



[Parish Ministries: *Sharing our gifts to build God's Kingdom.*]

Parish Week

Sunday, 27 October 2019

Saturday, 26 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
5.00 pm Mass: † Leo Ryan (Carol Houston & family)

SUNDAY, 27 OCT. / 30-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *Ministry Sunday*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Rayappu Bastiampillai (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Athanasius Bernard &
Mary Magdalene Dias (Anita & Dominic)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 am Mass: † Isabelo Besario Sr. (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 28 Oct. / Ss. Simon & Jude, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Isabelle & Mike Gracias (friends)
7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza, 1st Death Anniversary
(Lillian & Shoba)

Tuesday, 29 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Randy Garcia (Vimah)

Wednesday, 30 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Samia R. Chebaiber (Corine Maulion)

Thursday, 31 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † James Larkin (Alice)

Friday, 1 Nov. / All Saints

- 8.00 am Mass: † Baltazar & Danilo Salcedo (family)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Nivetha Casil (Dad)

Saturday, 2 Nov. / All Souls

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey)
5.00 pm Mass: † Mr. & Mrs. Vaz & family (Lydia & family)

SUNDAY, 3 NOV. / 31-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Annie Woods (Alice Larkin)
10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)
12.00 am Mass: † Olga & John Pereira (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Sirach 35.15-22; 2 Timothy 4.6-18; Luke 18.9-14

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Christyanton Anthonypillai
Fr. John Patrick Walsh

The **21 victims** of the recent
car bombing in Azaz, Northern Syria



November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

Parish Registration

If you would like to be registered at St. Maria Goretti Parish, please complete a *registration form* at the parish office after any Sunday Morning Mass. It is important for parishioners to register, so that if a need arises for a Letter of Reference, or for a Sacrament of Initiation to be scheduled, or for a passport to be guaranteed, the necessary documents can be completed immediately.

2nd Collection: 27 October, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 27 October, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

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- 4 Nov. ► St. Albert School Mass (Remembrance) (1:00 pm);
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (Remembrance) (9:45 am)
10 Nov. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
17 Nov. 2nd Collection: *Shepherds' Trust*
22 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass Reconciliation (8:45 am)
24 Nov. 2nd Collection: Maintenance;
- Catholic Women's League (11:30 am)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on these and other parish activities, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

Ministry Sunday: 27 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish will hold its Annual *Ministry Sunday* at all Masses on 26/27 October. All parish ministries will have representatives and information about their activity at the tables throughout the Church Vestibule.

God created each of us with unique gifts, talents, and experiences. Part of our journey towards holiness and towards God is discovering who we are, what gifts we have, and how we can share these gifts with our families & friends, our community, and our world. We invite you to take an opportunity to reflect on the person God created you to be and the gifts you may have to share.

If you are new to the parish, or if you have been a parishioner for some time and are discerning deeper involvement in our faith community, take the time to look over the ministry displays and speak to the representatives; and ask the Lord if you are being called to share your gifts in a new way.

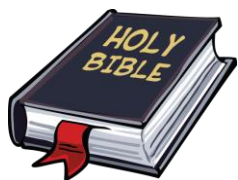
Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation: start 19 October

Preparation began on 19 October for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 7.

For further information, call the facilitator directly:
Mr. Mukesh Kapadia, 416-759-0882.

**Note:* Students in Catholic Schools receive Confirmation preparation in Grade 7.



RCIA Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults
Bible Sponsors wanted

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics? Here's a way for you to let others know how powerful the Bible is!

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates currently in the process of joining the Church. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

26 October 2019

the Inquirers will celebrate the Rite of Admission to the *Catechumenate*, a period of focused study of the faith. At that time, they will be presented with blessed **Bibles**. You may sponsor one Bible for a donation of \$25. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

ShareLife Bake Sale Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed to our **ShareLife BAKE SALE** in the Vestibule at our Masses last weekend, 19 & 20 October. The Parish ShareLife Committee appreciates all the help in running the Sale, and extends special thanks to all who bought some of the delicious treats. All proceeds from the Sale will go towards our 2020 *ShareLife* Campaign.

Altar Servers Fall Training Series

*Resumes Saturday,
26 October, 9-10.30 am*

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will resume at 9.00 am on Saturday, 26 October. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.



Christians in the Holy Land

"Holy Land Christians" is a group whose mission is to support the presence of Christian families in the Holy Land. The organisation consists of teams who travel to churches throughout Ontario, Quebec and the USA. They have accomplished a great deal since the start of our project by simultaneously stimulating both the North America and Holy Land economies. If you would like to listen to their presentations and see the beautifully crafted items they have on display, they will be at:

St. Dunstan Church, 26-27 October
St. Rose of Lima Church, 2-3 November

Halloween

Every Halloween (All Hallows' Eve), Catholics wonder if it is an acceptable holiday to celebrate. It is important to review the historical aspect of Halloween to determine if participation in the festivities merits our moral approval. Once we realize the origins of Halloween, we find that this is a day to celebrate, not to frighten. In that vein, Catholic Christians choose to dress as saints or other characters we admire. Jesus Christ the Savior won the victory over evil when He became Man and dwelt among us.

The 2nd of November is called the "Day of the Dead," when we remember and pray for those no longer dwelling on this earth. We celebrate all the Saints in Heaven on All Saints' Day, on the 1st of November. We can consider these three days as follows:

October 31 – **Hallowe'en** (All Hallows Eve) is a time to recall the reality of hell and work through the best ways to avoid it. We remember that there are souls who are not saved, and we vow not to join them. Many Catholics attend Mass today; some parishes add an evening Mass to their schedule.

November 1 – **All Saints Day**. We honor the Church Triumphant on this day by recalling our great Saints, as well as the many saints who are not canonized and are not commonly known.

November 2 – **All Souls Day**. We remember to pray for the Church Suffering – the souls of the dead who are in Purgatory. Remembering our deceased loved ones and having a Mass said for them is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

If it is done with an eye toward faith, Hallowe'en can be an enjoyable and faith-filled holiday for your family. It offers an opportunity to teach children to protect themselves from all things occult. Remind others of the power of the *Holy Name of Jesus*, *sacramentals*, and prayers such as the *St. Michael Prayer*. And do not forget to pray for the intercession of the Saints – that those who do not know Jesus will come to know His love and mercy. He is the God-Man, Who loved us so much that He allowed Himself to suffer and die for our salvation!



Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux
at the Shrine of the Little Flower

1 October 2019

Photos by Margaret Wong





[Above] The Knights of Columbus at their recent Installation of Officers.

[Below] Anastasia & Alford Williams with friends at their 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration (and Alford's birthday), 20 October 2019.





Michael Czerny

Canada's Newest Cardinal

The Catholic Register, 13 October 2019

"It's daunting, but it's a wonderful opportunity too," **Cardinal Michael Czerny** told *The Catholic Register* as he prepared for a whirlwind Oct. 4-6 weekend: ordained a bishop on Friday, elevated to the College of Cardinals on Saturday and engaged as a special secretary to the Synod on the Amazon on Sunday.

The world is littered with extraordinary priests doing extraordinary things. Most of them are far from famous and exercise very little authority. So it's perfectly reasonable to ask why Pope Francis believed this Canadian Jesuit at this time should be a cardinal. "I can only call it an intensification of the mission. The mission doesn't change, but somehow it's fuller, it's deeper, it's broader, it's more inclusive," Czerny said.

The *Vaticanista* analysis of Czerny's appointment has been that because Czerny heads up a key dicastery (the Vatican's equivalent of a government ministry), it was important that Czerny have the same stature as the heads of other dicasteries. By giving the Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section a cardinal, Pope Francis has made it clear this is no minor or temporary project, but a full-fledged mission of the universal Church.

But Czerny, 73, doesn't see it in terms of internal Vatican organization. For him, whatever the Church calls him to do is always about the post-Vatican II struggle to reconstitute the Church in the modern world — a Church connected with people, especially the poor.

"The story of our vulnerabilities and our bewilderments in that sense is the story of our time," he said. "We need to learn ever more quickly to adapt to an ever more quickly changing world. When you want to be a Church in that kind of changing world, that is indeed a challenge."

So why Czerny? For Jesuit Fr. William Mbugua, it starts with his work ethic.

"The Pope has noticed Michael's gift to the Church," he said. "He has not been given that position out of prestige, but out of hard work. The man is a hard worker."

As a young Jesuit, Mbugua learned about a life of service from Czerny in a slum on the western edge of Nairobi, Kenya. Mbugua, a Canadian Jesuit who grew up in Kenya, worked alongside Czerny in the Kangemi slum, helping to establish the African Jesuit AIDS Network in the early 2000s, which today supports Jesuit pastoral work with AIDS-affected communities in 30 countries. Mbugua remains in awe of how Czerny was able to be a bridge between some of the most neglected and excluded people on earth and leaders in the Church and secular realm.

"I think, probably a place like Canada would have been too small for him," Mbugua said. "These are not the people you put in a place like Canada. These are people you put in a place of crisis. I mean, how many people want to go to the crisis? ... I think there is wisdom in making him a cardinal."

No one would be less likely to cast himself in such heroic terms than Czerny. "The thing that strikes me is how the previous experiences helped to prepare me for what I am now challenged to do," he said. "For instance, when I started working on AIDS in Africa, I couldn't imagine trying to get hold of that without what I had already learned beginning in south Riverdale (at the Jesuit Centre for Social Faith and Justice in Toronto), or even earlier.

"In that sense, you have a feeling of God's providence in your life. And how the Lord keeps calling you to give more and to do more and to be more. But He also gives you the chances to grow and to get ready — even though you don't know what you are getting ready for."

In 1989 Czerny waded into the middle of a crisis. A government-backed death squad in El Salvador had murdered six Jesuits, their cook and her daughter at the Jesuit university in downtown San Salvador. Czerny spoke Spanish and had a PhD from the University of Chicago. The Jesuits needed somebody like him to take up residence in the rooms where masked gunmen had slaughtered priests as a warning to the Church.

"I don't think any of us were terribly surprised by his decision," said Jesuit Fr. Len Altília. "I think we knew Michael well enough to know that would be a choice that would be consistent with his sense of his vocation. We weren't shocked by that. We were certainly edified by it.

"People thought this was quite, in a sense, heroic. He was putting himself in harm's way. ... There was a good chance, we thought, that he might end up shot." That he wasn't shot had nothing to do with Czerny keeping his head down and his mouth shut, because he didn't. He spoke about social justice. He spoke about the needs of ordinary people. But most of all, he brought those ignored and disenfranchised peasants onto the campus of the University of Central America and into the capital city to speak for themselves.

At the Vatican, he's still doing that — bringing in new voices to challenge and to strengthen the bonds of communion in the Church. "His office is really different from other offices at the Vatican," said King's University social justice and peace studies professor Allyson Larkin. "It's not filled with elderly priests and nuns. It's this dynamic space. It's super multicultural."

The scarlet robes he will now wear represent the shedding of blood — the blood of martyrs. Czerny asked friends to not fly to Rome for his ordination as bishop and elevation to cardinal. He wanted no fuss, only prayers. "We'll be together in spirit and prayer and in the simplicity that Pope Francis both demonstrates and asks us for," he told his friends. "Thank you for being near in my life and ministry until now, and in my new form of service from now on."

The New Cardinals

The 13 new Cardinals named by **Pope Francis** on 1 Sept. 2019. This article was compiled from cardinal profiles published by *Catholic News Service*.



Bishop Alvaro Ramazzini Imeri of San Marcos, Guatemala, 72, bishop of Huehuetenango. Bishop Imeri was born on July 16, 1947, in Guatemala City. He was ordained a Priest when he was 24 years old, earned a doctorate in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and served as seminary rector in the Major Seminary of Guatemala.

In 1988, **Pope John Paul II** appointed Fr. Ramazzini

as the fourth bishop of San Marcos. He was transferred to the Diocese of Huehuetenango in 2012, where his work has primarily focused on migrants and the rights of indigenous people. The cardinal-designate has developed a reputation for denouncing injustices carried out by multinational corporations and the Guatemalan government, and has consistently empowered the poor and marginalized to stand up against oppression. Supporters believe that becoming cardinal will amplify Bishop Ramazzini's voice for social justice issues in the region.



Archbishop Cristóbal López Romero, S.D.B. (Spain), 67, archbishop of Rabat, Morocco.

Archbishop Romero was born in Vélez-Rubio, Spain, on May 19, 1952. He joined the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1964 and was ordained a Priest in 1979.

The new Cardinal's appetite for knowledge is apparent in his scholastic background; as a seminarian Romero studied philosophy and

theology for seven years, and he earned a licentiate in Information Sciences from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 1982.

Before the pope named him Archbishop of Rabat in 2017, Romero devoted himself to his pastoral ministry in Latin America, particularly in Paraguay, where he worked as a youth minister, parish priest, community teacher and missions minister at various points during the 19 years he spent there.

He also held administrative positions within his order, serving as the head of Salesian communities in Morocco, Paraguay, Bolivia and Spain. Archbishop Romero's commitment to pastoral service, as well as his diplomatic efforts to establish good relations between Christian and Muslim religious leaders in Morocco, may have inspired his appointment to cardinal.

Bishop Eugenio dal Corso, P.S.D.P. (Italy), 80, bishop emeritus of Benguela

Bishop Eugenio dal Corso was born in Lugo di Valpantena di Grezzana, Italy, on May 16, 1939—making dal Corso one of the three new cardinals who are aged 80 or older, and therefore ineligible to vote in a concave.

Religious vocation seemed to call dal Corso early in his life; his father named him Eugenio in honor of Pope Pius XII and the cardinal-designate had decided by the age of 10 that he wanted to become a missionary when he studied at the Don Calabria Institute in Verona, Italy.

After his ordination in 1963, dal Corso went on to study dogmatics in Rome before moving to Argentina in 1975 to educate priests in the Diocese of Gregorio de Laferrere. After working for 11 years in the South American country, he was sent to Angola's capital, Luanda, where he set up a seminary in the Diocese of Uije.

He was ordained a bishop in 1996 by Pope John Paul II and served Saurimo Diocese until his 2008 appointment as bishop of Benguela. Although dal Corso retired as bishop of Benguela in March 2018, the new cardinal still remains active working with the poor in oil-rich southern Africa.



Archbishop Fridolin Besungu, O.F.M. CAP (Democratic Republic of the Congo), 59, Archbishop of Kinshasa

Archbishop Fridolin Besungu was born into a rubber tapper's family in Boto on Jan. 24, 1960. He entered the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in 1981 and prepared for the Priesthood by studying

moral theology at Rome's Alphonsianum Academy.

After completing his education in 1988, he was ordained and became superior and the vice-provincial of the Capuchins' Congolese province. The Cardinal-designate also taught theology at the Catholic Faculties of Kinshasa and the Mazenod Institute.

In 2004, he was appointed Bishop of Bokungu-Ikela and apostolic administrator of Kole, becoming Archbishop of Mbandaka-Bikoro in November 2016 and Archbishop of Kinshasa in December 2018 after nine months as coadjutor to **Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya**. Catholic associates said that the Congo's new cardinal will use his position to highlight Africa's problems, while also bringing a lifelong passion for human rights to the international stage.



Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo, (Indonesia), 69, Archbishop of Jakarta

Cardinal-designate Hardjoatmodjo was born in July 9, 1950, in Sedayu, Indonesia, near the city of Yogyakarta. He was ordained in 1976 in Semarang; in 1997, he was ordained a Bishop and served as Archbishop of Semarang before he

was transferred to Jakarta as coadjutor in 2009.

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Jakarta established a justice and peace commission to help address problems faced by marginalized groups in Indonesia's capital city, a major achievement for the Indonesian cardinal-designate.

Cardinal-designate Hardjoatmodjo is also a member of the Vatican's Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and serves as military bishop for Indonesia. In November, he was reelected President of the Bishops' Conference for an unprecedented third term; he will be head until 2021. Most recently, the archbishop urged environmental awareness in Indonesia for the country's severe plastic waste problem.



Archbishop Jean-Claude Hollerich, S.J. (Luxembourg), 61. Archbishop Hollerich was born on Aug. 9, 1958, in Differdange, Luxembourg. The Cardinal-designate studied at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University and joined the Jesuit order in 1981, serving his novitiate in Belgium. From 1985-89, Hollerich studied

Japanese at Tokyo's Catholic Sophia University, before returning for his ordination in Brussels in April 1990. **Pope Benedict XVI** appointed him Archbishop of Luxembourg, and he was consecrated in October 2011.

He served as president of the Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions, 2014-2018, and head of the Youth Commission of the Swiss-based Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe.

Elected COMECE president in March 2018, Cardinal-designate Hollerich has supported the work of European Union institutions and backed European integration, while also urging E.U. reforms and a greater openness to dialogue.



José Tolentino Calaça de Mendonça (Portugal), 53, Archbishop, chief archivist and librarian of the Holy Roman church.

Archbishop Mendonça was born on Dec. 15, 1965, in Machico, a city on the island of Madeira off the coast of Portugal. The same year José Mendonça was ordained as a priest in 1990, he published his first

volume of poetry, *Os Dias Contados* ("The Days Counted").

Since his ordination, the cardinal-designate has authored multiple essays, poetry collections, spiritual guides and six books about Christianity and modern life. He has received several literary awards and prizes for his efforts.

José Mendonça earned his master's in biblical sciences at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome in 1992 and was awarded a doctorate in biblical theology from the Portuguese Catholic University (U.C.P.) in 2004. Throughout his vocation, the new Portuguese cardinal has held numerous positions in academia, including lecturer at the Funchal seminary, rector of the Pontifical Portuguese College in Rome, vice rector and Dean of the Faculty of Theology at U.C.P. In 2018, the pope named José Mendonça the Vatican archivist and librarian of the Holy Roman Church and appointed him Archbishop of Suva.

Archbishop Juan de la Caridad García Rodríguez (Cuba), 71, archbishop of San Cristóbal de Havana Archbishop Juan de la Caridad García Rodríguez was born on July 11, 1948, in Camagüey, Cuba.

He was ordained in 1972 after attending seminary in Havana, making the new cardinal a member of the first group of Cuban priests to be trained entirely in Cuba. In 1997, Rodríguez was appointed auxiliary bishop of Camagüey, elevated to archbishop in 2002 and later succeeded Cardinal Jamie Lucas Ortega y Alamino as archbishop of Havana in 2016.

He has been a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace since 2007. He also served as president of the Cuban Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2006 until 2010. The cardinal-designate is distinguished for his work catechizing the church and evangelizing to the younger generations in Cuba, notably enlisting the help of grandparents to educate their grandchildren about Catholicism during a time when the communist government discouraged religious practices.

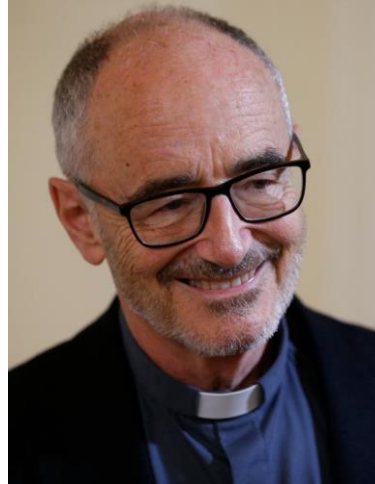
Rodríguez also worked to establish prison ministries in the late 1980s after the government gave Catholic pastoral workers permission to visit inmates.



Michael Czerny, S.J. (Czechoslovakia and Canada), 73, undersecretary for the section of migrants in the Dicastery for the Service for Integral Human Development.

Father Michael Czerny was born in what was Czechoslovakia in 1949 and arrived in Montreal when he was 2 years old. He graduated from Spokane's Jesuit-run Gonzaga University in 1968 with a joint degree in philosophy and literature.

The next year he entered the University of Chicago, where he earned a doctorate in the analysis of ideas and the study of methods—an interdisciplinary humanities program unique to the university—with a study of Christian-Marxist dialogue.



In 1973, he was ordained and, six years later, he founded the Jesuit Center for Social Faith and Justice in an East End Toronto neighborhood. Czerny was one of several Jesuits who volunteered to replace those murdered in 1989 in San Salvador, El Salvador, during the Central American country's civil war. He left El Salvador in 1992 to head the secretariat for

social justice of the Jesuit curia in Rome.

Ten years later, he became the founding director of the African Jesuit AIDS Network, established by the order's provincials of Africa. Based in Kangemi, a slum on the outskirts of Kenya's capital, Nairobi, he monitored and coordinated Jesuit work on AIDS already taking place in 30 African countries.

In 2010, he was asked by Cardinal Peter Turkson of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace to be his personal assistant. He served there for six years, until Pope Francis appointed him to his current undersecretary position.

Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, M. Af. (England), 82, archbishop emeritus of Nepte.

Archbishop Fitzgerald was born on Aug. 17, 1937, to Irish parents in a small town north of Birmingham, England—making Archbishop Fitzgerald one of the three new cardinals who are aged 80 or older and therefore ineligible to vote in a concave.

He was ordained a priest in 1961 at the age of 23 and spent two years teaching courses on Islam to Muslim and Christian students in Kampala, Uganda, during the reign of the dictator Idi Amin. Fitzgerald also lived for two years in northern Sudan, carrying out dialogue with Muslims and proclaiming the Gospel to a small Christian community there.



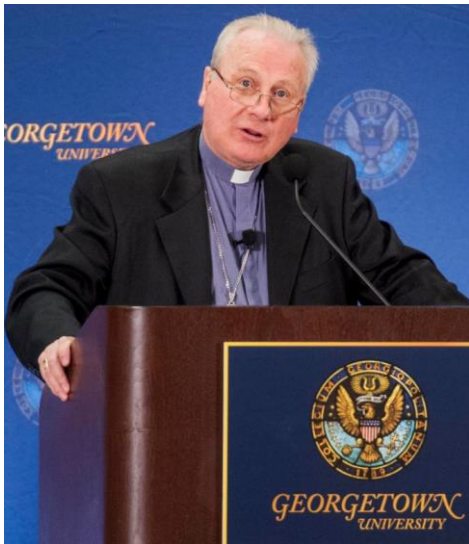
Archbishop Matteo Zuppi, (Italy), 63, Archbishop of Bologna.

Archbishop Matteo Zuppi was born in Rome on Oct. 11, 1955, as the fifth of six children. He entered the Palestrina diocesan seminary, about 25 miles east of Rome, and studied at the Pontifical Lateran University, earning a degree in theology. He also earned a degree in the history of

Christianity from Rome's La Sapienza University. Ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Palestrina in 1981, most of his pastoral work took place in Rome, and he was incardinated into the Diocese of Rome in 1988.

Always close to the headquarters of Sant'Egidio, Zuppi served for almost 20 years as rector of the nearby Church of the Holy Cross and as assistant pastor of the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere from 1981 to 2000 before becoming pastor of the parish.

On a diocesan level, he served on the priests' council and as prefect of the Trastevere area parishes. The new cardinal rides his bicycle around Bologna and is known for his particular care for and personal relationships with the elderly, the poor and migrants.



His experience made him one of the Catholic Church's foremost experts on Islam and the Quran, and in 1987 he was appointed secretary of the Vatican's Secretariat for Non-Christians, which later became the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. He was

ordained a bishop in 1992 and became archbishop in 2002 when he became president of the pontifical council. Even though he retired at age 75 at the end of 2012, retirement for cardinal-designate Fitzgerald meant going to the Missionaries of Africa community in Jerusalem to welcome pilgrims, teach courses on the Bible and give talks on Islam.



Archbishop Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, M.C.C.J. (Spain), 67, archbishop and president of the pontifical council for inter-religious dialogue.

Archbishop Guixot was born in Seville, Spain, on June 17, 1952. Two years after joining the Comboni Missionaries of

the Heart of Jesus, he was ordained in 1982. That same year he earned a licentiate in Arabic and Islamic studies at the Pontifical Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies in Rome.

After his graduation, Guixot served as a missionary in Sudan and Egypt until 2002 and facilitated multiple inter-religious discussions in the Middle East. He was appointed bishop of Luperciana by Pope Francis in 2016. In May 2019, the pope named the Comboni cardinal-designate as president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, where he had previously served as secretary. He was also instrumental in restoring dialogue between the Vatican and Al-Azhar University, the epicenter of Sunni Islamic theology.



Archbishop Sigitas Tamkevičius, S.J. (Lithuania), 81, archbishop emeritus of Kaunas.

Archbishop Tamkevičius was born on Nov. 7, 1938, into a farming family in Krikstonys, Lithuania—making Tamkevičius one of the three new cardinals who are aged 80 or older, and therefore ineligible to vote in a concave. He began priesthood training in 1955 and was ordained in 1962 after a compulsory period in the Soviet army. In 1968, while working in parishes, he was secretly admitted to the outlawed Jesuit order but had his state priest's license revoked a year later for signing a petition against Soviet restrictions on the Kaunas seminary.

In 1972, after working in a metal factory and digging land reclamation ditches, he began editing an underground Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, which became the USSR's longest-running self-issued journal.

In November 1978, a month after the election of the Polish Pope John Paul II, he co-founded a Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights, which issued 20 documents and petitions within a year, gaining support from more than 500 clergy. Arrested in 1983, Archbishop Tamkevičius spent six months in a K.G.B. prison in Vilnius, before being sentenced to six years' hard labor. In 1988, he was exiled to Siberia to complete the sentence.

The cardinal-designate was named auxiliary bishop in 1991, as the country's independence was recognized and in 1996, he replaced Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius, another former exile, as archbishop of Kaunas.

He served several terms as bishops' conference president, steering the Lithuanian church through the country's entries into NATO and the European Union, as well as controversies with its governments over abortion, divorce, religious education and mass emigration before his retirement as archbishop in 2015.

Guidelines on Marriage Preparation

4 October 2019

Dear Father,

I would like to update you on some developments regarding sacramental preparations for matrimony in the archdiocese.

As you are aware, there is a great variety of approaches and content employed in the archdiocese in assisting couples to prepare for marriage. In the interest of ensuring that engaged couples are receiving consistent preparation, I had requested a review of various programs, and I am now pleased to inform you of the recommendations which I have approved.

In preparing couples for marriage, one of the following five programs should be employed. These programs have been reviewed for doctrinal and pastoral content, and fit a diversity of pastoral situations. They include:

- (i) Joy-Filled Marriage
- (ii) Witness to Love
- (iii) Beloved
- (iv) Transformed in Love
- (v) *Catholicmarriageprepclass.com*, which is specifically for couples who cannot currently attend a formation program together in the same city.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, or if you are currently using a program which is not listed above that you would like to continue to use, please contact the Office of Formation for Discipleship. It is important that any program employed is aligned to the new standards for theological and pastoral instruction.

Catholic Family Services-Toronto (CFS-T), who have been very helpful in providing marriage preparation, have also decided to align their programs to the new archdiocesan standard, and have chosen to use Joy-Filled Marriage in all of their marriage preparation sessions. This transition will happen by the end of October. Their sessions will be facilitated by permanent deacons of the archdiocese in collaboration with CFS-T staff, and in addition to these sessions, CSF-T will meet with each couple for one-on-one consultation.

If you have been using content developed by Catholic Family Services for marriage preparation in your parish, you will need to transition your programs accordingly over the coming year. You will be contacted in the near future by the Office of Formation for Discipleship and CFS-T regarding this change.

I am very grateful for your collaboration in the important ministry of marriage preparation.

Sincerely in Christ,



Thomas Cardinal Collins

Archbishop of Toronto

Fr. Armand Nigro, S.J.

28 March 1928 to
27 September 2019



Father Armand M. Nigro, S.J., long-time retreat director in the Pacific Northwest and professor of philosophy and theology at Gonzaga University, died September 27, 2019 at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, California. He was 91 years old and celebrated 75 years in the Jesuit Order, 63 as a priest. He was a much sought after spiritual director and retreat presenter who lived a simple and holy life of great love for all he met. Fr. Nigro was born March 28, 1928 in the Minnehaha section of Spokane, a largely Italian immigrant neighborhood. After graduating from Gonzaga High School, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Sheridan, Oregon, in 1944. His studies took him back to Spokane for an M.A. in philosophy, then to Alma College, Los Gatos, California, for theological studies, and finally to the Gregorian University in Rome for a doctorate in philosophy. He was ordained a priest in St. Aloysius Church, Spokane, in 1956. Prior to ordination, he taught at Holy Cross Mission in the lower Yukon River in Alaska, in charge of 65 Indian and Eskimo boys. Later, his priestly ministry centered on the university classroom, teaching philosophy or theology at Seattle University, Mount St. Michael's Seminary, Gonzaga University, and Kachebere Major Seminary in Malawi. In 1981 he established the Mater Dei Institute, now the Ministry Institute and Center for Spiritual Renewal at Gonzaga, supporting ministry in the church. The last fifteen years of his active ministry was as a retreat director and spiritual director for clergy, Religious, and laity in the Northwest and Alaska. In 2015 he moved to Los Gatos for a ministry of prayer. Fr. Nigro was predeceased by his parents Frank Nigro and Margaret Vecchio Nigro, and his sister, Sister Rose Marie Nigro, C.S.J.P. He is survived by many cousins. Rosary will be Friday, October 11, 7 p.m. and Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. both at St. Aloysius Church, 330 E. Boone Avenue, Spokane 99202, followed by burial at 2 p.m. at St. Michael Cemetery.