Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger places his hands upon the head of Deacon Jesus Haros-Mendez during the ordination Mass June 1 in St. Augustine Cathedral. For a story and more pictures of the Mass, see pages 10-11.

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Below are listed the numbers if Catholic high school graduates by school; valedictorians, salutatorian or other outstanding students; and the amount of scholarship money awarded in the school’s graduates from institutions of higher learning.
Ribbon cut marks official opening for new Cathedral Square center

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

Praising donors, engineers and architects, contractors, city and county officials, and diocesan staff, Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger welcomed and blessed the new Conference, Educational and Pastoral Center at Cathedral Square in Tucson April 28.

“This building is functional and beautiful and an expression of our faith,” the bishop said at a reception following a Mass and ribbon cutting. Bishop Weisenburger noted that the facility houses the parish offices of St. Augustine Cathedral and diocesan offices, including the relocation of the Catholic Tuition Support Organization from its former site at the old Cathedral Rectory into the new diocesan offices.

Joining the bishop on the dais were Tucson Mayor Jonathon Rothschild, Rio Nuevo Chairman Fletcher McCusker, Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas, Catholic Foundation Executive Director Ernie Nedder, diocesan Property and Insurance Office Director John Shaheen, diocesan Property and Insurance Office administrator Liz Aguillo and children from Cathedral parish families.

The event also featured the conveyance of part of the copy of architect’s designs for the building and keys to the building.
### Charismatic renewal set for Sacred Heart

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 601 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson

The Diocese of Tucson Renewal Ministry will hold its monthly “Alive in Christ” event in June with the theme “You Will Receive Power.” The July gathering will focus on the theme “Let the Spirit Flow!” All are welcome to joyfully praise and worship with song, Scripture readings and words. For more information, call Gloria (520) 237-7060 or visit tucsonccr.org.

### Magnificat holds prayer brunch

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Parish, 1375 S. Camino Seco, Tucson

The guest speaker will be Marie Watson; event includes a continental breakfast. For tickets or information, call Gloria Roberts, (520) 237-7060.

### Retirement weekend for Msgr. Cahalane

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, 1800 S. Kolb Road, Tucson

Msgr. Thomas Cahalane, completing his 38th year as pastor, will be subject to a weekend of celebrations in anticipating his retirement from active ministry at the end of the month. On June 7, Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger will be the main celebrant at the 6 p.m. Mass, to be followed with a champagne reception in the parish hall. A reception will also follow each weekend Mass. Finally, a parish holy hour will be held June 28, 7-8 p.m. For more information, call the parish office at (520) 747-1321 or visit omosparish.org.

### Queen of All Saints sets rummage sale

Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Our Lady Queen of all Saints Parish, 2915 E. 36th St., Tucson

The parish will be hosting a rummage sale. All are invited. For more information, call (520) 622-8602.

### Secular Carmelites invite new members

Third Order, also known as Secular, Carmelites are inviting new members to join them during the summer at Santa Cruz Parish, 1220 S. 6th St., Tucson. Potential candidates should desire a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper prayer life and possess a devotion to Mary and an interest in the teachings of the Carmelite saints. For more information, call Mary Naifeh at (520) 745-5734.

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The landmark Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade unleashed a tidal wave of abortion in the United States. In the intervening years the lives of millions of unborn children have been terminated. When one considers the ramifications of so many lost lives, it is almost impossible to believe that a nation as great as ours has permitted this moral evil for so long. As many who follow the politics of our day are aware, several states have recently passed very strict pro-life laws which will greatly reduce abortions. These state laws are soon to be challenged in appellate courts and quite probably the US Supreme Court. I cannot help but believe that we are drawing nearer to reversing this moral catastrophe. How we proceed from here is crucial and I would offer the following three points for guidance.

The first is that we must keep the light focused on what abortion does to the unborn child and the life it terminates. This truth, which is based upon science, medicine and reason, is all too often kept in the dark by the pro-abortion world. However, even as we keep the light focused on the child in the womb, we likewise cannot fail to acknowledge and respond to the crises in which so many pregnant women find themselves. While stopping abortion is a moral imperative, the followers of Jesus Christ will recognize His face in the face of every pregnant woman suffering from poverty, fear, abuse or abandonment. Saving the lives of infants is critical, but we likewise must do all we can to make it possible for women to keep and care for their children. Legislation, political decisions and government policies that compound and further aggravate the lives of poor and suffering women can be a powerful incentive to push them through the abortion clinic doors. Again, even as we keep the light focused on the devastation of an unborn child’s life, we cannot afford to narrow our vision and refuse to see the suffering of their mothers and many times their older siblings. For this reason, I am especially grateful and strongly supportive of those charitable organizations that serve poor and needy pregnant women as well as women struggling to care for their children.

The second is that Catholics are called to be full members of our communities and that includes the political realm. We have a right and an obligation to bring our values into our local communities as well as our individual states, our nation and the global community. Catholics have a crucial role to be salt for the earth and a light for the world. We are never authentic to the Gospel when we ignore or run from the world. Informing our legislators, as well as how we vote, matter deeply. The Gospel is quite clear: Our goal is heaven but our task for today is to dig deeply into daily life and to be a part of building a land of justice and peace today. We can never abandon our citizenship or our stewardship for God’s created world.

The final point is prayer, and it is perhaps the most significant of our efforts. Regrettably the word “prayer” is sometimes tossed around casually without reference to its very real power. The forces of evil are clearly at work in the world. In the face of so great an evil, we need to unleash renewed waves of prayer—invoking the Holy Spirit upon the people of our nation and most especially upon our judges and legislators. Prayer is powerful and it will make the difference. Too, we don’t pray instead of taking action. Rather, the two are profoundly connected. Indeed, it is oftentimes prayer that unleashes the Spirit within us so that God - working through us - can bring about His will in our world. From this vantage point, prayer is not incidental; it is critical. We must pray and pray aggressively for an end to abortion for true justice in our nation and for women and children in crisis.

Again, there are current efforts around our nation which have the potential to end a profound moral evil. Now is a time for renewed energies on our part. I believe that we must blend together three critical tools: an intensity of prayer, renewed efforts in the political world, and generous service of suffering women and their children. The stakes are critical, the potential immense and our call to be a part of righting this profound evil is clear.
Diocese announces spring assignments

The Diocese of Tucson announced new parish assignments for priests. All are effective July 1, unless otherwise noted.

NEW PASTORS (six-year terms)

Father Arnold Aurillo
To: Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Tucson, pastor
From: Holy Angels Parish, pastor

Father Albert Miranda
To: Holy Angels Parish, Globe, administrator
From: Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Tucson, parochial vicar

Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales
Father George Kunnel
To: St. Joseph Parish, Hayden
From: Infant Jesus of Prague Parish, Nogales, pastor

Father John Paul Shea
To: San Carlos Apache Community, San Carlos
From: St. Joseph Parish, Hayden, pastor

Father John Holley
To: St. John Neumann Parish, Yuma
From: St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Patagonia, pastor

Father Jay Luczak
To: Our Lady of Grace Parish, Maricopa, pastor
From: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Nogales, pastor

Father Marcos Velásquez
To: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Nogales, pastor
From: Our Lady of Grace Parish, Maricopa, pastor

Father Alan Valencia
To: Our Lady, Queen of All Saints Parish, Tucson, pastor
From: Our Lady, Queen of All Saints Parish, Tucson, administrator

Father Richard Anawo
To: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Tucson, pastor
From: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Tucson, administrator

Father Nathaniel Mma
To: Holy Cross Parish, Morenci and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Tombstone, parochial vicar
From: Holy Cross Parish, Morenci and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Tombstone, administrator

Father Gregory Okafor
To: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Winslow, pastor
From: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Winslow, administrator

Father Mario (Ricky) Ordenez
To: St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Payson, pastor
From: St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Payson, administrator

Via Christi Father Nicodemus Shaghe
To: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Solomon, and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Safford, pastor
From: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Solomon, and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Safford, administrator

Father Rudy Rosales
To: St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel, pastor
From: St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel, administrator

Carmelite Father Enrique Varela-Nungaray
To: St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish, Tucson, administrator
From: Assignment outside diocese

Via Christi Father Martin Bosco Ormin
To: St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, Pearce-Sunsites, administrator
From: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Tucson, parochial vicar

Father Gregory Adolf
To: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Tombstone, supervisor, pastor, while remaining pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Sierra Vista, with assistance from parochial vicars of St. Andrew

PAROCHIAL VICARS
Deacon Justin Agbir (to be ordained a priest June 8)
To: Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Tucson

Spiritan Father Richard Awange
To: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Tucson, pastor
From: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Tucson, administrator

Carmelite Father Jorge Monterroso
To: St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish, Tucson
From: Immaculate Conception Parish, Yuma

Father Jose Martin Uriarte Guevara
To: Immaculate Conception Parish, Yuma
From: Assignment outside diocese

Father Rudy Ofori
To: St. Mark Parish, Tucson/Oro Valley
From: Our Lady of the Mountains Parish, Sierra Vista, parochial vicar

Father Edson Elizarraraz
To: St. Mark Parish, Tucson/Oro Valley, in residence at St. Christopher Parish, Marana
From: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Tucson, parochial vicar

Father Marco Basulto
To: Douglas parishes and missions
From: St. Andrew Parish, Sierra Vista, parochial vicar

Father Marco Carrasco
To: St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson
From: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Nogales, parochial vicar

Father Callistus Iyorember
To: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Casa Grande
From: St. Christopher Parish, Marana, parochial vicar

Father Martin Moreno
To: Sacred Heart Parish, Nogales
From: Immaculate Conception Parish, Yuma, parochial vicar

Father Jesus Acaña Delgado
To: St. Andrew Parish, Sierra Vista
From: Return from leave

Father Eduardo López Romo
To: St. Monica Parish, Tucson
From: St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, San Luis, in residence

Father Ramonito Celestial
To: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Tucson
From: Assignment outside diocese

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Father John Arnold
To: Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Tucson, while remaining pastor of St. Mark Parish, Tucson/Oro Valley, and administrator of St. Christopher Parish, Marana

Father Jesus Haros-Mendez
(Ordained a priest June 1)
To: Return to Mundelein School of Theology, Mundelein, Illinois, for one year of additional studies

Msgr. Jeremiah McCarthy
To: One-year leave of absence to serve as guest Professor of Moral Theology at Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas
From: Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Tucson

Father Mohana Bathineni
To: One-year leave of absence to care for family in India
From: St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, Pearce-Sunsites, pastor

Deacon Peter Pedrada
To: Pastoral year at Immaculate Conception Parish, Yuma

RETIEMENTS

Msgr. Thomas Cahalane:
Retirement from Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Tucson

Father John Friel:
Retirement from St. John Neumann Parish, Yuma

Msgr. Albert Schifano:
Retirement from Vocations Ministry for Diocese of Tucson

Franciscan Father Matthias Crehan:
Retirement from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Tombstone

Carmelite Father Ron Oakham:
Retirement from St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish, Tucson

LEAVING DIOCESE

Franciscan Father Dennis Bosse:
Relocating, leaving from St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson
Four senior priests retire from active ministry

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger announced the official retirements of three diocesan priests, one religious order pastor and the departure of retired Capuchin Father Walter Balduck to his home community in California.

The retirements, effective July 1, include Msgr. Albert Schifano, diocesan Vocations Director and former Moderator of the Curia; Msgr. Thomas Cahalane, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Tucson; Father John Friel, pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Yuma; Carmelite Father Ronald Oakham, pastor of St. Cyril Parish in Tucson; and Franciscan Father Matthias Crehan, moderator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Tombstone.

Msgr. Schifano
Born July 20, 1938, in Detroit to Isidoro and Vita (Parinello) Schifano, he attended a Catholic school there until his family relocated to Tucson in 1945. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School and Salpointe High School and graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor’s in education in 1961.

Eventually, he became a ranking executive at Sundt Construction, Inc., and he and his wife Alice had two children. Alice died in 1991, and then Msgr. Schifano began to experience a call to the priesthood. He entered the seminary in 1996 and studied at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

He was ordained in 2001 and his first assignment was as parochial vicar at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Tucson. He was appointed Moderator of the Curia in 2004, leading the Office of Corporate Matters.

In March of 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as a Prefect of the Papal Household and the title of “monsignor.”

Bishop Kicanas described Msgr. Schifano as “a trusted friend who works tirelessly to improve the functioning of our Pastoral Center and parishes.”

Msgr. Schifano will most be remembered for his integral role assisting with the 2004 Chapter 11 reorganization.

He stepped down from the Moderator’s position in 2014. In a “Monday Memo,” Bishop Kicanas wrote: “Many of us remember how well Msgr. Al guided us during our diocesan Chapter 11 re-organization – no small task - and how his business savvy, strength and faith led us along until the very long process was complete. The job was so well done, that other dioceses now seem to be following our example as a model in their own similar proceedings.

“Without fail, our Msgr. Al kept things steady and moving forward. He was and is a great gift to our diocese!”

Msgr. Schifano immediately transitioned to the diocesan Vocations Director for Seminarians, relinquishing his role as Vicar General in 2016.

Msgr. Cahalane
He was born in M阜moreen Glendore, County Cork, Ireland Oct. 5, 1938, to Thomas and Hannah (O’Donovan) Cahalane and attended local schools before entering St. Patrick College in Carlow for his seminary studies in 1957. He completed his undergraduate, philosophy and theology studies there.

He was ordained June 8, 1963, at Carlow, Ireland by Bishop Thomas Keogh of Kildare and Leighlin.

He followed his cousin, Father Cornelius “Con” Cahalane, and moved to Arizona to join the Diocese of Tucson, which then included what is now the Diocese of Phoenix. He has served at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Scottsdale (1963-67); St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel; and at St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson, as associate pastor, 1969-72.

His one and only pastorate began at Our Mother of Sorrows in 1981.

He became a US citizen in 1969. He served as diocesan director of the Catholic Youth Organization/Youth Ministry, 1972-76, and later as the Vicar for Education from 1976-82. He has also served in the Priests’ Senate, Presbyteral Council, as vicar forane for Pima East, as the diocesan ecumenical officer and as the regional representative to the National Federation of Priest Councils.

Other projects in which he has been involved include the Queen of All Angels Orphanage in Agua Prieta, Mexico; the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen; and the Pima County Interfaith Council.

When he marked the 50th anniversary of his priesthood in 2013, he said, “The overwhelming sentiment I have is one of gratitude for God’s call to serve others.” He published a book of poetry in 2013 called “The Poetry Within.”

Coming out of the 2004 reorganization, he served as the president of the board of parish corporations for the Diocese.

He served as vicar forane of the Pima East Vicariate.

In 2015, he received one of 12 national Distinguished Pastor Awards from the National Catholic Educational Association for outstanding support of Catholic elementary education.

He was a longtime friend of Catholic columnist and author Father Andrew Greeley, and Our Mother of Sorrows hosted a memorial Mass following Father Greeley’s death May 30, 2013. He also concelebrated at the priest’s Chicago funeral Mass.

Msgr. Cahalane received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award in 2009 for outstanding contributions to Catholic Education. The following year, he was among a group of priests with the titles of “monsignor” honored by the Catholic Foundation at its annual Cornerstone Gala.

He is known for supporting innovative parish ministries, including Jean Fedigan’s Sister Jose Women’s Center and Joan Martin’s Haiti Project. In 2015, Msgr. Cahalane was part of a parish delegation that visited Haiti, where the parish began working in 2005.

Father Friel
Born March 8, 1942, in Philadelphia to John and Catherine (O’Brien) Friel, he attended local Catholic elementary and high schools. He enrolled at West Chester State College in West Chester, Pennsylvania, before transferring to Niagara University, a Vincentian school in Lewiston, New York. He graduated with a bachelor’s in 1968. He was ordained for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Sept. 12, 1970, in Holy Innocents Church in Philadelphia, by Bishop Edward J. Schlotterback of Keetmanshoop, Namibia. He also did post-graduate work at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California (1979-80) and Webster University in Webster, Missouri, earning a masters from Webster in 1983. He also served in the US Navy in the 1970s.

He served in various Oblate ministries (1970-90) before his appointment as the founding president of Yuma Catholic High School in 1999. He served there until 2003, when he was appointed pastor of St. John Neumann in Yuma.

He was incardinated into the Diocese of Tucson on July 1, 2004.

He survived a bout of gastro-esophageal cancer in 2005, after successful surgery that October.

He was part of a 2007 delegation led by Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas to Mexico as part of Catholic Relief Services’ Mexico Project. The goal was to help Mexican workers obtain US H2A visas for working on US farms.

He was appointed to a third six-year term as pastor in 2015.

Father Oakham
Born July 11, 1949, in Newport, Rhode Island, to Herbert and Rita (Theriault) Oakham, he attended St. Anthony Catholic School in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, before entering the Carmelite Junior Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts in 1963. He also attended Mount Carmel College in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, (1967-68), and Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1969-72), earning a bachelor’s degree.

He studied summers at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina (1972-75) before enrolling in the Washington Theological Union, Silver Spring, Maryland (1974-77), completing work on a master’s in theology in 1984.

He was ordained a Carmelite priest by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell in St. Barnabas Church in Portsmouth on May 7, 1977. His early assignments included as parochial vicar in a parish in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; as the director of the Catechumenean in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey; and as a pastor in a parish in Houston, Texas. He served as commissary provincial at the...
Sister Beverly McEachin, OP

ADRIAN, Michigan — Sister Beverly McEachin, OP, a bachelor's in biology from Siena Heights College in Adrian and a master's in guidance from the University of Detroit in Detroit. She spent 30 years ministering in elementary and secondary schools and in school counseling in Illinois and Michigan, with a stint teaching at St. Anthony Catholic School in Casa Grande (1951-54).

She was also financial director for 11 years at Samaritan Health Center in Detroit, and the director of Annual Donations for the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Development Office for four years. She became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in 2015.

She is survived by sisters Marilyn Helkowski of Mesa, and Susan Nichols of Clinton Township, Michigan; and brothers Patrick McEachin of Connelly Springs, North Carolina, and Robert McEachin of Caseville, Michigan.

Her body was received May 2 in the Life Center's St. Catherine Chapel, followed the next day with the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed in the community cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 East Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan, 49221.

Father John Pantuso, SDS


He left active ministry in 1968 and married Joanne America in Maryland. Both joined the Lay Salvatorians and lived in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, during the 1980s and '90s. During that time, he was a writer and editor for Wisconsin Right-to-Life and for the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. They moved to Tucson in 1996. Joanne died in 2002.

In 2004, he rejoined the Salvatorians and four years later, the Vatican restored him to active ministry. He served at the society’s headquarters in Rome and in parishes in Wisconsin and Tennessee. In 2015, he retired to Tucson, and assisted at Most Holy Trinity Parish.

He is survived by sons Joe and Bobby and their spouses; a sister, Geraldine Del Priore of Tolland, Connecticut; and seven grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 3 in Most Holy Trinity Church.

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During his time at St. Cyril’s, he was involved in a program that worked with preparing inmates for the sacraments of initiation. He served on the Presbyteral Council representing the Pima East Vicariate.

Father Balduc

Born Aug. 21, 1935, in Detroit to William F. and Anne (Murphy) Balduc, he attended local Catholic elementary and high schools before enrolling at the University of Detroit, administered by the Sisters of Mercy. He graduated with a bachelors, studying English and Education, in 1965.


He was ordained a Capuchin on June 9, 1973, at the community motherhouse in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, by Bishop Salvador Schlaefer, a Capuchin serving in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Following ordination, he served in parishes in Wisconsin and Montana, before spending 10 years in communities in Nicaragua and Panama. In 1992, he returned to Detroit to serve a year as superior at St. Bonaventure Monastery, before a stint as a retreat master and pastor in Sagonaw, Michigan.

In 2001, he moved to Casa San Jose, a Capuchin residence in Tucson, in semi-retirement. He served as administrator briefly at St. Therese, Patagonia, and Blessed Sacrament, Mammoth, 2007-09.

“I enjoyed being in Patagonia where I was the parish administrator at St. Therese of Lisieux. I liked the mountains, the view, the running water and the lake and especially the people,” he said in an interview. “I have also served in Nicaragua during a civil war there and in Panama. I’ve been an itinerant priest. I’ve enjoyed moving around. I’m grateful to God for the call to ministry.”

Father Crehan

Born Nov. 1, 1947, in Detroit, he was ordained as a Franciscan by Chicago Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, in Dayton, Ohio on June 7, 1975. He came to the Diocese of Tucson on Oct. 1, 2016 and was appointed administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Tombstone on July 1, 2017.
Msgr. Richard O’Keeffe, beloved pastor, died May 2

Politically savvy, community minded leader nurtured Yuma Catholics since 1972

Msgr. Richard O’Keeffe, long-time pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Yuma, died May 2 at age 84.

Richard O’Keeffe, a proud son of an Irish politician Thomas and Nora (Elwood) O’Keeffe, was born April 4, 1935, in Kildare, Ireland. He attended Athenry Boys National School and St. Jarlath College in Tuam before entering St. Patrick College and Seminary in County Tipperary. He was ordained a priest in 1959 by Bishop Joseph J. Byrne of Moshi, Tanzania, in the Thurles Cathedral for the Diocese of Tucson and moved to the US. He became a US citizen on Aug. 23, 1964.

He often invoked his “political lineage” when telling stories, and was well-known by many local, state and national politicians, including former Secretary of Homeland Security and Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano and Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

He was considered a dominant figure in the world of Yuma politics, particularly when the needs of the poor or marginalized were involved.

Diocese of Tucson Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger noted that it is hard to overestimate Msgr. O’Keeffe’s contribution to the Church at large, and most especially the Church of Yuma.

Msgr. O’Keeffe was assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception, Douglas, from 1959-61, and taught ninth grade theology at Loretto Catholic School.

“He was young and energetic. He was totally involved with the people, especially the youth,” said Dominican Sister Charlotte Swift, who taught at the school at the time and later served as executive secretary to Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas. “He had a wonderful, jovial spirit. Everyone loved him.”

Msgr. O’Keeffe was assistant pastor at St. Bartholomew’s, San Manuel, from 1961-64; St. Cyril’s Catholic Church in Tucson from 1964-67; Holy Family Parish in Tucson, from 1967-68; and All Saints Parish, also in Tucson, from 1968-69. He was pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Willcox from 1969-71. He was assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Yuma, in 1972, before he took over as pastor nine years later. He retired on July 1, 2010.

He was diocesan Catholic Youth Organization Director (1967-69), a member of the Bishop’s Task Force on Urban Affairs, and vicar for Yuma/La Paz from 1983-89. He was also chairman of the Priests’ Council in 1984.

He received the title of “monsignor” from Pope Paul VI in 1968, at age 32. At the time, he was pastor at Sacred Heart Parish.

Msgr. O’Keeffe received numerous honors including a US Army Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Religious Leadership; a Department of the Army’s Civilian Service Award and TECOM, the Marine Corps Training and Command Professional Award; the Chicanos Por la Causa Community Involvement Award; and the Andy Nichols Humanitarian Award for service to the poor. He received the Liberty Bell Award as an outstanding naturalized citizen from the Pima County Bar Association in 1969.

“Msgr. Richard O’Keeffe is a true churchman and schoolman. He dedicated his life to spreading God’s word through Catholic education,” said Father John Lyons, pastor at St. Thomas Parish in Yuma, when Msgr. O’Keeffe received the Seton Award for Catholic education from Salpointe Catholic High School.

“He sustained his own school at Immaculate Conception (in Yuma) through good times and bad. . . . he became the principal founder of Yuma Catholic High School. It’s no mistake that they are called the Yuma Shamrocks.”

“Msgr. O’Keeffe was an integral part of Yuma Catholic. He was our biggest fan,” said Rhett Stallworth, the school’s principal and former varsity football coach. “Monsignor was definitely a blessing for the Yuma Catholic community.”

A golf tournament is held in Msgr. O’Keeffe’s honor for his years of service to Immaculate Conception School. He was also recognized in Congress by Rep. Raul Grijalva for his service as chaplain at the US Army Yuma Proving Ground.

He had been in good health well into his late 70s, when he was injured standing on the sidelines at a Yuma Catholic High School football game on Nov. 10, 2012. Upon returning home, he subsequently fell in his residence and hit his head. He went to a rehabilitation center but was never quite the same afterward.

Msgr. Thomas Cahalane, retiring pastor at Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Tucson and contemporary of Msgr. O’Keeffe, praised the priest for his strong positions on behalf of the Church’s teaching on social justice.

“He was political, but only as far as it was aligned with Catholic social teaching,” Msgr. Cahalane said. “He was very involved in social advocacy.”

Msgr. Cahalane said the passing of priests like Msgr. O’Keeffe comes at a time when the Church needs more voices advocating on behalf of the poor. “He will be very much missed. There is a great need for that kind of advocacy today.”

There were two funeral Masses May 13 in Immaculate Conception Church. Bishop Weisenburger was the main celebrant and Bishop-emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas concelebrated.
Bishop welcomes Father Haros-Mendez to ‘brotherhood’

By MICHAEL BROWN  
Managing Editor

Upon his ordination to the priesthood, Father Jesus Haros-Mendez has joined “a brotherhood” that reflects “part of the genius of God for His Church,” said Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger during his homily at Father Haros-Mendez’ Ordination Mass in St. Augustine Cathedral June 1.

The bishop offered the Mass’ passage from John’s Gospel (17:1-10), called “The High Priestly Prayer,” as an explanation for what that brotherhood entails. The bishop noted that the passage follows the stories of Cleansing of the Temple, the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper, and is immediately followed by the Crucifixion.

Each of those stories teaches what is expected of priests, Bishop Weisenburger said. At the cleansing, Jesus was reacting to the corruption of the moneychangers, who were taking advantage of the anawim - the poor and vulnerable - coming to them to purchase temple sacrifices. “Be infinitely gentle with the anawim of God today.”

The foot-washing represented a radical attempt by Jesus to stress to the apostles that their ministry was to be as servants, not to serve as masters, the bishop said. “Have a real humility and zeal for souls. The temptation for worldly status ... may be our greatest temptation.”

Bishop Weisenburger called the Eucharist Jesus “final great gift. ... Let it be the source and summit of your priestly life.”

Finally, the crucifixion is “precisely the vocation of all of us (as baptized Catholics), but most especially for you.”

The bishop called on diocesan priests to support Father Haros-Mendez and urged him to “be intentional in what you have to offer them.”
Congratulations!

Father John Kartje and the Mundelein Seminary community send heartfelt congratulations, prayers and best wishes to

Father Justin Agbir
and
Father Jesus Haros
on their ordinations for the Diocese of Tucson.
May God bless you both in your ministry.
Cornerstone Gala nets $190,000 for charitable works

About 620 attended the 38th Annual Cornerstone Gala May 10 at the El Conquistador Tucson resort, netting the Catholic Foundation more than $190,000 for the charitable work of the foundation.

The foundation honored the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who next year will mark the 150th anniversary of their arrival in Tucson.

Also honored were Msgr. Jeremiah McCarthy, diocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia; and the late Msgr. Robert Fuller.

Edmund Marquez served as master of ceremonies for the night and speed painter Michael Israel provided the entertainment, donating several of his pieces as auction items.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I need your help.

About five years ago my father died. While not a wealthy man, and having been born into a very poor family, he and my mother were very careful with finances and he was able to leave me and my siblings a small inheritance at the time of his death. I was humbled by my father’s commitment to us. Because of my vocation I was able to disburse much of what he gave me while keeping a portion for my retirement. I was surprised at how good it felt to be making donations to charities from the inheritance entrusted to me. I know my father would have appreciated what I did in his name. But it also dawned on me that if my father had left 10% of his estate to the Church, my brother, sisters, and I would not have missed it. I also wonder if whether or not having included a tithe for the Church at the end of his life might have brought him a little added joy. My parents’ good example throughout their lives taught me a lot about financial responsibility. Their final Will further taught me something important about estate planning.

You might not know it but bishops are required by canon law to have a Will, and whatever is left at the end of my life goes to the Diocese of Tucson. Because of my vocation this is a joy and not a challenge. But in light of the ever-increasing financial needs of the Church in serving the faithful, I’m wondering if those reading this message might not join with me in considering a small tithe to the Diocese of Tucson in their own estate planning. If your children and heirs are like me and my siblings, perhaps they wouldn’t miss your final tithe of ten percent.

I believe in dying as we have lived—which for me includes a final act of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Church that has fed me with Word and Sacrament throughout my life. I pray that many will join with me in choosing to die as we have lived.

May God bless you abundantly, and I pray that you will consider what I ask, because truly,

I need your help.

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger

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Pope recognizes St. George’s pastor as ‘monsignor’

CHANDLER — Father Domenico Pinti, pastor of St. George Parish in Apache Junction, left Priests Convocation in May with a bit more color than when he arrived.

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger announced on opening day April 30 that Pope Francis had named Father Pinti a “Chaplain to His Holiness” with the title of “reverend monsignor.” With the honor comes colorful upgrades in cassocks, which includes magenta piping and buttons, and fascia — a sash — of the same color.

In a May 5 letter to members of the parish, Bishop Weisenburger noted that Pope Francis, following the lead of Pope Benedict XVI, has been stingy on papal honors. “Papal honors for clergy, including the naming of monsignors, has grown far less frequent in the Church in an effort to maintain a sense of humility among the clergy,” the bishop wrote. “Nevertheless, when an exceptional priest stands out for his rich love for the Church and exceptionally generous ministry, the Holy See deems it prudent and worthwhile to shine a light on such a man. It is in this spirit that Msgr. Pinti has been recognized.”

Msgr. Pinti said he was surprised and humbled by the announcement. “I never expected anything like this. All I ever want to do is just be a good and holy priest,” he said. The formal investiture will be July 15.

The bishop called on parishioners to celebrate the news. “It is my great hope that you will extend a gracious congratulations to him for this honor and I look forward to a time that we can celebrate together this blessing for your dear pastor.”

Priests gather for learning, celebration during annual Convocation

Marking a combined 140 years of priestly ministry, jubilarians were honored at a Mass during the Priests’ Convocation in Chandler May 1. At left, from left are Father Isaac Fynn (40 years), Father Joseph Esson (25 years), Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Father John Ikponko (25 years), Father Ariel Lustan (25 years) and Father Cayetano Cabrera (25 years). At a dinner following the Mass, Bishop Weisenburger was also cited for his seventh anniversary of episcopal ordination.

Below, Father Ikponko and diocesan Chancellor Anne Morales share a light moment. Below left, priests prayed silently during Mass.
Students seize chance to earn college credit in high school

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

When seven Yuma Catholic High School students graduated last month, it was two degrees for the price of one. They also earned associate degrees from Arizona Western College.

The Yuma-based community college began offering dual credit courses with the Catholic high school 13 years ago, when several of the high school’s teachers also served as adjunct professors at AWC, said Terra Stallworth, Yuma Catholic’s director of Counseling.

Stallworth was one of those teachers and offered Psychology 101 as one of five courses using the same curriculum and book for her high school students as she used at AWC. The other dual credit courses were in English and History.

She noted that to take a dual credit class, the students have to file an application with AWC and successfully pass a placement exam, showing they have a sufficient base knowledge to enroll in the college-level curriculum.

Dual credit courses have become so popular that the curriculum has expanded and now includes 23 general education courses in the subjects of English, math, history, philosophy, Spanish and religion.

Students “are able to take these courses as soon as they test into them,” Stallworth said, noting that even freshmen and sophomores can take them as long as they enroll in AWC and pass the test.

Another financial incentive is that under their agreement, Yuma charges students $25 per credit, while most colleges charge $300-$500 per credit. Shaving a year or two off college tuition costs by taking general education classes in high school makes attending college much more affordable, Stallworth said.

She added more than 60 percent of students have earned some college credit while at Yuma Catholic.

One critical element is that teachers who want to teach dual credit courses have to file employment applications with AWC as well. They must have placement (AP) courses but no longer does because of the popularity of dual credits.

At St. Augustine Catholic High School in Tucson, students will have the opportunity to take what it calls dual enrollment courses for the first time in August. It is partnering with Pima Community College, said Dave Keller, St. Augustine’s president.

One of the benefits working with Pima is that the community college built its course curricula working with the University of Arizona.

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Augustine’s initially will offer seven courses in the areas of math and business, religion and French.

St. Augustine’s will continue to offer AP courses, although some of the new dual enrollment classes will replace similar ones on its AP roster. The school currently offers 30 credits of AP curricula, although it’s possible that those will be whittled down if, as anticipated, students move into dual enrollment classes instead.

Keller said he sees the advantage of dual enrollment over AP courses, primarily in the guarantee of college credit if a student passes the course. With AP classes, a student can excel in the course and possibly take the AP exam and earn college credit.

Dual enrollment classes are more easily accepted by colleges and universities than AP classes.

Dual enrollment classes evaluate student mastery during the course of a semester, not condensed to a three-hour AP test.

Dual enrollment classes show colleges and universities that student applicants are college-ready.

Dual enrollment classes show the school’s commitment to its students.

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St. Norbert’s ministry focused on fulfilling his mission to the Church

St. Norbert was born in Germany, around the year 1080. Through the influence of his noble family, he was able to obtain a paid position at the church of St. Victor in Xanten. His only task was to take part in the daily prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, but he paid someone to take his place so he could take a higher paying position as a religious counselor (chaplain) to the emperor.

St. Norbert later gave up this way of life and was ordained a priest in 1115. Feeling called to do more, he gave away all his possessions and moved to the valley of Premontré in northern France. Other men joined him and, together, they pronounced religious vows on Christmas Day, 1121, establishing what would become the Order of Canons of Premontré (the Norbertines).

St. Norbert later became bishop of Magdeburg, Germany, in 1126. As bishop, he worked for clerical reform, enforcing celibacy and attacking corruption and absentee bishops. Together with St. Bernard of Clairvaux, he worked to heal the wounds caused by divisions in the Church. St. Norbert died in 1134 and was canonized in 1582.

In the collect (the opening prayer) for the commemoration of St. Norbert on June 6, we celebrate the ways this holy bishop reconciled the call he felt to a life of prayer and contemplation with the call to serve as a pastor. Called the “Angel of Peace” because of his work to promote peace, he also promoted a spirit of prayer, which must be the foundation for any good work done in Christ’s name.

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to each of us to empower us to help renew and build up the Church. The story of St. Norbert shows us how God will often ask that we step out of our comfort zones for the sake of the Gospel, sometimes leading us down new and previously unimagined paths.

Although he desired to live a contemplative life, St. Norbert became a true evangelist, dedicated to spreading the Good News, without counting the cost. As we celebrate the great feasts of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, reflect on what God might be asking of you and on how you can let go of anything that might be holding you back in your mission.

To learn more about Jordan Ministry Team, visit JordanMinistry.org.
Profile of a Catholic Appeal giver: Donal Drayne

By SUZANNE HOPKINS

“It’s been a while since I watched my very first Annual Catholic Appeal video,” said Donal Drayne, a member of St. Odilia Parish, “but it wasn’t until I got involved in volunteer work with the Diocese that I realized the various ministries, programs and Catholic affiliates desperately needed our support. Today I am much more aware of—and am pleasantly surprised at—the amount of assistance given by the Annual Catholic Appeal to these worthy causes.

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund the ministries and services benefitting every Catholic in the Diocese of Tucson. It supports 27 ministries and charities - the work of offices, parishes and Catholic affiliates in the nine counties of the Diocese – improving many lives. “One of the key parts is helping to fund the education of potentially new priests. This is very important in this day and age, when we hear a lot about the shortage of priests coming into the Catholic Church,” Drayne said.

Through its support of the Office of Vocations and Seminarian Education, the Annual Catholic Appeal is helping to fund the recruitment and education of future diocesan priests. Nine young men are currently in seminary; the cost of educating each seminarian is $40,000 a year.

“Equally important is that the Diocese of Tucson is a mission diocese, meaning it is a diocese that is financially under-resourced,” said Drayne. “As Catholics, it is very important that we get involved in the work of the Church. Besides celebrating our Catholic faith through Mass and the sacraments, we must also do it through words and deeds. Having been brought up in Northern Ireland, where my family has taken our Catholic religion very seriously, I was always taught to support the Catholic Church in as many ways as possible.”

The theme for this year’s Appeal is “Living Our Faith Through Acts of Charity” and the goal is $4 million. So far, parishes have brought in $3.3 million.

To pledge or donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cathfnd.org/donate to make a secure online donation, and visit www.cathfnd.org/accountability to see how funds are spent.

Mount Lemmon Marian shrine granted official status

Catholics spending time on Mount Lemmon will find a new spot for respite with the recent recognition of the Shrine of Mary Undoer of Knots.

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger acknowledged the official status of the shrine, located at 12849 N. Tucson Ave., in a May 21 letter to priests.

Formal endorsement of the shrine actually came from Phoenix Bishop Thomas Olmsted, who since Aug. 2 has been the apostolic administrator for the Eparchy of Phoenix. It is the eparchy, the equivalent of a diocese in Eastern Catholic churches, which exercises oversight that includes the shrine.

Bishop Weisenburger noted that the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Catholic Church are in full communion and accept shared sacraments.

“I have not personally visited the shrine yet, but I have seen pictures and it appears to be quite beautiful. It is a place of pilgrimage and open to visitors,” he wrote. “At this time, they are in their first year of operation and are building their volunteer base, The Guild of St. Irenaeus, to help support and expand when they can be open for pilgrimages and events.”

The shrine is open on Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with Mass offered at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, May through September.

The shrine and its buildings reside on lots owned by Eugene and Catherine Kinghorn. One of the drivers behind the construction of the shrine is Father Robert Rankin, pastor of St. Melany Byzantine Church in Tucson.

According to the shrine website, maryundoerofknotsshrine.org, Father Rankin visited the Kinghorns in 2015 to bless their cabin. They began talking about how “it would be ideal to have a church on Mount Lemmon.”

Several nearby lots were purchased and the following year, permits were granted for the construction of a chapel and bell tower.

Craftsmen and artisans were contracted and work began in 2017. Work continued in 2018 with installation of artwork and other features into 2019. Among the distinctive features of the shrine are the Pantocrator dome, the Choros chandelier, and the Paul Revere bell, cast in 1826 in the foundry run by the Revolutionary War hero and his son.

Devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots is rooted in the second century writings of St. Irenaeus, citing Mary’s actions in undoing “the knot of Eve’s disobedience.”

For more information, visit the website or call the shrine at (520) 576-9653.

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mission of providing a college prep program.

San Miguel High School in Tucson also offers a dual enrollment course through Pima for third-year Spanish for students for whom Spanish is not their native language.

Christian Brother Jesus Lara, vice principal for Discipline and Student Services, and Student Activities director, said that the dual enrollment program was introduced in 2009. Another course was tried, first through Pima and then another partner, but it was unsuccessful.

“We are however increasing the AP class offering instead,” Brother Lara said. “We offer AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP English Language and Culture, AP English Literature, AP Calculus, AP Statistics and looking to offer AP US History in a couple of years.”

Editor’s note: Terra Stallworth is the spouse of Yuma Principal Rhett Stallworth.

An invitation to prayer

Bishop Edward Weisenburger leads the Luminous Mysteries In English or Spanish

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Bishop: We are ‘deeply grateful’ for pope’s direction in ‘Vos estis’

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

Saying he was “deeply grateful,” Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger welcomed the May 9 instruction by Pope Francis on how dioceses around the world must deal with allegations of clergy sex abuse.

“I am deeply grateful to our Holy Father for his leadership and assistance with a grave evil that touches not only on the lives of Catholics and our church but indeed is found in every sector of society,” the bishop wrote in a statement issued the same day as the document. “It is my hope that our church’s response might be an example for other organizations to take and an important step toward combatting the crime of sexual abuse everywhere.”

He anticipated the motu proprio would be reviewed and promptly implemented at the spring meeting of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in Baltimore June 10-14.

Bishop Weisenburger noted that the document, a motu proprio issued by the pope, has the force of church law and is mandated for every diocese around the world. The title is “Vos estis lux mundi” (“You are the Light of the World”). The document’s release follows last year’s Extraordinary Synod of Bishops that focused on clergy sex abuse. The motu proprio is available in English and Spanish at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu proprio-20190507_vos-estis-lux-mundi.html.

The bishop also praised it for providing guidance when a bishop himself is accused of sexual impropriety or failing to appropriately handle a claim of impropriety by a member of the clergy.

“The document requires church officials to follow local reporting laws and provides a clear line of reporting through the papal ambassador to the Holy See,” Bishop Weisenburger wrote. “In all these ways I believe our Holy Father has helped to clarify the criminal nature of sexual abuse as well as given us a procedure that will enable the Church to respond more aggressively when receiving allegations of misconduct.”

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The bishop’s statement can be found at diocesetucson.org/Communications/pressrelease/2019/05.09.19-Bishop%20Weisenburger%20Statement.pdf.

Days of mishandling allegations are over, says Vatican adviser

By CAROL GLATZ
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis’ new norms on protecting minors and strengthening accountability are the latest steps in driving home the message that the days of keeping abuse allegations covered up or ignored are over, said the Vatican’s top abuse investigator.

In the past, some people may have thought they were protecting the Church by remaining silent, but that behavior was never acceptable, Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta, adjunct secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, told reporters.

“The good of the Church requires condemnation” to the proper authorities when it comes to abuse of minors and abuses of power, he said.

The archbishop spoke to reporters about Pope Francis’ latest apostolic letter, “Vos estis lux mundi” (“You are the light of the world”) at a news conference at the Vatican May 9. The new document establishes and clarifies norms and procedures for holding bishops and religious superiors accountable in protecting minors as well as in protecting members of religious orders and seminarians from abuse.

“because it makes disclosure the main policy of the Church.”

Procedures have already been in place when it comes to accusations of abuse of minors by priests, so the new norms address what to do when the accused is a bishop, cardinal, patriarch or religious superior and how accusations against leadership of abuse or misconduct must be reported.

For example, “if a priest uses force with an adult, it’s the bishop who takes that case,” he said. However, “when a person in leadership is guilty of misconduct, the jurisdiction pertains to the Holy See,” he said.

The new norms are important, Archbishop Scicluna said, because they clearly tell people they have an obligation to report already existing crimes, negligence and inappropriate behavior to church authorities.

That obligation “has always been there, but experience shows us that either a closed-shop mentality or a misplaced interest in protecting the institution was hindering disclosure,” he said.

The now universal law of mandating all clerics, as well as men and women religious, to report to the competent ecclesiastical authorities the abuses of which they become aware is important, he said.

“I would never go to a person who has suffered, give them a piece of paper and say that we have fixed everything. People need concrete responses” and action, which is why “I am telling people, ‘Help the pope so that his desire (to prevent abuse) becomes a reality in your dioceses.’”

The new norms will not fix everything, he added, but they do send “a very strong message that disclosure is the order of the day, and not silence.”

It is also the first time “compliance with state laws” concerning the abuse of minors gets placed in the realm of the Church’s universal law, the archbishop said.

Even though the doctrinal congregation’s circular letter in 2011 made it clear the Church must obey civil laws regarding abuse and reporting, the new apostolic letter “ratifies in a universal law” that mandate to respect civil requirements.
Obispo: Estamos ‘profundamente agradecidos’ por la orientación del Papa en ‘Vos estis’

Por MICHAEL BROWN
Director Editorial

Expresando estar “profundamente agradecido”, el obispo Edward J. Weisenburger recibió con complacencia las instrucciones emitidas por el papa Francisco el 9 de mayo donde define cómo deben abordar las diócesis de todo el mundo los informes de abuso sexual cometido por el clero.

“Me siento profundamente agradecido hacia nuestro Santo Padre por su liderazgo y asistencia para abordar este mal tan grave que afecta no solo la vida de los católicos y de nuestra Iglesia sino que, de hecho, es un mal presente en todos los sectores de la sociedad”, escribió el obispo en un comunicado emitido el mismo día que el documento papal. “Espero que la respuesta de nuestra Iglesia sea un ejemplo para que otras organizaciones den un paso importante hacia combatir el crimen del abuso sexual en todas partes”.

Él prevé que el motu propio será estudiado e implementado sin demora durante la reunión de primavera de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos a celebrarse en Baltimore del 10 al 14 de junio.


El obispo elogió el documento también por señalar el proceso a seguir cuando un obispo es acusado de conducta sexual inapropiada o de no responder como es debido a una queja de conducta inapropiada por parte de un miembro del clero.


Asesor del Vaticano dice que se acabó la época de encubrimiento

Por CAROL GLATZ
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO — Las nuevas directrices del papa Francisco, sobre la protección de menores y fortalecimiento de responsabilidades, es el más reciente paso para dejar claro el mensaje de que se acabó la época de ocultar o ignorar acusaciones de abuso, dijo el principal investigador de abusos del Vaticano.

En el pasado, algunas personas pueden haber pensado que estaban protegiendo a la iglesia al permanecer callados, pero ese comportamiento nunca fue aceptable --dijo el arzobispo Charles Scicluna de Malta, subsecretario de la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe, a reporteros. “Por el bien de la iglesia hay que denunciar” a autoridades pertinentes cuando se trata de abusos de menores de edad y poder, dijo.

El arzobispo conversó con reporteros sobre la “última carta apostólica del papa Francisco, “Ustedes son la luz del mundo” (“Vos estis lux mundi”), durante una conferencia de prensa el 9 de mayo en el Vaticano. El nuevo documento establece y clara las normas y procedimientos para exigir responsabilidad a obispos y superiores religiosos, cuando se trata de salvaguardar a menores, así como también de abusos contra adultos (cometidos con violencia o amenazas) o de abuso de autoridad.

Las nuevas normas son importantes, dijo el arzobispo Scicluna, porque claramente le manifiestan a la gente que tienen la obligación de reportar los ya existentes crímenes, negligencias y comportamientos inapropiados a las autoridades de la iglesia.

Esa obligación “siempre ha estado allí, pero la experiencia nos muestra que una mentalidad de círculo cerrado o un interés equivocado para proteger la institución, han sido impedimentos para que se dé a conocer”, dijo.

La ahora ley universal exige a todos los clérigos (así como también a religiosos y religiosos) reportar a las autoridades eclesiásticas competentes sobre abusos de los cuales ellos tienen conocimiento. “Esto es importante - dijo - “porque divulga al público la política principal de la iglesia”.

Los procedimientos ya habían sido establecidos cuando se trata de acusaciones de abuso a menores por parte de sacerdotes, de modo que las nuevas normas indican qué hacer cuando el acusado es un obispo, cardenal, patriarca o superior religioso y cómo las acusaciones de abuso o conducta inapropia hechas contra el liderazgo deben ser reportadas.

Por ejemplo: “Si un sacerdote utiliza la fuerza con un adulto, es el obispo quien se encarga del caso”.

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Asignaciones sacerdotales

Esta es la lista de asignaciones anuales para los sacerdotes de la diócesis. Algunas asignaciones ya han entrado en vigor. Como norma, los cambios entran en vigor el 1º de julio.

PÁRROCOS (O ADMINISTRADORES):

1. Our Mother of Sorrows, Tucson: padre Arnold Aurillo, párroco
2. Holy Angels, Globe: padre Albert Miranda, administrador
4. St. Therese of Lisieux, Patagonia: padre Alex Tigga, M.S.F.S., párroco
5. San Carlos Apache Community: padre John Paul Shea, administrador, con deberes sacramentales en la Vicaría
7. Our Lady of Grace, Maricopa: padre Jay Luczak, párroco
8. Sacred Heart, Nogales: padre Marcos Velásquez, párroco
9. Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Tucson: padre Alan Valencia, párroco
11. Holy Cross, Morenci/Sacred Heart y St. Mary, Clifton: padre Nathaniel Mma, párroco
12. St. Joseph the Worker, Wellton: padre Gregory Okafor, párroco
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18. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Tombstone: padre Gregory Adolf, párroco supervisor (a la vez que funge como párroco de St. Andrew, Sierra Vista, Arizona) con la asistencia de los vicarios parroquiales de St. Andrew

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2. Immaculate Conception, Yuma: padre José Martín Uriarte Guevara
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