

Diocesan Synod on Embracing the Joy of Love

Paulist Father Leads Synod on Marriage & Family Life

Paulist Fr. John Hurley served this year as the coordinator of the Diocese of San Diego's Diocesan Synod on Embracing the Joy of Love.

The synod process included two days of major gatherings on Oct. 29 and 30, as well as meetings of working groups and grassroots listening sessions (involving nearly 2,000 participants) in the preceding months. About three-fourths of the 113 synod delegates on Oct. 29 and 30 were laity and one-fourth were clergy. Participation was sought from each of the diocese's 98 parishes.

The synod looked at ways to address the pastoral challenges in *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on marriage and family released April 8.

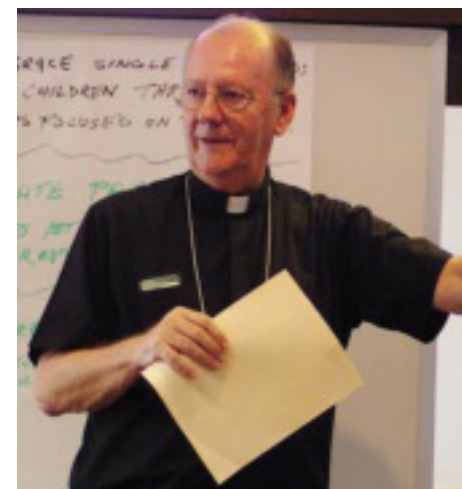
"A diocesan synod is the most significant level of dialogue, discernment and decision in the life of a diocese," San Diego's Bishop Robert McElroy said when he announced the synod.

While a number of bishops released commentaries on *Amoris Laetitia*, the San Diego diocese's scope of response appears to be unique, Fr. Hurley said in

an interview with the National Catholic Reporter.

"One of the things that has been brought to our attention is that this appears to be the first thematic synod [on application of *Amoris Laetitia*]," he told NCR. "We are not aware of anything else of this magnitude."

There were no models on which to base the synod's input gathering, feedback synthesizing, assembly deliberation and follow-up, Fr. Hurley also told NCR. "We pretty much developed it ourselves," he said.



202.269.2500

aashafer@paulist.org

Andrew Shafer, Chief Advancement Officer

johnardis@paulist.org

Rev. John Ardis, C.S.P., Senior Director

Please reach out to:

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Visit paulist.org/pilgrimages for details.

The next Paulist Pilgrimage, "The Spirit of India," will take place February 9 to March 2, 2017. This study-pilgrimage will explore the spiritual traditions of North and South India. Pilgrims will visit temples, learn of various spiritual traditions and experience the integration of Christianity in cultural contexts where it is a minority among different world religions. The journey will be curated and led by Paulist Fr. Thomas A. Kane.



Paulist Pilgrimages: You Are Invited!

www.paulist.org

202.269.2500

New York, NY 10019

415 West 59th Street





415 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
202.269.2500
www.paulist.org

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S.POSTAGE
PAID
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD
PERMIT NO. 821

Paulist Pilgrimages: You Are Invited!



The next Paulist Pilgrimage, "The Spirit of India," will take place February 9 to March 2, 2017. This study-pilgrimage will explore the spiritual traditions of North and South India. Pilgrims will visit temples, learn of various spiritual traditions and experience the integration of Christianity in cultural contexts where it is a minority among different world religions. The journey will be curated and led by Paulist Fr. Thomas A. Kane.

Visit paulist.org/pilgrimages for details.

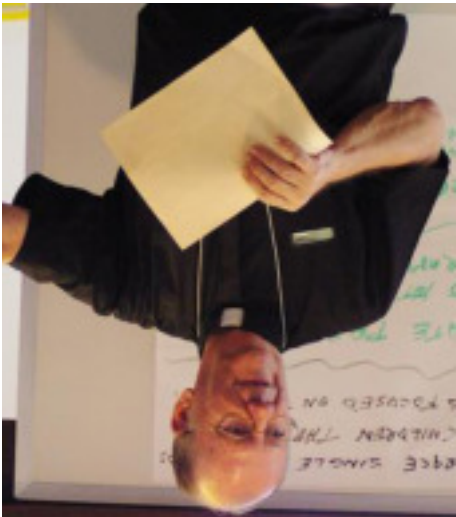
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Please reach out to:

Rev. John Ardis, C.S.P., Senior Director
johnardis@paulist.org

Andrew Shafer, Chief Advancement Officer
aashafer@paulist.org

202.269.2500



an interview with the National Catholic Reporter.

"One of the things that has been brought to our attention is that this appears to be the first thematic synod [on application of Amoris Laetitia]," he told NCR. "We are not aware of anything else of this magnitude."

There were no models on which to base the synod's input gathering, feedback synthesizing, assembly deliberation and follow-up, Hurley also told NCR. "We pretty much developed it ourselves," he said.

The synod looked at ways to address the pastoral challenges in Amoris Laetitia ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on marriage and family released April 8.

"A diocesan synod is the most significant level of dialogue, discernment and decision in the life of a diocese," San Diego's Bishop Robert McElroy said when he announced the synod.

While a number of bishops released commentaries on Amoris Laetitia, the San Diego diocese's scope of response appears to be unique, Hurley said in

Paulist Fr. John Hurley served this year as the coordinator of the Diocese of San Diego's Synod on Marriage and Family Life.

The synod process included two days of major gatherings on Oct. 29 and 30, as well as meetings of working groups and grassroots listening sessions (involving nearly 2,000 participants) in the preceding months. About three-fourths of the 113 synod delegates on Oct. 29 and 30 were laity and one-fourth were clergy. Participation was sought from each of the diocese's 98 parishes.

Paulist Father Leads Synod on Marriage & Family Life

Diocesan Synod on Embracing the Joy of Love



A Quarterly Publication from the Paulist Fathers

Issue #4
Q4. 2016

Opportunities for Impact: Importance of Year-End Gifts

BY ANDREW SHAFER, Chief Advancement Officer
Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement



For almost 160 years, the Paulist Fathers have successfully given light to the world through their ministries, media, and missions. Fr. Isaac Hecker founded the Paulists to proclaim the truth to others so that they too could find their true selves as Catholics in North America! However, for as many years, the Paulists could not have been sustained without the generosity of so many. Gifts of time, talent, and treasure are the fuel that keeps our fire burning bright year after year!

During this joyous season of giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the Paulist Fathers as part of your holiday plans. No gift is too small, all gifts matter greatly, and participation among the faithful supporters of the Paulists is most important.

From vocations & priestly formation, to missions & ministries, Senior Paulists, and areas of greatest need, our **Opportunities for Impact** are great. Your impact helps contribute to our transformation! With our transformation, comes new beginnings, continued traditions, and our ability to continue **Giving the Word a Voice** for generations to come. Thank you once again for considering a year-end gift to the Paulist Fathers. If you have questions, please reach us anytime at the contact information provided. You may give securely online at paulist.org/give or by mail through the enclosed envelope.

Your support truly makes a difference! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Final Professions and Deacon Ordinations



Paulist seminarians **Matthew Berrios, Stuart Wilson-Smith** and **Steven Petroff** have taken the next steps on their formation journeys.

On Friday, Sept. 2, during a Mass at the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel at The Catholic University of America, Matthew Berrios, Stuart Wilson-Smith and Steven Petroff made their final professions as members of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle.

At another Mass on Saturday, Sept. 3, the trio were ordained transitional deacons by Bishop Mario Eduardo Dorsonville-

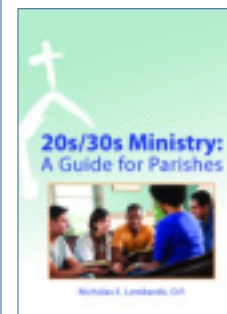
Rodríguez of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. The Mass was celebrated in the crypt church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

God-willing, Deacons Matthew Berrios, Stuart Wilson-Smith and Steven Petroff will be ordained priests on May 20, 2017, at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City.



MEDIA

Paulist Evangelization Ministries Releases Book on Millennials



Paulist Evangelization Ministries recently released the new book **"20s/30s Ministry: A Guide For Parishes"** by

Fr. Nicholas Lombardo, O.P. The offering reflects Fr. Lombardo's years of young adult outreach. Chapter by chapter, tip by tip, he opens directions for parishes, lays out options, and guides pastoral associates to the best choices.

"This very practical guide for parishes is the best book on young adult ministry to come along in decades," said Paulist Fr. Dave Dwyer, director of our media ministry Busted Halo.

Visit pemdc.org for details.

New from Paulist Press: "Faith" by Cardinal Kasper



Paulist Press has released the first English-language edition of **"Faith: Practices, Models, and Sources of the Spirit"** by Cardinal Walter

Kasper. The volume is comprised of excerpts of homilies and pastoral talks given by the German cardinal who served as president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity from 2001 to 2010.

Faith, says Cardinal Kasper, "gives us courage to live. ... Because God says yes to us, we can say yes back to God in all the challenges and joys of our lives."

Visit paulistpress.com for details.