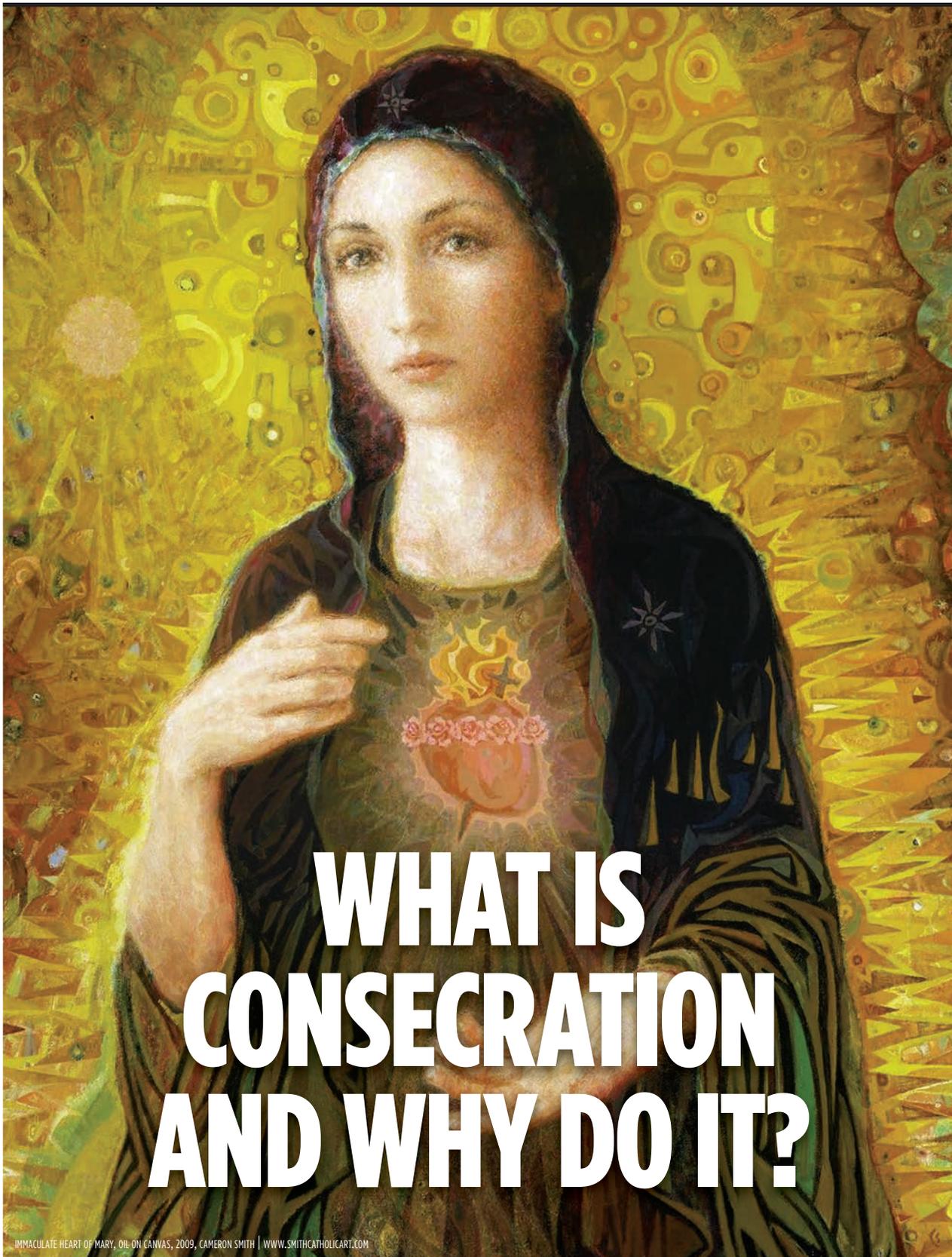




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WHAT IS CONSECRATION AND WHY DO IT?



Consecration of the Archdiocese of Denver will take place Friday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and in participating parishes. For more information on the event and on consecration, or to learn more about preparation, visit archden.org/heartofmary.

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Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila



Hearts ready to respond

During the entire liturgical year, there are only two saints whose birth the Church celebrates: John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Why these two saints and not others? It is because God gave them the mission of announcing and bringing Jesus to the world. Today, every believer is tasked with preparing for this same mission.

Birthday celebrations are a recognition of the fact that the world is changed by every birth; a completely unique person is added to the ranks of the living. But when we celebrate Mary's birth on Sept. 8th, we are recognizing that the world was changed in an even more profound way and eternal way. In her, we witness the fulfillment of God's promise in Genesis 3:15 that the Devil would be crushed by the offspring of a woman.

This woman is Mary, the New Eve, whose role St. Irenaeus of Lyon beautifully described in the second century. "Just as the former — that is, Eve — was seduced by the words of an angel so that she turned away from God by disobeying his word, so the latter — Mary — received the good news from an angel's announcement in such a way as to give birth to God by obeying his word; and as the former was seduced so that she disobeyed God, the latter let herself be convinced to obey God, and so the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve" (Against Heresies, V, 19, 1).

The birth of Mary was a turning point in salvation history. It was the



moment at which the new Eve was born and because of her "yes" to being the mother of the new Adam, God became a man.

God also calls each of us to bring about the kingdom of God today in a way that is uniquely tailored to the gifts the Father has given us. We all have a part to play in the salvation of the world, and this coming Oct. 13th could serve as a moment of grace in your journey to your true home in heaven.

The significance of Oct. 13th is that it is the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearances at Fatima. The central message of Fatima, which remains relevant today, is this: That Mary wishes to assist us, through her Immaculate Heart, in bringing the

world back to God. Mary's deepest desire is that the world come to know the mercy and love of her Son. That every human being may encounter him and put their faith in him.

Given the ever-present need for our hearts to be formed by Jesus, Bishop Rodriguez and I are inviting everyone to consecrate themselves and the whole archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica on Oct. 13th. Every parish is being invited to participate in this consecration, either with their own simultaneous ceremony, or by following the cathedral liturgy via livestream.

The archdiocese is also making preparatory materials available at archden.org/heartofmary. Visit the

site, and look at ways you can personally prepare for this consecration and participate in it more fully.

As we celebrate the birth of Mary, I pray that each one of you will open your hearts to hear the words, "Behold your mother," that Jesus spoke from the Cross. Open your hearts to receive Mary as your mother and to grow in intimacy with her, for she will always lead you to her Son. Pray for a deeper faith and to have the faith of Mary, who was blessed for her confidence in God's promises to her (Lk. 1: 45). Pray, too, for the conversion of the world, and that every human being may open their hearts to encounter Jesus and come to know his eternal love for them! May Mary place her mantle of love and protection over you!

“Mary wishes to assist us, through her Immaculate Heart, in bringing the world back to God.”

Prayer vigil at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions on May 12, 2017. PHOTO BY DANIEL IBANEZ | CNA

ARCHBISHOP'S SCHEDULE

SEPT. 9: Mass for Installation of Pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Brighton (5 p.m.)

SEPT. 14: Mass with seminarians and faculty, Redemptoris Mater Seminary chapel, St. John Paul II Center (5:30 p.m.)

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Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila poses with medical students at University of Colorado Hospital - Anschutz Campus after celebrating a special Mass for them Aug. 26 as they began a new year of classes. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Around the Archdiocese

Bishops: DACA cancellation 'reprehensible'

BY DENVER CATHOLIC STAFF

The United States bishops' conference has called the cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program "reprehensible" in a statement issued after President Donald Trump announced Sept. 5 that he would cancel the executive order in six months.

Over 780,000 youth received protection from the DACA program since its inception by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in 2012. DACA provided no legal status or government benefits but did provide recipients with temporary employment authorization to work in the United States and reprieve from deportation.

"The cancellation of the DACA program is reprehensible," the bishops stated. "It causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families."

The bishops explained that the beneficiaries of DACA arrived to the United States as minors, and have no experience of living anywhere else.

"The Catholic Church has long watched with pride and admiration as DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society. Continuing to work and provide for their families, continuing to serve in the military, and continuing to

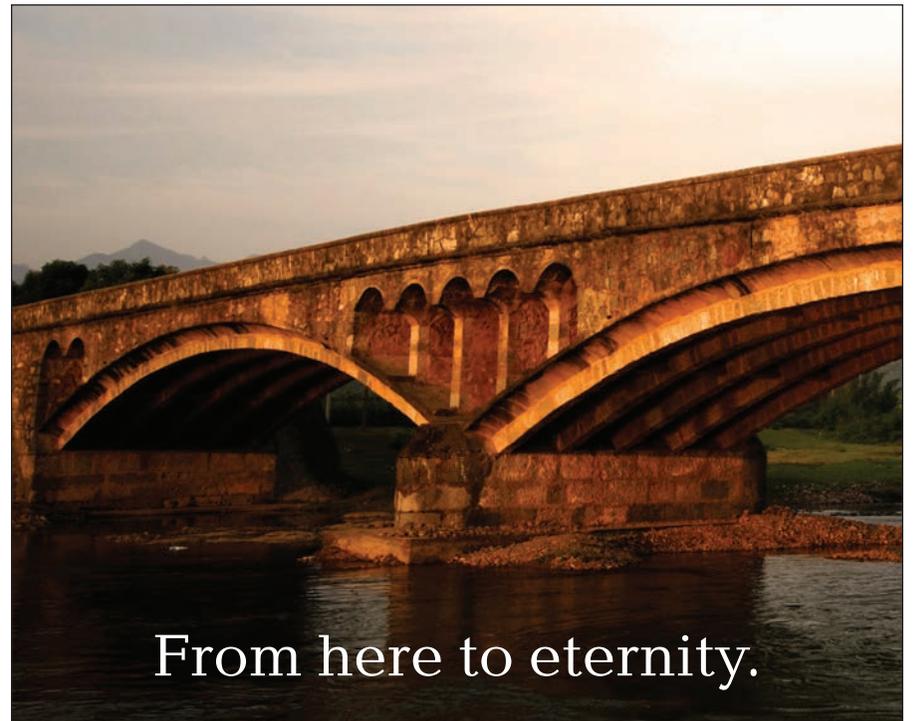
receive an education," the statement said. "Now, after months of anxiety and fear about their futures, these brave young people face deportation. This decision is unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans."

Citing Mark 9:37, the bishops recalled that the Gospel calls all of us to "welcome young people: 'Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me, ...'"

"Today," they stated, "our nation has done the opposite of how Scripture calls us to respond. It is a step back from the progress that we need to make as a country. Today's actions represent a heartbreaking moment in our history that shows the absence of mercy and good will, and a short-sighted vision for the future. DACA youth are woven into the fabric of our country and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American youth."

"We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution," the bishops continued. "We pledge our support to work on finding an expeditious means of protection for DACA youth."

"As people of faith, we say to DACA youth — regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you."



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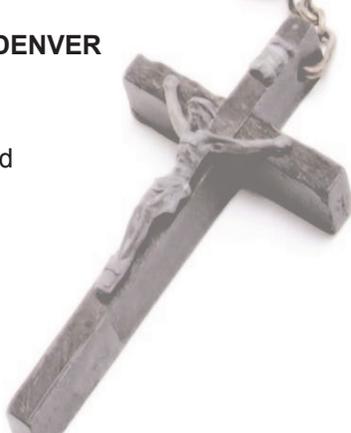
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In-Depth

Precedent-setting Masterpiece Cake Shop case to be heard by Supreme Court

BY WAYNE LAUGESEN

Jack Phillips answered the phone at his bakery, Masterpiece Cake Shop in Lakewood. It wasn't a social call. The caller said he was on his way to kill Phillips.

"He said he was going to shoot me in the head," Phillips said. "I've had other threats, but this sounded legitimate enough. He told me 'I'm driving down this particular street, and I'm ready to turn down that one.' I believed he was coming to the shop."

The caller said he would also harm Phillips' daughter, who worked in the store.

Police made a futile effort to trace the call, and the man never arrived.

It was one in a long series of threats made against Phillips since a Thursday in 2012, when David Mullins and Charles Craig came to his store and ordered a cake for a celebration of their "marriage." Same-sex marriage was illegal in Colorado at the time. Coloradans had voted in 2006 for a state constitutional amendment that defined marriage as a union "between one man and one woman."

Phillips politely declined to design a cake, but offered to sell the men any other goods in the store.

"One of the men said, 'It's for our wedding,' so right away I knew I could not do this for them," Phillips recalled. "I could not use the artistic talents God had given me to create an expression for a religious ceremony that violates my faith. I had nothing against these gentlemen, and they are welcome in my store anytime. It was not because they were gay. It was because of the cake they wanted me to create."

The high-profile conflict immediately changed the course of Phillips' life, leading to a case the Supreme Court of the United States agreed in June to hear. Oral arguments in *Masterpiece Cake Shop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* will likely be scheduled for December, with a ruling in the spring of 2018. The Colorado Catholic Conference plans to co-sign an amicus brief in support of Phillips.

"People need to understand how much this case could impact everybody," said Phillips' attorney, Jeremy Tedesco, of the Alliance Defending Freedom. "If government can force Jack Phillips to



Jack Phillips' Masterpiece Cake Shop in Lakewood will be at the center of a potentially precedent-setting religious freedom case heard by the Supreme Court in December.

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act against his conscience, it can do this to anyone on any issue. It is about how much power we want the government to have over our lives, in what we express. If we give them this power over Jack, we give them power over us all."

Phillips said Mullins and Craig stormed off after he declined their request for an expression on cake. They started an email campaign that day and the phone began to ring at Masterpiece Cake Shop.

Soon there were protesters in the parking lot with signs. Next, the ACLU filed a complaint against Phillips with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

Phillips' lawyers argued the First Amendment protected his free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. The Colorado Civil Rights Commission ruled Phillips in violation of Colorado's anti-discrimination law. The commission ordered him to change the store's policy and subject its employees to sensitivity training. The Colorado Court of Appeals upheld the ruling.

Phillips said he could not change his policy without violating his Christian beliefs, so he stopped baking wedding cakes.

In explaining the Civil Rights Commission's decision against Phillips' First Amendment rights, Commissioner Diann Rice said, "Freedom of religion and religion has been used to justify all kinds of discrimination throughout history, whether it be slavery, whether

it be the Holocaust..."

Phillips took offense.

"My father was a World War II veteran who won a purple heart and who helped liberate prisoners in the Buchenwald concentration camp," Phillips said. "He wrote about the smell and the horrors of war. It is so absurd, it is crazy, for her to compare the free exercise of religion to the Holocaust."

After the Civil Rights Commission punished Phillips, a Christian customer asked several bakers in the metro area to design a cake with a biblical message that opposed same-sex marriage. When several requests were declined, he filed a complaint with the Civil Rights Commission. It ruled against him and in favor of the bakers.

"Basically, the commission said there was no probable cause for a finding of discrimination because the bakers would serve this customer in any other way but they were offended by the nature of his request," Tedesco said. "Well, that is exactly what Jack has said all along. He would serve these gentlemen anytime in his shop, but there were certain things he would not do. The commission is playing favorites with First Amendment rights. If the state agrees with your views, you are treated one way. If the state dislikes your view, you are treated another way."

Phillips grew up as one of five children in what he describes as a functional, middle-class, Baptist home. At Alameda High School in the 1970s, Phillips immersed

himself in art courses and spent his study halls in art labs working on paintings, drawings and honing his pottery skills.

After graduation in 1974, Phillips took a job across the street from his family's home at a wholesale bakery that employed three of his siblings. Working his way up to cake design, he fell in love with the format.

"Jack is an artist who uses cake as his canvas," Tedesco said. "He is no different than any artist who uses a brush and a regular canvas. Nobody has freedom if the government tells us what we can and cannot express on canvass."

Working at the wholesale bakery for almost 20 years, Phillips never let go of a dream.

"I loved working in a bakery," Phillips said. "I decided I wanted to own my own bakery. I would do cake decorating, combining the art and the baking that I loved so much."

Phillips saved portions of his wages while providing for his wife to homeschool their three kids. He saved enough to buy commercial baking machines and to open Masterpiece Cake Shop in 1993. The store celebrated its 24th anniversary on Sept. 3.

"I love everyone who comes into my shop — gay, straight, black, white," Phillips said. "It is crazy I find myself here now, in this circumstance. I'm not fighting this so I can get back in the wedding cake business. It is to protect all of our freedoms."



JACK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Jack Phillips loves and serves all people, but he cannot create cakes that celebrate all events. Because Jack can't design custom cakes for same-sex weddings, he faces the loss of his family business, Masterpiece Cakeshop. His store, located in Lakewood, Colorado, **HAS ALREADY LOST 40% OF BUSINESS.**

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Around the Archdiocese

Archdiocese prepares for consecration



BY THERESE BUSSEN

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On Oct. 13, the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila will consecrate the Archdiocese of Denver to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"Mary wishes to assist us, through her Immaculate Heart, in bringing the world back to God. This is why I am encouraging people to join me in consecrating themselves, their families, parishes, and the archdiocese to her Immaculate Heart," Archbishop Aquila said.

The act of consecration will take place at the end of a Marian prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, and Archbishop Aquila invites parishes across the archdiocese to participate, either in attending the service at the cathedral, or within their own parishes through a livestream.

For those who wish to participate in the consecration of the archdiocese, making an individual consecration is a great way to do so. The normal length of preparation is 33 days, which would mean the 33-day start would be Sept. 11 for consecration on Oct. 13.

But why should we consecrate ourselves as individuals, and what is it?

WHAT'S A CONSECRATION?

Consecration means "to make holy." When one makes an act of consecration, it is made ultimately to God with the understanding that our consecration is a serious commitment on our part to respond faithfully to God's grace at work in our lives.

When consecrating ourselves to Our Lady, we are consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary. As Pope John Paul II explained, "Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind to him who is holy, infinitely holy; it means accepting her help — by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being, for the whole world — in order to offer the world, the individual human being, mankind as a whole, and all the nations to him who is infinitely holy" (May 13, 1982).

"Consecration to the Mother of God," says Pope Pius XII, "is a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or

sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life — Marian life." This consecration, the Pope explained, "tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."

WHY CONSECRATE THE DIOCESE?

While there is a long history of consecration to Mary, the practice of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is closely linked to the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. During the third apparition, on July 13, 1917, Our Lady said to the three little shepherds: "God wishes to establish the devotion to her Immaculate Heart in the world in order to save souls from hell and bring about world peace, and also asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart."

Pope Pius XII consecrated the Church and the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Oct. 31, 1942, as World War II continued to rage on. "To you, to your Immaculate Heart, in this tragic hour of human history, we confide our fortunes, putting ourselves in your hands," the Pope prayed.

John Paul II did the same on May 13, 1982, and again on March 25, 1984, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Holy Year of the Redemption, in union with many of the bishops around the world. On Oct. 8, 2000, he made an act of entrustment of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the new millennium.

Between them, Pius XII and John Paul II consecrated the Church and the entire world to Mary a total of eight times. On Oct. 13, 2013, Pope Francis renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and dedicated his pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima.

The Archdiocese of Denver has never before been consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver rededicated the Archdiocese of Denver to the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, 2004, 150 years after the establishment of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

The act of consecration to Mary "establishes a relationship of love with her in which we dedicate to her all that we have and are," says Saint John Paul II. "This consecration is practiced essentially by a life of grace, of purity, of prayer, of penance that is joined to the fulfillment of all the duties of a Christian, and of reparation for our sins and the sins of the world" (Sept. 26, 1986).

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Evangelization, is that it is geared toward those who would benefit from hearing the *Kerygma* preached in an authentically Catholic way.

"Simply, the *Kerygma* is the announcement about Jesus Christ, his life, mission, and saving actions," said Elmer. "It is related to the 'Gospel' which, before it was associated with Jesus, was associated with new emperors and kings to announce a new kingdom."

The retreat will include sessions of worship, teachings, personal stories and prayer, and retreat organizers state that "each person will take an individual journey to experience the love of God the Father, freedom in Jesus Christ and a new life in the Holy Spirit."



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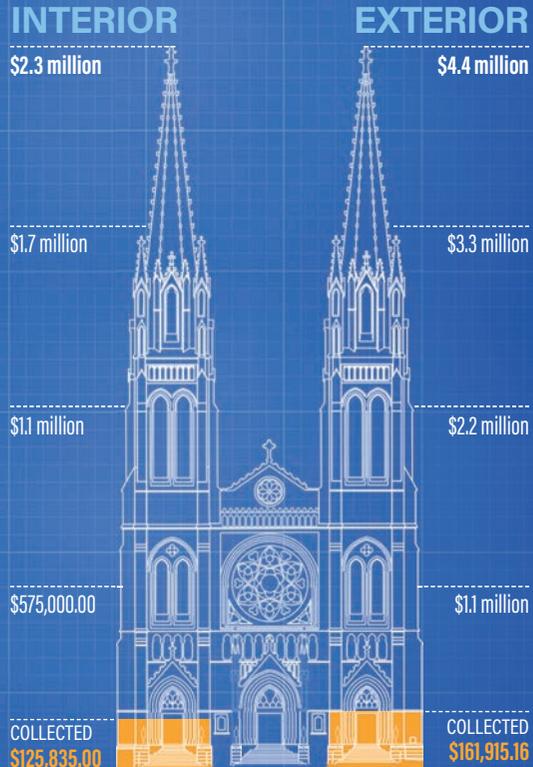
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Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila presides over the 50th Anniversary Mass and celebration at Risen Christ Catholic Parish on Aug. 20.

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There is no aspect of the Christian life more difficult to understand (and to accept lovingly and with joy) than the role of the cross in our salvation.

On Sept. 14, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, which highlights the intense suffering Christ endured out of love for us to obtain our redemption, a suffering that he first asked to be taken from him in the Garden of Gethsemane ("If it be possible, let this cup pass from me" Mt. 26:39).

As Saint John Paul II wrote

in *Salvifici Doloris* (On the Christian meaning of human suffering), suffering "is the undergoing of evil before which man shudders." It's not easy for anyone, and it is a reality "almost inseparable from man's earthly existence."

But, the Pope continues, in the cross the Christian finds meaning in suffering because it is through the cross that Christ redeems our sins, and it is through our sharing in Christ's cross that we gain eternal life.

As we prepare to celebrate the great feast day of the Exaltation of the Cross, let us look to some of the great spiritual masters for words of encouragement and insight into the mystery of human suffering and redemption.

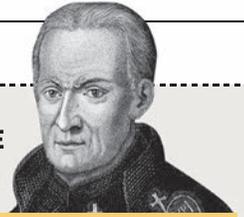
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“Would that men might come at last to see that it is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire. The soul that longs for divine wisdom chooses first, and in truth, to enter the thicket of the cross.”

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
(1542-1591)



CELEBRATE THE CROSS



“When you become true lovers of the Crucified, you will always celebrate the feast of the cross in the inner temple of the soul, bearing all in silence and not relying on any creature. Since festivals ought to be celebrated joyfully, those who love the Crucified should honor the feast of the cross by enduring in silence with a serene and joyful countenance, so that their suffering remains hidden from men and is observed by God alone. For in this feast there is always a solemn banquet, and the food presented is the will of God, exemplified by the love of our crucified Christ.”

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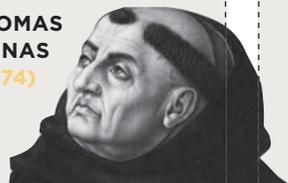
“ I always want to see you behaving like a brave soldier who does not complain about his own suffering but takes his comrades' wounds seriously and treats his own as nothing but scratches.”

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“ If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth.”

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)



THE PATH TO HOLINESS

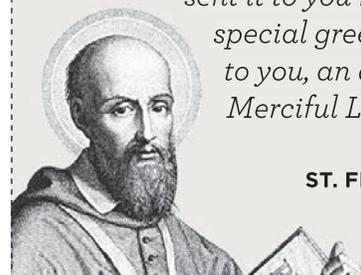


“ If God gives you an abundant harvest of trials, it is a sign of great holiness which He desires you to attain. Do you want to become a great saint? Ask God to send you many sufferings. The flame of Divine Love never rises higher than when fed with the wood of the Cross, which the infinite charity of the Savior used to finish His sacrifice. All the pleasures of the world are nothing compared with the sweetness found in the gall and vinegar offered to Jesus Christ. That is, hard and painful things endured for Jesus Christ and with Jesus Christ.”

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491-1556)

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Around the Archdiocese

Catholic Charities opens Denver's largest women's homeless shelter

New shelter to provide services for up to 150 single females a night



BY ROXANNE KING

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On Aug. 24, Catholic Charities opened the largest women's-only homeless shelter in Denver.

Samaritan House Women's Shelter in northeast Denver will offer emergency overnight shelter for up to 100 single women and will accommodate another 50 women with a 29-day non-medical detox program designed to help them transition from homelessness.

Set to begin taking residents Sept. 15, the new site will enable Charities to shelter up to 250 single women a night when combined with the women's quarters at Samaritan House downtown. More than 500 women will receive services annually through the 29-day program.

"Today, we're here to celebrate a new era in offering services to homeless women in Denver," Larry Smith, president and CEO of Charities in the Denver Archdiocese, told those gathered at the grand opening, which included Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, and invited guests.

The shelter's emergency service will provide women with hot meals at Samaritan House on Lawrence Street downtown before and after transporting them to the new northeast site for the night. The shelter's transitional program will offer women onsite meals and shelter, recovery and counseling resources, and help finding employment.

"It will allow them to collect themselves and realize that they have dignity — dignity in the eyes of God and dignity in the eyes of other human beings, which is oftentimes lost by the homeless," Smith said. "Our goal is to have

Catholic Charities President and CEO Larry Smith (R) gives Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock (C) and Denver City Councilman Christopher Herndon (L) a tour during the grand opening event of the Samaritan House Women's Shelter on August 24, 2017, in Denver, Colorado. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE CATHOLIC ALLIANCE



these women gain stability — stable income, stable housing — and at the end, and most importantly... self-reliance and self respect."

The \$5.1 million, 32,000-square-foot renovated facility was realized in partnership with the city of Denver, which provided a \$1 million grant.

"On any given night, 150 souls can be here in this facility...150 souls can receive a tailored response to their needs," Mayor Hancock told the crowd. Noting that he had just come from the opening of the Sanderson Apartments in southwest Denver, a city project that will serve the chronically homeless, he added, "This is a big day in the life of our city."

The 2017 point-in-time survey by the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative shows that a third of the homeless population on a given night in January were women (1,722). Single women are

SAMARITAN HOUSE WOMEN'S SHELTER

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29-day recovery program

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single women served
each night at new shelter

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Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila celebrated Mass and blessed the Samaritan House Women's Shelter chapel during the grand opening event.

Combined with Samaritan House in downtown Denver, the new women's shelter will provide up to 250 single women with a place to stay on any given night.

among the fastest growing segments of homelessness in the nation and have a higher failure rate leaving homelessness than men because they experience greater trauma, the archbishop and Smith said.

"Here they know that they're safe and get shelter from the storm of homelessness," Smith told the *Denver Catholic*, adding that once they're stable they can enter a more aggressive four-month program at the downtown Samaritan House that aims to further equip them to live independently.

In addition to the sleeping quarters, the new shelter includes a chapel, a prayer garden, a patio for smokers, private showers, a computer lab, a dining area and a commercial kitchen. The upper floor will house the majority of Charities' administrative offices, which are moving from their current site in northwest Denver to keep workers "on

the front lines" with the people they serve. Officials said the sale of the old administrative facility will help pay for the new shelter.

"[This] is a great joint effort by the city and the Church to reach out and help the most vulnerable," Archbishop Aquila told the gathering. "It is a reminder to every person that no one is a 'throwaway' as Pope Francis has so often told us."

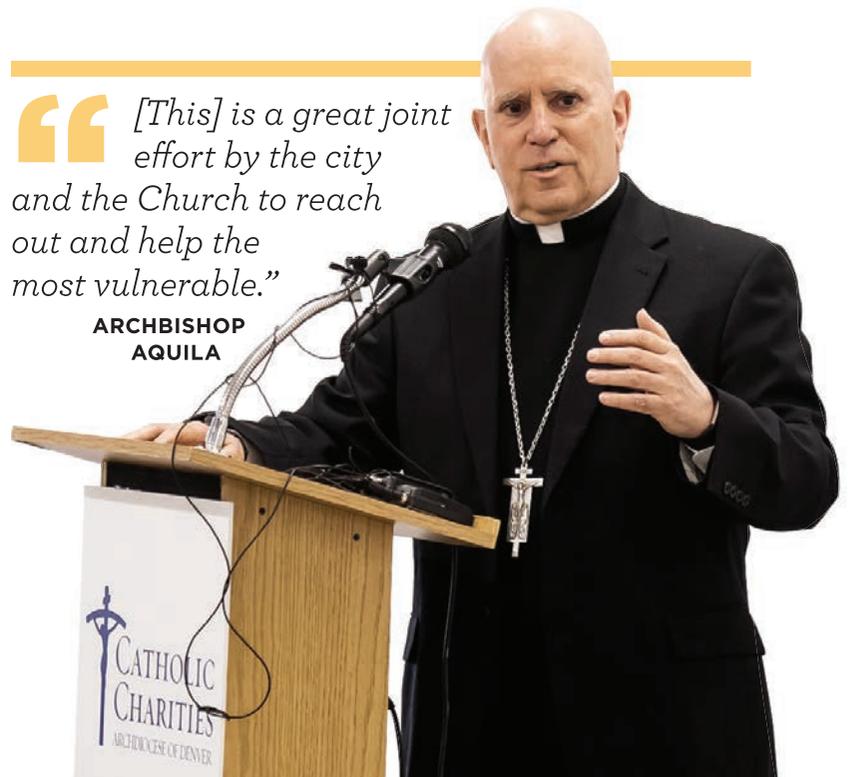
The archbishop added his gratitude to that of Smith and Hancock to thank all who collaborated and donated to bring the facility to completion.

"God has never meant for anyone to be homeless," he said. "He permits it, but it is us who have to be the ones who welcome the homeless and let them know their dignity.

"I know the Lord will bless you," he added, "for he will never be outdone in generosity."

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Senior Section

Little Sisters to mark 100 years of loving service in Denver

Mullen Home residents welcomed as Christ, cared for as family

BY ROXANNE KING

“I saw clean clothes, happy faces, and even radiant health. Between the youthful sisters and these old people reigns a mutual affection and respect to gladden the heart.”

So reads an article in the Sept. 13, 1848, *L’Univers* newspaper of France reporting on a home for the elderly poor run by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

And so it is today at the Little Sisters’ Mullen Home for the Aged in Denver, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

“We’re an international congregation and the beauty of our vocation is it’s the same spirit everywhere we are,” said Mother Patricia Mary Metzgar, superior of the home located in Denver’s historic Highlands neighborhood. “There may be differences in the culture — in different areas of the US or in the world — but still that basic mission: loving care for the elderly poor, welcoming them as Christ, caring for them as family, and accompanying them until God calls them to himself.”

With the support of Bishop Nicholas Matz, in 1913 Catholic philanthropist J.K. Mullen bought a 10-acre tract of land

at 3629 W. 29th Ave. “to leave something in the nature of a memorial...for the benefit of the aged.”

In 1916, construction began on a four-story brick home on the property. In 1917, five Little Sisters arrived from France, where their congregation was founded by St. Jeanne Jugan, to staff Mullen Home.

In 1975, two wings were added to the building to expand services.

Today, eight Little Sisters care for 67 residents with help from about a hundred lay staffers and numerous volunteers at Mullen Home, which offers independent apartments, assisted living and nursing care rooms.

“I love being here,” said two-year resident Ida Landrum, 85. “The Little Sisters definitely carry out [St. Jeanne Jugan’s] spirit. Even Mother [Patricia Mary], who is so busy, is in the dining room at noon serving food to us, cleaning the tables, and in the evening, saying the prayers.”

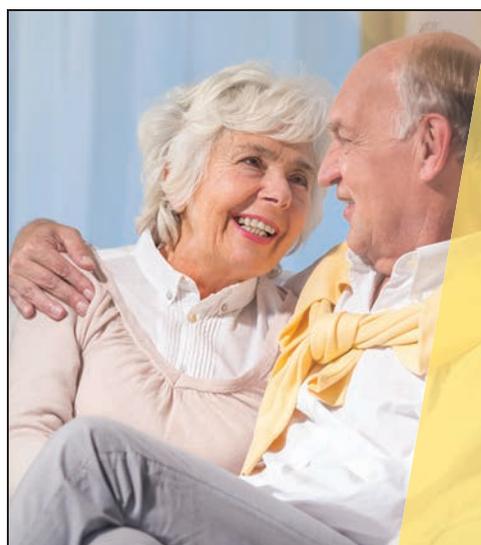
The home’s renowned family atmosphere is even more profound for Landrum as her husband is also a resident and a daughter works at the home.

“Being here makes you happy because everyone is so sweet,” she said about the residents, staff and volunteers. “You are



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Mullen Home is celebrating 100 years of service in Denver. FILE PHOTO PROVIDED

just smiling all the time with these wonderful people around you.”

Ten-year resident Leona “Lee” Scheapner, 80, agreed, saying, “I’m blessed to be here.”

“It’s a beautiful place,” she said taking in the homey furnishings and gazing out the expansive windows overlooking the manicured grounds dotted with flowering pots, religious statues, a patio, a

Blessed Mother grotto and a Stations of the Cross path.

“The sisters are fantastic,” she added. “We get wonderful care — and there’s many, many activities so we can’t get bored!”

Their praise would gladden the heart of St. Jeanne Jugan, who began the Little Sisters when she lifted an elderly, blind, infirm widow from the streets of

Saint-Servan one cold winter night in 1839 and took her home to care for her. She gave Anne Chauvin her own bed and began sleeping in the attic. Soon, other elderly were taken in and young women inspired by Jugan joined in her work.

Currently, nearly 2,400 Little Sisters run homes for the elderly in 31 countries. In the tradition of Jeanne Jugan, they support their homes by begging for alms.

“She would say to people, ‘If you can take care of them materially, I can take care of them physically and spiritually,’” said Mother Patricia Mary. “Right from the start there was a dependence on God’s Providence through other people; she brought everyone into that family spirit of caring for the other.”

For the last 10 years, Little Sister Mary Emilie Simon has begged alms for Mullen Home. She did the same at other homes the previous decade.

“It’s not only for material support, but also to share our mission,” she explained. “Many people who donate may not even go to church, but when we arrive we give them an opportunity to do an act of worship by supporting the elderly and helping the sisters. The work we do is God’s work.”

The Little Sisters will mark their 100

years of loving service in Denver with a gala set for 5-9:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Marriott Hotel Denver Tech Center.

The evening, emceed by Rocky Mountain PBS news anchor/managing editor John Ferrugia, will include a cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment marking the decades, recognition of the home’s history and honorees, and dancing. Attendees may wear attire representing their favorite era of the last century.

Special guests include Cardinal J. Francis Stafford and Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Rodriguez.

“It’s a celebration of a century of serving and receiving from beautiful people — all those we have touched through our work and all they have done for us,” said Mother Patricia Mary, listing the residents, staffers, volunteers and benefactors.

Adding to the joy of the milestone mark is the fact that Mother Patricia Mary and Sister Mary Augustine Woodruff of the home are both marking golden jubilees this year, while fellow Sister Carolyn Pessartic is marking her silver anniversary.

“And it’s the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima,” Mother Patricia Mary noted. “It’s really a jubilee year here!”

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Senior Section



'Love in action' fights nursing home residents' loneliness

*Bessie's Hope
intergenerational
programs benefit
young, elders alike*

BY ROXANNE KING

Her life's work, she says, is a legacy to her grandmother and was inspired through prayer.

"I was mad at God at the time, asking 'Why does [Granny] have to endure this indignity at the end of her life?'" Sharon Holloway, co-founder of Bessie's Hope intergenerational programs, said describing her anguish that her grandmother, Bessie Stephens, was in a nursing home with advanced Alzheimer's, confused and lonely despite regular visits from Holloway and her mother.

"I started hearing this voice, 'Bring them together the young and the old,'" she continued. "It was God's voice, inaudible to others but loud to me, and I saw me working with elders and my friend Sharron [Brandrup] working with kids."

Holloway, a music therapist and clinical chaplain, and Brandrup, whose expertise is intergenerational program development, launched the nonprofit Bessie's Hope (formerly Rainbow Bridge) in 1989 to bring community awareness and participation into nursing homes. The two also wrote and produced a highly praised musical about their work called, "Together."

Bessie's Hope offers three programs: youth and elders, family and elders, and community and elders. Although non-Catholic, the organization partners with Catholic entities.

"We're the only organization in the country doing what we do, providing education and training for all ages to be able to interact and have mutually rewarding relationships with elders in nursing homes, including those with Alzheimer's," Holloway said.

Youth and elders is the organization's largest program. In it, pre-school through high-school age youths visit nursing home residents to engage in activities including reading, playing games, making crafts and interviewing elders to learn about their history.

Research shows that intergenerational relationships are



mutually beneficial, psychologically and socially, Holloway said. While youths gain self-esteem, respect for others, life and academic skills, elders get companionship, intellectual stimulation and the chance to feel useful.

“The training is what makes our work so successful for youths and elders,” Holloway said, adding that among other skills, participants learn how to be present by looking into the elder’s eyes, to slow down their speaking pace and to empower elders by doing activities with them, not for them.

Sixty percent of nursing home residents don’t receive visitors, Holloway said.

“It’s not the nursing home’s fault that people are estranged from their families by distance,” she said. “But we’re attacking that percentage.”

Through the program, participants said, youths learn empathy and to calm high energy, while elders seem to come to life.

“I look forward to seeing those young people,” Mijee Mumaugh, 89, a resident of Denver’s Gardens at St. Elizabeth, said about visits from Escuela de Guadalupe School students through Bessie’s Hope. “It’s a good outlet for us to be with someone other than our own age group.

“I have my own piece of refrigerator art,” she added. “That’s something special since I don’t have grandkids!”

Escuela student Alexis Ibarra, 11, enjoyed his visits as a third-grader at the Gardens so much, that he asked permission to take part the following year as well.

“I was happy because ... we’d go and cheer them up and they’d be happy — not in their rooms lonely,” he explained. “They were very nice and would compliment us.”



BESSIE’S HOPE

For information on programs and/or upcoming events, including Bessie’s Hope 14th annual Bowl-a-Rama fundraiser to benefit at-risk youth and nursing home residents, visit BessiesHope.org.

Bessie’s Hope is a nonprofit organization that offers programs to help foster relationships between youth and the elderly.

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Lauren Carranza, third grade teacher at Escuela, has had her classes participate with Bessie’s Hope monthly during the school year for the past several years as part of their first Communion preparation to make their community service requirement a “living, breathing,” meaningful experience.

“It happens that third-graders and elders have the same interests,” she said with a laugh.

Ibarra agreed.

“They like to do what we like to do!” he said.

Holloway noted that St. Mother Teresa called being unloved, unwanted and forgotten the greatest poverty.

“Bessie’s Hope was created to try to make a difference in the lives of those who feel unloved and unwanted,” she said.

Carranza said her students relish doing their part.

“The kids know they ... can share themselves with others and learn from others,” she said. “They’re surprised by how much they connect with the elders and form relationships with them. It’s like they give each other a gift back and forth.

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Pillar Project defends four pillars of moral truth

BY ROXANNE KING

It's free, family-friendly and quick. Yet it may be the most effective public advocacy the faithful can do — besides voting — to support traditional marriage, parental rights, religious liberty and the humanity of the unborn.

All one has to do is show up for the 10 a.m. Sept. 23 Pillar Project event on the west steps of the state Capitol in which lawmakers who unfailingly defend those four pillars of moral truth will be honored by religious leaders from a variety of faith traditions.

The power of the hour-long event, organizers said, comes from the solidarity of the attendees, who don't share a unity of faith, but do share support for the defense of the pillars.

"We work with 80-plus religious leaders," said Aaron Robertson, founder and president of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Pillar Project. "In that group...is a huge swath of ethnicities."

Among those religious leaders are

nearly two-dozen Catholic priests of the Denver and Colorado Springs dioceses, as well as evangelical and orthodox Christians, Muslims and Jews. Combined, Robertson said, those leaders represent some 141,000 Colorado citizens from 41 cities and towns.

"People who are dedicated to the decimation of these pillars are fully engaged — they are marching, visible and loud," Robertson said. "Those of us who believe in the pillars also need to speak up."

The event is sponsored by the Patriot League, a public advocacy organization that seeks the common good of society through the advancement of America's founding principles.

"The Pillar Project is very cohesive with the Catholic way of looking at human life and the [other three pillar] issues," said Father John Paul Leyba, an advisory board member of the organization and pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Littleton. "What I like about it is it acknowledges those lawmakers who are courageous enough to support

and defend these issues.

"And it lets us know that we're not the only ones in the battle," he added. "It brings unity to the different faith groups."

Legislators will speak about traditional marriage, parental rights, religious liberty and the humanity of the unborn. Those speaking include Rep. Kimmi Lewis, Sen. Owen Hill and Rep. Tim Leonard. Leonard, a Catholic and past Pillar Project honoree, will speak about the humanity of the unborn.

"I totally agree with [the Pillar Project's] message, goals and strategy," Leonard said, adding he appreciates the organization shows "plenty of good people are doing good things."

"That encourages others," he asserted.

The Pillar Project has a working relationship with about a third of Colorado's legislators, Robertson said. A highlight of the event is presenting Friends of Motherhood awards to four lawmakers. Nominations come from the legislators' peers.

"We believe the four pillar principles are interwoven in the role of motherhood," Robertson explained, adding that the awards also aim to give voice to the essential role mothers play in society.

More than 10 percent of the Colorado Legislature is expected to attend the event, Robertson said.

"This may be the best opportunity we have all year long to show our support for legislators' efforts to defend these shared principles," he said. "We encourage people to come and, after its over, to make it a point to walk up to these legislators and thank them."

"That will have a lasting impact as they go into the next legislative session."



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OCTOBER

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13 7:30 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and in participating parishes. Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila will consecrate the archdiocese of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's final apparition. The event will be livestreamed for those who can't participate. For more details, see page 4, or visit archden.org/heartofmary.

SEPTEMBER

ENCOUNTER Retreat



29 9/29, 6 p.m. - 9/30, 5 p.m., Bonfils Hall, 1300 S. Steele St., Denver, \$25. ENCOUNTER is a retreat that can drastically impact your life. Through worship, teachings, personal stories and prayer, you will encounter the God who comes to meet you right where you are at in life. To register for the retreat, visit archden.org/eflm/encounter.

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SEPTEMBER

9 Emergency Collection for Hurricane Harvey relief

9/9 - 9/10., All parishes of the Archdiocese of Denver. Parishes will be gathering a second collection at all Masses Sept. 9 and 10 to go toward Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Pray about it and please give as you're able to!

16 Vocations Walk

10 a.m. - noon, St. John Vianney Seminary, 1300 S. Steele St., free. Come pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Mass at 11 a.m., with a BBQ for the whole family immediately following.

16 Little Sisters of the Poor 100th Anniversary Gala

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23 Third Annual Pillar Project

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23 40 Days for Life Kickoff

2 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 3894 Olive St., Denver. Join 40 Days for Life to kick off the fall 2018 campaign. Hear local speakers and pray for the sanctity of life! To sign up for vigil hours, visit 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/denver.

30 Friends of the Poor Walk

8:30 a.m., Bishop Machebeuf High School, 458 Uinta Way, Denver. Come walk in the 10th annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul Denver Metro Council Friends of the Poor Walk. Donate whatever you can afford. Pre-register at svdpcden.org.



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Around the Archdiocese

91-year-old priest remembered for stoutheartedness, faithfulness

BY AARON LAMBERT

Monsignor Edward Madden, who celebrated his 65th anniversary as a priest this year, died Aug. 23 at Mullen Home. He was 91 years old.

The longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Denver was born May 2, 1926 to Edward and Mary Madden in Denver. He attended grade school at St. John the Evangelist school and graduated from Regis High School. He attended St. Thomas Seminary and the Catholic University of America, and was ordained a priest June 7, 1952 by Archbishop Urban J. Vehr.

On Sept. 29, 1996, Monsignor Madden was appointed Prelate of Honor by Pope St. John Paul II.

Included in Monsignor Madden's assignments as pastor were Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Boulder and Our Lady of the Plains Parish in Byers. Father Daniel Ciucci, ordained a priest in May of this year, attended Sacred Heart of Jesus as a child, when Monsignor Madden was pastor there.

"He's the first priest I consistently remember," Father Ciucci said on Monsignor Madden. "I remember him as stouthearted and faithful."

Father Ciucci remembers Monsignor Madden suffering from back pain, but doesn't recall him ever complaining about it.

"It was a good amount of suffering that he just patiently bore," Father Ciucci said. "He never took himself too seriously and realized that God was always in control. He was really humble."

Denver Catholic had spoken to Monsignor Madden just in June for the



*Ugia doloris utatur repro maio.
Nempnam latures simusam.*

occasion of his 65th anniversary as a priest. He was a man who was grateful for his life as a priest.

"It was a good life. I never thought I'd last this long," Monsignor Madden told *Denver Catholic* in May. "Whatever the Lord wants, I'll try to do what he says."

Monsignor Madden is also remembered as a priest who held a steadfast devotion to the Mass and sought to bring the Eucharist to people. Though wheelchair-bound, he was able to celebrate Mass each day for the residents at Mullen Home, which he said was "a wonderful support and strength."

"The Mass has been the center of everything," Monsignor Madden said. "The main thing is to bring the Eucharist to the people."

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Perspectives

Superheroes? Stardust? Or vessels of the Incarnation?

When I was first introduced to the fascinations of the DNA double-helix in a biology class at Baltimore's St. Paul Latin High School, fifty years ago, the



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“unraveling” of this key to unlocking the mysteries of human genetics had taken place just a dozen years before. Yet in the five decades since my classmates and I built plastic models of the double-helix, humanity's knowledge of its genetic code has grown exponentially. And it seems likely that, as a species, we're only at the threshold of our capacity to use this knowledge for good or ill.

Take, for example, “CRISPR”: the acronym for a DNA-editing technique more formally known as Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats. Thanks to CRISPR and the rapid pace of experimentation with its possibilities, scientists may be able to cure HIV or hemophilia or muscular dystrophy or some cancers by editing the genes of those suffering from those maladies: and those “edits” would be merely

therapeutic, as they wouldn't be passed along to future generations. But in time, CRISPR's capabilities to “edit” DNA sequences might be used to alter sperm, egg, or embryonic DNA for purposes of what is known in the trade as “human enhancement.”

Which really means human reinvention.

The temptation to use knowledge to break through the seemingly built-in limitations of the human condition, creating superheroes and making the world anew, has been part of the human story for a long time. The ancient Greeks pondered it through the myth of Prometheus. In the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, Simon Magus tried to buy the gifts of the Spirit that fell upon converts through the laying on of hands by Peter and John. In politics-besotted modernity, utopian and totalitarian ideologies tried to reinvent the human by radically altering social conditions, raising up what one such lethal experiment unblushingly called “New Soviet Man.” The catastrophic results of such projects, from the French Revolution through the Nazis' eugenic elimination of “life unworthy of life” to Mao Zedong's “Great Leap Forward,” have put an end, we may hope, to politically driven “human enhancement.” But the possibilities of genetically driven

“human enhancement” now have scientists talking about the “immortality project” – by which they don't mean the Resurrection of the Dead.

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Curiously, though, this 21st-century Prometheanism, which celebrates the infinite possibilities of genetically modified humanity, runs parallel to the claims by the New Atheists and others that we're just congealed stardust, the accidental result of cosmic biochemical processes that just happened. So here's the strange position in which we find ourselves. One gang of materialists says that we can be supermen; another says that we're just meat, if interesting meat. Christians are frequently dismissed by the first gang of materialists as nay-sayers with a soured, cramped view of the humanity and its possibilities; the proponents of the congealed-star-dust model of the human condition dismiss us as hopeless, even infantile, romantics.

The truth of the matter is that Christianity has a far higher view of the human than either of the dominant materialist gangs in today's high culture. That view was brilliantly outlined by St. Augustine more than a millennium and a half ago:

“We must keep before our eyes the very source of grace, taking its origins in Christ, our head, and flowing through all his members according to the capacity of each. The grace which makes any man a Christian from the first moment of his coming to believe is the same grace which made this man the Christ from his coming to be as man. The Spirit through whom men are reborn is the same Spirit through which Christ was born. The Spirit by whom we receive forgiveness of sins is the same Spirit who brought it about that Christ knew no sin.”

When the “immortality project” was cranking up in earnest, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago said to me, “You know, we're going to spend the rest of our lives explaining to people that suffering and death are good for you.” It's not an easy sell, however true it may be. But it's a truth easier to hear, and bear, if we imagine ourselves, not as genetically enhanced superheroes or congealed stardust, but as the stuff from which God became incarnate among us.

Where have all the adults gone?

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as a surprise: *The Vanishing American Adult: Our Coming-of-Age Crisis—and How to Rebuild a Culture of Self-Reliance* (St. Martin's, 2017). Sen. Sasse captures the heart of what ails our country and what needs to be done about it.

He pinpoints a struggle for the very future of our country in our failure to raise our children to become responsible and thoughtful adults. He organizes the book around broad themes, such as education, cross-generational relationships, work, consumption, travel and literacy.

Sasse quickly lays out the problem: “I believe our entire nation is in the midst of a collective coming-of-age crisis without parallel in our history. We are living in an America of perpetual adolescence. Our kids simply don't know what an adult is anymore – or how to become one. Many don't see a reason even to try. Perhaps more problematic, the older generations have forgotten that we need to plan to teach them” (2). In particular, he

recognizes in young people a “deficit of life skills required for self-reliance” (40), which presents a pressing problem as “a nation of adult-children cannot be a nation of self-governing people” (246).

His diagnosis of young Americans includes characteristics such as “zombie-like passivity,” from the continual presence of screens, being “bizarrely fuzzy-headed when actual real-world problems needed to be solved,” a “decline of agency, of initiative, of liveliness,” and an “outsized sense of entitlement without any corresponding notion of accountability” (3, 4, 123). The problem lies not with our young people, but with the fact that we “overmanage the lives of young adults” and have “failed to help

them learn how to seize the reins and do it themselves much earlier” (76).

Sasse laments that many core values of America are now called into question. In regards to work, “kids no longer know how to produce” (18). When it comes to education, institutionalized schooling has displaced the social environment where a coming of age with increased responsibility occurred (19). Further, more time in school with more money spent has produced less results and little preparation for work and life (70). In a state of prolonged adolescence, “many younger people are now simply concluding that marriage isn't terribly important, either individually or communally” (42). They also express little interest in religion.

Bishop's Column

Most Rev. Jorge Rodriguez



Our pastors and our immigrant brothers and sisters

All of us have seen in the news and read about the events that occurred in Charlottesville. They have opened our eyes and we have come to realize how racism still exists in the United States. This wave of evil also affects our Hispanic communities. The broken immigration system, the famous “wall,” deportations, and numerous laws that are being passed in various states do not favor a climate of peace in our Spanish-speaking communities.

It is important for the Hispanic community to know that the United States bishops' conference has been fighting hard and on the front lines to defend the rights of immigrants. The bishops' conference and some particular bishops, including the Archdiocese of Denver, have made declarations openly in favor of DACA, of unaccompanied immigrant children, and of families, which must be able to remain united.

The bishops' conference has denounced indiscriminate deportations and the construction of the wall, pointing out that this is not the solution to the problems.

In Denver, Archbishop Samuel Aquila has created a team to keep him informed and to advise him about the measures that should be taken to assist our immigrant brothers and sisters.

The team is made up of myself, Monsignor Jorge de los Santos (pastor of Our Lady Mother of the Church); Father Benito Hernandez (pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe); Father Jason Wunsch (parochial vicar of Ascension); Sheryl Martínez-Gloria (immigration lawyer with Catholic Charities); Luis Alvarez (director of Centro San Juan Diego); Jenny Kraska (director of the Colorado Catholic Conference); David Uebbing (chancellor of the archdiocese); and Karna Swanson (director of communications of the archdiocese).

The goal is to face each challenge that arises in a rapid and efficient manner. The team is interdisciplinary, and various perspectives are represented, including those concerned with the pastoral, political, legal, archdiocesan, and parish spheres.

Obviously, we are guided by the Gospel of love for our neighbor, respect for the rule of law, and the good of the People of God. I want you to know that the archbishop and the archdiocese are on the side of the immigrant community, documented or undocumented, because in the eyes of God, what matters is that we are his sons and daughters, not that we are in possession of a document.

Nevertheless, the law should be respected, and because of this, we

champion a search for solutions to the problem posed by the presence of a great number of undocumented persons who violated the law — solutions that don't imply breaking up families or destroying the futures of those who were brought here as children without any fault of their own, or which do not take into account the histories and motivations of the various personal and family situations. From the beginning, the bishops have sought comprehensive immigration reform.

The archdiocese, as you well know, through Centro San Juan Diego and Catholic Charities, has been helping the immigrant community in very effective ways, especially considering its limited resources, both in terms of personnel and funds.

You have surely seen in the newspapers or have heard about “sanctuary churches,” where some of our brothers and sisters with deportation orders have taken refuge. We prefer to work for more definitive solutions. I hope to write about this in one of my future columns for the *Denver Catholic*. I think it is something that interests all of us.

In his address to the American bishops in Washington, Pope Francis told them:

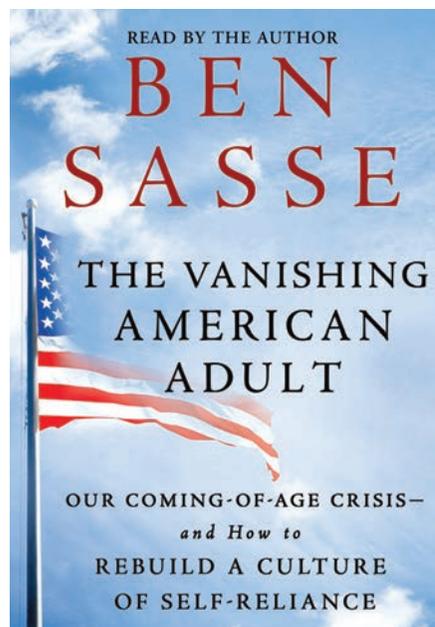
“I am well aware of the immense

efforts you have made to welcome and integrate those immigrants who continue to look to America, like so many others before them, in the hope of enjoying its blessings of freedom and prosperity. I also appreciate the efforts which you are making to fulfill the Church's mission of education in schools at every level and in the charitable services offered by your numerous institutions. ...

“I am also conscious of the courage with which you have faced difficult moments in the recent history of the Church in this country without fear of self-criticism and at the cost of mortification and great sacrifice. ... I encourage you, then, my brothers, to confront the challenging issues of our time. Ever present within each of them is life as gift and responsibility.

“The future freedom and dignity of our societies depends on how we face these challenges. ... It is wrong, then, to look the other way or to remain silent” (Sept. 23, 2015).

So the Pope, the bishops' conference of the United States, the archbishop of Denver, and myself, are facing and will face the challenges of the immigration problem with the Hispanic community. But most importantly, Jesus and his most holy mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, are with us.



Fortunately, Sen. Sasse spends more of the book outlining solutions than he does problems. He even gives practical suggestions at the end of many of his chapters. Providing many examples from his own family life, he calls parents to “tenderly but intentionally introduce our children to the responsibilities of adulthood throughout their adolescence” (55). This includes “building and strengthening character” though the “intentional pursuit of gritty work experiences” (139). He also rightly notes that we

The Vanishing American Adult: Our Coming-of-Age Crisis—and How to Rebuild a Culture of Self-Reliance (St. Martin's, 2017)

need a moral uplifting, as we learn how to control and shape our desires to combat rampant consumerism (170).

He also recommends shaping the mind and vision of youth through travel experiences and greater literacy. For example, travel “offers the young person a broader menu of choices for how to think about life, and then for how to build better habits of living” (184). When it comes to reading, he argues that “America's future depends on the kind of thinking that reading presupposes and nourishes — and such thinking demands a rebirth of reading” (208). Therefore, he recommends a basic book list, so that we can recover a shared reading of the classics that shaped Western civilization and the “idea” of our nation (226).

From a Catholic perspective, Sen. Sasse demonstrates some familiarity with the Catholic tradition, quoting Augustine, Aquinas and Flannery O'Connor, but also defends his stake in the Protestant tradition and its work ethic, which has shaped the economic life of our country. To round out the vision of the book, I would recommend reading alongside of it Josef Pieper's *Leisure the Basis of Culture* to overcome the limits of this Protestant work ethic and to recover the social legacy of the Middle Ages, which Sen. Sasse quickly dismisses (cf. 160).

Overall, Sen. Sasse has pinpointed an urgent issue and has directed us to important solutions that can guide our families, schools, and parishes to renewal as we form young people.



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