

Buzz Report

Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry

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From the desk of Sr. Kathy...

Dear Friends:

June has arrived, and it appears that many families are preparing for a long-awaited vacation. I do pray that all of you have a very safe and wonderful summer. In this issue of Buzz, I discuss the Sacred of Jesus, the new pandemic that is occurring in our country, and a new retreat and cultural center that I visited a couple of months ago.

During the summer, I prepare for a seminar I teach entitled "Formation for Mission and Ministry." This year's topic is: Prophets Yesterday and Today. I am very excited to teach on the Intellectual pillar of formation. The other three include human, spiritual and pastoral formation. We are beginning the seventh year of this program essentially for chancery and parish staffs, although a few schools have invited me to talk about some of the seminars with their faculty as well. I am happy that our fall program will be offered in person. I cluster the parishes in a host parish and nearby parishes attend, and we have a light breakfast and lunch. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.

If anyone has questions about Spiritual Direction or Accompaniment, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We have almost 35 Certified Catholic Spiritual Directors around our large diocese which entails our entire state. For more information, please visit <https://charlestdiocese.org/formation-for-ministry/spiritual-direction/>

Also, please peruse my video series, "Spirituality Spots with Sr. Kathy" on various topics, mostly dealing with Sunday feasts but also topics such as prayer, the Holy Spirit to mention two. You will find them [here](#).

I pray the peace of the Lord be with as you continue to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus.

Sister Kathy, OSF



Global News

June 2021: Month of the Sacred Heart

Often times in my prayer or when leading prayers in spiritual accompaniment, I ask that Jesus draw us every closer to his Sacred Heart. My parents had a huge framed picture in our home of the Sacred Heart when I was growing up. I remember as a child thinking, "Gee it looks as if Jesus' heart is going to pop out of that picture." My mother also had a statue of the Infant of Prague in my bedroom. We had crosses in the house and rosaries were around. As an adult, I realized how important it was to have all those religious items in the home. We were taken to devotions, stations of the cross, and special masses on occasions.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The clearest and most tangible symbol of God's love for us is the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the **Burning Furnace of Charity**. Draw close with great confidence and allow His Sacred Heart burning with love for you to set your heart on fire with love for Him and for the salvation of the whole world!

Pope Leo XIII's encyclical letter [*Annum Sacrum*](#) (Holy Year) on 25 May 1899 decreed that the consecration of the entire human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus should take place on 11 June 1899. The encyclical letter also encouraged the entire Roman Catholic episcopate to promote the First Friday Devotions, established June as the Month of the Sacred Heart, and included the Prayer of the Consecration to the Sacred Heart. In 1956 Pope Pius XII wrote a beautiful encyclical all about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Haurietis Aquas* (*You will draw waters*).

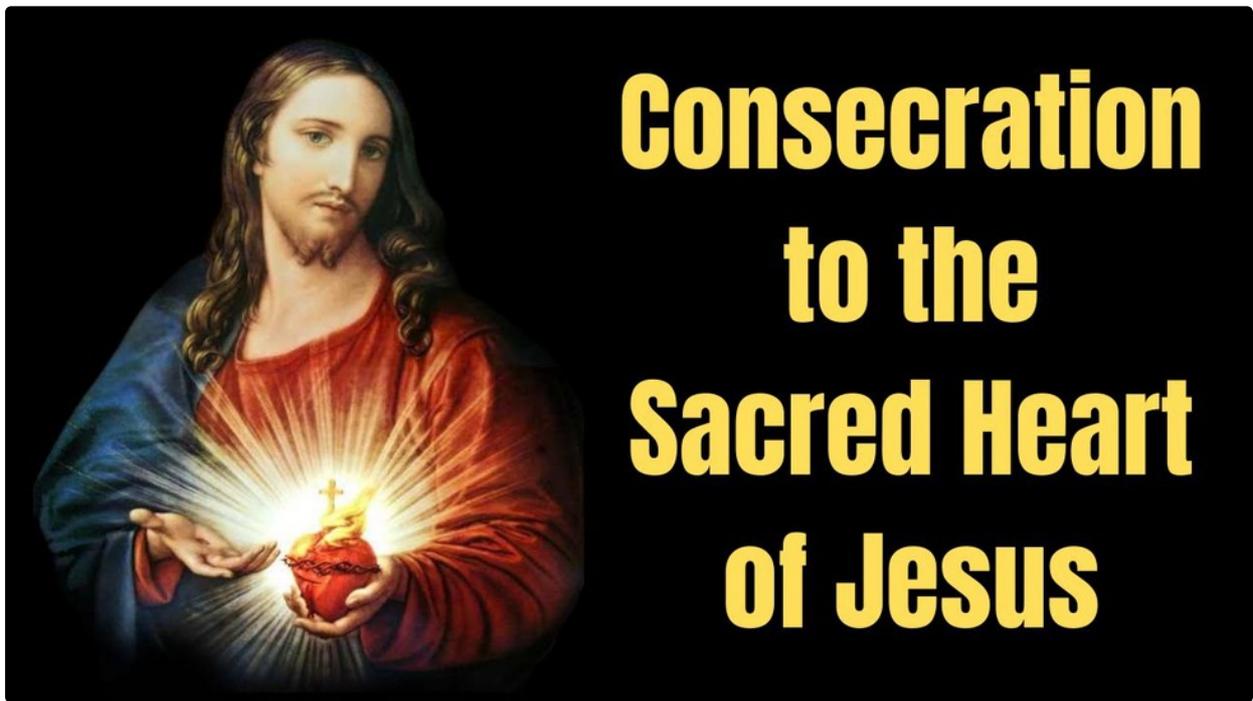
Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

I give myself and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ my person and my life, my actions, pains, and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart. This is my unchanging purpose; namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all my heart whatever is displeasing to Him. I therefore take You, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

Be then, O Heart of goodness, my justification before God the Father, and turn away from me the strokes of His righteous anger. O Heart of love, I put all my confidence in You, for I fear everything from my own wickedness and frailty, but I hope for all things from Your goodness and bounty.

Remove from me all that can displease You or resist Your holy will; let Your pure love imprint Your image so deeply upon my heart that I shall never be able to forget You or to be separated from You.

May I obtain from all Your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Your Heart, for in You I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in bondage to You. Amen.



World Refugee Day -- Sunday, June 20

On Sunday, June 20th people across the world will celebrate the courage and resilience of refugees, recognizing the hardships they have faced and the new lives they have created. Now is a time to come together in an exceptional show of human solidarity and kindness.

Church World Service suggests the follow ways to recognize this day and indeed the entire month.

1. **Contact Your Member of Congress:** [Click here](#) to urge your Members of Congress to stand in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers – and support refugee resettlement and asylum protections.
2. **Attend a National Virtual Vigil:** Join faith leaders, refugees, and asylum seekers on **June 14th at 7pm ET** for a time to reflect, pray and listen to the powerful stories of those who have journeyed so far. Register at [this link](#).
3. **Tune into the #RestoringWelcome Refugee Matters' series:** [Tune in](#) every **Wednesday at 7:00 PM ET** on Facebook Live to hear from refugees and asylum seekers from diverse backgrounds and [share the series](#) with your networks.
4. **Attend a Local World Refugee Event:** Check out this [national map](#) to find a World Refugee celebration in your community! If you're hosting an event, [add it to the map!](#)
5. **Amplify on Social Media:** Share the importance of World Refugee Day on social media with [these sample posts](#). Stay tuned for a special World Refugee Day social media toolkit!



National News

Poverty: America's New Disease

I read an article recently, and it caught my attention for several reasons. First, the story is about a town south of Pittsburgh, Uniontown, PA in Fayette County. Fayette County is one of the poorest in the state. In 2019, the poverty rate was 26 percent and the median household income for 2015-2019 was \$31,150, compared to 10.5 percent and \$62,843 for the country. Americans can barely live on \$62,000/year much less \$31,000. I often drove through Uniontown, as I traveled to other areas. It was a very industrial city at one time. Today, it suffers from high degrees of segregation, income inequality, low-wage service work as the dominant form of employment, pollution from heavy industry, drug abuse and a lack of public transportation and other public infrastructure.

The major point this author was addressing is how poverty exists right beside large mansions, fancy restaurants and extravagant living. I began to think of the cities I have visited and how very true this statement is not only for today but in years gone by. Another way to think of this divide between rich and poor is the notion that in some cities as one crosses the train tracks the level of poverty becomes very apparent.

In his latest encyclical, "[*Fratelli Tutti*](#)," Pope Francis addresses this modern poverty that persists even as economic data in rich countries suggest broad, enduring prosperity. "Wealth has increased, but together with inequality," he writes. "Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period."

I have spoken with some people that are livid with the governments response to those who do not have nearly what the more well-to-do possess. Perhaps you might want to reflect about the recent

stimulus packages offered to some Americans after reading these statistics: Around 70 percent of Americans say they have less than \$1,000 in savings. Inequality has worsened: between 1978 and 2018, C.E.O. compensation rose 940 percent, while typical worker compensation increased 12 percent. And these measures of poverty can be found in every racial group, although they disproportionately affect people of color. Almost half of people living in poverty in the United States are white, 30 percent are Black and a bit over 20 percent are Hispanic.

There are solutions because people care. Pope Francis suggests in *Fratelli Tutti*: Start with your own region. Our Holy Father has called business a “noble vocation,” writes that in places with a “a lively sense of neighborhood,” each person “quite spontaneously perceives a duty to accompany and help his or her neighbor.” In these places, he continues, “people experience a closeness marked by gratitude, solidarity and reciprocity.”

I share the original article with you [here](#). May we each try to help one another this summer, especially those who need it the most.



Local News

Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center Opens

In late April, I had the opportunity to visit with the owners of the Heart Ridge Retreat and Cultural Center. Tami and her young daughter took me on a tour of the center. Spring retreats were held for various groups in some of the homes on the campus and summer camps are scheduled for children also. There is a large lake on the property, and Keith and Tami are hopeful that their newest building will be opening soon. The large building is beautiful with bedrooms, a library, plenty of chairs to sit on the deck. It was the dream of Keith and Tami to open the center, and she stated that the Lord provided. I could tell she works very hard. Her husband is the headmaster of St. Joseph High School in Greenville.

I hope many get a chance to visit the new center and experience the peace of Christ in a very serene and joyful home. Please contact Tami (Tami@heartridgeministries.com) or visit their website <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/retreat-center.html>.



Resources

Kinship Care Tele-Town Hall June 16

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina is planning its second Kinship Care Tele-Town Hall for Wednesday, June 16. The Tele-Town Hall will share the history of kinship, provide key legislative updates and look at current resources available to caregivers. For more information please email Megan Branham, chair of the Statewide Kinship Care Council, at megan@northmediaco.com.



Kids in kinship care tend to be:

- better able to adjust to their new environment;
- less likely to experience school disruptions;
- less likely to experience behavioral problems and psychiatric disorders; and
- more stable – they move less than kids in nonfamily foster care settings.

Source: Annie E Casey Foundation



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12 Weeks in Manresa -- A Virtual Retreat for our Daily Lives

The Boston College Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies invites you to participate in *12 Weeks in Manresa: Spiritual Exercises for our Times*, a virtual retreat in daily life based on the Spiritual Exercises, using a text offered through Jesuit Sources: "[Finding Christ in the World: A Twelve Week Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life](#)," by Joseph Tetlow, S.J., and Carol Atwell Ackels. The book is an extended adaptation for praying with the Exercises. It provides daily content for prayer and space for taking notes.

In addition to the book, which will guide your daily prayer, there are additional retreat presentations on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, led by Fr. Casey Beaumier, S.J.

The Institute's involvement in your retreat is minimal. They distribute the text and provide you weekly content. Please visit [here](#) for more information.

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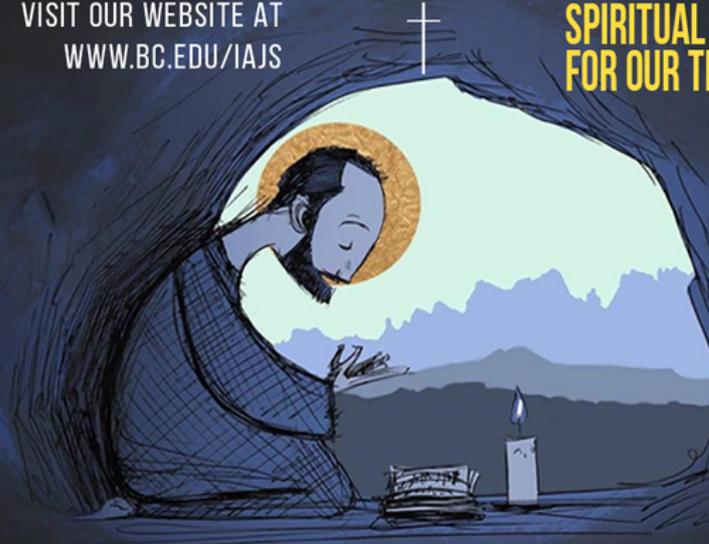
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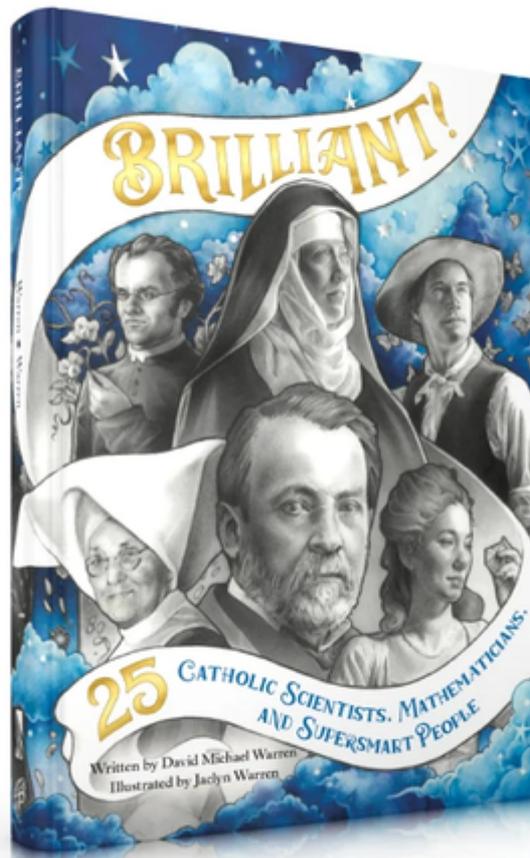
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Book of the Month

Brilliant! -- Brought to you by Word on Fire and the Pauline Sisters

Often times, Catholics think that science does not mix with Religion. Word on Fire states that is the number one reason young people ages 13-17 become unaffiliated with Religion. Read this book and discuss it with your children or grands...it is fascinating...25 Catholics famous for their deep faith and expertise in the field of science.



Movie of the Month

In The Heights

A film version of the Broadway musical in which Usnavi, a sympathetic New York bodega owner, saves every penny every day as he imagines and sings about a better life.

In The Heights - Powerful Trailer



Factoid

The Catholic Church claims over 1.3 billion members worldwide, and roughly 70 percent of them live outside of Europe and North America.

Source: http://www.fides.org/en/news/68840-VATICAN_CATHOLIC_CHURCH_STATISTICS_2020

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