

August 13.2017

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### M & M's

Taken from an article, NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER: Fatima was the favorite daughter of Muhammed, founder of Islam ... a woman considered of highest dignity, aside from only one person: the Virgin Mary. Her father wrote of his daughter dying at age 26: 'She will be the most blessed of women in paradise, after Mary' .....Mary is only woman mentioned in the Quran. 5/28 – 6/10, '17 edition

Taken from an article in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR: 'Your happiness has no price...it is not an app that you can download from your phones.' 'It' such a big country, such a big history, but...I am trustful in God and very grateful for this mission' Archbishop Christophe Pierre, new nuncio to the U.S. – Pope's new representative for our country. 4/28/16

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**HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH EVANGELIZATION?** A word that came onto the Catholic stage beginning with Pope Paul VI. Prefer a simpler word...how good are you at saying HELLO to someone at the grocery store, at your work place.

Our parish, alongside of others in the country, begins every fall by welcoming inquiries into the faith to gather. You hear mentioned often as Right of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Our parish will begin with an inquiry on August 20 and Sept. 17 alongside Sunday breakfast. Hey, people of faith can live longer and with less stress. However, they nearly always need an invite, an 'hello' from a relative, friend, co worker, or casual acquaintance to bring them in the door for an initial inquiry. A spouse? I hailed a fellow at the Post Office, after he greeted me, and now, a bit tall – I see him nearly every week at Mass. You will hear stories of converts from John Wayne to Edith Stein (St. Benedicta of the Cross, who converted in 1922 from Judaism in 1922 to die at Aushwitz).

Submit names, introduce them to me, Sue, or Deacon Kevin. Key – we want to hear about them. Christ, a stronger faith experience, can be a true gift for them – if it is for you? And the wrapping begins to come off with your effort. Thank you.

**CSA is coming to a bit of a conclusion with a solid \$16,500\* contributed** - \$16,000 over target. We are always attempting to pursue a higher participation in CSA by parishioners – greater percent of registered parishioners. We have increased numbers of registered parishioners in recent years, yet we have not raised the percentage of parishioners participating in CSA. We do not hold back on our efforts. We thank Gordie LaPointe and Stephanie Studzinski in serving as co-directors. I am confident that I can get Gordie to return next year as he also became a recent member of the parish Finance Council

**The Overage Monies** from CSA are directed in a variety of ways (noted extensively in the past). We immediately directed some toward protecting the rectory with some electrical repairs. The electricians saw an emergency need of repair to some basement wiring at a cost of \$1,500 and paid for directly by a

generous parishioner. The crew will shortly begin an extensive repair consisting about \$7,000 to assure safety, protection from fire, in the 1880 building. The building was painted and roofed in recent years to maintain the cherished building.

The income and expense of our parish is very tight. Regardless of tight or flush, this pastor "brags" on his frugal nature with any rectory he has lived in. Our rectory has received a few rugs and new towels and sheets (bought on sale) in my six years and a few pieces of donated furniture and essential upstairs blinds. I thank you for a fine, solid, and simple home to live in. Regretfully - too much storage space!

And a help in the Evangelization mentioned above - read below - pray for the spirit to follow the gospel and our baptisms!



In His hope, Fr. Raymond Cotter

## Whatever Happened To "Yes, Please"?

It went  
the way of  
"Thank you,"  
"Excuse me,"  
"Yes, sir."  
Do you know  
who just about  
killed all those  
phrases?  
All of us.  
We did not use  
them enough.  
We now get  
"Huh?"  
"What?"  
"Gimme more."  
Mannerly responses  
are learned at home.  
Rude, barbaric  
responses also are  
learned at home.  
William of Wykeham,  
who was born in 1324,  
said, "Manners  
maketh man."  
If we're  
so smart  
in the  
20th century,  
how come  
we're not  
as civilized  
as William was  
in the  
14th century?  
To the child  
who says,  
"Huh?"  
pass along this page.