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## News Briefs

### Catechism for Adults available online

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has released an online version of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, announced the committee's chairman Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay (Wisconsin).

The free, online resource is available in English and Spanish.

"The (catechism) is an especially wonderful resource because it contextualizes our faith within our American culture, and also includes stories of American saints and holy men and women, prayers, reflections and study questions," Bishop Ricken said.

It is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and walks the reader through the creed, the sacraments, moral life in Christ and the prayers of the church. Each chapter contains a story about a saint, blessed, or holy man or woman, a brief overview of the topic, reflection questions and a prayer. Also, included in the appendices are a glossary of Catholic terms and traditional Catholic prayers.

The catechism is available in English at [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm) and in Spanish at <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca-spanish/index.html>.

A printed version can be ordered through USCCB Customer Relations by visiting [www.usccbpublishing.org/](http://www.usccbpublishing.org/).

### Year for Consecrated Life launched

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30, marked the start of the new liturgical year, and the inauguration of the Year for Consecrated Life.

The yearlong observance is dedicated to renewing hope in religious life and instilling it more profoundly with a prophetic witness of the Gospel.

Msgr. Jose Rodriguez Carballo, Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life secretary, told Vatican Radio the first Sunday of Advent was selected as the launch date because Advent represents "the time of hope par excellence." He said the congregation would like the entire year "to be lived with the hope that must always characterize consecrated life."

A number of international meetings have been planned in Rome over the course of the year. At the start of 2015, a three-day ecumenical conference of religious will take place Jan 22-25; a seminar for formation directors, April 8-11, and a workshop for young consecrated men and women, Sept. 23-25.

The observance will actually extend beyond one liturgical year and wrap up with a weeklong conference in early 2016, from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2. The theme of the conference will be "Reproduce in yourself, as far as possible, that form of life which he, as the Son of God, accepted in entering this world." The quotation is from St. John Paul II's 1996 apostolic exhortation "Vita Consecrata" ("Consecrated Life").

A papal Mass Feb. 2, 2016, the Day for Consecrated Life, will conclude the year.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton congratulates Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon and Mary Margaret "DeDe" Schrader Kidder after the anniversary Mass during which they were awarded the diocesan "Caritas" medal. (Photo by DeFrancis)

## Retired bishop, lay volunteer receive diocesan 'Caritas' medal during 70th anniversary Mass

STEUBENVILLE — People from the Diocese of Steubenville came together Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the diocese and to honor Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon and Mary Margaret "DeDe" Schrader Kidder — recipients of "Caritas" medals.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton celebrated the first anniversary Mass Nov. 22 at St. Peter

Church, Steubenville, and the second the following day at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. As he opened the afternoon Mass at St. Peter Church, Bishop Monforton said that the celebration was for more than the arrival of John King Mussio — the diocese's first bishop — and the then 49,000 plus Catholics in 13 counties, but also that

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## St. Mary, Martins Ferry, students supporters of African education endeavors

**NELSONVILLE/MARTINS FERRY** — When he retired from active parish ministry, Diocese of Steubenville priest Father Martin J. Holler traveled to Africa to minister.

In early February 2015, he will return to Kenya for a third time to serve St. Jude's Academy in Mweiga and reside with a community of brothers who are of all ages and work for the poor.

A number of people and organizations in the Steubenville Diocese — most recently St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry, students — have caught Father Holler's missionary zeal.

While pastor of Christ the King University Parish, Athens, Father Holler first became connected with St. Jude's Academy. It is primarily intended for children who are orphans or extremely poor.

St. Mary Central School students have developed a special relationship with the approximate 100 East Africa students, Mary Carolyn Nichelson, principal, said.

Initially, the youth sent videos and monetary donations. During the 2013-14 school year, St. Mary Central School students raised \$2,000 for the academy, which they presented to Father Holler when he visited their 24 N. Fourth St., Martins Ferry, school. He will take the money with him when he returns to the academy in a few weeks for a stay until mid-July 2015.

When he returns to Kenya, Father Holler will be admitted for a 90-day visit. He will renew that designation and be labeled as a tourist or visitor. The designation will enable him to stay for five or six months — a good period of time to be there to get something done and for the residents to learn to operate without his guidance, he said.

Because of his stays in Kenya and several months' returns to the United States, Father Holler said he has witnessed the progress at St. Jude's Academy. "The kids are performing super well," he said.

When he arrives in Kenya next year, he said, "For me, the first priority is to see if

support of the school with the farm enterprise will be successful. It would enable the school to stand on its own."

Donations from people and organizations in the Steubenville Diocese have been used, for example, for greenhouses and water tanks to service the greenhouses. "It is critical that the farm operation is up and running," Father Holler said, as he sat in the office of The Steubenville Register and discussed his ministry.

Since the Mweiga climate is so moderate — temperatures between 45-50 degrees and 75-85 degrees — and with 12 hours of daylight, there is always a growing season.

St. Jude's Academy has access to water for the plants from a dam, therefore, crops can be planted whenever, Father Holler said.

Other farmers often have to rely on the rain for the survival of crops, but St. Jude's Academy can delay planting and harvesting of crops, so its produce will be ready for market when there is not so much available, Father Holler explained.

In the village in a remote area of the country, there always is a market for crops, Father Holler said. Some of the best customers are parents of St. Jude's Academy students. Many of them are shop owners. All seem to have electronics, including cell phones, he said.

"It's a very Christian area," Father Holler said. Most are Catholics.

He aspires to construct a blessed sacrament chapel and a church hall.



In support of his efforts to aid African students to receive an education, Father Martin J. Holler, a Diocese of Steubenville priest retired from active parish ministry, receives a check from St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry, second- and third-graders — Caleb Bryniarski, Joshua Vetanze, Matthew Griffin, Kevin Costlow, Andrea Morris, Jaidyn Pence, Megan Buksa, Julia Buck, Sydney Koller, Lucan Galbraith, Lukas Padgelek, Gabriel Boggs, Joseph Green, Raygan Lengyel, Daniel Cermak, Olivia Doty, Ava Zelek, Jordan Hughes, JulieAnne Humpe, Alexis Keck, Marly Doughty, Ryan Hennessey, Matthew Russell and Morgan Lander. (Photo provided)

"The country where I am is beautiful. The people are very warm, very hospitable, friendly."

During these past months that Father Holler has been in the U.S., he has worked with Unbound. Its website states that it is an international nonprofit founded by lay

Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. Unbound works with people in 21 countries.

Father Holler has visited churches and made presentations, he said. "People in the world need help."

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## Replacement of aging diocesan technology gets support from diocese's finance council

STEUBENVILLE — Replacement of aging technology, which serves Diocese of Steubenville parishes and is operated out of the chancery, received the support of the diocesan finance council.

During a Nov. 19 meeting in the chancery in downtown Steubenville, the Diocese of Steubenville Finance Council was not only presented a synopsis of a proposed 2015-16 diocesan budget, but also was given highlights of a five-year strategic plan – in its initial stages of being drafted for the diocese. One portion of the plan spells out the need for updated technology.

Under the direction of Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, diocesan staff is mapping five years of plans for the chancery, which supports the parishes in the 13 counties of the diocese. Once drafted and implemented, the five-year plan will be evaluated yearly.

A second element of the plan calls for appropriate levels of qualified and trained human resources to support operations. A third segment lists the need to raise funds to support diocesan programs; a fourth to enhance communication among staff; a fifth to promote and market the diocese; a sixth to engage youth; and a final one to increase organization effectiveness.

The immediate need, finance council members were told, is for an upgrade in software that provides for a parish information manager. The software supports information on parishioners to all parishes and is outdated, finance council was told by Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, vicar general, who chaired the finance council meeting.

“We are not just replacing the technology and census program just to replace them,” Msgr. Kemo said. “They were installed in the early 1980s when census data was input by hand. Much hard work went into gathering the information in the parishes by volunteer teams in each of our parishes.

“If the 35- plus year-old system were to break down, replacement parts are no longer available. A breakdown would mean loss of all the data which has been input and retained for the past 35 years.”

Msgr. Kemo, too, presented information on the budget and strategic plan, along with David A. Franklin, diocesan comptroller, and James G. Piazza, executive assistant to the bishop (Martin B. Thompson is director of information and technology for the diocese).

Msgr. Kemo stressed that not the entire strategic plan is monetary, but asked that finance council review the fiscal portions of the plan to determine how they could be fit into the diocesan budget during the next five years.

“What we’re talking about here is infrastructure,” Thomas Hisrich, finance council member, said, as he backed financial components to support strategic planning.

Other council members present were Richard Dolan, Susan A. Tolbert, Msgr. John C. Kolesar and Colleen M. Oess, who added her enthusiasm for long-range planning. Gregory Agresta and Mark Bradley, also, serve finance council.

After the finance council meeting, some members – Dolan, Hisrich and Tolbert – sat, in committee, to discuss disbursement of money obtained by the diocese because of leasing agreements for oil or natural gas extraction on diocesan property. Parishes in the path of the extractions receive 25 percent of the revenue realized from lease-signing bonuses and 5 percent of the revenue from royalty agreements pertaining to the properties.

No money has been realized from royalties, yet, Piazza said, however, an estimated \$228,979 has been placed in a diocesan restricted fund from lease agreements (\$76,000 has been paid, to date, to two parishes whose property is in the path of the extractions).

Bishop Monforton has specified that he prefers that the money realized from oil or gas leases be expended in three areas – assistance to parochial schools in the diocese, added to the priests’ pension fund and allocated for social services under the auspices of the Office of Family and

Social Concerns (Catholic Charities).

“We are hopeful that we will see revenue off the properties soon, but there is no guarantee,” Piazza said.

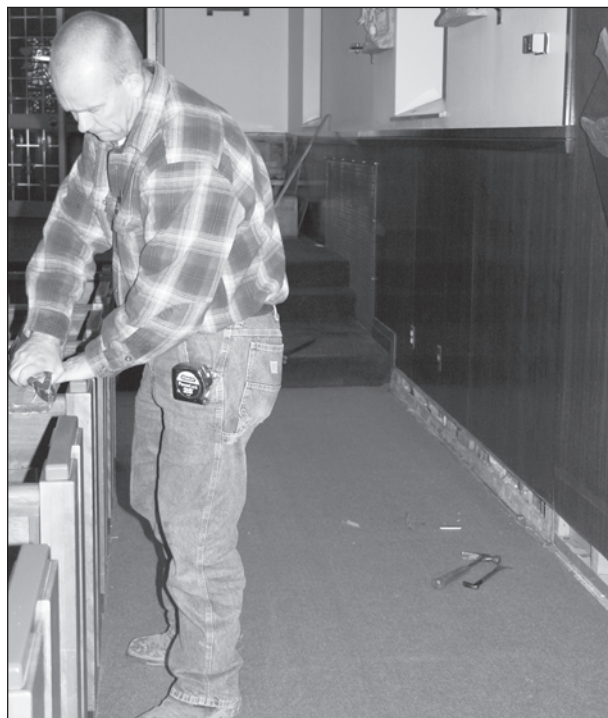
Some additional properties may be negotiated in Belmont, Jefferson and Noble counties. However, no surface drilling is permitted on any diocesan properties, since Bishop Monforton has directed that the diocese protect the integrity of the land.

When information on buildings and properties was disseminated, Bishop Monforton discussed the renovation, restoration and renewal of Holy Name Cathedral. Work on the multimillion-dollar project has started with demolition on the inside of the church on South Fifth Street in Steubenville. Outside site preparation is expected to begin by March 2015.

In Carrollton, an access road has been completed for a new Our Lady of Mercy Church. Building is anticipated in 2015, Piazza said.

The diocesan financial review for 2013-14 will be readied before year’s end by Cavanaugh, Moore & Co., certified public accountants, Steubenville, said Franklin. He, also, advised finance council that the first quarter of the 2014-15 fiscal year shows income and expenses as projected.

The next meeting of finance council is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., March 18.



**D. Scott Yarmen, project manager on the renovation, restoration and renewal of Holy Name Cathedral, removes items from inside the South Fifth Street, Steubenville, church. (Photo by DeFrancis)**

## Bishop Monforton's Schedule

### December

- 6 Ministry of lector, diaconate candidates, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, 10 a.m.  
Meet with parish and finance councils, St. Joseph Parish, Amsterdam, and St. John Fisher Parish, Richmond, concerning renovation, restoration and renewal of Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, at St. Joseph Church, 2:30 p.m.  
Mass, St. Joseph Church, Amsterdam, 4 p.m.  
Mass, St. John Fisher Church, Richmond, 6 p.m.  
Founders' Association dinner, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Mass, Corpus Christi Church, Belle Valley, 11 a.m.
- 8 Mass for St. Mary School students, Marietta, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, noon
- 9 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.  
First annual meeting, Jefferson County Port Authority, St. Florian Hall, Wintersville, 7:45 a.m.  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.  
Advent/Christmas party, Triumph of the Cross Parish and Finance councils, Steubenville, 7 p.m.
- 10 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Serra Club Mass and Christmas party, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 “Celebracion de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe,” Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, 11 a.m.
- 13 Meet with parish and finance councils of St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville, concerning renovation, restoration and renewal of Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, Marian Hall, 3 p.m.  
Mass, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, 4:30 p.m.
- 18 WAOB radio segment, 7:40 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 6:40 p.m.  
Mass for St. Sylvester Central School students, Woodsfield, at St. Sylvester Church, Woodsfield, 10 a.m.
- 19 Mass with diocesan staff, followed by Christmas party, Steubenville, 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Meet with parish and finance councils of Christ Our Light Parish, Cambridge, concerning renovation, restoration and renewal of Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, at St. Benedict Church, Cambridge, 3:15 p.m.  
Sacrament of reconciliation, Christ Our Light Parish, Cambridge, at St. Benedict Church, Cambridge, 4 p.m.  
Mass and installation of Father Paul E. Hrezo as pastor of Christ Our Light Parish, Cambridge, at St. Benedict Church, Cambridge, 5 p.m.

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## Hope, perseverance key to 'Faith in Future' – Bishop Monforton advises

STEUBENVILLE — Have hope and perseverance advised Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton – keynote speaker at the 10th annual "Faith in the Future" Prayer Breakfast.

People from throughout the municipality breakfasted Nov. 21 at Froehlich's Classic Corner in downtown Steubenville to as Tracy McManamon put it, pray.

McManamon, chairman of "Faith in the Future," explained that 10 years ago then Steubenville Diocese Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (now bishop of Joliet in Illinois) gathered Catholics and suggested that the community come together and pray for economic development. Therefore, on the Friday before Thanksgiving people meet and are reminded to bring faith forward, McManamon said. "Let God lead us. ..."

To those men and women seated around tables, Bishop Monforton suggested comes responsibility.

A native of Detroit, Bishop Monforton said he grew up with parents very much the same as the steelworkers who inhabited the Ohio Valley. Two-and-a-half years ago, he relocated to Steubenville when named bishop of the diocese. To get to know the cities and counties in the 13-county diocese, he said he has to get out; and when he does, he does it with hope.

"It has to begin with hope. We can have a vision, but with no hope, it cannot take root," he said.

As he referenced a parable he had read earlier from Scripture, Bishop Monforton reminded that to grow something you need soil, fertile ground and nutrients – hope. "It begins within our own families, if we wish to promote peace, go home and love your family," he said as he paraphrased Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

"We must persevere. Where in your life and mine is that fertile soil?"

"God gives us the tools and tells us to go to work.



**Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton talks with attendees at the 10th annual "Faith in the Future" Prayer Breakfast Nov. 21 in Steubenville. Bishop Monforton was the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Prayer, leadership, encouragement and teamwork are the guiding principles and goals of the Jefferson County economic development initiative. (Photo by DeFrancis)**

"Community building begins with you and me preparing the soil."

One of the ways he pointed out "this bishop is getting his hands muddy" is as he continues to move forward the renovation, restoration and renewal of Holy Name Cathedral in the city's south end "for the greater glory of God." A Catholic plaza will be created in the South Fifth Street area. There will be outreach to neighbors. A new soup kitchen will be constructed in a former union hall.

But, "every engagement must be dripping with hope," he said. "To live in hope is to allow our Lord to transform us. ..."

As a seminarian in Rome, Bishop Monforton said he worked in a men's shelter, sometimes alongside Mother Teresa. He

realize it; life is a challenge, meet it," he concluded with a partial quote from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

During the breakfast, a trailer of "An Appalachian Dawn" was played. It showed how the people of a Clay County, Kentucky, community turned it around.

Past keynote messengers Laura Meeks, Jody Glaub, the Rev. Philip Makari, Mike Florak and the Rev. Ashley Steele offered brief comments at the breakfast.

Carolyn Glaub read the "Faith in the Future" mission statement: "The faith community of Jefferson County, concerned for the spiritual and the temporal needs of our community, strives to create a climate for the economic development of our area through prayer, leadership, encouragement and teamwork."

Plans call for people to get together monthly to pray for the community, McManamon said.

### Official

The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Supreme Tribunal issued a sentence Oct. 30 dismissing **Gary A. Zalenski** from the clerical state.

This decision was communicated Nov. 17 to Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton.



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