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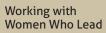




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Fr. Marc Paveglio
Parochial Vicar

EVERY YEAR when the month of May rolls around, the Church turns its eyes toward Mary, the Mother of God. The historical reasons for this annual celebration are complex, but many writers point to a parallel between the blossoming of new life in nature's season of spring and the new life that Mary brings forth through her Son and her life in the heart of the apostolic Church. Because Mary allowed her whole being to be totally open to God without reserve, God could manifest goodness and beauty through her in countless supernatural gifts. As mother of Jesus and mother of the Church, her activity in salvation history continues through time by means of her powerful intercession for us wayfarers on earth and by the lessons of discipleship she teaches us by her life.

Not only do the scriptures bear witness to the preeminent witness of Mary, but also to many other women who were part of the life and ministry of Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many others were traveling disciples of Jesus. Mary and Martha believed in Jesus and, with their brother Lazarus. often welcomed him into their home. Jesus also ministered to countless women during his ministry of preaching and healing, sometimes surprising the apostles by his actions. The

gospels are also replete with the testimony of the women who stayed near Him in His hour of greatest agony. At the Cross was Mary, and also Mary's sister, the wife of Clopas. Others walked the way of the cross with Jesus and reverenced His dead body as He was buried in the tomb. Mary Magdalene was present at the crucifixion and also became "the apostle to the apostles," sent Christ himself on Easter morning to the apostles who were locked inside their dwellings, cowering out of fear. The rest of the New Testament contains dozens of references to women in the early Church who lived lives of faith, hope, and love in the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul the Apostle mentions and commends many of them throughout his letters.

During the last century, the advancement and recognition of women progressed in many ways both inside and outside the Church. Recently, the Church's Magisterium, Catholic theologians, and many diverse gatherings at the local level have increasingly included reflections and discussions about women. This includes both the perspectives of the Church as made up of women disciples called to holiness and uniquely gifted, as well as the Church's mission to reach out to women throughout the world who experience poverty, war,

violence, and conflict. Several theologians with whom I have worked over the years have commented that, in a certain sense, the Church is at the brink of a new springtime of proclaiming the gospel in regard to women, the relationship of women and men, and the work of evangelization in every domain of human life. I witnessed some of this myself during my academic studies; several major conferences and lectures hosted by Saint Paul Seminary focused on these topics to very positive acclaim. I also was deeply moved when, years ago, I read literature like Dorothy Day's The Long Loneliness, Helen M. Alvaré's Breaking Through: Catholic Women Speak for Themselves, and Pope Saint John Paul II's encyclical On the Dignity of Women.

The Letter to the Hebrews exhorts us to courageously run the race of faith set before us. since we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1). These witnesses are the friends of God in our lives who have demonstrated what it means to follow Christ through thick and thin—with one's whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. I am grateful in my life for the women in my life who have been part of this group of witnesses. Here are four women to whom I am eternally indebted.

I met Cristina in my college days. We met through the Newman Catholic group, but she was also part of Students for Life, the campus pro-life club. I have met many vivacious Italian-Americans in my life, but among them Cristina has extra gusto. She has an amazing energy, drive, and joy—and she chalks it all up to Christ. One time she organized a last-minute protest at a concert whose proceeds were going to support antiwoman and anti-life causes. After hastily making some signs, we endured the scorn of many concertgoers, but Cristina held her head high and found ways to constructively engage with people who stopped for a few minutes to interrogate us or to argue. Cristina witnesses to me what it means to courageously stand up for the truth, and even to suffer for it joyfully (cf. 1 Pet 4).

More recently I have gotten to know Marie. Her calm and relaxed demeanor belies an interior fire for God. Do you ever read a great book and find yourself thinking, "I wish I could write like her!"? When I hear Marie pray, I find myself thinking, "Lord, help me to pray like her!" Marie and I have been involved together in different kinds of prayer ministry. I am continually thankful for the window into her heart, where I find Jesus, and I myself am drawn to seek Him anew in



my own heart. For me, Marie witnesses to me what it means to obey Jesus when He beckons, "Abide in me!" (Jn 15:4).

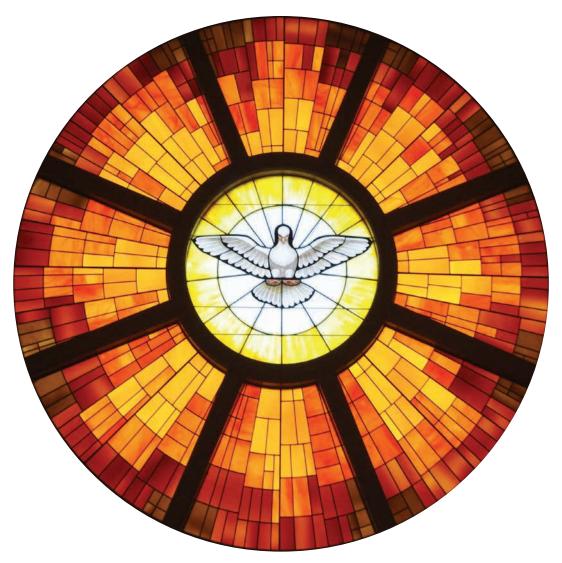
Francesca found me years ago. She has a lot of friends, but being friends with her is a little different than usual, because Francesca lived in the fifteenth century. When I learned about her life (in English she is usually referred to as Frances of Rome). I was captivated. She was a wife, a mother, and a religious sister all at the same time, eschewing her patrician heritage for a life of humble Christian service. During one of the most tumultuous times in the city of Rome, where plague ravaged thousands and wolves roamed the streets, she mustered other noblewomen to serve the poor and dying. Francesca witnesses to me what it means to follow Christ wherever He goes, even into danger.

Finally, I am grateful for my mother. Some of you have already met her when my parents visited last year. My mom is pretty amazing. She has stood by her husband for 47 vears. She raised three kids. She owns a business. She started door-to-door evangelization at our parish. She was jailed for a sit-in protest inside the U.S. Capitol. She makes fantastic meals. But aside from these and many more great things I could say, my mother witnesses to me Christian humility. Humility for the Christian is not the denigration of self, but the glorification of God. On her seventieth birthday, I put her on the spot by asking her to summarize her life thus far (she is accustomed to me asking profound and often awkward questions open-ended unwelcome times). She didn't attempt to make a pithy speech,

but became very pensive, and said: "Listen, to me my life seems very ordinary; I just know that whatever are the gifts I have received from God, I have tried to use them to serve Him." That was her birthday gift to me: a powerful reminder that all is a gift from God. A reminder to remain humble.

You'll find testimonies to women in this month's magazine—especially women in leadership in and around our parish. May the Holy Spirit help us receive the gifts brought by our sisters in Christ in every age.

May the peace of Christ be with you, and happy Mother's Day!



THE WOMEN AT PENTECOST

PENTECOST is a significant event for our understanding of gender. With Pentecost, a new era of empowerment in the Spirit begins, which was momentous when the land of Israel was under Roman rule, and is still significant today. We see both women and men receive the outpouring of the Spirit in Acts 1:1-17. We have the story of Jesus ascending from earth and instructing his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come in a few days. And Jesus states that the Spirit will come upon all of them.

Both men and women were praying in the upper room. After the naming of the male disciples that were present at Pentecost in Acts 1:13, verse 14 follows with, "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Twelve of the male disciples are named, Mary is named, "brothers" are mentioned, and "some women" are mentioned. The number of believers in the crowd is 120 (Acts 1:15; 2:1); it seems that many unnamed women and men were present.

Women spoke in tongues on the Day of Pentecost. In Acts 2:3 we read, "Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." In Acts 2:4 it says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. All of them were enabled to proclaim. The Holy Spirit did not differentiate; instead, the Holy Spirit shattered the standard convention about who receives the Holy Spirit. In Acts 2:17, Peter makes the connection between what is happening and reminds the crowd of the words of the prophet Joel, "... I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy... ." This is affirmed by Paul in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is

not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

God empowered men and women to represent God, speaking in all languages. I envision women in the crowd being given the power to speak for God—"all of them." Wow. I think of the many women we have been hearing about in the news who are using their power to speak for justice, whether they are high school students, politicians, or business leaders. God values what each person can bring to the conversation.

What are we celebrating at Pentecost? Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, celebrates the Holy Spirit coming upon God's

people. It is the birthday of the Christian Church. We are celebrating God's willingness to empower us through the Holy Spirit. God was and is willing to share God's power with us. The Spirit is the way God moves in our lives. God encourages us to become our highest selves, both as individuals and as a community. The act of Pentecost over 2000 years ago continues to happen all over the world, and in our own community, and in our own lives. We experience this when God surprises us, when we feel our hearts lift with joy, when we have a thought that doesn't seem to be our own voice, and when prayers are answered in unexpected ways or when an unpredicted solution is received. We experience this in community when people are moved to work for justice. Yet, it is our responsibility as disciples

to make time and to create space for the Spirit, to be aware of the Spirit's invitation, and then to be willing to respond.

As we celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our own lives, let us remember the women who were present at this event when the Holy Spirit came upon the very first disciples of Jesus.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

by Sister Joyce Rupp, O.S.M

Spirit! Power and Passion of my being, press upon my heart your profound love.

Move through the fragments of my days; enable me to sense your fiery Presence consecrating my most insignificant moments.

Spirit! Source of Vision, Perceptive Guide, permeate the moments of my choices when falsehood and truth both call to me. Turn me toward the way of goodness, so that I will always lean toward your love.

Spirit! Blessing for the heart grown weary, encircle me with your loving energy, empower me with your active gentleness.

Deepen within me a faith in your dynamism which strengthens the weak and the tired.

Spirit! Breath of Life, Touch of Mystery, you are the ribbon of inner connection, uniting me with the groaning of all creation.

Because of you, my life gathers into a oneness.

Keep me attentive to this interdependence.

Fill my being with constant compassion and a deep hope that knows no bounds.

Spirit! Dwelling Place, Sanctuary of Silence, you are the home for which I deeply yearn. You are the resting place for which I long. I find both comfort and challenge in you. Grant that I may keep my whole self open to the transforming power of your indwelling, that I may ever know the blessings of your tremendous companionship.

WE LEARNED TO BE STEWARDS FROM OUR MOTHERS

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. —Proverbs 31: 20, 25–26

I LEARNED a lot about my faith from strong women in my life. My grandmother Vera taught me about the importance of having a healthy respect for our faith, only she called it our "Christian duty." When she felt that some of my cousins in town were not regularly attending Mass, she decided to start a night out with Grandma, and take her entire brood of grandchildren to Saturday night Mass, followed up with a nice supper, and a chance to play cards or watch a program on her color television set. She would walk us into church and line us up according to age and march us down to the second or third pew (but never, ever the first). She carried her umbrella, rain, snow, or shine, and used it to help us keep our focus on what was going on in front of us. My grandma had long arms and was

able to utilize her peripheral vision to extract the umbrella from her arm and launch it into poke mode to the offending party with dazzling accuracy, all while looking attentively at the front of the church. She could even switch to handle/ hook mode and "encourage" a lollygagger to more quickly move to kneeling position. Over supper, Grandma would quiz us on the readings and homily, often adding in her own dib dabs of home-brewed theology to enhance our knowledge. For example, I am positive that Daniel strapped on his fighting pants and wrapped the lion in a scissor-hold and "wrassled" the beast to submission. Grandma Vera taught me that it was up to me to respect my faith as the gift I had been given AND to keep my eyes on what was right there in front of me.

Grandma M was of no relation to me, but that was her moniker and she taught me the importance of prayer. When I think of faithful "pray-ers," her image always pops into my mind. A diminutive Italian woman, Grandma M lived across the street from our church and she was a regular fixture at daily Mass, as well as at least once on Sundays. She would arrive at least 20 minutes early for each Mass and always sat in the second to the last row. (Even back then, everyone had their pews marked out, just like today). She would pull her rosary out of her pocketbook as she knelt down and then bead after bead, she prayed the decades unceasingly, her lips moving in silent prayer before, during, and after Mass for another 20 minutes. As a child, she was a fixture inside

the Church, but later, I realized the important lesson she taught me on devotion to prayer. Her daily conversations with God were a lesson to me that God is always available.

My mother taught me the importance of being present to others—a gift she used completely and effortlessly. From the never-empty coffee pot, along with something sweet stored in the freezer to greet an unexpected guest, to living her faith out loud with her unfailing ability to interject just the right joke, smile, a comforting shoulder, or some amazing elbow grease to help the situation—any situation she encountered. Quick-witted and so giving, I learned that what we have is just enough and there's always plenty to share. I can hear her beckoning from heaven, "Get out there and find someone to help."

I am grateful for the gifts I received from these three women in my life. Respect, prayer, and being present to those we encounter, are some valuable tenants of living as a steward, learned through following their lead. Consider the women in your life; what lessons live on in your heart today? In May, we honor Mary, the original steward, as well as those magnificent mothers in our lives. In gratitude, find some time this month to live up to the example of the strong women whose gifts helped form you into the steward that you are today.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development



USING THE GIFT OF LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP is part of Sandy Towey's nature. "It's just the way I'm wired," Sandy said. "I've always had drive and I'm an ENTJ." For those unfamiliar with the Myers-Briggs personality inventory, an ENTJ (Extrovert, iNtuition, Thinking, Judging) is one of 16 different personality categories. ENTJs like Sandy are unique, not just because there's so few of them—just two percent of the entire population and only one percent of all women—but also because of the leadership they bring to any group or organization that they're a part of. For Sandy, the Pax Christi Finance Council is no exception.

Sandy joined the Finance Council in 2016 and started chairing the committee during her first year. Traditionally, people are elected chair during their third year, so they can lead with the aid of a few years of experience. However, when the acting chairperson stepped down mid-year, the council members embraced Sandy's natural leadership skills and nominated her as council chair. Sandy's colleagues on the Finance Council haven't been the only ones to recognize Sandy's skill set.

Sandy started to distinguish herself from her peers very

early. After college she joined the service firm Deloitte as an auditor and was quickly promoted to the role of In-Charge Auditor. Noting Sandy's abilities, a colleague starting a new business asked her to join his team. Through that business, and with mentoring, Sandy gained exposure to a range of industries, including real estate and hospitality. She specialized in optimizing the performance of businesses and when needed, their turnarounds. Sandy said that her real strength is strategy and putting structure into place so organizations can successfully implement that strategy.

Although Sandy has been a Pax Christi parishioner for 25 years, it's only recently that she has volunteered at the Church. Instead, Sandy divided her volunteer time among numerous local and national associations. boards. committees—almost all of her time being spent in leadership positions. As a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Sandy was on the National Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and a co-founder of the University of Minnesota Federal Credit Union. She has also held leadership positions on the boards of Goodwill Industries, Fairview Health



Systems, Easter Seals, and the Turnaround Management Association, just to name a few. It wasn't until her terms on the boards of many organizations started to wind down that she was free to volunteer for the first time at Pax Christi

All of Sandy's expertise in structure and strategy is now being put to work on the Finance Council. Together with the other council members, Sandy has been formalizing review processes so that future councils have the structure they need to consistently evaluate opportunities and track outcomes. Even though Sandy has served on numerous committees and boards, the Pax Christi Finance Council has been special. Sandy says the council is unique in that it works within a consensus-building model,

bringing together people with a variety of backgrounds. Her role as leader is much more about discernment and working toward agreement.

The Finance Council may be Sandy's first volunteer experience at Pax Christi, but it isn't her first time participating in a Pax Christi group. Sandy met her husband John at the Church's singles group in 2008 and they were married in the Pax Christi chapel in 2011. Together, they have four children. The Pax Christi value of inclusiveness, "All are welcome!", is very important to Sandy. There's no doubt that Sandy's energy, skills, and leadership are also welcomed.

Written by Karin Poelinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor



BIBLE DRAMA TEAM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAMP

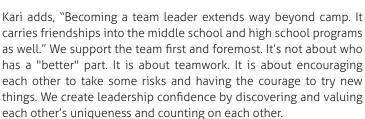
MENTORING our youth to achieve their potential of being effective disciple-makers is what our drama team leadership week is all about. Every summer we invite our youth in grades six through high school to participate in sharing their talents at Bible Drama Camp. These talents include song and dance, set design, and most importantly, sharing four or five Bible stories with the younger campers. The story is repeated several times throughout the morning and the preschoolers are the drama team's favorite group. Why? Because the three and four-year-olds interact with the story and love to ask questions. One never knows what a three-year-old might say.

We gather together for days of preparation and rehearsal which has come to be known as our "leadership week." Being on the drama team is more than memorizing lines or getting to wear a special tie-dye shirt. It is about learning how to be a Christian leader. We become a "family" and pray together, eat together, study our lines together, and share of ourselves through outreach opportunities. Last year our team went to Feed My Starving Children and this year

we will spend a day at Open Arms preparing meals for those in need throughout the Twin Cities. We are also making blankets and sandwiches for YouthLink, an organization that works with homeless youth ages 16–23 throughout the Twin Cities.

My son has had a passion to play hockey most of his life. When he was younger I had three rules: 1) have fun, 2) make a new friend, and 3) stay out of the penalty box. He was a very aggressive defender of the puck and a goalie and he learned he was far better for his team on the ice than in the penalty box. We use that analogy with our drama team: having fun by laughing our way through our blunders is what we do. Making new friends is part of our week. All are welcome and no previous experience is needed. We come from a variety of cities and schools and all are treated with respect and unity. Our drama leader, Kari Christensen says, "The Drama Team is for kids with all abilities and there is something for everyone." She also loves that the team can develop connections outside of their schools and feel a part of the larger Pax Christi community.





We learn how to combine faith and fun. The team has the passion and motivation to participate because they want to, not because they have to. Kari encourages leadership and says the camp experience is student-led and she sees herself as a facilitator. The team takes ownership for the choreography and music, as well as collecting the needed costumes and set design. They deepen their knowledge of the Bible stories through such games as Jeopardy and Kahoot. They are encouraged to act justly, as one of our songs inspires us: Dare to Care.

Who are we? The Pax Christi Bible Camp Drama Team. What are we going to do? Proclaim the Word of God. When are we going to do it? The week of July 23–27 at Bible Camp where we will all continue to be **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**. For information about joining our fabulous Drama Team, please contact Renee Dignan, Camp Director, rdignan@paxchristi.com.

Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith and purity. –Timothy 4:12

Written by Renee Dignan, Faith Formation Minister and Camp Director



Join Kari Christensen (middle row, far right) and the rest of the Drama Team for Vacation Bible Camp 2018. Register online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.





CONFIRMATION SAINTS: A TREASURE-TROVE OF INSPIRATION

THE COMMUNION of saints offers us a treasure-trove of inspiration. From Saint Joan of Arc, who stood up to political injustice, to Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who spent her life among the poorest of the poor, the Church is filled with holy people who lived lives of mercy, love, and service. Saints were not perfect—and that's part of their appeal. The people lifted up in the sacred canonization process were regular human beings, just like us. Thev made mistakes, fell short, and answered the universal call to holiness in uniquely beautiful ways, just like we do. We are all called to be saints!

As part of Confirmation formation. candidates are asked to select a saint who they admire and who can serve as a guide for how to live life. The candidate is confirmed under their Confirmation saint's name and their own name. This year's high school Confirmation candidates selected a rich variety of saints, from the patron saint of mental health to the patron saint of sports. As we consider the important leadership that women offer the Church, let's explore the lives of a few female saints who inspire our candidates.

FEMALE SAINT HIGHLIGHTS

Four of the most popular saint names of this year's confirmation class are:

• Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

— Elizabeth is the first female born in the United States to be canonized a saint. A wonderfully kind woman, Elizabeth's life was marked with grief over the death of her mother and husband. She founded a school in Maryland that was the first to provide free Catholic education. Elizabeth is the patron saint of Catholic schools—as well as inlaw problems.

• Saint Catherine of Sienna

— Catherine is one of four women to be named a doctor of the Church, meaning she is a member of the Roman Catholic magisterium. Catherine, Dominican sister, was a prolific preacher and reconciler. She faced heavy criticism for being both a woman and a strong leader, but that did not stop Catherine from following her vocational call. She led Church reform during the crusades and even demanded better hierarchical leadership in a meeting with the pope himself.

• Saint Cecelia — Cecelia is best known for her influence on Church musicians. She is the patron saint of music. Legend has it Cecelia sung out to God during her wedding and heard heavenly music from God in her heart. Many a pianist and cantor have prayed to Cecelia before a big liturgy! Cecelia is also a Roman martyr, meaning she died for her faith

• Saint Catherine of Bologna

— Beloved for her creativity, Catherine is honored as the patron saint of artists. She lived as a cloistered nun and engaged a variety of artistic mediums, including painting, poetry, music, and lettering. Catherine reminds us that the world is engulfed in beauty. We need only open our eyes and hearts to see.



CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

"I chose Saint Catherine of Sienna as my Confirmation saint because she inspires me. She took her life in her own hands by choosing God over marriage and defying her parents at an extremely young age, which was extremely hard in the 14th century. In the end, she became one of the most influential women in the Church. She is one of only four women to become a doctor of the Church, and was extremely knowledgeable in many fields." —Gabi Tan

The parish community is invited to attend the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our candidates on Saturday, May 5, 10:00am at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis.



HAPPY ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

TIME MAY FLY, but the needs that we are called to address seem to grow at supersonic speed. One person cannot solve every need, but together, a group can make a fairly significant dent by combining our gifts. Be proud of your community on the corner of Homeward Hills and Pioneer Trail, for we have met many needs and will continue to meet the challenges presented to us long after you and I are gone.

It may be hard to believe, but it has been one year since we launched the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. One year ago gifts from members of Pax Christi were added to monies made available by meeting a matching goal from the Delora Mayer Fund, and leadership added to the pot with proceeds from the sale of the rectory, all adding up to the sweet total of \$267,000. We launched the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund, with its purpose to perpetuate support for the core values, mission, and ministries of Pax Christi Catholic Community.

The two initial areas of concentration are promoting lifelong learning within Pax Christi and serving justice needs in the greater community. Justice is one of Pax Christi's founding values, a value that has resulted, since our founding, in grants totaling over \$4 million, along with countless hours shared building relationships to promote justice and be the visible hands and feet of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of Pax Christi.

At Easter, Pax Christi received our first annual grant of \$10,000, a percentage of the earnings on the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund, from the Catholic Community Foundation. One thousand dollars of this grant will help support our youth as they live *Disciples on a Mission* on their mission trip this summer. Nine thousand dollars was added to our Justice Grant Tithe, perhaps allowing the Justice Grants Board to say "yes" to one more grant request this year.

We want to continue to increase the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund so we can grow the annual grants we receive. There are a couple of ways you, as a member of this community can assist:

TODAY GIFTS: Donate to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. In addition to supporting the General Operation Fund, covering staff, worship, programming, utilities, all the basic needs, you can also give to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund anytime during the year. We have envelopes available in your packets twice a year and on the front reception desk. These gifts go into the Endowment Fund and allows everyone to participate.

TOMORROW GIFTS: Designate Pax Christi in your will or estate plans, or through a Donor Advised Fund, insurance, or your IRA. Providing a gift from your estate to Pax Christi can help this community in the future, allowing you to make a difference long after you are gone.

On May 20, after the morning Masses, we will celebrate the anniversary of the launch of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. To help us celebrate, our new Justice Grant Recipients will be on hand to share their plans on how lives will be changed through the generosity of the people of Pax Christi. Members of the Financial Initiative Team (FIT) will also be on hand to answer questions on how you can support the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund with today, tomorrow, and forever gifts.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development

ST. MARY'S HEALTH CLINICS LEADING THE WAY TO HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

LEADERS are people who do things for the first time. They start traditions, bring people together, and distinguish themselves through innovation. In Minnesota, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJs) began a tradition of leadership in 1851. That was when four women—Mother St. John Fournier, Sister Philomene Sister Scholastica Vilaine, Vasques, and Sister Francis Joseph Ivory—landed on the banks of the Mississippi to establish a mission in St. Paul. Just two years later, a cholera outbreak in the community prompted the Sisters to convert their log-cabin school into a hospital. This hospital, St. Joseph's, was the first in Minnesota. In 1992, the CSJs decided to transition away from the hospital's day-to-day management and continue its healing ministry of Christ by establishing St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC). SMHC, and its community outreach program "Healthy Connections," provides direct clinical care, MNsure enrollment assistance, health education, and preventative screenings to the uninsured underinsured through several community sites located throughout the metro area, including Pax Christi.

SMHC brings people together to serve and heal. In 2017, 1,399 patients were served throughout the metro area, and together received over \$1 million in direct and contributed

care. The mission of SMHC is accomplished collectively by nearly 200-plus volunteers and a staff of 20. The volunteers doctors, nurses, admitting staff, interpreters, and drivers collaborate with a volunteer coordinator and clinical care coordinators to ensure that patients receive primary care and any needed follow-up care and referrals to specialty care services. The Pax Christi site is open once a month and the allvolunteer staff sees an average of nine patients.

Following CSJ's legacy of "response to need," the clinic answers the call where the need is greatest. SMHC's Executive Director, Melissa Gatten, says that while SMHC's mission hasn't really changed in the last 25 years, the people they serve have. Unlike walk-in clinics, patients are qualified and referred to SMHC through community partners, word of mouth, and outreach programs. Cristina Flood Urdangarin, Community Health Outreach Manager for SMHC, is charged with engaging those communities most in need. She is partnering with schools, churches, and consulates to let people know about SMHC's services.

To have the biggest impact on the health of the uninsured, SMHC has started innovative campaigns to meet their mission. Working with community partners, SMHC encourages healthy living through education and preventative measures. The idea is to lead under-served communities toward healthier decisions and to empower individuals to proactively manage their health.

it Though may operate differently than that log-cabin hospital, the volunteers at Pax Christi and all the SMHC sites continue the work that four women started over 150 years ago. As the Executive Director, Melissa Gatten is humbled to follow the tradition of the Sisters' leadership and so many other women who have forged the way. The SMHC board will always include CSJ representation to ensure that the mission and vision of SMHC continues to align with the Sisters' vision of serving communities in need. Part of this endeavor is to educate individuals and organizations in the Twin Cities community on the need for continued financial support. SMHC wants the public to understand that healthy individuals lead to healthy families, which in turn lead to healthy communities. SMHC works toward improved healthcare access for everyone. Collectively, the staff and volunteers of SMHC follow the leadership of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, with the firm belief that healthcare is a basic human right.

Written by Karin Poelinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor













WORKING WITH WOMEN WHO LEAD

WHEN I was asked to write an article about my experience of being in a workplace where those in ministry are predominantly women for this month's theme, "Women in Leadership," I was hesitant to say the least. This seemed like an opportunity of a lifetime to make a huge mistake. But quickly, I remembered that two-thirds of my working career has been in a working environment where the majority of my co-workers were women. This made me wonder why I have remained in that unique environment and what I could say about my experience. So I thought, "Why not? Let's give it a try."

At Pax Christi, we are blessed to have some of the finest professional women and men I have ever had the privilege to work alongside. My cohorts are extremely educated, dedicated to their work, and empathetic to the needs of the members and visitors of our community of faith. I have witnessed and learned to have deep respect for the commitment to healing I see every day when people come to us when the "wheels are falling off" their lives.

The nurturing attitude I feel here is due, in no small part, to the fact that the majority of our staff are mothers, daughters, and sisters that were raised to care for others' needs. This, I believe, is unique to church work where a large majority of the day-to-day work is done by women. In fact, you might say women are truly the "backbone" of the Church.

Having two daughters working in non-traditional workplaces confirms that assumption from my perspective. They are both in careers formerly dominated by men. And I would like to think I am their greatest supporter. Being in a workplace largely populated by women also helps me to be a better husband and father.

Many of the working committees I am involved with are predominately led by women leaders.

Do I feel left out sometimes? Maybe, but generally I feel welcome to provide an alternative perspective, even when it may not be popular. The feeling I generally get is what it is like to be in a minority in many different situations. And for that, I am grateful to gain understanding and empathy for the many people in our community who may feel outside the mainstream population. This particular aspect of working with women has helped in everyday interactions to be a better listener, to react less rashly, and to add thoughtful and kind input.

One of the things I am most proud of in my leadership role at Pax Christi is the transformation of the council on which I serve with many great parishioners. We were formerly known as the Facilities Council. This evoked a very different feel and assumption by comparison to our newly named group, which is the Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council. I am happy to say that for the first time since I have worked here, nearly half of our council is made up of women. And the results have been immediately obvious. There are new ideas with new perspectives.

In the Catholic Church we have traditionally seen men as the ultimate leaders. From the pope to our own great priests and deacons, we have experienced great change in conversation over the past 50 years with the reforms of the Vatican II Council. These reforms are, in my opinion, only a start of where we need to go for the future of the Catholic Church and other organized religions. Fifty percent of the world has been left out of the opportunity to lead in a way that will fully exploit the talents and wisdom of our human race. My dream would be for the Catholic Church to fully embrace inclusive governance and allow any persons to be our spiritual leaders at all levels of leadership positions.

Images from staff Christmas outing— **CONTINUED ON PAGE 15.** team curling and watercolor painting.

READINGS FOR MAY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or

Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11;

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20, 2018

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17;

Mt 28:16-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27, 2018

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45 Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;

Lk 1:39-56

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15;

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



WORKING WITH WOMEN WHO LEAD ... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

When I think of my co-workers and the talent they offer, I am amazed the entire Church has not awakened to the opportunity to bring everyone to the highest levels of leadership. Recently, we held a staff retreat day at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. One exercise of the retreat was to reveal something no one knew about yourself. These were written on pieces of paper and then shared randomly with the group. We then were asked to guess which person revealed each secret. One of the slips read, "I always wanted to be a priest." Of course we all assumed this must be one of our priests, deacons, or other male co-workers. As it turned out, the person was one of our female colleagues who has studied the Church and our faith extensively. We were all surprised but delighted to have the opportunity to briefly break from our stereotypical thinking of Church leadership.

Should gender matter when we are trying to find the best people to lead? I think that question has been answered by most of the civilized world. The conversation by our pope about ordaining women as deacons and the ongoing conversations are exciting to me. Our very future may depend upon bold leaders taking the next steps toward inclusion of all people as equal human beings. I wonder what God would want for our Church?

Written by Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations

PARISHIONER NEWS

MARCH BAPTISMS

Carter Jay Hanes 3/17/2018
Daniel Wayne Gramse 3/18/2018
Joseph Wayne Dvorak 3/31/2018

MARCH FUNERALS

 Nancy Stelzer-Kabis
 3/2/2018

 Joseph R. Best
 3/13/2018

 Theresa Brazeau
 3/17/2018

 Carol Daust
 3/19/2018

MARCH NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Becker

Eric Eberle

Mattheus and Alessandra Elisiario

Michael and Kristin Graves

Vincent and Mary Kennedy

Joan Leschak

Brandon Leu

Gayl Smith

Andrew Weeres and Abby Morrison



PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

Sign-up at www.paxchristi.com/boomers to receive info on upcoming events.

Upcoming events include:

May 4: First Friday Coffee and Conversation

May 8: Annual Boomer Retreat

May 17: Third Annual Senior Resource Fair



MINISTRIES OF PRAYER:

CENTERING PRAYER – Second and Fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00am. Guidance provided for those new to this prayer form.

LABYRINTH WALKING – A labyrinth is a walking meditation that integrates mind, body, and spirit in prayer. Pax Christi has an outdoor labyrinth which is self-directed and available year round. Indoor labyrinth walks are available monthly. A topic is explored in a group setting prior to the monthly indoor walks.

PRAYER BASKET – Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

PRAYER BOARD – Pax Christi's website hosts the Prayer Board. You are invited to pray as you are able for the intentions listed. Intentions may be submitted via the link on our homepage.

PRAYER CORNER – The Prayer Corner is included in the weekly bulletin. You are invited to pray as you are able for those listed.

PRAYER LINE – The Prayer Line team of dedicated parishioners prays in response to intentions brought forward by others in our community. Call the parish office if you have a prayer request you would like included.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Give one or make one. Prayer and love of knitting or crocheting have been combined into a special ministry that reaches out to anyone going through a transformation, providing them with a beautiful shawl. You are invited to join this special ministry. Prayer shawls are available in the parish office.

ROSARY GROUP – Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

For additional information visit www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry.

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BOOMERS AND BEYOND SPRING RETREAT

Tuespay, May 8, 9:00am, \$15 RSVP

The annual Spring Retreat will be hosted by St. Edward's Church in Bloomington. The morning starts with Mass at 9:00am, followed by coffee and rolls. The retreat leader will be Beryl Schewe, Director of Pastoral Care at Our Lady of Grace Church, and author of the book, *Habits of Resilience*. Luncheon will be served at the conclusion of the retreat. Questions? Contact Donna Murphy, 952-944-2861, or Anne Kieser, Boomer and Beyond Chairperson, 952-946-9984. Register online with a credit card or drop off payment with Maria Miller in the parish office by April 24.

SOULCOLLAGE® - COMMUNITY SUIT

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30-8:30pm RSVP

We will immerse ourselves in the Community Suit, the part of our SoulCollage® deck that honors real people and animals that have touched our lives in some way. There will be a presentation on this interesting part of our decks, and then we'll dive into card-making. For this suit, please bring photos or photo copies and other images of the people and things that represent those that you would like to honor, including family members, pets, significant teachers, authors, inspiring people, etc. For more information, contact Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, lschelitzche@paxchristi.com. Register online.

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursdays, May 10 and 24, 9:00am, Room 221

Join us for 20 minutes of Centering Prayer at 9:00am (immediately following morning Mass) in the Prayer Space, Room 221. Centering Prayer is the practice of silencing mind and body. This method of quieting our mind and body allows us to be aware and receptive to God's presence. It is not meant to replace other forms of prayer; rather, it adds depth to all prayer. Centering Prayer is simply resting in God beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. This group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

Due to the large volume of events we offer at Pax Christi, we have to keep our announcements brief. Please visit us online at www.paxchristi. com for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at www.paxchrisi.com/eventregistration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

TWELVE BASKETS BABY SHOWER DRIVE

Weekend of May 12/13

Baby items are needed for the Twelve Baskets annual Baby Shower Drive on Mother's Day Weekend. Bring joy to new mothers in need by donating new clothing (newborn to 5T), diapers and wipes, blankets, bottles and more—diapers (newborn to size 5) and formula are especially needed. Donations benefit Tandem, Holy Rosary Parish, Healthy Beginnings, and Southwest Options for Women. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MORNING OF REFLECTION WITH FATHER MARC

Sunday, May 13, 10:00-11:00am in Room 212

Do you want to go deeper in prayer? Are you looking to connect with God? Join Father Marc for a Morning of Reflection in Room 212 between Sunday Masses. We will learn some "pillars of prayer" and have time to encounter Jesus in peaceful reflection.

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT

Continues through May 13

Celebrate with your fellow parishioners as they share their artistic gifts in our 10th year of the Pax Christi Parishioners' Art Exhibit, entitled "New Life: The Birth of Spring." This year's exhibit, presented by the Pax Christi Art Committee, will be available for viewing in the Pacem in Terris Gallery in the MLK Jr. Room 247 near door #3. The exhibit is open for viewing during normal building hours except during reserved room use.

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursday, May 17, 3:00-4:30pm RSVP

The Compassionate Care Listening Circle gathers monthly and is open to anyone who finds themselves at a crossroads in life. The listening circle provides a safe place for reflection and meaningful conversation as one strives to find an awareness of God in the face of life challenges. These challenges can include loss, caregiving responsibilities, mental illness, grief, chronic illness, or any life transition. In this small group setting we will have time for ritual, prayer, and sharing around a monthly topic. For more information, or if you would like to join this group, contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, 952-405-7211, or jthoresen@paxchristi.com.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 28, 9:00am

Please join us for Memorial Day Mass at 9:00am in the chapel. Please note, the parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the holiday and the building will close following Mass.

MAKE PLANS NOW

SR HIGH SERVICE/JUSTICE TRIP

Week of June 24-30, Chicago, IL, Fee of \$250 RSVP

High school students, are you ready to make 2018 the best summer of your life? Sign up for the 2018 Summer Service and Justice Immersion Trip with Young Neighbors in Action! Meet teens from across the country, immerse yourself in learning service and justice, and get ready to be inspired to change the world. We will spend the week working with local service agencies, learning about Catholic Social Teaching, and brainstorming ways to put our faith into practice back home. Registration is open—register today!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

The fee is \$55 per child or \$110 per family through April 30; \$75 per child, no family maximum beginning May 1.

Calling all campers! **Disciples on a Mission** is our theme for Bible Camp 2018. We will explore faith-filled Scripture stories brought to life by our fabulous Drama Team. We will sing and move to upbeat Christian music. We will make new friends by playing games and making crafts together. Outreach is a huge part of our camp experience. We will be making wonderful projects for our friends in local nursing homes and in the YouthLink organization. Our middle school and high school friends are invited to participate as camp crew leaders, craft leaders, nursery helpers, game leaders, or on our drama team. Adults—we need you! Come be a part of camp! No experience is necessary. If you love your faith, we welcome you. We do require that adult volunteers complete the essential three requirements for promoting a safe environment, as indicated on our online registration form. Don't miss the BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER! Registration is open—register today!

DRAMA CAMP

Bible Camp Drama Team needs you! Come share your acting talents! No prior experience is necessary. Our fabulous team is open to those in 6th grade and older. The group meets for a rehearsal week of team-building, outreach opportunities, and learning our scripture stories. These awesome youth break open the Word of God through music and movement for the younger campers. Girls and boys are welcome to join. Registration is open—register today!



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

HAVE A FABULOUS HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

Please note, there is no Sunday morning hospitality and the nursery will be closed the entire Memorial Day weekend. Please join us for Memorial Day Mass at 9:00am in the chapel. On Monday, May 29, the parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the holiday and the building will close following Mass. Questions? Contact the Parish Office, 952-941-3150.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

July 23-27, 8:30am-4:00pm RSVP

The ree is \$150 per youth through April 30; \$175 per youth Beginning May 1.

Will you be a sixth, seventh, or eighth-grader this fall? You are invited to be part of Pax Christi's Middle School Service Camp! Join PaxConnex for a week of service and fun at Pax Christi and in our local community. Mornings will be spent at local organizations serving those in need. Service sites may include People Reaching Out to People (PROP), Feed My Starving Children, and Senior Community Services. Youth also have the option of serving as crew leaders at Vacation Bible Camp. During the afternoons we will spend time having fun with games, movies, and trips to Grand Slam, Cascade Bay, and Valleyfair! Fee includes lunch each day, transportation to all off-campus locations, admission to all afternoon activity sites, and a t-shirt. Registration is open—register today!

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		P	ARISHIONER ART EXHIBI	Т		
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		SOULCOLLAGE®		CENTERING PRAYER		BABY SHOWER DRIVE
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NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND ENDOWMENT AND GRANT RECIPIENTS MINISTRY SHOWCASE		MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE		CENTERING PRAYER		
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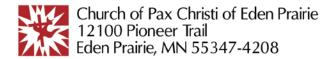
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