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Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretaries Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Altoona Central Catholic School:
Pre-K thru Grade 5 381-7011

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation

First Communion

Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep

Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
OLF GOAL FOR 2016 = \$13,948.00
PLEDGED THRU May 17 = \$8,235.00
NEEDED TO REACH GOAL = \$ 5,713.00
OF PLEDGES = 43 out of 155

Connie Andros	Mrs. Colleen A. Douglass	M/M John G. Noonan, Jr.
Connie Angeski	Mrs. Eileen R. Edwards	Mrs. Carol Riggleman
M/M Ronald Biem	Dan Hallinan	Mrs. Lorraine Shuma
M/M Greg Brannan	Tina Helsel	Mr Daniel E. Smith
Anthony Bruno	M/M Charles Hennigan	M/M David F. Smith
M/M Vincent Burr, Jr.	M/M Thomas Hofer, Sr.	Ms. Doris Smith
M/M Michael Byrne	M/M James Hosgood	Mr. Thomas A. Smith
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M/M Wilson Carper, Jr.	M/M Charles Ray Kelly	Mrs. Jeanne Summers
Howard C. Colledge	Shawn Kelly	Mr. Richard Summers
Mrs. Frieda Conrad	M/M Michael Long	M/M Michael Wall
Mrs. Karen Conrad	Joseph Merritt	Ms. Patricia Wall
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Ordinary Catholics before Vatican II never used sophisticated theological language like "the universal call to holiness" to describe acts of kindness and love. Nonetheless, they lived their call to holiness in ordinary life experiences. They responded to the graces God gave them to be happy, faith-filled families, workers, and store owners.

Times and circumstances have changed, but God's call to holiness remains the same for a busy father with two jobs, a computer technician, a student, a nurse, a teacher, a parish minister, or a retired sales person. What more can we say, then, about this wonderful gift of God?

Happy Birthday

05/26 Mike Byrne
 05/28 Bonnie Long
 05/29 Dan Smith

MONEY MATTERS

Pentecost Sunday, (May 15, 2016)

110 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,013.10 of which \$ 102.80 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

Envelopes In Circulation 176 # Used 65 # Unused 111

Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,817.55

Embracing Our Universal Call to Holiness by Rev. Robert J. Hater, PhD

Introduction

Jesus' death on the Cross happened because of the boundless love of God. We see the extent of this love while Jesus suffered and died. Soldiers mocked him, crowds jeered him, and Mary, his mother, cringed in agony. On the day of his Resurrection, his confused, terrified disciples began to see that something new was happening. Then, the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost and they became the holy Church of God: his mystical body on earth. They were terrified no more, for the risen Lord remained with them.

From this time on, speaking to God "face to face" was not reserved to holy men, like Moses and the prophets. The gift of holy intimacy with God is given to those who profess their faith in Jesus as Lord, are baptized, and live as he taught them (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 2777). Every baptized person receives a universal call to holiness. We are all called to be saints.

The beautiful frieze in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC pictures this universal call to holiness in its depiction of people of different times and places: young and old, rich and poor, men and women, known and unknown. They are with Jesus, Mary, and the saints. This holy contingent of the Communion of Saints invites each viewer to look into his or her personal call to holiness.

We will address the universal call to holiness in three parts. Part One uses a simple story to introduce the universal call to holiness. This story is akin to human experiences that often pass us by without us giving much thought to them. When looking deeper, though, we discover God's invitation to holiness in the ordinariness of life. Part Two relates our call to holiness to the holiness of God, Jesus, and the Church. Holiness is always a response to God's gift of grace. God extends this invitation and we respond. In saying "yes," we learn how prayer leads us to God and enhances our personal holiness. Part Three invites us to embrace our personal call to holiness through prayer, worship, and the actions of our lives.

Part 1 - The Graduation Dress and the Old Store: Witness to Holiness

The dark hall of a retirement home revealed the solitary figure of an elderly woman walking towards us. As she passed by, the person who had invited me there for dinner said, "Emma, this is Father Hater." The elderly woman smiled and her enthusiasm grew while replying, "I used to shop at Hater's Dry Goods Store in the West End of Cincinnati, but that was more than seventy years ago." I replied, "That was my family's store. I worked there until I was ordained in 1959. A short time later, it closed, as Interstate 75 took the property for an on-off ramp." After a few more words, Emma left and we went to the dining room to eat our dinner.

When we were almost finished, Emma walked slowly toward our table. She said, "Do you have a minute? I'd like to tell you a Hater's Dry Goods Store story." Interested, because I rarely meet someone who remembers our old store, I answered, "Sure." Emma began, "When I was a child, our family lived on Poplar Street near your store. We went to St. Edward Church. There were twelve children in our family and we had a hard time surviving, especially during the Great Depression." "One year, my sister Alice was to graduate from the eighth grade. When the day arrived, we didn't have enough money to buy her a graduation dress. We told Mrs. Frank, a neighbor and a seamstress. She said, 'Every girl should have a new dress for graduation. How much money do you have?' We came up with one dollar. 'That's okay,' Mrs. Frank said, 'Let's go to the Dry Goods Store, and see if Mr. Hater will sell us enough cloth and a pattern to make Alice a dress for a dollar.'" Emma continued, "In a short time, we returned, overjoyed at Mr. Hater's kindness and generosity. He gave us what we needed for our one dollar. That afternoon, Mrs. Frank made the dress, and Alice was very proud, as she graduated in her new dress."

Responding to our universal call to holiness isn't complicated. As Emma told the story, I pictured what had happened, for I knew the neighborhood and those living there: Catholic families, like Emma's, Alice's, and Mrs. Frank's. They were simple, faith-filled people. They prayed with their children, went to Confession regularly, never missed Sunday Mass, and were active parishioners. They taught their children right from wrong and stressed being kind to one another. They were holy people. All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of love, and by this holiness a more humane manner of life is fostered also in earthly society. (Lumen Gentium, no. 40)

As to our old store, I knew what would happen if someone was short of money. My Dad always gave needy customers a discount on the price of merchandise, or gave them what they needed for the money they had. Dad often sat for hours listening to troubled customers. He taught me to treat everyone coming into the store as a "guest, not a customer." During Christmastime and Holy Week, he'd leave the store to go to church services or Confession at St. Augustine Parish. This store climate honed and deepened my faith, as the family climate did in the lives of Emma, Alice, and Mrs. Frank.

Family members and customers alike instinctively learned in a Catholic environment the meaning of their universal call to holiness from experiences like making a dress for a girl's graduation, or making it possible to purchase materials for almost nothing in an old dry goods store. **Continued on Page 2.....**