



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
September 30, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Not Over: The Catholic Charities drive was not over last Sunday. It was the great blitz. Our goal, set by the diocese, is \$600,000.00. The number of cards in the procession: 262 cards with pledges. Thanks to those who have pledged. The total amount pledged so far, as we counted the pledge cards, is \$334,477.00, which is a tremendous amount. Still, we have a ways to go to meet the goal set by the diocese, \$600,000.00. So, this is "follow-up Sunday," an appeal to the 1000 parishioners who have not yet invested in God through Catholic Charities.

We can never out-do God in generosity. We say we believe this, but do we have difficulty putting God to the test?

Pictorial Directory: We print a pictorial directory every four years. This time, from 2012 to 2018, we waited for six years and tried a unique experiment. We asked you to send us your pictures. It ultimately "worked" because of the drive and work of Peggy Sandlin. She collected 100's more pictures of those who missed sending in their pictures the first time. So, we have Part 1 and Part 2 made available to all.

We then decided to make, under one cover, both parts. This gives us a record number of pictures of those people with their phone numbers in the back. I have already used my compendium of the two parts twice to look up names. Come by the office if you need a compendium of Parts 1 and 2.

Palliative Care v. Physician Assisted Suicide: Palliative care means lessening the pain without curing. Palliative care is true compassion for someone close to death who is not able to be cured. Physician assisted suicide is the direct killing of a person by a

physician with, for the most part, the patient's consent.

In 2016, two years ago, P.A. suicide became legal in Canada. Since then 2000 Canadians have committed this kind of suicide.

In the United States, six states, plus Washington D.C., now permit P.A. suicide. Presently, 25 states are considering such legislation. A June 2017 Gallup poll found that 2/3 of Americans now favor legalizing euthanasia.

The official Catholic teaching is that the direct killing by a physician is "murder" and morally wrong. Palliative care is seen by the Church as true compassion. It is relieving pain, helping the mind and soul as the natural death process takes place. The spiritual direction by the Church is to help one realize that a person is going back to God when the good Lord decides it is time.

The main difference between this and abortion is that, in most cases, the person, himself or herself, requests the doctor's help in this "killing," while in the abortion the person has no "say-so."

The Church teaches that there is no obligation to keep someone alive if it takes "extraordinary means." It is simply letting the death process take place. There has always been an obligation to use ordinary means to keep one alive. Medical moral ethics is troubled, now, with what is the ordinary and the extraordinary means.

One can forego a treatment if the treatment is more of a burden than the benefits of a little extra time on this earth.

The United States Conference of American Bishops (USCCB) has stated that pain medication is given, primarily, to relieve the pain. In some cases, it may expedite the death, but they invoke the principle of the Two-fold Effect. This states that it is permitted to perform an act which is good or indifferent, in itself, from which two effects

flow, one good and one not good, provided it is the good effect that is intended. The direct purpose is to relieve the pain, good or indifferent in itself. From this, two effects might flow, and it should be the good effect that is intended. Hence, in Palliative care there is no direct killing, but the application of some pain reliever might lessen the human life, but it is not intended. When the purpose of the medication is to relieve the pain and not kill the patient, the USCCB teaches this is not only permitted, but palliative care is compassion.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

RETRACTION: Someone wrote me a valid criticism for quoting a statement by businessman Sam Miller. There was an inaccuracy in the statement and a needless comparison stating that 1.7% of the Catholic clergy had a pedophilia problem, while 10% of the Protestant clergy had it. The truth is that this was in the complete quote by Sam Miller, who got it from the *National Register*, who claimed it came from *Sojourners Magazine*. The magazine apologized for the bad statistic. Then the *Register* apologized, and now I apologize. So, I should have deleted that part of the quote from Mr. Miller's article, which I quoted in full. I doubted the statistic, but believed the *Register*. Mr. Miller did not deny that the Catholic Clergy had its share of guilt, but it certainly was far from the majority. Comparing it to the Protestant church was not supposed to justify the sinful part of the Catholic Clergy and was not meant to be offensive to our Protestant brethren. The mistake is that the percentage of the Protestant clergy is not that high. For this I apologize.



Jeanette Gutkowski, Kenny Skellie, William Pickard, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Fr. John Robinson, Margie Cole



Monday, Oct. 1	Special Intention Walter Swift Joseph Schilleci
Tuesday, Oct. 2	Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Joseph Schilleci Annie Diergo
Wednesday, Oct. 3	Walter Cooney Bill Stephens Jerry Buckley
Thursday, Oct. 4	That the new Birmingham Planned Parenthood abortion site will not be built Joseph Schilleci Annie Diergo
Friday, Oct. 5	Special Intention Joseph Schilleci Anthony Pardi
Saturday, Oct. 6	Donors to OLS School Foundation Joseph Schilleci William J. Stevens
Sunday, Oct. 7	People of the Parish Joseph Schilleci Sp. Int. Dorie Lou Cofer

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at 7 PM (With Partner)**
- Wednesday at 10 AM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Thursday at 11 PM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)**
- Friday at 11 PM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Sunday at 1 PM (Need Committed Adorer)**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule. Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult

Education on Sunday, Oct. 7. Our speaker will be Michael Blackstone. His topic is *Faith: Why Bother?*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, October 2. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Please join us

as we kick off another year of faith, fellowship and fun!



Candlelight Rosary Procession

On Saturday, October 6th, Our Lady of Sorrows will sponsor the 18th annual Candlelight Rosary Procession for world peace and to convert all nations. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the first Saturday in October as World Rosary Day and encouraged people all over the world to pray the Rosary for peace.

Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass, Fr. Frankline will lead the Candlelight Rosary Procession. It will begin at the Shrine of the Madonna and Child in front of the Church and continue visiting the various shrines on OLS Church grounds.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Octoberfest Open House Meeting this Wednesday, October 3, at 6 p.m. on the top level of the parking deck. They invite all men of the Parish to come find out what the Knights at OLS are all about while enjoying some great German food and fellowship.

All ladies of the parish and visitors are welcome to join St. Ann's Guild for our October meeting on Wednesday, October 3, in the Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center. Doors open at 10 a.m., and the Rosary begins at 10:12. The business portion will begin at 10:30. Mr. John Nicolini, licensed counselor and OLS volunteer, will be our guest speaker. A BBQ lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Please help us get a headcount for lunch by emailing Co-Chair Mary Jo Huffstutler at beach4emma@icloud.com.

Our Lady of Peace will meet in the Sodality Room at 12 noon on Monday, October 1. Remember to bring your sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. Don't forget to bring your toiletries for the First Light Shelter. Even if you are not a member of our guild, we would love to have you. Please feel free to join us!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Sept. 30: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. in the youth room. We will be studying *The Bible*. Life Teen at 7 p.m. Part 3 of our Relentless Father series, discussing how we can battle temptation, suffering, and evil through conscious and intentional use of the Our Father.

Wed. Oct. 3: "Summit" Scripture study! A co-ed Bible study focusing on the Sunday Mass readings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Dinner included!

Vocations Retreat at the Hanceville Shrine: Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

"Chaos" Retreat! Saturday, Nov. 10-11 at Camp Hargis. Step away from the stress of school, work, and "Be still and know that I am God." More details at olsyouth.com/retreat.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Sept. 30: "Defeated." Join us for an Edge Night. We will come to a greater understanding of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Wed. Oct. 3: No Blaze Bible Study this week!