Bishop Luong to celebrate Mission Sunday special Liturgy

Bishop Dominic M. Luong of Orange County, Calif., will offer a special Liturgy marking Mission Sunday Oct. 20. The liturgy will be hosted by Maximilian Kolbe parish, 5720 Hamilton-Mason Road in Liberty Township at 3:30 p.m. The liturgy will be a celebration of "our universal Catholic heritage and an opportunity to experience the spirituality of Asian Catholic churches," said Dr. Michael Gable, Director of the Archdiocesan Missions Office, which is the key sponsor of the event. Following the liturgy, food and entertainment celebrating Asian culture will be presented.

Synod of Bishops to meet Oct. 2014 to discuss law governing marriage

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The predicament of divorced and remarried Catholics will be a major topic of discussion when bishops from around the world meet at the Vatican in October 2014.

The Vatican announced Oct. 8 that an extraordinary session of the Synod of Bishops will meet Oct. 5-19, 2014, to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization."

The pope had told reporters accompanying him on his plane back from Rio de Janeiro in July that the next synod would explore a "somewhat deeper pastoral care of marriage," including the question of the eligibility of divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

Pope Francis added at the time that church law governing marriage annulments also "has to be reviewed, because ecclesiastical tribunals are not sufficient for this. It is complex, the problem of the pastoral care of marriage."

Such problems, he said, exemplified a general need for forgiveness in the church today.

"The church is a mother, and she must travel this path of mercy, and find a form of mercy for all," the pope said.

The announcement of the synod came amid news that the Archdiocese of Freiburg, Germany, had issued new guidelines making it easier for divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.
St. Margaret of York Church <http://www.smoym17/index.php> in Twenty-Mile Stand will offer a presentation on Theology of the Body with Deacon Russ and Missy Feldkamp from 7 to 8:30 pm. Thursdays Oct. 10, 17 and 24, with a reception to follow.

Come join your friends at Cincinnati’s largest annual Catholic youth gathering: CREDO <http://www.credoibelieve.org>, hosted at Archbishop Moeller High School <http://www.moeller.org/>. This year’s topic is living a moral life – “Lord, When Did We See You?” It runs from 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, to Mass celebrated by Bishop Binzer at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Register online at www.credoibelieve.org <http://www.credoibelieve.org> or contact Brad Bursa at youthminister@stgertrude.org <mailto:youthminister@stgertrude.org>.

Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics <http://www.mariasteinshrine.org> will host a workshop on St. Therese of Lisieux on Friday, Oct. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 12, plus an open house to celebrate the Little Flower, whose feast day was Oct. 1. The open house will have information available about St. Therese’s life, along with examples of The Little Way, prayers reflecting a Shower of Roses, and opportunities to pray with the relic of St. Therese at 8:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. There will be activities for all ages, refreshments, and a showing of a film of her life. Each day there will be a Workshop on Spiritual Journaling from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., presented by Sr. Barbara Ann Hoying. The cost is $8. For more information and to register for the workshop, call 419-925-4532 or e-mail a.mcguire@mariasteinshrein.org <mailto:a.mcguire@mariasteinshrein.org>.

If cancer is part of your past or your present, you know it has impacted you and your family in a significant way. If you’d like a day to gently explore its meaning in your life, and perhaps look for the grace in it, the day-long retreat titled “The Cancer Journey – Face with Grace” on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is for you. Through story and reflection, Liz Tassone, a cancer survivor and spiritual director, will help you look at the meaning – both challenges and gifts – of a cancer diagnosis. Whether you or a loved one is facing a serious illness, this retreat will help you “push the pause button” and take the time to consider God’s invitation to you in your life – just as it is. Call Mary Ellen at 513-248-3500, ext. 10, for information or to register, or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com <http://www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com>.

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property <http://www.tfp.org> will sponsor its 7th annual Rosary Crusade from noon to 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 – the 96th anniversary of Mary’s apparitions at Fatima – on Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati. Bishop Binzer will speak about Marian Devotion; Fr. André-Joseph LaCasse, pastor of St. Gertrude’s Church in Madeira, will lead the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary; and Deacon Amado Lim, of All Saints Church in Kenwood, will lead the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus <http://www.kofc.org/en> will formally process carrying a statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

The executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference <http://www.ncrlc.com> will present the Archbishop Edwin O’Hara Advocacy Award for Rural Ministry to Bro. Nick Renner, C.P.P.S., at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the Assumption Chapel of St. Charles Center in Carthagena <http://www.st-charles-cpps.org>. This award is for a priest, religious, or layperson who has excelled in service and advocacy to rural communities. A reception will follow the 30-minute program. For more information, call the Catholic Social Action Office at 937-224-3026.

The combined members of the Knights of Saint John and the Knights of Columbus will pray an outdoor Living Rosary for Peace at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics <http://www.mariasteinshrine.org>.

Come and hear a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Holy Spirit Center <http://www.olhsc.org> in Norwood. The evening will begin with Mass at 7:15 p.m. Fr. Peter Chabot, a Maryknoll Missionary <http://www.maryknoll.org>, will speak at 8 p.m., followed by a DVD presentation with Fr. Andrew Apostoli from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal <http://franciscanfriars.com>. All are invited. There is no cost. The evening is sponsored by the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima <http://www.fatimabluearmy.info>, Cincinnati Chapter. If you need more information, please call John McCabe at 513-752-2987 or Mary Jane DeHanes at 513-257-1920.

Join the Dayton Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites <http://www.daytoncarmelites.org/index.html> in celebrating the feast day mass of St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, known for her teachings on prayer and the mystical life. It will be held on Oct. 15 at Emmanuel Church <http://www.emmanuelcatholic.com>, starting with Evening Prayer at 6:15 p.m. Mass will begin at 7 p.m.

Catholic Charities <http://ccswoh.org> will present a parenting education class for at-risk parents of school age children (6-12 years) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from Oct. 15 through Dec. 10 at Holy Trinity Parish <http://www.holyfamilymiddletown.com>, Middletown. The classes are free to Butler County residents, $60 per person or $80 a couple for non-residents. To register or for more information, contact Pam Mortensen at 513-863-6129 ext.26 or pmortensen@ccswoh.org.
Civilian chaplains now returning to ministry despite fed shutdown

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Civilian Catholic chaplains, unable to perform religious duties at U.S. military bases during the first weekend of the federal government shutdown, were getting back on the job as the shutdown continued into its second week. "We're now being told priests can return to work," said John Schlageter, general counsel for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Schlageter, in an Oct. 7 telephone interview with Catholic News Service, said he did not know whether the priests' return to work was a result of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's declaration Oct. 6 that far more civilian Defense Department employees would be considered "essential" and return to their jobs -- or the reaction to Schlageter's own Oct. 3 op-ed article about the shutdown adversely affecting the ability of civilian chaplains to minister at military bases with no resident Catholic chaplain. He said the op-ed piece had gotten coverage or publication by The Washington Post, CNN.com, and the Fox News Channel. The House passed a concurrent resolution, awaiting action by the Senate, to authorize the return of civilian Catholic chaplains to their military ministry. "I think the House resolution -- (with a vote of) 400 to 1 -- speaks for itself," Schlageter said.

More focus needed on how alive
Catholic faith is in China, priest says

CHICAGO (CNS) -- While the focus of the faith in China often centers on human rights issues, "we feel that the long and sustained faith of the Catholic Church in China is something that is not often discussed," said Passionist Father Robert Carbonneau. The priest, assistant director of the U.S. Catholic China Bureau, said the church in China has grown by at least 10 million members since 1949. "It's a faith that's alive," he said. "There are abuses, but there's also hope, and any church needs that to survive." Father Carbonneau offered these comments before the start of the 25th National Catholic China Conference Oct. 4-6 at Loyola University Chicago. More than 130 people from around the United States and China attended the conference, which was sponsored by the U.S. Catholic China Bureau and focused on the theme of globalization. The purpose of the bureau, based in Berkeley, Calif., is to be a bridge between the Catholic Church in the United States and the Catholic Church in China.

Calling it 'a God issue,' leaders pray for immigration reform

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As thousands of advocates for comprehensive immigration reform began to make their way to the National Mall Oct. 8 for a rally and march to Congress, faith leaders from 18 traditions prayed for what they called "a God issue. Liberty is threatened ... justice is an orphan," said the Rev. A. Roy Medley, general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA and president-elect of the National Council of Churches, in a prayer outside the U.S. Capitol before an afternoon-long rally and concert began. "We pray for the legislators whose intransigence is breaking the backs of the marginalized and the poor," prayed Rev. Medley. Participants also acknowledged the ongoing federal government shutdown and prayed for those whose lives were being affected and for a break in the political stalemate. The prayer event, organized as part of a meeting of the group Church World Service concluded with three groups moving to the offices of the House Republican leaders, Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, and Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

New Jersey pro-lifers cite power of prayer in effort to end abortion

MANVILLE, N.J. (CNS) -- Some pro-lifers get discouraged that bringing an end to abortion isn't happening overnight, but the power of prayer is making a difference, said Kevin Dugan, a parish pro-life ministry leader. For years members of Dugan's parish, Immaculate Conception in Somerville, have been joined by other faith communities in the Diocese of Metuchen, to pray near a Planned Parenthood clinic on Main Street in Manville, the organization's only facility in Somerset County. As part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, in good weather and bad, they prayed for an end to abortion and offered assistance to those seeking an abortion at the facility. They gathered again recently, this time to celebrate the closing of the clinic, which has shut its doors. According to published reports, Planned Parenthood did not give a reason why it closed. On a recent Saturday, Dugan and others in the group gathered at an 8 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Charles A. Sabella at Immaculate Conception's chapel.

Viewers asked to support film highlighting religious sisters

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) -- Sister Ann Kendrick doesn't think of herself as a celebrity, but her role in the documentary "Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America" may change that. A Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, she and two other religious sisters arrived in Apopka more than 40 years ago to serve farmworkers and the working poor in the Diocese of Orlando. Their empowerment and advocacy work at Hope CommUnity Center is featured in the program produced by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and narrated by news analyst and author Cokie Roberts. "Women & Spirit" is now available for broadcast by NBC affiliate stations nationwide as part of network's "Horizons of the Spirit" series in partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission. The window for local stations to air the film runs until March 15, 2014. It is not a "must carry" program. Stations can decide when to air it or not, so viewers were being encouraged by LCWR and others involved with the project to contact their local NBC affiliate.
The Archdiocese

Direct from Ireland, The Priests – the acclaimed tenor trio of Fathers Martin O’Hagan, Eugene O’Hagan, and David Delargy – bring an unforgettable evening of music for the whole family to the Aronoff Center’s Procter & Gamble Hall for one night only on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

The concert is presented by the Cincinnati Arts Association as part of its 2013-14 Season.

Tickets are on sale now at www.CincinnatiArts.org, (513) 621-ARTS[2787], and the Aronoff Center Ticket Office. Group discount tickets for 10 or more are available by calling (513) 369-4363. Buy online and use a media partnership with The Catholic Telegraph, get discounted tickets by entering the keyword “Catholic” in the prompt box.

When The Priests released their eponymously-titled album in 2008, they could have had little inkling of what was about to happen to them. As it transpired, plenty did – huge record sales, record-breaking triumphs, and global fame.

Which means that now, five years later, Fathers Martin O’Hagan, Eugene O’Hagan, and David Delargy are among the most recognized and successful tenor trios in both the religious and secular worlds. Their debut album sold at such a fast pace, it secured them a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the fastest-selling classical debut ever.

They fascinated the global media and graced the pages of all manner of publications, including Time magazine, and shared sofa space with TV hosts the world over. In September 2010, The Priests shared a stage with Pope Benedict XIV before a crowd of 80,000 people in London’s Hyde Park. Millions more watched on television. In 2011, they wanted to spend more time in their parishes. There was a sprinkling of concerts in Europe, and their Christmas with The Priests concerts in Ireland were a huge success. Towards the end of 2011, The Priests were approached by a screenwriter who asked if he could write the story of their musical lives and turn it into a film. Raising the Roof is currently in pre-production and is set for release in late 2014.


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Sacred Heart Church <http://www.sacredheartchurchcincinnati.com/> in Camp Washington will offer its traditional Italian dinner of ravioli, spaghetti, and meatballs from noon until supplies run out on Sunday, Oct. 20. The cost is $12 for adults, $5 for children. Carryouts are available.