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Facing Reality

A Pop-Tart, Jerry Seinfeld once observed, never goes stale because it was never fresh. I thought of that joke as I watched the furor generated by a newsurvey of U.S. Catholics conducted by the Pew Research Center. “Nearly seven-in-ten Catholics (69 percent),” according to Pew, “say they personally believe that during the Catholic Mass, the bread and wine used in Communion ‘are *symbols* of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.’” In other words, Pew explains, “just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31 percent) say they believe that ‘during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus.’”

You can imagine the reactions this news elicited among the Twitterati and Catholic commentariat—everything from reactionary denunciations of U.S. Catholics for their de facto heresy to revolutionary calls to chuck the whole way in which the church talks about this mystery and bring it kicking and screaming into modernity. If that all seems familiar, it’s because we have been here before.

Like the Pop-Tart, this story doesn’t go stale. Every year or two, a new survey tells us that Catholics supposedly reject this core tenet of our faith. But this story is a lot older than the science of polling. More than 50 years ago, Pope Paul VI issued an encyclical, “*Mysterium Fidei*” (“The Mystery of Faith”), in order to address this confusion among the faithful. The Real Presence “is called ‘real,’” the pope wrote, “because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man.” But long before that, in 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council was convoked in part to address the issue; it bequeathed

to us the term *transubstantiation*. In the fifth century, Theodore, bishop of Mopsuestia, felt the need to tell his people: “The Lord did not say: This is a symbol of my body, and this is a symbol of my blood, but rather: This is my body and this is my blood.”

That history suggests that the struggle to grasp the church’s teaching about the Eucharist is nothing new and that the present confusion among the faithful is caused neither by a lazy scientism, as some suggest, nor by the use of outmoded philosophical categories, as others suggest. Plenty of people were confused about the Eucharist when Aristotelian/Thomistic metaphysics was the only game in town. Otherwise, why 20 centuries of clarifications?

And lest anyone be confused about the extent of the confusion, my colleagues James T. Keane and Samuel Sawyer, S.J., made this observation in a recent article: Fully “43 percent of the respondents in the Pew survey both believed that the Eucharist is a symbol and thought that is what the church teaches. In other words, while only one out of three Catholics gets the theology right, another four out of 10 understand themselves to believe what (they think) the church teaches.”

Where does that leave us? First of all, I think we need to cut people a break. As Mr. Keane and Father Sawyer observe, “when language more familiar to Catholics is used [in other surveys] and the surveys are clearer about what is being *denied* by the ‘symbol’ answer, then belief in the [traditional teaching about the] Eucharist is nearly double what Pew found.” Still, the confusion is real, and it is probably not a matter of semantics alone. It also stands to reason that the postconcili-

ar changes in catechesis should not be scapegoated for this problem either. Catholics in the 1940s may have been able to recite the *Baltimore Catechism* word for word, but it is not at all clear how many of them knew what those words meant or could correctly answer survey questions about them.

It would be helpful if the academy took up this question, if it could help people to better understand and articulate something that, if Mr. Keane and Father Sawyer are correct, they already accurately intuit. I know theology and catechesis are different kinds of work; but because of theology’s present emphasis on ethics, questions of sacramental or fundamental theology are sometimes overlooked and opportunities lost. I remember a conversation with a theologian at a Catholic university some months ago. We were discussing the Eucharist. I asked whether he might write an article for **America**. His response? “That’s not really my field.” Now, this fellow is a fine scholar, but if you are a Catholic theologian and you cannot write 2,000 words for a general audience about the Eucharist, then something is awry. And that’s not the fault of the respondents in the Pew survey.

For my part, I think Pew did us a favor, even if their method was flawed. If we are going to help Catholics receive fully the gift that is the church’s rich, life-giving theology of the Eucharist, then we need first to understand what and how people believe and not simply denounce them for their ignorance or shrug it off. In other words, we need a fresh approach.

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For our special family issue, **America** asked young adult Catholics—members of our “Jesuitical” podcast group on Facebook—how their families helped them in their faith. Below are excerpts from what they told us.

What religion are you currently practicing, and how have your parents or other family members supported or encouraged you?

Roman Catholic. I was baptized as a baby and was raised in Lutheran preschool. My mother was Catholic but wanted Sunday School so we went to a Lutheran Church. My mom was over the moon when I returned, in my teens, to the Catholic Church. She was so excited that my daughter was baptized in the [Catholic] Church and was really happy to see me confirmed. I almost converted to Judaism later in life and raised my daughter pretty interfaith at times, and I remember my mother—the same one who took us to Lutheran Sunday School, saying, “Why would you ever want to be anything but Catholic?”

Marisa McDowell
Milwaukie, Ore.

Roman Catholicism. My three siblings and I grew up going to church every Sunday, singing in the church folk group, attending Catholic school, praying rosaries and nighttime prayer. Having a vibrant community at church made it a fun thing for me as a kid. I never dreaded it, even as a teenager. I also have an intellectual father, who encouraged a great deal of critical thinking as I got older and began to question my faith. However, I think having a large Catholic family and growing up in a small town in New York that wasn't very diverse made it too easy for me to dismiss other religions or people of no faith. I needed to work on that when I got older.

Gianna Kaloyeros
St. Louis, Mo.

I'm currently a practicing Catholic. My parents introduced me to my faith initially by sending me to Catholic school, but I spent most of my youth in public school and went to C.C.D. and Mass every weekend. We prayed before meals and were taught to pray before bed. My brother inspired me to join my college's campus ministry because he joined his and made a ton of friends there and went on alternative spring break trips. That's mostly why I still have my faith—because I joined the Catholic ministry at my college and got involved with other young people who were faithful and excited about Jesus but weren't lame!

When I got more involved with the Catholic ministry in college, my grandma sent me a medal and a prayer card

for the Miraculous Medal devotion. This made me feel my faith was supported by someone important to me whom I wanted to make proud.

Jessica Patchan
Herndon, Va.

Roman Catholic. I was raised Catholic in a household where both parents were actively involved in the church, as were my grandparents and extended family members. A lot of it was simply example, and being indoctrinated into traditions big and small: Christmas carols, the rosary, stopping by the tabernacle to say “hello” to Jesus, Mass every Sunday, my parents being R.C.I.A. sponsors, etc. While I go to Mass every Sunday, my husband, who was also born and identifies as Catholic, does not maintain Sunday obligations. I could tell it took a lot of courage for my mom to inquire about that, but she was respectful when I explained that while I find it frustrating, he's been turned off by the recent sexual abuse scandal; and I personally don't have a great response to make those feelings go away.

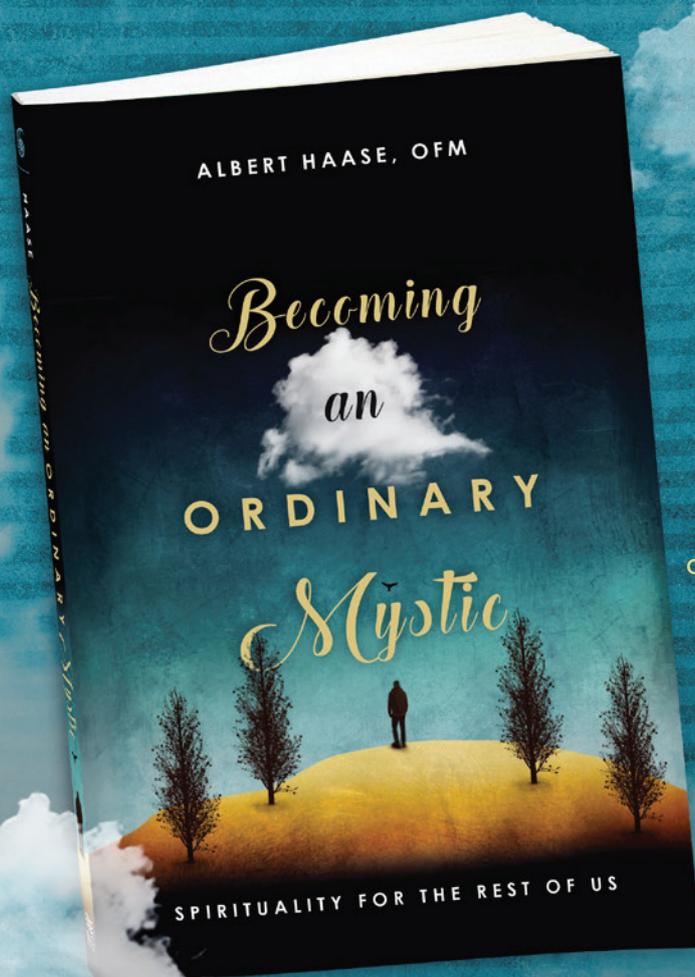
Becky Hoffman
Northville, Mich.

United Methodist, though I joke that I'm on a 50-year conversion plan to Catholicism! My maternal grandparents are devout Catholics; I adore my mom's family, and cross-country trips to North Dakota for visits several weeks each year growing up meant Mass with my family at a one-room parish church in a town of 500 residents. The example of my grandfather kneeling to lead a rosary with several other local families each Sunday morning was humbling, stunningly vulnerable and the truest thing I'd seen of real presence.

My grandmother read Scripture nearly every service. It was beautiful. My parents weren't particularly religious (my father, raised United Methodist, demanded that my mother not raise my brother and me to be Catholic), though they demonstrate lives of remarkable virtue. Their generosity to our family and community are epic. It was my paternal grandmother who led me toward confirmation and commitment to the body of Christ.

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Why Americans Need Nonprofit Sources for News

For some time now, the nation has seemed unable to have a civil discussion about a growing list of public policy issues. There seems to be no common ground on racism, gun control, immigration policy, international relations, the economy or climate change. News outlets, by providing facts and context, could be a part of the solution, but many Americans no longer trust the media and blame it for ratcheting up tensions in an era of what some call Fake News.

While the finger-pointing is understandable, it suggests that Americans assign too much power to the for-profit news media, in terms of both its share of blame for society's problems and its ability to fix them. These expectations are unrealistic for an industry that, after all, is driven by a profit incentive. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a strong business reason for the major media outlets to change many of their sensationalist or more cynical practices.

The number of news outlets continues to fall, but Fox News, MSNBC and CNN have enjoyed a 4 percent increase in revenue over the last year, and advertising revenue for cable news has increased by 58 percent since 2015, according to the Pew Research Center. Stations blast wall-to-wall coverage that is typified by cheaply produced broadcasts of commentary and opinion, rather than more costly and labor-intensive field reporting or investigative journalism. "Fair and balanced" is no such thing, and "the most trusted name in news" is not that trusted. Nevertheless, a formula that keeps audiences glued to the TV by reinforcing what a news channel's viewers already think produces a healthy bottom line.

Market forces may be exacerbating a political partisanship that fails to consider compromise for the common good. As for the remaining news outlets that promise objectivity, they have lost their moral authority along with their near-monopoly status and can no longer police the norms of political debate or popular discourse. This development leaves a vacuum in the body politic.

The First Amendment guarantees the right to a free press because the founders recognized the vital role the Fourth Estate should play in the republic. A free press helps hold government accountable to the people. But the commercial press, pressured by different motivations, has been negligent in fulfilling its civic function. There is a need, even if the demand is not yet loud, for a press that is less susceptible to market influences and keeps the government in check.

Nonprofit sources of news may be one answer. Government-funded media outlets like National Public Radio demonstrate—most of the time—how a news organization can function when it does not rely solely on marketplace conditions. But Americans also need options that are not susceptible to de-funding threats from Congress. Nonprofit media, like ProPublica, can zero in on matters of public concern instead of aggravating existing partisan rifts.

While cable news outlets have benefited from a divided America, independent news groups could be in a better position to communicate difficult truths on which audiences can agree. Nonprofit trusts—independent of both the government and the marketplace—may provide a much-needed avenue to civil conversation. Prof-

it-driven media conglomerates will not always give us trustworthy news. It is time to find another way.

The Imaginary, Self-Sufficient Immigrant

Defending the Trump administration's decision to tighten restrictions on legal immigrants who receive government benefits, referred to as public charges, Ken Cuccinelli suggested a creative reinterpretation of the iconic poem by Emma Lazarus memorialized on the Statue of Liberty. Asked whether the words of the poem are a part of the "American ethos," the acting director of Citizenship and Immigration Services said, "They certainly are: 'Give me your tired and your poor who can stand on their own two feet and who will not become a public charge.'" It is difficult to understand how revising the words etched on the most recognizable symbol of the American promise could amount to a defense of this country's ethos.

Under the new regulations, announced by the Department of Homeland Security on Aug. 12, noncitizens applying for permanent legal status, as well as those seeking entrance to the United States, can be denied green cards if they use—or are predicted by an immigration official to be likely to need at some point—means-tested public benefits for more than 12 months over a three-year period.

A legal resident who enrolled in Medicaid or food assistance programs could because of that be denied permanent legal status and made subject to deportation. In other words, this new definition of "public charge" would apply not only to immigrants

who do not have jobs and depend solely on the government but also to those who use benefit programs in combination with employment to help make ends meet when, for example, their job does not provide health insurance or does not schedule them for enough hours to put food on the table.

As a result of the policy, it is likely that fewer legal immigrants, in particular those who rely on family-based (as opposed to skills-based) immigration programs, will be admitted to this country; and current legal residents, including the spouses and parents of U.S. citizens, could be denied permanent status and separated from their families. Experts predict legal immigrants will be less likely to avail themselves of benefits for their children who are citizens out of fear that it could be held against them.

The stated goal is to reinforce “the ideals of self-sufficiency and personal responsibility,” according to Mr. Cuccinelli. But these new regulations, like the administration’s other draconian immigration policies, primarily serve to send the message that people fleeing poverty and violence in their home countries are not welcome here.

The men, women and children migrating from countries like Honduras and Eritrea are not uprooting their lives in hopes of scraping by on handouts. Rather, they seek the political stability and economic opportunity they hope to find in the United States. The foundation of that opportunity is not the mythic “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” version of the American Dream. It is a society that bolsters the common good by making sure that no child goes to school hungry and no one puts off medical care until the only option is the emergency room. And it is a nation that recognizes the gifts each new wave of immigrants has to offer.

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Paid family leave is a way to honor our elders

The United States is decades behind the rest of the world in providing paid family leave. Presidential candidates and members of Congress are working to change this, but so far the focus has been on new parenthood. We need to support families during other life transitions—notably, aging and serious illness.

Some 65.7 million Americans (31 percent of the total adult population) already care for elderly or ill family members. The typical caregiver is a 40-something woman who cares for a mother, father or stepparents who do not live with her. She is married, employed and most likely also cares for children or grandchildren in her own home. People with these responsibilities may simply look like co-workers or fellow parents at a school meeting, but when a loved one calls, they must become chauffeurs, nurses, cooks, counselors, advocates and cheerleaders.

Theologically, their call to care is grounded in the Ten Commandments. The commandment “Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you” sits as a fulcrum between the first commandments, related to loving God, and the final commandments, related to loving our neighbors. We express our love for God and learn to love our neighbors by first loving our families.

Living the Honor Commandment is not easy. The Hebrew word for honor, *kibbud*, means “heavy or weightiness.” The costs of care are high. According to the Family Caregiver Alliance, caregivers spend an average of 24.4 hours per week providing care, and nearly one in four spends over 40 hours per week. Nearly 80 percent of long-term care is provided with-

out compensation, but AARP reports that family caregivers typically spend nearly \$7,000 per year, or nearly 20 percent of their income, on out-of-pocket expenses related to caregiving.

For African-American family caregivers, these expenses amount to 34 percent of their income, and Hispanic family caregivers spend an average of 44 percent of their annual income on out-of-pocket expenses. In addition to these costs, many caregivers must leave the workforce or curtail their work hours.

A 1999 study estimated that caregivers for elder family members lost an average of \$659,139 in wages, Social Security and pension benefits over their lifetimes because of missing work. Without paid leave, they suffer financially when they act as caregivers and again when they retire. Women are especially harmed, as they are not only the majority of family caregivers but also typically provide 50 percent more hands-on care to spouses or partners than their male counterparts do. More care hours, more physically and mentally stressful care tasks and fewer paid work hours creates a vulnerable class of female family caregivers.

Since 1993, the federal Family Medical Leave Act has provided up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for more than 100 million U.S. citizens. F.M.L.A. covers a wide array of individuals through vastly different seasons of care, like an employee recovering from an illness, parents of a newborn or newly adopted child, or a family caregiver supporting a seriously ill loved one. But the law’s biggest limitation remains: There is no expectation that caregivers should be paid. (Only eight states currently mandate paid family leave.)

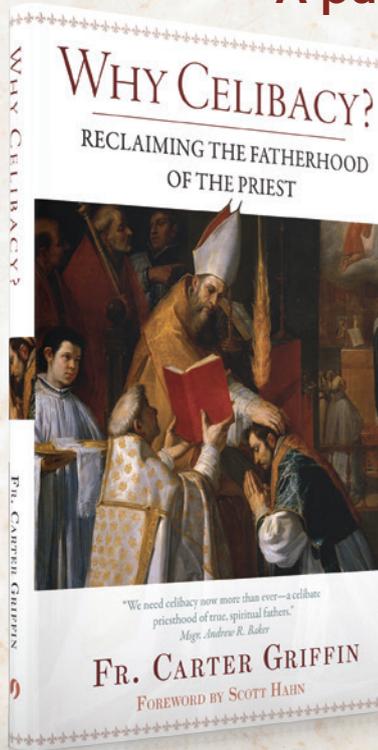
Inclusion of family care in any national paid family leave program would not add significantly to its cost. A joint report by the American Enterprise Institute and the Brookings Institution projects family care as the least expensive portion of the paid leave program. The benefits of facilitating family care for a seriously ill elder far outweigh any costs. As an alternative, replacing family care hours at their current level with professional care would cost approximately \$522 billion.

Religious congregations also need to pay attention to supporting elder caregivers. More than 50 percent of those who attend church at least once a week are over the age of 50. While congregations can provide volunteer and spiritual support, we need new ways to encourage and enable family caregiving in our contemporary society.

Paid family leave honors our elders and supports those called to care for them. There is nothing shameful or greedy about expecting assistance in providing elder care. It is not a matter of honor to go bankrupt or give up a career in order to provide care to family members. We honor our parents by supporting caregiving for all parents through paid family leave. We honor caregivers by supporting them in being faithful to both work and care callings without exhausting themselves emotionally, financially and spiritually.

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After record-breaking heat, will Europe take the lead against climate change?

By Melissa Vjda



The air was stifling in the offices of the Jesuit European Social Center in Brussels, Belgium. Its director, Peter Rozic, S.J., paused a moment to consider the most suitable place to talk. “I had a Skype call earlier in our own offices and I nearly died of the heat,” he told **America**. “Better go downstairs, where it’s cooler.”

That conversation took place on July 26 at the end of the hottest week ever recorded in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom. It was Europe’s second record-breaking heat wave this summer, one that led several European countries to issue public health warnings. Temperatures rose to more than 105 Fahrenheit (40.6 Celsius) in Belgium and reached 109 F. in France.

People fainted on public transport in England after trains stalled and lost their air-conditioning. In Paris schools postponed exams and the fire-damaged Notre Dame Cathedral was at further risk as its ancient, water-soaked masonry dried and crumbled. The heat wave also aggravated wildfires in Spain and Portugal, and in

Scandinavia it threatened to hasten Arctic melt.

At the Jesuit center, water was served on the table with more reverence than usual. J.E.S.C. has been working on multiple fronts to raise awareness about climate change.

A few blocks away, the newly elected representatives of the European Parliament were settling into their new offices. The European Commission has a new top leader, Ursula von der Leyen, and the European Parliament renewed itself with 751 deputies elected in May after a record turnout—50.5 percent of eligible voters went to the polls.

During this election cycle, “the question of ecology came to the fore in some countries, which was an interesting turn, and, I think, a positive one,” Father Rozic said.

In the continental balloting, the fear of global warming appears to have outpaced the fear of migrants by a few votes. Green parties in Parliament now hold 74 seats—22 more than before. Greens saw a rise in Germany, Finland, France, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Traditional center-left and conservative-right parties lost their majority

Escaping the heat at the fountains of the Trocadéro Gardens in Paris on July 25, when a new all-time high temperature of 42.6 degrees Celsius (108.7 F) hit the French capital.



for the first time since elections were held in 1979. Now they will have to share power with a rebranded center-right party, called Renew Europe, and the Greens.

Confounding pre-election polling, nationalist parties did not win as many seats as they were expected to. Rebranded in the parliament as Identity and Democracy, that group, led by Marine Le Pen of France and Matteo Salvini of Italy, captured 73 seats, landing it in fifth place right behind the Greens.

For Olivier Costa, director of European Political and Governance Studies at the College of Europe, that outcome represents a victory for pro-Europeans. “The Euroskeptics will still carry weight in the European Parliament, but less than what was expected,” Mr. Costa said.

Shannon Pfohman, policy and advocacy director at Caritas Europa, was relieved by the election results. Now, she said, “Caritas Europa places high expectations on the new European Union leaders, particularly [when it comes to] ensuring humane migration and asylum policies and tackling climate change.”

Migration is still framed in European politics as a fundamental challenge, but after the heat, environmental policies may enjoy a boost in attention. As a candidate, Ms. von der Leyen, the first woman to be elected president of the European Commission, added ambitious climate goals to her agenda for Europe. She plans to propose a “European Green Deal” after she takes office in November. If accepted, her plan could mean that Europe would become the first carbon-neutral continent by 2050.

Ms. von der Leyen will seek to reduce the use of fossil fuels in energy-intensive industries and plans investments in strategies to minimize waste. She also promotes a Just Transition Fund to ease adaptation of the new technologies that will be required for this shift in production and energy use.

“Becoming the world’s first climate-neutral continent is the greatest challenge and opportunity of our times,” she writes in her proposal. “Europe sees itself as a leader on this.”

Mr. Costa warns, however, that the European Union will have a hard time leading the way on climate change. The Greens in the European Parliament do not openly

support Ms. von der Leyen; Central and Eastern European countries may resist her climate goals; and the European community will have a hard time coaxing other world players to follow its lead.

If the European Union requires more green measures from aid recipients or trading partners, it may lose diplomatic or economic ground to competing world powers. “The environment is not a major concern for the Chinese, the Russians or the Americans. They do business,” Mr. Costa said.

But advocates at European bishops’ conference and Caritas Europa argue that the European Union has the means and the obligation to lead on the issue. “Europe has a huge responsibility in contributing to climate concerns in its development aid and in reducing the use of fossil fuels,” Ms. Pfohman said. “Europe is part of the problem, and the poorest countries are suffering the most.” She argued that Europe has a historical debt to pay in mitigating climate change.

Father Rozic noted that E.U. politicians also worry about the kind of backlash represented by the Yellow Vests protests in France if they are too aggressive on climate change. That grassroots movement broke out when President Emmanuel Macron increased taxes on fuel as part of an energy transition plan in 2018. Listening to the concerns of the public, including the poor, who are most affected by climate change, and the youth, who have been demonstrating for ambitious climate policies, is crucial, according to Father Rozic.

Listening leads to conversion, he said.

A few months back, when the European Commission members asked Father Rozic what to do about climate change, he told them that the response starts with the people around the table. “It’s about being convinced and changing one’s behavior.”

He said the European Union’s politicians must accept that the threat of climate change is real before real change can happen and urges them to consider imaginative responses to the crisis. He thinks they could start by setting a better example themselves.

Air travel, for example, has proved a significant contributor to the production of greenhouse gases. “It would be wonderful to see European leaders go to a meeting, let’s say in Slovenia, by train or by boat” instead, Father Rozic said.

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Marriage is thriving— but only among college graduates

Marriage is not dead in the United States. But it is increasingly associated with better-educated and higher-income households. And despite the old stereotypes about big families, Catholics are very similar to the rest of the U.S. population when it comes to marriage and children.

Educational attainment was not much of a factor in marriage rates in 1960. About 70 percent of Americans over 25 were married, no matter how long they had gone to school. But by 2015, there was a huge educational gap. Nearly two-thirds of college graduates were married, compared with only about half of those who had not gone beyond high school.

One reason for that widening gap may be that a college degree is associated with greater financial security; and despite changing gender roles, 71 percent of all adult women in a 2017 Pew survey said that “being able to support a family financially” is “very important” for a man to be a good

husband. (Only 25 percent of men say that the same is important for wives.) This expectation could run into trouble if men continue to lag in educational attainment—by next year, women are expected to earn 58 percent of the bachelor’s and master’s degrees awarded in the United States—and if those without college degrees are perceived to have fewer job prospects.

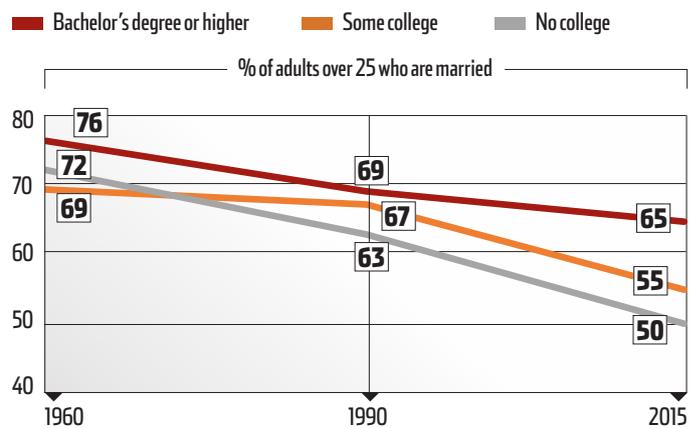
The marriage rate among Catholics (52 percent of all adults) was close to that of the overall U.S. population (48 percent of all adults) in the most recent Religious Landscape Study, conducted in 2014. That survey also found that among adults ages 40 to 59, Catholics had an average of 2.3 children, only slightly above the average of 2.1 children for all U.S. adults in that age range.

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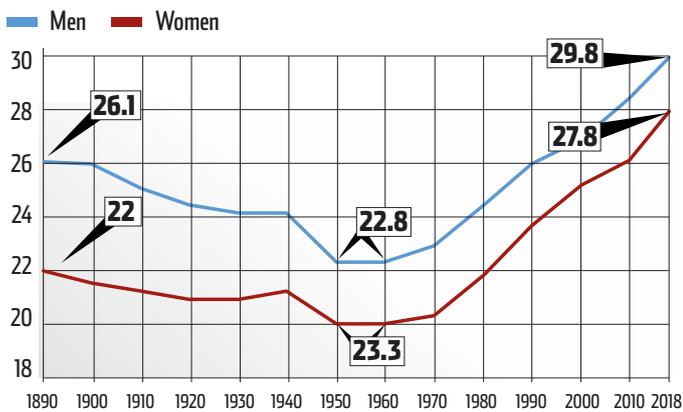
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| | Married | Living with partner | Divorced/separated | Widowed | Never married |
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| Evangelical Protestants | 55 | 5 | 14 | 8 | 18 |
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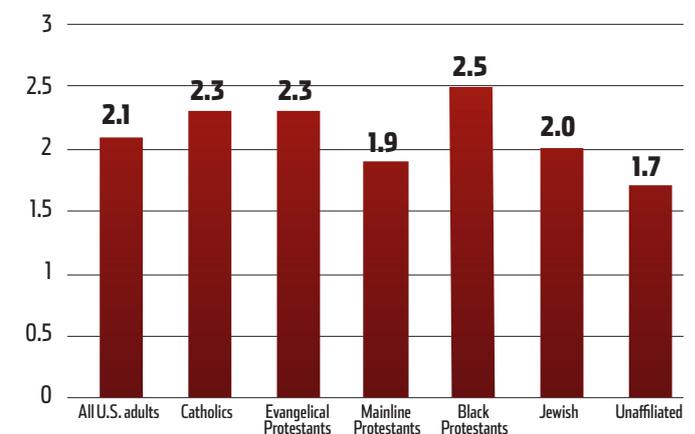
MARRIAGE RATES BY EDUCATION



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AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO ADULTS AGES 40-59 (2014)



Sources: 2014 Religious Landscape Study (latest available), reported by Pew Research Center, May 12, 2015; Pew Research Center analyses of U.S. Census Bureau data on education, reported on Dec. 14, 2011, and Sept. 14, 2017; median age of first marriage from the U.S. Census Bureau, released Nov. 14, 2018.



Friends, coworkers and family watch as U.S. immigration officials raid a chicken processing plant in Morton, Miss., on Aug. 7.

ICE raids 'traumatize' communities in Mississippi

Catholic Charities prepares for long-term impact

Likening the use of about 600 federal agents in an immigration raid carried out on Aug. 7 on seven Mississippi chicken processing plants to an "invasion," Bishop Joseph Kopacz, who heads the Diocese of Jackson, said some of the families affected by the action appear "traumatized." And though about 300 of the roughly 680 people who were arrested were released the next day, the bishop said the effects of the raids will only intensify in the coming weeks.

"This is a man-made disaster—literally," Bishop Kopacz said. "These folks are our neighbors. They're not criminals, the vast majority of them. They're hard-working people." He said he was bewildered that authorities would choose to carry out the operation as these Mississippi communities began the first day of school.

The bishop, who also heads the local Catholic Charities agency, said that families who have lost jobs or breadwinners will face increasing financial hardships in the near term, as bills come due and refrigerators go empty. The diocese plans to work with parishes in the affected communities, home to large Guatemalan and Mexican populations, to get a sense of the needs on the ground.

"It really took everyone by surprise, the extent of this," the bishop said.

Bishop Kopacz said the diocese will collect donations and then work with local parishes to distribute funds as families face difficulty paying rent or buying groceries. The near-term hardship "won't hit for a week or two," Bishop Kopacz said. But "as time goes on this month, there's going to be some real crises."

The raids, by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, occurred at facilities owned and operated by Illinois-based Koch Foods, one of the largest poultry producers in the United States. The company did not respond to telephone calls and emails seeking comment.

Chicken plants dominate the economies of Morton and

other small towns east of Jackson. Mississippi is the nation's fifth-largest producer of chicken products, and the plants' tough processing jobs have mainly been filled by Latino immigrants eager to take whatever work they can get.

"There's not a waiting list for these jobs," Bishop Kopacz said. "These folks are contributing to the economy and to their families."

Perry Perkins, the Mississippi supervisor for the Industrial Areas Foundation, said the response to the workers' and parents' plight thus far has been chaotic, with "all kinds of groups" providing legal support and counseling for parents and children. "Folks have been released with court dates, but now they don't have jobs," he said. "It's a mess."

Patricia Ice, a lawyer with the Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance, said immigrant community members are "afraid to go out of the house."

"We would like for the raids and detentions to stop, and we need Congress to work on a path to permanent residence and citizenship," she said. "These are people who are working and contributing to our society. They are our neighbors. They go to church with us. They are people in our community that we love and cherish."

Ms. Ice noted in particular her clients who are recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama administration policy that protects from deportation undocumented immigrants who arrived to the United States as minors. Some work in technical support, others serve as nurses, and one is studying to be a veterinarian. Immigrants are an asset to Mississippi's struggling economy, she said.

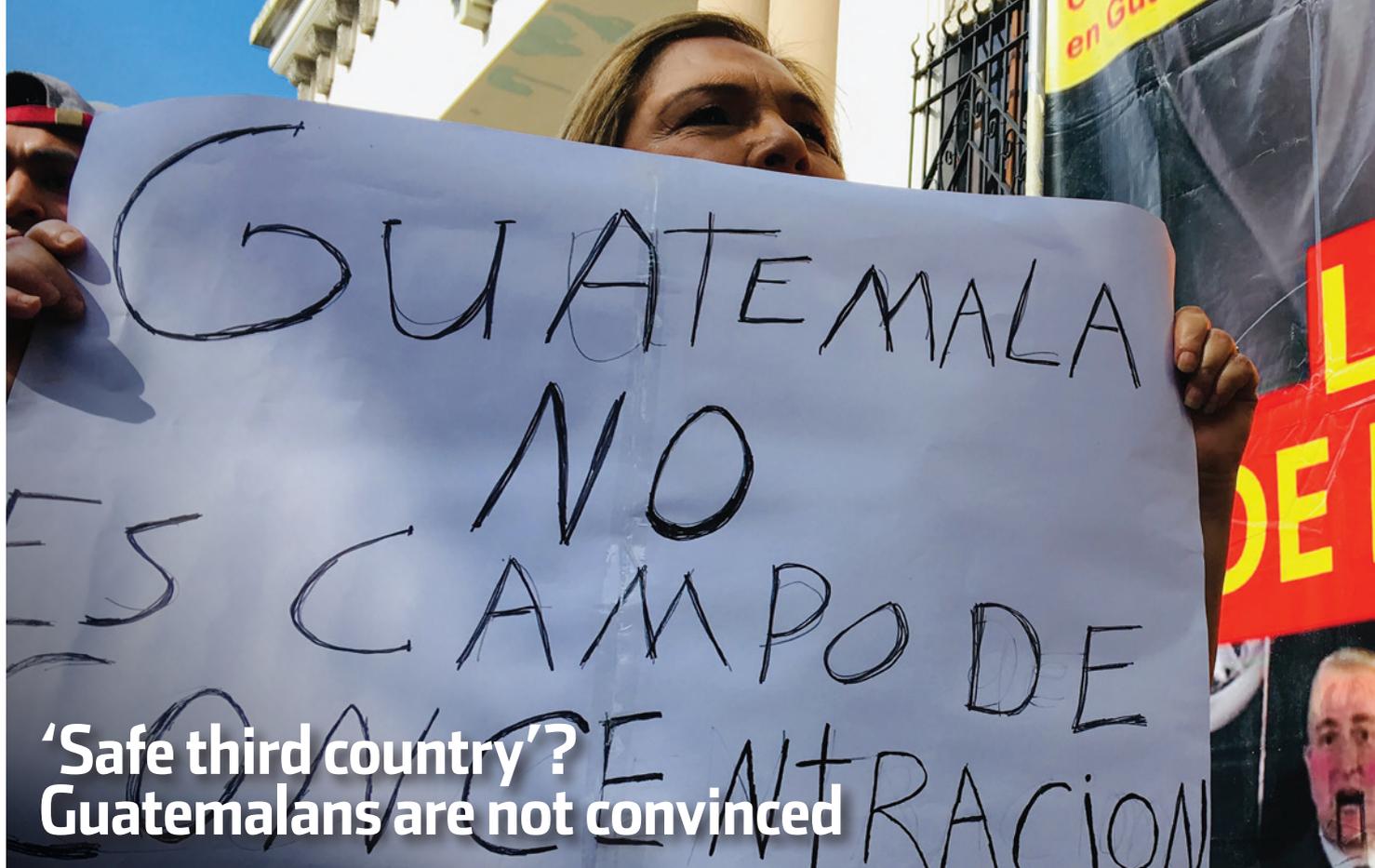
"We don't need to run them away," Ms. Ice said. "Mississippi needs workers."

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‘Safe third country’? Guatemalans are not convinced

Carlos Ernesto Choc sat near a circle of 41 small crosses set in plastic pots of cement, permanent fixtures in Guatemala City’s Central Plaza to remember 41 girls killed during a fire at a state-run foster home two years ago. “Our people live a sad reality,” Mr. Choc, a Maya Q’eqchi’ journalist from the eastern part of Guatemala, said. “Security, education, health care are problems. You can see how we are living.”

On July 26, the acting secretary of U.S. Homeland Security, Kevin McAleenan, and the Guatemalan minister of the interior, Enrique Degenhart, signed the Safe Third Country Agreement in the Oval Office in Washington, part of the Trump administration’s latest attempt to curb the flow of immigration from Central America.

Under the agreement, asylum seekers traveling through Guatemala would have to make an asylum claim there if they want to be considered for asylum in the United States. Demonstrators gathered outside the presidential palace the next day to protest.

The Guatemalan state is not even capable of protecting its own citizens, the majority of whom are indigenous and living in rural areas, Mr. Choc argued. “Large landowners evict, and want to evict, people, families, that are wanting to work the land, who just want to have their homes and live happily,” he said. That basic freedom, he said, “is what

is missing in Guatemala.”

A Global Witness report, focused on the threats to activists like Mr. Choc, was released just days after the agreement was signed. According to the report, Guatemala recorded the sharpest rise in the murder of indigenous and environmental defenders in the world in 2018, when 16 were killed. That more than fivefold increase from the three murdered in 2017 made it the deadliest country per capita in the world last year for indigenous rights and ecological activists.

Pressure had been mounting for Guatemala to sign an agreement since early July, but civil society actors have objected to the plan. The Guatemalan Conference of Bishops published a statement in July urging the Guatemalan government to withdraw from negotiations with the White House, expressing its “enormous concern” about the impact such an agreement would have on the region’s migrant people.

On July 14, Guatemala’s Constitutional Court halted a previous deal. On July 24, President Trump responded by threatening to impose economic sanctions if Guatemala did not accede to the agreement. By July 26, the Cooperation Agreement for the Assessment of Protection Requests was signed.

In this latest iteration of the agreement, outgoing Pres-



'Guatemala is not a concentration camp.'

ident Jimmy Morales—he will be replaced in January by President-elect Alejandro Giammattei—avoided using the term “safe third country” apparently in order to get around constitutional prohibitions. Guatemala’s Human Rights Ombudsman’s Office responded with a statement, citing the Vienna Convention, arguing that “any agreement made under threat is null and void.”

“We really can’t afford to become a safe third country,” said Pamela Saravia, a member of the People’s Baticada, a grassroots political reform organization that hosted the rally. “It’s not because we don’t love our migrant brothers and sisters, but we don’t believe that we can give them dignity here. “Our own people don’t have dignity. There’s no security. There are thousands of malnourished kids. How can we offer to be a safe country if it isn’t even safe for our own citizens?”

According to a World Bank assessment, Guatemala has one of the highest inequality rates in Latin America. Its citizens endure some of the worst poverty, malnutrition and maternal and child mortality rates in the region, especially in rural and indigenous areas.

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Resting up at an immigration center in Matamoros, Mexico, on Aug. 1

GOODNEWS: Knights of Columbus step in at the southern border

The Knights of Columbus have committed \$250,000 to help asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border. Carl Anderson, the supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, announced the initiative during the order’s 137th annual Supreme Convention, which concluded on Aug. 8 in Minneapolis.

“We are prepared to expand it, with additional resources, to help those in refugee camps in every border state—including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California,” he said.

“Let me be clear: This is not a political statement,” he added. “This is a statement of principle. This is about helping people who need our help right now. It is a natural and necessary extension of our support for refugees across the world. It shows our nation and the world that where there is a need, there is a knight to answer it. And on our southern border, the Knights of Columbus will be there.”

The number of asylum-seeking families from Central America has escalated dramatically. In July the Trump administration took measures to curb asylum protections. Many Catholic leaders condemned the policy shift, including Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Tex.

“It is contrary to American and Christian values to attempt to prevent people from migrating here when they are fleeing to save their lives and to find safety for their families,” he said in a statement on July 16.

The recent commitment from the Knights of Columbus may help border communities better respond to humanitarian needs. Knights are already involved in relief efforts on the border. During the convention, Mr. Anderson emphasized that the Knights’ nearly two million members are “Knights of Unity.”

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A Community of Couples

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How one ministry helps families live the sacrament of marriage



Twenty-five couples were sacramentally married June 1 at Queen of Peace Church in Mesa, Ariz. The multiple-wedding Mass is part of a 13-year parish effort to reach out to marginalized couples.

they easily fill 25 rows of pews on the north side of the sanctuary.

Some couples sit together with their children and other family members. Some even sit with their grandchildren. Some of the children are quiet and some are still, but most of them are neither.

Once the Mass begins, things settle down. Each couple places a rose in a vase that Father Bennett carries down the aisle. The first reading is from Genesis, the second from Ephesians, and the Gospel reading is from Matthew—all about the two becoming one flesh.

“You are not only sanctifying this people, but the body of Christ, the church,” Father Bennett says in his homily. “This is something that can be felt throughout the community. God is blessing us through this sacrament. You are giving your very self to your spouse.”

The couples come up, one at a time, with their sponsoring couple, and make their vows before Father Bennett and the congregation. Before they do this, the priest asks the congregation to pay attention to each of the 25 couples, who step forward in alphabetical order. As they make their vows, each couple holds a large crucifix between them. Later, it will be hung in their house to remind them that Christ should be the center of their relationship. After all the couples have returned to the pews, all 25 of them exchange rings simultaneously.

Queen of Peace has been doing multiple weddings during a single Mass for at least 13 years. In many ways, the ministry reflects the priorities of Pope Francis’ “Amoris Laetitia,” although the group was formed long before the apostolic exhortation. It is an extension of a couples ministry begun by Jaime and Martha Whitford. Mr. Whitford

There are certain things you have to accept when you are one of 25 couples getting married during a single ceremony. If you are the bride, for example, you will not be the only woman dressed in white. You also do not choose the readings. And if one of the couples is late to the ceremony, you have to wait.

“We will begin a little late this afternoon,” the Rev. Thomas Bennett says in Spanish to the congregation gathered on June 1 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mesa, Ariz., explaining that one couple has been delayed. “I’m happy to announce that, this time, it is not my fault.”

The 24 couples roar with laughter. They are sitting next to each other in pews. Some are in their 20s, but others are in their 40s and 50s. Some couples have been living together for years already. Some are in common-law marriages, while others are civilly married. With their families,

is a deacon and Ms. Whitford is a licensed social worker; both are from Nicaragua. The community weddings offer the couples—most of whom are immigrants—a way into the sacrament of marriage that is free and low-pressure and offers a supportive community for the sacred rite.

Catholic couples choose community weddings for a variety of reasons. Many of them have been civilly married for years and want to be married in the church to receive Communion. In some cases, they feel unwelcome because of their marital status and have fallen away from the church. Parishes in a number of dioceses, including Los Angeles, Phoenix and Chicago, offer community weddings as a way to bring them back.

“I think one of the great successes of this ministry is that couples do not feel marginalized,” Deacon Whitford says. “Instead, they are received and welcomed. They feel like they are an important part of the church.”

Marriage classes are offered on Sundays, after the morning Mass. That helps a lot for people who work almost every day, including Saturdays. The multiple wedding ceremony is also much more affordable.

“We don’t charge a penny,” Deacon Whitford says.

The same is true of St. Benedict Church in Montebello, Calif., where 30 couples got married during a community wedding on June 8. During the Mass, Rosalinda and Alfonso Padilla, both in their 80s, were sacramentally married after having been civilly married for 60 years. “We had been wanting to go to Communion forever and now we’ll be able to,” Ms. Padilla says.

At Queen of Peace, the multiple-marriage Mass is only one dimension of the Spanish-language couples ministry. Its multifaceted approach aims to welcome couples into the community, enrich their relationships and help them grow together in the faith. Along with the multiple-marriage Mass, the ministry also organizes a monthly movie night in the parish hall, a monthly Saturday morning lecture on themes related to married life, couples retreats twice a year and a blessing of couples, married or not, during a special Mass.

“When we started this group, we had the general goal of offering couples a way to spiritually nourish themselves,” Deacon Whitford says. “Taking that as our starting point, we didn’t care if the couples were married or not, or if they were only civilly married.”

Deacon Whitford says the group creates an environment in which couples can be involved with the church “without fearing that they would be reprimanded. No one knows what concrete circumstances lead couples to choose



not to be married by the church.”

The Whitfords were quick to entrust lay couples with the task of coordinating the group. “They have to understand, especially we Hispanics, who have the tendency to follow priests and deacons, that the laity need to take a leadership role,” the deacon said. “This group has to exist, with or without a priest or deacon.”

Cultivating Grace

At the marriage Mass on June 1, there are more than a dozen other couples sitting together in a few rows of pews. They are all wearing light purple polo shirts with the ministry’s logo, “Grupo de Parejas Reina de La Paz,” (“Queen of Peace Couples Group”). Lilian and Nelson Fuentes are among them. They were married at Queen of Peace in 2011 and were coordinators of the couples ministry from 2014 to 2018.



Martha and Deacon Jaime Whitford join Lilian and Nelson Fuentes in leading a discussion after movie night at Queen of Peace Church. The monthly gathering is part of the parish's couples ministry for Spanish speakers.

In a way, leading comes naturally to both of them. Ms. Fuentes heads a housecleaning business and Mr. Fuentes runs a painting business. But as far as their relationship goes, marriage took a while.

The couple met after they came separately to the United States from Mexico. They had lived together for years and had three children before getting married. Nelson comes from a Protestant family and had not been baptized. "Lilian always dreamed of being married," Nelson says. "But I guess I was coming into it a little confused."

Lilian brought their children to catechism classes during the week and noticed they offered an adult Bible study group at the same time. Rather than go back home, she stayed for it. She was filled with a desire to receive the Eucharist, she says, and confided to the woman leading the Bible study that she was ready to leave her husband in or-

der to receive Communion.

"She told me, 'God does not want separated families. He wants them together,'" Ms. Fuentes recalls during an interview in the front room of their two-story home in Mesa. Their walls are a little bare because Mr. Fuentes is having their large family photos reframed. Near the front door, a Bible sits open on a stand next to a poster-size image of the Blessed Mother.

"God had a plan," Mr. Fuentes laughs, explaining that thanks to Ms. Fuentes, he eventually started attending classes as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. "I started learning about how the church was founded and other things, and my doubts just started falling behind."

The R.C.I.A. process and the couples group led Mr. and Ms. Fuentes into the sacrament of marriage. During their wedding Mass, Mr. Fuentes was baptized and confirmed,

We don't have the perfect marriage, but God helps.

and he received first Communion. (At the time, Father Bennett joked that it was a shame Mr. Fuentes was not ill, or he could have also received one more sacrament, the anointing of the sick.)

"The grace of God was poured out in us, and we have continually tried to cultivate that," Ms. Fuentes says of being sacramentally married. But the sacrament was only the beginning.

"We really used to hurt each other," Mr. Fuentes says. "It was a marriage in which many things have had to heal, little by little. Being a part of the couples group really helped us learn to forgive each other."

"There were times when we would go weeks without speaking to each other," Ms. Fuentes says. "We slept in different beds at times. The couples group helped us learn to tolerate each other, to work through mistakes, to talk. We learned how to simply say, 'I don't like it when you do this.'"

Over time, they took on different leadership roles within the group. Eventually, the Whitfords invited the couple to become the group coordinators. They accepted, and then learned that Ms. Fuentes was pregnant with their fourth child.

A short time afterward, they also learned Mr. Fuentes had a serious skin disease. He was bedridden for seven months. But the community pulled together to support them, both at work and in their new roles as coordinators of the group.

Ms. Fuentes now says, "We don't have the perfect marriage, but God helps."

Acting as a Couple

Couples begin filling into Queen of Peace's Madonna Hall on a Friday in July for the monthly couples ministry movie night. Some of the couples who come to the group do so because they are having problems. Others come because they are preparing to get married. Later they will watch

"Love Comes Softly," a Hallmark movie made in 2003, dubbed in Spanish. The plot involves the relationship between a widow and a widower living in the territory that would eventually become the western United States during the 1800s. Each month, a couple selects a movie—usually something inspirational—and leads the discussion for the group.

After a brief introduction, around 20 couples reflect as a group on 1 Corinthians 13, a passage often read at weddings. They take turns sharing what word or verse stood out for them. One man notes the verse that says love "does not brood over injury." The facilitators ask the group how they will act in everyday life, now that they have meditated on the passage. Among the responses, one woman says she will be more patient with her husband.

The couples make their way to the back of the hall, near the kitchen area, for pizza and coffee. They mingle for a little while before they are called back to their seats for the movie. Child care is always provided during couples ministry events, but some couples keep their babies with them. No one seems bothered when the babies fuss during the film.

After the movie is over, Mr. and Ms. Fuentes lead another discussion. Couples take turns coming forward to share which of the film's messages they can apply to their family. The film, which deals with the death of loved ones, leads one woman to share about praying to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for her dying mother. One man shares how his father used to beat him but says he has vowed to be gentle with his children, like the male protagonist in the film.

The evening wraps before 9 p.m., with Deacon Whitford announcing he has tickets for an upcoming couples celebration with the bishop of the diocese. "No one has cheaper tickets than I do!" he quips. The celebration—\$30 per couple—includes a special Mass with the bishop, including the couples blessing, dinner and a dance with live music.

Samuel Rojas, who has been sitting by the door with his wife, Catalina, laughs. The couple have helped coordinate the group since Mr. and Ms. Fuentes stepped down a couple of years ago. The Rojas often drive more than an hour to get to couples ministry events. They are from the same town in the Mexican state of Durango, but they did not start dating until decades after Mr. Rojas moved to the United States.

Mr. Rojas studied civil engineering in Mexico but he says he was not paid well there. In 1984, he migrated to Arizona. It was difficult at first, learning the language and the culture.



Photo: Tamara Long-Garcia

The Rev. Thomas Bennett witnesses the vows of 25 couples on June 1 during a wedding Mass at Queen of Peace Church.

“I could not accomplish what I wanted to [in Mexico]. But I could make it work here,” Mr. Rojas says during an interview in their home in Phoenix. “Here, it was up to me and no one else. You can create your own destiny rather than depend on others.”

In his experience, success in Mexico is often dependent on who you know. It is easier to earn money in the United States, Mr. Rojas says, but it is also easier to spend it. “I had to change my habits, from going to parties, dances, drinking...lots of things,” he says.

Mr. Rojas began building a reputation at work. He

joined a major construction company and was involved in building spring training stadiums and in the construction of freeways in Arizona. Construction is hard work, especially in the hot desert, he says, so he always had his workers do the most strenuous work in the morning and left the lighter work for the afternoon. Not all of his employers appreciated it, Mr. Rojas says, but he never asked his workers to do more than they could.

Over the years, he would continue to travel to his hometown to visit family and friends. He had known Ms. Rojas’s sister from school. “During a visit, she saw me and



said to herself, ‘I like him,’” Mr. Rojas says. Ms. Rojas, sitting next to him on their living room couch, smiles.

They began a long-distance relationship, with Mr. Rojas visiting at least twice a year. Ms. Rojas had a good job in Durango and had two children—now adults—from a previous relationship. For nine years, they went back and forth about whether to get married.

“Then she told me, ‘No, that’s enough. Either we get married or it’s over,’” Mr. Rojas, who is far more talkative than his wife, says. “I was interested in her, I was just not making the right decisions. I didn’t want to get married. I liked being alone.”

Mr. Rojas came around, though, and with the help of Catalina’s daughter, he planned a surprise proposal in Mexico. They were both Catholic, so getting married in the church was a given. They would have to do their marriage preparation separately, however, and that presented a problem for Mr. Rojas. He first approached parishes where he attended Mass near his home, but they would not let him attend marriage preparation alone.

Eventually, he talked to Deacon Whitford and they worked it out. But Mr. Rojas had to drive to the other side of town for marriage preparation classes. Ms. Rojas took her classes in Durango, where they were married a few years ago. Ms. Rojas agreed to move to the United States and is

currently taking English classes at a local college while Samuel is a work. But after the long distance relationship, they started to have a lot of trouble.

“At first, I told her I wanted a divorce,” Mr. Rojas says. “I didn’t want to live like that, fighting all the time. No, not me.”

“I told him, ‘No, I didn’t get married to get divorced,’” Ms. Rojas says. “I took that promise seriously. We had to fight for it, to keep moving forward. That’s when he really started trying.”

They sat down with Deacon Whitford for counseling and that helped a lot. But being part of the group helped even more. They also began to attend Al-Anon meetings, which helped them with a family member who was struggling with substance abuse.

“We continue to work on it and we center ourselves in God,” Ms. Rojas says. “In my experience, I have seen that we find God among us in the group. That’s what we communicate to other couples, to stay connected to God. I know that God is everywhere, but these groups help us come to know God, hear God’s voice. I have to go where they speak of God and where we as a couple can come to know God. We see God working in us as a couple.”

“You have to talk about it as a couple first,” Mr. Rojas says. “Then you can start to learn more. We found we could



When a couple approaches the church, it's a moment of joy.

Catalina and Samuel Rojas were married in the church later in life. The Queen of Peace couples ministry helped them through a rough patch in their relationship.

not solve our problems by ourselves. We had to find someone who could give us an orientation. But we had to be the ones that asked for assistance. If someone truly wants to get out of a crisis situation, they ask for help.”

Mr. and Ms. Rojas got involved with the group's committee in charge of promotions. Ms. Rojas is

in charge of flyers, WhatsApp messages and social media, while Mr. Rojas calls those couples who prefer communication over the phone.

They are co-coordinators of the group with another couple. They have surveyed the group and want to find ways to make closer connections with couples who attend. Mr. Rojas believes it may be useful to meet one-on-one, or couple-to-couple. He gets frustrated when couples seem to be slow to open up. A more intimate setting might help couples open up more, Ms. Rojas says. But Deacon Whitford tells both of them it takes time. The couples could be struggling with a range of issues, including alcoholism and domestic violence.

“We have many taboos that we bring from our towns in Latin America. ‘Women cannot get angry’ or ‘The man is the one who speaks and not the woman,’” Mr. Rojas says. “But you have to move past that if you truly want to have a good relationship with your partner. That relationship isn't just about communication, but about being and living together as members of this couples group. We come as a couple, we listen as a couple, and we act as a couple.”

That dependence on the community runs counter to the individualistic culture that is prevalent in the United States, Mr. Rojas says. But, he added, opening up about difficulties within the marriage relationship is also hard because it is not

part of the culture of most Latin American immigrants.

“It's not as much about helping couples as it is about allowing them to be integrated with the group,” Mr. Rojas says. “It's creating a space where they are not afraid of asking questions, where they know no one will laugh at their questions.”

That starts with not setting up barriers to couples who are not married in the church, Deacon Whitford says. “You certainly don't have to be sacramentally married to be on the [couples group's] decorating committee,” he says. He adds that the group is far from perfect and there have been disagreements among members.

While the couples ministry may reflect the values of “Amoris Laetitia,” Deacon Whitford suspects most members have not heard of the papal exhortation. “And if they have heard of it, they probably haven't read it. They certainly don't know anything about the famous footnote,” he says, referring to language that some interpret as allowing divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion. Yet the sense of accompaniment called for by Pope Francis is at the center of the lived reality at the parish.

“When a couple approaches the church, it's a moment of joy,” Deacon Whitford says. “Around here, we don't start by asking if they're registered or if they're putting the [donation] envelope in the basket. What you have to communicate is welcome. It's about opening the door, letting people know you need their help, letting them get involved. For Hispanic Catholics, faith is experienced in the heart. The church has to walk with them in their daily lives.”

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Andrew and Terri Lyke (center) of Chicago have purchased the house next door to their adult son, who lives in another part of Illinois. Their hope is to make it easy for extended family to spend time with one another without being a burden on their son.

field. The Pittsburgh grandchildren have come for long visits to Springfield, too, though that may be limited to summers as they grow and school schedules restrict travel dates.

“They really work hard to be present,” Ms. Burdette says of her parents. “They came out to help me for the first few weeks after each of my children were born. They would come out for long weekends or try to come out for two or three days at a time. I would so look forward to those times.” Some of her friends have nearby parents who visit weekly or even daily, but Lauren came to prefer her arrangement: “There was something very sweet about those longer visits. I found myself really, really looking forward to them.”

Ms. Horstman’s perspective is shaped by her own experience as a cancer survivor. “It’s like, I might not be here. How can I leave remnants of myself so they can’t get completely away from me?” So she has made herself both welcoming and available. Until this year, Ms. Burdette had been homeschooling, which made things easier. “They have been able to come for a week at a time,” says Ms. Horstman. “So over the last couple of years, we’ve tried to get together maybe once every six weeks. Either Lauren and the kids would come to us for a week, or I would go to Pittsburgh for a week.”

In the summers, the children attend Scripture Safari, a vacation Bible school that Mr. Horstman runs at St. Raphael’s. Passing along faith is very important in this family, so it came as no surprise to the family that Ms. Burdette has become a spiritual director and author of *The Life That is Ours: Motherhood as Spiritual Practice*. Perhaps less predictably, she married into a devout Presbyterian family and worships in a Presbyterian church. “It’s a complex situation,” Ms. Horstman says. “Lauren still considers herself Catholic. If they’re in Springfield they come with us, and if they’re there, of course, they’re at the Presbyterian church.”

Ms. Horstman mails catechetical materials from her

parish to her grandchildren—St. Raphael’s subscribes to a monthly handout for religious education students. Her grandchildren are registered members of the parish religious education program, and Ms. Horstman pays for and sends them the material. “I would never do this without permission from Lauren and her husband, Nick,” she adds. The bottom line for Ms. Horstman: “I want them to have a connection to God. I want them to know that they are loved. I want them to recognize their responsibility to be loving, inclusive beings in the world.”

A Cultural Legacy

For many grandparents, a desire to pass on a strong sense of cultural identity is profound. Andrew and Terri Lyke of Chicago are among them. Mr. Lyke is a nephew of the late archbishop of Atlanta, James Lyke. A former telephone company worker, he was recruited to serve the Archdiocese of Chicago as coordinator of marriage ministries, then later was recruited again as the director of the Office of Black Catholics. Now, in retirement, he and Ms. Lyke, a retired hospital technician, have founded the Arusi Network, through which they coach young married couples and offer marriage retreats.

They also spend a good bit of time with family, including traveling downstate to be with their son’s family. (Their daughter and her children live in Chicago.) Both Mr. and Ms. Lyke grew up in segregated Chicago, where African-American families were redlined into certain sections of the city, a racist practice that had the side effect of keeping families physically close to one another. “Everyone knew everybody because you could not go anywhere else!” recalls Ms. Lyke.

The Lykes now work deliberately to build close family ties, in terms of both emotional connection and physical location. The couple is making plans to buy the house next door to their son. “And it’s not just for us; it’s for our extended family,” Mr. Lyke says. It will serve as a sort of guest house for family—cousins, aunts, uncles—to come for visits and “not be a burden on our son,” says Ms. Lyke.

“The goal was to really have family close together,” explains Mr. Lyke. “That’s our value. We can’t dictate it to our kids, but it’s something that we hope for. We want them to be close. That’s important to us. And we want their kids to be close.” The cousins are already a tightknit group and



thrilled when they get together, says Mr. Lyke. He hopes to build on that.

The Lykes hope that this closeness will help to facilitate an understanding of their grandchildren's cultural heritage and conversations about it. Their son is in a biracial marriage, and his town has a small black community. The Lykes, therefore, plan to bring the black community to them. "I'm looking at their cultural experience," says Mr. Lyke. "That's why it's so important for us to be connected that way. We teach them the cultural things, you know?" For example, Ms. Lyke says, laughing, she helps their white daughter-in-law care for their grandson's long, curly hair.

None of their grandchildren are being raised Catholic, though the Lykes maintain a deep commitment. "We're not going to let that bother us," says Ms. Lyke. "We're not imposing on them." Focus on the positive, advises Mr. Lyke: "Sometimes we get caught up focusing on what we're not or what we are missing. It's much more that we would celebrate what we have."

It is the lived example of grandparents that has the greatest influence, says Thomas Groome, a theologian and religious educator at Boston College and author of *Will There Be Faith?*, which proposes ways for families and educators to teach Christian belief and values. Grandparents, he says, play a key role, regardless of how close they live.

"How grandparents best can help to shape the life of the faith life of their grandchildren is by the practices and the traditions that they have, not by instructing the children," he says. He fondly recalls his own grandmother, who

would be sure that he had a key role in a Christmas ritual. "I was the youngest of nine children. I very seldom got much attention. But at Christmastime, I was in charge of lighting the candle," he says, still a bit proud. There were venerated traditions in his Irish culture that his grandmother stuck to, like sharing stew with neighbors during the holidays "as a symbol of welcoming the Christ child." Mr. Groome says his grandmother never talked to him about Jesus or the church, but rather showed him through her actions what they meant.

Great Expectations

For some families, distance can help draw clearer lines around family roles and expectations, which is important, Mr. Groome says, because they can differ greatly. Young parents may be grateful just to have found the time to squeeze in a visit, while grandparents may expect to use the time to fit in the life lessons they cannot otherwise offer in person.

Patrick Reynolds-Berry, a family counselor with Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio and a young father, says that grandparents need to tune in to their grandchildren's developmental stages, especially with young children and toddlers. "How we communicate with children isn't so often done with words but also with actions, with signs of affection and hugs, with hand-holding and snuggling," he says. Long-distance grandparents often cannot jump into a visit as if the child knows them as well as the people they see more often, which can be difficult. "I could see grandparents trying to do that with the child when the child

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doesn't have a strong attachment or relationship with the grandparents because of distance and time apart," he says. The grandparents want to be fun, loving, playful, he says, but the child is not ready, emotionally or developmentally. He counsels moving slowly: "Be patient with yourself and especially patient with the child, to kind of meet them where they're at."

Brian Vogt, of Washington, D.C., suggests that families make time for special visits outside of holiday time for grandkids and grandparents to interact. His children spend a week each summer ("Grandparents' Camp") with his folks in Covington, Ky. His daughter took a long trip with them this past summer to a destination she chose.

Mr. Vogt's mother, Susan Vogt, says that while she is sometimes envious of the grandparents down the street, who see their local grandkids constantly, she does not envy the caretaking role they have assumed. Ms. Vogt and her husband, Jim, are still very active outside of home. Both were family educators and justice advocates in various organizations over the years.

When Ms. Vogt is with her grandchildren, she makes the time count. For example, she and her husband used *The Grandparents' Book* when their grandchildren were very young. "We would put the kids to bed at night, and we would sit down and say, O.K., we'll have a little prayer and you can choose one of the questions from the grandparents book to talk about, for example, 'What was it like when you were young?' And, of course, that delayed their bedtime, which was fine with them!"

Flexibility and sensitivity regarding the roles and identities among the generations can go a long way toward preventing potential conflicts during visits, experts say. "Young parents always have felt the need to say, 'This is my job,'" says Lauri Przybysz, the president of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. She has 21 grandchildren and is the author of the book *Catholic and Grandparenting*. "I spend a lot of time in my book urging

grandparents to find ways to be supportive and to accompany without disrespecting children's primacy. Everybody will be a lot happier and more effective if everybody understands those rules.

"It's not very effective to nag or to insist on your own way. You get a lot more effectiveness by showing by example, by showing that you listen."

A willingness to adapt to changing life circumstances helps, too. John and Jule Ward, now in their mid-70s, moved from Chicago to Portland, Ore., about four years ago. "We were following our granddaughter," who just turned 10, explains Mr. Ward. When he retired from his law firm in Chicago, they finally had the option to move: "We wanted to retire where we'd be near; we wanted to give some time to our granddaughter." They are renting a house about a five-minute drive from their daughter. "It makes it pretty convenient," says Mr. Ward.

But the move took them farther out of the life of a grandson, now 18, who lives across the country in Boston. "When we were in Chicago, it was really easy to get to Boston. We could drive there in a day," Mr. Ward says. Their daughter, Betsy Herald, settled there after college, when she got a job that became a career. Now 46, Ms. Herald admits it is a harder trek but understands that her niece's proximity to the Wards in Oregon will result in the sort of grandparent attention that her son, Bryce, received while he was growing up in Boston. Though Ms. Herald admits that even the short flight between Chicago and Boston sometimes felt long. "I definitely think there's more of a challenge when you live a plane flight away from each other," she says. "I definitely had envy at some points of my friends whose parents just lived a couple blocks away and they could call them up and say, 'Hey, can you babysit on Saturday night?'"

"But you know, I think that you just have to really make a dedicated effort to set aside time several times a year to visit and make the most of that time when you have [it]," she says. Her son developed a strong bond with his grandparents over the years, with family vacations to Florida beach houses rented by the Wards during the summer, as well as some solo time with his grandparents to allow Ms. Herald and her husband to spend time together.

The Wards have been active for decades in the Christian Family Movement, a national movement through which parish-based small groups meet in one another's homes to nurture their Catholic faith. The ensuing generations have had less enthusiasm for Catholicism, however. "Betsy got married in the church," says Ms. Ward, "and she had Bryce baptized, and she always has identified as a



Photo courtesy of family

Lou Ann Horstman of Springfield, Ohio, relishes time with her grandsons Dylan Mellot, left, and Ronan Burdett, who live in Pittsburgh.

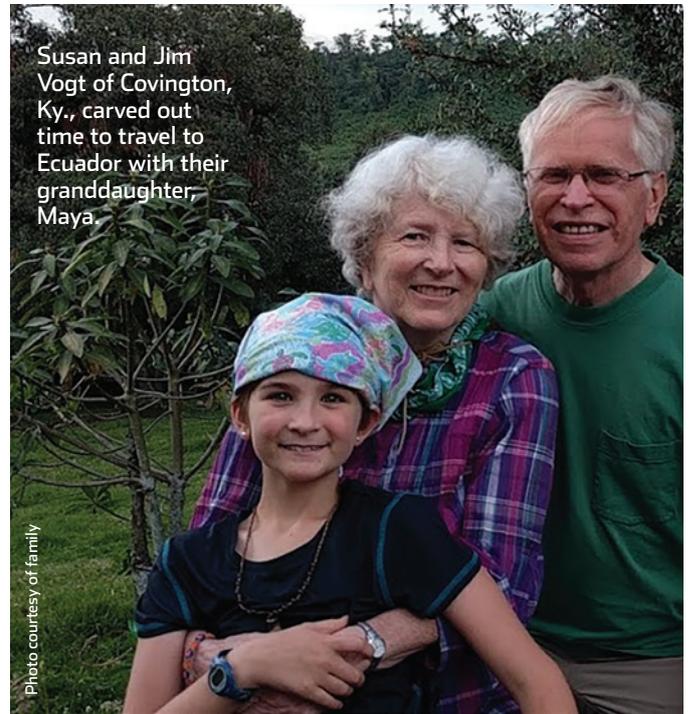


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Susan and Jim Vogt of Covington, Ky., carved out time to travel to Ecuador with their granddaughter, Maya.

Catholic. But she doesn't belong to a parish, and Bryce was not confirmed," by his own choice. The Wards' grandson's family in Oregon has a similar relationship to the church.

"But," says Mr. Ward, "it's important to note all they [heard at Mass] and what they watched us do with volunteer work and other public action." He observes that his daughter shows real concern for her neighbors and "follows the rules: how you're supposed to act, even though she doesn't live formally by the structure" of the church. Ms. Ward observes that Ms. Herald lives more charitably than many people who go to church every Sunday. "They picked up the mission of Christ," she adds. "They are active all the time, helping other people." Happy with "they way they turned out," the Wards "don't want to rock the boat" by heavy-handed insistence on church membership.

Ms. Ward says her faith gives her a unique understanding of "our situation as humans."

"I feel sad that my children and maybe my grandchildren aren't going to have that," she adds. "But I don't see any other way to work it except to keep letting them know how much it means to me."

Mr. Groome says it is sometimes easier for long-distance grandparents to be more assertive on their home turf. "When one of the kids comes to visit, I think the grandparents have to say, 'We go to the Mass on Sunday' and perhaps, 'We stop for breakfast at IHOP on the way home.' I think the grandparents have to be not overly assertive but pretty committed." He says grandparents can insist on taking their grandchildren to Mass.

Lauri Przybysz of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers would be a little less direct but picks up on that theme of cultural sharing, which may well be the key to long-distance grandparenting. "Our Catholic customs and traditions leave lots of entry points for people to comfortably continue to practice, even if they are not coming to Mass." Easter or Christmas visits are times when family traditions with religious roots can be celebrated.

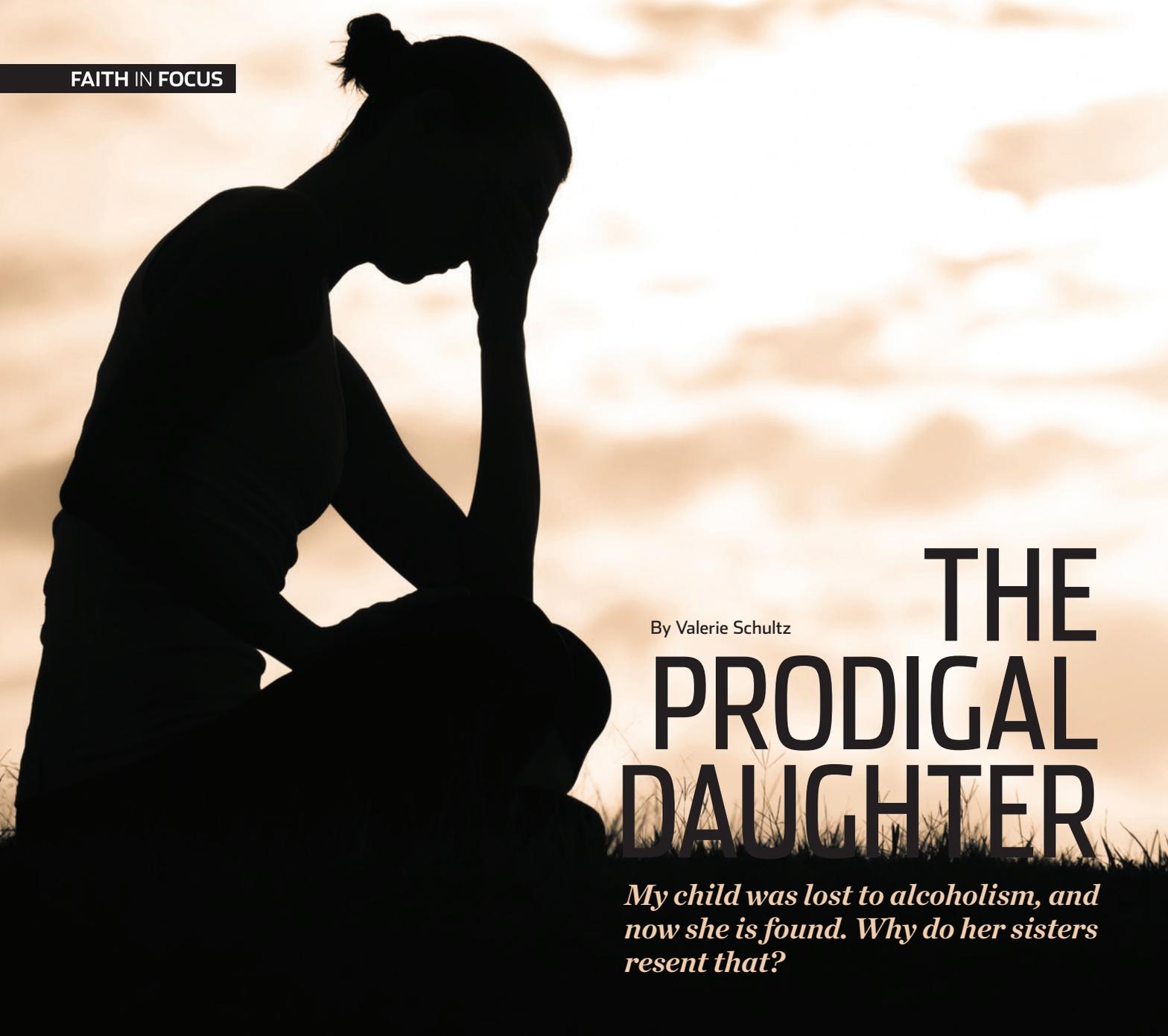
"We should remember that God can still work on those

people's lives, even if they're approaching God differently. We should be glad that people are wanting to approach God," she says. Her advice: "Know your faith for yourself, so that you continue to grow in wisdom and other virtues. Then you can involve your grandchildren and their parents in attractive Catholic customs that might not be associated with Mass. And you should ask your grandchildren to pray for you. Any time we pray, we're connecting with God, right? He gets in the door."

Ms. Przybysz's daughter, Beth McKenna, of Virginia, a mother of four, ages 10 to 17, sees lots of family, including her parents, at sacramental and other celebrations among cousins. But that leaves less time for the one-one-one visits from grandparents. "I invite them out [from Baltimore] twice a year, but I still see them about once a month."

You still have to make a plan for there to be a strong relationship, she says. "But I think the biggest impact they have on passing on the faith to my kids has been that they formed me. Growing up, living the liturgical year and seeing the family as the church or the home was just the way my parents lived, and they still live that way. So when we get together with them, whether that's for an overtly religious event or just home tradition, I feel like all of my kids experience the ritual of the church, of my extended family, when we gather."

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By Valerie Schultz

THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER

My child was lost to alcoholism, and now she is found. Why do her sisters resent that?

“Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found” (Lk 15:23–24).

Like many of Jesus’ parables, the parable of the prodigal son in the Gospel of Luke features an all-male cast. There is the father, loving and merciful, the older son, judgmental and testy, and the younger son, thoughtless and hedonistic. I have been encouraged by many homilists over the years to cast myself in the role appropriate to my own situation and my own behavior, with the goal of gaining insight into the practice of my faith.

In my family right now, however, the pertinent roles are female. My husband is a loving father to our daughters,

but recent family matters concern the women.

Earlier this year, I went to Mass with my sister, and prompted by the presider’s homily to cast ourselves in the Gospel drama, we talked in the car afterward.

“I’m afraid I’m the older son,” my sister said, which is how I have always characterized myself. My lifelong struggle with being overly judgmental has yet to be won. But then my sister said, “I’m the kid who always did the right thing, and I resented it when the kids doing the bad stuff didn’t get in trouble!” When she was younger, she would have enjoyed seeing those misbehaving kids pay.

My heart lurched as I suddenly realized that, thanks to some parental experience with kids doing the bad stuff, I

can completely identify with the prodigal son's father.

I understand how relieved and joyful that father was to see his returning son "still a long way off" because I have been there. There was a dark time in the life of one of my daughters when I dreaded answering a call from an unknown number on my phone. Dread is too mild a word, actually, because I was deeply afraid that some unwelcome call was going to be the notification that my daughter was dead.

A practicing alcoholic, she was out there, at the world's mercy, her behavior rash and risky, and there was nothing I could do about it. When the call finally came, it was less-bad news: She was not dead but in jail. Among other charges, she had assaulted a police officer. I suspect she survived that encounter with the law because she was a white girl rather than a person of color, a thought that fills me with both gratitude and shame.

I tell this story with my daughter's permission because she is now sober. She was lost and now, one day at a time, has been found. Like the father in the story, I have surely celebrated her return from the dead. I have wanted to put a ring on her finger and sandals on her feet. I see with the father's eyes. He was merciful and compassionate, but mostly he was overcome with the relief of not having to bury a beloved child. I get this in my bones.

But my joy is tempered by the way this hopeful new chapter in my daughter's life has given rise to some resentment among her sisters. Their reaction to her recovery has caught me off-guard, although it makes sense: They, like my sister, have been the kids doing the right thing, comparatively speaking. It is as though they were used to her being the one who messed up all the time, who caused their parents all the grief, and now they do not quite know what to make of her.

And as much as she presents this new, improved, self-aware person to them, as much as she wants them to trust her sobriety and integrity and honesty, they do not—not yet, anyway. Which she, in turn, does not understand. Why are they so judgmental? Why do they brush her aside so dismissively? Why are they holding onto their expectation of a return to her past prodigal ways?

The brothers in the Gospel story do not seem to have been close. My daughters have been. They have different personalities, but they have always supported each other, a steadfast squad of blood sisters. Now there is turmoil among them, as this changing family dynamic rocks everybody's place in it. Do not ever let anyone say that sobriety is easy on a family. The return of a prodigal can spark consuming fires.

Consider for a moment Steps Eight and Nine of the Alcoholics Anonymous program. The recovering alcoholic is

to make a list of the people she has harmed and then make "direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others." Making these amends may involve offering an apology or paying back money or repairing some damage or somehow restoring a relationship. The one making amends does so in the hope of regaining someone's trust.

Imagine that you are in recovery and have made the incredibly difficult and humbling list of people you have hurt and have bravely offered an apology to a person who matters to you. But now imagine that the person you care about does not cooperate with your intentions by not hearing you out or by not accepting your offered amends or by not forgiving or by not even agreeing to see you. It is easy to imagine the older brother in the story rejecting the prodigal's amends as inadequate or insincere or showboating. You can then imagine the younger brother's surprise or hurt feelings or perhaps resentment at the rejection. In short, you can imagine the pain and turmoil that may accompany the 12 steps. Sobriety is a good thing, but in reality it can be more than a family can handle.

In the Gospel story, the loving father is the one who tries to bridge the empathy gap between the siblings. That is now my role to attempt. The problem is that I do not know if it works. Jesus' story ends before we learn if the father's efforts at reconciliation have been successful. I have lingering questions: Does the younger brother seek to make amends? Does the older brother set aside his bitterness and join the feast celebrating his brother's return? Or does he keep himself apart, stuck in all-consuming judgment and antipathy?

I am not some wise person, adept at mending the rifts among my children. One of my sisters no longer speaks to me, so I am obviously not an expert in sorting out the problems sisters may have with each other. I am myself a broken link in a broken chain. I mourn the loss of a sisterly love that I once considered unbreakable. I know that blood is not always thick enough to prevail. My heart hurts at the divisions among my daughters, and I pray to find the words and the wisdom to be the bridge or at least the water they can each safely fall into as they try to cross.

The next time a homilist suggests that I cast myself in the Gospel reading, I will know that I am no longer the older sibling in the story. God help me, I am the parent.

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What 'Sesame Street' Can Teach Us About Evangelization By Kerry Weber

Early one Sunday morning in 1965, the psychologist Lloyd Morrisett found his 3-year-old daughter sitting in front of the family television staring at the test pattern. He wondered if he could harness this captivating power of the screen for good and asked as much of the guests at a dinner party he attended shortly thereafter. The party was hosted by Joan Ganz Cooney, who replied that she would like to find out.

In November 1969 the pair debuted their answer. After countless hours of research, not to mention \$8 million worth of fundraising, the newly formed Children's Television Workshop, co-founded by Cooney and Morrisett, saw the first episode of "Sesame Street" air on public television.

Fifty years later, it is safe to say the answer to Morrisett's question is a resounding yes. "Sesame Street"

revolutionized children's television programming through its focus on providing early education in colorful bite-size lessons for young children from low-income families. Yet the appeal of the show has grown beyond any particular age or socioeconomic group. Adults and children alike in more than 150 countries have delighted in the whimsical combination of the everyday and the surreal, the

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timeless humor and heart of the characters on “Sesame Street.” An estimated 86 million American children have watched the show, which has earned 189 Emmy Awards and 11 Grammy Awards.

Over the years, “Sesame Street” has met with more than a few challenges and changes, not least of which was the shift from an hour-long program aired on PBS to half-hour episodes aired on HBO. (Yes, a “Sesame Street” segment paroding “Game of Thrones”—called “Game of Chairs”—followed.) The 2016 move stirred some controversy—HBO viewers are less likely to be the low-income families for whom the show was originally meant. The new content is made available free on PBS on a nine-month delay.

With 50th-anniversary celebrations of the show underway, the beloved Muppets of “Sesame Street” have recently been featured in prominent off-screen gigs: Cookie Monster sang “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” at the seventh inning stretch of a Cubs game at Wrigley Field (“me don’t care if me ever get back”). A gaggle of Muppets crowded into the NPR studios in Washington for a Tiny Desk concert, and the Sesame gang has just finished up a 10-city road trip bringing family-friendly festivals throughout the country.

What is it about these Muppets and the lessons they share that, de-

cedes after they first gathered on that famous “Sesame Street” stoop, the show remains so beloved that thousands of adults will not only accept but take joy in the fact that a ravenous, blue, googly-eyed monster is leading them in song in a Major League ballpark?

The answer can be found not just in the characters, but embedded in the philosophy and history of the show itself, much of which is wonderfully documented in *Street Gang: The Complete History of Sesame Street*, by Michael Davis. As it turns out, the show can teach more than numbers and letters. The history of “Sesame Street” offers some helpful lessons to anyone—or any church—trying to spread a message of hope in an all-too-divided and skeptical world.

Never underestimate the value of an invitation. Evelyn P. Davis, an African-American activist in New York, was hired by Joan Cooney to promote “Sesame Street” in inner-city neighborhoods. In the days before cable, many public television shows aired on obscure UHF channels, so it was less likely a viewer would stumble across the show.

In her role as vice president of the Children’s Television Workshop’s Community Education Services, Davis went from church to school to neighborhood to almost single-handedly spread the word about the upcoming show. She convinced Con Edison, the power company in New York City, to give her a bus, which she outfitted with old tape replay equipment and a monitor. She invited neighbors onto the bus to preview “Sesame Street,” assuring parents that this was going to be a great tool for teaching

and engaging their children and encouraging them to watch. “She didn’t rest until she had done a complete job, especially in New York City, of getting the word out,” the author Michael Davis said (no relation). “Had she not done that, had she not been so devoted to the cause, ‘Sesame Street’ might not have been the success that it was.”

Build communities that serve as models of hope for the world. “Sesame Street” has always worked to feature an ethnically and experientially diverse cast of actors and Muppets. The show has explicitly discussed racism; but in its early days, the sheer fact that “Sesame Street” featured black and white children playing together was considered too shocking for some. In 1970, a state commission in Mississippi determined that the show should be banned, because officials did not want viewers to see children of different races playing together on the show. When the news broke, the story made national news, and a public outcry—including the voices of Mississippi parents—ensued. Twenty-two days later the panel reversed the decision.

Bring the margins to the center. The show’s efforts for inclusion involve the Muppets themselves as well. The South African version of “Sesame Street” featured a muppet with H.I.V., and in Afghanistan the show featured a muppet promoting girls’ rights. In the United States, recent additions include a muppet with autism and a muppet who had an incarcerated parent.

In the early years, the show also included singers and activists who were not welcome in much of the television world. Pete Seeger and Buffy Sainte-Marie were controversial choic-

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es because of their antiwar stances, but “Sesame Street” often put them front and center. (Buffy Sainte-Marie even taught Big Bird about breastfeeding.) And the actor Will Lee went from being blacklisted by the House Un-American Activities Committee to playing one of the most beloved characters on “Sesame Street”—Mr. Hooper, the Jewish owner of the street’s corner shop.

Respect the intelligence of children. When Will Lee died unexpectedly in 1982, the “Sesame Street” team chose not to recast his Mr. Hooper character, but rather to use the loss to teach children about death. The writers and researchers behind the show consulted with an advisory group of psychologists and religious leaders in an effort to tackle the topic. They wanted to convey that children are looking for closure and that death is a part of life. They concluded that all religions include in their discussion of death the value of human memory in continuing a loved one’s legacy, and that the love of and for those lost lives on. From a Catholic perspective, a discussion of death without the afterlife has obvious limitations, but the resulting episode remains a moving memorial to both the character and the man behind it and a helpful jumping-off point for discussion with children.

Listen to young people. During the early days of “Sesame Street,” the character of Mr. Snuffleupagus was assumed by the adult characters on

the show to be an imaginary friend to Big Bird that only he could see, despite Big Bird’s persistent objections to the contrary. Eventually, the show feared that, rather than presenting a running gag, they were teaching children that when they told the truth they would not be believed. With Elmo’s help, Big Bird got Mr. Snuffleupagus to stick around long enough to be introduced to the adults, who offered their apology and their welcome to the new friend.

There’s no future without fellowship. The relationship between the childhood education experts and show’s writers was not without conflict. Samuel Gibbon, one of the first producers on “Sesame Street,” told Davis that one of the keys to the success of “Sesame Street” was a good stiff drink. “At the end of the day, they’d go out and have a cocktail together and they would resolve their differences, socially and well,” Davis said. “Laughter can mitigate just about any problem at Sesame Workshop.”

Read the signs of the times. It’s unlikely that Sesame Workshop had the documents of the Second Vatican Council in mind when working on their projects, but their team has been living some of its tenets. They have produced educational resources and videos, featuring both muppets and real families, that help adults talk to children about topics ranging from coping with an incarcerated parent

to learning about National Parks, from avoiding Zika to healing from injuries after returning from combat, from foster care to asthma, eating well and more.

Silly can be sacred. If you have two hours and are willing to spend at least half of it in tears, watch Muppet-creator Jim Henson’s New York memorial service on YouTube (another took place in London). Held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the ceremony includes a delightful commemoration of a life’s work and sums up much of the spirit of his life and the characters he created.

The service features letters from children, a medley of Henson’s favorite songs and the Cathedral School Choir chanting Psalm 121. And, after a solemn blessing, the sounds of the Dirty Dozen Brass Band can be heard joyfully playing “When the Saints Go Marching In,” thus fulfilling Henson’s request that a jazz band at play the service. (His only other was that no one wear black.)

In a brief reflection at the service, Harry Belafonte describes mothers and children in desperate circumstances developing “the appetite to love in a loveless place because they have seen how friendly the Muppets...are to one another.” Would that we, as Christians, were such effective examples.

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Saccharomyces cerevisiae, or A Little Levity About Leaven

By Maryann Corbett

Because, in its stubby brown-glass jar
or its battered, three-personed foil packet,
it gets entombed in the chaos of cartons
appearing at last, as though resurrected,

Because the lump in which it lies hidden
is formless and potent as creation's clay,

Because I sink my hands in its history
and come up with *levamen*—
“solace” or “consolation,”

Because it's consoling to smack it down—
pummel it, grinning like a Halloween demon—
and find I never defeat it,

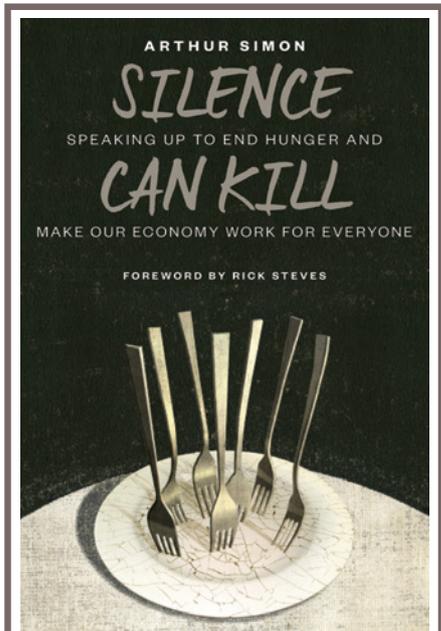
Because its down-and-up-again persistence
is like a congregation's kneeling and rising
(*Levate*, in the Latin of old rubrics),

Because, at some point in the fifty years
since I learned to file its fungal names
among the tangled roots of the *Plantae*,
they bloomed, those names, as a kingdom of their own,

And because this makes me smile, recalling
that leaven's Your own little joke about the Kingdom,

Be praised, O Lord, for this bit of mystery,
which lifts, which lightens.

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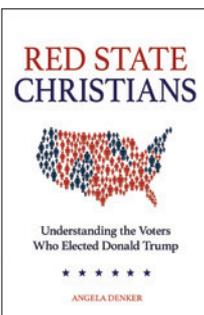
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Christianity in Trump's America

By Daniel Philpott



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Red State Christians
Understanding the Voters Who Elected Donald Trump
By Angela Denker
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I still recall the unusually warm sunshine on the Mall in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 27, 2017, when I took part in the annual March for Life. The warmth matched the exuberant, hopeful and youthful spirit of “the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world,” as the president of March for Life, Jeanne Mancini, described it.

I remember, too, the uneasiness I felt at some of the other marchers’ adulation of Vice President Mike Pence. His boss, President Trump, had come to office after a campaign in which he had expressed support for torture and the killing of civilians in the war on

terror; spoken disdainfully of women; mocked the disabled; retweeted racist remarks; and derided entire classes of human beings, including Muslims and immigrants. How could marchers for the dignity of the voiceless and the vulnerable extol this administration?

My question was not so different from the one that many people have asked since Mr. Trump’s election: How did he achieve the level of support that he did? The question becomes more pointed with respect to Christian voters. Mr. Trump won the votes of 81 percent of evangelicals, his strongest demographic. Catholics, too, were a puzzle, not because 48 percent voted for Hillary Clinton to Trump’s 45 percent but rather because in polls conducted the previous June, Ms. Clinton had led among Catholics by 19 points. Why did so many turn to Mr. Trump on Election Day?

I sympathize with and share Christians’ support for President Trump’s policies on behalf of unborn persons. What I do not understand is

their adulation of him, especially in light of his many defilements of dignity in private and in public, in word and in deed.

Angela Denker, a Lutheran pastor, takes up this same puzzle in her new book *Red State Christians*. When I cracked open the book, I wondered if Denker would recite the mainstream media’s standard narrative regarding evangelical Christians, whose themes include the high holy feasts of Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans’ Day; guns; patriarchy; white people; the prosperity gospel; high school football; unqualified dispensationalist support for Israel; and a singular focus on abortion and a lack of concern for babies after birth.

Such a recitation, however, is not Denker’s central aim. Rather, she seeks “greater engagement and conversation at a time when America feels pulled to its extremes, when our first national impulse is to block and unfriend anyone who disagrees with us.”

Denker spent an entire year making trips into some of the reddest parts

of America: a Dallas megachurch; the March for Life; the churches of Orange County; middle Pennsylvania; the southern border in El Paso; high school football culture in Florida; Catholic New Hampshire; and her childhood home in western Missouri. In all of these places, she sought out Christians who voted for Mr. Trump. That she would travel so widely indicates her willingness to look freshly at U.S. Christians, as do her efforts to speak with whites, blacks, Latinos, Asians, Arabs, rich, poor, men, women, Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, intellectuals, leaders and rank-and-file churchgoers—among all of whom can be found supporters of President Trump.

Denker does not leave her convictions at home, though, and they are progressive Christian ones. Summing up her travels in the conclusion, she declares, “I refuse to whitewash the troubling incidents I witnessed and heard.” She continues, “Primarily among pastors and media figures, among wealthy and powerful people, I heard people use Christianity to justify American Christian Nationalism that would seek to harm the weak among us: refugees, the poor, women, people of color, the LGBTQ community.” She omits unborn persons from the weak, though she sympathizes with the spirit of the pro-life cause. She also accepts the claims of the L.G.B.T. movement without qualification.

Accordingly, Denker depicts most tartly those Christians and churches who most closely match the mainstream media’s narrative. She finds red-state Christianity at its most rough-hewn at the Dallas megachurch on the Fourth of July. This congregation is the main subject of Chapter 1,

and here she dispenses zingers most thickly. “Jesus better make room for America in the heart of the believer,” she writes. “And you couldn’t tell which was taking up more real estate.” The evangelicals who support Mr. Trump “love a redeemed sinner, especially when he’s white, male, and rich.”

Her zingers taper but recur throughout the book. She is at her harshest when describing the subordination of women, as in Orange County: “Nowhere else in the country are women expected to toe the line between Madonna and whore so effortlessly.”

This narrative, though, is not Denker’s dominant theme. Immediately following the “I refuse to whitewash” statement in the conclusion is a paragraph that begins, “Still, as I come to the end of this journey, what sticks with me are the stories of surprise. All across America, people are doing surprising things that don’t fit into our prescribed boxes that we use to categorize people.”

In the chapter on the March for Life, she heard Russell Moore, a Southern Baptist leader whose opposition to President Trump has raised the ire of fellow evangelicals, declare that both refugees and unborn persons are pro-life concerns.

In Denker’s subsequent visits around the United States, she remains open to being surprised. Again and again, she finds red-state Christians who are ambivalent in their support for Mr. Trump. Repeatedly she remarks upon the diversity of the churches she visits. Even the Dallas megachurch is populated with old and young, African-Americans, Asians and Latinos. Most of all, she finds common ground with her interlocutors—compassion toward the suffering, commit-

ment to family, tales of conversion to Christianity and love for Jesus.

In her conclusion, she recounts a story of attending her husband’s family reunion back in rural western Missouri, where she, a woman minister from the more liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, was surrounded by members of the conservative Lutherans of the Missouri Synod—Trump voters. After helping her 2-year-old son change his clothes in the church bathroom, she found her husband telling her that everyone had hoped that she would lead the prayer before the meal.

Such bridge-building, boundary-crossing gestures are a microcosm of what Denker believes America needs in the present moment. “My Red-State Christian story began with Trump,” she concludes, but “the place my story ends is far from Trump. It ends in places in America where people are forming unlikely alliances, surprising each other and surprising political pundits, to build a future that looks nothing like the Republicans or Democrats of the past.” Doubtless, some readers will differ sharply with Denker over her political and theological views—as I do in some respects—but her intrepid forays of empathy show us how these very differences can be met with love rather than with bitter, downwardly spiraling enmity.

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Begin the Begin

R.E.M.'s Early Years
By Robert Dean Lurie
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Shiny, happy people

One of the more intriguing nuggets in Robert Dean Lurie's biography, *Begin the Begin: R.E.M.'s Early Years*, is that the band's first public appearance was quite the religious experience. Well, sort of. While it is doubtful that anyone removed their sandals—though other items of clothing were likely removed—R.E.M.'s 30-plus-year musical sojourn did indeed begin on holy ground.

The band's first public performance took place around the altar of a renovated Episcopal church in Athens, Ga., during the spring of 1980. Pretty cute for a band who would ultimately become best known for a song titled "Losing My Religion."

Within a year of that first concert, R.E.M. was opening for major label artists like The Police. By the end of the decade, they were major players in the alternative rock scene; and by the beginning of the 1990s, they had become global superstars.

Begin the Begin's primary aim is to trace the group's rapid ascension from college town obscurity to rock's upper echelons. Though R.E.M.'s development is foregrounded in the text, it winds up taking a back seat to that college town community from which they came. In this origin story of one of the most popular bands of the last 50 years, it is the origin in

and of itself that takes center stage. The old concert flyers and early publicity photos scattered pell-mell throughout the text give the book a low-budget scrapbook feeling that serves to give the reader a glimpse into a particular moment in American music history.

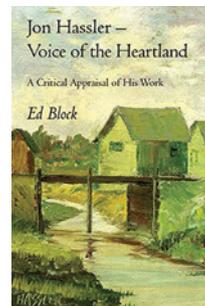
There is a rough-hewn, unrefined quality to Lurie's writing that merges with his technical acumen about music, along with his encyclopedic knowledge of all things R.E.M. and Athens during the last two decades of the 20th century. Such breadth of knowledge creates a historical sensibility that is remarkably well suited for the subject at hand.

Like his musical heroes, Lurie is not striving for perfection and refinement in his output but is instead concerned with conveying the mood and feelings of a particular moment; and if it happens that a few wrong notes are hit in the process—in Lurie's case, some pat clichés and bumpy turns of phrase—well, that's just part of the fun. And for the Athens music community, fun was the first priority.

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Jon Hassler—Voice of the Heartland A Critical Appraisal of His Work

By Ed Block
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Beyond the rural plains

Most writers begin with material specific to their environments and familiar cultures, but the best writers transcend their regions of origin. But faithfully representing a region—from the landscape to the people—should not preclude the writer from being widely read. Jon Hassler, a 20th-century Catholic writer from Minnesota, is the subject of a new book, *Jon Hassler—Voice of the Heartland*. The author of this intellectual biography, Ed Block, makes a convincing case for Hassler's ability to transcend the Midwestern setting of the majority of his 12 novels (with brief cameos by Ireland and Rome).

"Hassler gives readers the everyday 'feel' of life in the rural and small-town Midwest," Block writes. His themes of "community and the loss of community, faith and the loss of faith, depression, loneliness, and the need for love" are broader than the characters who journey through the pages of these books. Block's *Voice of the Heartland* is the first book-length study of Hassler's life and work.

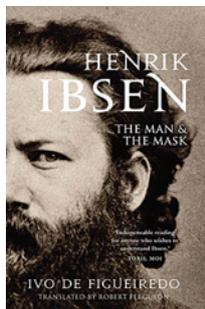
Voice of the Heartland gives readers a roadmap for reading the biography side by side with Hassler's own work. Block instructs readers to read the first two chapters, which

provide a biographical study and critical appraisal of Hassler's development as a writer. "Then, if you have not already done so," he instructs, "read one, two, or more of the novels, novellas, or collections of short stories. Come back to the book and read, in any order, the individual chapter or chapters devoted to the work that you just read." This guide allows those readers unfamiliar with Hassler's work to educate themselves at the source, returning to Block's book as supplement and guidance. \

"Jon Hassler celebrates the (un)common woman and man," according to Block. He champions "America's vast and often struggling middle class" with his rigorous moral vision—the burnt-out high school teacher of *Staggerford*, the family store owners in *Grand Opening*, the out-of-work child of an alcoholic house painter in *Jemmy*. The characters are not sensationalized, Block maintains, nor are they marginal or strange; instead Hassler's carefully rendered and detailed writing "reverences all it touches."

No doubt Ed Block's *Jon Hassler—Voice of the Heartland* will provide a useful and celebratory guide for Hassler's greatest fans, but it will also convince those unfamiliar with Hassler of his universality and his timeless appeal beyond the rural plains and small towns of central Minnesota.

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Henrik Ibsen
The Man and the Mask
 By Ivo de Figueiredo
 Yale University Press
 694 \$40

The importance of being Ibsen

Henrik Ibsen (1828-1908), along with August Strindberg and Edvard Munch, was one of three emotionally explosive Scandinavian titans. He was the most important playwright of the 19th century, and his shocking psychological masterpieces are, after Shakespeare's, the most frequently performed throughout the world. His dominant themes include the curse of inherited disease, hypocritical social conventions, the liberation of women and the Nietzschean will to power that compels the hero to attempt the impossible.

In *Henrik Ibsen: The Man and the Mask* (translated by Robert Ferguson), Ivo de Figueiredo describes the story of the suffering artist, his father's bankruptcy, his years as an apothecary's assistant and his role as writer and theater manager in Bergen and Christiania (now Oslo). Refused recognition in the cultural backwater of Norway, he went into exile and in Rome achieved his first success with "Brand," 16 years after his first play and long apprenticeship.

It is unfortunate that, despite its great length, this book does not discuss Ibsen's profound influence. "A Doll's House" retains its formidable power despite serious flaws in the plot. (Nora forges her father's signature on an I.O.U. but dates it after his

death. There is no reason for Nora to refuse money from her confidant, Dr. Rank, who loves her and would gladly save her from disaster. Her friend, Mrs. Linde, has shown that Nora could not possibly leave her comfortable home and pampered life and, with no resources of her own, survive as an outcast woman.)

Ibsen's "When We Dead Awaken" inspired the structure, theme and characters of James Joyce's play "Exiles." In "The Pillars of Society," the father allows a dangerously unseaworthy ship to sail and sends his son to certain death. In Arthur Miller's "All My Sons," the father sells defective airplane parts that cause the death of his son, a pilot. In "The Wild Duck," a rich industrialist involves a gullible friend in an illegal timber scheme, which sends the friend to jail while the real criminal escapes. In "All My Sons," the father's partner is sent to prison while he escapes punishment for his crime.

This life-and-works biography has been cut from two volumes and should have been halved again. It is thoroughly researched and minutely detailed, but it can be plodding, ponderous and tediously repetitive, with clichés on every page: "Ibsen embodied the connection between the old and the new." Exhaustive and exhausting, this book is strictly for specialists. Michael Meyer's three-volume biography of Ibsen, published between 1967 and 1971, is livelier and more perceptive.

Jeffrey Meyers's latest book is *Resurrections: Authors, Heroes—and a Spy*.

The missing women of Ciudad Juárez

By Jose Solfs

At moments in the new play “the way she spoke,” the Virgen de Guadalupe is played by the actress Kate del Castillo.

Growing up gay in a fundamentalist Catholic family between El Paso and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, the playwright Isaac Gomez found solace in biblical stories involving women. He loved Mary Magdalene, Rebecca, “all the Sarah’s” and, of course, the Virgin Mary. They were figures of endless love and compassion who provided him with strength as he wondered how he would fit into a religion that had no place for someone like him.

However, Gomez noticed that eventually most of the women disappeared from Scripture. Following the crucifixion, there is nary a mention of the Virgin Mary (she is casually mentioned in Acts, where Luke lists her among the people who convened to pray together after the Ascension), which led him to wonder, “What happened to her next?”

As an adult, Gomez has become one of the rising stars of American theater. In his new play, “the way she spoke,” Gomez creates a docu-mytho-

logia around the disappearance and murders of more than 700 women in Ciudad Juárez since 1993, leading him to ask the same questions he had about his biblical heroines: Where did they go?

While Mexican authorities have failed to bring the femicide to an end, artists, activists and family members of the missing women demand that justice be done. In hopes of finding answers, or at least a way to contribute, Gomez wrote sister plays “La Ruta” and “the way she spoke,” both of which center on the lives of people in Juárez.

In “spoke,” the Mexican superstar Kate del Castillo plays “the Actress,” an unnamed thespian reading the script of a play about the Juárez women. Known for her vibrant work in telenovelas and film, the play presented del Castillo with a challenge: her first stage monologue in English.

Del Castillo becomes different characters without relying on props, costume changes or hairdos. “We

didn’t want to create caricatures,” she explains to me; “We’re there to deliver a message, not to show off.”

All the characters are based on real life people Gomez interviewed in preparation for the play. One of them, Yolanda, struck Gomez for one peculiarity in her household: the lack of images of the Virgen de Guadalupe. The patron saint of Mexico, and perhaps the most famous of all the “vírgenes mestizas,” Our Lady of Guadalupe is a staple in Mexican Catholic homes. Her presence is so expected that Gomez describes Yolanda’s home as giving him “cultural shock.” It also inspired the most powerful moment in a play that exists in a state of emotional crescendo.

Transforming her face from that of a man pleading to the heavens into a more solemn gesture, del Castillo looks at the audience with kind eyes: “Can you hear them?” she asks. She is playing the Virgen de Guadalupe, who then goes into a heart-wrenching

monologue about how she listens to everyone, but can only help a few. “And it kills me,” she says.

Gomez remembers del Castillo’s reaction upon reading the scene for the first time: “Oh my God, it’s la Virgen,” she exclaimed, worried the portrayal might seem blasphemous. The playwright explained it was his version of her, which according to him, led the relieved actress to comment, “Great, it’s not me, it’s Isaac, I’m absolved.”

After years of doubting his faith, Gomez was surprised to realize the hold the Virgen had on him. Lilian, one of the women from Juárez, explained to him that the Virgen “isn’t significant to *las mujeres de Juárez*. She’s significant to *las madres de Juárez*. She listens. Because she is a mother who has lost, too.”

“The way she spoke” is theater as activism, theater as history chronicle and, most surprisingly, theater as prayer. The hope someone will listen keeps Gomez, del Castillo and the women of Juárez in constant vigil.

“The way she spoke” ran at the Minetta Lane Theatre in New York through Aug. 18. The audiobook of the play will be released by Audible on Oct. 3.

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A complicated history

“Yo Soy Taino” is a new live-action puppet film by the screenwriter and director Alba Enid García. The film, which recently premiered on HBO, is 13 minutes long and entirely in Spanish. García dedicated the film to the 2,975 lives lost to Hurricane Maria in 2017, and her love for the people of the island nation shines through. “Taino” offers a brief and necessary look into the complicated history between the United States and Puerto Rico, particularly as it intersects with the culture of the Tainos, an indigenous people who were the main population in the Caribbean prior to European colonization.

The film begins in a small home in the country two weeks after the hurricane. We first see Abuela Yaya as she sits in her home listening to a radio announcer. The announcer criticizes the infamous paper towel-throwing incident by President Donald Trump while visiting the wrecked nation in the aftermath of the hurricane. “There’s a disconnect,” says the radio announcer, “between the reality of life on the island and the public perception of life on the island.”

Marabelí, Yaya’s granddaughter, shows up to visit and bring her grandmother food. Yaya begins to tell Marabelí about Puerto Rican

history, from 1897, when Spain relinquished its power over the country and allowed it to be autonomous, to 1917, when the United States invaded Puerto Rico. She describes to the young girl how 20,000 Puerto Rican soldiers fought for the United States during World War I, including Yaya’s husband. “They believed in the prosperity of the great United States,” says Yaya. (The film ends with Yaya removing a U.S. flag that was placed next to a portrait of her husband. She stares at his face for a moment, before uttering “¡Pendejo!” or, “You sucker!”)

Woven through the grandmother’s history lesson is an explicit look into how Maria has affected the country: schools are closed, supermarkets are empty and the Marine Act of 1917, known as the Jones Act, a U.S. law that permits only U.S. ships to move goods to and from Puerto Rico, is waived. The young girl asks her grandmother: “Do you think we’ll survive?”

As the film draws to a close, Yaya prays in Taino and tells the young girl that they will—nothing can stop the spirit of “Boricuas.”

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Is This What You Want?

Readings: Wis 9:13-18, Ps 90, Phlm 9-17, Lk 14:25-33

“If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother and...even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” This teaching probably perplexed Luke’s audience. Jesus had saved lives, restored individuals to families and communities, and preached a message of hope in eternal life. Could it be possible that he now advocated estrangement and self-annihilation?

Luke understood this teaching as vital to discipleship. This becomes clear when one compares this passage with Matthew’s version (Mt 10:37-39): “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.... Whoever finds his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew allows for love of family and life, as long as love of Christ surpasses it. Luke does not allow for such relativizing.

By emphasizing the phrase “his own life,” Luke highlights what we might today call ego. The things Jesus demands his disciples leave behind are indicators of importance, like family connections, social status and possessions. Striving after these is a temptation in every age, but something in Luke’s own journey of discipleship convinced him that a life built on them was utterly empty.

In Jesus, Luke saw a life of eternal significance. Jesus’ human life was not his own; from the moment of his conception, his existence was a gift from God, and it came with a mission. Jesus came not just to be holy, but to give such an example of holiness that others would long to live the same way. Jesus was perfectly obedient to God’s will. As he taught discipleship, he showed his followers how to do the same.

Discipleship requires one to renounce one’s ego. Accumulating possessions or striving after status and recognition focuses attention on things other than God’s dream. Searching for purpose in “riches, honor and pride,” as St. Ignatius put it, might satisfy briefly, but the inevitable reality of death makes these efforts futile. Most of our ego monuments vanish with our last breath; those that do not fade inexorably into oblivion. Only a life spent pursuing God’s

‘Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.’

(Lk 14:27)



PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Have you discerned God’s dream for you?

How can you shift your attention from ego to discipleship?

dream, after the example of Christ, will give a human life eternal consequence.

Jesus challenges the crowds to decide at the outset if this is what they want. Much of human culture is not a fulfillment of God’s dream; anyone who follows a divine mission will encounter misunderstanding, hostility and even mortal peril. Calculate, he tells his would-be followers, whether you can afford this. For Luke, the only resource is the Spirit—the active force of divine love that results from faith in the Gospel. Those who are rich in this treasure will succeed in discipleship. Those with no trust in this currency will do better to wait until their faith has strengthened.

Christ issues this same challenge today. A life primarily spent crafting an ego cannot support the demands of discipleship. A life of trust in the Spirit, on the other hand, reflects Jesus’ own fulfillment of God’s dream. Just as Jesus renounced everything and so saved the human race, disciples who fulfill God’s dreams in their own lives will draw others to the same saving power.

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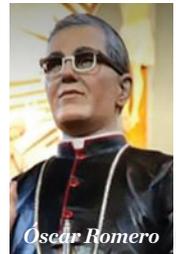
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Lost and Found

Readings: Ex 32:7-14, Ps 51, 1 Tm 1:12-17, Lk 15:1-32

This Sunday's Gospel reading might sound familiar because we heard it on March 31. Then the Lenten setting drew our attention to the themes of personal conversion and mercy. Reading the passage now, in its original location in Luke's Gospel narrative, reveals themes of discipleship, finding the lost and welcoming back the estranged.

This context highlights certain details. First, the parable of the prodigal son was not a stand-alone story told by Jesus, but rather one of three parables that described his mission of seeking out the lost. Christians rightly read it as a tale of God's mercy to us, but we must not ignore its call for us to show such mercy to each other. Every Christian must be like the father who was ready to accept the penitent son with joy.

Second, the context accentuates the setting. Jesus spoke these parables in response to Pharisees and scribes who questioned his table fellowship with "tax collectors and sinners." One can empathize with their confusion. Pharisees lived their faith intentionally. A rigorous application of Torah to every part of life was, they believed, an offering of faith to God. Such application required determination and a lifestyle that would support their efforts.

'There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

(Lk 15:10)



PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Who are the "lost" in your world?

What can you do to seek them out and welcome them back?

Extended contact with people who did not care about such things, they feared, would weaken their resolve. "You become like your friends," many parents today warn their children. In Jesus' day, those committed to God's instruction similarly selected companions who would support their religious commitment.

Tax collectors and sinners posed another threat. Collaboration with the Romans and indifference to Israel's traditions endangered Israel's national identity. Tax collectors enriched themselves by plundering Israel on Rome's behalf. Sinners, Israelites who ignored God's commandments, brought the Torah into disrepute. Although Rome publicly respected the local laws and customs, privately they endeavored to corrode national traditions and assimilate conquered peoples into Greco-Roman culture. Living one's faith intentionally became ever more difficult. Table fellowship, many feared, would validate the actions of collaborators and hasten Israel's downfall.

Jesus himself probably lived Israel's traditions rigorously. The Gospels record Pharisees inviting him to dinner, which they would not have done if he were not an observant Jew. He recognized that such rigor was meant to be an example to others. Israel was to be a beacon, drawing the rest of humanity past the temptations of self-interest to discover the truth of human existence in God. Those who followed God's instruction but withdrew from others failed in this task. A life of true intentionality required one to seek out the lost and welcome them when they returned.

In spite of its real risks, Jesus used table fellowship for this purpose, as his disciples today must continue to do. We follow the same faith that kept him rooted even among tax collectors and sinners. Like him, our mission is to eat and drink with those who threaten to subvert everything God hopes to accomplish, and in doing so, draw them back to God, who will meet them with mercy and joy.

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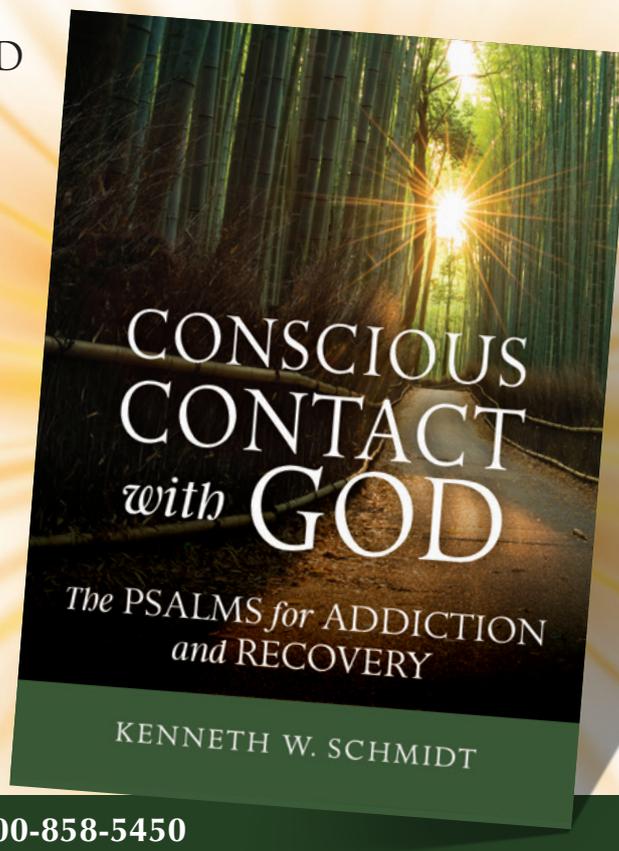
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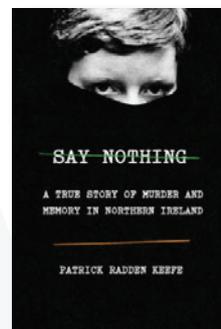
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Will They Stay?

A life of faith begins with love of Jesus

By Katie Prejean McGrady



The photos covered my Facebook newsfeed: pictures of teenagers donning bright red robes, smiles upon their faces, foreheads shiny with the fresh chrism.

The captions for the photos were all similar: “Confirmed in Christ!” or “He did it! A full-grown Catholic, choosing his own faith.”

It was nice to see photos of happy families celebrating a sacrament. Far better than any of the political posturing that usually occupies Facebook.

But as I went to bed that night, continuing to scroll mindlessly through social media, a thought kept running around my mind: “I hope all those teens stay Catholic.”

Perhaps because of my profession as a Catholic speaker and writer and practitioner of ministry or because I taught many of those young people just a few years before or because I am a mom or even just because I am a faithful Catholic, in the midst of being so happy that so many in my diocese were newly confirmed, I had a feeling of fear in the pit of my stomach that many, if not most, of those young people will disaffiliate from the faith and walk away from the church in the next few years.

The reasons for their disaffiliation will be varied. Some will leave because they will not find a good faith community when they go to college. Others will walk away because their parents

are not there to encourage faith in their lives. Some will get hung up on intellectual challenges, unable to reconcile reason with faith. Still others will leave because they never truly believed in the first place, having no real relationship with Christ or love of the Eucharist.

How do we keep them, or anyone really, Catholic? To keep them, we have to stop asking that question in the first place.

I could not fall asleep that night as I kept thinking, “I hope they stay,” because I was bothered by my fundamentally flawed question. I should not start with the question, “What will make young people stay Catholic?” I should first be asking, “How can I engender a love of Jesus within their hearts?” Because it is that love of Jesus that will make them stay—it is what keeps any of us here.

Confused and scared, two believers once wandered on the road to Emmaus, away from Jerusalem and away from what they did not understand, perhaps seeking solace in a place less chaotic and noisy and scary than where they were coming from. On that road they meet Jesus, who listens to them, teaches them, shares a meal with them and inspires them to rush off to tell others of their encounter with him. They cannot help but proclaim the Gospel with their very lives.

When a young person is introduced to Jesus by someone who knows

him themselves, they come to realize that Jesus is someone who loves them, longs for them and is close to them, and they become captivated by him. Their hearts will and do begin to burn. Disciples grow; they are not born. They are befriended, listened to, valued and encouraged by those who have been befriended and heard themselves.

The faith is caught, not taught. It is witnessed to, not merely explained. They stay and we stay because friendships were formed with others, and that friendship and intimacy with believers leads to friendship and intimacy with Jesus himself.

To keep our young people Catholic, we have to grow close to them and help them become close to Jesus. There is no more important work at this moment. There is nothing more essential to the work of the church. There is nothing more pressing than to be companions along the journey with our young people so that they stay in the church and stay in love with Jesus.

I hope they stay. I hope we do, too.

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gaan kólóku ku en bunuhati. Biga a mbei mi ko ta biibi neén liba, nóó hén a toona da mi di lobi di dee sémbé dee nama ku en ta feni. Aai womi, di soni de nóó a bigi da mi e.
15 Wé Timoteo, mi o taki wan soni da i aki gbelin seei, kijoo. Nóó a de wan gaan bambuu taki di hii sémbé musu piki waiwai. Hén da disi: Jesosi Keesitu ko a goonliba u heepi takulibima puu de a hogi basu. Nóó mi wé bi da di móon gaan takulibima a hii dee otowan dendu.
16 Wé nóó féen hedi tu Jesosi Keesitu ko abi tjallhati da mi e. Aai. A hoi pasensi da mi seei, fu mi sa de wan maaka da hiniwan kuli. Ma kuma mi di ké ko biibi neén, taa a sa feni di libi u teego tu.
17 Wé fa i si Masa Gadu sai de, hén wé da di kaba Tiima u mundu fu nóómó e. Fa a de faén de, an o dedé móónsó. Libisémbé an tjika u si en ku wóó...

19 Nóó mi taki e, ta hoi di biibi di i si i ta biibi a Masa Jesosi naandé gingin e. Nóó i musu ta piki di hati fii nóómó te a ta manda i a wan bambuu soni. Biga wanóó sémbé an bi du só, nóó hén wé di biibi u de kaba a sóó gbegedee, leti kuma te i singi a dan turwé lai fii go faa. 20 Wan u dee sémbé dee mi taki de, da Himéneusi, wan da Alekesani. Ma nóó mi buta de tu sémbé de a di didibi maun kaa, be de lei taa de an musu ta waka ta mindi soni da Gadu ta poi en né móón. Nóó da só.
Aki Paulosu ta lei fa dee biibima u Masa Jesosi musu ta tja deseei.
21 Wé womi Timoteo, awa mi o taki da i fa fii lei dee biibima u Masa Jesosi a i ala fa u de musu libi.
Sóó. A di fosu kamian, nóó un musu ta begi Masa Gaangadu da hii sémbé. Un musu ta tja dee fulé...

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1 Timoteo 2, 3
féen, biga de nóó da tuutuu soni a mundu.
5 Biga wan kodo Gadu to nóó de a mundu e, hén da Masa Gaangadu. Nóó wan kodo Sémbé to ta taangpu a u libisémbé ku Gadu mindi fu seeka taki da u. Hén da Jesosi Keesitu di bi tei libisémbé sáankii. 6 Hén wé bi deén seepi kuma wan paima paka puu u a hogi basu a di juu di Gadu buta. Nóó fa a du en naandé, ku en hii mundu sa si fa Gadu ké heepi u libisémbé tjika.
7 Nóó fu mi sa ta konda di soni de hedi mbei Gadu tei mi buta tjabukama féen e. Nóó fa mi ta fan aki, na mindi mi ta mindi soni e, womi, ma tuutuu soni mi ta taki. Nóó Gadu buta mi leima tu, fu mi ta lei dee oto sémbé na u Isaeli dee soni u Gadu. Biga de da dee tuutuu soni fu musu biibi. Nóó só e.
8 Wé nóó mi taki e womi, taa a bi libisémbé na dee kibiitara, ta ha...

féen, biga de nóó da tuutuu soni a mundu.
11 Fa mujee ai de, de musu ta lei a wan saapi hsi ta saka de seei da dee womi. 12 Mi seei ma ta da mujee pasi u de ta lei sémbé wajaa a lanti éndu ta péé basi a womi sémbé lla e. Nónó. Ma de musu ta hoi deeei a wan saapi fasi. 13 Faandi nabei, womi? Biga wé a fosu Gadu mbei Eva. 14 Hén tu, di sindeki na Adam a feni ganjan e. Ma lwa a ganjan, nóó hén a ko poi dévoti u Masa Gaangadu. 15 Nóó fu di de hedi Gadu taa te mujee opai, nóó pai féen o taanga.
Wé só a ta pasa tuu. Ma nóó tóku di soni u poi. Biga ee wan mujee sémbé biibi a Gadu ta hoi go dou ta lobi émbé ta libi a wan gbelingbelin fai ku saka fasi nóó biitengéna feni soni a Gadu tu.