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TERRI'S MEMO



Dear Friends,
After a chilly spring, the heat is on! It is an exciting time for DHHMO! Here are some of the events that have happened so far, with many

more to come:

Our local Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist-International Catholic Deaf Association-Untied States Section (ICDA-US) Chapter #7 hosted their Midwest Regional Conference here in Milwaukee on April 27-28. We had over 90 people participate in this conference. Bishop James Schuerman celebrated Mass at Clare Hall Chapel, home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (OSF). Some of the participants of the conference have attended the St. John School for the Deaf and they had an opportunity to meet their old



teacher, Sr. Humbeline, who attended the Mass along with the other sisters. We are very grateful to celebrate this Mass with the Sisters.

Fr. Donald Zerkel, a former director of St. John's, provided us with the Chalice to use

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FR. CK'S CORNER



By Fr. Christopher Klusman

Greetings, my "spiritual sons and daughters," *Summer is finally here!* Oh, how I love the summer season. Summer has so many favorites: longer days, beautiful flowers, and many birds. "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good." (Psalm 118:1)



The saint that I will focus on in this newsletter is a bit different ... shall I say ... a bit exciting? Her Feast Day is July 20, which is why it is good to learn about her for the summer issue. Her name is St. Margaret of Antioch.

Where is Antioch? It is an ancient Greco-Roman city on the eastern side of the Orontes River. Its ancient ruins lie near the modern city of Antakya, Turkey. She was born during the end of the 3rd century, which would be close to the years right before 300 AD. Her father was a "pagan priest," which means that he worshipped a religion that wasn't Catholic. Sadly, right after St. Margaret was born, her mother died. She was given to another woman who could breastfeed and care for her in a town away from the city of Antioch. The great blessing is that the woman is Catholic and very holy. She had St. Margaret baptized and did her duty to God by teaching St. Margaret about the Catholic faith. This leads us

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MISSION STATEMENT - DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING MINISTRY

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee exists to enable all Catholic Deaf and Hard of Hearing people to participate fully in the liturgical, educational, pastoral, spiritual, and human concerns ministries in the Church.

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to think: Do we teach our children, too? St. Margaret grew up to be a holy and modest person who worshipped God very reverently. She went to visit her father who was impressed by her. But, when he found out about her Catholic faith and that she decided (which was unusual too at the time) to offer God a beautiful gift: to remain a virgin in order to be the Spouse of Jesus. She said that nothing will separate her from the love of

Christ (Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:38-39). He tried to change her mind and because he saw that she won't change because of her great love for God, he was angry, disowned her, and drove her away. I can't imagine a father who would drive away his own daughter? We can't forget that no other relationship takes greater importance than our relationship with God. What happens after doesn't surprise me: the holy woman who took care of St. Margaret adopts her. This is what a holy person would do. St. Margaret cheerfully became a servant to her at home, but at

the same time, St. Margaret worked hard on constantly improving her own self: to be holy like Jesus. This means that she won't gossip, lie, cheat, say bad words, being patient, putting others' needs first before her own, and on...

During this time, the Roman Emperor Diocletian began to persecute the Catholics. One day, the prefect (which was like a regional governor) whose name is Olybrius, saw St. Margaret taking care of her "adopted mother's" sheep. Lustful,

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during the Mass that once belong to Fr. Matthias Gerend, who was the 4th director of St. John School for the Deaf from 1889-1938. This Chalice represents our deep roots and its rich history of our Deaf Ministry for over 150 years. Fr. Bill Key, former director of St. John's Deaf Center, concelebrated Mass with Fr. Christopher and three other priests who worked with Deaf Ministry in their respective states.

The archdiocese's administration office announced Fr. Christopher Klusman's new assignment will now be three quarter time as Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry, and one quarter time as Chaplain of St. Thomas More High School. Your prayers have been answered that he will be able to work a little more with the DHHMO office. This will be a challenging time as the DHHMO office will be going through some changes in the upcoming month.

I'm grateful for our DHHMO working with the Intercultural Ministries over the past 10 years. Our staff, Eva Diaz, Letzbia Liang-Martinez and Deacon Jorge

Benavente, are wonderful people to work with and are strong supporters of our DHHMO program. My special thank you to Eva and Letzbia who have taught me so much in working with the archdiocesan system. Through many wonderful opportunities, we grew as family and developed a special friendship. Every week, we celebrate Mass together, which helps me focus my ministry of serving others for Jesus.

Fr. Christopher and I attended four two-day training sessions on "Tending the Talents." There was so much information, useful tools and valuable resources that can help us look for people to share their skills and talents to contribute to our ministry. My reflections on the overall training: Jesus taught 12 men to go out and make disciples of all nations. It is amazing that 2,000 years later, we are continuing the work to preach the good news to all people.

I and Fr. Christopher will be attending the Deaf Catholic Youth Initiative of the Americas (DCYIA) Conference in Rome, Italy during the last week in June. The theme for this conference is "A Time to Walk with Jesus," for people engaged in

Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf. I look forward to this conference and hopefully we will be able to have a private audience with Pope Francis. I ask for your prayers for a successful conference, and for a safe trip for all the people attending this special event – thank you.

Our archdiocese will be hosting the "Amazing Parish" Conference October 17-19 at the Wisconsin Center District in downtown Milwaukee. The Amazing Parish conference is a practical, one-of-a-kind experience for parish leaders, and our DHHMO staff will be involved. More information will be forthcoming and visit their website: www.amazingparish.org

Lastly, I would like you all to remember the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. We are thankful for their services to protect our freedom and we remember all those who have given their lives to keep our country safe. Please remember them in your prayers.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful summer.

God bless,
Terri Matenaer, Coordinator

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he wanted her to be his concubine or wife. After trying to convince her through his messenger, even with threats to punish her if she refused, she refused to marry him because she said: "I can not be espoused to your master, because I am the spouse of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I am promised to Him, and to Him I wish to belong." Angry, he had her arrested and brought to him during a public trial. When she appeared before him he thus addressed her: "What is your name and condition?" She replied: "I am called Margaret, and belong to a noble family. I adore Christ and serve Him." The prefect now advised her to abandon the worship of a crucified God. Margaret asked him, "How do you know that we worship a crucified God?" The prefect replied: "From the writings of the [Catholic] Christians." [St. Margaret answered, "The books of the Christians would have told you that the Crucified rose on the third day, and that He ascended into heaven.] Is it love of truth to believe in the abasement of Christ and to reject His glorification, when both are related in the selfsame?"

As a result, he had her tortured, placed on a rack, and pierced/torn with iron combs (see picture on the left... see how horrible it looked).

Then she was thrown in prison to die because she was still alive.

What happens is really interesting, unusual, and exciting that is shown in the paintings and statues of St. Margaret. St. Margaret did something important: she thanked God for the victory that she didn't give up from the torture, the rack, and the iron combs. Also important is that she also asked God for help in the days ahead. This is important for us in



today's world too when people say and do mean things because we are Catholics. Now, suddenly, Satan appears to St. Margaret as a furious dragon threatening to swallow her, which he did. Lucky for St. Margaret, Satan didn't chew her up so she was in his stomach. Thankfully, St. Margaret had a cross on her that irritated the Satan-dragon's stomach. She used the cross to cut Satan-dragon open from the inside of his stomach and escape! Having a crucifix as a necklace and/or a rosary on you is always helpful to win against Satan! (Look at the different pictures of her which you see of her with Satan-dragon. Look for the image of two paintings together for those were painted by the famous painter, Raphael!). Her empty prison cell became filled with heavenly Light and she was filled with the Great Love of God! At the same time, God healed her of all her wounds that not 1 scar was left on her body!



The next day, St. Margaret was brought before Olybrius. Surprised by her complete recovery, he said it was because of the Roman gods and that she must thank them by sacrificing to the Roman gods (idols). St. Margaret evangelized by saying that she had been healed by the power of Christ alone (note she added "alone") and that she did not like the Roman idols. Angry, Olybrius had others burn her, but the flames didn't hurt her. This was a miracle witnessed by many that many converted to the Catholic faith! Then, she was tied up hands and feet and thrown into a cauldron of icy water, but, because of her prayer, a violent earthquake occurred that her bonds were broken and she came out of the water not hurt. More people who saw this converted to the Catholic faith. Finally, Olybrius, the prefect, had her head chopped off. The

date of her death was still around the end of the 3rd century to very early 4th century (275-305 AD).

Attached is the Novena to St. Margaret of Antioch (on the next page). Please pray and meditate on this for at least 9 days in a



row and she (in heaven) will have Jesus bless you in a huge way!

St. Margaret of Antioch, pray for us!

A few more interesting details about St. Margaret

of Antioch:

- Her relics are spread all over Europe.
- The Greek Orthodox call her "St. Marina the Great Martyr" and celebrate her feast day on July 17 instead.
- St. Margaret is one of the saints who spoke to St. Joan of Arc.
- She is a patron saint for people with backache, kidney diseases, and women in childbirth. Her name is called upon for deliverance from demonic possession (which makes sense).
- You are never too young to be an evangelizer!
- Her venerable (holy) hand is in Mount Athos, at the Batopedi monastery.

She is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, which I never knew until doing research for this article. I learned that they are a group of 14 saints that were called upon during the horrible Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349. St. Margaret of Antioch was one of the saints that were called upon to help the people against the plague and sudden death. There is a book about this by Fr. Bonaventure Hammer, O.F.M. I will definitely read this book this summer! Hope you will too!



NOVENA to ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

℟. In the Name (✠) of the Father... ℟. Amen.

Novena Prayer

℟. **Almighty and Eternal God,**

℟. With lively faith and reverently worshiping Thy divine Majesty, * I prostrate myself before Thee * and invoke with filial trust * Thy supreme bounty and mercy.

℟. **Illumine the darkness of my intellect with a ray of Thy heavenly light,**

℟. And inflame my heart with the fire of Thy divine love, * that I may contemplate the great virtues and merits of St. Margaret of Antioch, * in whose honor we make this novena, * and following her example, * may we imitate the life of Thy divine Son.

℟. **Moreover, I beseech Thee to grant graciously, through the merits and intercession of this most powerful and holy Helper, St. Margaret,**

℟. The petition which through her * we humbly place before Thee, * devoutly saying, * "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." * Vouchsafe graciously and generously to hear it, * if it redounds to Thy greater glory and to the salvation of my soul.

(Pause and state your intentions)

Prayer in Honor of St. Margaret

℟. **O God, grant us through the intercession of Thy holy virgin and martyr, St. Margaret,**

℟. Undauntedly to confess the Faith, * carefully to observe the chastity of our state of life, * and to overcome the temptations of the world, the devil, and the flesh, * and thereby escape the punishments of eternal damnation. * Amen.

Invocation of St. Margaret

℟. **O glorious St. Margaret, holy virgin and martyr,**

℟. Thou didst faithfully preserve the robe of holy innocence and purity, * valiantly resisting all the blandishments and allurements of the world * for the love of thy divine Spouse, Jesus (†) Christ.

℟. **Help me to overcome all temptations against the choicest of all virtues, holy purity,**

℟. And to remain steadfast in the love of Christ, * in order to preserve this great gift of God. * Implore for me the grace of perseverance in prayer, * distrust of myself, * and flight from the occasions of sin, * and finally the grace of a good death, * so that in heaven I may * "follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." * Amen.

*Invocation of the Saints*

℟. Our Lady of Mount Carmel,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Alexius,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Camillus de Lellis,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Vincent de Paul,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Jerome Emilian,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Lawrence of Brindisi,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Mary Magdalen,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. Ss. Apollinaris & Liborius,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Christina,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Vincent Ferrer,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. St. Margaret of Antioch,	℟. Pray for us.
℟. Fourteen Holy Helpers,	℟. Come to our aid.

Concluding Prayer

℟. **My Lord and my God,**

℟. I offer up to Thee my petition * in union with the bitter passion and death of Jesus (†) Christ, * Thy Son,* together with the merits of His immaculate and blessed Mother, * Mary ever virgin, * and of all the saints, * particularly with those of this holy Helper, St. Margaret, * in whose honor we make this novena.

℟. **Look down upon me, merciful Lord!**

℟. Grant me Thy grace and Thy love, * and graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

℟. **Laudetur Jesus (†) Christus!** *(Praise be Jesus Christ)*

℟. Nunc et in æternum. Amen. *(Now and forever)*

℟. In the Name (✠) of the Father... ℟. Amen.

PRAISING GOD AND BRINGING “GIFTS TO THE TABLE”

Our local chapter, Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist-ICDA Chapter #7, hosted the International Catholic Deaf Association-United States Section, Midwest Regional 41st Biennial Conference on April 27-28, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn-Milwaukee Airport. The theme was “Come to the Table.” The reason why I chose this topic is that I heard Fr. Christopher Klusman talking about the importance of family, people and friends gathering around the table both at home and at Church. Later, I was at a retreat house in New Jersey and saw a picture of Jesus standing at the end of the table with the family circled around the table. That picture inspired me and I felt it was a sign to have the conference theme, “Come to the Table.” Eight wonderful people stepped up to be part of the committee. I asked Fr. Christopher if he could be our keynote speaker since this idea came from his inspirational homily. After several meetings over the year, our committee was able to see their hard work in action.



The conference opened with the ODM (Officers, Delegates, and Moderators) meeting then we welcomed the participants with a tailgate theme reception. Fr. Christopher explained the

unique and important roles the tables have in our lives, both spiritual (in church) and secular (at home). Saturday morning, we continued with the meeting and had our election. Congratulations to the new 2018-2022 officers: Patricia Flannery-Slisz, President; Denise Van Thyne, Secretary; Toby Petrie, Treasurer; Margaret Calteaux, Past President. A special thank you to our former officer, Jean Cox, Past President, who has dedicated her time and support the past four years. We took a break for a light lunch before we headed back to the meeting room for the second half of Fr. Christopher’s presentation.

I want to pause for a moment here and thank Jamie and her staff at the Hilton Garden Inn-Airport for their outstanding job in taking care of us. Their extraordinary services helped make this conference a successful one.

The facility was just the right size to have the meeting on one side of the hall, and the dining area on the other side. One participant commented that this was one of the best conferences – no one got lost in the hotel or had to walk far for food!



It was very chilly and windy when we boarded the bus to Clare Hall for Mass. Most Reverend James T. Schuerman, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee (center) along with five concelebrants and Deacon: (left to right) Fr. Michael Depcik from Detroit; Deacon David Sommers from Milwaukee; Fr. Roberto Mercado from Chicago; Fr. Joseph Bruce from Boston; Fr. Christopher Klusman from Milwaukee; and Fr. Bill Key from Milwaukee. It was a privilege to have Joseph Bloemer from Omaha to serve as a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. Our blessed thanks to the Sisters of St. Francis for letting us celebrate the Holy Mass and being with us at the Lord’s Table in their beautiful Chapel in Clare Hall.

The conference concluded with a banquet at the hotel. As the people gathered around their tables, one person said to me, “My, oh my, what a beautiful setting! It feels like the table in the Babette’s Feast movie. Wonder if we will have any French food!” I assured them with a smile that we will not have French food but the traditional American meal of meat, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. The committee members celebrated joyfully knowing their hard working plans were successful. Waving hands to them and praising God for giving them the gifts to bring to the table. It is an honor and privilege to serve and plan this 2018 Midwest Conference.

See you at the Table,

Margaret Calteaux, Chairperson
2018 ICDA-US MWR Conference

BELIEVE GOD HAS PLANS FOR YOU



This annual update for the Deaf Ministry is a little different. After twelve years of serving as Coordinator of Deaf Ministry for St. Andrew, I am retiring. Prior to taking over coordinating, I had also taught hearing high school religion, or Deaf religion, or both, with a cumulative total of over 35 years.

I thought perhaps it might be a good idea to share with you my witness story of how, even when we are totally clueless of what God has planned for us, if we allow Him to lead and we follow, amazing things can happen, and in the end His will is done.

I want to start out that my interest in the Deaf and sign language happened over 50 years ago when I was in middle school attending St. Boniface Catholic School in Manitowoc. Walking home from school one day, I was drawn to two men standing on our corner. Their hands were moving expressively but no words were coming out of their mouths. I was fascinated! These guys were communicating with each other through their hands and to me it was an amazing, elegant, secret, code. How did they know what each other was saying? I inappropriately stared at them for a long time. Not to make fun of them, but instead I was mesmerized and in awesome admiration by this skill that they had.

After I graduated from Roncalli Catholic High School, I began dating the man who I would later marry. At that time, he was attending college in La Crosse and I was still in Manitowoc. To fill my lovesick evenings, I discovered the technical school was offering Sign Language classes. I remembered the impression these two men made on me in middle school and enrolled in Sign Language I and II. I had no intention of working with Deaf, but I really wanted to learn this silent, beautiful language.

Fast forward a few years later, and we are married and moved to southeastern Wisconsin, Whitewater. I had never heard of the city of Delavan in my life until we moved down here and then someone told me that the state school for the Deaf was located in Delavan. I couldn't believe my luck! I heard this voice inside me saying, "Be not afraid." So, I went and applied to sub there. For two years, I served as a substitute and then was hired as a permanent employee and just completed my 41st year there!

As we kept adding to our family, by the time our 4th child was born, I was fortunate enough to make the decision to move to part-time at Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD) and be with my children more. As they journeyed



and started school, I filled in the afternoons by becoming an educational interpreter for the Delavan-Darien School district for 10 years, and later served as an educational interpreter for another 10 years at the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped in Janesville.

Five years into our marriage, I became part of the team of people who were teaching Catholic religion classes to the Deaf after school and evenings at St. Andrew. Through the years, up to now, I continued teaching either the Deaf, or the hearing high school, or many years both, about our faith. Then twelve years ago, I was hired part-time to be Coordinator of Religious Education for Deaf students. Within a year, the job transformed into Coordinator of the entire Deaf Ministry for St. Andrew.

My whole life journey had been orchestrated by God all along! This was a Godincidence! All along God had been preparing me for this ministerial role. He prepared me in ways unknown to me at the time for this mission to teach



our faith to Deaf students. I look back and am so amazed at how His plan for me came to fruition.

For the past two years I have been a bit worried and in prayer wondering who would take over for me when it came time for me to retire from Deaf

Ministry at St. Andrew. This year God answered my prayer and showed me that now is the time for me to pass the baton of the Deaf Ministry, because the one He chose to carry on is here and ready. When God speaks, I have learned to listen. I have no idea yet how God wants me to serve Him and His Church next. I think he is not finished with me and has work, another mission, for me to do. I have faith that he will show me. One of my favorite passages from the Bible is Psalm 46: 10 "Be

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still and know that I am God." So, I will wait and see where He leads me. My other favorite passage is Jeremiah 29:11-13 "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart."



I have many happy memories, but for me the 4 things that stick in my mind that give me joy working in the Deaf Ministry are:

#1 The blessed happiness and thrill to share the story of God's love for us to many students who were "hearing" it for the first time! #2 Supporting and advocating for the Deaf to become readers at Sunday Masses. #3 Getting the wheels rolling for Deaf religious art represented in our Church, giving a nod to the decades the Deaf have been enriching and being part of St. Andrew. (That project is in the works being spearheaded by a member of our Deaf Community, Bob Paul.) #4 This last one is actually not connected to the Deaf Ministry, but our motto, "You Belong Here," was a rallying cry I suggested in Dreaming and Visioning Committee and I am grateful that our beloved parish embraced it.

I have been richly blessed having the honor to share our faith with the Catholic students at WSD throughout the years. Being welcomed by the Catholic adult Deaf Community, having them share their culture and language, and developing beautiful friendships with many is a treasure that I cannot put into words. Every class, every encounter, was a moment when I, too, became the student and learned priceless lessons from them and through them. My heart overflows with gratitude for the Deaf Community! It is with joy that I hand the leadership of this ministry onto someone else. It will be exciting!

Believe God has plans for you. Be open to all the "Godincidences" in your life.

With Praise and thanks to God,

Patty Kostechka

*Coordinator of Deaf Ministry
St. Andrew Parish, Delavan*

MEN OF CHRIST 2018 CONFERENCE

Fr. Christopher Klusman

Another person had accepted to write up an article about the Men of Christ 2018 Conference. Due to situations beyond that person's control, that person asked me to write this article instead.

Many Deaf women from the Women of Christ 2017 Conference last November still talk about how spiritually moving it was for them. I prayed that the same would be for our Deaf men attending this conference on March 10, 2018 at Miller High Life Theatre in downtown



Milwaukee, next to the former Mecca Arena (currently UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena). This year's theme was *Persevering Through the Storm*.

During the day, there were Confessions available in which there were long lines. It was truly beautiful to see, as this Sacrament is an

enormous gift from God. I pray that you go to Confession on a monthly basis. Many of our saints, like St. John Paul the Great and St. Teresa of Calcutta, went to Confession ... weekly! That is one of their secrets to holiness!

In addition, there was Adoration all day, too. I know one of our Deaf men went to spend time with Our Lord. Imagine the joy of sitting face to face with Jesus?

Our conference began on a high

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Tim Staples

note with a famous apologist. The word, “apologist” looks deceiving as it looks like someone who keeps saying, “I’m sorry.” An “apologist” (from the Latin and Greek adjective meaning “defense”) is someone who defends the Catholic faith by explaining to others what it means, as well as helping to correct their misunderstandings. God calls all of us to be apologists. Our first

presenter was a famous Catholic apologist, Mr. Tim Staples. If you haven’t read any of his books, I highly recommend them. He grew up Southern Baptist. He joined the Marine Corps. He shared an amazing story about how he met a Marine who is a great Catholic apologist. Mr. Staples tried to challenge him by proving Catholicism is wrong, but the Marine helped him convert to Catholicism in 1988! He is so energetic, funny, entertaining, and brilliant!

A powerful moment was when all the men and boys who were thinking of a possible vocation in the priesthood, were invited to go up on stage. Man after man, boy after boy, all went on stage, filling up the stage until it was crowded! We, the Deaf men, were so touched, that many got emotional. A special prayer was said for them. Please keep these men and boys in your prayers for their future!

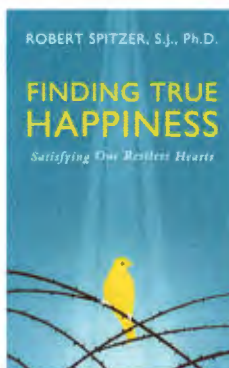


Fr. Robert Spitzer

At 10:45 am, a famous priest, Fr. Robert Spitzer, came to talk about his new book. I couldn’t believe I was seeing him live because I saw him (and Mr. Staples) on EWTN many, many times. You would agree with me that Fr. Spitzer is brilliant!! He has a brain like Albert Einstein. When I try to read his explanations on EWTN, my head “hurts” because it is so thick,

Ph.D quality, heavy, and very high-level stuff. But, it is good to challenge your own selves to step up higher and learn more complex things. He talked about the Four Levels of Happiness and what it really means, and how we can have happiness. As Fr. Spitzer explained, happiness is not what we really think it is: there is more to what really appears to be.

We then had a lunch break, chatting



with each other and sharing our thoughts and experiences with an incredible morning! We prayed the rosary going through each decade throughout the day. What’s cool about this is that, for each Hail Mary, we prayed for each state from A to Z.

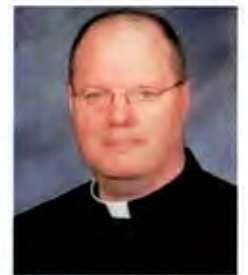


Dave Durand

After lunch, we heard another famous and highly-talented person, Mr. Dave Durand. He is a devoted Catholic man who is currently the CEO and co-founder of Best Version Media, an international media company located in Brookfield, Wisconsin. He is a best-selling author, radio personality, and etc. He was named one of the top 100 Minds in America on the topic of

Personal Development. It was so refreshing and inspiring to see a highly talented man who loves being Catholic and strived to live his life loving, praising, and imitating Jesus Christ!

Last, but not least, Fr. Cliff Ermatinger presented. He is a very holy, humble, and important priest. He shared such fatherly wisdom for us men. Listening to him was a great experience on how our lives can be made better by being the men that God calls us to be and the importance of prayer, Sacraments, moral life/ virtues, and never underestimating Satan and his demons.



Fr. Cliff Ermatinger

Fr. Rocky Hoffman, of Relevant Radio, came to lead us in the Stations of the Cross. It was very moving because they showed scenes from the movie, *The Passion*. It always amazes me how much Jesus suffered for us, which shows His infinite Love for each of us. It was incredibly moving to experience and pray with this during the Lenten season.

We closed the Men of Christ 2018 Conference with a Mass presided by Archbishop Jerome Listekki. He is our “apostle” of this Archdiocese of Milwaukee and an important father figure for us all. It was a great joy to receive Jesus’ Body and Blood as evidence that Jesus is with us and how we are to apply everything we learned and gained today in our daily lives. We can’t wait for next year’s Men of Christ 2019! Please don’t miss this! We were thankful to have wonderful interpreters during this conference and for the Men of Christ’s support of this. Please share this with your male relatives, friends, and parishioners to attend next year! God bless you all!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS REENACTMENT

On Thursday, March 22, 2018, all of the 4th graders, including Zack Zoellick, son of Todd and Sissy Zoellick, performed wonderfully the Stations of the Cross at St. Roman Parish and School. Zack acted in the roles of a Roman soldier and narrator. The live reenactment (with a sign language interpreters) took over an hour, filled with action that moved people to a wide array of emotions. For several months prior to the performance, they practiced very hard which was clearly evident as to the detail made through the acting, speaking, and singing. Great job, Zack, and all the 4th graders! We're proud of you!



▲ Zack showed great confidence in his narrating skills during a Station.



◀ Zack and the 4th Graders made a grand entrance that ended with a powerful song!

▶ Zack sings as Simon helps Jesus carry His Cross.



▶ Zack, as a Roman soldier, leads Jesus carrying the Cross.



▲ Zack, as a Roman soldier, nails Jesus to the Cross with the other Roman soldiers.



▲ The Crucifixion scene was incredibly moving.



▲ This is the grand conclusion, with each group departing to the back with an amazing song!

Day *at the* Dells

Friday, August 24

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

COST: FREE!

Deadline for Registration:
August 8, 2018

Schedule: Mass, then receive sack
lunch and sit back to enjoy the
Tommy Bartlett Show!

The Mass and event is interpreted.



Do not register on their website, for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office (DHHMO) will take care of registrations. Please email your first and last name, email, phone, address, parish, and if you will bring any additional family members with you, at deafministry@archmil.org.

After you email the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office (DHHMO), we will send you information on where and what time you can meet to ride the bus from Milwaukee to Wisconsin Dells and back.



We thank the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities
from the Diocese of Madison for inviting us!

INTERPRETED AND ASL MASSES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

714 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan, WI 53115
 Patty Kostechka's Phone: 262-728-9751
 Patty's E-Mail: patty.kostechka@charter.net
 Parish Phone: 262-728-5922
 Parish E-Mail: standrewsdelavan@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.standrews-delavan.org
 Interpreted Mass: Sundays - 9:00am

St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake

7616 Fritz Street, Wind Lake, WI 53185
 Phone: 262-895-2729
 E-Mail: clarewl@tds.net
 Website: www.stclarewindlake.org
 Closed Captioning Mass: 2nd Saturday of the Month – 4:00pm

St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan

2133 N. 22nd Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081
 Phone: 920-458-7070
 E-Mail: tewinkelel@catholicnorth.org
 Website: www.stdominic.us
 Interpreted Mass: Please Contact the Parish Office

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

1619 Washington Street. Grafton, WI 53024
 Phone: 262-375-6500
 E-Mail: parish@stjosephgrafton.org
 Website: www.stjosephgrafton.org
 Interpreted Mass: 1st & 4th Saturdays at 4:00 pm,
 3rd Sunday at 10:30 am

St. Mary Immaculate Conception, West Bend

1610 Monroe Street, West Bend, WI 53090
 Phone: 262-338-5600
 Email: rprim@stmaryparisheswb.org
 Website: www.stmaryparishwb.org
 Interpreted Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month - 9:30 am

St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee

9306 W. Beloit Road
 Milwaukee, WI 53227
 Phone: 414-321-0893
 E-Mail: info@stmatthias-milw.org
 Website: www.stmatthias-milw.org
 ASL Mass in the Parish Center-Chapel
 With Fr. Christopher Klusman and Deacon David Sommers
 Sundays - 9:00 am
 Note: If no ASL Mass, then will have Interpreted Mass in the
 main Church.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

6400 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406
 Phone: 262-886-0530
 E-Mail: ckechter@stpaulracine.org
 Website: www.stpaulracine.org
 Interpreted Mass: Sundays - 10:00am

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

2224 30th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53144
 Phone: 262-551-9004
 E-Mail: rectory@stpeterskenosha.com
 Website: www.stpeterskenosha.org
 Interpreted Mass: Sundays - 10:30am

Shepherd of the Hills Parish, Eden

(near Fond du Lac)
 W1562 County Road B, Eden, WI 53019
 Phone: 920-477-3201
 E-Mail: sgitter@sothparish.org
 Website: www.sothparish.org
 Interpreted Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 8:15am

Times Listed Are Subject to Change
As of June 1, 2018



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IMPORTANT: Fr. Christopher Klusman's text number for EMERGENCY ONLY: 414-793-1369.

Remember, an emergency is:

- A death in the family & make plans for funeral.
- Request for anointing and/or visit because of serious car accident, heart attack, life-threatening health issue, or sudden surgery. Tell me where to meet (hospital, hospice, home, etc.)
- Crisis: Abuse, domestic violence, alcohol/drug abuse, or thoughts of abortion or suicide.

If you have any questions about what is an emergency, please email me at: klusmanc@archmil.org

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