

The Cathedral of St. Joseph

Parish Mission Statement:

Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

Saint Joseph, pray for our parish.

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Schedule

Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Initiation/Baptism: Rites of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting Debbie at the office. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call Debbie to make arrangements.

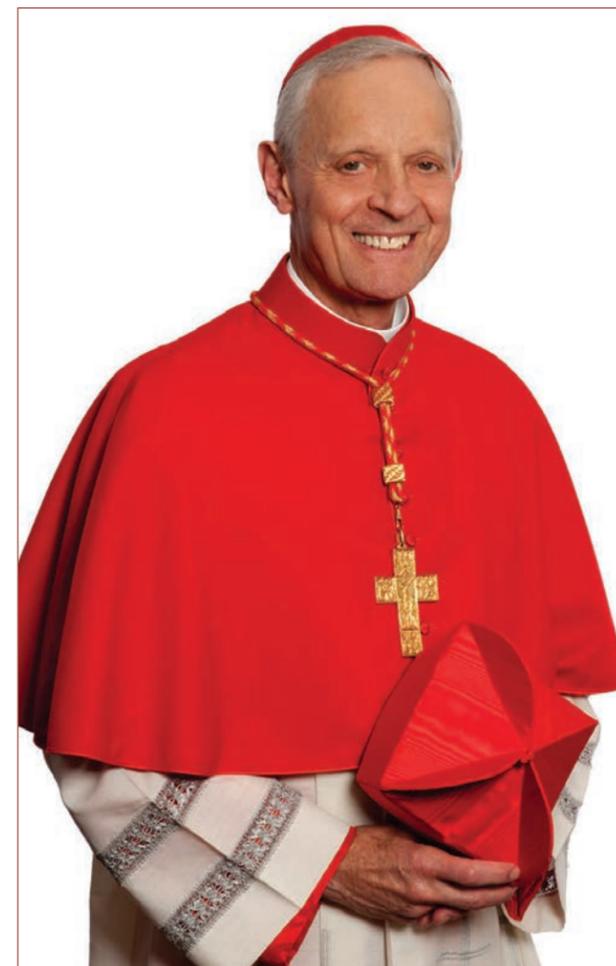
Marriage: Engaged couples should contact Debbie at the office at least six months in advance for pre-marriage preparations.

Anyone needing a ride to Mass or a parish event, please call Laurale Hetzel at (304) 232-2915 or Diane Fredericks at (304) 233-8574..

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Welcome Cardinal Donald Wuerl



The parishioners and staff of The Cathedral of St. Joseph welcome Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, who will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual Red Mass Jan. 30. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield will be the designated concelebrant and priests of the diocese will be concelebrating. The Red Mass is celebrated to invoke God's blessing and guidance on those who work in the administration of justice. Attending will be members of the judiciary as well as state and local government officials.

This will be the second time that Cardinal Wuerl is present for the Red Mass in Wheeling. The cardinal served as the homilist of the cathedral's first Red Mass in January 2009.

Cardinal Wuerl was elevated to the College of

Cardinals in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. He participated in the March 2013 conclave that elected Pope Francis.

He serves on numerous national and international bodies and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, chancellor of The Catholic University of America, chairman of the board of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Foundation and also of The Papal Foundation. He serves on a number of Vatican congregations, councils and commissions including those for the Doctrine of the Faith and for bishops. He has served as chairman of numerous committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Cardinal Wuerl is known for his teaching ministry and is involved

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Christian Awareness

By Alex Nagem

Three simple words that have much meaning are "I love you." Loving someone is done without conditions attached. The emotion of love is given freely to someone. If you research the word, love, you will find many definitions, personal views and opinions. Some are thought provoking. Others will make you smile. The love for which I write is not the weak knee, butterfly feeling in the stomach and light headedness that we have experienced and still experience with the one whom we are attracted. I write of the love that is within us at birth,

that needs nurtured and will be freely given to all. Ok, don't roll your eyes. Please, just continue to read.

"Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained." – C.S. Lewis. When you think about this definition of love, you can apply it to the love we have for our children. We want our children to be happy, to stay close to God, to be respectful, and find meaning and a purpose for their life, and to be in a loving relationship that can survive the trials of everyday life. You can also apply this verse to everyone you know.

I Love You

Don't you wish all people a good life? When you help a stranger is it out of kindness or love? Is kindness for someone done out of love for them too? If someone is in need, even if it is simply you see them struggling to load a small table in their vehicle and you go over to help, aren't you doing so because there is a kindness and love given to you at birth that has been nurtured over the years? When you don't help, do you question yourself for not helping? If you walk by without helping, why would you do that? If it was someone you knew, a relative or neighbor, would you walk by without offering to help?

Again I remind you, the love that is within us at birth needs nurtured to be freely given.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us, that God sent his only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we must also

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Cathedral Conundrum—

Many weeks ago, we gave attention to the principal window in the south semitranssept and, now, we turn attention to the principal window in the north semitranssept (the semitranssept containing the fixed crucifix).

Like its twin in the south semitranssept, this window depicts three major scenes from the life of Saint Joseph in the large medallions, flanked by smaller scenes related to the major ones depicted in smaller medallions, and sent in a beautifully depicted acanthus vine. Chronologically, the scenes work from the bottom to the top.

Starting from the bottom of the north window, the scenes are:

Major Scene: the Flight into Egypt

Smaller Scenes (left to right): Passover Celebration in the home at Nazareth, with St. Joseph standing in prayer; Mary and Joseph entering Jerusalem in search of Jesus

Major Scene: the Finding in the Temple

Smaller Scenes (left to right): the Return to Jerusalem, with Jesus in the lead; at the workshop in Nazareth

Major Scene: the death of St. Joseph

Upper Medallion: the Hand of God reaching down in blessing of St. Joseph

There are a great many details worth one's attention in the individual parts of the window and in the overall presentation. Note, for example, that in the bottom medallion the angels accompanying the Holy Family, one directly behind St. Joseph, perhaps providing directions, and the other behind Our Lady, supporting her and praying to the Child. While Msgr. Annie always like to point out that the donkey is an odd shade of green, it can also be noted that Our Lady is demurely riding side-saddle, and her

excellent taste in footwear is on display. In central panel, Christ is seated in the teaches chair and, for the first time, is depicted in his customary white, long sleeved tunic, with red mantel and with his distinctive cruciform halo which can be seen throughout the Church. The upper most medallion shows a tender moment between foster father and son: Jesus holding the hand of the dying Joseph and considering him tenderly, while Mary looks on. Ever present is Joseph's staff with its blooming lily, has was also seen in the southern semitranssept window. The sharp eyed may wonder at its apparent absence in the upper-most medallion until careful attention is trained on the table just behind Our Lady, where a lily has been potted and waits to bloom once again. Here, an image of the renewal of life in Christ, just as the Lord's foster father prepares

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—January 31st—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p **RED MASS**
Mass for the Parishioners
8:00a Mass for Chris Miller
9:15a RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Roxanne Reed
RDGS: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17
1Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30

Monday—February 1st—4th Week in Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Mario and Gloria Chini
RDGS: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday—February 2nd—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12:05p Mass for Yolanda Naticchioni
RDGS: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

This feast, originating in the 4th c. Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th c. under its Greek title, "Feast of the Meeting"; known also as Candlemas Day.

Wednesday—February 3rd—Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

9:30a Catholic Schools Week Mass
12:05p Mass for Tammy Yost
RDGS: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6

Blaise, believed martyred in the persecution of Licinius, early 4th c.; bishop of Sebaste in Armenia; associated with the healing of throats; venerated as well by the Eastern Church.

Ansgar, died 865 at Bremen; O.S.B. missionary of Denmark and Sweden; bishop of Hamburg; great preacher and administrator; known as the "Apostle of the North"; patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland.

Thursday—February 4th—4th Week in Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Doris Burke
RDGS: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12 Mk 6:7-13

Friday—February 5th—Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr First Friday

10:30a Women's Faith Sharing Group
11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for William Campbell Jr.
12:30p Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
RDGS: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29

Agatha, died probably under Decius (c. 251) in Sicily; patroness of Palermo and Catania; invoked for protection against volcanic eruptions and fires; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Saturday—February 6th—Saint Paul Miki, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00a Mass for Dolores Miller
Rosary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Andrew DiRemigio
RDGS: 1Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Paul Miki, Jesuit scholastic, and his twenty-five companions, including two other Jesuits, six Franciscans, fifteen tertiary, and two laymen, were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi 5 Frb. 1597 at Nagasaki; among them, the Mexican, Felipe de Jesus, the first martyr from the Americas to be beatified; protomartyrs of the Far East.

Sunday—February 7th—FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for Fontaine Hooff
9:15a RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

— NOTICE —



If you are not receiving CSJ Contribution Envelopes and would like to, please email Debbie at dfahey@dwc.org or call 304-233-4121.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,046 Loose: \$673

Online: \$248

Women's Faith Sharing Group

There is no Women's Faith Sharing Group meeting for the month of January.

The next meeting will be Friday, Feb. 5, 10:30 - 11:45, in the parish office, followed by 12:05 liturgy for those who are able to attend. New members welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pope: Patch up Family Feuds, Forgive, Let Go of Painful Past

By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Let the Year of Mercy be the time to end all family feuds, to forgive each other and let bygones be bygones, Pope Francis said.

"I think about so many brothers and sisters who are estranged from their families; they don't speak to each other," he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Jan. 27.

"This Year of Mercy is a good occasion to meet up again, to embrace each other and forgive each other, to leave bad things behind," he said.

The pope continued a series of talks dedicated to divine mercy, looking specifically at how God has always been faithful and merciful toward his people.

God never ignored the Israelites' cry of suffering and he sent Moses as a "mediator" on his behalf to free his people and lead them to salvation, the pope said.

"We can do this work, too, during this Year of Mercy, of being mediators of mercy with works of mercy" that bring people together, foster unity and offer people comfort and relief, he said. There are "so many good things people can do."

"Mercy can never remain indifferent before the suffering of the oppressed, the cry of those who are exposed to violence, reduced to slavery, condemned to die," he said.

Such suffering has existed throughout history, including in today's world, he said, and that can often make people feel "helpless, tempted to harden their



CNS photo/Paul Haring

Pope Francis speaks during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Jan. 27.

hearts and think about other things."

God, however, is never indifferent, as he always fixes his gaze upon those in pain and intervenes by helping people become aware of and involved in the lives of those who suffer and are oppressed, he said.

In remarks to pilgrims from Iraq and other nations in the Middle East, Pope Francis again highlighted that God is not deaf to the plight of those facing "injustice and persecution."

God always "intervenes and gives, with his mercy, salvation and assistance,"

the pope said. "He practices patience with the sinner in order to bring about conversion and he seeks the lost until they return because he 'wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.'"

"May the Lord bless all of you and protect you from evil," he said.

The pope also invited Catholic individuals and groups who are involved in charitable service to take part in a day of spiritual retreat.

Individual dioceses will be sponsoring such events during Lent, he said, and he

asked people to take advantage of the special occasion to reflect more deeply on God's mercy and become more merciful.

The pope also greeted German-speaking pilgrims during the audience and welcomed members of the Independent Commission for the Protection of Victims in Austria, including Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna and Bishop Klaus Kung of Sankt Polten. The national commission was launched by the bishops in 2010 to investigate allegations of sexual abuse by clergy.

Let's Play the Name Game!!!



No one has come forward with the name of our last "Name that Parishioner" contestant, it was Barb Mazzocca! At left, you'll see an "OLD" photo of our next contestant. Think you know who it is? If you're the first person to tell Msgr. Quirk who is pictured (**IN PERSON**), you'll win a prize. I'm running low on baby pictures of you all! If you'd like to share a picture with me, email me at tbishop@dwc.org!

Calling all Cookie Craftsmen & Confectionary Champions!

Feb. 21, 2016 the Cathedral is hosting the **Rite of Election** at **3:00 pm**

Following the Rite is a reception in Central's Great Hall and you guessed it, we need cookies. So many willing parishioners generously gave their time and baking talent last year. We call upon you again. Please bake, or buy, your secret is safe with us, some cookies and drop off to the Sacristy no later than Saturday, Feb. 20. As always Thank You.

"Stir into flame the gift (flour, sugar, & all the yummy baking goodness) you have received."

Now with Christ

Thomas Edward Flatley

Parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Thomas Edward Flatley, 79, of Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling, passed away Thursday, January 21.

He was born November 20, 1936, in Wheeling, son of the late John J. and Priscilla Aitken Flatley.

Thomas was a retired City of Wheeling Employee, where he was the supervising manager of the Commercial Division of the Wheeling Water Department, former Park Ranger at Oglebay Park, Graduate of Wheeling High School in 1954, Graduate of the former Elliott School of Business, veteran of the US Navy, member of the Cave Club and member of St. Joseph Cathedral.

He enjoyed watching sports including WVU Mountaineers and the Dallas Cowboys.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret I and Martha "Honey" Prager, two brothers, J. Patrick & William "Bill" Flatley, several nieces

and nephews & one special niece, Cheryl (Prager) Garrison.

Surviving are his loving wife of 54 years, Dolores (Kissell) Flatley of Wheeling; two sons, T. Michael (Julie) Flatley of North Ridgeville, OH and David E. Flatley of Wheeling, and a special granddaughter, Paige Maria.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated January 22, with Rev. John Beckley serving as Celebrant.

A special thank you to the staff, management and nurses at Good Shepherd Nursing Home for the excellent care over the years. Also a thank you to the staff and nurses at Wheeling Hospital in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Nursing Home, 159 Edginton Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003 or the Oglebay Foundation at 465 Lodge Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Christian ...

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love one another." 1 John 4:7-11

Jonathan Edwards was a Christian preacher and theologian. He wrote about Christian love. In his writings it can be found that "love appears to be the sum of all the virtue and duty that God requires of us. Love undoubtedly is the most essential thing-the sum of all the virtue that is essential and distinguishing in real Christianity." (Charity, 13) The redeeming love of God in Christ gives us a supreme motivation to love because it is "the most glorious and wonderful exhibition of love that was ever seen or heard." (Charity, 19) To love like Christ, we must first know Him.

We have many excuses for not loving someone. I don't need to provide a list. We each have our own. We call ourselves good Christians. A Christian is a follower of Christ. This is a life-long journey, not a onetime proclamation. We are faced with temptations each day that keep us from being a good Christian. St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, if by the Spirit you put to death the

misdeeds of the body, you will live." Romans 8:13. I am sure you can easily think of someone who lives for themselves. It is difficult to see a love for neighbor with their behavior. If we don't show a love for each other, have we lied about being a Christian? "I give you a new commandment, love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 Again, sounds simple to me.

So we are to love by a commandment of God. Who are we to refuse a commandment of God? I enjoy when decisions are made easy. By this commandment we are to seek a spirit of love. We are to grow our love for God and one another. We are to engage in works of love, caring for one another. This does seem simple. Wow, I had a flash back to the late 60's and early 70's with those lines. Maybe in those troubled times we had the right idea but the wrong follow through during those times. Sorry to digress as thoughts run through my mind and are placed on paper.

If we do look upon ourselves as Christian, our lives

should be centered on the love for one another. When celebrating the Mass, do you think about the love our Triune God has for us or has the stressful world we created take over your thoughts? If we call ourselves Christian, where are our works of love? If this divine principle of love is in us, will it not appear in our life in works of love? If you have love for your neighbor, you will find ways to express your love in deeds? We come to God with our problems that we have created. These problems are either self inflicted or caused by someone else who is not following the instructions given to us by God. Msgr. Kevin tells me to pray for those who cause me problems. Praying for them is an act of love. You pray for their betterment. This also helps to

improve the mindset which may be filled with anger. I have found this to be good advice in handling my own stress filled days. Every now and then, Msgr. Kevin gets a little wood on the ball when he talks with me and I listen. We are told that Christmas is a season of love, peace in relationships, and joy. Why does the season only last a few weeks for some? As true followers of Christ, shouldn't these feeling last through the year? It takes time to nurture our love for one another. Prayer does help. The journey does not end after one day.

I continue my prayers with you in mind as I hope you remember me in yours. I love you back.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

Join the Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Council 504 of Wheeling will be holding an Admission Ceremony on February 9th. If you are interested in joining, we must receive your application by February 5th so that we have time to process the application. Please call Brian Gordon at (304) 243-5677 to obtain an application or for more information.

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Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Helen Kouski, Rosalie Davis, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Virginia Joseph, Dolores Joseph, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Janet Cupp, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Jr., Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sr., Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczk, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyr, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher

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Wuerl...

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in many education, health care and social service organizations. He is the author of numerous articles and over a dozen books, including the best-selling catechisms, "The Teaching of Christ" and "The Catholic Way". His recent books include, "The Church" (2013), "The Light Is On For

You" (2014), "Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power" (2014), "The Marriage God Wants for You" (2015), "To the Martyrs" (2015) and "Ways to Pray" (2015).

Cardinal Wuerl hosted in Washington Pope Benedict XVI in April 2008 and Pope Francis in September 2015 for their first pastoral visits to the United States. He was appointed by Pope

Conundrum ...

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for death.

This window is declares itself to have been "donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Beltz." This couple was very generous to the Cathedral throughout its construction and decoration, their names appear in every fund drive and gift opportunity. The Beltz

family name is encountered throughout the Church and, giving thanks for their generosity, we pray for the repose of their souls.

If you have a specific question about the Cathedral, its life and liturgy, please submit it to the Cathedral Conundrum in care of our friendly neighborhood editor, Timothy R. Bishop (tbishop@dwc.org).

Support Your School and WJU!

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, Wheeling Jesuit University Men and Women's Basketball teams are inviting students K-8th grade to our games on Saturday, Feb. 6, when our Cardinals host the Falcons from Fairmont State University. Game times: Ladies at 2 p.m. and Men at 4 p.m. All students K-8 will be admitted free by wearing a shirt representing their school. A pizza party will be awarded at halftime of the Men's game to the school with the most students present.

Bulletin Announcements

Ignite the Flame!

Confirmation Retreat and Middle School Youth Rally

Special guest: Paul J. Kim and Mark Guiney

February 21, 2016

9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling

(Please RSVP at hbise@dwc.org by February 15th)

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Benedict XVI to help direct the October 2012 Synod of Bishops on The New Evangelization for the Trans-mission of the Christian Faith. Cardinal Wuerl was also appointed by Pope Francis as a member of both the 2014 and the 2015 Synods on the Family.

The cardinal was born in Pittsburgh and received graduate degrees from The Catholic University of

America, the Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome. He was ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II Jan. 6, 1986, in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. He served as auxiliary bishop in Seattle until 1987 and then as bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years until his appointment to Washington. His titular church in Rome is St. Peter in Chains.

Stewardship Thought

A famous sports drink company asks the question "What's in you"?

As Christians we should know what's in us, the spirit of God dwells in us!

God has said: "I 'am for you, I 'am with you, and I 'am in you."

When Les Brown, motivational speaker and best selling author, heard a high school student proclaim that he was a slow learner, Mr. Brown forcefully told the young man never to label himself in that manner again. He told the young man that Greatness was within him. The fact of the matter is we all have greatness within us. Sometimes it's easy to spot in those who have accomplished much or in those who have overcome amazing difficulties. Still there are those who are not even aware that Greatness is within them. They are like the man who died in poverty with a million dollars in the bank, his family simply failed to tell him that the money was there and it was for him to use.

Many times we will put labels on ourselves and others and those labels set limits. Like Gideon, who said to the Lord, I am the least in my father's house. (Judges 6:15) or like Moses who said, I am not eloquent but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue. (Exodus 4:10) In some cases, others do the labeling. "Don't mind him, he's a jerk." Even when the put down is not intentional or mean spirited, the effect is the same.

You see, we all have Greatness within us, but sometimes we need someone to remind us of that. Today make it a point to recognize the Greatness within you and then share the good news. Tell everyone you see, OK, at least someone, tell them, Greatness Is within you. Not only will you start to feel good about YOU, but you'll have the satisfaction of encouraging someone else. Remember, "Greatness is within you." Pass the word.

For more on Les Brown visit www.LesBrown.com

The Stewardship Committee