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**New Video Looks at the Meaning of Religious Freedom**

**BY KATHLEEN BAGG**


The video also highlights the Little Sisters of the Poor, who serve the elderly poor in nursing homes across the United States. The Little Sisters and many other non-profit ministries of service challenged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) mandate to cover contraception, sterilization and abortifacients. On May 16, the U.S. Supreme Court sent the contraceptive case back to the lower courts instructing the courts to find a feasible resolution.

Speaking about religious liberty from the White House last September, Pope Francis said “that freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

“Religious freedom is foundational to our Church and to American society,” said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. “One of the key documents of the Second Vatican Council was *Dignitatis Humanae*, which explained the reasons for the importance of religious freedom. This video makes clear that the Little Sisters’ case must be viewed within the context of the Church’s deep commitment to the right of every person to have the ability to practice their faith and choose what is right, free of government interference.”


*A Fortnight for Freedom* will be commemorated June 21 to July 4. This year the theme is “Witnesses to Freedom” and will focus on the lives of women and men of faith, from all over the world, who have borne witness to authentic freedom in Christ.

The two-week period is a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power, including St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, SS. Peter and Paul, and St. Katharine Drexel.

Through prayer, education and public action during the Fortnight for Freedom: Witnesses to Freedom, the church will promote the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, for now and the future, for Catholics and for those of all faiths.

To learn more about the Fortnight for Freedom and ways you and your parish can participate, visit www.Fortnight4Freedom.org or the diocesan website www.dosafl.com.

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The Almsgiver

JOHN THE MERCIFUL
An Early Advocate for the Poor

BY LILLA ROSS

IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY declared by Pope Francis, we are looking at saints who are role models of mercy.

John the Merciful, also known as the Almsgiver, is an example of a rich kid with a special place in his heart for the poor.

As the son of the governor of Cyprus, John lived a life of privilege in the 7th century. He was married and had children, but after they died he devoted the remainder of his life to the church.

As a boy he had a vision of a beautiful maiden garlanded with a wreath who told him she was Compassion, the eldest daughter of the Great King. That vision never left him.

When the Patriarch of Alexandria died, he was named his successor. John used the powerful position to help the poor. As an early practitioner of the “preferential option for the poor,” John took thousands of needy people under his special care. He referred to them as “his lords and masters” because of “their mighty influence on the Court of the Most High.”

He would assist anyone who asked, even if they weren’t needy. When he was criticized for this practice, he would say the person might be the Lord in disguise.

On one occasion a wealthy man gave him an expensive bed covering. John slept under it one night, sold it and gave the money to the poor. The wealthy man bought it and gave it back to John, who sold it again. Again the wealthy man bought it and gave it to John. This kept up with John saying, “Let us see who tires first.”

He also was known for his wisdom. He was called on to discipline a monk who frequented the red light district. John refused and later it came out that the monk, rather than enjoying himself with women, was ministering to them.

He visited hospitals three times a week. And helped free thousands of slaves. He was a reformer, who fought corruption and heresy.

As a role model of mercy, John demonstrates the power of serving anyone in need.

Feast Day: November 12
Born: 552 the Patriarch of Alexandria
Died: 616-620 on the island of Cyprus
In the first reading we heard the story of Samuel's call. Samuel heard the voice of God calling him and three times went to Eli thinking that it was Eli who was calling him. Eventually Eli realized that the boy was being called by God. Eli helped Samuel discern and respond to the voice of God. Each of you are all being called in the same way – may you learn to discern the voice of God calling you by name, in the midst of all other voices and seek to do his will in your respective positions.

St. Louise de Marillac desired to respond to God’s call and to do God’s will at any cost.

While still just a teenager, she heard a voice calling her to religious life. Unfortunately, she could not join the religious life because she was born out of wedlock. Her uncle arranged for her to marry Antony le Gras. Although it was an arranged marriage, she truly loved Antony. In their 12 years of marriage Louise grew to deeply love her husband and their son Michael, all the while continuing to hear the voice calling her to religious life.

When Antony became gravely ill, Louise faithfully cared for him as though he was Jesus himself. When he was in terrible pain, Louise saw Jesus Christ suffering in the person of her husband. In those moments of deep love, her empathy for Antony and her ability to see Christ in her suffering husband were a preparation for what was to come; that is, the full realization of her calling to be a religious.

Later, while talking to one of her sisters she states:

In the name of God, my Most Reverend Father, consider whether we should persuade these Ladies not to accept new foundlings... We can no longer stifle the pity aroused in us by these poor people who beg us for what we justly owe them ... They are afraid of dying of hunger and are persuaded that we will not be able to give the assistance we are required to give ... Our number is too small. We cannot give what we are expected to give. We shall be obliged to abandon our work... We wish only to serve the poor, comfort them, teach them the love of God and to do what is pleasing to our Father... (Spiritual Writings, “To Monsieur Vincent de Paul,” February 1650, 316.)

The Gospel reminds us about the importance of serving the poor and the sick. Our preferential option for the poor is a fundamental Catholic social teaching. It is our calling as Christians; it is what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Christ ministered to those who were poor, fed the hungry and healed the sick which is the mission of St. Vincent’s. As the only Catholic health care organization in this diocese I thank and commend you, St. Vincent’s, for your dedication to serving the sick and the poor of Northeast Florida and South Georgia for 100 years. I encourage you to be even more creative in remaining faithful to this core value that defines and distinguishes you from other health care providers.

In the name of God, my dear sister, reflect often that it is not enough to have good intentions, or for our will to be inclined to do good solely for the love of God. Because, when we received the commandment to love God with all our hearts we also received a second commandment which is to love our neighbor.

Louise’s desire to fulfill the dual commandment of love for God and neighbor was not without sacrifice. She herself eventually ran out of funds for her charity work and had to make some difficult decisions. Suffering from the helplessness of their material limitations she wrote to St. Vincent as follows:

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All offenses against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful suicide ... are criminal; they poison civilization ... are criminal; they poison civilization ... (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 31)
the modern, secular tendency to hasten death of persons who are terminally ill or perceived as a burden on others.

It is our duty to be vigilant in ascertaining and protecting basic care without requiring forms of treatment that would only secure a precarious and burdensome prolongation of life. Each of you in Catholic health care has a sacred duty of preserving the dignity and sacredness of human life from conception to its natural end. As a good steward of human life, help guide the decisions of your patients and families in order to allow them to make their decisions in favor of life.

Like the health care industry, the Church is on a healing mission. Speaking about the mission of the Church at Casa Santa Marta, the Pope said, the Church is like a field hospital that cleans and heals wounds.

**This is the mission of the Church: the Church heals, it cures. Sometimes, I speak of the Church as if it were a field hospital. It’s true: there are many, many wounded! So many people need their wounds healed!**

This is the mission of the Church: to heal the wounds of the heart, to open doors, to free people, to say that God is good, God forgives all, God is the Father, God is affectionate, God always waits for us.

I commend you for your collaboration with the local church in myriad of ways, always striving to act in communion with the Church. I encourage you to model your personal and organizational ministry after that of the Church.

St Vincent’s HealthCare is a healing ministry. Avoid mere curing of diseases; treat persons holistically by providing healing of body, mind and spirit as you are called to do in your mission statement. As an Ascension ministry, strive to remain always a ministry of the Church rather than just a successful business. Pope Francis reminds us that a secular organization may “be powerful but not evangelical because it lacks the spirit, that poverty, that power to heal.”

Finally, follow the footsteps of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – your founders. Imitate Christ the ultimate and holistic healer personally and as a ministry. I promise you my prayers, collaboration and support. God bless you all. God bless the ministry of St. Vincent’s HealthCare. 🌟

In 2004, Facebook disrupted the world of communication as we know it when it launched the original version of its platform, then called The Facebook. During its initial phase the social media giant had a limited membership for Harvard University students, but later expanded to include other schools in the Boston area, including other Ivy League schools and Stanford University. Today, Facebook has exploded to more than 1.5 billion users worldwide.

In just 12 short years, Facebook has transformed the social media landscape into something more than just scrolling newsfeeds and sharing posts and pictures with family and friends. In a world where personal encounters are paramount, Facebook is venturing into the arena of livestreaming, by taking the one thing we cannot live without – our cell phones – and turning every person into a microcosmic broadcasting powerhouse through its latest app feature, Facebook Live. If you thought the “selfie” was revolutionary, livestreaming from your phone is “selfie on steroids.”

As impersonal as Facebook is often perceived, this is a very popular way people communicate today, such as the days of the advent of newspapers, telephones and radio. But more importantly, the new evangelization calls us to a renewed sense of mission by bringing the message of the gospel to the faithful and those on the fringes with the technology of our age.

If you are a pastor or ministry leader I strongly encourage you to think of ways to integrate Facebook Live into your ministry. Whether you use it to give brief spiritual reflections from your office desk each day, do live Q&A sessions about the faith with your parishioners, capture milestone events or just want to keep in touch with your audience while traveling, Facebook Live can be your way of heeding Jesus’ command: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” (Matt. 28:19).

To use this new feature there is nothing new to download to your phone as it is native to the Facebook app.

Simply launch the app from you iPhone, iPad or Android mobile device and tap the “Status” field where it asks “What’s on your mind?” Just below the update status box you will see a group of icons. Immediately next to the camera icon is the Facebook Live icon, which looks like the silhouette of a person with two halos. Before going live you will want to make sure that you have a strong Wi-Fi or data signal, as you cannot go live without a connection.

On the Facebook Live screen you will be prompted to describe what you are filming as part of your livestream. Before clicking the blue Go Live button make sure to select your privacy setting for your livestream, which is located directly below the description; otherwise you could be streaming to anyone that comes across your profile. 🌟

**Go and Make Disciples**

**BY BRANDON DUNCAN**

*This is the mission of the Church: the Church heals, it cures. Sometimes, I speak of the Church as if it were a field hospital. It’s true: there are many, many wounded! So many people need their wounds healed! This is the mission of the Church: to heal the wounds of the heart, to open doors, to free people, to say that God is good, God forgives all, God is the Father, God is affectionate, God always waits for us.*

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Why doesn’t the Church ordain women priests?

BY FATHER TERRENCE MORGAN

Every spring Bishop Estévez invites teenagers who are about to be confirmed to write and ask him questions they may have about their faith. Below are two questions he was asked. I think you’ll agree: these are great questions from our young people!

Q: Why can’t women be priests, bishops or anything to do with the church besides being a nun? Does the bible say anything on why females can’t preach?

A: We never seem to get this question from a boy. Jennifer, let’s break your question down into three parts. (1) Why doesn’t the Church ordain women priests or bishops?

Pope John Paul II’s answer in his 1994 apostolic letter Ordinatio Sacerdotalis was simply that “the Church has no authority whatever to confer priestly ordination on women.” The Church can do only what Christ, her founder, authorizes her to do. Pope John Paul explained that over its entire life, since apostolic times, the Church looked at (a) the example recorded in the Bible of Christ choosing his apostles only from among men and (b) the constant practice of the Church, which has imitated Christ in choosing only men. The preceding sentence was far too dense and far too over-simplified. You owe it to yourself to talk to your pastor, and to read a lot. For starters, the website Catholic Education Resource Center has an article by Jason Evert “Why Can’t Women Be Priests?” that walks through the various arguments and sensitivities of our modern age and culture. (http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/apologetics/why-can-t-women-be-priests.html)

(2) “Why can’t women do anything in the Church besides be a nun?” Whoa, Jennifer! Do you really mean this? Besides the many liturgical ministries, such as lector, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, altar server, music minister, etc., if you look around, you’ll see that women are the backbone of the Church. And look at the hospital ministry in the average parish? There are many more women than men in these ministries. And consider the administration of the parish? There are preponderantly more women than men. And there is parish leadership (Parish Council, Finance Council, etc.)? And then look at the great ministry – the vocation that sustains and builds up the Body of Christ like no other: proclaiming Christ’s unconditional love to the world as a spouse, tenderly selflessly to the next generation as a parent.

(3) Does the Bible say anything on why females can’t preach? Nowhere in the Bible does God forbid women to preach. In fact, Scriptures record women like Deborah (Judges 5:4-5) and Miriam (Exodus 15:20 etc.), Anna (Luke 2:36-38), and the four daughters of Phillip (Acts 21:9) as prophesying. But the inspired tradition of the Church has precluded women from preaching at Mass, for pretty much the same reasons as those cited by Pope John Paul for not being ordained. Stay tuned, Jennifer. And read up. And pray for wisdom for the Church.

Editor’s Note: For more information on this topic, read The Catholic Priesthood and Women: A Guide to the Teaching of the Church and Women, Sex and the Church: A Case for Catholic Teaching by Sister Sara Butler, MSBT, STL, PhD. Sister Butler currently serves as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for promoting the New Evangelization.

Q: I have always wondered if pets go to heaven, or do pets have a soul. Also can animals have sin and do they in general go to heaven when they die. Or, is it only humans. I have asked many people and I am not able to find a clear answer on the fact.

A: Not only do animals have souls, but so do plants. Now, Nick, don’t think poor Father Morgan has gone off the New Age deep-end! In philosophy/metaphysics, the “soul” is the life principle: it’s what makes material “stuff” living. Animal souls and plant souls are different from human souls in that they are not rational. They don’t think – they are not self-conscious. Therefore they are not moral actors. They can’t be punished – or rewarded – an afterlife for “good” or “bad” deeds.

That’s metaphysics Nick. But the God I call Father, whose Son Jesus is my savior and my brother, is a tad bigger than metaphysics, and that includes what he has in store for me after I breathe my last earthly breath. “Eye has not seen,” He has promised, “ear has not heard… what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). Pope Francis consoled a young boy recently that he would see his pet in heaven, “Paradise is open to all God’s creatures.” While I certainly look forward to hugging my Mom and Dad again one great day, and talking over theology with St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, I sure as heck also will be really, really happy to be reunited with Skip and Wendy, my goofy but loyal boyhood bird dogs. 🐦
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Actor’s Greatest Role is Faith and Family

BY MICHAEL CURET

A N ACTOR SINCE AGE 15, Brian Shields always felt he was destined for greatness.

Early in his career, TV commercials with former NBA star Michael Jordan and a role in an HBO series, From the Earth to the Moon, with Oscar winner Tom Hanks helped lay the groundwork.

Shields hired an agent and mulled over his next biggest break – an offer from a TV series.

But he gave it all up, inspired through prayer from what he calls his greatest “casting call” from his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Shields didn’t need the glitter and limelight of Hollywood to keep acting. He combined his love for acting and his faith and began touring the country playing St. Francis right after college. In 2003, he returned to Jacksonville and Lumen Entertainment was born.

“Lumen” is the Latin word for “light.” Shields’ goal was to form a company that would help evangelize children, while still enabling him to utilize his gifts through acting, film and television production.

Headquartered in downtown Jacksonville, Lumen Entertainment has a mission “to enlighten and nourish with truth through the arts.” The non-profit company accepts donations and seeks to inspire Catholics nationwide with entertaining evangelical and educational media.

As head of Lumen Entertainment, Shields produces audio dramas, short films and an animated series that airs on Catholic radio and television networks across the country. The latest production, the Pope Show, a fun, but informative history of all 266 popes, is a 153-episode series that can be previewed online along with many of Lumen’s productions at Lumen.TV.

Shields and wife Cristi are expecting their eighth child later this year. Their children range in ages from 15 to 2. Shields was born in Westchester, Pa., but moved to Jacksonville at age 3. All of their children have been home schooled. And his wife has never had to go out and look for a job. “God always seems to provide,” said Shields.

“I picked Oct. 4 and every year, I reevaluate. It’s always been tight, but it makes you rely on God. The biggest thing is realizing that nothing happens without God allowing it to happen. People help and support the work. Somehow we keep on going. I’ve never starved. I’m happy.”

Shields remembers calling his father-in-law a few years ago when he was having...
difficulty making ends meet. “He’s a general contractor and he said he could put me on a job in about a month,” recalls Shields. “So I started transitioning Lumen, trying to figure out how I could do it part-time. One thing led to another, one month led to two months, then three months and we were cranking again.”

He calls his wife Cristi the “creative” one in the family. “I get all my best ideas from her.”

It was Cristi that helped lead Brian down the right path by inviting him to attend a retreat with her before they were married. “I remember hearing all these great things about my faith that I had never heard before,” he said. “A priest was coming around at the retreat and I was supposed to be praying for something. My mother was having surgery at the time and I prayed for her. She had the surgery and everything was fine, but it was my own healing that took place. I just remember I felt like I got zapped and I experienced warmth all over.”

Shortly after that, Shields was up for a role on the TV series Dawson’s Creek. He didn’t take that job and turned down another series after that.

Two decades later at Lumen Entertainment, Shields is still mastering his craft. “Your faith will make you a better artist, which is a message I try to get across to today’s youth,” said Shields. “The more you understand truth, the more beautiful you can make your art. The other thing is that we’re all called to holiness. God’s given us all gifts and we have to use them. He’s not necessarily going to make it easy because life is not about comfort. Pope Benedict said, ‘The world offers you comfort, but you are not made for comfort. You’re made for greatness.’”

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In February, Cardinal Jaime Ortega, archbishop of Havana, Cuba, held a symposium commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Encuentro Nacional Eclesial Cubano (ENEC). This year’s symposium, From Father Varela to Pope Francis: A Church Beyond Borders, held significant meaning for Cuban Catholics.

Faith leaders who attended the gathering included Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, prefect of the Pontifical Council for the Family and postulator of the cause of beatification of the Venerable Father Felix Varela; Bishop Felipe Estévez of St. Augustine – the mother city of faith in America and the place where Father Varela died; and Bishop Giorgio Lingua, the apostolic nuncio in Cuba.

Cardinal Ortega recalled in one of his speeches how inspiring Father Felix Varela truly was. Varela served as a model for Catholics who set out to encounter the Cuban culture and society 30 years ago in order to bring to life the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the social and political structures that were marked by the ideologies of Marxist atheism.

The cardinal also shared some experiences of the Catholic community at the time, not with the intent to open old wounds or arouse a spirit of resentment, but as a way of putting it in the proper context of the positions and decisions of the Church. He recalled the ENEC as an opportunity to think and share about the journey of the Church in Cuba, “a time for Catholics to ask themselves where they came from, what had been the history of the Church from colonial times to the present moment and the direction they should take in the future,” he said.

For the Cuban cardinal, the ENEC, much like Varela, created uproar in their time. Both the ENEC and Varela provoked a single question: “What are they after?” What both were seeking was to announce the Kingdom of God, which is always the universal and perennial mission of the Church. Similarly, this is the same mission that Pope Francis invites us to today – to reach out to the peripheries, both internally and beyond the borders of our churches.

Furthermore, the ENEC created a path for a more open church, a church that dialogues and is participatory, and whose strategy over time, has not yet been fully accomplished. This is due in part to the commitment and apostolic zeal of the current ecclesial condition which is not as palpable as it was 30 years ago.

As regards the current state of the Cuban Church, Orlando Márquez Hidalgo, director of the archdiocesan magazine Palabra Nueva (The New Word), observed that the Church in Cuba is more known today, but not any stronger. It still lacks pastoral, material and financial resources, new churches, access to education and limited social assistance. “True religious freedom, which is much more than worship and the sacraments, is still far from being a reality,” he said.

Hidalgo also addressed the strong migratory flow of many of its members who often leave Cuba in search of better opportunities. “Even a sizeable group of priests, whom the ENEC had precisely called upon to develop a more solid spirituality, a greater capacity for sacrifice with a manly character and apostolic courage, in order to root it deeply in the people, the country and the culture, have also migrated.”

Taking up the figure of Father Felix Varela, the Bishop of St. Augustine, Bishop Felipe J. Estévez, recalled Varela as a “significant spiritual father” who during his life in exile in the United States, established schools, built churches, helped the poor and limited the spread of hostile Protestantism.

Dr. Rene Zamora, director of the St. John Paul II Center for Bioethics and chairman of the medical commission, on the Cuban side, has investigated and processed cases...
for consideration of alleged miracles for the cause of beatification of the Venerable Father Felix Varela. Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, postulator for the cause, offered a summary of all the various aspects of the case, which have been studied and will now be added to the dossier that will be submitted to the commission at the Vatican currently conducting its own investigations.

The research group for the cause has also integrated two other medical doctors: renowned pediatrician and former Minister of Public Health, Carlos Dotres, and Calixto Machado Curbelo, president of the Cuban Society of Neurophysiology, who has received five international awards in his field of study.

Attempting to be discreet in his statements, Dr. Zamora said the commission has had the opportunity to study several cases. “The work was quite arduous and today we present four of them that could not be explained by conventional methods or by modern methods. We have come this far and do not have a natural explanation for the healing of a person or the actual state of someone who was infirmed and is no longer in the state the person was before.”

For the distinguished Cuban physician, Varela, the integral priest, led a life of true holiness. “From [his holiness] comes the patriotism of Varela, the depth of his convictions as professor and theologian, of which much has been said during this symposium.” “The joy and pride felt by this group of doctors, such as Carlos Dotres and Calixto Machado, as members of this medical commission,” said Dr. Zamora, “is that Varela’s greatest miracle is, precisely, Cuba.”

A moment of particular significance at the Havana symposium was the visit to the cenotaph of the venerable priest, in the Great Hall at the University of Havana. During this occasion Cardinal Jaime Ortega, offered a prayer with the hope that the distinguished Cuban priest and intellectual reach expedient beatification.

With an intense spirit of devotion, youth leaders laid flowers next to the holy remains of the “immaculate father,” as reflected on his epitaph. In his closing homily at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Havana, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia invited all to bring to fruition the legacy of Father Felix Varela, whom many have admired and followed. “This is the moment,” he said, “it is the right time to do it. We now await the beatification of this disciple of Jesus, but Havana, Cuba, the Americas, await our transfiguration. The world, the poor need to see our transfigured face.”

Father Felix Varela’s profound humanism, does not only belong to Catholic Cubans, inside and outside of Cuba, but to the entire people of the world who ought to recognize and be inspired by him each day.

Varela served as a model for Catholics who set out to encounter the Cuban culture and society 30 years ago in order to bring to life the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the social and political structures that were marked by the ideologies of Marxist atheism.

The remains of Father Felix Varela are interred in this urn at the Aula Magna of the University of Havana, Cuba.
Those caught in the deceitful web of pornography especially need this reminder. The statistics Sam has are startling. Taken from a 2014 Barna survey, 37 percent of Christian men and seven percent of Christian women use pornography several times a week, with 64 percent of Christian men and 15 percent of Christian women using pornography once a month or more.

Marriage and family life suffer when one or both spouses use pornography for sexual gratification. Sam’s experience as a counselor and research shows that sexual intimacy between husband and wife declines and there is a greater likelihood of an extramarital affair.

Men struggling with pornography’s hold come to Sam and to Jeffrey Bishop, a licensed mental health counselor in Orange Park, Fla., to find a way back. Many use faith as a starting point. Prayer and a spiritual focus are important to recovery, but Sam and Jeff believe pornography’s hold requires additional avenues of assistance.

“‘It definitely needs to be a multi-faceted approach. Addictions are commonly understood to be a neurophysiological problem, a mental problem, a social problem and a spiritual problem,’” says Jeff. “‘Many of the initial steps are about setting barriers to really limit access. Pornography can be an addiction, and has all the dynamics of an addiction. The newer science is showing the physiology of the problem. Pornography thrives in darkness. People are living double lives.

‘There’s a lot of shame with this issue, which can further deepen the problem. A 12-step approach is a common treatment, which really melds well with Catholic theology and morality.’

“‘It’s good to keep things in the light and not have secrets. People think their access to pornography is anonymous,’” Sam says. “‘We also have to address the neuroscience that comes into play. Pornography is an addictive substance. People need more structure and accountability in their lives to break free.”
Addiction to pornography is chemical, with its creation of dopamine in the brain. The intense dopamine high also comes with a rapid crash and a craving for more. Beating this addiction is helped by a different brain chemical.

A stronger, more lasting neural response comes from oxytocin, which scientists call the “love chemical.” Oxytocin elevates during intense connections between people, and begins with strong eye contact, deep conversations, speaking with love, hand holding, hugs of 30 seconds or more, and making love. While dopamine requires escalating stimulation to avoid a plateau, the brain never develops a tolerance to oxytocin.

Building better connections with real people is imperative for those struggling with an addiction or attachment to pornography. Strengthening the relationship with one’s spouse or significant other is the first step, and connecting with a parish family also helps.

“They need faith, a real prayer life and access to the sacraments for support. Human contact with the church, not just spiritual, is important,” says Jeff.

“The men who seem to get the longest freedom from pornography build relationships in their parishes,” Sam says.

Sam believes recognizing the darkness of pornography is vital. While the women who star in pornography seem to enjoy the sex, their response is deceiving. Sam indicates pornography actresses are often coerced, using drugs and alcohol to mentally remove themselves from the acts onscreen.

“Pornography’s connection to human trafficking really needs to be shared. Men should understand what is happening to women in pornography,” says Sam.

He uses a quote from former pornography actress April Garris to illustrate the reality. She says most women who enter the industry quit after their first video because “the experience is so painful, horrifying, embarrassing, [and] humiliating for them.”

Studying Pope John Paul II’s “Theology of the body,” is highly recommended by Sam and Jeff.

“That deep theology and the beautiful message of everything positive about sexuality can be another very helpful component to recovery,” Jeff says.

Although the struggle against pornography can be challenging, recovery is possible. Through a strong spiritual practice, strengthening spousal bonds, and working with a qualified therapist and in a 12-step program, the compulsion of pornography can be overcome.

“God desires everybody to be free from pornography,” says Jeff. “People have to be willing to come into the light.”

**Resources that can help individuals and families with pornography addiction**

- **Sexaholic Anonymous (SA)** is a 12-step organization that primarily works with men. Information about the organization, including meeting types and locations, can be found at [www.sa.org](http://www.sa.org).

- **Sex and Love Addiction Anonymous (SLAA)** is a 12-step organization for women. Information about the organization, including meeting types and locations, can be found at [www.slaafws.org](http://www.slaafws.org).

- **Faithful and True Ministry of Jacksonville** is a Christian-based group for men struggling with sexual addiction with a separate meeting for the women to help understand the problem and find help. The organization’s hotline is (904) 443-0246 or visit: [www.904true.org](http://www.904true.org).

- **Celebrate Recovery of Jacksonville** is a Christian-based, 12-step program with various locations. Information on the group can be found at [www.crjacksonville.com](http://www.crjacksonville.com).

Christian-based therapists skilled in working with pornography addictions:

**Orange Park**
- Jeffrey D. Bishop, (904) 228-7148 or visit: [www.jeffreybishopcounselor.com](http://www.jeffreybishopcounselor.com)

**Jacksonville**
- Albert Lamoureux, (904) 613-7465 or email: [lumencounseling@att.net](mailto:lumencounseling@att.net)

JOURNEYS OF FAITH
Two men answer God’s call to a life of service
BY LILLA ROSS

The Road to the Priesthood is long and for many circuitous, and when the final decision is made to answer the call it involves reflecting on the past, trying to see into the future and then, in the present, listening to the inner voice.

Bishop Felipe Estévez ordained two men to the priesthood on May 14 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Both heard the call as young boys but it took decades before they were ready to answer it.

God takes you to a point where you have to say yes or no,” he said. “I decided it was time to say yes and I felt a calming peace.”

Deacon Philip Timlin, 32, grew up in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Palm Coast in a family with two sets of twins. His parents were active in the parish, both serving as lectors. Mom sang in the choir. “Church was a second home to me. Whenever my parents were at church I was there, too,” he said.

The idea of becoming a priest was always in the back of his mind, never more so than when he was an altar server and extraordinary minister of holy Communion. He remembered how much he loved being on the altar with the priest and he would wonder, ‘Am I being called?’

After high school, he began...
Deacon David Keegan, 40, grew up in the Catholic culture of southern Louisiana, one of six children. Living the faith was part of the daily routine.

“I thought about being a priest in second grade,” he said. “I remember telling the class I was going to be a priest. My grandmother used to say she thought I’d become a priest and my father’s brother is a priest.”

But he didn’t think much about it again until high school. By then the family was living in Birmingham, Ala., and the parish priest talked to him about it.

“By then I had discovered girls and the thought of a celibate lifestyle wasn’t as appealing,” David said.

He went to college at the University of Montevallo, a small state school in Alabama where he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology. His life was filled with classes, a job at a restaurant and his girlfriend. They made plans to marry six weeks after graduation and then David was going to graduate school.

On graduation day in 1998, everything changed. David and his fiancée canceled the wedding. David dropped his plans for graduate school and got a full time job managing a restaurant in Birmingham.

A year later his sister Cathy was diagnosed with cancer. When she died in 2000, David was at her bedside.

“It was a difficult time, but looking back David said he can see the hand of God. “I can see now how the Holy Spirit was preparing me for a vocation.”

In 2002, David moved to Jacksonville to be closer to his family who had moved to the city. He had been working in restaurant management for eight years and dating, but something was missing.

“On my 30th birthday I made an active decision to get my life in line. I decided I was going to be a good Catholic man and raise a family. I began leading a sacramental life, daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration.

“In 2006, Father Anand, the parochial vicar at St. Joseph’s, invited me to a Christ Renews his Parish retreat and my faith life really took off.

“I was in a relationship and discerning marriage but as I grew deeper in the faith the thought of the priesthood returned. All those memories and desires came back and it was clear as could be. It was the deepest, realest call. It was what I had to do.”

In 2009 he entered St. John Vianney and after graduating in 2011 he went to St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach.

“It’s been an amazing incredible journey. I can’t be more appreciative of the time I’ve been at seminary,” he said. “And I am constantly surprised by the love I receive from the people of the diocese. How open and generous they are. It’s amazing.”

His first assignment will be as parochial vicar at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Ponte Vedra Beach.

Philip knew he had a decision to make – to pursue a career in teaching or a life as a priest.

He finally realized that while he enjoyed his classes in education, he really loved the idea of being a priest.

“God takes you to a point where you have to say yes or no,” he said. “I decided it was time to say yes and I felt a calming peace.”

He entered St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, in 2008 and three years later he continued his studies at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach.

One thing that has surprised him is discovering that being a priest means being part of a community, a brotherhood.

“I had no idea what effect my brothers would have on me, the camaraderie. The Holy Spirit works to bring us together. You struggle together to reach the goal of the priesthood and you come out bonded.”

On May 15 he celebrated his first Mass at the parish he grew up in, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

“It’s a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the people who have been on the journey with me,” he said. “It’s all about the people who got you there.”

His first assignment will be as parochial vicar at St. Joseph’s Parish, Jacksonville.
THE 21ST CENTURY IS NOT AN EASY TIME TO BE A HOSPITAL.

Skyrocketing costs are eating into profits, forcing the American health care industry into increasingly desperate measures to bolster bottom lines.

And there’s even more bad news as health insurance rates and the ranks of uninsured are climbing so high that hospitals’ customers find it harder and harder to pay. Throw in the ever-complex government regulatory system and it’s no wonder some health systems are cutting services and, in some cases, closing down.

“In 40 years I have never seen as much disruptive change in health care that is going on right now,” said Dr. Michael H. Schatzlein, the president and chief executive officer of St. Vincent’s HealthCare and senior vice president and ministry market executive of Ascension Health. “Everyone is scurrying around to make rapid changes.”

But everyone, Dr. Schatzlein added, does not include St. Vincent’s, the Jacksonville-based Catholic health system with locations in Riverside, the Southside and Clay County.

Instead, the Catholic health system, which is celebrating 100 years in 2016, is drawing on a century of religious and medical know-how to continue its history of compassionate, holistic and expert medical care into the next 10 decades.

Rather than a disadvantage, St. Vincent’s Catholic identity – established by the Daughters of Charity in 1906 and reinforced every year since – is an advantage in navigating the nation’s challenging health care environment, Dr. Schatzlein said. It means never forgetting the core mission of serving the poor and vulnerable.

“As you go through all that change, you need an anchor to hold onto,” he said. “We are looking at the values and charism of the Daughters of Charity.”

Their concern for the poor is in stark contrast to the larger situation in the United States, where many consumers are plunging into poverty due to the exorbitant cost of health care, Dr. Schatzlein said.

“Once we take the poor out of the center of everything we do, we will fail,” he said.
“The center provides a variety of programs whose overall purpose is to support the spirituality of St. Vincent’s associates – from janitors and doctors and in between.”

– Jack Logue
“The Daughters came 100 years ago and brought us this mission, the way of caring for individuals, that’s different than anything we had seen in Jacksonville.”

- Tracie Loftis
CONTINUAL GROWTH

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul were founded in France in 1633 with a special calling to serve the poor and sick. In 1916, the nuns were directed to take control of the struggling DeSoto Sanatorium in the Springfield neighborhood of Jacksonville – which later became St. Vincent’s. They launched a nursing school in 1919 and in 1928 they undertook the move to a $1 million, 200-bed hospital in Riverside.

According to St. Vincent’s history timeline, the milestones kept on coming. The entire 1,942 nursing school class entered the Army’s nursing cadet program. After the war, the hospital’s west wing was built – taking the facility to 365 beds.

With construction projects beginning in the 1960s, the institution began to take on the look that passersby see today. The hospital became St. Vincent’s Medical Center in 1972, the Dillon Professional Building opened in 1977 and the DePaul Building and garage were completed in 1988.

The 1990s also saw significant changes and growth for St. Vincent’s, which purchased Riverside Hospital in 1991 and built the St. Catherine Labouré Manor, a new emergency room and maternity suites in 1992.

A five-year relationship between St. Vincent’s and Baptist Health System began in 1995 while the Daughters of Charity and Sisters of St. Joseph joined to form Ascension Health.

In 2005, St. Vincent’s HealthCare acquired St. Luke’s Hospital in Jacksonville – in 2012 it was renamed St. Vincent’s Southside.

Construction began in 2011 on the new St. Vincent’s in Clay County.

In 2014, the physical presence of the Daughters of Charity ended at St. Vincent’s – but their moral and spiritual influences remained.

Dr. Schatzlein said St. Vincent’s is nowhere near finished growing.

Rather than the old model of making patients venture into Jacksonville for care, the health system plans to open 10 ambulatory care centers around the region. They will have nighttime hours so customers don’t have to miss work or get sisters when seeking treatment.

The whole idea is inspired by the Daughters of Charity ethic of putting patients first, Dr. Schatzlein said. “It’s about focusing on the person, which is what the Daughters lead us to do,” he said. “We have too long, in the U.S., practiced provider-centered medicine.”

FOCUS ON CARING

That kind of compassion-based innovation in medical treatment can be seen in every step of St. Vincent’s century-long journey to the present, said, Tracie Loftis, chief integration officer at St. Vincent’s and vice president of Ascension Health.

“The Daughters came 100 years ago and brought us this mission, the way of caring for individuals, that’s different than anything we had seen in Jacksonville,” Loftis said.

“Even though the Daughters are not here, their charism is deeply rooted in our mission and our associations,” Loftis said.

What remains is the Sisters’ focus on caring especially for the poor and vulnerable in the community, she said. Another Daughter-inspired emphasis is to provide holistic healthcare, a concern for patients’ and employees’ spiritual needs and advocacy for a just society.

Upholding those values, she said, may be considered detrimental in other health system settings.

To continue living those values, she added, means that they cannot be an afterthought to medical care. But like the Daughters of Charity demonstrated in their lives, they must dictate the way care is provided.

“It’s how we care for people every day,” Loftis said. “It’s the reverent care in the ER that upholds the dignity of each person; it’s the advocacy work; it’s the stewardship of our resources to provide access to health care.”

It’s an institution’s dedication to living out the Catholic faith and teachings, she said. “We have to make decisions about the procedures or care we provide, but we believe in the ethical directives of our Roman Catholic identity.”

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

To help with that mission there is the St. Vincent’s Spirituality Center, located on St. Vincent’s Riverside campus. Director Jack Logue said the center provides a variety of programs whose overall purpose is to support the spirituality of St. Vincent’s associates – from janitors and doctors and in between.

Retreats, meditation sessions, spiritual formation classes and quiet spaces for reflection are among the center’s offerings.

“We do whatever we can to walk with our associates on their spiritual journeys,” Logue said.

“This is about changing the person you are and how you see goodness and how you act over a long period of time,” he said.

And in turn, those associates may carry out the charism and mission of the Daughters of Charity as they perform their duties at St. Vincent’s.

“Hopefully, a patient will say there is something different about this place, that they respect me and value me regardless of who I am,” Logue said.

THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Business, health care and even hiring decisions are filtered through the history of St. Vincent’s and the sisters who gave it life and character, Loftis said.

“Even if we are laboring over a specific metric, we can connect it to something larger,” she said.

The first 100 years of St. Vincent’s will form the next 100, Dr. Schatzlein said. “The rich heritage and longtime involvement of the Daughters gives our hospitals an advantage,” he said. “You can’t build a culture of caring over a short period of time – so we really are indebted to them.”
ON MAY 31, we celebrate the feast of Visitation. On this day we remember Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth, shortly after Mary learns that they are both going to become mothers. There is so much mystery surrounding that moment, not the least of which that it was announced by an angel. Mary is a virgin, the child is the “Son of the Most High,” her elderly cousin Elizabeth is also pregnant. Following this announcement, Mary leaves “in haste” to visit her cousin. What can Mary possibly be thinking as she takes off on this journey? We can imagine her hoping for understanding and compassion, perhaps a listening ear, maybe a little clarity on what this all means.

The gospel reading for this day (Luke 1:39-56) tells us that when Mary walks through the door of Elizabeth’s house, the unborn baby John the Baptist leaps in Elizabeth’s womb. Then, at some point in the visit, the Magnificat happens: “Blessed are you among women!” Elizabeth begins, and Mary responds:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

While neither mother knows the full story of what will unfold, the visit between these two women sheds a light. Mary suddenly sees a clearer picture of her role in the unfolding salvation history, where she will be “remembered,” and where somehow the lives of these two women – of lowly origin themselves – will become a crucial part of the Good News of justice, and mercy for the poor.

It is a singular story. But the images are familiar, and it resonates with our more mundane lives. The first reading of the day (Romans 12:9-16) speaks of “rejoicing with those who are rejoicing and weeping with those who weep.” How often do we have that desire to pick up the phone or send a quick email when we bump up against joy or sorrow in our own lives? It is hard for most of us to imagine keeping to ourselves during those momentous times. And, as with Mary and Elizabeth, these connections help us put the pieces together, to see more clearly, and to be strengthened for what is ahead.

Often these visits involve some kind of food, and I want to share with you a recipe that is special enough to gift to someone in need of companionship – whether to celebrate or commiserate. Clafoutis sounds like a fancy French dessert, and it is, but it’s also a very simply made container for fresh berries, which are plentiful in May and June in North Florida. Make two – one for your family, and one for a friend who could use the kind of loving support we are called to share with one another.
Kelli Brew has been active in farm and food issues for two decades. She is a retreat leader and the current Farm to School Coordinator for Alachua County schools. You can find more of her recipes in her blog: www.ourlocallife.com.

**CLAFOUTIS**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups berries – blueberries, blackberries, wild huckleberries or mulberries – all in season during early summer
- 3 eggs
- 1-¼ cups whole milk or half and half
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup sugar divided
- Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly butter a pie or tart dish. Place 1/3-cup of sugar in blender, along with eggs, milk, flour, vanilla and salt. Blend on high for one minute, until frothy.

Pour a thin layer of batter into pie plate. Place in oven for 5-minutes or until the batter is firm but not brown.

Spread berries evenly over the batter and sprinkle with the remaining 1/3-cup sugar. Pour over the remaining batter. Bake for about 45-50 minutes, until the top is slightly browned and a knife gently plunged into the center comes out clean.

Let cool on a rack, then sprinkle with powdered sugar. Clafoutis is often served still slightly warm or at room temperature. But it is also delicious cold from the refrigerator with a fresh dusting of sugar.

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ON APRIL 8, 2016, Pope Francis released his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. Pope Francis issued *Amoris Laetitia* in response to both the Third Extraordinary and the Fourteenth Ordinary General Assemblies of the Synod of Bishops in 2014 and 2015 respectively. Specifically, the pope wanted to “gather the contributions of the two recent synods on the family, while adding other considerations as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice, and as a help and encouragement to families in their daily commitments and challenges.”

The exhortation can be considered to be a strong affirmation of their conclusions. Throughout the work, he incorporates substantial sections of the two synods on the family. He begins *The Joy of Love* with an examination of Scripture with its stories of families, births, love and family crises. A substantial portion of this first chapter is devoted to a reflection on the first six verses of Psalm 128. He moves on to a consideration of the concrete realities that threaten and challenge the family in today’s world in chapter two: less support from social structures, extreme individualism, the speed and organization of life, migration, drug use and pornography, to name just a few. In the face of these, Pope Francis encourages the faithful to both set forth Jesus’ demanding ideal, and yet never fail “to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman or the woman caught in adultery.”

The next chapter summarizes the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family. He also re-emphasizes the need to love those who participate in the life of the Church in an imperfect manner. This sets the stage for two chapters on love. Chapter four contains a beautiful reflection on 1 Corinthians 13:2-7. Pope Francis as pastor is in full relief here. In it, he demonstrates a deep understanding and sensitivity to the life of love as expressed in marriage and family. Chapter five then challenges the reader to look at his or her own attitudes on pregnancy, children, parents and the elderly.

Pope Francis follows his expositions on love with some pastoral perspectives. In chapter six, he puts forth general recommendations for the formation of priests, religious, laity and seminarians in matters of family. He also affirms the Church’s teaching on same-sex attraction: calling for respect for the dignity of those who have this attraction, condemning any unjust discrimination against these persons, and recognizing that same-sex unions cannot be...
placed at the same level as marriage. He next turns his attention to the education of children, including sex education, in chapter seven. In particular, he points out that the moral formation of children can never completely be delegated to others. It always remains primarily the duty of the parents.

Chapter eight outlines the Church’s approach to those who participate in her life in an incomplete manner: accompanying, discerning, and integrating weakness. Pope Francis rejects the “casting off” of those in “irregular” situations. Instead, he opts always for “reinstatement.” Throughout the chapter, he echoes the pastoral recommendations put forth by the synods in terms of, for example, the separated and divorced and the divorced and civilly remarried. He says of these people, “Hence it is can no longer simply be said that all those in any ‘irregular’ situation are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace.” (301) “Could the Church’s minister, therefore, not help such people, in the privacy of the rectory parlor or the confessional, to discern the path to glorify God rather than oneself.

For St. Ignatius, discernment attempts to connect one’s thoughts and actions with the Grace of God. Pope Francis seems to share this aim in Amoris Laetitia, as each page invites the reader to join Pope Francis on a journey of discovery to the central truths about God, the Church, marriage and family.

### Excerpts from Amoris Laetitia

**On the Family:**
- “Families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity.” (7)
- “The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church.” (31)
- “We should not be trapped into wasting our energy in doleful laments, but rather seek new forms of missionary creativity.” (57)
- “In the family, three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: ‘Please.’ ‘Thank you.’ ‘Sorry.’ Three essential words!” (133)

**On Marriage:**
- “Marital love is not defended primarily by presenting indissolubility as a duty, or by repeating doctrine, but by helping it to grow ever stronger under the impulse of grace.” (134)
- “Love always gives life.” (165)
- “Each marriage is a kind of ‘salvation history,’ which from fragile beginnings – thanks to God’s gift and a creative and generous response on our part – grows over time into something precious and enduring.” (221)

**On the Church:**
- “Seeing things with the eyes of Christ … the Church turns with love to those who participate in her life in an imperfect manner: she seeks the grace of conversion for them; she encourages them to do good; to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work …” (78)
- “We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows.” (113)
- “It is a matter of reaching out to everyone, of needing to help each person find his or her proper way of participating in the ecclesial community and thus to experience being touched by an ‘unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous’ mercy.” (297)
ON JULY 30, nearly 50 teens and young adults from the Diocese of St. Augustine will spend the night in a large open field in Poland.

Forty-nine people, including Bishop Felipe Estévez, Fathers Andy Blaszkowski, Raphael Lavilla, youth ministers, young adults, and teenagers, will travel to Krakow for World Youth Day from six parishes. They will be led by Father Andy, a native of Poland who is pastor of St. Luke in Middleburg. Father Andy has been coordinating the trip.

Those who make the trek will leave the Sunday before sleeping in the big open field where Pope Francis will celebrate Sunday Mass the next day. That preceding...
week will begin with arrival on Sunday in Wroclaw, which is three hours from Krakow. They will attend Mass at the archcathedral in Wroclaw and travel to Krakow that afternoon for sightseeing on Monday. World Youth Day events begin Tuesday with large English-speaking catechetical meetings in a basketball arena each day through Friday. On Saturday, the group will camp out in the field for the Vigil followed by Sunday Mass with the Holy Father.

“Then, on Monday, we’ll go to Auschwitz and to some old salt mines that were turned into a museum and have become a tourist attraction,” Father Andy said. “But that’s nothing compared to sleeping under the stars with an expected 2.5 million Catholics from around the world who speak 100 different languages and will celebrate the Mass the next day with the Holy Father.”

Beyond prayer, passports, paperwork and payment to the tune of $3,300 per person are also hefty parts of the preparation. The six parishes, which are wrapping up their fundraising efforts, are St. Luke, St. Catherine of Siena in Orange Park, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Michael in Fernandina Beach, Assumption and San José in Jacksonville.

At St. Luke, not all the kids could come up with the money on their own, so the entire youth group has been fundraising as a team. They’ve also been preparing spiritually and though not all of the teens are going to WYD, the other teens and the entire parish are walking the same spiritual journey WYD is part of.

“We have spent the last few months specifically concentrating on the Year of Mercy and preparing ourselves to share in the message of mercy with Pope Francis in Poland.”

Amanda Kepshire, development associate for the diocese, will be traveling to Poland as part of the young adult contingent. This is not only her first time attending World Youth Day, but her first time traveling abroad.

“I’m most excited about being surrounded by the many young Catholics who are on fire with their faith. It will be an amazing opportunity to join them and participate in a papal Mass,” said Amanda. “We have spent the last few months specifically concentrating on the Year of Mercy and preparing ourselves to share in the message of mercy with Pope Francis in Poland.”

To read more about World Youth Day and to follow our local pilgrims in Poland, follow us on Facebook this summer at www.facebook.com/dosacatholics.
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Laughter, tears mark Father Rene Robert’s Farewell

BY JEAN GONZALEZ

While sorrowful hearts mourn Father Rene Robert, two services that helped commemorate his life and allow family and friends to say farewell was wrought with as many laughs as there were tears.

Burke County officials said Father Rene Robert, 71, died April 11. His body was found April 18 in Burke County, Ga., about 260 miles away from St. Augustine, where he had lived. Steven James Murray, 28, has been charged with malice murder in connection with the death.

Father Robert had been ministering to Murray, who recently had been released from a Jacksonville jail. A priest for 27 years and a Franciscan brother before that, Father Robert retired in 2012. He once served as chaplain of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, and ministered on a limited basis in the parish and prisons.

As mourners gathered at San Sebastian Church in St. Augustine April 25 for an evening prayer service for the priest, it became keenly evident that Father Robert touched the lives of clergy, lay and religious in many different communities.

During the service, Father John Gillespie, San Sebastian’s pastor, asked the members of the community who gathered to recall Father Robert without too much solemnity and pomposity. If the priest were sitting with them at the vigil, Father Gillespie suggested, Father Robert would be wearing his familiar New York Yankees cap to put everyone in “the proper mood.” He was a man of faults, a man of whimsy, and a man of service who could show love and drive people crazy, he said.

He offered the opportunity to everyone gathered to say a few words about Father Robert. Many people did. A woman from the deaf community who had known him since she was a child spoke about how Father Robert “transformed” her family as he taught them sign language and gave them strength.

While Father Robert was renowned for his communication skills with the deaf community, he also served the Hispanic community. Some speakers joked that he was not known for his Spanish language skills. But there was no denying his love for the Hispanic community.

Along with the laughs, there were tears as well. Bishop Emeritus Victor Galeone described the moment he heard that Father Robert was missing.

“I went to the Blessed Sacrament chapel and prayed, ‘Please. Please. Let him be safe. And when I heard his body was found, I went to the chapel again, and I cried my heart out,” Bishop Galeone said.

The community gathered once again for a final farewell at a funeral Mass April 26 at San Sebastian. Bishop Felipe Estévez was the principal celebrant at the Mass, which was a collaborative effort between San Sebastian and St. Anastasia parishes, both of which Father Robert had served in retirement.

Father Timothy Lindenfelser, pastor of St. Anastasia, thanked Father Robert’s siblings, Brian Robert and Debbie Bedard, for sharing the gift of their brother during the homily.

The pastor, who shared a residence with Father Robert and other priests, recalled some of Father Robert’s foibles, such as his lack of organization, his “jumping into something that came before him forgetting that there were other things he was supposed to be doing.”

“Occasionally, he ignored the instructions of his family and superiors,” Father Lindenfelser said. “Father Rene was well aware that, despite trying to share the love of God with others, his words and actions sometimes backfired. Father Rene knew his sins; he tried to overcome them on his own and, like us, frequently failed.”

Before the final commendation, Bishop Estévez spoke to the congregants, saying it was fitting that in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a time when the faithful are encouraged to expand the works of mercy, that Father Robert was a priest who lived the Beatitudes.

“Father Rene’s entire discipleship is a witness to the Gospel of mercy,” Bishop Estévez said. “In spite of the anger, the sorrow, the injustice done to this nonviolent, peaceful, brother, Father Rene, we can say, ‘Alleluia!’ because he is going back to the father to rest in the peace of the risen Lord.”
Carmelite Fathers Bless New Statue of Divine Mercy


Father Daniel Chowning, counselor to the Superior General of the Carmelite Order, traveled from Rome to be part of the special occasion. He was the principal celebrant at the morning Mass and presider of the blessing ceremony. He was joined by Carmelite Fathers Artur Chojda, Slawomir Podsiedlik, Joseph Zawada, Brother Patrick Gemmato and nearly 600 faithful from around Florida and even North Carolina.

The statue was designed by Demetz Art Studios and is made of fiberglass. It took about four months to complete the order. The statue is now the centerpiece of a circle drive between the 13th and 14th Stations of the Cross on the grounds of the monastery.

Diocese Celebrates the Service of Priests

On May 3, a special Mass was celebrated at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church in St. Johns for eight priests for a combined 365 years of service. The priests celebrating their Jubilees in 2016 are: back row, from left, Fathers Rodolfo Godinez (25) Thanh Nguyen (25), Darius Sleszynski (50), Luke McLoughlin (50) and Patrick Carroll, CSSp (50). Front row, from left, Bishop Emeritus John J. Snyder (65), Bishop Felipe Estévez and Bishop Emeritus Victor Galeone.

Not pictured: Father Brian Eburn (50) and Father Gerard O’Shea (50).
Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

Father William Anton Hochheim III, went home to the Lord on May 19. He was 90.
Born May 22, 1925 in St. Paul, Minn., Bill Hochheim moved to Jacksonville with his parents and sister in the 1940s and graduated from Bolles Military Academy in 1943.
Hochheim flew as a B-25 medium bomber pilot in the Army Air Corps after graduating from high school. He flew 20 missions over Europe and also aided in the North African campaigns before he was honorably discharged in 1945 as a second lieutenant.
After the war, Hochheim attended the University of Rochester, N.Y. for two years before obtaining a bachelor's in elementary education from Florida State University.
He was 26 and a senior at FSU when he became Catholic. In 1954, he answered God's call to become a priest. He attended St. Mary's Seminary in Kentucky and Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Ohio. Father Hochheim was ordained in 1960 by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley at Assumption Catholic Church, Jacksonville.
In his 44 years of priesthood, Father Hochheim served in several parishes throughout Florida for the Orlando, St. Petersburg and St. Augustine dioceses.
In 1971, he left the priesthood because he didn’t see eye-to-eye with his bishop at the time. He married Helene Anna Moser in 1972. She died after suffering a long illness in 1980. Father Hochheim was reactivated to the priesthood in 1983 and assigned as associate pastor to San Jose Parish in Jacksonville. He was appointed pastor of St. Edward Parish in Starke in 1989 where he served until his retirement in 2003.
Father Hochheim was a humble and hard-working priest. He will be fondly remembered for his love of flying, his kindness to others and the white suits he loved to wear!

Carmelite Father Victor Narivelil, 80, passed away May 14 at Mary Queen's Carmelite Hospital in Kerala, India.
A Memorial Mass was celebrated May 21 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Jacksonville with Bishop Emeritus John J. Snyder as the principal celebrant.
Father Victor served Sacred Heart Parish for more than 18 years before his congregation called him home to India. He was one of the first Carmelite priests to come to the diocese to serve at the request of Bishop Snyder.
Father Victor was ordained a priest for the Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate in 1964 in Cochin, India.
In the 1970s he was an editor-in-chief and publisher for publications in India. In the 1980s and early 1990s he continued working in publishing and also taught philosophy and served as master of students.
In 1997 he was assigned parochial vicar at Sacred Heart and pastor in 2007. He has written for the St. Augustine Catholic magazine and served many years on its Editorial Board.
“His dedication, his integrity, his witness will be kept in our hearts with such gratitude,” said Bishop Estévez.

New Early Childhood Center Opens in St. Johns County

The new St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Early Learning Center, located at 2468 County Road 210W in St. Johns, opened its doors May 31. It was officially blessed by Bishop Felipe J. Estévez on April 19.
St. Thérèse can accommodate 221 children from six weeks of age to prekindergarten and they accept the free Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) education program funding.
The learning center is owned and operated by the Diocese of St. Augustine under the direction of Theresa Little with oversight by Father John Tetlow, pastor of San Juan del Rio Parish. In June 2017, the sisters of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, whose motherhouse is in Miami, will join the staff of St. Thérèse in providing early childhood formation and education.
Bishop Estévez explained the name for the school was a suggestion by the Sisters.
“After our Lady, I don’t know of any other woman who loved God more than St. Thérèse. This is a great choice Sisters, and I know the children will get to know more about St. Thérèse and will grow to love her.”
The learning center is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference and the Department of Children and Families. For more information, including the cost of tuition, visit www.stthereseeclc.org or call (904) 429-7637.
Valedictorians

Class of 2016

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Bishop John J. Snyder High School  
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**Athena Fruehan**  
St. Joseph Academy  
GPA: 4.71  
College: Wake Forest University  
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**Something people don't know...** I love traveling to new places where I can discover different things to do and especially foods to eat. Also, I have the goal of riding a zip-line in every country that I visit. The greatest thing I learned from Catholic education is... that science and religion are intertwined. My science teachers frequently promote religious discussions and relate them to the scientific lessons at hand, while my religion teachers have used science and logic not to counter Christianity's teachings but to strengthen them.

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St. Joseph Academy  
GPA: 4.71  
College: University of Notre Dame  
Major: Aerospace Engineering  
**Something people don't know...** I'm willing and unafraid to share anything about me with pretty much anyone. So ask away.

Catholic education has impacted my life by... showing me that I want to send my kids to St. Joseph Academy. Just because of all the wonderful relationships you can make there and the amount of support you receive from everyone around you. Both my grandparents and my mom went to SJA so it has been a family tradition. The greatest thing I learned from Catholic education is... that no matter who you are, or what you like, if you take five minutes to talk to someone you'll find something that you can relate with them on. Whether it be trivial or meaningful, there is always an opportunity to make a connection with someone. No one ever has to be alone.

**Cynthia Hund**  
St. Joseph Academy  
GPA: 4.71  
College: Clemson University  
Major: Biology, Pre-Medical Track  
**Something people don't know...** I like to paint!

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RENUEVA TU CORAZÓN
Un tratamiento para un corazón que necesita de Dios
POR LORENA ESPINOZA

El Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de San Agustín se ha convertido en una linda tradición. Y es que sin importar la edad, cultura o lengua, los asistentes tienen la oportunidad de acudir a las distintas sesiones y nutrirse de esa espiritualidad.

Este año el lema del encuentro fue “Renueva tu Corazón”, y como su nombre lo indica, las charlas estuvieron orientadas a dar puntos clave de cómo una persona puede transformar su corazón a través de la Santa Eucaristía.

Este importante evento se llevó a cabo el pasado 11 y 12 de marzo en el Centro de Convenciones Prime Osborn de la ciudad de Jacksonville.

Entre los participantes estuvo su Eminencia el cardenal Óscar Rodríguez Maradiaga, Arzobispo de Tegucigalpa, quien como un verdadero doctor del alma, detalló el tratamiento para un corazón enfermo, que busca y necesita de Dios.

El Cardenal Maradiaga expuso en su intervención que para que el Señor renueve nuestros corazones necesitamos:

1) Estar con el corazón encendido y con los ojos abiertos. Tenemos que aprender a ver con los ojos del corazón. ¿Qué estamos haciendo? Miramos con los ojos del corazón o miramos para el otro lado. Lo contrario al amor no es el odio sino la indiferencia. Debemos volver a enamorarnos de Cristo. Recuerden, no puede haber Eucaristía sino hay amor.

2) Vivir con Alegría. El Papa Francisco dice que algunos amanecen con jugo de limón como desayuno y no sonríen. Cuando uno ama a Dios, la vida se llena de alegría y sonrisa. Sin alegría no podemos tener una vida Eucarística.

3) Leer la palabra de Dios en nuestro hogar, para que arda sus corazones y amen la Eucaristía. Recuerden que hay que empezar con la familia y que Dios nos visita todos los días a través de su palabra.

4) Acercarse a la Eucaristía regularmente. Así como pasa con los alimentos, si uno no come el cuerpo de Cristo le puede dar una anemia espiritual.

5) Dedica tiempo a Dios. Dios nos habla en el Santísimo. No quiero a nadie con un corazón de piedra, pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos quite la indiferencia.

6) Realizar las obras de misericordia, no sólo durante este Año de la Misericordia, sino siempre. A su vez, a este quinto Congreso Eucarístico participaron en la sección en español, la Madre María de Fátima Vieira de Venezuela, el Padre Mitch Pacwa, el grupo juvenil diocesano quienes presentaron un corto sobre la importancia de la Eucaristía, el Grupo Folclórico Herencia y Tradiciones Panameñas y los coros de las parroquia St. John Baptist y Blessed Trinity.

“Agradezco a la comunidad presente. Estamos muy contentos que niños, jóvenes y adultos hayan acudido a este llamado de renovar sus corazones. Espero que el resultado de este congreso sea muchas conversiones”, compartió el obispo de la Diócesis de San Agustín, Felipe Estévez.

El próximo Congreso Eucarístico se celebrará el 24 y 25 de marzo del 2017 y su lema será “Hagan lo que él les diga”. No se lo puede perder. Más información en la página web, www.floridaeucharist.org
La siguiente es una homilía que di en una misa para la instalación de los presidentes y funcionarios de salud de San Vicente a principios de este año.

En la primera lectura hemos escuchado la historia de la llamada de Samuel. Samuel escuchó la voz de Dios y tres veces fue a donde Élas pensando que era el que le llamaba. Eventualmente, Eli se dio cuenta que el niño estaba siendo llamado por Dios. Él ayudó a Samuel a discernir y responder a la voz de Dios. Ustedes que están siendo llamados de la misma manera – quizás puedan aprender a discernir la voz de Dios que los llama por su nombre, en medio de todas las otras voces y tratar de hacer su voluntad en sus respectivas posiciones.

Santa Luisa de Marillac deseaba responder a la llamada de Dios y hacer su voluntad a cualquier precio. Ella oyó una voz que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgracia, no pudo unirse a la vida religiosa porque nació fuera del matrimonio. Su tío dispuso que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgracia, no pudo unirse a la vida religiosa porque nació fuera del matrimonio. Su tío dispuso que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgracia, no pudo unirse a la vida religiosa porque nació fuera del matrimonio. Su tío dispuso que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgracia, no pudo unirse a la vida religiosa porque nació fuera del matrimonio. Su tío dispuso que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgracia, no pudo unirse a la vida religiosa porque nació fuera del matrimonio. Su tío dispuso que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgracia, no pudo unirse a la vida religiosa porque nació fuera del matrimonio. Su tío dispuso que la llamaba a la vida consagrada. Por desgrac...
DEL 18 AL 21 DE FEBRERO últimos se celebró en La Habana el Simposio Conmemorativo “Del Padre Varela al Papa Francisco: una Iglesia en Salida”, un hecho significativo para los católicos cubanos que tomó como eje temático el treinta aniversario de la celebración del Encuentro Nacional Eclesial Cubano (ENEC).

Este Simposio, en cuya idea gestora mucho tuvo que ver el cardenal Jaime Ortega, arzobispo de La Habana, contó, entre sus invitados, a monseñor Vincenzo Paglia, prefecto del Pontificio Consejo para la Familia y postulador de la Causa de Beatificación del venerable padre Félix Varela; monseñor Felipe de Jesús Estévez, obispo de San Agustín de La Florida, la ciudad madre de la fe en Norteamérica y donde falleciera el presbítero habanero.

Ajustándose a los ejes temáticos que condujeron este evento, el cardenal Ortega recordaba en una de sus intervenciones el valor inspirador de la figura del padre Varela para aquellos cristianos católicos que treinta años atrás se propusieron salir al encuentro de la realidad cubana y hacer presente a Jesucristo en estructuras sociales y de poder que partían de presupuestos ideológicos marcados por el ateísmo marxista.

Para el cardenal cubano, tanto el ENEC, como Varela, resultaron molestos en su tiempo. Ambos, persona y hecho fueron observados y acompañados de una pregunta, ¿qué pretende? “Una misión perenne y universal, la de anunciar el Reino de Dios, sería la pretensión más alta de la persona y el hecho”, aseguró. Y recordó que a una misión muy parecida invita el Papa Francisco hoy hacia todas las periferias existenciales, dentro y fuera de los templos.

Por su parte, el obispo de San Agustín de La Florida, monseñor Felipe de Jesús Estévez, evocó al presbítero Félix Varela como “un padre espiritual muy significativo” que, durante su vida de exiliado en Estados Unidos, se dedicó a fundar escuelas, construir iglesias, ayudar a los pobres y combatir el avance del protestantismo.

También durante el Simposio Conmemorativo, el Dr. René Zamora, director del Centro de Bioética San Juan Pablo II y presidente de la comisión médica que, por la parte cubana, ha investigado y procesado los casos a considerarse presuntos milagros en el proceso de beatificación del venerable padre Félix Varela, entregó a monseñor Vincenzo Paglia, postulador de la Causa, un resumen de todos los aspectos estudiados, que se agregará al dossier que investigará ahora una comisión del Vaticano.

Para el destacado galeno cubano, Varela, sacerdote íntegro, es la esencia de una vida de santidad. “De ahí sale el Varela patriota, revolucionario, profesor y teólogo, del que tanto se ha hablado durante este Simposio”. Expresando con su opinión, que “el mayor milagro de Varela es, precisamente, Cuba”.

Momento de particular significado dentro de la cita habanera fue la visita el sepulcro del Venerable Padre Félix Varela, en el Aula Magna de la Universidad de La Habana, ocasión en la que el cardenal Jaime Ortega Alamino, arzobispo de La Habana, rezó la oración al destacado sacerdote e intelectual cubano y pidió por su pronta beatificación.

Con intenso espíritu de devoción, integrantes de la Pastoral Juvenil depositaron flores ante los restos del Inmaculado padre, tal como se traduce en su epitafio. Antes de ese momento final, monseñor Ramón Suárez Polcari, vice-postulador de la Causa de Beatificación del padre Varela, relató cómo fueron trasladados los restos del venerable presbítero desde la Iglesia de San Agustín de La Habana hasta donde descansan hoy en la Universidad de La Habana.

El padre Félix Varela Morales, por su profundo humanismo, no solo le pertenece a los católicos cubanos, de dentro y de fuera de Cuba, sino a todo un pueblo que debe reconocerlo e inspirarse más en él cada día.
Para Padres

Tu tiempo, ya no es tu tiempo
Por P. Carlos Lopera

El Papa Francisco en su exhortación apostólica “La Alegría del Amor”, reconoce la complejidad de la familia moderna, pero a su vez nos recuerda la belleza de la vida familiar.

La familia es importante. Es allí donde se aprenden los valores, creencias, el sentido de pertenencia y la identidad. Los niños aprenden a socializar y a formar su mundo emocional. La familia crea estabilidad.

El pasar tiempo en familia va a ayudar a que conozcas a tus hijos y que ellos te conozcan a ti.

Según lo planteado por el Santo Padre Papa Francisco, háganos una pregunta sobre el tiempo y cuánto de este tiempo le damos a los hijos, esposa y familiares, ya que todos hacen parte de este mundo tan complejo al que llamamos familia.

Cuando tú decides unirte una pareja y tener una familia, tu tiempo ya no es tu tiempo, no te pertenece. Ese tiempo pasa a ser compartido. Lo distribuyes con Dios, esposo/a, hijos, trabajo, familiares, amigos y vacaciones. Por eso la importancia del tiempo y el saber discernir quién y qué es lo más valioso.

La vida material no es lo único, ni es el todo. La familia debe ser una prioridad que debe estar incluida en tu agenda los 365 días del año. La verdad es que nadie tiene mucho “tiempo libre”, y si esperamos tener la agenda vacía para pasar tiempo en familia, entonces ese momento nunca llegará.

Por eso hay que aprovechar cada hora, minuto y segundo, porque lo que desperdicies no lo podrás recuperar. Recuerda que el ayer ya paso, mañana no ha llegado y sólo tienes el ahora, este instante para manifestar tus sentimientos de amor y ternura, donde podrás sonreír y llorar, cosas que son tan pequeñas y que el dinero no las da, ni las compra.

También, recuerda que en la vida de familia, el lugar más importante es la mesa. Esto no es negociable, porque es allí donde nos encontramos y vivimos en plenitud el sentido de hogar. Allí podemos compartir, dialogar, corregir, planear, sonreír, llorar y felicitar. Nos encontramos con una familia que se reúne y cree en los valores que tanto se han perdido en este mundo moderno, por la tecnología.

Cuando te encuentres con tus hijos después de una larga jornada de trabajo, concéntrate en ellos, deja en la puerta de tu casa el trabajo que traes, no mires tanto tu teléfono.

Por eso, podremos decir que el tiempo es como un tesoro que tenemos en nuestras manos y que cuando menos lo pensamos se nos termina. Aprovéchalo junto a los que amas.

“La familia es importante. Es allí donde se aprenden los valores, creencias, el sentido de pertenencia y la identidad.”
SAN JUAN EL MISERICORDIOSO
De los Primeros Defensores de los Pobres
POR LILLA ROSS

En este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia declarado por el Papa Francisco, estamos ante santos que son modelos de piedad.

ACTIVIDADES Y CAMPAMENTOS DE VERANO

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Campamento de Verano
Blessed Trinity Catholic School
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Más información al (904) 233 5605

Campamento de Deportes Coach Polster
Assumption Catholic School PreK-8
Desde las 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.
Basquetbol y Educación Física: 20 al 24 de junio y 27 de julio al 1 de julio
Olimpiadas de verano y Deportes: 1 al 5 de agosto
Más información al (904) 813 6254 o al correo electrónico Apolster@assumptionjax.org

Hogar de la Madre Encuentros de Verano 2016
Campamentos para Niñas y Niños 8 a 13 años
(Las niñas y niños tendrán su campamento por separado)
Camp Kateri, Hawthorne
Desde el 1 al 7 de agosto/ $250 por persona
Misa y Adoración diaria
Más información: Delores Hambleton (904) 200 9842 twohearts2@bellsouth.net
www.homeofthemother.org

Campamentos de Verano en Bishop Kenny High School
Más información al (904) 398-7545
Campamento de Euro Futbol (Hombres y mujeres)
Sesión 1: 20-24 de junio / 3:00-7:00 p.m. - Estudiantes de 5-9 grado
Sesión 2: 27 de junio al 1 de julio / 3:00-7:00 p.m. - Estudiantes de 9-12 grado

Campamentos de Verano en Bishop John J. Snyder High School
Campamento Multi-Sport Coach Walsh
Sesión # 1: 12-15 de julio
Sesión # 2: 25-28 de julio
Desde las 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Edades: 4-14 (Niños y niñas)
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Lunes 13 de junio: Iglesia St. Augustine - Gainesville
Martes 14 de junio: Iglesia de St. Joseph
Miércoles 15 de junio: Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción
Jueves 16 de junio: Iglesia San José
Viernes 17 de junio: Iglesia St. John the Baptist – Crescent City
Lunes 20 de junio: Iglesia S.E. Ann Seton – Palm Coast

24 de junio
Celebración por el Nacimiento de Juan El Bautista
Patrono de la Ciudad de San Juan de Puerto Rico
En la Parroquia Blessed Trinity a las 7:00 p.m.
Después un compartir con comida típica y bailes.

24 de julio
Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquira – Patrona de Colombia
Parroquia S. E. Ann Seton
Se inicia con una procesión a las 4:00 p.m. rezando el Santo Rosario

17 de septiembre
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