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POPE CALLS FOR ACTION AGAINST SCARES OF HUNGER IN A WORLD OF PLENTY

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

Pope must stand united against the scandal of hunger while avoiding food waste and in favor of food access and security worldwide.

People should “stop thinking that hunger is an abstract issue,” the pope said. “It is evident in the enthusiasm they lack for prayer and action against hunger.”

Caritas Internationalis invited its 164 member organizations to local churches to pray for an end to hunger and malnutrition and to act on a local, national, or global level against food waste and a poor use of the resources available.

Caritas Internationalis launched a video message launching a global campaign of prayer and action against hunger. The Caritas campaign is also part of the Vatican-backed Caritas Declaration of Human Rights, and the United Nations’ Year of Dialogue on Culture of Peace and Non-Violence.

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BISHOP HORTON COMES UP SHORT IN STATE FOOTBALL FINALS

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She didn't feel there was an influence in her choice of vocation. “I was a city kid from Cleveland,” Sr. Diane said. “It wasn't an influence in her choice of vocation. It was my own personal time of waiting, as a result of hard work of therapy, incorporating new exercises bit by bit at a time. I was prepared for the work required to move without stiffness and effort. That's coming, a bit at a time. I was prepared for the work required to help move through the physical challenges, even if it sometimes seems slow. This is active waiting, not sitting around until all is well, but doing the hard work of therapy, not giving new exercises and routines into life. I expected that once on the mend, the trajectory would move consistently in one direction: better. The reality has been more like a roller coaster ride, with ups and downs, and placers thrown in now and again.

What I'm not prepared for was the mental challenge, often the spiritual one, of Fighting Wearing and discouragement and discouragement has been in important as doing well sidelines and effort. Someone told me that the drops used during surgery do not cause pain if it contributes to the mental stress. Moving through this part of healing requires as much work as keeping the knee limber.

As I move through this personal time of waiting, I find myself pondering the meaning of waiting in general. Why do we continue to wait when outcomes are not what we expect? What do we wait for when reality of day-to-day life is difficult or, as it is for many people on this earth, overwhelming?

We wait because we have hope. There's no same in waiting without it. We wait because we hope for certain outcomes that will be good. Of course, trustworthy who kept a promise. You can't hope for something unless you are trusting to get it. And if you are trusting to get it, first enable us to trust that it will come about, and secondly, that it will be truly God's will and love, and with his plenteous redemption.” (Psalm 130)

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The cheers were for Jesus and the Catholic Church, and they came from 23,000 young people taking part in the National Catholic Youth Conference, which takes place every two years and has become the nation’s largest regularly scheduled Catholic event.

“The energy level at the NCYC was off the charts,” said Mike Hall, director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Columbus, who was part of a group of about 260 other young people from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Columbus.

Caroline Robinson of Washington Court House St. Columban of Copley Church described the conference as a “huge, Catholic, heart-raising, crowd-clapping, happy event” that every young Catholic, hand-raising, crowd-clapping, happy event” that every young Catholic should attend if given the chance.

Other young people from the diocese had similar responses when asked by the Catholic Times about their impressions of the event. “I was astounded by how well put together it was and how many other young people really care about the Catholic Church,” said Jake Mogan of Circleville St. Joseph Church. “It really caught me off-guard.”

“My first impression was ‘Wow!’ and I kept saying that throughout the whole weekend,” said Palma Carla of Columbus St. Thomas Church. “At first, I was scared because of the hugeness of it all, but then I got excited and fell in love with it, realizing that people all over the country have the same values.”

Besides the major events in the stadium, the three-day event featured workshops, Eucharistic adoration, a theme park filled with activities and service opportunities inside the Indians Convention Center, which is adjacent to the stadium. There also was a wondrous, widespread use of “crazy hats” and T-shirts and trading of pins and other items by conference participants.

“We brought back a Bigfoot,” said Samantha Butterbaugh of Circleville. “One of the members of our youth group traded a sweater for a Sasquatch doll. We had so much fun with him all weekend, and the fun will continue,” with the group planning to use the doll as a mascot and bring him to future activities.

Firefighter hats and cowboy hats were among the other souvenirs the local NCYC participants brought back to the diocese. Carle said foam ice cream cone hats were the biggest demand, but she was able to obtain one of those. She did get plenty of hats, though, in response to a “Free Hugs” sign she, like many others in the crowd, wore as part of the conference spirit.

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Faith forms bedrock of who they are

By John M. Anderson

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In an interview, the hope for the future of the U.S. Catholic Church could be seen in the eyes and the hands of Sarah Bishop and Carmen Miller.

That moment occurred as 23,000 youths from across the country met in Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference from Nov. 21 to 23.

As the action in the theme park whirléd around them, they kept their focus on the face of Christ — the face they had helped shape from their small part of the $200,000 of clay that event organizers had set up for the youths to create images of their faith.

Strangers to each other just until hours before, Bishop and Miller worked side by side, using sculpting tools to create the crown of thorns for Christ’s head. Then they stood together, broad, his eyes, and his facial features.

“Then all these other good things happened,” she said. “I was able to come here. I was accepted into a good college. I’ve learned that God always has my back, even if it’s a different solution from what I wanted.”

Miller looked at her new friend and nodded sympathetically. Even though she is from the same parish in Bishop, they had never met before they became roommates during the conference.

“My faith is what I lean on,” said Miller, 17. “If I didn’t have my faith, I don’t know what I’d do.”

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The Weekday Bible Readings

**WEDNESDAY**
Psalm 131:1-7a  Matthew 21:1-27  
**TUESDAY**

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TREVOR FUNK, ANTHONY GULLA, NICK ROCCI, SAM DECOCKER, AND SEAN O'BRIEN.

The faithfulness of prophetic vision, like that of Isaiah in the first reading. This means that they saw Jesus (“the one that is to come”) in a dramatic new way. This is not the same as the one about whom the prophecy speaks, but it is one who acted as only God could act. Moreover, the blessings Jesus performed were always looked at as an affirmation of his teaching.

If he could teach in this way, then his healings and exorcisms supported and validated his teachings. On the other hand, if he could heal people as he did, then it supported the authority of his teaching as coming from God. The disciples of John the Baptist themselves would have to consider these things.

This then leads Jesus (and Matthew) to reflect on the importance of the Baptist himself. We note that Jesus addresses the crowds, not the Baptist, that he refers to John (Matthew) combines Exod 21:22-20 and Malachi 3:1 in describing who John is: “This is the baptism of John; I am sent before (me) by him.” I am sending my messenger aloud of you, and you will prepare your hearts and minds. In Hebrew, the word is slightly different in Exodus and in Malachi about the sending of the servant, but the same sense remains. In Hebrew, this is the word messianic, “my messenger is sent to prepare your hearts.” Matthew here refers quite properly to John that John has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus. Here, Matthew uses a literary device called “fulfillment citation.” That means Matthew finds Old Testament passages to underwrite what he writes about Jesus. Here he interprets John’s relationship with Jesus as a forerunner, as the prophesied Old Testament. This relationship between John and Jesus was hotly debated in the first Christian centuries. John himself was also skilled in Old Testament citations about Jesus. Thus we have a real first-century question about Jesus and the Old Testament, which Matthew answers by unambiguously making Old Testament citations to underscore that Jesus really is doing the works of the Messianic prophet.

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Let us now praise famous men

You can praise the dead without rising from the dead. You can praise the great, but you cannot praise the greatest.

Peter Flanigan was an important voice for American Catholicism in the second half of the 20th century. A legal scholar, politician, and communications executive, he was a key figure in the foundation of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights (CLLCR) in 1964, which he served as president for 25 years. Flanigan was a strong proponent of Catholic social teaching and a supporter of the civil rights movement.

Flanigan was born in 1920 in West Virginia and was raised in a devout Catholic family. He attended Georgetown University and later attended law school at the Catholic University of America. After graduating, he worked as a corporate lawyer in Washington, D.C., and became involved in Catholic political work. In 1961, Flanigan founded the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, which he served as president until his death in 2009.

Flanigan was known for his advocacy of social justice issues, including civil rights, poverty, and the environment. He was also a strong supporter of the Vietnam War and opposed the war in Iraq.

Flanigan passed away in 2009, but his legacy lives on through the work of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. The organization continues to advocate for the rights of Catholics and other religious minorities.

This week, the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights will honor Peter Flanigan on the occasion of what would have been his 90th birthday. The organization will host a virtual tribute to Flanigan, which will include speeches from current and former Lewis University students and faculty.

The tribute will also feature a video of Flanigan’s career highlights, including his work in the civil rights movement, his advocacy for Catholic social teaching, and his support for the war in Iraq.

Flanigan’s legacy is a testament to the power of faith and the importance of standing up for what is right. He will be remembered as a champion of Catholic social teaching and a tireless advocate for the rights of all Americans.
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HAPPENINGS

17, TUESDAY

St. Anthony Church, Columbus. The jubilee Museum:

Church Tour in Portsmouth

7 to 9 p.m., Sts. Simon and Jude Church, Portsmouth. Ministry of Men's Fellowship. Theme: "Longing for the Fatherland in the Light of the Mediterranean Sea." Contact: Bill Studebaker, 740-385-2549.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

9:30 a.m., Christ the King Church, Columbus. Prayer group meeting. Contact: Mary Lou Hamrick, 614-891-0150.

9 a.m., Ohio Dominican University, Columbus. Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, ordaining 12 new priests, 12 deacons. Speaker: Matthew J. Garbarino, OP. Bishop Frederick Campbell.

Theology on Tap Meeting


Sunday Afternoon Choir Concert

5 to 7 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, Hilliard. Free admission. Featuring guest organist Marc S. Horn. Contact: 614-889-2221.

Anointing of the Sick

9 a.m., St. Joseph Church, Columbus. Anointing of the Sick. Contact: Deacon Steve DeMers, 614-886-8266.

14, SATURDAY

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SIMPLE WISDOM
TWO-BOOK SERIES OFFERS POPE FRANCIS' HOMESPUN MESSAGES

By Catholic News Service

The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has released two brief books on The Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis.

They are the first books of the pontiff’s words since his election in March, and the brief messages “make for easy, daily reading,” says a release announcing the books’ publication.

The slim volumes — subtitled Hold On to Hope and The Joy of Evangelization — include papal remarks that have garnered worldwide media attention, such as:

• “Let us remember that whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor, from the hungry.”

• “To pray for those with whom we are angry is a beautiful step toward that law of love.”

• “Never gossip about others; never! So much damage to the church comes from division among Christians, from biases, from narrow interests.”

• “Behave like Jesus. Always answer with love and with the power of the truth.”

The series of two books is available for $11.95 plus shipping, in individual and bulk copies. More information may be found at www.SimpleWisdomSeries.com.

The books are published in English translation, a Twitter account with more than 10 million followers. Pope Francis’ popularity can be seen in a USCCB Facebook effort to have Catholics share how they observe Advent with friends and family.

A new survey shows “Pope Francis” was the No. 1 proper name most talked about on the Web this year. The finding was reported by the Austin, Texas-based Global Language Monitor, based on results from its annual survey of top terms used during 2013.

In conjunction with their publication, the books will be used as a giveaway for Catholics who participate in a USCCB Facebook effort to have Catholics share how they observe Advent and prepare for Christmas.

At www.facebook.com/usccb, Catholics are being asked, “How do you prepare for Christmas?” and are encouraged to share photos. A copy of the two-book series will be given away daily to a winner chosen at random.

On Christmas Day, the USCCB will give a $200 gift card for use in its online bookstore.

To enter the contest, users should visit www.USCCB.org/Advent. The site also features a USCCB interactive Advent calendar packed with daily tips and videos to help people prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Visitors are urged to stop by each day to “open” the next door to find new tips to help them celebrate Advent with friends and family.
The prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace says a recent visit to one of the sisters in Nigeria allowed her to sense a little of what people must have felt when Jesus healed them 2,000 years ago.

“Visiting children recovering from rickets is the closest I’m ever likely to come to the Gospel story of Jesus saying ‘Stand up and walk’ to people who were unable to do so,” said Sister Margaret Ormond, OP.

Rickets is a softening and weakening of the bones caused by lack of calcium. Dominican Sister Rita Schwarzenberger, OP, who has been in Nigeria for more than 40 years, knew this situation needed to be addressed. So she enlisted the help of a volunteer group of German doctors to repair bone defects of young people affected by the disease and provide medicine to keep it from returning. Recovery time for rickets patients is usually about two months.

“In eight weeks, children who come for surgery and can barely walk are going to school,” Sister Margaret said. “I especially remember one girl who told me ‘I want to give thanks to God for giving me the gift of legs. I now get to dance.’ In several cases, children with rickets who were kept hidden by their family because the parents felt a sense of shame have been able to join their peers.”

The rickets clinic is part of a ministry of witness initiated by Sister Rita, which enables more than 400 children to go to school and live a normal life. Besides seeing Sister Rita’s work firsthand, Sister Margaret also visited what is considered a “daughter congregation” of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. These sisters live in an area of northwestern Nigeria that’s 99 percent Muslim and is officially governed under Islamic sharia law. The sisters are the only Christian religious congregation in the area and daily have to deal with managing potential conflicts and addressing tensions in a hostile environment. They also have to face the possibility of attacks from the Islamic jihadist group Boko Haram, which, though not as strong in Gusau as elsewhere in Nigeria, has staged occasional acts of violence there.

“I asked the sisters whether they think it’s safe where they are and whether they’ve considered leaving,” said Sister Margaret. “Their response was ‘No, we want to remain because we came here to spread the Gospel and work with Catholics and Muslims alike, and that’s why we’ll stay.’ Their work provides an outstanding example of the missionary zeal which continues to characterize Dominican life as we try to find ways out to reach out to our sisters and brothers wherever we are.”

The Nigerian congregation of Dominican sisters traces its roots to 1956, when three sisters from a congregation based in Great Bend, Kansas, came to Gusau. The Great Bend Dominicans were one of several congregations which combined to form the Dominican Sisters of Peace in 2009. The Nigerian sisters accepted their first postulant in 1973 and became an independent congregation in 1997. The congregation has 82 sisters serving in four Nigerian states and installed Sister Jacinta Nwaohiri, OP, as its new prioress on Oct. 31.

Sister Margaret and Sister Roberta Miller, OP, came to Nigeria from Columbus from Oct. 25 to Nov. 5 to take part in the installation, to visit with Sister Rita, and to oversee the final evaluation of a three-year grant from a U.S.-based foundation.

Sister Roberta is program manager for the grant and said it’s designed to ensure the Nigerian congregation’s long-term sustainability in four areas: health and safety, professional and personal development, congregational management and partnership, and the sisters’ ministry of witness.

“The grant recognizes that the sisters have to be self-reliant and equipped with the spiritual, practical, and intellectual tools they need to continue to be a witness in a challenging environment,” she said.

The health and safety portion of the grant provided funds and equipment for the digging by hand of four wells to serve the Gusau community, providing disease-free water for consumption and crops. “We take clean water for granted, and seeing the impact these wells had reminded me of how fortunate we are to be able to do so,” Sister Margaret said. “Having these wells was a cause of great celebration. It meant people using them no longer would have to travel for miles to obtain possibly contaminated water and to carry it home.”

The grant also provided mosquito netting and medications to assist in combating malaria and allowed the sisters to receive training in the safe handling of chemicals, defensive driving, and fire safety. “Fire safety is a real problem there,” Sister Roberta said. “The people mostly cook outdoors because they have no electricity, or what they have is limited to what comes from a generator.

“It’s also interesting that every car is required to have a fire extinguisher, but few people are trained in how to use it. Once the sisters were trained, they could train others. Driving is chaotic there, so the safe driving workshop was very helpful. A lot of people have household chemicals that have expired, and the sisters’ training can help them show others what chemicals to get rid of.”

Part of the grant allowed two Dominican sisters to come from the U.S. in 2012 and conduct spirituality and faith workshops to help their Nigerian counterparts develop as women religious through gaining greater knowledge of God and of themselves and their role in the church. The grant also helped the sisters set up a sewing cooperative and secure a storefront to showcase the co-op’s products.

“One of the most important gifts the grant did was to allow the sisters to set up programs encouraging dialogue with Muslims in the area,” Sister Roberta said. “The local emir’s son attended, helping within the Muslim community to validate what the sisters were doing.”

Those programs included a conflict-resolution workshop, which included an exercise where Christians and Muslims told of 10 things they liked about each other and challenged prejudices in both communities. “This was a very practical example combining Dominican zeal and the interreligious spirit. Its success offers hope for true change,” said Sister Margaret, who before becoming prioress was a consultant on leadership among African religious, working in several African nations.

Photos clockwise from top: Sisters Margaret Ormond, OP (left) and Roberta Miller, OP; a Dominican priest (in white robes) blesses a new well funded by a grant to the Dominican Sisters of Peace; a Nigerian child shows the effects of rickets. Photos courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace.