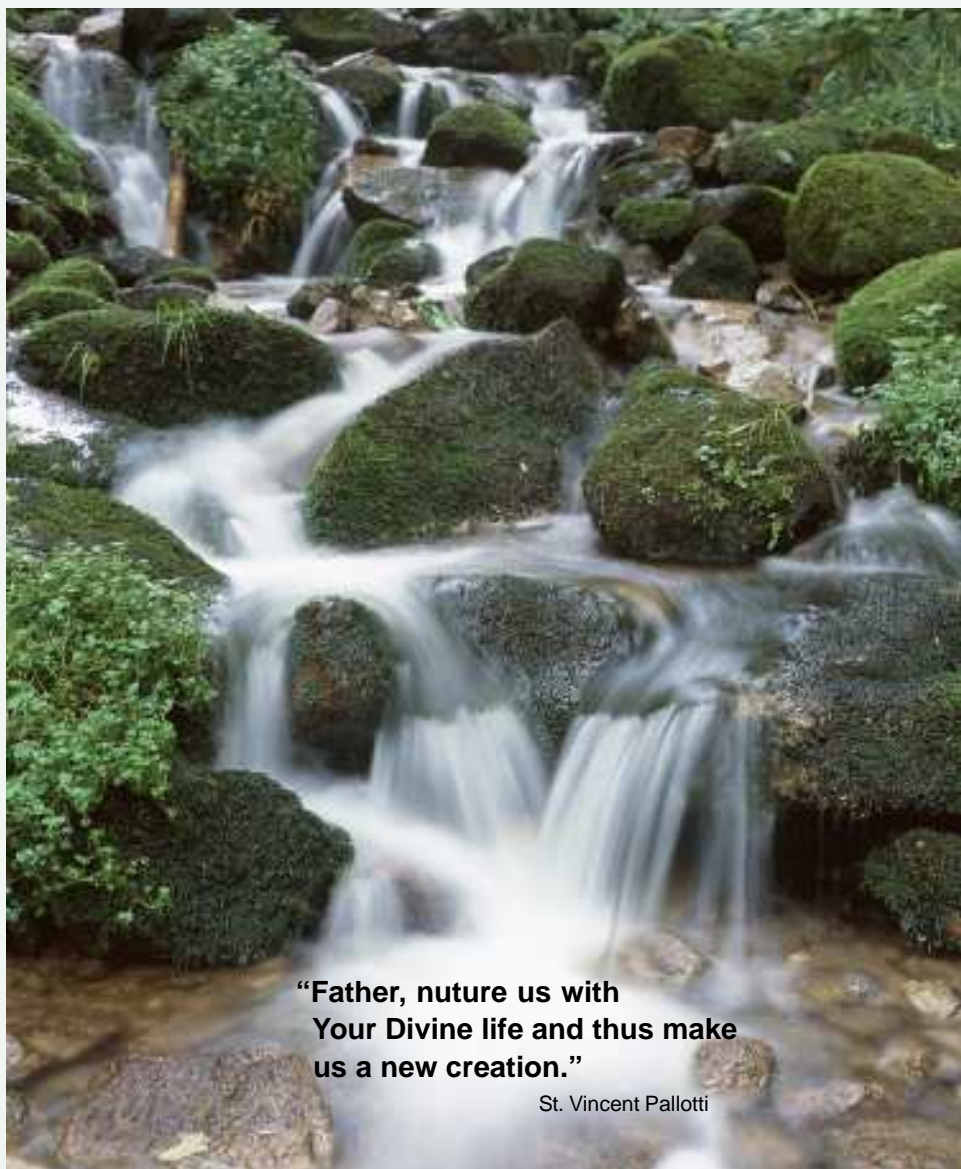


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Our New Bishops

by Fr. Leon Martin, SAC
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Dear Friends,

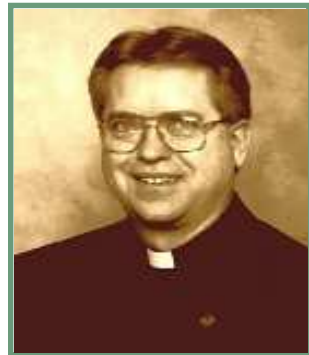
It isn't often that I have the opportunity to share my joy in introducing to you two new bishops. One that you may already know is Bishop William P. Callahan - the new auxiliary



Bishop William Callahan

bishop for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He has a long association with this area, being Rector and Pastor of St. Josephat's Basilica, which is run by his community, the Conventual Franciscans. He also served as a spiritual director of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. We assure Bishop Callahan of our prayers and support!

The second bishop is Bishop Seamus Freeman, who was ordained for the Diocese of Ossory, Ireland in Co. Tipperary. Bishop Freeman is a former Rector General of our Pallottine Communities throughout the world, and has visited us in Milwaukee several times. On one occasion he was the main celebrant for Irishfest, and at another time he came to bless our St. Vincent Pallotti Shrine



on Bluemound Road. More significantly, he guided the Pallottines in the approval of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC) by the Pontifical Council of the Laity. This was a momentous occasion in our Pallottine history. The support and prayers of our Pallottine family follow him to his new response to God.



Bishop Seamus Freeman

Speaking about new responses to God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Isn't this what our Lenten/Easter call is all about? Isn't this what Mary, Queen of Apostles and St. Vincent Pallotti are inviting us to do also?

Have a great Lent!

Fr. Leon Martin, SAC

A Journey to the Holy Land

Excerpts and edits from the article “Notes from My Sabbatical”
by Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC that appeared in the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish
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The four weeks (June) I spent in Jerusalem were the best part of my sabbatical experience. It was exciting as well as inspiring. I had joined a special study program of the Centre for Biblical Formation in Jerusalem. It was a study of the

Mount of Olives and the Kidron Valley. The Most prominent view is the Dome of the Rock which is the second holiest place for the Muslims after Mecca.

Most of the important places surrounding the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus are within the Arab Muslim section of the city. There are several chapels, churches and basilicas marking these events.

Within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is Calvary where Jesus was crucified. We celebrated Mass there. The day before I left Jerusalem, I had a rare opportunity to celebrate Mass in the Tomb of Jesus, a very small cave within the sanctuary area. The Gethsemane, or Basilica of the Agony of Jesus, is one of the most prayerful places. The Via Dolorosa is very special: The different stations are marked and we saw groups of people praying and walking the Stations of the Cross. Our group did the stations early one morning and concluded with Mass on Calvary.

Outside Jerusalem itself we visited the birthplace of John the Baptist and the house of Elizabeth and Zechariah. While there we celebrated Mass at the Church of the Visitation and



Zion Gate to the Old City of Jerusalem.

Gospel of Matthew: Rediscover Jesus in the Land ... With Matthew. The program consisted of studying the Gospel, visiting the historical places mentioned there, and reflection and celebration of the events recalled. The Centre, called the “Ecce Homo” (Behold the Man), is run by the Sisters of Zion and is situated on the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) overlooking the Old City. This place is remembered as the place where Jesus was condemned by Pontius Pilate. One can get a panoramic view of the entire Old City with its many mosques, churches and the surrounding mountains, hills and valleys including the

the Church of John the Baptist. We made our way to Bethlehem, where we visited the place of the Birth of Jesus and the Shepherds Field where the angels brought the good news of Jesus' birth.

Another trip that we took was to the Judean desert and the Negev Desert via the Dead Sea Valley. On the way we stopped at a place called Engedi and got into the Dead Sea for a great floating experience due to the rich salt content. On the northwestern shore of the



Caves in which Dead Sea Scrolls Found.

Dead Sea is a famous place called the Qumron Nation Park. Here were found the famous ancient Dead Sea Scrolls which included books of the Old testament and the Apocrypha (books not included in the New Testament) hidden in jars for nearly 2000 years. Another memorable visit was to the Desert Fortress of Masada, the ruins of Herod's Palace which was destroyed at the end of the second temple period (73 A.D.) It marked the end of the Jewish freedom fighters against the Romans.



The Nativity Star site of Jesus' birth.

There were many other places we visited and through all of them I felt a sense of wonder and awe, knowing and affirming in a unique way that Jesus was one of us and one among us. He lived our life. He shared our joys, our sorrows, our struggles and our hopes. He is as close to us now as he was to the people of his time. I had quite an experience in the Holy Land. Thanks and Blessings.



Masada & King Herod's Palace

And Now You Know!

Excerpts from the book: *Like An Evangelical Trumpet: A History of the Mother of God Province of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate*, by Steven M. Avella.

Question # 22: What is the Story of Queen of Apostles Seminary? Part IV

The 1956 academic year represented a new breakthrough for the Madison seminary. The appointment of Harold Liebl as Rector set a new “American” tone to the institution, and the positive endorsement of Bishop O’Connor and Vicar General Jerome Hastrich went a long way toward undoing some of the misunderstandings that had cropped up over the years. Fr. Mark La Joie crowded to the



By the mid 1960s the seminary building was literally “bursting at its seams.” (1st floor hallway between classes)

Rector General, “Queen of Apostles Seminary is our pride and joy . . . We have a good staff, a large enrollment (90 students) and they have been able to complete practically all of the unfinished sections of the building at their own expense . . . they have a fine school, and their public relations with the Madison clergy are vastly improved.”

In the summer months the facility was used for retreats by both lay and clergy groups. However, a new (and better) set of problems developed. Thanks to the aggressive recruiting of Pallottine vocation directors Frs. Edward Tobijanski and Edmund Kurth, scores of interested young men visited and ultimately decided to enrolling at Queen of Apostles. Con-

sequently, the institution, designed for only 135 students, began to bulge at the seams as enrollment climbed steadily.

The ever increasing numbers of resident seminarians, mostly from Madison, taxed the facility to its limits. Especially cramped was the chapel space, originally intended only to be temporary. The Pallottines worked assiduously to utilize every available space in the building. The unfinished sections had been finished off by the labor of the priests, brothers and students. But if the place was to survive, it would have to make accommodations for more. In late 1960, Fr. La Joie expressed his concern to the Rector General: “We have been looking into the possibility of building the chapel sec-

tion at Queen of Apostles Seminary. The September enrollment of 132 students had practically reached our capacity of 135, and we cannot enlarge the chapel anymore.” La Joie proposed the construction of a chapel wing that would cost \$300,000 and, with new recreation rooms under the new chapel, transform existing recreation rooms into much needed dormitories and use the existing chapel space for library and classrooms.”

“This would raise our capacity to a minimum of 165 students, i.e. 20% over existing limits.” The only problem these ambitious and necessary plans faced was money. There still was a \$400,000 mortgage on the existing property. Moreover, the low tuition rates that the Pallottine charged (\$450.00 per year) caused them to operate at a deficit. La Joie noted that “we have already contributed \$150,000 above tuition received to the education of Madison students alone.”

In December 1960, La Joie wrote a lengthy letter to Bishop O’Connor explaining the amount of Pallottine investment in the Madison seminarians and asking for assistance with construction plans. Meanwhile, students kept coming and after filling all existing places in the seminary building, the seminary was

compelled to allow day student seminarians, who were bussed in each day to the crowded seminary campus. O’Connor was slow in replying -- indeed, it took him until nearly the end of 1961 to make a definite reply to the Pallottines. The reasons for the delay soon became known.

Apparently a genuine debate had erupted at the Madison Chancery and among the clergy over what to do with the increasing number of Madison seminarians. According to some accounts, Bishop O’Connor, aging and unwilling to leave a heavy debt for his successor, was opposed to building a new seminary and wished to simply build a large residence hall at Queen of Apostles. Naturally, the



Freshman history with Fr. Hueller in 1962 as enrollment at Queen of Apostles Seminary continued to climb.

diocese wanted some equity in the project, which meant some shared ownership of what had heretofore been a Pallottine project. The Pallottines by contrast, wanted a diocesan subsidy in the area of

India – Place of Organized Chaos

by Fr. Greg Serwa, SAC

India is what one of our priests called “organized chaos.” If you drive down any street in town or village, from Bombay to Cochin, you will see many people walking, vendors with pushcarts, two wheelers (bicycles, mopeds, motor cycles), taxi cabs (a kind of tricycle with a canvas covering), oxcarts, cows, dogs and goats meandering, as well as cars, jeeps, and trucks. Somehow, without the benefit of traffic signals, everyone is able to manage to get where they want to go. The most important accessory on your vehicle is the horn, because this is how one navigates through traffic and around potholes, letting others know that you are there. The amazing thing is that all the while I was there I never saw an accident. That having been said, I must say I had a wonderful time.

I went to participate in a Congress for Mission Secretaries of our Society which was held at Madurai at our retreat and conference center called PILLIAR (Pallottine Institute for Lay Leadership in the Apostolate). It was an opportunity for our Mission Secretaries from all over the world to get together and share their stories. During the summer the Bishops of the US have given the opportunity to religious to preach and to appeal for our Missions, so that has been my task usually during the months of June through September. Until now I have had to say that I have not actually been to our mission territories. Well now I can't say that anymore.

I really wanted to visit our mission territories and this gave me the chance to do that. One of the first things I did was to go to Aulia, where Fr. George Thattamparambil, SAC is the local Pastor and is assisted by Fr. George Kavukatt, SAC.

When I arrived I was greeted and welcomed by the whole community, and found out that I would be participating in laying the foundation stone for the new Parish Center. During a prayer service in which we blessed the foundation stone I put it in



Fr. Greg (with trowel) laying foundation stone.

place along with a medal of Our Lady and St. Vincent Pallotti and cemented it in. Part of the prayer service was the Hindi ritual of smashing a coconut on a rock and letting the coconut water seep into the ground. It is a way of expressing that the work of the builders is at the service of God and asking for divine help in the successful completion of the project.

We were joined by a number of other

missionaries, priests from the Society of the Divine Word and a number of Sisters including the community of Mother Theresa from the area.

After a bit of lunch some of the chil-



Children from mission hostel.

dren, who live at the mission hostel, put on a program for us. They presented me with a garland of fresh flowers and then the different classes did their native dances in turns. What a wonderful welcome. It is through these kinds of performances that our fathers and the sisters teach the young people to work together and introduce them to the English language.

Fr. George gave me the grand tour of the place including the 100 year old building that is deteriorating around them. We visited the sisters' convent nearby where

they have a medical dispensary and where the girls' hostel is. While we were there some men were teaching the boys how to make rugs on a loom.

After walking back to the parish area father showed me the farm animals and the place where they stored the grain and vegetable oil, supplies they receive from the US, which helps provide the meals for the children. By the way, most of these children were not Catholic. Remember only about 3 percent of the population of India is Christian.

By the time we finished our tour we found that some of the men of the mission were clearing the area of trees where the new building will be built. This is all done by hand including the digging of the foundation. I took a few pictures and pretty soon everyone gathered around to look at their pictures on that little camera screen.

[To be Continued]



Girls performing native dances.

Notice: Due to the length of many of the articles in this issue, we will publish the next part of Pope Benedict's first encyclical in our Summer/Fall issue of the Newsletter.

A Look at the World

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC



Several weeks ago I tuned the car radio to a discussion between an interviewer and a reporter covering the hotspots around the world for the Yahoo internet site. As the announcer gave a closing reference to all countries that this man had reported on, the list went on for over 20 places that have significant civil disturbances. In all these places there was war action, destruction, great suffering and pain among soldiers and civilians, and innumerable deaths.

In his closing remarks the reporter summarized his experience in so many dangerous places. He said that gradually it became evident that covering the warring soldiers and the so-called victories or defeats was missing the basic point in the war activity. The most important part to report about was *the effect all this had on the non-soldiers, the civilians who had to suffer so much violence*. Their lives, from the food they ate to the homes they lived in, were drastically affected by the violence going on in their countries.

What can we do about all this violence? Certainly we can work for peace and seek justice in all we say and do. When I thought about praying for peace, I found that the common Christian prayer, the Lord's Prayer, has the heart of all that we pray about in the world. Just go to the part about "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and we have a way to put our prayer in the midst of our world. God's will is not for violence and we do know this – though it has been distorted throughout history. In praying with these words, Christians commit to making God's will happen on earth. Whenever Jesus talks about this,

it involves a twofold religious notion: God's action and people's faith in response to that action. With our faith in God's power in heaven we are moved to ask for what is needed on earth. In this we are following the lead of the Centurion asking for healing of his servant (Mt 8:5-13) and the Canaanite woman seeking help for her devil tormented daughter (Mt 15:22-28).

When we pray this prayer we are looking at three ideas:

1. A cosmic transformation: A new world order that is the basis for all of our lives.
2. In this new way, any injustices or violence against God's way are named as wrong - "yes sinful"; also any broken basic relationships are seen as hurtful.
3. Finally we who honestly pray this way are committed to an alternative life style.

From the Gospel of Matthew this life style would lead each of us to do "the will of the Father in Heaven" in a way that would make us brothers and sisters of Jesus. From here we are invited to find in our lives where this way of acting is real for each of us. That will take us into a further look at this prayer in the Gospel and more articles than this to find out.

Fr Bruce Schute

Finding the God Who Seeks You

Journeying with St. Vincent Pallotti, The Prophet of Communion

Fr. Vensus George, SAC, Pallottine from the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province in India, has written a book of reflections based on the thoughts of our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti. We would like to share some of these reflections to help you on your spiritual journey.

Reflection: Compassion for the Poor

On seeing or thinking about the poor, I will try to help them in whatever way I can . . . I would try to feel such a compassion for their miserable state, that all parts of my body and my very soul, breath pity and mercy. St. Vincent Pallotti

Compassion for the poor is the true mark of a Christian. A true follower of the compassionate Jesus is one who is able to recognize the poor and their need, and manifest a great sense of concern for them. The basis of compassion is the realization that the other in need is, indeed, a part of the human family and that the other has the right to have the basic needs of life. Besides, compassion implies acknowledgment of what one possesses is not merely for oneself, but also for the good of others. Such an understanding helps one to feel empathy towards the poor.

An empathetic person is moved by true love for the other, because his actions emerge from a heart that does not seek for himself, but rather he seeks for the good of the other, with the pure motive of true charity. St. Vincent Pallotti lived the value of compassion to the fullest, and felt deeply for the other from the depth of his heart. Whenever he saw a person who was poor and in need,

he immediately attempted to do whatever was within his power to help the needy. St. Vincent felt within himself a deep compassion for the poor, as he encountered a poor person. He used his body, mind and spirit to communicate the compassion he felt within himself for the poor.

Thoughts for Our Reflection:

- 1) Am I compassionate towards the other?
- 2) Do I realize that everyone belongs to the human family?
- 3) Do I recognize that every good thing in this world is meant for all?
- 4) Do I seek my good only or that of others as well?
- 5) Am I an empathetic person?
- 6) Do I communicate concern for others using my body, mind and spirit?

You should be a big happy family, full of sympathy (empathy) towards each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds (1 Pet. 3:8)

Ask Father

I Don't Think God Listens When I Pray!



Dear Father,

For years I have been praying to God but I don't seem to get any answers to my prayers. I don't think He listens when I pray. What am I doing wrong?

Signed,
Jill M.

Dear Jill,

I don't think it's a question of you doing anything "wrong" when you pray. For me it comes down to a matter of trust. Do I really trust in God? If I do, then I firmly believe that He listens to ALL my prayers and answers them.

Let me put it a different way. Often when we pray, we ask for a very particular answer to our prayer, and because we don't get that exact answer we feel God wasn't listening to us. We may "miss" His answer to our prayer because we were looking in the wrong place for it.

Let me relate to you a true story told to me by a friend.

For years my friend was the picture of health. Except for the occasional seasonal cold or flu he rarely had to see a doctor. But then one day in his

40's he suddenly came down with all sorts of physical problems: hives, swelling, the inability to talk clearly, numbness in his arms and legs.

For three years he went to doctors who took tests and more tests, gave his pills and more pills, and he just seemed to be getting worse. So he prayed to God that He would cure him of whatever was wrong with him.

For the longest time he felt God just wasn't listening to him until one day he came to me all excited and said, "God answered my prayers! He gave me a new HMO!" I said, "What? That makes no sense!" He replied by saying that a few weeks earlier his boss told him that the current health insurance premiums were getting too high and that the company was switching to a new HMO.

So he had to look in the "book" to see if his doctor was listed and, of course, he wasn't. So... he had to find a new one. He set up an appointment, and after just one visit, his new doctor told him that he was 99% sure what was wrong, but that a few more tests would tell the whole story. And they

An Easy Egg Bake

by the Pallotti House Chef

On a recent weekend excursion to the “north woods” of Wisconsin, my sister Patti wanted to serve the four of us who went on the trip a big breakfast, but she didn’t want to spend a lot of time making it. After all, she too was on vacation.

Her solution was the following recipe for a delicious egg bake that created very little “mess” in the kitchen and took even less time to prepare.

This dish could be a great breakfast or brunch surprise to serve your family any time or whenever guests stay overnight.

Here’s What You’ll Need:

- 1 dozen large eggs
- 2 tubes of Pillsbury Buttermilk biscuits 7.5 oz. size
- 8 oz. diced ham (I use John Morrell Brand because the ham is diced smaller)
- 9 x 13 inch deep side baking pan.
- 8 oz. of shredded cheddar cheese.

Here’s What You Do:

Pre-heat oven to 350° F.

Line the bottom of the 9 x 13 pan with the buttermilk biscuits.



In a medium bowl break the eggs, add a little milk and mix as you would for scrambled eggs. Add the diced ham to the mix and stir.

Pour mixture over the biscuits. Try to spread out the diced ham evenly.

(Note: Biscuits may tend to float in the pan. This is normal.)

Bake for 30 minute or until eggs firm up.

Remove from oven and sprinkle the shredded cheese on top of the eggs.

Return pan to oven for about 5 minutes, just until cheese melts. Do not let cheese burn.

Take pan from oven, cut egg bake into slices, and you are ready to serve your guests.

Serves 6-8. Enjoy! Happy Eating!

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Ask Father (from page 12)

did. He had diabetes! The doctor prescribed the appropriate medications and today he looks and feels as healthy as he did in the past.

I said to him, "How can knowing you have diabetes be an answer to your prayer? You're still not healthy!" His answer was very simple, "God did answer my prayer, maybe not the way I was hoping or wanted, but by forcing me to change my HMO, He gave me a good doctor who has been able to help me live well with diabetes. I thank Him for that."

My point? I'm sure my friend could still be complaining today that God never answered his prayer because he didn't get the CURE he asked for. Instead he thanks God every day for the good doctor who is helping him keep healthy.

Jill, I truly believe God hears us and answers our prayers but maybe not in ways we might expect. He may have something in mind that will be better for us in the long run. Trust God. He loves us and only wants the best for us. Keep on praying to Him. He IS listening!

And Now You Know (continued from pg. 7)

\$150,000 to build a new chapel wing, which would free space in the main building, and then rely on Madison to refurbish the old sister's convent on the property for its men or for the college. Still others in the dioceses and around the bishop simply wanted to build an independent seminary for their own seminarians.

As this debate swirled, rumors flew thick and fast. In November 1961, La Joie confided to Fr. Lawrence McCall, a reserve chaplain called up for active duty during the Berlin crisis, "Word is that Msgr. Hastrich has orders to look around for a building site for the new Madison Semi-

nary." However, by some point in late 1961 or early 1962, La Joie received the News: Madison had determined to build its own seminary. The decision came just as the seminary reached its all time peak enrollment of 203 in the 1962-63 academic year.

But that will have to wait until our next episode of the QA story!

Next Time: What is the story of Queen of Apostles Seminary? Part V

*If you want to learn more about the Pallottines of the Mother of God Province, the book **Like an Evangelical Trumpet** is now available in a 335 page soft-cover edition, complete with 33 pages of nostalgic pictures and photographs, for the price of \$19.95 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. To receive your copy, send your name, address and payment to:*

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Lenten & Easter Vigil Lights

Even though Easter comes early this year, the season of Lent still offers us yet another opportunity to reflect on our lives, to work on our shortcomings, and to seek reconciliation with God, our neighbor and even ourselves. This can be a time for praying for family and friends who may be struggling with sin and evil in their lives. It can also be a time for remembering those who have died, who may need our prayers and sacrifices. Why not light a vigil light for them or yourself this Lent or Easter? Just fill out this slip and sent it to us in the envelope included in this newsletter. We will light a 7 day vigil light for your intentions at the statue of St. Joseph in our house chapel.

Please light a vigil light for the following special intentions:

(circle a Month & a Monday you would like us to light your vigil light.)

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