bishop with the UDC LAW Equal Justice Award during this year's graduation.



Bishop, a member since 1986, is the Director of Catholic Charities Legal Network for the Archdiocese of Washington.

■ On Nov. 1 Julie Mediamolle became engaged to Bill Deye. The couple have planned a June wedding this year in New Orleans, hometown of the bride.



DECEASED MEMBERS

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

Julianne Aaron, RN
Joan Byrne
Glenn Mitchell
Suzanne McBride
Joan DeGioia

William Lawler
George Seamands
Kevin McIntyre
Anny Cadena de Perez
Damian Dufour
Rita Grant

Margaret Millea
Peg Colliton
Herbert Harmon
Gerald Sullivan
Patrick McBride

Rose Mass for the Healing Ministry

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington celebrates the 28th Annual Rose Mass sponsored by the John Carroll Society on March 31 at the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda. The Rose Mass, celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent invokes God's blessings on healthcare workers. Cardinal Wuerl is joined around the altar by concelebrating bishops and the society's chaplain. Pictured from left to right: Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. auxiliary bishop of Washington; Bishop Frank Caggiano, bishop of Bridgeport and homilist; Bishops Mario E. Dorsonville and Michael W. Fisher, auxiliary bishops of Washington; and Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, society chaplain. Several priests of the archdiocese also concelebrated the Mass.



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abuse in the future and outlined the continued vigilance needed for healing.

"Our first priority is and must be the pastoral care and outreach to survivors and their families," Cardinal Wuerl said. "We need to accompany them so that they can experience Christ's love and healing. He is the Divine Physician."

The cardinal also warned about complacency – drawing parallels with preventive medicine. "We have to be alert – and the new element today also involves the bishops," Cardinal Wuerl said. "This dimension – the failure of some bishops – is a new manifestation of the wound that requires again careful consideration."

However, the cardinal added, just as doctors today urge their patients to get back on their feet soon, the Church needs to continue moving forward. "The ordinary work of the Church goes on, the work of the laywomen and laymen goes on, and with that comes that healing, that restoration, and with God's grace, that healing will come about."

Earlier Bishop Frank Caggiano, of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn. called on the members of the medical community to do more than heal physical ailments during his homily. "Yours is a vocation to offer healing beyond your wildest imagination – a healing that cannot be realized by your own human skill or power," Bishop Caggiano said. "It is a healing whose wellspring comes from Christ himself."

Referring to the healing of broken hearts, the bishop urged the caregivers to also offer their patients the gifts of God's love and joy. "When anyone enters into the mystery of personal suffering, it is our heavenly Father who stands at the door of our hearts to offer us the assurance of His love that never fails and the accompanying gift of his joy that alone can heal our greatest wounds, the most broken of all hearts, even when suffering will end in physical death."

Additionally, Christ is needed for authentic healing, Bishop Caggiano said. "It is Christ's gift of loving mercy, revealed in his passion and cross, that can enlighten our minds, comfort us in



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At a brunch following the 28th Annual Rose Mass Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington joined the John Carroll Society in recognizing local health care workers for their service to the poor and the sick. From left to right are: Cardinal Wuerl; Dr. Robert G. Donahue, recipient of the 2019 James Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Service Award; Carol Grefenstette Bates, Society president; Dr. Stephen P. Tigani, Dr. Sunnie Kim, and Dr. Angus B. Worthing, all recipients of the 2019 Pro Bono Health Care Award; Dr. Melanie Butross, chair of the Rose Mass committee; Father Klaus Sirianni, chaplain at George Washington University Hospital and recipient of the 2019 Msgr. Harry A. Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry; and Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, Society chaplain.

our doubts, give consolation in our suffering and forgive the burden of our sins."

Bishop Caggiano was joined by Cardinal Wuerl and other concelebrants of the Mass at the Church of the Little Flower including bishops Mario Dorsonville, Roy Campbell, and Michael Fisher, auxiliary bishops of Washington, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, chaplain of the John Carroll Society and pastor of the Church of the Little Flower concelebrated as well.

Moved by Cardinal Wuerl's remarks to 220 participants at the following luncheon, Msgr. Vaghi noted: "The Church and her works of charity continue in good times and bad, where healing is the antidote to ultimate success in our service to those in need."

The John Carroll Society sponsors the Rose Mass annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday, when vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored. The Mass invokes God's blessings on those in the medical, dental, nursing and allied healthcare professions as well as the archdiocese's health care institutions. Following the Mass several local healthcare professionals are recognized with the annual Pro Bono Health Care Awards.

For Father Klaus Sirianni, parochial vicar at St. Stephen Martyr Parish, NW "ministry is wherever you are needed – any place Jesus tells you to go." Since 2005 the priest, a former chaplain in the U.S. Air Force has been serving both the parish community and as chaplain to the George Washington University Hospital.

Father Sirianni, a native of Germany

moved to the United States with his family as a child and became a naturalized citizen and later graduate of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He was ordained in 1978 and served at St. Mary's Parish in Rockville and St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Camp Springs before entering the Air Force in 1982. His active duty posts included North Dakota, Illinois, Texas, and Nebraska and overseas deployments in Panama, England, Germany, Egypt, Tunisia and Bahrain. He retired as a lieutenant Colonel in 2001 and returned to the Archdiocese of Washington where he served as parochial vicar at St. Jane de Chantel Parish in Bethesda until 2005.

The John Carroll Society presented Father Sirianni with the 2019 Msgr. Harry A. Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry for his service as chaplain at the George Washington University Hospital. "I'm honored and surprised," Father Sirianni said. He credited a small team of volunteers from the parish who assist him during the week as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and said the most important aspect of visiting the sick especially those just arrived to the hospital is one's "presence – first and foremost" noting that when someone is ill, "the Church has to come to you."

Doctors Sunnie Kim, Stephen Tigani, and Angus Worthing received the 2019 Pro Bono Health Care Awards for their work with Catholic Charities Healthcare Network. This archdiocesan program pro-

vides specialty health care evaluation and treatment to patients referred by community-based, non-profit primary care clinics. Last year alone doctors volunteering through the network provided over 5,600 office visits, procedures, and complex surgeries with a value of over \$14 million in healthcare services in partnership with three major hospitals.

Dr. Kim is an assistant professor of medicine in the division of hematology and oncology at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. She currently serves as the scientific lead for the study

of stomach and esophageal cancers at Georgetown where her research includes using new immunotherapy combinations in the treatment of gastroesophageal cancer. She later described her work serving immigrants from Central

and South America who have increased rates of stomach and esophageal cancer in addition to the challenges of navigating an unknown country. "The last thing they should worry about is having access to good healthcare," Kim said. She noted that she became involved in the Catholic

Charities Health Care Network through the partnership with MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. "They have a heart for these patients."

Orthodontist Stephen Tigani, a native of Washington attended school at St. Therese of the Little Flower where he and his family still remain active parishioners today. Tigani, a graduate of St. John's College High School and Georgetown University, has been serving the Health Care Network since 1997. Additionally, Tigani served his parish as CYO coach, member and former president of the home and school association, and serving on the



Cardinal Donald Wuerl at far right and Msgr. Peter Vaghi, greet participants following the 28th annual Rose Mass.

Photos by Christopher Newkumet

finance committee, social concerns committee, school advisory board, and parish council. Tigani and his wife Kathy Tigani are raising four children, Elise, Stephen, Lauren and Alexis.

Honoree Angus Worthing, a

rheumatologist and volunteer with the Health Care Network since 2015 said in working with those affected by arthritis, it is especially "gratifying to get people back on their feet." Worthing relocated to the Washington area after graduation from medical school in his home state of

Minnesota. Additionally, Worthing has worked to improve access to rheumatology care through local advocacy and in the past completed public health research in Peru where he learned Spanish. The Catholic Charities Health Care Network is "critical" for those people who don't have access to healthcare. "I encourage all medical providers to get involved as it would shorten the wait period for those needing care."

Named in honor of one of the founders of the Health Care Network, the 2019 James Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Service Award was presented to Robert Donahue. A native of New York, Donahue graduated from the dental school at Georgetown University and began practicing dentistry in 1986. Donahue began pro bono dental work the first day in practice and has provided care to patients from the Catholic Charities Health Care Network, Mount Pleasant Clinic, Somos Amigos, Navajo Reservation, Native American Indian Public Health Service and Missions of Mercy. Donahue and his wife, Kathleen Donahue have four daughters and three grandchildren.

After the luncheon Bishop Michael Fisher, praised the event as "recognizing the healing ministry in the Church – both through the laity and clerics. This Mass recognized healing in our Church today."

By Lynnea Mumola

Members Take Time to Develop Friendship with Christ and Contemplate Purpose of Life During Day of Recollection

On Saturday, February 23, 2019 more than 50 members of the John Carroll Society and their guests attended the annual Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection. This year's day of prayer, reflection and fellowship was held at the Washington Retreat House of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.



Photos Courtesy of the John Carroll Society.

Father Mark Ivany, the Spiritual Director at the St. John Paul II Seminary and Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Washington led the Pre-Lenten day of recollection at the Washington Retreat House of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.

The day-long retreat offered members the chance to prepare for Lent through prayerful silent reflection, the Sacrament of Confession and two contemplative sessions. Participants were guided by Father Mark Ivany, the Spiritual Director at the St. John Paul II Seminary and Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Washington.

Father Ivany led the group in contemplation with this year's theme, "Friendship with Christ: How we come to understand

ourselves and our purpose in life." Retreat participants also attended two Masses celebrated by Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi, society chaplain, and Father Ivany.

The Lenten Day of Recollection is an annual event appreciated by many members. Kathleen Keenan recently com-

mented about the opportunity to pause from busy schedules around Lent. "The poet William Wordsworth wisely wrote, 'the world is too much with us' and that is why I welcomed the opportunity to step away in space and time and embark on my first retreat with the John Carroll Society. It did not disappoint." Consider attending next year's Day of Recollection held annually around the beginning of Lent.

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Conway noted D’Aniello’s generosity and described his friend’s life as an affirmative answer to the question, “If you were accused of being a Catholic would there be enough evidence to convict you?”

Recalling the life of Archbishop John Carroll, D’Aniello urged participants to not be afraid of living a life of faith even in difficult times. “Despite being born into one of the wealthiest families in America, Archbishop Carroll could not escape anti-Catholicism,” D’Aniello said, adding, “to be a devout Catholic in 2019 is to be counter-cultural.”

A veteran of the Vietnam War, D’Aniello received the Lone Sailor Award in 2016 presented by the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation for exemplifying the core values of honor, courage and commitment in life after military service.

D’Aniello, who now serves as chairman emeritus at the investment group, received the John Carroll Society Medal for his witness of faith in the marketplace. “Dan is a dear friend, a man of faith, someone who moves the mission of the Church forward and a person of charity,” Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington said later. “You remind us that we should have a certain awareness of our faith,” Cardinal Wuerl said.

A benefactor to the Church, D’Aniello contributes locally to the St. John Paul II Seminary and the Pope Benedict XVI residence. He has given gifts to over a dozen congregations of religious men



Daniel A. D’Aniello delivers the keynote address at the John Carroll Society’s 2019 Annual Dinner on April 26. The Chairman Emeritus of the Carlyle Group is one of three founders of the international investment firm based in Washington, D.C. A decorated Navy Veteran, D’Aniello was recognized for his personal witness of faith and his generosity to many Church causes over the years.

and women, funded new construction and renovation of churches, housing and assisted living for retired nuns and priests, contributed to Catholic education at every grade level in both the United States and in Africa through scholarship grants, school renovations and construction. “We live in an imperfect world, yet by our faith we should try to make it better,” D’Aniello said. “Christ has already provided for our salvation, so this Easter season set aside fears, be filled with hope, and yes – be not afraid.”

Earlier Cardinal Wuerl, joined Msgr. Peter Vaghi, the organization’s chaplain, in conferring the John Carroll Society Medal to D’Aniello and the other 2019 honorees: Shannon Gomez, Ed.D, head of school, Connolly School of the Holy Child, Potomac; Sister Rosemaron Rynn,

a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Scranton, and retired principal of Little Flower School in Bethesda; and the family of Hon. Kevin J. McIntyre, who lost his battle with brain cancer earlier this year.

Named the 11th head of school at Holy Child, Gomez began her tenure at the all-girls school in 2014 focused on educating and empowering young women. In the past five years Gomez has developed a strategic vision to take the school to 2022, leading the school through two accreditations and a three year “Innovate the Space” campaign to transform various classrooms and community spaces. Gomez and her husband Art are raising six children including a son with Down syndrome while raising awareness to their communities about individuals with disabilities and advocating for their rights. Gomez is especially interested in social justice, curriculum and instruction, school leadership, diversity, race and single-gender education.

A lifetime Catholic educator, Sister Rosemaron Rynn served as principal of the Little Flower School for the last 24 years before retiring in 2018. During her tenure, the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School twice – in 2008 and 2017. The National Catholic Educational Association named Sister Rynn Distinguished Principal of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year. Since joining the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Scranton in 1952 Sister Rynn taught or led Catholic elementary schools in Connecticut, North Carolina, New York and Maryland. Here in the archdiocese she served at Archbishop Neal Elementary School in La Plata, and St. John the Evangelist in Clinton. Currently Sister Rynn continues to live at Little Flower Convent and assists with the school’s alumni relations.

In 2017 President Donald Trump nominated Kevin McIntyre as Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. After his confirmation McIntyre led policy changes to improve the reliability of the nation’s electric grid, enhance the efficiency of its energy markets, and better serve America’s energy consumers. Prior to his role on the commission, McIntyre spent a 30-year legal career specializing in global energy law as a partner at Jones Day in Washington D.C. A longtime member of the John Carroll Society, McIntyre held many leadership positions including as an officer, member of the Board of Governors, Chair and head usher of the Red Mass. Active in his parish, the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington,



Members of the John Carroll Society and friends gather on April 26, 2019 for the 33rd Annual Awards Dinner held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Society draws more than 1,100 members from lay men and women who represent all areas of business and professional life in the metropolitan Washington area. These individuals assist the Archbishop of Washington in his charitable and community projects. In addition to fellowship, the annual dinner serves as the primary source of funding for the Agnes E. Vaghi and Joseph P. Vaghi/John Carroll Society Scholarship inaugurated in 2004. The scholarship provides a \$4,000 annual award for each of six students at Archbishop Carroll High School in northeast. Additionally the winner of the high school essay contest is honored at the dinner along with the guest speaker and individuals living their faith in the public square.

Photo by Christopher Newkumet

Va. McIntyre also had leadership roles in Georgetown Law alumni organizations, the Energy Bar Association and the American Century Theater. He met his wife of 11 years, Jennifer McIntyre through the society and together they were raising three children when about two years ago he was diagnosed with brain cancer. McIntyre died last January and his family accepted the medal in his honor.

In his closing remarks, Cardinal Wuerl credited the honorees and members of the John Carroll Society for “trying to take the faith and put it to work in the service of others.” Speaking of Archbishop Wilton Gregory who was installed as the seventh Archbishop of Washington on May 21, the cardinal said his successor “will find no organization more engaged in the service of the Church and the support of the archbishop” than the John Carroll Society.

Proceeds from the society’s annual dinner are used to fund the Agnes E. Vaghi and Joseph P. Vaghi Scholarship – a \$4,000 award for students at Archbishop Carroll High School in northeast

This year’s awardees are: Paula Marie Valenzuela and Avery Middleton, class of 2020; Maria Gakdeng and Tiffani Pittman, class of 2021; and Abubakarr Tonkarra, class of 2022. Valenzuela, the top student in her junior class attended the dinner with her mother and said “it was a wonderful pleasure receiving this scholarship and representing Archbishop Carroll High School.” Valenzuela said she is interested in pursuing a career in either biology or psychology after graduation and said she is enjoying her time at Archbishop Carroll High School where students are bonded in a close community. “At Carroll family is first - even if they are not related,” she said.

Additionally, the society sponsors an annual essay contest, for students at Catholic high schools with the winner receiving a scholarship award and attending the event. Holly Keegan, a student at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart received first place in the 2019 John Carroll Society Margaret Mary Misar High School Essay Competition. In her essay, “Healing in Hardship” Keegan urges the faithful to turn to the lives of the saints in times of challenge or



Paula Maria Valenzuela, a rising senior at Archbishop Carroll High School at left with her mother, Tess Valenzuela at the 2019 Annual Dinner. Paula Valenzuela, a rising senior at Archbishop Carroll High School and recipient of the Vaghi Scholarship said it was a “wonderful pleasure” to be awarded the scholarship which has helped her achieve the goal of being the top student of her junior class.

despair. “When the corrupt ways of religious leaders cause a mass questioning of faith and of the Church, the faithful must turn away from the human to the divine,” she wrote.

Later Msgr. Vaghi described the event as an “extraordinary night” with “unique speeches given by people who live their faith and want to share their faith in the public forum.”

MEMBER PROFILE

Faith, Prayer, and Community Help Members Become Instruments of Christ on Earth Says New Society President

For incoming John Carroll Society President Jeffrey Paravano, the John Carroll Society is “already incredibly strong and effective at meeting people where they are in life and at working together to build community with a focus on service and outreach.” He expressed “deep gratitude” for the outstanding work of JCS Chaplain Monsignor Peter Vaghi, current President Carol Grefenstette Bates, Executive Director Colleen Mudlaff, and all of the JCS Board members, Officers and Members going back nearly seventy years.



“One of the hallmarks of our namesake, the Jesuit priest John Carroll who served as the first bishop and archbishop in the United States, was humility; along with a recognition that everyone is a leader and everyone leads every day,” Paravano noted. “If we follow the guidance of the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius, to act justly, love loyally, and walk humbly -- and the direction of our new Archbishop, 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 longstanding and impressive work of our predecessors in the John Carroll Society.”

Paravano and his wife Kathleen joined the John Carroll Society when they moved from Cleveland to Washington, DC for the third time in 2009. Their children, Jonathan and

Kathryn, are graduates of Georgetown Prep and Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, respectively, and currently are in college at Georgia Tech and Georgetown University.

Paravano serves as Firmwide Tax Group Chair and as Washington office Managing Partner at the law firm BakerHostetler, and is a graduate of John Carroll University and Georgetown University Law Center. He previously served as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, at the United States Department of Treasury in the George W. Bush Administration. He currently serves

on the Board of Trustees at Georgetown Prep, John Carroll University, the Catholic Business Network of Washington, DC, and the Ethics Research Center, and is national President of the Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network. His wife Kathleen serves as a volunteer and Sonographer at Centro Tepeyac Catholic Women’s Center.

“The strength and longevity of the John Carroll Society continues because its hopes and dreams remain focused on people,” Paravano said. “As we focus with the Archbishop of Washington on needs in our current times while imagining the next inspiring future and help to shape it, we are reminded by the Church that while each of us is imperfect, we also are capable through faith, prayer and community to become instruments of Christ on earth,” he said. Referencing the Jesuit tradition and motto, Paravano added the society is called “to participate in God’s plan of creation by living Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam -- by rising to the challenge of directing our efforts for the greater glory of God and service of others.”

Archbishop Wilton Gregory's Journey of Faith From Chicago to Washington

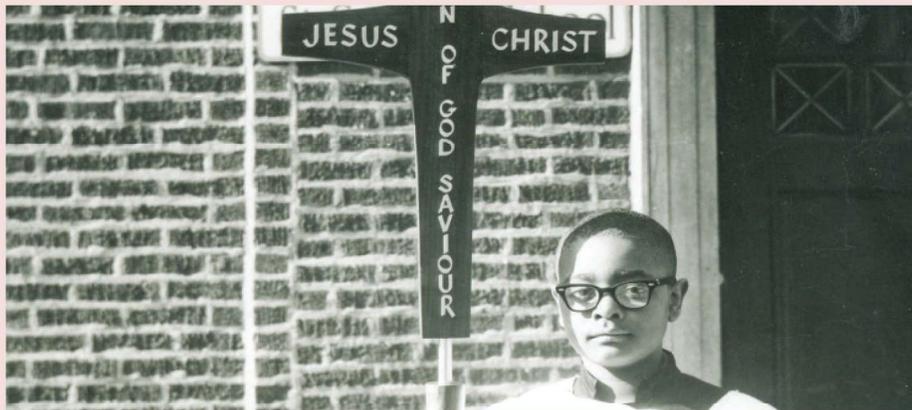
At the April press conference on the morning when Pope Francis had named him as the next archbishop of Washington, Archbishop Wilton Gregory was asked about that new chapter in his life, but also how his own journey of faith had begun, and how he had kept the faith over the years.

In 1958 at the age of 11, he began attending the sixth grade at St. Carthage School in his home city of Chicago. At the press conference, he noted that he was so inspired by the gentleness, compassion and outreach of the parish priests and Adrian Dominican sisters there "that within six weeks of being in Catholic school, and not being from a Catholic background, I said, 'I want to be a priest.'"

Young Wilton Gregory was baptized as a Catholic during the Easter Vigil that school year. His two younger sisters, Elaine and Claudia, also attended that Catholic school. He later entered the seminary and in 1973 was ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he was consecrated as an auxiliary bishop in 1983 at the age of 36, becoming the nation's youngest bishop at that time.

In 1994, he was installed as the bishop of Belleville, Illinois, and from 2001 to 2004 he served as the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, becoming the first convert and first African-American in that role. Under his leadership, the conference implemented the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. From 2005 until his 2019 appointment to Washington, he served as the archbishop of Atlanta, leading that archdiocese through a period of growth.

Archbishop Gregory reflected on the roots of his faith journey in a 2008 column for the Georgia Bulletin news-



Wilton Gregory, who was installed as the new archbishop of Washington on May 21, is shown as a 12-year-old altar server at St. Carthage School in Chicago, which he entered as a sixth grader in 1958. The example of the school's Adrian Dominican sisters and its parish priests inspired him to become Catholic and want to become a priest some day. He was baptized at the Easter Vigil there in 1959, at the age of 12. (Georgia Bulletin photo Courtesy of The Catholic Standard)

paper of the Archdiocese of Chicago, writing:

"I am a Catholic today because of a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. St. Carthage was a small parish school on the south side of Chicago. The 1950s saw swift and sweeping neighborhood racial changes in the city, drastically impacting parish school populations, so the pastor of the parish at the time and the Adrian Dominican principal decided to invite non-Catholics who were largely African-Americans to enroll in the school.

"I was one of those invited non-Catholic kids."

The archbishop wrote that, "... The atmosphere at St. Carthage was unquestionably that of a Catholic school. The teachers allowed the Catholic faith to touch and be reflected in each subject: history, geography, language arts, spelling and, of course, the daily opening class of religion. We prayed before classes began and before we recessed for lunch. We had weekly school Mass.

"The environment exuded the pride and joy the teachers had in the Catholic faith. And one of the lay teachers was not a Catholic herself! Such an environment had a profound impact on me as a young sixth-grade student. I desperately wanted to join this faith that was such a source of delight and satisfaction in the lives of the priests, sisters and most of the other students. No one pressured me to become a Catholic—and, in fact, many non-Catholic students never did

join the Church. But I was mesmerized by all that I was learning about Catholicism."

Concluding that column, Archbishop Gregory wrote that St. Carthage School's "atmosphere of faith, excellence and joy... caused a certain young man to seek out the baptismal font... and eventually the priesthood of Jesus Christ."

At St. Carthage, he received instructions in the faith from the

pastor, Msgr. John Hayes, who became known for his work promoting Catholic social justice issues. The future archbishop was also inspired by another parish priest, Father Gerry Weber, who became a noted writer of books on the Catholic faith for children and adults.

Archbishop Gregory told the Washington media that the memory of those priests strengthened his resolve during the abuse crisis in 2002 when he led the bishops' work on the child protection charter, because in that role, he also wanted to defend the good names of faithful priests like the ones who had inspired them.

His voice breaking, the archbishop said, "I was going to do everything I could to make sure their reputations were protected, honored and respected."

His enduring gratitude for the Adrian Dominican Sisters was expressed in a 2017 Georgia Bulletin column, where he noted that during part of his summer vacation, he had driven from Atlanta to Michigan:

"I visited the motherhouse cemetery in Adrian, Michigan, where many of the wonderful Adrian Dominican sisters who taught me and my sisters are now resting in peace. I offered a little prayer of gratitude at each one of those gravesites to bless them and to praise God for the gift of those fine women religious who had spent so much of their lives in service to God's people—and especially to me as a student and

young man who eventually prepared to become a priest.

One week before Pope Francis named him as the new archbishop of Washington, Archbishop Gregory quietly marked a personal milestone, celebrating a Mass at Atlanta's chancery to mark the 60th anniversary of his own Baptism.

In a column for the Georgia Bulletin posted on April 4 – the day when his life's new path was announced – Archbishop Gregory reflected on the day six decades earlier when he became Catholic:

"March 28 was Holy Saturday in 1959, and I became Catholic at the Easter Vigil. Most Catholics may not remember their own Baptisms because they were babies. I was 11 years old and I can still remember tilting my head over the baptismal basin and feeling the water pour over my forehead. Later at that same Mass, I received the Eucharist for the first time..."

"In 1959, I was a new student in a Catholic school where most of my classmates were Catholics. I wanted to belong. I was so excited to become a Catholic – with the frenzied enthusiasm of a youngster of that age. I have never lost that desire. Over time I have come to understand the personal impact of that event on my life with a much more profound appreciation.

"...Through Baptism, I became a member of the same worldwide church. No matter where the sacrament is celebrated, Baptism places each person within our universal family of faith. In a few weeks, thousands of people will join the same family of faith through their own Baptisms. Many others at the vigil will be sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and fed with the Eucharistic Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Christ's family will grow through these sacramental events.

"I treasure the precious memory of my Baptism... So much has happened in my life during the intervening years since 1959 – moments of great joy as well as moments of deep sorrow. Nevertheless, I have never regretted becoming a member of this faith family – although some days have been happier than others, just like life in ordinary families."

By Mark Zimmermann

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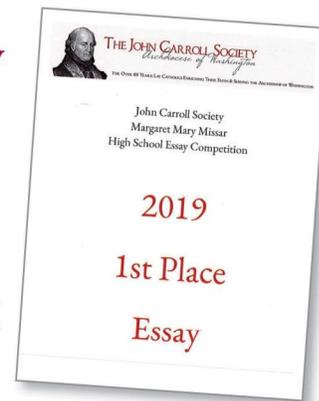
2019 Margaret Mary Missar High School Essay Competition

Excerpts from the First Place Essay

Holly Keegan, a student at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, wrote the winning entry in this year's Margaret Mary Missar High School Essay Competition. Keegan and her parents were recognized at the 33rd Annual Awards Dinner.

In her essay, Keegan wrote, "According to Pope Francis, the Catholic Church is not, and will never be, a "community of perfect people." Instead, it is made of flawed sinners who are striving for the forgiveness and holiness of the Lord. Because of the humanity of its members, and therefore the humanity of the institution of the Church, the downfalls of human nature affect the Church. In this sense, the Church is not a perfect institution. It is influenced by the sins, weakness and selfishness of all human beings. To only consider the human nature of the Church, though, is to miss the full picture in a significant way. As the Body of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the teachings of the Church hold the same truth regardless of the turbulence caused by humanity. The divinity of the Church will always transcend the corruption of the time and its members. When the practices of religious leaders or communities do not reflect the message of Christ that the Church was created to spread, God sends saints to reform and mend broken ways. Through tireless efforts to heal the wounds of the Church and to fight against social injustice, saints like Catherine of Siena and Óscar Romero are proof of God's presence in the Church in its darkest times."

St. Catherine of Siena lived during one of the most troubled times in Church history and was a powerful force fighting for its reformation. At this time, the pope, Pope Gregory XI, was residing in Avignon, France instead of Rome, causing confusion and disunity among the communities of the Church. To restore stability and faith in the office of the pope, Catherine believed that it was essential to return the papacy to Rome. She spent three months in Avignon convincing Pope Gregory XI to channel the courage of Christ and rebuild the faithful's trust. He finally agreed and, after being further persuaded by letters from Catherine, moved to Rome. After



years of political tumult regarding the reliability of the pope, one humble woman was able to mend the flaws of Church leadership. ...

The story of Catherine of Siena's healing

of the human wounds of the Church is evidence of the Holy Spirit's guidance of the Body of Christ, as the same Spirit that inspired the Apostles during Pentecost is at work in the heart of saints thousand of years later.

After describing St. Catherine and a second saint facing challenging times, Oscar Romero, Keegan concludes: "From the lives of these two remarkable saints, today's Catholics can derive an increased sense of hope and resolve. In this time of hurt and scandal, it is imperative to turn to the saints. Their lives are unparalleled examples of God's continued guidance of the Church, in spite of its worst human wounds. When the corrupt ways of religious leaders cause a mass questioning of faith and of the Church, the faithful must turn away from the human and to the divine. St. Catherine and St. Oscar Romero's full faith in God's ability to save his Church and his people was the driving force behind their fights for justice. In the face of challenges, God calls his Church to become saints fighting for the rights of others. Every single person can have an impact on the direction of the Church and world when he or she fully commits to becoming a beacon of the healing power of God. From the legacies of the saints, the faithful are provided with the inspiration and motivation to mend the wounds of humanity."

Other winners of the annual high school essay contest included: Second Place: Kayla Conroy, The Academy of the Holy Cross; Third Place: Elizabeth Kateri Downey, and Valerie Kumza, both students at The Academy of the Holy Cross; Honorable Mention: Raquel Bowman, Erin Freeman, Christine Hoa Nguyen, Adrianna Monzon-Osorio, Emma Nalls, Ciara Switzer, and Jennifer Tartaglia, The Academy of the Holy Cross; Maggie Caulfield, and Carolina Permuy, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School; Luke Drupolic, St. John's College High School; and Joseph Raza, Georgetown Preparatory School.



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BOOK REVIEW by Ted Hirt

Anthology Highlights Timeless Message to “Relight the Lamp of Faith”

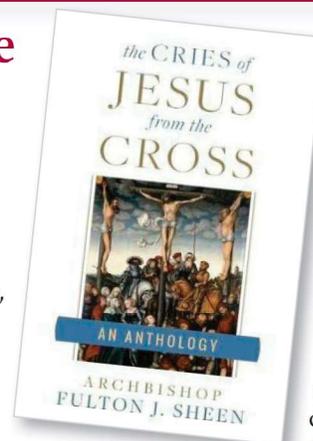
The Cries of Jesus from the Cross, a Fulton Sheen Anthology; a collection of essays by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. (Sophia Institute Press, 2018, 380 pages, \$18.95)

In the last issue of this newsletter, I reviewed two short books by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979). He served as Bishop of Rochester, New York from 1966-69 and as Auxiliary Bishop of New York from 1951-1966. Recognized as a prolific writer, Archbishop Sheen also hosted “Life is Worth Living,” a long-running TV series in the 1950’s. Recently Al Smith, a Canadian-based radio broadcaster and Archbishop Sheen scholar compiled an anthology of the archbishop’s essays, *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross*. The anthology is derived from seven books written by Archbishop Sheen during 1933-1945 and contain essays as timely today as when they were written.

Organized thematically by Christ’s last seven words on the cross, the essays address an array of topics, including the seven deadly sins, human suffering, and the forgiveness of others. In that context, Archbishop Sheen observes

that modern man forgets his own sins and becomes embittered at his neighbor, but, “if we do not forgive, hate will multiply until the whole world is hateful.” Archbishop Sheen’s reflections on the Beatitudes also cause us to contemplate how to put those admonitions of Christ into practice.

As a commentator on secular society, Archbishop Sheen offers sober warnings – “Most people today want a religion that suits the way they live, rather than one that makes demands upon them.” Moreover, as long as every individual exists for himself or herself, we shall have social discontent, and when that selfishness expands outward to classes or to nations, it results in class or national warfare. Archbishop Sheen recognizes the temptation of the Christian to withdraw from modern evil “into the catacombs,” but he counsels us that even the “enemies of divine love” may



be “purchasable by divine grace and are potential children of the kingdom of God. They are our opportunities.”

Archbishop Sheen also emphasizes that we need to recognize the limits on what we can do, distinguishing “active duties” from “passive circumstances” – the

first are under our control, while the second are in God’s hands, His justice and providence. Archbishop Sheen also observes that the contemporary experiment of trying to live without God has proven to be a failure, with “progress” resulting in decay, not advancement. That process can be reversed, however, “by relighting the lamp of faith in the souls of men.”

I hope that these passages provide a glimpse of the wisdom and inspiration found in each of Archbishop Sheen’s essays. This book would make a valuable addition to your spiritual library.