

Buzz Report

Office of Spirituality & Formation for Mission

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From the Desk of Sr. Kathy...

Dear Friends:

Peace and all good is a Franciscan greeting used by St. Francis of Assisi whenever he traveled and greeted people. That greeting has so much meaning to me today especially as we watch on our televisions and computer the devastation occurring in the Ukraine. How can this violence continue? How can innocent civilians continue to be killed? How can babies be killed in their mothers' arms? I ask that the rest of this Lent be spent in sincere prayer for an end to the war in Ukraine and other parts of our world. May the Franciscan greeting of peace and all good come soon to all those war-torn countries.

I do hope you had time to celebrate two important saints this month—Patrick and Joseph. My Irish mother and grandfather always told me that St. Patrick's Day was a very holy day in Ireland. One began one's day with mass, then work, and then, of course, to gather for a pint with family and friends. Of course, the feast of St. Joseph is a reminder of the role that Joseph had in salvation history, as he provided for the young Jesus and Mary. To all those named Joseph and to the Sisters of St. Joseph, I hope you had a wonderful feast day.

Our office has been very busy this month. We continue to welcome Listening Sessions and Surveys for the Synod on Synodality. Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting all responses is Friday, April 1, 2022. As of this month, we have had over 75 Listening Sessions throughout the Diocese, and survey responses are still coming in very slowly. Please go to <https://charlestandioocese.org/synod2023/survey/> and take the survey if you have not taken it previously. It only takes about 7 minutes to complete the survey. The Diocesan team has had monthly meetings; and, at present, we are beginning to draft an Executive Report to be reviewed by our bishop and then sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please pray that those responsible for writing the report will be as thorough as can be and represent the greatest possible number of the faithful. As soon as the report is complete, it will be posted online for all to read.

I was invited to a few parishes this month and I always appreciate the deep faith of our people. First, I facilitated a retreat for the Myrtle Beach Deanery of the South Catholic Conference of Catholic Women on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The retreat was cancelled last year due to Covid, and this year we were forced to cancel the January date due to an ice storm. Three times was the charm as we had 100 faithful women come and reflect on the key New Testament question: Who Do You Say That I Am? The group was wonderful and they shared so much of their faith.

Next, I traveled to Immaculate Conception parish in Goose Creek to facilitate a Lenten Mission. The Adorno Fathers were most gracious, as were the parishioners. The topic of this mission was: Who Does Jesus Call Me to Be This Lent? Once again, the people were reflective and shared many of their insights during the three evenings of the mission.

I next traveled to St. Ann and St. Jude parish in Sumter and gave the same mission to the parishioners there staffed by the Adorno Fathers. I had never been to Sumter in my 13 years in Charleston, and I welcomed the opportunity to visit and share the faith with that community.

The Women's Group at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant invited me on Saturday, March 12, 2022, to their monthly meeting to share about the Synod on Synodality. It was so nice to return to St. Benedict, as I was Pastoral Associate there when I first came to South Carolina in 2009.

Please note what is happening in the church globally, nationally, and regionally in this newsletter. I do hope that the final weeks of Lent will be meaningful to you and that you will take the time to draw closer to Jesus' Sacred Heart.

Peace and all Good,

Sister Kathy, OSF



South Carolina Council of Catholic Women March 5, 2022







Immaculate Conception, Goose Creek Lenten Retreat March 8 - 10, 2022



St. Anne & St. Jude Lenten Retreat March 21 - 23, 2022

GLOBAL

Pope Francis' Envoy to Ukraine Meets with Church Leaders

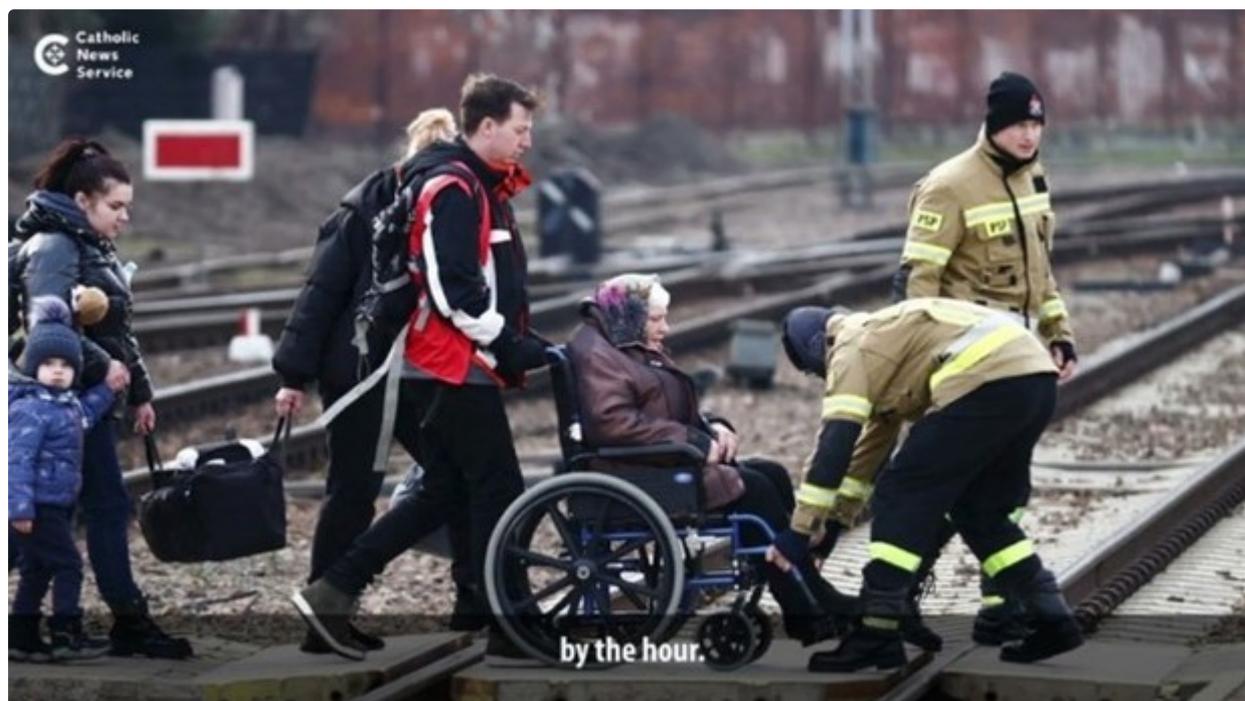
Pope Francis' envoy to Ukraine, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, met in early March with leaders of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and of the Latin Church in Ukraine, as he began his mission to the war-torn nation. The Cardinal met in Lviv with Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) and with the Latin Metropolitan of Lviv, Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki.

The three Catholic leaders spoke by phone with Pope Francis, updating the Holy Father on the situation in Ukraine, according to a statement from the Secretariat of the Major Archbishop. During the phone conversation, Cardinal Krajewski shared his first impressions from the mission, detailing his experience entering the country from Poland.

The Holy Father was also updated on plans for the Cardinal's visit, which is open-ended. Pope Francis has instructed Cardinal Krajewski "to remain in Ukraine as long as necessary to provide support to the Ukrainian people on behalf of the Apostolic See in these dramatic moments of its history."

Read the full article here: [Shevchuk: Pope Francis wants to be present through Cardinal Krajewski - Inside The Vatican.](#)

"Pope Francis wants to be present in person through his envoy. This is the purpose of his visit." – Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk



NATIONAL

In response to the 2022 omnibus appropriations agreement, five bishop chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released the following statement:

"We applaud Congress for including provisions in the omnibus appropriations package that uphold the sacred dignity of human life and will support and assist many vulnerable people here and abroad. In

provisions including the Hyde, Helms, and Weldon Amendments that prevent our tax dollars from paying for the tragedy of abortion and protect people from having to participate in abortion against their consciences. We also commend the bipartisan agreement's inclusion of critical humanitarian assistance for the victims of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, improvements to maternal health care, investments that will support refugees and other vulnerable migrants, affordable housing and food security, environmental provisions including PFAS remediation and climate resilience, and more. Finally, we welcome the inclusion of provisions that address the unique vulnerability of pregnant and postpartum mothers impacted by the U.S. immigration system, as well as critical services for other at-risk populations.

Read more at www.usccb.org.



FILE – This Sept. 18, 2021, file photo shows the East Front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)

REGIONAL

We Have a New Bishop!

Pope Francis has appointed an order priest, born in Haiti, as the new pastoral leader for the Diocese of Charleston. Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone introduced Father Jacques Fabre, CS, on February 22 as the 14th Bishop of Charleston. (View the [press conference](#).) Bishop-elect Fabre is a member of the religious order, the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinian Fathers), saying "As Bishop of Charleston, it has been a pleasure to serve the faithful in South Carolina. Together, we have served the less fortunate, developed new programs, opened additional schools and outreach centers, and built new churches," said Bishop Guglielmone. "There is so much more to be done and I'm more than confident that Bishop-elect Fabre will serve our diocese well in the upcoming years.

Bishop-elect Fabre said "I am humbled to be named Bishop of Charleston and look forward to serving the people of South Carolina. As shepherd, it is my hope to work together to strengthen our Church and project God's love to all who we encounter."

Bishop-elect Fabre was born on Nov. 13, 1955, in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. He immigrated to New York City while in high school and completed his secondary education. He joined the order of the Missionaries of St. Charles and took his first vows in 1982. Four years later, on Oct. 10, 1986, he was ordained to the priesthood in Brooklyn, NY. Over the past 35 years, Bishop-elect Fabre served in

- 1986-1990 -- Our Lady of Guadalupe in Immokalee, Fla.
- 1990-1991 -- Parochial Vicar in Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Delray Beach, Fla., and Aggiornamento Course ITEPAL Social Communication and Enculturation of the Gospel in Colombia
- 1991-1992 -- Ministry to Haitian Refugees as Chaplain in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- 1992-2004 -- Administrator of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre in San Pedro de Macorís D.R.
- 2004-2006 -- Human Mobility in Rome
- 2007-2008 -- Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph in Athens, Ga.

Bishop-elect Jacques Fabre, CS will be ordained and installed on May 13, 2022. The event will be livestreamed that day on the diocesan [Facebook page](#).



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Virtual Faith Formation Classes

Classes Now Registering! Registration for Cycle 3 begins March 9 and runs through April 20. Classes begin April 25.

The Diocese of Charleston has partnered with the University of Dayton virtual learning community to offer continuing education courses for all those in parish ministries. For more information or to apply for a tuition grant, please contact Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, at 843.261.0498 or kadamski@charlestdiocese.org.

See what UD has to offer at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>.

Teacher testimonial for VLCFF Online



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RESOURCES

Mepkin Abbey Vocations

So often we find ourselves saying the media presents a caricature of who monks are.

The need to accomplish vocation education and promotion is challenging. Perhaps you can share this video link with those teaching religion in our diocese as they prepare lessons on vocation.

[Mepkin Vocational](#)



Photo Credit The New York Times

#LentReset

The [Catholic Apostolate Center](#) is pleased to announce their Lenten collaboration with [Catholic Volunteer Network](#). This Lenten Reset will take place entirely on social media and will provide daily tips to help guide you through a fruitful and intentional Lenten season. The reflections began on Ash Wednesday and will conclude on Easter Sunday. Please click here to find their [Instagram](#) page to view, share, and participate in the daily reflections. Be sure to subscribe and repost in order to help others participate in a #LentReset.

Lenten Resources

The Church provides us with many beautiful practices during the Lenten season. The Catholic Apostolate Center offers a [Lenten Resources page](#). This resource includes several different reflections, guides to the Sacrament of Penance, the Stations of the Cross, and more- making it a helpful tool for the Lenten season. You may also find their e-book, [Lent and Easter](#), which features reflections from the Catholic Apostolate Center's [Ad Infinitum Blog](#) that coincide with this season, helpful.



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

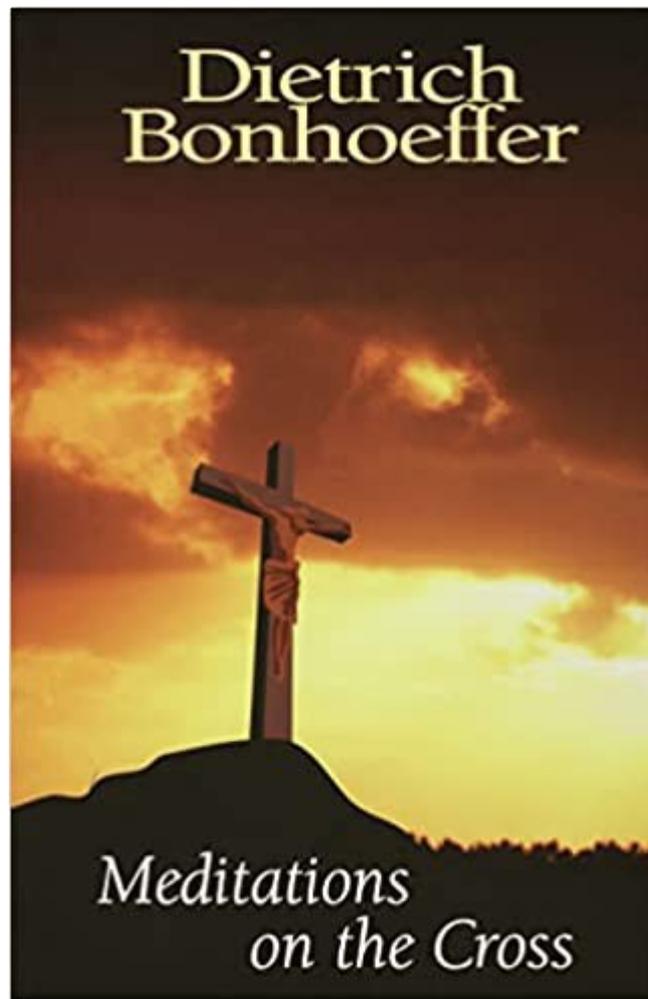
“Palm Sunday and the Holy Triduum set us up to discover that what we hope for, what we wait for, isn’t always what we expect it to be.” Claudia Avila Cosnahan.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Meditations on the Cross by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), martyred during World War II, was one of the leading voices of Germany's Confessing Church and is one of the most widely read Christian writers of the twentieth century.

The cross and the resurrection were central themes for Bonhoeffer's theology. These excerpts from sermons and letters contain his personal and faithful words about the crucifixion and the power of the cross for all Christians. *Meditations on the Cross* is ideal for devotional reading and personal reference.



MOVIES OF THE MONTH

Movies Available from Formed.org

Many parishes belong to Formed.org. Please review some of the great Lenten movies that this organization has to offer, such as Jesus of Nazareth. Spend some quality time as a family to discuss the deep love that Jesus has for you and your children or grandchildren. God's love brought us Jesus to show us how to live our human love story. May your Triduum and Easter be a blessed time for you.

www.formed.org

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