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Hit your spiritual reset button with a unique retreat at St. Mary's on the Lake.

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President's Message

One big family

This past Thanksgiving, I had the opportunity to travel to Italy for the annual meeting of the Union of Superiors General (the heads of men's religious communities around the world), plus a little bit of sightseeing. Coming along for the sight-seeing part were three members of my family: my mom, sister and niece. Given my Dad's passing in May, it was a great way to do something different for the holiday, and we all were blessed by the hospitality of Paulist Fathers Greg Apparcel, CSP, and Steve Bossi, CSP, who are stationed in Rome, as well as the American community of faith that they serve at Santa Susanna Church.



At the meeting, a whole day was spent discussing the first session of the Extraordinary Synod on the Family that had recently concluded. The synod, as you recall, was a two-week meeting of bishops and cardinals from around the world that was aimed at making the church's teaching on family life – marriage, sex, contraception, divorce and homosexuality – relevant to today's Catholic families and more readily understood and appreciated. We were asked for our thoughts on the synod as the Church prepares for the second session in October.

As usual with religious, there were more opinions than people in the room: the synod went too far, not far enough, didn't talk enough on certain topics, etc.

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Auxiliary Bishop William J. Justice of San Francisco (center) raises the host while the Paulists concelebrate: Father Tom Tavella, CSP, associate pastor (left); Father John Hurley, CSP, missionary in residence and former pastor at Old St. Mary's; Father Daniel McCotter, CSP, pastor emeritus; Father John Behnke, CSP, vice president of the Paulist Fathers; and Father Bartholomew Landry, CSP, pastor of Old St. Mary's-Holy Family Chinese Mission.

Celebrating 160

Old St. Mary's marks milestone in San Francisco

By Stefani Manowski

Mary Kimmel did what many folks still do – make the commute from the outlying areas to her job in San Francisco's Financial District – when she found a place that would soon become her true spiritual home. That was 37 years ago, and the place was Old St. Mary's Cathedral-Holy Family Chinese Mission.

Ms. Kimmel was one of the hundreds gathered the weekend of Dec. 6-7 to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the founding of the parish and the 120 years of Paulist spiritual care.

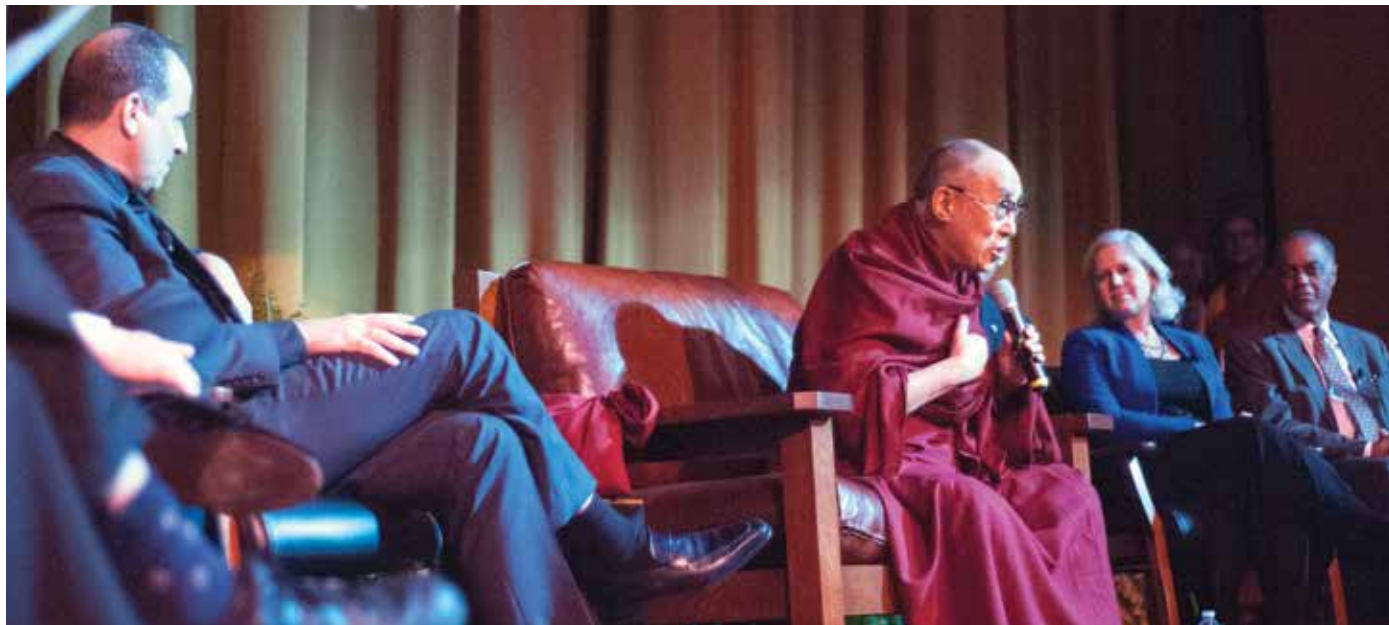
"I was struck immediately by the Paulists," said Ms. Kimmel, who began at-

tending daily Mass during the week at Old St. Mary's and is now a lector, eucharistic minister and former pastoral council member. "They have created such an open, welcoming environment here. We are a family here, and this is our home."

And this family of faith's celebration began with a 160th Anniversary Mass the evening of Dec. 6 celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop William J. Justice of San Francisco.

"I am delighted to be with you for this celebration," Bishop Justice said at the beginning of Mass. "It is always a joy to come to Old St. Mary's, to this building and this community of faith."

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Courtesy Alabama Theater

RARE MOMENT: Father Eric Andrews, president of the Paulist Fathers (left) was a panelist at the Interfaith Conference with the Dalai Lama titled "Beyond Belief: An Interfaith Discussion with His Holiness The Dalai Lama" held on Oct. 26 at the Alabama Theater in Birmingham, Ala. "We panelists reflected on peace and justice issues, civil rights and in particular Martin Luther King's *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*, faith in a secular world, and what all religions hold in common," Father Andrews said.

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The media was criticized for sensationalizing the hot button topics while ignoring the substance of the gathering. On one hand, there was dismay that only the ordained were allowed to vote on the issues, and on the other, relief. And there were clear differences in cultures. In many parts of the world, poverty and migration are the biggest challenges to the well-being of families. Ironically, the superior general of the Missionary Society of St. Paul in Nigeria was seated next to me. He shared that the final, more cautious report from the synod was a relief to his people. I replied that in America the reaction was exactly the opposite. Rather than get entrenched in our own views, we sought in charity to understand each other's cultural perspective, which is a step that Pope Francis is asking of each of us.

Later that afternoon, we were asked to reflect, especially during the Year for Consecrated Life, on how religious communities can support, foster and offer resources for family life today. As Cardinal Walter Kasper noted on these two vocations in the Church: "Either matrimony and celibacy give value to and support each other, otherwise both together enter a state of crisis." I couldn't help but think of the experience of my family spending the week with the Paulists. It was a true sharing of gifts. In our special way, the Paulists offered wonderful pastoral care to the three generations of my family: helping my Mom process her

grief, being attentive to my sister and the stresses of her work, and providing my niece, Erica, with a healthy and upbeat look at religious life and priesthood today – something I hadn't had a chance to share with her previously. Conversely, with their families mostly on the West Coast, the Paulists received a needed dose of family love, support and care for Thanksgiving. It's always great to have a Mom in the house for the holidays. They keep it real!

During this year celebrating religious life in our Church, we Paulists celebrate our special charism in the Church to spread the joy of the Gospel in our land. For over 150 years now, we've been at the crossroads of Catholic faith and North American culture. In doing so, we've journeyed with countless individuals, families and faith communities, seeking to meet people where they are and inviting them to a deeper knowledge of God's love in their lives so they can share it with others. Why? Because we believe we are all called to the table of the Lord's banquet as one big family, with no one left out in the cold.

Thanks for being part of God's family and our Paulist family!

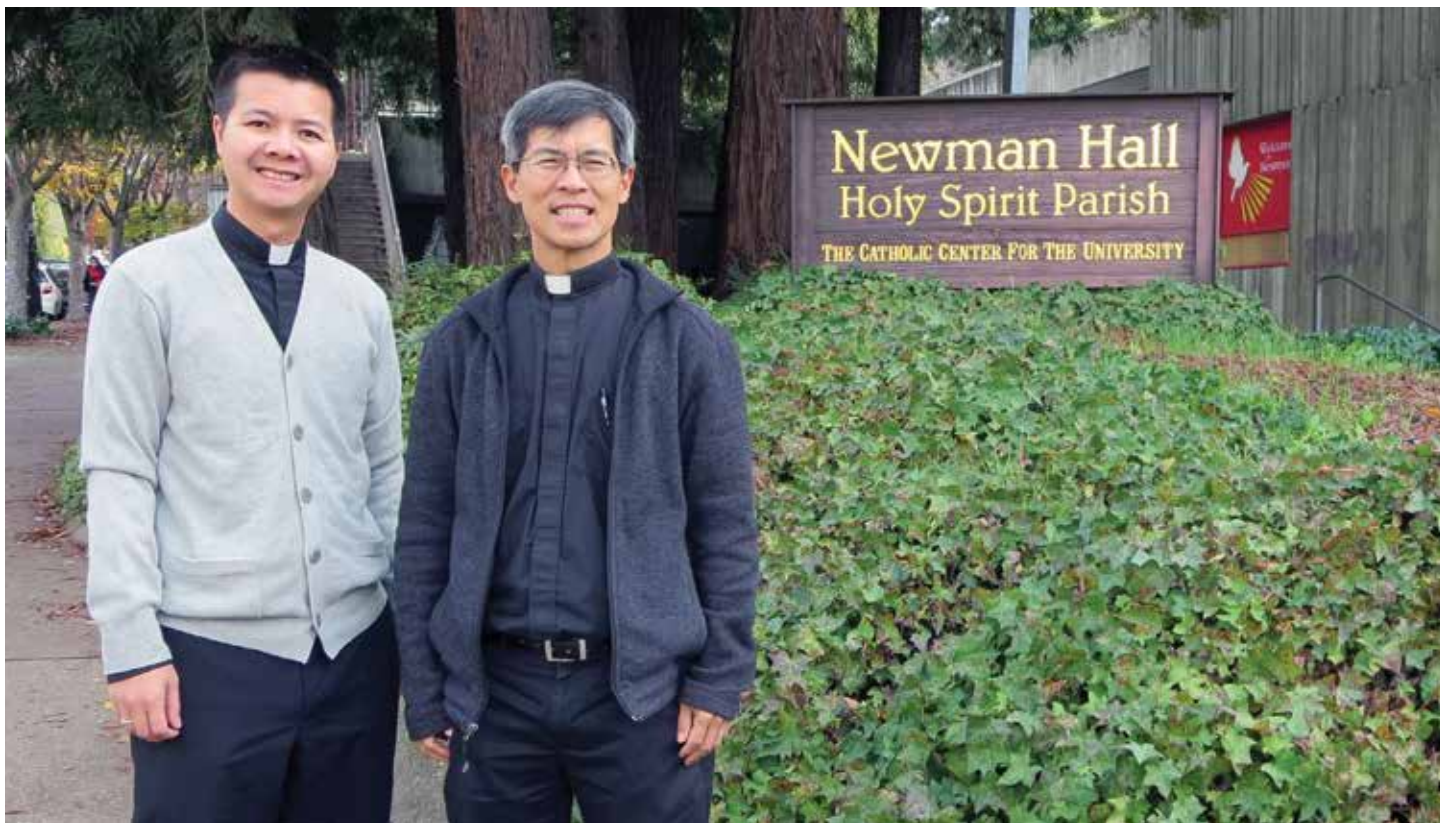
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Associate pastor Father Dat Tran, CSP (left) and pastor Father Ivan Tou, CSP, are settling in as the new pastoral team at the Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish at the University of California at Berkeley.

Getting into the groove

New pastoral team hits the ground running in Berkeley

By Stefani Manowski

It is the Friday before “dead week,” the week of studying before exams at the University of California at Berkeley. Students are in and out of the campus’ Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish – going to meetings, attending daily Mass or just finding a quiet place to go over some class notes.

Media studies major Paloma Larson is one of the approximately 1,000 students who walk through Newman’s doors each year and for whom this place has become a home away from home.

“It’s a good environment to be in,” said the San Diego native. “It helps connect my college life to my Catholic life, makes my faith more central to my life.”

Whether it is peer ministry, retreats, Bible study or any of the many other activities, Newman is an active place, according to Father Ivan Tou, CSP, pastor. Father Tou and associate pastor Father Dat Tran, CSP, became the new ministry team at Newman in August and are quickly getting the lay of the land.

“We want to get to know the community [both the students and Berkeley residents who worship there],” Father Tou said.

The residents are suspicious about organized religion, according to Father Tou, but an effective outreach to the poor

and needy, “gives us credibility to the folks who live here.”

“This is a positive, welcoming and hopeful place where anyone can come and be served,” he continued. “People come to Newman from around the [San Francisco] Bay Area.”

Father Tran describes the Newman community as people, “honestly seeking God.”

“Faith is vibrant and alive here,” Father Tran said. “Everybody is welcomed and loved.”

On any given day, you might find Father Tran stopping to chat with a student in the Newman lobby or a parishioner after daily Mass, or planning a retreat, ice skating outing or spiritual experience for students.

“This is a great place to be,” said Father Tran, who was ordained in 2011 and feels ministering in Berkeley is bringing maturity to his priesthood.

“I am experiencing a different dimension of priesthood by walking along this journey with [the students],” he said.

Whether student or resident, the faithful at Newman are bound together by their shared faith.

“There is a sense of unity [at Newman],” said Keenan Ng, 24, who grew up worshipping at Newman. “And that is so important so you get a sense of community and culture here as you explore your faith.”



The makings of a bright future

Will bequest helps solidify the future of Paulist ministry

By Stefani Manowski

Modest. Humble. Generous. That is how Father Ed Pietrucha, CSP, remembers Patricia McGoey, whose big-heartedness extended to bequesting the Paulist Fathers \$700,000 in her will. This is one of the largest gifts the Paulists have ever received.

Ms. McGoey, who died in March 2014, experienced the power of Paulist ministry firsthand at her parish, St. Cyril of Alexandria in Tucson, Ariz. Father Pietrucha remembers Ms. McGoey as an active member of the faith community and volunteer at the parish reception desk.

"She was a lovely lady, a dedicated and wonderful person," said Father Pietrucha, who has served at St. Cyril for some 25 years.

Born in New Mexico, Ms. McGoey – who attended the University of Arizona before earning a master's degree in education from Columbia University – retired from teaching in the Tucson public school system in 1987. She was also an active volunteer with and benefactor for Habitat for Humanity and The Tucson Arts Council.

The Paulists are "so grateful for such supportive people like Patricia McGoey," said Father Eric Andrews, president of the Paulist Fathers.

"Her support of the priests who have served in Tucson has been a great source of blessings," Father Andrews continued. "Her gift will help us support senior Paulists such as Father Ed Pietrucha and Father Bill Dougherty [who both live in Tucson], as well as those future Paulists who follow in their footsteps. Her gift confirms the great impact our mission and ministry have on the lives of those we serve."

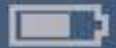
Ms. McGoey's gift is a "transformative event" for the Paulist Fathers, according to Jackie Thomas-Suggs, executive director of the Paulist Fathers' Office for Financial development.

"This generous gift demonstrates that the Paulist message is vital and cherished," she said.

If you are interested in donating to the Paulists through a will bequest, please contact your estate planner or the Paulist Office for Financial Development at 1-800-472-8547.



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Messages

Young adults in Portland, Ore.

Edit

By Father Bill Edens, CSP

Portland is an unchurched area in Oregon, which is a highly unchurched state. The new folks peopling the area have not yet discovered the treasure of St. Philip Neri.

Hundreds of young adults each evening flood Division Street, which is replete with bars, music venues, restaurants, food trucks and microbreweries.



My first goal in young adult ministry is to meet the young adults in their natural habitat. To get into the neighborhood, I'm starting with music. On any given evening there are on the average of 30 music venues to visit. That's me in the center!

I have a three-fold approach at this point. First, I'm casting a wide net to the young adults themselves. Next, I visit parishes where there is a young adult ministry. Finally, I'm visiting the alumni gatherings of the Catholic high schools and campus ministries in the Archdiocese of Portland.

The spirituality of Isaac Hecker can well connect to the Northwest psyche.

Many young adults believe in Jesus and read the Bible, but have trouble with the institutional church. We Paulists need to add something to the archdiocese that is distinct.

We need to offer the Paulist charism. We must draw from Isaac Hecker's spirituality in a way that speaks to young adults. How do we do that? That is what I aim to find out!

Send



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The clergy celebrating the 160th Anniversary Mass of Old St. Mary's Cathedral-Holy Family Chinese Mission in San Francisco: Father John Hurley, CSP; Father Bartholomew Landry, CSP; Auxiliary Bishop William J. Justice of San Francisco; Father Tom Tavella, CSP; Father John Behnke, CSP; Father Daniel McCotter, CSP.

Milestone moment in San Francisco

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Bishop Justice was joined at the altar by pastor Father Bartholomew Landry, CSP; pastor emeritus Father Daniel McCotter, CSP; associate pastor Father Tom Tavella, CSP; Father John Behnke, CSP, vice president of the Paulist Fathers; and Father John Hurley, resident missionary.

During the homily, Father Landry noted the historical link between the city and the parish, both of which “came into their own” about the same time.

“In the beginning, just as now, both [the city and the parish] struggled,” he said. “There is a lot of history here, a lot we celebrate.”

Over the years, Old St. Mary's has been challenged by the same issues facing many urban parishes, including a decrease in the congregation's numbers. A small faith community, the parish continues to welcome a number of visitors and tourists each weekend, and perpetuate the tradition of serving those commuters who come to Old St. Mary's for daily Mass and other activities during the week.

Whether it is tending to the physical needs of the church building or the spiritual needs of two unique faith communities who have melded into one family of faith, there is no shortage of struggles – or possibilities – at Old St. Mary's.

Those possibilities include more opportunities for the English- and Mandarin-speaking communities to minister, worship and share fellowship together, such as the parish unity Masses. Father Landry celebrated a unity Mass on Dec. 7, with a joint choir and musicians, and readings and music in both English and Mandarin.

“The life of Old St. Mary's is you and me; we are the life of the Church,” Father Landry said. “Old St. Mary's gives true testimony that God has brought us this far, and God will continue to be our guide and our light.”

Like his father and uncles before him, Keenan Ng, 24, grew up in Old St. Mary's-Holy Family Chinese Mission.

“An effort is really made here to combine the two communities instead of having them segregated,” said Mr. Ng. “This is a place where all people are welcome.”

‘Come and See’ coming up!

The Paulist Fathers will host a Come and See Weekend Feb. 6-8 at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., for men discerning their call to the priesthood. Have you thought about becoming a priest? Know someone who would make a good Paulist? Let them know about this event! The weekend includes spending time with men in formation: at meals, prayer and liturgy, and learning about the Paulists, priesthood and religious life as it's lived today. There is no obligation of any kind, just an opportunity to explore and ask questions. For more information, call the Paulist Office for Vocations at 1-800-235-3456 or email lrice@paulist.org



Faces and Places



Courtesy Father Thomas Kane, CSP

PAULIST IN ACTION: Father Thomas A. Kane, CSP, director of Paulist Reconciliation Ministries and Landings International (left), meets with Catherine Lee and Tony See about Landings in Singapore. Landings is a Paulist ministry of reconciliation that offers parishes a way to welcome fallen-away Catholics back to the Church.



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CHRISTMAS MEMORY: Students from Fordham University perform a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on Dec. 18 at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City.



CELEBRATING 70: Father Daniel McCotter, CSP, says a few words as he is presented with a cake celebrating his 70th birthday in late October. The luau-themed party also marked Father McCotter's retirement. He now serves as pastor emeritus of Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.



DIALOGUE: The 25 participants in the Oct. 24-26 Catholic-Orthodox dialogue held at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., included Father Thomas Stransky, CSP, who served at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem and helped pen *Nostra Aetate*, the Vatican II document on ecumenical and interfaith relations. Father Thomas FitzGerald, Orthodox co-secretary of the dialogue, looks on.



Courtesy St. Luke University Parish

THE EVENT: Participants of "The Event," the annual fundraiser for St. Luke University Parish in Allendale, Mich., raffle off a bicycle. The Event included food, music, a silent auction and games.



Courtesy Michael Cruickshank

SEMINARIAN AND ATHLETE: Paulist student Michael Cruickshank participated in the 39th Annual Marine Corps Marathon starting in Arlington, Va., Oct. 26.



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