Peaceful, positive, personal messages mark Walk for Life West Coast

By Christina Gray

Catholic San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — A throng of upbeat pro-life supporters, some from as far away as Colorado, Arizona and Tennessee, swarmed the streets of downtown San Francisco Jan. 26 carrying a wide array of messages calling for an end to abortion.

A crowd in the tens of thousands poured into Civic Center Plaza on a springlike winter day for the 15th annual Walk for Life West Coast, which marked the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

The event kicked off with prayer, pro-life speakers and the amplified fetal heartbeats of seven babies whose mothers stood on the event stage holding bullhorns connected to their pregnant bellies. “Babies saving babies,” said Walk for Life chair Eva Muntean. “The babies are here to save their peers.”

In addition to Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, of the Archdiocese of Oakland for 55 years, died Jan. 5 after a brief illness. He was 82.

At the basilica for a blessing prior to carpooling to BART and were joined by others at the walk. Walkers included some from St. Joseph Notre Dame High School and from the Young Families group.

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Rev. Danielson was ‘a rudder in a stormy sea’

By Albert C. Pacciorini

Staff writer

“We trusted him … He was refuge and he was strength,” one of those who knew him best, Rev. Daniel E. Danielson, said of the priest who died Jan. 11, 1937 and ordained to the priesthood on March 2, 1963 at his home parish, St. Jarlath Church in Oakland.

He was a priest of the Diocese of Oakland for 55 years, died Jan. 15 after a brief illness. He was 82.

Father Danielson led a storied career as a clergyman, mentor, advocate for priest education and for a time in the absence of a bishop, as administrator of the diocese.

In addition to Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, who celebrated the Mass, three other bishops attended, Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins, and retired Bishops Daniel F. Walsh of Santa Rosa and William J. Jeltes of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. They were joined by many priests, dea-
Global prayer network

Pope Francis helped launch a new mobile app and online platform connecting people around the world in prayer. The Vatican has created a set of pastoral guidelines to inspire and improve pastoral care of Catholics attached to different communities around the world. The new app, called the Global Prayer Network, is a Jesuit-run outreach that has given Pope Francis a platform to connect with millions of Catholics worldwide. The network, previously known as the Apostleship of Prayer, is now made using a 3D printer and tough, weather-resistant ASA thermoplastic — the same material often used for automotive exterior parts. The Swiss Guards used the new helmets during a special ceremony in 2015. The pope said it would be “here that I add..." the platform, allowing people from all over the world to participate in prayer. The mobile app and online platform connect people around the world in prayer. The app will be available on iOS and Android devices.

3D-printed helmets

While the Swiss Guards’ full armor and uniforms have remained largely unchanged over the centuries, their ceremonial helmets are now a product of 21st-century technology. The four-pound, hand-forged metal helmet has been replaced with a lightweight composite armor. The helmet’s design is influenced by the maroon hood of the Renaissance and topped with a fluffy red or white ostrich feather, now replaced with new lightweight headgear. Still crafted in the “morion” style, the new helmets are lighter and more ergonomic. The Swiss Guards have also replaced their halberds and uniforms with new lightweight gear designed by the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace.

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To pray well, people need to have the heart of a child — a child who feels safe with a father and feels loved, even when they are given the truth. Pope Francis said. If people have become hardened or have realized their mistakes and are paralyzed by guilt, “we can still find the strength to pray.” Starting with the word “Father,” pronounced with the tenderness of a child, he said. No matter what problems or feelings a person is experiencing or the mistakes someone has made, God “will not hide his face. He will not close himself up in silence. Say, ‘Father’ and he will answer,” the pope said Jan. 16 during his weekly general audience.

Sainthood for 17

Pope Francis advanced the sainthood causes of 12 women and recognized the martyrdom of 14 religious sisters who were killed during the Spanish Civil War. The pope formally recognized a miracle needed for the canonization of Blessed Margarette Baye, a laywoman from Switzerland known for her spirituality in the face of great physical suffering and for bearing the stigmata of Christ. The martyrdom of 14 religious sisters who were killed during the Spanish Civil War is now recognized by the church.

Chilean bishops’ meeting

Pope Francis spent nearly three hours with bishops from Chile discussing the sexual abuse crisis that has rocked the church in the country. A Chilean bishop thanked the pope for his presence in the bishops’ meeting with the pope Jan. 13. Bishop Luis Fernando Ramos Perez, apostolic administrator of Rancagua and secretary-general of the bishops’ conference, said they met for one hour with the pope at Vatican’s Apostolic Palace and were invited to have lunch for nearly two hours with him to discuss “the situation of the church in Chile.”

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By Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

On Jan. 22, we celebrated the funeral Mass for Father Dan Danielson. Father Paul Mihalich delivered the homily (See Page 14.), and Bishop John Cummins the eulogy (See Page 1.) — both of which wonderfully encapsulated the 55 years of Father Danielson’s priestly service. I made some remarks before the Final Commendation, which I would like to share with you.

The turning point came in September 2013. A new Presbyteral Council had just been elected following the appointment of a new bishop. The priest members assembled, and the first order of business was to elect the council officers. Father Danielson was nominated for president. So was someone else. The secret ballot was taken. The other priest won. Dan was nominated for vice president. The secret ballot held. The other priest won. Dan was nominated for secretary. The other priest won. Everyone clapped to welcome the new council officers, and the meeting soon adjourned. Everyone left the room, joking and talking and mingling. And even administrator of the whole diocese!

Long after the meeting had ended and everyone left, I saw him still sitting there at the conference table. Alone. In shock. Everyone left, I saw him still sitting there after God gave him. After a life filled with so much doing and planning, writing and leadership, giving and charism, for all his life in ministry, Father Dan had always been:

The president of the council,
The chairman of the committee,
The director of the program,
The pastor of the parish,
And even administrator of the whole diocese.

As he sat there in his solitude, I could sense what was going on in his mind: With all his knowledge and experience, what did the council leaders do? They elected as president one of those young priests in his 50s! He recovered well. He continued “to give.” He learned how to move from being “the priest in charge,” — to “the consigliere (adviser)” to the next generation of leadership.

He was a close adviser of mine, and I knew if any of my projects were to succeed — his endorsement would go a long way to their success. He helped me in a number of ‘emergency pastoral situations’ in parishes and took on special assignments without skipping a beat. He always said “yes” to anything I asked him.

Yet, there’s more meaning here than meets the eye in that lost election. It’s times like those when Our Lord is telling us to “Let go” and “Let God.” The same when we get a diagnosis of ill health, for which there is no further treatment or cure. Our Lord is telling us “Let go” and “Let God.” At yesterday’s Mass, the first reading was from Hebrews:

“So, let us pursue the matter. Let us give, then, of our lives as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is our piety. Do not injure one another with the work of the law, do not provoke one another, do not cause a difficulty for the one who has a cause before God. Let us pursue the matter. Let us give, then, of our lives as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is our piety.”

In the end, only the Eternal Mysteries remain: The Incarnation. The Redemption. The Mercy of God. The forgiveness of sins. The promise of Eternal Life. The fullness of “the love of God poured into our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Let us commend his soul to the loving mercy of Almighty God. And join our hearts with the Church’s aching prayers.

Bishops, priests and deacons awaited Father Dan Danielson’s casket on his way to his committal service at St. Augustine Cemetery, Pleasanton. FEBRUARY 4, 2019 THE CATHOLIC VOICE — 3
Panama shows solidarity with pilgrims along route to World Youth Day vigil

Pope Francis was Holmes during the departure ceremony at Tocumen International Airport after attending World Youth Day in Panama City Jan. 27. Francis and women participating in the Way of the Cross at World Youth Day. The pope said the road to Calvary is “a way of suffering and solitude” that is “prolonged in a society that has lost the ability to weep and to be moved by suffering.” Jesus “walks and suffers in all those faces hurt by the competent and anesthetizing indifference of our society that church is consumed, that ignores and is blind to the pain of our brothers and sisters,” he said. While the youthful participants expressed their joy with cheers when Pope Francis arrived, peaceful silence overcame the thousands of young people gathered at the solemn celebration began. Groups of pilgrims from different countries took turns linking to the World Youth Day cross throughout the stage at every station. Each significant event of Jesus’ crucifixion was linked to a current theme or issue affecting young people, particularly in Latin America.

Next WYD Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal will open its doors to the world’s young people in 2022 for the next World Youth Day. The announcement was made by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, head of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Young People, and the Synod of Bishops, in a final Mass of World Youth Day Jan. 27.

Women deacons

WASHINGTON — Should the Vatican permit the ordination of women as deacons — a topic that has been studied by a papal commission — a majority of U.S. bishops surveyed said they would expect the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to pave the way to implement it. There was, though, only a minority of U.S. bishops answering the survey who believe the ordination of women as deacons is theoretically possible. Those were two key findings of a report issued Jan. 22 by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, which polled 1,160 U.S. diocesan deacon directors, who also were included in the survey, and the local bishop who would implement the sacramental ordination of women as deacons. But just 5 percent of U.S. diocesan deacon directors, who also were included in the survey, said local diocesan leaders would implement the sacramental ordination of women as deacons, would you consider implementing it in your diocese?”

Artisan of peace

WASHINGTON — Societies today need “artisans of peace,” like the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family,” said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Rev. King “was a messenger and true witness to the power of the Gospel lived in action through public life,” said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston in a statement issued for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 21. The civil rights leader would be honored at the event.

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2019 volleyball scholarship awarded

By Bill Ford
Special to the Catholic Voice
Meghan Freitas, an active, eighth-grade volleyball player for St. Edward CYO, and a student at St. Edward Catholic School, Newark, has been awarded the 2019 Marty Mart CYO Volleyball Scholarship. The award was presented to Meghan at the Mass prior to the recent Jim Negri Girls’ CYO Volleyball tournament, in front of her cheering teammates and the other players in the tournament. Victoria Larsen, daughter of Marty Mart, presented the award on behalf of the Oakland Diocese CYO.

The scholarship is not awarded on the basis of volleyball skills but on the candidates’ expression of Christian values experienced in CYO sports, and the ability to work with teammates and with other teams in exhibiting those Christian values.

In her scholarship essay, Meghan wrote: “As a participant in CYO volleyball for over five years now, I have learned to love the game. There are many aspects of volleyball that I love, but the first is my team. My team helps me to persevere and play to my fullest abilities. On and off the court, their cheers bring excitement and liveliness to the game.”

An active athlete, Meghan participates in CYO in girls’ volleyball and girls’ basketball. She is also a swimmer and a soccer player. She is a leader in campus ministry, and volunteers for school and parish events including the Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School. She is very proud of her Portuguese heritage and traditions, helping at the local Holy Ghost Festival. She wrote that, “Being involved in the community, whether it is at school, home or church, or during games, gives me a sense of joy and delight to know that I am helping my community.”

In her letter of recommendation, St. Edward teacher and CYO Coach Richard Blalock wrote: “My time with her has been a routine demonstration of thoughtfulness, "Being involved in the community... gives me a sense of joy." wrote scholar- ship winner Meghan Freitas, holding her award. Others from left: Sue Mart, Mark Lima, Grace House, Vicki Mart Larsen and Father John Fernandes. Lima, House and Mart Larsen are members of the CYO Scholarship Committee.

leadership skills and collaborative abilities that will make her an excellent student and future athlete.” Meghan has applied to continue her education at Mereau Catholic High School.

In 16th year, the scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding Eighth Grade CYO girls’ volleyball player. Candidates submit an application with their reflections on their “athletic abilities, sportsmanship and the effects of their CYO participation on their daily life and their faith.” They are also asked to provide a reference from an adult who is significant in their life. The top candidates are then invited to interview with the scholarship committee.

This scholarship is named in honor of the late Marty Mart, former assistant diocesan CYO director, volleyball coach and referees, who passed away in 2002. The scholarship of $1,000 is used to help support the awardee’s education, and is funded entirely through private donations and by the CYO leagues.

Two additional scholarships, the ‘Bill Ford CYO Scholarships,’ named after the current CYO director, will be awarded this May to two additional eight-grade CYO players participating in any of the CYO sports in the Oakland diocese. More information on the scholarships will be posted on the CYO website, www.oakcadyco.org, at a later date.

SVDp expands dental services to West Contra Costa County

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer
When you’re poor, have limited or no access to dental care you can afford, dental pain — and its resulting infection — can land you in the hospital.

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County is working toward keeping dental patients out of emergency rooms by expanding the availability of dental services to people in West Contra Costa County.

Three years ago, St. Vincent de Paul began its Adult Dental Program in Central County, where it partners with La Clinica Dental to provide dental care for impoverished, uninsured residents. Those services are in the central part of the sprawling county.

But the lack of transportation for those served by the nine parish-based conferences in West Contra Costa County has been a barrier to receiving care. A new partnership with LifeLong Medical brings dental services to those who need it closer to where they live.

An estimated 300,000 people are without dental insurance in Contra Costa County.

Uninsured adults who are experiencing dental pain are the priority patients for the SVDp program. Here’s how it works:

• Person in need contacts their local St. Vincent de Paul branch. A pair of Vincentians, as the trained volunteers are called, will visit the person and find their needs.

• Cases are then referred to the SVDP Dental Committee by SVDP branches or through the RotaCare Pittsburg free medical clinic. The patient request is screened and reviewed by the dental committee, which includes a licensed dentist.

• If accepted, the patient receives services via La Clinica Dental Clinical in Concord or Pittsburg. LifeLong Dental in West County or a local dentist who has agreed to provide free services to clients referred by SVDP.

• SVDP of Contra Costa County and individual donors provide all funding for dental services incurred by uninsured patients in the program. An estimated 90 percent of patients are found eligible and enrolled in Dent-Cal, the state dental insurance for low-income residents.

The keen eyes of the Vincentians are critical to getting help for those who need it, said Stephen Krank, Vincentian coordinator. There are 750 volunteers in the county. In working pairs, they meet with individuals to assess their needs.

Sometimes people need help with rent, furniture or a utility bill. But during these home visits, other problems may surface. From these visits, the dental program was born.

The first people to get help are those experiencing dental pain, Krank said.

The next are those whose dental situation may be hampering their ability to find work. “It’s difficult to get a job if you don’t have your front teeth,” he said.

Most of the clients accepted for care will require multiple visits to take care of their needs.

Vincentians, said Barbara Hunt, development director, “see the face of Christ” in those they encounter. This may explain why the poor turn to SVDp for assistance.

“Government is a very scary place to go to get help,” Hunt said. “St. Vincent de Paul is a trusted resource.”

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By Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone

Two months ago, National Public Radio covered news about a controversial genetic engineering technique known as CRISPR. The story of a Chinese scientist who claimed to have altered human embryos successfully created a pair of twin girls who were resistant to the HIV infection.

This story goes on to speak about the concerns scientists in the field have about the rapidity of research and how too quickly before the debate about its ethics is sufficiently mature, pointing out that it could lead to the practice of creating “designer babies.” In the lead-in to the story, the reporter stated: “This research is highly controversial with some scientists denounced this work as unethical human experimentation.”

Revolution, counter-revolution

Did you catch that? The modification tool for embryos, into a kind of “unethical human experimentation.” In other words, the reporter here—likely unwittingly—acknowledges that human embryos are human beings, endowed with human dignity. Such an admission demonstrates that everyone really knows—despite powerful voices in our society—that it is unethically wrong. Why is it otherwise—namely, that human life really does begin at conception? That is, the beginning of the life of the human person, the beginning of his or her humanity, the beginning of his or her protection in the law and, even more importantly, the protection of God.

This disturbing development, though, simply marks the latest step in a revolution that has been ongoing for a very long time, one which, among other things, décimates a generation of parents and their children. The revolution began with a certain creation; now, if that sounds nonsensical to you, well, that’s because it is.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI marked the 50th anniversary of the iconic year of that revolution: 1918. What happened in that very iconic year of social upheaval: the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, students rioting off college campuses, the troops in the country in protest of the Vietnam War (I always have a hard time remembering that it is to protest a war to be painfully ironic), the explosion of unfettered abuse of hallucinogenic drugs, the sexual mores and trust in the basic institutions of society.

Yes, 1968 was emblematic of an age of revolution. But it was also a year which witnessed a movement of counter-revolution. It was thought at the time that this was a new kind of revolution, an oppositional idea that had at last long been relegated to the ash heap of history. It is a time to be a stillbirth, an irrational clinging to the past, a revolution. It was thought at the time that this was a new, distorted sense of conscience. It was a revolutionary path begun a very long time ago.

These last five decades which gave people the opportunity to do the things that they wanted to do, to exercise this freedom that is inherent in being a human being, to fulfill the desires that come from the heart, to search the depths of the human heart, to do what they wanted to do, was nothing more than a stillbirth, a counter-revolution.

Dr. Paul could claim a “clear conscience” because he had given his life to the defense of the Gospel, enduring the pain of the crosses and hardships and sufferings that would otherwise be humanly unbearable. As St. John Paul II explains in his encyclical “Veritatis Splendor”: “According to Saint Paul, conscience in a certain sense confronts man with the law, and thus becomes a ‘witness’ for man: a witness of his own faithfulness or unfaithfulness with regard to the law, of his essential moral rectitude or iniquity.”

This is quite different from how many people understand conscience today. In his own way of thinking, St. Paul says, “The individual conscience is accursed the status of a supreme instead of moral judgment which hands down categorical and infal- lible decisions about good and evil.” To the affirmation that one has a duty to follow one’s conscience is added the affirmation that one’s moral judgment is true merely by the fact that it has its origin in the conscience. But in this way the inescapable claims of truth disappear.”

That is, if everyone decides for themselves what is true, then there is no truth. Instead, he explains the purpose of conscience in this way: “The judgment of conscience is a process independent of the human being which makes what man must do or do not... It is a judgment which is based not on a concrete to a standard of individual and particular conscience that one must love and do good and avoid and do evil.”

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Going to the chapel — if you have a connection

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

For those who are alumni of Catholic colleges or universities, there is the opportunity for a homecoming weekend all year round.

Both Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga and Holy Names University in Oakland make their chapels available for weddings of alumni and current students, as well as current faculty and staff members.

The choice of a wedding location is a personal one.

For some of those who begin marriage on their college or university campus, that’s where they met the person,” said Rev. Salvatore Ragusa, SDS, who serves as co-director of campus ministry and chaplain at Holy Names University.

But it can be even deeper than that.

Those years are very formative,” said Father Ragusa, who previously served as chaplain at Saint Mary’s College. “This became a family, a community.

It’s the first time they’re away from family, he said. It may be, too, the first time they don’t ‘have to’ go to church, but they do.

Campus ministry speaks to them,” Father Ragusa said. “It’s a spiritual place where they grew in their faith.”

That connection continues, he said. For some, it’s the place they owned their faith as a young adult.

There is one wedding on the calendar this year at Holy Names University. Father Ragusa can prepare the couple for marriage and officiate at the ceremony.

There are options for preparation elsewhere and for bringing a properly credentialed officiant to the campus. Marriage records are kept at Divine Mercy Parish, formerly St. Lawrence O’Toole-St. Cyril Parish, in whose boundaries the campus is located.

Open the door to Saint Mary’s College of California, Colleen da Silva in the Mission and Ministry office is the first point of contact for couples who wish to be married in a chapel on a college campus.

The chapel is available, too, for vow renewals as couple celebrate anniversaries,” da Silva said.

“It’s a blessing to get to be involved with this,” da Silva said. “You remember your own wedding day.”

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After the ceremony, the wedding party may walk along the arcade, where a wall of plaques commemorates weddings in the chapel. The earliest is dated 1933.

The couple choose to wed at Saint Mary’s vary. Sometimes both went to school there; sometimes one did, and the other didn’t.

“Saint Mary’s can be a neutral choice when they come from families active in two parishes, and they don’t need to choose one over the other.

“It’s a very special place for them to come together and it doesn’t belong to one or the other in terms of family history,” da Silva said. That neutrality can also help in the marriage of people of different faiths. Family members who might feel a little apprehensive about attending a wedding in a Catholic church might be more at ease in a chapel on a college campus.

With 30 to 40 weddings in the chapel each year, da Silva and her team of assistants offer personal attention to the couples. Students assist with IT, as in setting up the sound system, and as volunteers. Some have gone on to work as event planners.

The details make a difference: In addition to a classroom near the chapel that doubles as a bride’s room on weekends, the Christian Brothers make their Holy Family Garden, a secluded area adjacent to the chapel, available to the bride for a moment of contemplation before the ceremony.

“The groom has the rest of the campus,” da Silva said.

After the ceremony, the wedding party

Study: Joint bank accounts prompt partners to spend wisely

By Shannon Roddel
Special to The Catholic Voice

Plagued by a splurging spouse? Open a joint bank account.

New research from the University of Notre Dame shows that people who share money from a joint account are less likely to wastefully spend for fear of having to justify the expenses. Those partners will avoid pleasure spending in favor of utilitarian purchases, which are easier to justify.

“The Consumption Consequences of Couples Pooling Finances” is forthcoming in the Journal of Consumer Psychology, from Emily Garbinsky, assistant professor of marketing in Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business and Joe Gladstone of University College London.

“We found that this spending pattern was not a one-time occurrence,” Garbinsky says. “People made these decisions over and over, which resulted in thousands of dollars spent.”

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‘There will be a Mass’

By Michele Jurich

Staff writer

According to reports from 2017 — the last full year that is available — the parish in which the most marriages were celebrated in the Diocese of Oakland was St. Cornelius Parish in Richmond. The parish, with 645 registered families, witnessed 40 Catholic marriages that year.

"In the Hispanic community, a lot of Catholics don’t see a wedding without a Mass," said Rev. Sergio Mora, who has been pastor for the past 5 years. "Then they’re not married."

Those nuptial Masses, for the most part, are scheduled on Saturdays — often due to the availability of a reception hall. "I can help," the pastor said. "It’s a big community and a young community," he said of his parish. The couples who marry there are not new to the parish.

"They’ve been coming here a long time: First Communion, confirmation," the pastor said. They want to be married in their church.

A couple seeking to be married in the church meets with the pastor, who helps them begin their paperwork. A married couple in the parish offers marriage preparation close to home.

Of the 40 weddings in 2017, all were Catholic marriages.

In addition to young couples marrying, the pastor also sees people who have been married civilly who, after a few years, want to be married in the church.

"When they bring their kids to First Communion," Father Mora said, "they see they need to be role models. They’re missing something."

He offers encouragement to those who want to be witness to marriage. "They’re being an example for others," he said.

"I’ve done some of these blessings on Sunday liturgies," he said. "I tell them what marriage is all about. It doesn’t have to be that big. They want it, they’re willing and there’s no impediment."

They can do without the costly cultural trappings of weddings, he said. "The coins, the veil … they don’t need all of that."

By the numbers

Parishes with the most Catholic marriages in the Diocese of Oakland, 2017

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approximately 82 percent of couples in the U.S. maintain at least one joint bank account, and although they have different motivations for pooling their finances, Garbinsky says the need for justification does not appear to be a primary factor.

"Common reasons include convenience and a standard belief about how couples should manage their money," she says. "We show that although the processed need to justify spending is not an antecedent of the decision to pool finances, it does represent an important downstream consequence of the decision to pool, which subsequently influences purchase decisions over time."

"Our findings suggest that the pooling of finances may be one simple way to spend money more responsibly," Garbinsky says, although she notes that couples should not let the need to justify spending go too far, which could lead to negative consequences.

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\[ \text{Melvin and Beverly Nelson} \]
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\[ \text{Linda and Vernon Whitmore} \]
Married August 25, 2002
Some husbands dedicate songs, some dedicate a Facebook page and some dedicate gifts to their wives on a wedding anniversary. I will keep it simple and dedicate my Love to you.

Celebrating Seventeen Years

\[ \text{Martha} \]

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Pro-life movement finds strength in modest numbers

By Michele Jurich

While the March for Life West Coast in San Francisco draws tens of thousands of people each year, the annual trip to San Francisco’s Civic Center to participate in the Walk for Life is small, but significant.

Scientists at the annual trip to San Francisco’s Civic Center to participate in the Walk for Life will meet to share their research on the topic of abortion.

The walk began on the steps of the California State Capitol, where thousands of participants gathered to hear speakers and listen to music.

The event was attended by representatives from organizations such as the National Right to Life Committee, the Anti-Abortion College Network, and the California Pro-Life Coalition.

The participants heard speeches from pro-life leaders and watched as pro-life marchers walked through Oakland, chanting slogans such as “Pro-life is the answer!”

They then marched to San Francisco’s Civic Center, where they gathered for a rally and a march through the streets.

The march continued through Oakland, passing by landmarks such as the Oakland City Hall and the University of California, Berkeley.

The march ended at the San Francisco City Hall, where the participants gathered once again to hear speakers and listen to music.

The event was marked by a strong showing of support for the pro-life movement, with thousands of participants attending.

The march was organized by the California Pro-Life Coalition, a group dedicated to promoting the pro-life message and fighting for the rights of the unborn.

The coalition is made up of members from across the state, and they have been active in organizing pro-life events throughout California.

The coalition has been involved in numerous initiatives, including the annual walk to the state Capitol, the annual March for Life, and the annual National March for Life.

The coalition also provides resources and support to pro-life groups throughout the state, and they work to educate the public about the issues of abortion and life.

The coalition’s efforts have been recognized by the state legislature, which has passed several pro-life bills in recent years.

The coalition is committed to continuing its work to promote the pro-life message and to defend the rights of the unborn.

The coalition’s success is a testament to the power of the pro-life movement and the importance of standing up for the unborn and for life.
The National Catholic Reporter, through 2018, clergy sex abuse police, “Call the police,” he said, repeating: “Call the police.”

What happens if a diocesan priest is disciplined by his diocese for sexual misconduct? If a diocesan priest is suspected of sexual misconduct after counseling, then we investigate,” Wilcox said. “If you suspect child abuse: Call the police, the diocese, and Wilcox.

According to a news report on National Public Radio, through a form 9,900 more than $3 billion is being used to support housing settlements for the poor.

The scandal has led to the suspension of two diocesan priests and religious orders to file for bankruptcy.

As described by Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins, Father Danielson was joined at his funeral by some of his “loyal, loving, competitive classmates from St. Patrick’s Seminary.” From left, Father Danielson’s sister, Bonnie Danielson; and classmates Maggie Antonio, A. Valdivieso; Recs. E. Donald Downs, Dan Perry, George Wolf and Bishop Daniel F. Walsh.

A classmate not pictured who attended the funeral was Rev. Brian Joyce.

Danielson . . .

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Among Father Danielson’s parish assignments: Holy Spirit, Fremont; St. Joseph, Alameda; St. Paschal, Oakland, and the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Bishop Cummins noted that Father Danielson developed a national reputation on the need for education of seminarians and for the continuing education of priests.

Denver archbishop says fight sex-ed bill

DENVER (CNS) — Colorado lawmakers are considering a bill to require all public schools and charter schools “to either use a comprehensive sex-ed curriculum thatcontradicts human nature and is inconsistent with Christian values, or to provide no instruction on sexuality at all,” Denver’s archbishop said in a letter read at all Masses Jan. 27.


“We know that God made us male and female, in his image and likeness, but the comprehensive curriculum from which most schools will likely adopt teaches innocent children this is not true,” Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila said.

“Specifically, public schools would have to promote abortion as an equal option to life, and parents wouldn’t be notified before lessons were presented on gender identity and sexual orientation,” he added.

The Colorado Catholic Conference, which represents the state’s Catholic bishops on public policy matters, said in a statement that among its other objections is the fact the measure will keep local school districts from deciding themselves on the content for sex education for their students.

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Around the schools

The St. Philip Neri-St. Albert the Great Parish community consistently supports St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County. Sixth-grade students provided more than 300 new towels to men’s and women’s centers in Oakland this fall. Towels were collected at the school and both churches. “The students took pride in this project,” said Vincentian volunteer Marianne Henderson said. The towels will be used to provide showers to hundreds of people each week at SVdP.

The Livermore Knights of Columbus donated $2,375 to the Livermore Joint Valley Unified School District for special education programs in support of students with intellectual disabilities. The funds were presented at a school board meeting Jan. 15. The Knights of Columbus have been ardent supporters of persons with intellectual disabilities for almost five decades, Grand Knight Wesley Arnold said. The Livermore Knights raised these funds from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive managed by Knight Jim Gagliardi. Generous donations were supplied by parishioners of St. Michael and St. Charles Borromeo parishes. Donations were also provided by customers of Walmart which graciously allowed Knights to collect at the Livermore store.

Seventeen alums from the classes of 2017 and 2018 at Rey De La Salle East Bay High School returned to their alma mater Jan. 9 for the school’s annual Back from College Panel. Organized by SNJD’s Alumni and College Counseling Offices, the panel gives current students the chance to talk about their transition from high school to college. Discussion topics ranged from the college search process to balancing work and class loads.

Celebrating Catholic Schools

Led by Kathleen Badache, superintend-ent of schools for the Diocese of Oakland, staff members of the diocesan school department hosted a celebra-
tion of Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28 at the chancery office. The gathering, part of the nationwide appreciation of Catholic education, included prayer, coffee and breakfast munchies, and was enfir-
ced by a display of the names of all 35 schools and nine high schools that featured the mascots, emblems and the names of the founding religious communities of each school. In addition to Badeche, bottom right, standing from left: Michael Dreftus-Pai, director of technology; Jaclyn Pierre-Antoine, associate superintendent; Margot Tammen, fiscal controller; Joci Moore, Laurie Shahab, administrative assistants; Brenda Hernandez, a work-study student from Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, Oakland; and (front row) Ken Willers, associate superintendent.

Christians gather to help Camp Fire victims

By Karen Mangini and Anthony Arteaga

An Ecumenical Concert was performed by 80 men and women and 10 young people on Jan. 19. The choirs from St. Bonaventure Parish in Concord, the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church and Concord United Methodist Church gathered as one body, a people of God who wanted to do something to help lessen the pain of all those who lost so much in the Camp Fire in Paradise last November. It was also an opportunity to gather in prayer and celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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gious experiences of devastation, destruction and loss of life, though still very raw, to know that they had not been forgotten. The concert helped them feel their sense of worth had been restored, that they had been given renewed strength to fight on and a deeper realization that people just like them really still cared about their desperate plight. While we were in awe of each of them, they stood among us in a posture of humility and gratitude.

In the midst of prayer, song and spoken word, more than $20,000 was raised. This money will be evenly split and directly donated to the two Christian communities that joined and shared their experience. It was an afternoon that profoundly touched all who were present.

Choirs from three churches gathered to honor survivors of the Camp Fire.

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The body grow together while some parts of the body grow more quickly than others? How does this living and breathing organism require us to be active, each according to his or her vocation and never in isolation? And why, men, religious, deacons, and priest clergy and bishops? Dan was not just thinking through these questions. This was his spiritual life allowing Christ to guide — for Dan, abandonment and prayer of abandonment, rooted in the prayer of St. Ignatius: ‘I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what You will.’

Today, we may presume all of this, even more. In faith and in love, are we being Church and doing what our mission invites us to do — is the body evangelizing? Are we living as a living, breathing and growing body? Do we punch a clock? Dan spent 55 years as a priest using his creative genius and spiritual life to form and fashion the spirits and systems and structures that would help Christ to this for the Church of Oakland and far beyond. We need to be throwing all our creative resources into doing the same today.

When he was engaged in specialized ministry with clergy, for example — deac- on and priest formation — the focus was to provide the clergy with the practical resources to exercise and renew their responsibilities. Never for themselves, Dan always pointed the work toward the benefit of the whole: the mystical body of Christ. When his ministry drew to the Curillo and other lay organizations, he was always realizing toward the whole mystical body in motion!

One reason his approach worked was that his own spiritual life was deeply intertwined. This wasn’t a job. It was Dan. His spiritual life was grounded in the prayer of abandonment, rooted in the Eucharist, edited by his Jesu Caritas group and at service to the mystical Body of Christ. He was constantly sharpening the tools God had given him to be of total service to the mystical body. And for his years of specialized ministry and service to the Church, he could be the greatest advocate for the mystical Body of Christ.

‘I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what You will.’

Rev. Paul D. Minnihan gives Communion to Father Dan Danielson’s sister, Bonnie Danielson.

I sat with him. In his high-backed wheel chair, I would wheel close to him and lean toward him. Then wheel back to create some distance. Draw close to him and moving from him. All of this was in beautiful silence.

Before I left his room to return to Pleasanton for Confessions and Mass, I noticed that he was looking there and there and here. I asked, “Dan, do you need anything?” His last words to me and to us, “I need nothing.” A little while later I left. And soon thereafter, that one last gust of blessed wind carried him from us. What he said to me and to us on that Jan. 5 day was in a nutshell the prayer that sustained him as a priest. Let it be the prayer that sustains us on this day:

Let’s go back to that same afternoon, Jan. 5 and after our softly worded banter, that drew his grin and soft spoken “yes,”

I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what You will’
Wrong conclusions

Satan’s game

The internet and

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To isolate and finally eliminate the scapegoat, convinced upon this dysfunctional and deeply destructive instinct. The social commentator is best known for his speculations on what he called the scapegoating mechanism.

Sadir. Girard maintained, most human communities, from the coffee ketch to the nation state, are predicated upon this dysfunctional and deeply destructive instinct. Robertson, I’ve unbowed as insights.

When tensions arise in a group (as in inevitably do), people come to react about a scapegoat, for the devil in some groups to blame. Deeply attractive, even addictive, the scapegoating move rapidly attracts a crowd and maintains its virulence.

In their common hatred of the victim, the blamers feel an ascension of their own identity, a sense of oneness and belonging. The men I’ve worked closely with over the past few years say the forum was an opportunity to share their own identity as Catholics, their faith, and the values that they hold dear. They are living models of compassion and service.

The first Saturday of April is one of the most important days of the year for the Knights of Columbus.

When the video in question first came to my attention, it was an exchange between a grinning young high school student from Columbus, Ohio, and a smiling student from Phillips High School in Washington, DC. An exchange between the students and Phillips was virally spread on social media the following day, but accusations the students showed racist behavior were stepped back.

And the truth, if it is to be believed, is that the boy was effectively taunting the entire community.

By Most Rev. Robert Barron

Bishop Barron

Nick Sandmann, a junior at Covington Catholic High School in Park Hills, Kentucky, and other students from the school stand in front of Native American Nathan Phillips Jr. on Jan 18 near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The confrontation was caught on video. An exchange between the students and Phillips was vilified on social media the following day, but accusations the students showed racist behavior were stepped back.

I believe I’m a better person having surrounded myself with my fellow Catholic brothers within the Knights of Columbus.

I am a proud member of an organization Sens. Kamala Harris, the women, and not necessarily of the Catholic Voice or the Catholic Voice. I am particularly concerned about the Church teaching or contradict the natural moral law, it is hoped that this forum will help our readers to understand better others’ thinking on critical issues facing the Church.
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