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ON PASTORAL NOMINATIONS

From time to time we read or hear about what are called *Pastoral Nominations*, or *Clergy Transfers*. I have chosen, especially since this reality will affect me as a Pastor on September 14, 2017 to offer some insight on this process. I have chosen to stay away from the legal words used in *Canon = Church Law*, and speak in terms on the common experience of all us who have been through this process.

At the start of every effort of determining where a Priest – or Deacon or Bishop – will serve in the Church, is prayer. I am not aware that there is a particular prescribed prayer, but the intention will be the same. Asking that the Holy Spirit, Mary the Mother of God, and perhaps a patron saint or more, to enlighten our hearts and minds to identify the needs and opportunities that God holds for priests (or deacons or bishops or other positions) at this time. It is not a one time prayer, but during this period of time it is at least a daily one. The prayer hopes to have our minds be one with Christ, so that we look past our own hopes or plans; recognize that God is the ultimate decider of all aspects of our service to Himself and the Church; and to prepare the lives of all involved for whatever the will of God has for us.

There are many parts that go into a *Nomination or Transfer*. What is the need to be met; is there a particular talent required; is there a specialty involved; is there an age, or ability, or language requirement? Is there an issue with the location, or a consideration about health? Is this a short or long term situation? Each situation must be honestly considered to seek how and with whom God's will may be answered.

The Bishop is responsible, with his Consultors, to seek to make sense of the positions and their needs, and how these needs are met. In our Diocese, Bishop Bergie draws up how he thinks matters should unfold, then he presents these to his Consultors. After the Consultors have shared their thoughts, each Priest involved is invited to visit the Bishop and together they come to a decision. It is hoped that the Priest will accept the proposed nomination or transfer. The Bishop is to approach the Priest as a Spiritual Father, and the Priest is expected to listen and accept his thoughts as keeping what God wants. I think most of the time – I have seen it in my own life – that sometimes the decisions make sense right from the proposal. Other times the Bishop asks that the proposal be taken in *obedience – the promise made by every Deacon, Priest and Bishop when they ordained that they will live and minister as their superior (boss) asks them to.*

The *Nomination or Transfer* is a sign of the choice of God for His chosen leaders in the Church. It is not made without prayer or discussion. It is the Holy Spirit who causes the work of the Church to continue. Perhaps a mystery beyond our full understanding, but more a reality in which God gives us the opportunity and choices of serving Him.

Submitted by Father Brian Bevan, Parish Priest.

<p>Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.</p> <p>Pastor Father Brian Bevan</p> <p>Sunday Masses Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am</p> <p>Weekday Masses Listed inside bulletin</p> <p>Exposition and Benediction Listed inside bulletin</p> <p>Reconciliation/Confessions Listed inside bulletin Or by request</p> <p>Baptism Sunday by appointment</p> <p>Marriage Contact Fr. Brian Bevan</p> <p>Sacrament of the Sick Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins Please call the office</p> <p>Secretary Sandy Johnson Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm</p> <p>St Martin School Phone 905-957-3032</p> <p>Cemetery Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648</p> <p>Diocesan Website www.saintcd.com</p>	<p>Diocese of St. Catharines</p> <p>St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church</p>  <p>166 West Street, P.O. Box 74 Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0 Telephone: 289-956-0221 Fax: 289-956-0109 Email: st.martins@cogeco.ca www.stmartinsparish.com</p> <p>August 13, 2017 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>
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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Monday	Aug 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr Vn. Michael McGivney; priest & founder 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Margaret Flaherty	by Maureen Flaherty
Tuesday	Aug 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 am For the health and healing of Eleanor Ross	by Maria Chorley
Wednesday	Aug 16	6:30 pm +For the peaceful rest of Nelly Allan	by Maria Chorley
Thursday	Aug 17	9:00 am For the health and healing of Paul Massad	by Joyce & Rodney Ross
Friday	Aug 18	St. Helen, widow 9:00 am For the health and healing of Robert Schnarr +For the peaceful rest of Victor Zabzinski	by John & Riky Mulder by Nicole MacIsaac
Saturday	Aug 19	The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the intentions of St. Martin's parish family	
Sunday	Aug 20	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu 11:00 am For the intentions of George Ross on his birthday	by Martha Devlin by Maria Chorley

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr; August 14.

Raimund Kolbe was born in Poland on January 07, 1894. In the year 1910 he joined the Franciscans, taking the name Maximilian Maria, in order to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was ordained a priest in the year 1914. In the year 1941, he was in Poland when he was arrested by the German gestapo and imprisoned in Auschwitz, Poland. Three months after his arrival a prisoner escaped, and in retaliation ten men were chosen at random to die in the starvation cell. One was a young father, and Kolbe offered to die in his place. To hasten his death, he was injected with carbolic acid. Maximilian died on August 14, 1941.

He was canonized in the year 1982 by Pope John Paul II.

Vn. Michael McGivney; priest & founder; August 14.

Michael McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 in Connecticut, U.S.A. His parents had moved from Ireland during the great wave of immigration. He was ordained a priest in the year 1877. In the year 1881 he began, with others, to explore a Catholic fraternal benefit society – to strengthen faith and provide financial help to families overwhelmed by illness and death of the one bringing money into the home. His dream came true as the “Knights of Columbus” was formed by charter on March 29, 1882. He died on August 14, 1890 of tuberculosis. His body is in St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut; near the headquarters of the Knights of Columbus.

He was named as Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI on March 15, 2008.

St. Helen, widow; August 18.

Helen was born about the year 250, in England. In the year 270 she met and married the leading Roman General, with whom she had one child, Constantine. In the year 306 she was widowed and Constantine became Emperor of Rome.

Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan in the year 313 which stopped persecution of Christianity throughout the western Roman empire. Soon after, Helen became a Christian, at the age of 63 years. Helen built churches, and set up programs to help people. When her son became Emperor of the eastern west of the Roman empire in the year 324, Helen began to travel to Palestine to worship in the places where Jesus lived and ministered.

Although 80 years old, Helen worked with the Bishop of Jerusalem to build churches over the places of Christ's death and burial. She also had churches built on the Mount of Olives and at Bethlehem. Tradition holds that Helen was among those who discovered the cross upon which Christ died.

Helen died in the year 330, in the Holy Land. She was buried in Rome.

St. Bernard, abbot & doctor; August 20.

Bernard was born in the year 1090, in France. He entered a monastery at the age of 23 years, accompanied by thirty-one relatives and friends. His views about authority and architecture helped reshape many ways in the church. He founded numerous abbeys, worked on behalf of Pope Eugene III, and was widely recognized as a holy man. He died in Clairvaux, France on August 20, 1153.

Bernard was canonized in the year 1174, and named a *doctor of the church* in the year 1830.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; August 15.

The Church celebrates the belief at the end of earthly life, the immaculate mother of God, Mary ever-virgin, was taken up body and soul into the Glory of Heaven. This took place as a privilege extended to Mary due to participation in God's plan of salvation. The date and place is unknown.

A feast on this day is traced back as early as the year 451. The feast of the *Dormition of Mary* was established by Emperor Maurice, for the Roman empire in the year 602. In the eighth century this feast was given the title *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Pope Pius XII, on November 01, 1950, declared that the Assumption of Mary is part of the doctrine of our faith

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATED

On Sunday August 6 2017, during the 11:00 am Mass, Alvia Koshy received her First Holy Communion in our parish. She is the daughter of Alex and Rose Koshy.

We congratulate her and pray that she will have a long and fruitful relationship with the Lord.

THANK YOU

We give thanks to Yvonne MacNiven as she retires from Music Ministry. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Lord in this Ministry.

We wish her well.

We offer a thank you to Vern and Josie Dell as they retire from involvement in our parish. Through their years here, they have had positions as Eucharistic Ministers, P.E.G. (Parish Events Group), and Committee Members.

We wish them well.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$ 1,374.85 to our parish last weekend, through the regular collection.

Generosity brought \$ 387.00 to our parish last weekend, through our Facility Maintenance collection.

THE BACK PAGE

This week *The Back Page* discusses the process of Pastoral Nominations.

MORE PASTORAL NOMINATIONS

Bishop Bergie has announced more Pastoral Nominations, to take effect on September 14, 2017, unless otherwise indicated.

Pastors:

- ♦ Father Brian Bevan — St. Patrick Parish, St. Catharines
- ♦ Father Christopher Gillen — St. Martin of Tours Parish, Smithville

Parochial Vicars:

- ♦ Father David Byrne—St. Julia Parish, St. Catharines (September 18, 2017)
- ♦ Father Steven Innamorati—St. Alfred Parish, St. Catharines

DOORS, ANYONE?

The entrance doors that were changed as part of the elevator/entrance lobby work done in our parish, have been stored in our parish garage for over a year. They were kept in case they might be used here.

Well they will have no use here. But somewhere else perhaps? The doors measure:

- Set “A” is 36” W x 79” H x 1 3/4” T
- Set “B” is 30” W x 79” H x 1 3/4” T

Anyone interested in them can speak with Ron Roscovich or Father Brian. First to speak to them is the one to get either one or both sets.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Also known as the Sacrament of Confession and of Penance, this Sacrament is available this week:

Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

By appointment.

CWL NIGHT OUT

You're invited to Dress Me Up! with Rosel Nichols. This event will take place on August 16, 2017 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in our parish hall.

This will be a fun and fashionable night filled with information on how to plan and pack your clothes for trips. If you have one piece in your closet that you just don't know what to do with, bring it along!

The cost of this event is \$ 10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Sylvana Oliver (soliver17@icloud.com) or Mary Anne Paradis (maryanne.paradis@live.ca).

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE

The Grimsby Life Centre wishes to thank everyone who participated in the 2017 Life Change Campaign. It was another successful fundraiser for their ministry center. St. Martin of Tours generously contributed \$1221.77 this year.



BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Joey Cooney – Aug 13
Kiera Alderson/Zoe Gunn - Aug 14
Jeffrey McIntyre – Aug 14
Nolan Miller/Julie Notarianni – Aug 16
Rick Malaryk – Aug 17
Gregory Jones – Aug 20

Anniversaries:

Henry & Mary Pikula – Aug 13
Doug & Barb Joyner – Aug 17
Luciano & Sandra DiLeonardo – Aug 19