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24TH ANNUAL ROSE MASS

Health Care Ministry a Chance to Share God's Healing

Health care workers are gifted with the ability to witness God's mercy and fidelity to suffering patients they serve, the chair of Catholic health care ethics at Georgetown University told those gathered on March 15 at the society's 24th annual Rose Mass.

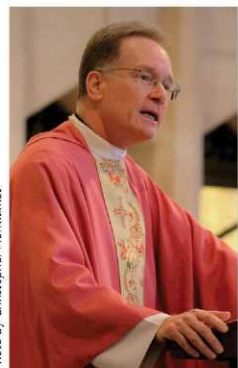
"Never are we to lose faith and hope in our ability to bring God's healing, a healing that extends far beyond the physi-

ological, touching the innermost depths of our broken human nature," said Jesuit Father Kevin T. FitzGerald in his homily at the Church of the Little Flower.

The Rose Mass is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, to honor and pray for those in the medical profession. The Mass is so named because of the rose-colored vestment the celebrant wears. The rose also

symbolizes the gift of life entrusted to those in the healing professions. Cardinal Donald Wuerl was the principal celebrant of the Mass.

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Jesuit Father Kevin FitzGerald gives the homily at the March 15 Rose Mass at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda.

29TH ANNUAL DINNER



Gathered to celebrate at the 2015 Annual Dinner are honoree Terry Lindsay, chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi, honoree Amy Baier, honoree Sr. Mary Bader, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, honoree Morgan Wooten, and president Elizabeth Meers.

Power of Prayer On Display at Awards Dinner

The power of prayer and the necessity of solidarity in the midst of suffering were messages shared with those assembled at the John Carroll Society's 29th Annual Dinner on April 11.

About 350 people gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC for the awards dinner that honors men and women who offer public witness to their Catholic faith.

FOX News Channel anchor Bret Baier and his wife, Amy, shared the story of their son, Paul, who has battled a congenital heart condition since infancy. Bret Baier made his "special report" appearance via a pre-recorded video, as he was unable to attend because he was in Jordan to interview King Abdullah II. Amy Baier delivered remarks in person.

"God tapped us for a reason," Bret Baier said of his son's diagnosis of five congenital heart defects not long after his birth. Paul has successfully endured three surgeries and seven angioplasties.

"We were really lifted up by all the prayers coming in," Bret Baier said. "If you put it out there, help will come. For us it came in the form of prayer."

The family decided to share their story in the book *Special Heart: A Journey of Faith, Hope, Courage and Love*. Their hope was that their experience could provide a "blueprint" for other families who struggle.

"In some ways it was like this was part of the big plan all along," Bret Baier said.

Amy Baier agreed and said that, "We're incredibly blessed and privileged to find our family's cause." She said that their work on pediatric heart issues has made them "better parents, better parishioners, and better people."

Amy Baier is active at Children's National Medical Center, where she serves on both the Foundation Board and the Executive Board, as well as with the American



Amy Baier delivered remarks in person while husband Bret Baier appeared in a pre-recorded video to share the story of how their family battled son Paul's congenital heart condition.

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FIRST THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, at 7 a.m. (following the 6:30 a.m. Mass) in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Msgr. Peter Vaghi to present on "The Upper Room: Filled with the Spirit and Challenged to be Witnesses – The Continuing Challenge of the New Evangelization."

September 16, 2015

RECEPTION AT TOP OF THE TOWN WITH THE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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

October 4, 2015

63RD ANNUAL RED MASS

The Cathedral of St. Matthew, Washington, DC at 10 a.m.

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

Principal Celebrant: His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl

Homilist: Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of the Archdiocese of Atlanta

November 7, 2015

FALL RETREAT

Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD

Bus leaves St. Ann's Church at Tenley Circle in Washington, DC at 8 a.m.

Retreat Director: Msgr. Stephen Rossetti

December 5, 2015

ST. NICHOLAS MASS & GIFT DRIVE

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

Principal Celebrant: Msgr. Peter Vaghi.
Reception and visit with St. Nick to follow in Parish Hall.

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Archbishop of Atlanta, Former USCCB Head to Deliver Homily at Red Mass

The shepherd of one of America's fastest growing dioceses and a former president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will deliver the homily at the society's 63rd Annual Red Mass on October 4 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, DC.

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of the Archdiocese of Atlanta is a Chicago native who converted to Catholicism as a child while attending Catholic school. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1973 and earned his doctorate in sacred liturgy in 1980. He served briefly as auxiliary bishop of

Chicago before being appointed bishop of Belleville, IL in 1994.

Archbishop Gregory served as president of the USCCB from 2001 to 2004. During his tenure, he helped gain approval for the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" as the American Church's proactive response to address concerns raised by sexual abuse issues.

He was installed as Archbishop of Atlanta in 2005 and has overseen rapid growth of the

Church in one of the South's biggest cities. The Archdiocese of Atlanta has grown from 311,000 members in 2000 to about one million in 2014.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually at the Cathedral, traditionally on the Sunday before the first Monday in October, which marks the opening of the Supreme Court's annual term. Its purpose is to invoke God's blessings on those responsible for the administration of justice as well as on all public officials.

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan





The Joy of the John Carroll Society

By Elizabeth Meers

I was asked to provide a reflection for this issue of *The Carroll Citizen* on my two years as President of the John Carroll Society. I can sum it all up in one word: Joy!

The joy of service. I was blessed to become President of the John Carroll Society a few months after Pope Francis was elected. He has exhorted us to go to the periphery and serve the least among us. Over the past two years, Society members have fixed up a homeless shelter, painted the house of a religious community, trained residents of a



Cardinal Wuerl joins society members in serving meals for the homeless.

women's shelter in job interview skills, collected toys and diapers for poor children, served countless Meals for the Homeless, and packaged thousands of breakfasts for residents of homeless shelters and meal packages for the poor in Burkina Faso. The Society has continued its support for the Catholic Char-

ities Legal Network and the Catholic Charities Healthcare Network, recognizing and thanking outstanding volunteers at the Red Mass and the Rose Mass, respectively. With ongoing financial contributions from the Society's members, the Society also has continued to award scholarships to the Vaghi Scholars at Archbishop Carroll High School.

The joy of sharing the faith. Pope Francis has encouraged us to share God's love and mercy with those around us in a spirit of joy. In the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, "[w]e must consider how to rouse each other to love and good works." Heb. 10:23. The Society's members are called to evangelize by inviting family members, friends, and colleagues to join the Society and participate in its events and activities. Through our high school essay contest, we invite students at Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington to write on religious themes and recognize the best authors with scholarship awards. Through our website and social media communications, the Society extends its reach throughout the Archdiocese and beyond.

The joy of belief and a community of believers. None of these activities would be possible or have meaning without our individual and collective faith in Jesus Christ, which provides a deep and abiding sense of comfort and joy in our lives. The speakers at the Society's events, our 2014 pilgrimage to Italy, our fall and Lenten retreats, Monsignor Peter Vaghi's First Thursday talks and resulting books, and our recent visit to the "Picturing Mary" exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts have given us special opportunities to enhance our spirituality and knowledge of the Catholic faith. The Red Mass in honor of the legal profession and the Rose Mass in honor of the

health care professions bring together Society members with those callings. At the Annual Dinner Society members from all walks of life gather and recognize lay Catholics who have given exemplary witness to their faith. All of the Society's activities provide opportunities to develop fellowship and friendship with other Catholic professionals, who help to sustain us in our faith amid the trials of the world.

The joy of gratitude. This reflection would not be complete without thanks to Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Msgr. Vaghi, and Colleen Mudlaff. Cardinal Wuerl has shown his appreciation and support of the John Carroll Society in numerous ways – being interviewed by Bret Baier at our 2013 Fall Lecture, celebrating the Red Mass and the Rose Mass, and attending the Annual Dinner. The Board of Governors reports to the Cardinal annually on the activities of the Society, and we are ever grateful for the opportunity to describe to him the many ways in which the Society serves him and the Archdiocese.

The Society has been blessed to have Msgr. Vaghi as its chaplain for the past 29 years. Thanks be to God, Monsignor Vaghi will celebrate his 30th anniversary as a priest in June. Ever going "in haste" (Luke 1:39), he leads the Society with open arms and a warm heart, faithfulness and pastoral care, astuteness and wisdom, attentiveness and good humor. He is fully devoted to the formation of the laity, which he pursues with an unabashed love of the Church and care for souls. As anyone whom he has asked to join or volunteer for the Society can attest, he is the consummate fisher of men.

Finally, I thank Colleen Mudlaff for her service as the Society's executive director. Colleen handles gracefully and effectively the many details of the Society's activities and events. Her work for the Society is a labor of love, and she continuously goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is ever welcoming, enthusiastic, and cheerful, and it has been a delight to work with her over the past two years.

The John Carroll Society is well positioned to continue to expand and spread joy in the world. I know that Tom Loughney, the incoming president, will serve the Society well, and I wish him every joy in that role.



Pilgrims gather during the society's 2014 pilgrimage to Italy.

JCS Members Bring Gift of Service to Gift of Peace

On Saturday, February 21, members of the John Carroll Society painted two rooms and a small hallway for the Gift of Peace House in Washington, DC. Gift of Peace is a home run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity for men and women with nowhere else to go, especially those with HIV/AIDS, other medical or mental illnesses, and advanced age.

Part of the society's mission is to serve the archbishop in his works of charity, and on this day JCS members were happily responding to Cardinal Wuerl's call for a Lenten day of service. Through a partnership with the DC Young Adult Ministry, about 15 young adults participated, not dissuaded by the snowfall that had already begun that morning (and which would accumulate to several inches by the project's end that afternoon).

Some volunteers came in with prior painting experience, but many had little to none. Thankfully, Edward Orzechowski, the head of the Community Projects Committee, and fellow JCS member Chip Lacey contributed their extensive personal experience and leadership towards guiding and directing. Quick learning and consistent effort on the part of our volunteers more than accounted for what may have been lacking in formal

training, so much so that we were able to expand beyond our original goal and paint an additional room. The rooms we serviced were a dining room, a waiting room, and a small hallway connecting them. The dining room, which included cooking and dishwashing areas, provided some technical challenges, but nothing that could not be overcome by a little effort and attention to detail.

Sr. Tanya, the superior at Gift of Peace, had made one thing clear to the Community Projects Committee as it planned the event: Even though this would be a volunteer effort for which she was very grateful, she expected a professional job with no mistakes! We are pleased to report that JCS members lived up to Sr. Tanya's expectations, and she invited the society back to paint again.

By Andrew Hamm



Society volunteers gathered on February 21 for the Lenten Day of Service at Gift of Peace, a home for the ill and aged run by the Missionaries of Charity. JCS members painted two rooms and a hallway and were invited back to paint again.

Members Picture Mary at Art Exhibit

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Virgin most renowned. These are just a few of the many titles known to Christians around the world for the one woman who has inspired great works of Western art for more than a thousand years.

On March 22, 50 art lovers from the John Carroll Society and Little Flower Parish gathered at the National Museum for Women and the Arts in Washington, DC to experience the most ambitious and ground-breaking exhibition in that museum's recent history, *Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea*. This exhibit brought together over 60 masterworks of paintings, sculptures, and drawings from the Renaissance and Baroque eras by well-known artists including Botticelli, Michelangelo, and Artemisia Gentileschi. It also featured lesser-known artists including Sofonisba Anguissola and Orsola Maddalena Caccia, the exquisitely talented Ursuline nun who ran a lively painting studio in her northern Italian convent.



Elisabetta Sirani, *Virgin and Child*, 1663; Oil on canvas, 34 x 27 1/2 in.; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., Gift of Wallace and Wilhelmina Holladay; Conservation funds generously provided by the Southern California State Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts

We were very fortunate to have two superb Marian scholars as our docents, Vanessa Corcoran and Jem Sullivan, who brought the artwork alive with their expansive knowledge and engaging style. They enriched our enjoyment of the beautiful masterworks by helping us identify common themes in Marian iconography, explaining the historical context, and giving us a glimpse into the fascinating lives of the artists.

Unlike the typical chronological display of many other art shows, this exhibition explored the Virgin Mary's timeless influence on womanhood and centered around six themes: Mary in the life of believers, Mary as idea, a singular life, Woman and Mother, Madonna and

Child, and Mother of the Crucified. The diversity in depictions of Mary was breathtaking. Fra Filippo Lippi in 1460 depicted Mary as regal and queenly whereas in the *Madonna and Child* (ca. 1450) by the artist known only as "Master of the Winking Eyes," Mary playfully tickles her cherubic baby Jesus. Botticelli's masterpiece of *Madonna and Child* (1480) is infused with many layers of deep meaning, with a pensive Mary foreshadowing her Son's death. Artwork of the Crucifixion gave many viewers pause as they gazed at depictions ranging from restrained sorrow to a Mother's raw expression of her excruciating grief, and we are invited to share in her pain.

Viewing beautiful artwork of the Blessed Virgin Mary through our shared Catholic faith was a deeply meaningful and memorable experience for all of us. We continued our reflections and lively conversations over a lovely luncheon prepared for us at the Old Ebbitt Grill.

By Melissa Park

Health Care Ministry a Chance to Share God's Healing

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Father FitzGerald, reflecting on the readings that day, noted that throughout the many trials and tribulations endured by God's people, the Lord remains steadfast and always ready to heal. So too, he observed, must health care professionals be ready to share the love and mercy of God with patients who are in pain or who have lost hope. The Lord's promise of eternal life should give confidence and courage in the midst of suffering.

"Seen from the perspective of that promise, even the overwhelming challenge of facing death becomes yet another opportunity for us to receive God's mercy and healing through the loving care of others," Father FitzGerald said.

At a luncheon following the Mass, the society honored the doctors, nurses, dentists, and other health care professionals who volunteer with the Catholic Charities Health Care Network, which was founded in 1984 by Cardinal James Hickey. Today the network includes some 300 volunteers from dozens of specialties and various faiths. It provides millions of dollars in pro bono care to thousands of uninsured and underinsured patients each year.

Society chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi opened the luncheon with a prayer in which he called health care workers "the face and hands of our merciful

God." Dr. Thomas Winkler, the chairman of the Rose Mass committee, noted that the work of those in the medical profession has been illumined through the example of Pope Francis, who has helped "reorient members to the suffering of those who live in poverty."

The recipients of this year's Pro Bono Health Care Awards included: Cameron M. Akbari, a vascular and general surgeon; Malcolm M. DeSouza, an obstetrician-gynecologist; and James A. Ronan, Jr., a cardiologist and internal medicine physician.

This year there were two recipients of the Msgr. Harry A. Echle Awards for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry: Father Jeffrey F. Samaha, the chaplain at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center, and Sister Daria Moon, SPC, a chaplain at The Washington Hospital Center and the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

The recipient of the James Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Service Award was ophthalmologist Melanie J. Buttross. Dr. Buttross is well known as being a promoter of the Health Care Network among fellow physicians and has worked to recruit colleagues to volunteer their services.

"It's now incumbent upon me to earn what I have been bestowed," she said of her award. She views her work as a ministry and said that serving the vulnerable and vision-impaired "connects you with people in a substantive, meaningful way."

In remarks at conclusion of the lun-

cheon, Cardinal Wuerl described the honorees as "the very expression of everything that the call to serve one another is all about." He thanked the society for being a "strong right arm to lean on" in his work as archbishop.

Cardinal Wuerl then reflected on the second anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, whom he called the "pope of invitation."

Pope Francis is building on 50 years of work by his predecessors to look for ways to "live the faith in the circumstances of the moment," the cardinal said, adding that no one could have imagined the impact Pope Francis would have when this "person from the ends of the earth" emerged on to the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

"He brings this extraordinary vision of what we know, but now how we do it," the cardinal said. Pope Francis, he continued, compels us to "look around and see all these who have no one there for them as disciples of Jesus. Why don't we be there? Sometimes people only get invited when they are invited by those attentive to their needs."

Cardinal Wuerl said he has been heartened by recent encounters with young people who are striving to live out their faith and who are increasingly looking to Pope Francis as a model.

"We may from time to time be tempted to think that somehow the Spirit has gone out of things," he said. "If you're ever tempted to think that way, just look around."

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan



Cardinal Wuerl, center, joined the John Carroll Society in presenting the society's 2015 Health Care Awards at a luncheon following the March 15 Rose Mass. Pictured, from left to right, are 2015 Pro Bono Health Care Award recipients Dr. James Ronan Jr., Dr. Cameron Akbari and Dr. Malcolm DeSouza; Elizabeth Meers, the society's president; Cardinal Wuerl; Sister Daria Moon, SPC, recipient of the 2015 Msgr. Harry Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry; Dr. Melanie Buttross, the recipient of the 2015 James Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Service Award; Father Jeffrey Samaha, also a recipient of the Msgr. Echle Award for Outstanding Service in Health Care Ministry; and Msgr. Peter Vaghi, the society's chaplain.

My dear John Carroll Society Members,

May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. This year the Solemnity of Pentecost also falls during May.

The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that Mary was in the Upper Room with the disciples when the Holy Spirit descended on them on Pentecost and they “devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.” (Acts 1:14). Pope Francis states that their prayer “thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost” (EG 284) when the Spirit finally came upon them that the evangelizing Church might at last be born.

Mary's presence and role there was purposeful and intentional in God's plan for our salvation from the very beginning.

As a prelude to her prayer in the Upper Room, it is the coming of the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation where our story about Mary begins. Before the movement of grace that enabled her to say “May it be done to me according to your word” (her Fiat) (Lk1:38), Mary was assured by the angel that she would conceive a Son and name Him Jesus. In asking how this would happen, “since (she had) no relations with a man,” the angel said: “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.” (Lk1:35)

Her “fiat” at Nazareth was a prayerful act of faith. In her act of prayer, she was fully open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, she was inwardly seized by the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. It was the beginning of her journey of faith, a journey through the history of individuals and peoples that would ultimately begin for the entire Church in the Upper Room at Pentecost in her presence.

St. John Paul II teaches about Mary that: “In a sense her journey of faith is longer. The Holy Spirit had already come down upon her, and she became his faithful spouse at the Annunciation, welcoming the Word of the true God... indeed abandoning herself totally to God through ‘the obedience of faith’... The journey of faith made by Mary, whom we see praying in the Upper Room, is thus longer than that of the others gathered there: Mary ‘goes before them,’ ‘leads the way’ for them.” (RM 26)

Then, as if to sum up Mary's indispensable role, St. John Paul II states that “the moment of Pentecost in Jerusalem had been prepared for by the moment of the Annunciation in Nazareth, as well as by the Cross. In the Upper Room Mary's journey meets the Church's journey of faith” (RM 26) and she leads the way.

She continues to lead the way for us to her Son. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Gratefully in the Lord

Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi

Chaplain, John Carroll Society

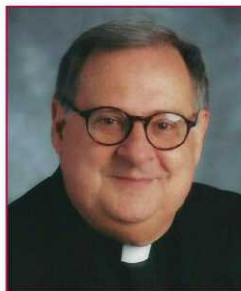


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At Lenten Retreat, Learning and Serving Christ



Stephen Ryan, OP, of the Dominican House of Studies, led this year's Lenten Retreat with the theme of “Learning Christ, Serving Christ.”

The John Carroll Society Lenten retreat was held at the Washington Retreat House on Saturday, February 28. Seventy members of the society and guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Franciscan sisters and the spiritually nourishing words of Fr. Stephen Ryan, OP, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC.

Fr. Ryan's talks, entitled “Learning Christ, Serving Christ,” were a reflection on St. Mark's Gospel as a guide on our Lenten journey and a way to learn to listen to our Beloved Lord as a servant growing in His service. Fr. Ryan shared the words of Pope Francis: first, to breathe Christianity, inhale the strength of the Eucharist, reflection, penance, and scriptural study. Then we must exhale the proclamation of the Gospel through our service and acts of justice and charity. In short, we must be transformed by the power of the Spirit.

Fr. Ryan's two talks, times of silent reflection and prayer, the recitation of the Rosary, Benediction, a penance service, and Mass enriched those who attended the retreat with renewed vision and spiritual nourishment as we continued our Lenten pilgrimage.

Attendees also enjoyed fellowship at lunch by meeting new friends and renewing old bonds, always under the loving guidance of our chaplain, Msgr. Peter Vaghi. Those in attendance relished the time to pause and reflect. Hopefully many more society members can join us in future retreats to grow in learning about and serving Christ.

By Kim Viti Fiorentino

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Heart Association and the Saving Tiny Hearts Society. She was awarded the John Carroll Society Medal at the dinner; Bret Baier received the award in 2013.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl observed that one of the purposes of the annual dinner is help Catholics to have "some sense of freedom to be who we are."

The cardinal noted that Americans are "very blessed" to be able to celebrate their faith in public, whether at an awards dinner, by wearing ashes on Ash Wednesday, or by attending Easter Mass. Christians in many countries around the world are targeted with violence for such public displays of faith.

"We need to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world who cannot be who they are publicly and survive," he said. "Our debt is to pray for and raise our voices for those who cannot."

Cardinal Wuerl joined society president Elizabeth B. Meers and chaplain Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi in presenting the John Carroll Society Medal to the 2015 honorees: Bret and Amy Baier; Sister Mary Bader, the president and CEO of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families; Terry Lindsay, businessman and chairman of the Saint Luke Institute Board; and Morgan Wooten, the legendary basketball coach at DeMatha Catholic High School.

Sister Mary Bader, a Daughter of Charity, has since 2004 been president and CEO of St. Ann's Center,

which offers housing and support to single mothers and their children. Sister Mary is a Washington, DC native and hold's a master's degree in education from The Catholic University of America. Sister has served as a teacher and principal. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1990 and has devoted her ministry to serving poor young women and children.

"It's an award that I can accept on behalf of all the people who have been a part of my life," said Sister Mary, who was joined at the dinner by many of her fellow Georgetown Visitation alumnae. "This award reaches out to St. Ann's and all of the Daughters of Charity."

Terry Lindsay is chairman of the Lindsay Automotive Group, which operates five car dealerships in the Washington area. He is a generous philanthropist who has served on the boards of numerous professional and charitable organizations. For the last several years, Lindsay has served as chairman of the board of Saint Luke Institute, as a member of the Board of Regents of Marymount University, and as a member of the Order of Malta, Federal Association.

"It's humbling to be part of such an organization as the John Carroll Society," Lindsay said. "Monsignor Vaghi is my hero."

Coach Wooten is well known as the basketball coach at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville who won an astounding 1,274 games between 1956 and 2002. He holds a career winning percentage of .869, which is the highest



Greta Terry (second from right), a freshman at Archbishop Carroll High School and recipient of the Vaghi Scholarship, attended the dinner with (from left): her mother, Wendy Emmanuel; Beth Blaufuss, the president of Archbishop Carroll High School; her brother, Alexander Terry; Cardinal Wuerl; and chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi.

"I'm tremendously honored because I admire the work of the John Carroll Society so much," Coach Wooten said.

Also recognized at the dinner was Greta Terry, a freshman at Archbishop Carroll High School who is a recipient of the Agnes E. Vaghi and Joseph P. Vaghi Scholarship. Other Vaghi Scholarship winners include senior Ray Butler, junior Eduardo Bernal, and sophomore Terry Malochee. Proceeds from the dinner help support the Vaghi Scholarship at Archbishop Carroll, which is the only archdiocesan high school in the District of Columbia.

Recognition was also given to Samantha Friskey, a student at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School who won first place in the Margaret Mary Missar High School Scholarship Essay Competition for her essay on how the Archdiocese of Washington has served as an agent for beneficial social change. The second place winner was Adam Russell of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. Theresa Rogers of the Academy of the Holy Cross and Hannah Semmes of Georgetown Visitation placed third.

Honorable mention was given to: Sophia Garcia, Siobhan Martinez, and Alexandra Whittington of the Academy of the Holy Cross; Samuel K. Jones IV, Chloe LaRochelle, Jennifer Myers, and Andrew Oliver of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School; Michael Shaffer and Nicholas Wade of St. John's College High School; and Lauren Martin of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan



Msgr. Peter Vaghi is pictured with Martha Friskey; Samantha Friskey, a student at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and winner of the Margaret Mary Missar High School Essay Competition; Cardinal Wuerl; and John Friskey.

of any coach with more than 500 victories in the history of organized sports, and is one of only three high school coaches honored as a member of the Naismith Memorial National Basketball Hall of Fame.

Papal Visit to Be History in the Making

When Pope Francis arrives on Capitol Hill on September 24, he will likely greet a brother he has never met.

A Jesuit brother, that is.

The Holy Father will make history as the first pope to address a joint meeting of Congress. He was invited by House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), who also appointed Father Patrick Conroy, SJ, to his post as House chaplain in 2011.

"When the pope comes they're going to have to invite me to leave the room," Fr. Conroy joked.

Fr. Conroy does not know details of the papal visit, but said he is often called on to greet heads of state or religious leaders who visit the Capitol. Such a role is in keeping with the two-fold mission of his chaplaincy: To lead or arrange for prayer on days the House is in session and at other ceremonial events, and to be a spiritual resource to members.



Pope Francis greets Cardinal Donald Wuerl during an April 11, 2013 audience the Holy Father had with the Papal Foundation, of which Cardinal Wuerl is chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Cardinal will host the Holy Father during his September visit to Washington, DC.

The pope's congressional visit will be a signature event for him and for all who work on Capitol Hill.

"In a time of global upheaval, the Holy Father's message of compassion and human dignity has moved people of all faiths and backgrounds," Boehner said in a statement released in February. "His teachings, prayers, and very example bring us back to the blessings

of simple things and our obligations to one another."

Only the broad outlines of the Holy Father's time in the United States have been confirmed, with more details likely to be announced over the summer. He is expected to arrive in the District the evening of September 22, according to Catholic News Service. Pope Francis will visit President Obama at the White House on September 23 and is also slated to canonize Blessed Junipero Serra that day at a Mass on the grounds of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He will address Congress on September 24.

The pope will then travel to New York to address the United Nations on September 25. His final stop will be on September 26 and 27 in Philadelphia, where his trip will culminate with a papal Mass celebrated for the World Meeting of Families.

Pope Francis is the fourth pontiff to visit the United States. The last papal visit was by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008, when dozens of John Carroll Society members served as ushers for the papal Mass at Nationals Park.

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan

BOOK REVIEW

From Argentina to Rome, Biography Chronicles Journey to the Papacy

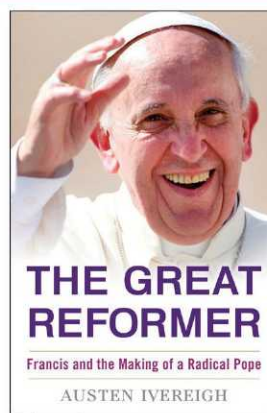
The Great Reformer, Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope, by Austen Ivereigh (2014, Henry Holt and Company, \$ 30.00).

Much has been written about Pope Francis, but *The Great Reformer* may be the first book that provides a comprehensive review of not only his relatively humble beginnings in a middle class family that immigrated to Argentina from Italy, but also his maturation in - and active engagement with - Argentina's complex society.

Austen Ivereigh, a British journalist and commentator on religious and political affairs, has written a highly detailed, well-documented account of how Pope Francis emerged as a leading clerical figure in Argentina. This book is comparable in scope to *Witness to Hope*, George Weigel's highly acclaimed account of Saint John Paul II and his papacy.

This book reinforces our understanding of Pope Francis as a leader of incredible humility, and one who displays a firm, articulate commitment to the needs of the poor throughout the world. But this book does much more. Ivereigh focuses the reader on the forces that influenced Pope Francis's vocation and his maturation as a Church leader.

A typical reader in the United States will be unaware of Argentina's complex political and socio-economic history. This included a period in which some officials of a military dictatorship, during the struggle against an insurgency, kidnapped and tortured opponents. Ivereigh provides an extensive rebuttal to media articles that suggested that, as Provincial Superior of the Society of Jesus, Pope Francis was complicit in the 1976 abduction of several fellow Jesuits. To the contrary, he tried to protect his



colleagues. Later, as Archbishop of Buenos Aires (1998) and as Cardinal (2001), Pope Francis had to navigate often difficult relationships with Argentina's civilian regimes.

Ivereigh summarizes Pope Francis's "proclamation of a kairos of mercy" as a result of "his discernment

that a world being transformed by technology and wealth is prone, above all, to the illusion that human beings, not God, are sovereign."

This book does not provide extensive discussion of the pope's writings; the reader can find those resources elsewhere. Instead, Ivereigh provides an important window into Pope Francis's leadership and his vision for the Church.

By Ted Hirt

Incoming President Met JCS in Rome and Now Looks Forward to Papal Visit

Dr. Tom Loughney's journey to the John Carroll Society took nearly 4,500 miles.

He was in Rome with his wife, Melissa, and two sons in 2006 and had secured tickets to an audience with Pope Benedict XVI. As they were sitting in St. Peter's Square, Loughney scanned the crowd and noticed a priest who looked familiar.

Loughney couldn't place him, so he later walked over and introduced himself as a physician from the Washington, DC area. The priest introduced himself as Msgr. Peter Vaghi of Little Flower Parish in Bethesda.

Msgr. Vaghi was on a pilgrimage with then-Archbishop Donald Wuerl and a group of his parishioners and invited the Loughney family to join them the next day for a Mass in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica. It was an effective recruitment tool.

Loughney, the chief of endoscopy at MedStar Georgetown University

Hospital, will begin a two-year term as president this summer. He succeeds Elizabeth Meers, a partner at Hogan Lovells, whom he calls "a tough act to follow." He praised the society for its work to support the cardinal, for opportunities to connect with other professionals, and especially for the free medical care it provides to the uninsured and underinsured.

"Pro bono care is the most rewarding part of my practice," he said. "They are wonderful people to take care of. They give back to us every bit as much as we give to them."

Loughney began his medical career caring for World War II veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center as an intern and resident in internal medicine and gastroenterology. It was there he met his wife, Melissa, who is also a physician. He concluded 13 years of Army service as a lieutenant colonel.

Loughney and his wife are parishioners at Holy Trinity Church. Their children,



Tom and Matt, are both in college, and Loughney said he and his wife are learning to adjust to life as empty nesters.

"We're trying to enjoy the

cultural life of DC and all the things you don't get to enjoy as parents of young children," he said.

Although summer has traditionally been a slow period for the society, Loughney said he expects things to be busy this year as the society supports Cardinal Wuerl in preparations for Pope Francis' September visit.

"One of the things I really like about Pope Francis is his focus on how we should just live exemplary lives as Catholics," he said. "The society has given me a vehicle to express my Catholicism."

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan

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Winning Essay Lauds Church in Washington as "Beacon of Hope"

Even in time of intense persecution, the Catholic Church has stood as a beacon of hope for communities around the globe, not only advocating for better conditions for all of God's people, but also actively working to care for the disadvantaged. The Archdiocese of Washington has proudly supported the Roman Catholic Church's dedication to active participation, involving itself in the social issues of the District of Columbia for decades. The Archdiocese's involvement in the needs of the community is not only based on Church history, but also Catholic social teaching and the teachings of the Bible.

The poor and homeless struggle to meet their basic daily necessities and,

therefore, often have their right to life violated. As Catholics, we recognize it is our responsibility to care for those with less. The Catholic social teaching option for the poor and vulnerable calls us to fulfill the needs of the poor and vulnerable. The Bible instructs Catholics that, "if among you, one of your brothers should become poor, if any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be (Deuteronomy 15:7-8)." Catholics should realize that everything they possess is a gift from God, and they should distribute these gifts with those who are not as fortunate. The Archdiocese of Washington lives out this practice, supporting soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and programs like Warm Nights. Hoping to provide opportunities for students to escape the low economic status of their families, the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors The Fitzgerald Program, offering tuition assistance for Catholic high school education to

students who demonstrate financial need and leadership ability. Through these programs, the Archdiocese protects the right of life for all people, regardless of economic class.

The late Cardinal James Hickey remarked that, "We help people in need not because they are Catholic, but because we are." Our Catholicism calls us to follow the Catholic social teachings, especially the theme of human dignity. Our religion calls us to follow the example of Jesus Christ Himself, the saints, and various religious leaders and participate in our community. The Archdiocese does not only support a policy of advocate work, but a policy of face-to-face interaction. Through this involved interaction, the Archdiocese of Washington has established itself as a protector of those persecuted because of their race, nationality, age, or disabilities.

By Samantha Friskey of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School

JCS Celebrates the Baptism of the Lord with Talk on Pope Francis

The John Carroll Society celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with a special Mass on January 11 followed by a brunch discussion of the Jesuit characteristics of Pope Francis, given by Father Kevin O'Brien, SJ.

According to one attendee, John Carroll Society member Gregory Reaman, "It was very wonderful, really insightful, and brought home the simple humility and humanity of Francis as pope."

The principal celebrant of the Mass at St. Patrick Church downtown was Auxiliary Bishop Martin Holley, who preached on the Gospel of Mark's account of Christ's baptism by St. John the Baptist.

"The gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive in Confirmation remind us of our baptismal promises – to become a new creation and clothe ourselves in Christ," Bishop Holley said. "God gives each of us gifts and talents to carry out part of this mission [of evangelization]... openly share your faith with family, friends, co-workers and strangers."

Graduates of Georgetown University, The Catholic University of America, and the University of Notre Dame served as lectors at the Mass, and alumni from several other Catholic



Photo by Christopher Newkumet

universities, especially Jesuit ones, were present. Bishop Holley and Father O'Brien received the John Carroll Society Medal and Dr. William Battle received the Archdiocese of Washington's 75th Anniversary Award at the brunch.

Father O'Brien, who serves as vice president for mission and ministry at Georgetown University, spoke after the Mass at the nearby Hotel Monaco. The Jesuit said he sees how Pope Francis's words and actions are often informed by the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, particularly, "[Francis's] call to go to the margins, his discernment, and the priority of mercy."

New members gather with JCS leadership and clergy for a picture at the brunch following the Baptism of the Lord Mass.

For the Catholic Church's first missionary order, going out into the most remote places is a classically Jesuit way of acting and thinking, said Father O'Brien, and one that Francis has emulated. For example, right before the 2013 conclave, then Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires gave a speech saying, "What the church needs today is apostolic courage to come out from itself and go to the peripheries, not just the geographical, but also the existential."

Father O'Brien noted that going to the margins challenges Christians by forcing them to be freed from perfectionism and spiritual worldliness by seeing the messy reality of the world. "Those at the margins upturn the priorities of the world like Mary does in her Magnificat: the mighty are cast down and the lowly are raised up," said Father O'Brien.

But one cannot go to those in need without having discernment, said Father O'Brien. A key document that Cardinal Bergoglio helped draft for the 2007 gathering of Latin American bishops in Aparecida, Brazil, said, "Before we see and judge and fix, we have to ask the question, 'How do we see the problem?' Because if we do not see with the eyes of faith, we will see through the lens of ideology, which only leads to division," noted Father O'Brien, quoting the document.

He then described the Jesuit concept of consolations and desolations, wherein

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Auxiliary Bishop Martin Holley, the principal celebrant of the Baptism of the Lord Mass; Dr. William Battle, JCS member and chair of the Catholic Charities Health Care Network Board; and John T. Butler, the chief development officer at the Archdiocese of Washington, at the brunch. Bishop Holley received the John Carroll Society Medal, and Dr. Battle received the Archdiocese of Washington's 75th Anniversary Award.

through prayer one discerns the ideas and actions that bring one greater "hope, faith and love," as consolations, and those that do not as desolations. Father O'Brien said that this language is frequently used in Pope Francis's addresses, for example the closing speech at the Extraordinary Synod on the Family in October 2014.

"He laid out the consolations first: the testimony of true pastors who care for the family, who care for the people and who love the church," said Father O'Brien. "Then he named the desolations: hostile inflexibility, relying only on the certitude of laws and not allowing for the surprise of God, and a deceptive mercy that asks the Church to bind wounds without curing them."

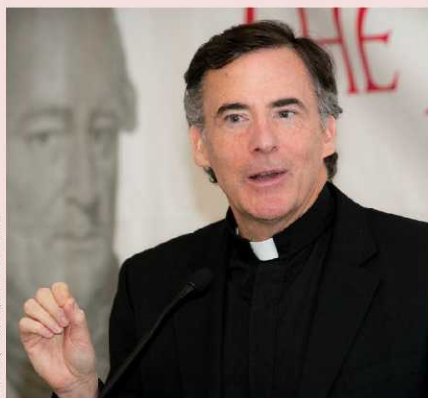


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Rev. Kevin O'Brien, SJ, the vice president for mission and ministry at Georgetown University, spoke at the Brunch about Pope Francis's Jesuit identity.

Mercy is another cornerstone of Pope Francis's papacy, as his papal motto translates, "Jesus looked upon him in mercy and chose him." Father O'Brien noted that the pope frequently names those in special need of God's saving mercy, like the poor, the elderly, jobless youth, atheists, gay and lesbian Catholics, divorced and remarried Catholics, and the physically infirm.

Finally, Father O'Brien recounted a vignette from the 2013 conclave taken from the new biography of Pope Francis by Austen Ivereigh, *The Great Reformer*. German Cardinal Walter Kasper gave Cardinal Bergoglio a book he had written on mercy, to which the future pope replied, "Ah mercy – that is the name of our God."

By Zoey Di Mauro
Catholic Standard

MEMBER NEWS



■ Michael and Jennifer Pusateri welcomed Josephine Anne on February 17, 2015. Josephine arrived five weeks early at 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was completely healthy.



■ Preeya Noronha Pinto was elected to the partnership of King & Spalding LLP. She advises health care clients in the firm's FDA & Life Sciences Practice.

■ Will and Anslie Milligan welcomed Whitaker Andrew on December 5, 2014. Msgr. Vaghi baptized Whitaker on February 13 at Little Flower Parish. He joins big brothers Alex and Weston.



■ Robert C. Odle, Jr. retired as a partner of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP after 30 years with the firm. He continues to work pro bono for four European foundations, as well as serving as pro bono general counsel for the Richard Nixon Foundation at the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

■ Ashok Pinto recently became Chief Investigative Counsel to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in the U.S. Senate. He previously served as Chief Counsel to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in the U.S. House of Representatives.

■ William J. Haun has received a clerkship with Judge Janice Rogers Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit for the 2016-2017 term.

■ Kathy Kelly, a librarian and certified archivist, recently started a new job as a Records Management Specialist for the DC Government's Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). She is also serving as the Volunteer Coordinator the DC Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (DC/SLA).

DECEASED MEMBERS

Please keep the following deceased members of the John Carroll Society in your prayers:

Rosemary Belson

Edward Jurith

Most Rev. Leonard J. Olivier, S.V.D.

New Auxiliary Bishop a Familiar Face to JCS Members

The Archdiocese of Washington gained a new auxiliary bishop on April 20 when Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville was ordained to the episcopacy at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC.

Bishop Dorsonville, a native of Colombia, serves as vice president for mission at Catholic Charities and as director of the Spanish Catholic Center. In those capacities he has come to know the John Carroll Society and its members who volunteer as part of the Archdiocesan Legal Network and Archdiocesan Health Care Network. His appointment by Pope Francis to assist Cardinal Donald Wuerl in shepherding the 620,000-member archdiocese was announced March 20.

"I know this is going to be a big responsibility," Bishop Dorsonville said at the so-

ciety's Annual Dinner. "If the Lord chose me, He will give me strength and the help of the Holy Spirit."

Bishop Dorsonville praised JCS members for their collaboration with Catholic Charities and for the example it offers.

"Members of the society have very strong leadership," he said, noting the work of chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi and executive director Colleen Mudlaff. He said he was encouraged by the recent growth in the number of young people who have joined the society.

"Together we have to walk to promote the goodness of the Gospel," he said.

By Mary Schneidau Sullivan and Mark Zimmerman of *The Catholic Standard*



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A Great Shot!

Chaplain Msgr. Peter Vaghi (far left) and Cardinal Donald Wuerl (far right) join legendary DeMatha Catholic High School basketball coach Morgan Wootten and his wife, Kathy, at the society's 29th Annual Dinner. More photos and complete story begin on page 1.

Photo by Christopher Newkumet

The John Carroll Society and Social Media

You already have the John Carroll Society's website, www.johncarrollsociety.org, bookmarked on your computer. But do you know you can also find the Society on social media? Join the John Carroll Society on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn today.

Other well-known and informative sites to visit while surfing the web include:

- Cardinal Donald Wuerl's blog — <http://cardinalsblog.adw.org>
- Catholic Standard — <http://www.cathstan.org>
- Salt and Light Catholic Media (Father Thomas Rosica) — <http://saltandlighttv.org>
- Reflections by Father Robert Barron and other contributors — <http://www.wordonfire.org>
- Catholic News Service — <http://www.catholicnews.com>
- Vatican web site — <http://w2.vatican.va>
- Follow Pope Francis on Twitter — [@Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex)



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