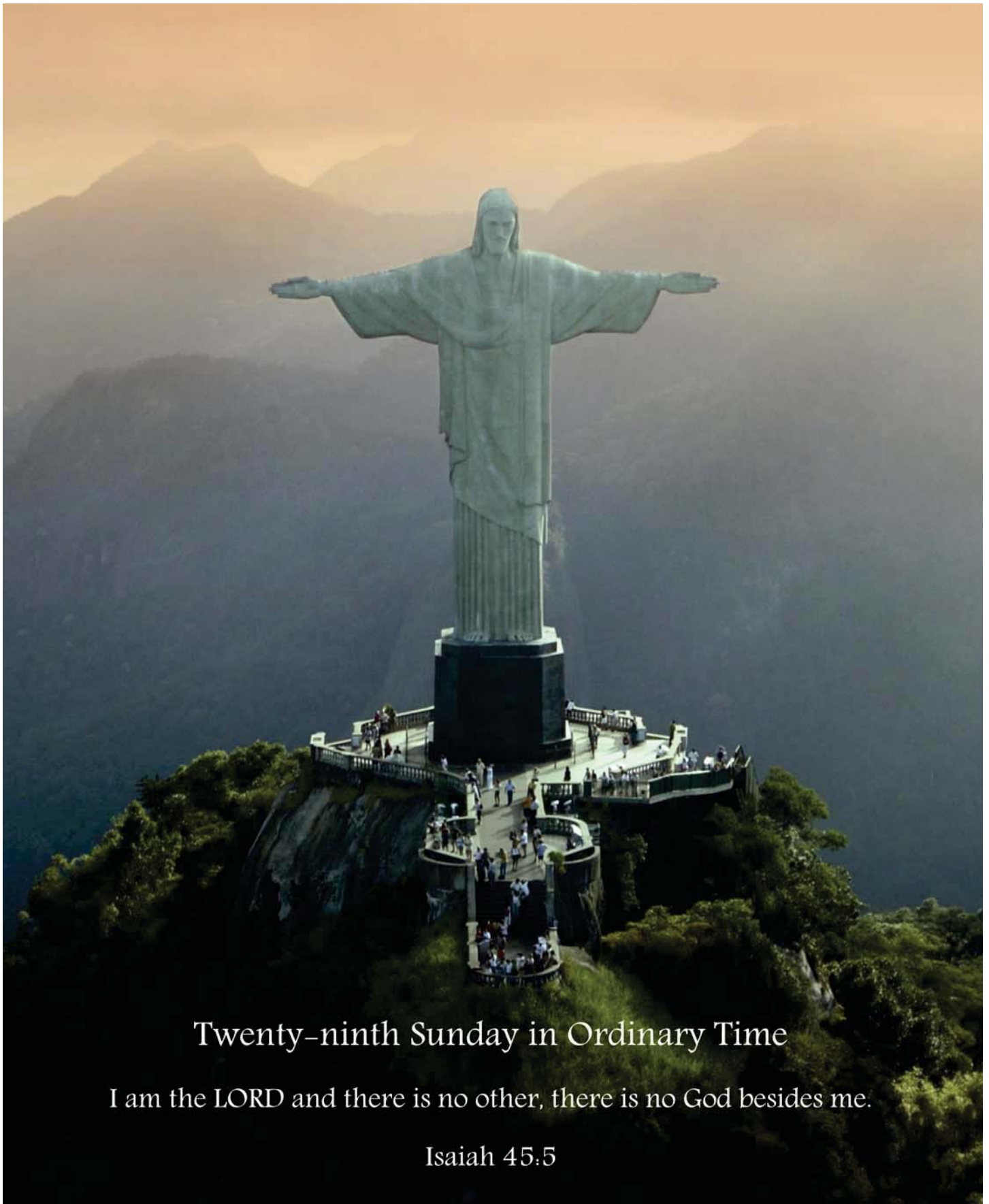


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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

OCT 22
2023



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:5

Most everybody reading this bulletin entry knows that I had a health scare, was subsequently hospitalized, and am not able to resume the normal pace of pastoral duties for a few weeks. First of all, thank you for all the prayers and concern that have sustained me in this difficult time. I suppose the most immediate result of your effort has been a return to health at a surprising speed. So, here's the story.

On Friday, Oct 6th I was having dinner with friends at their home. Just as I was about to depart to come back to the parish, I suffered a cardiac arrest. As I've since learned, this is not the same as a heart attack. Simply stated, a heart attack has to do with plumbing (clogged arteries), whereas a cardiac arrest can be considered electrical. It turns out after several tests, to my great surprise and given my family history, that I have very good arterial health for my age. So I did not have open heart or bypass surgery.

Instead my heart was weakened by some external influence. Somewhere in the last few months the efficiency and strength of my heart dropped such that it could not pump blood at the same rate. Where a healthy heart takes two compressions to bring blood in and then push it along, mine had dropped to 5 or 6 beats to do the same amount of work. I had no symptoms of this weakening; at most some minor shortness of breath that I attributed to being out of shape. As the heart weakens, somewhere it also develops scarring, and that fouls up the electrical operation for it to beat. Eventually, some incident creates a cascading event where the heart starts to race to keep up, but the tempo is so high that blood ceases to flow in or out of the heart. Thus, cardiac arrest.

The doctors said that this condition could have been caused by either myocarditis, brought on by a virus, or something called sarcoidosis, perhaps the result of auto-immune malfunction. If you are in medicine and some of this sounds inaccurate, I apologize. That's what I remember them telling me. The big takeaway is what one of the doctors said: "We may not know exactly what happened yet, but you will walk out of here safe." So I am on a number of meds and have had a dual pacemaker-defibrillator implanted. The meds and pacemaker are intended to protect and *repair my heart, so are hopefully temporary. The defibrillator is preventive and precautionary, so will probably remain with me indefinitely.*

My memory of the event is very brief because I was unconscious from the beginning, but then remarkably alert by the time I got to the emergency room. However, I understand it was harrowing to be a part of, particularly for my friends and, later, for Fr. Patrick. That becomes cause for my reflection as to where the Lord was in all this, particularly since I didn't see any of the afterlife, of which I've been asked a number of times! It is to my thinking that God was overwhelmingly present in protecting me from the full consequences of what could have happened. Instead of being alone, I was with friends who competently and immediately provided CPR when I collapsed. As you'd expect, the EMT's came quickly, stabilized me, and brought me to the cardiac center at Lahey Hospital. The staff at Lahey (every last one of them younger than me, by the way) brought me back to health and I revived without needing life support or other extraordinary measures. That in itself, from what I hear, is extraordinary. So God showed up.

I will conclude by expressing the confidence that I can take the time to heal without worry of the parishes and school. We have begun our renewed Fall ministries and many people, from priests to staff to volunteers, have stepped up to take on even more commitments than usual. This is a wonderful thing to see and is exactly what we need going forward as a faith community in order to be successful. For myself, I will begin to think about what a priest friend of mine just told me in spiritual conversation: it may not be the case that God brought you back to get more *from your priesthood, but more so to do something for your priesthood. Thank you again for your outreach, concern, and prayers. May God bless us and I look forward to seeing you soon.*

Fr. C

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”

Galatians 3:26-27



ULTREYA

Tuesday, October 24th 7 - 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall
All Are Welcome!

Ultreya...this Spanish word means “Onward!” “Persevere!” “Hang in There!”...words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life’s journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month, John Carney, will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to **invite a friend** to join you!

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next week’s second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope’s name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

MARRIAGE BANNS



First Banns of Marriage

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"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

- Mark 12:13-17

K of C Rosary Rally



The Knights of Columbus, along with some parishioners gathered together last Saturday at St. Monica’s to recite the rosary to Our Blessed Mother for the Spiritual Wellbeing of America.

“America Needs Fatima” was the sponsor of the rally and approximately 20,000 other Rosary Rallies that took place at the same time throughout the country.

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AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."

-ISAIAH 6:8



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Please join us for refreshments next Sunday, October 29th at St. Lucy Lower Church Hall after the 10:30am mass. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Karl at the office, extension 35 or email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

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Feast Day, October 22



The BVM Sodality is sponsoring a bus trip to the **National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette** in Attleboro, MA on **November 25th**. Sodality members and guests are welcome to participate. The cost is \$50/pp. Seating is limited to 40. Reservations are required. Call 978-314-8353. Trip includes a Christmas Concert, Mass and the illumination of Christmas Lights! The bus will depart from St. Lucy's parking lot at 10:30am and return around 8pm. If interested, please complete the bottom portion and mail it to the Parish Office or drop it off at our next **Sodality Meeting on November 12th at 11:30am**.

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-29)

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Reserve your trunk spots by October 24th



It's Halloween time, ready or not. Meet us in the Saint Lucy's parking lot.

Park your car, pop the trunk
And fill it up with lots of junk.

Candy treats-bring it all
So the kiddies can have a ball.

What is Trunk or Treat?
It's like trick-or-treat without a house. Families decorate their vehicle's trunks and fill them with candy. Children walk around and receive treats from each trunk. It's a safe, family friendly event.

We need your trunk!
We want to make this a can't miss night, and we need you and your trunk! Attached is your registration form or volunteer to help during the event. Then, arrive at Saint Lucy's by 5:30pm that evening and set up your trunks with decorations and pack them full of candy for the kids! We'll have an area reserved just for the treat trunks. Get creative with your themes! We will have prizes for outstanding trunks!

save the Date
October 27th

FAMILY FRIENDLY TRUNKS PLEASE.
Candy donations....
Can't do a trunk donate candy instead! Candy may be dropped off at the school office or with Katie Dobson and Elizabeth Maroun

SHRINE REGISTRATION FORM
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OFFERTORY OCTOBER 7 & 8

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St. Lucy - \$5,288.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of soups, cereal, rice sides, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit & pancake syrup. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

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SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica
10:30 am St. Lucy
MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 17 (16): 6, 8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy
 2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
 3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence

1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
 2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
 3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;

1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -
 2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
 3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we

1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy
 2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!" Fill the heav'ns with
 3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,

1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Is 45: 1, 4-6*

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10*

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name:
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations:
The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING*1 Thes 1: 1-5b*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Phil 2: 15d, 16a*

☩. Shine like lights in *the world* *
as you hold on to the *word of life*.

GOSPEL*Mt 22: 15-21*

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin, He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 33 (32): 18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN*Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And, all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

You do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush***RECESSIONAL HYMN***How Firm A Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of he Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of woe shall not you overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress."

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 21

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Beverly Galvin

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Ruth Dorey
Eric Lewandowski
Deceased members of the
Lewandowski Family
John & Florence Regan
Mary Ellen Allain

12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Saturday, October 28

9:00am Wayne Wilson

4:00pm Roland Beaudoin

Sunday, October 29

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Tues	10/24/23	All Claretians	Aaron Arbizo
Wed	10/25/23	Fr. Richard Cornell	Giris Azize
Thurs	10/26/23	Fr. Gerald Souza	Stephen Baruffi
Fri	10/27/23	Fr. Richard DeVeer	Michael Castellon
Sat	10/28/23	Fr. Joseph Mozer	Alexander Charon

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 21

4:00pm Ronald Landry

Sunday, October 22

10:30am Josephine & Anthony Carelli
Deceased members of the Carelli Family
Antonia & Evelina Mollica
Raymond Richard, Jr.
Salvatore Boragine, Sr.
Rinaldo & Lucia Santantonio
Samuel and Carolin Santantonio

Monday, October 23

9:00am John Mugavero

Tuesday, October 24

9:00am Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni Eldridge

Thursday, October 26

9:00am Colette Lebel

Friday, October 27

9:00am William & Margaret Collins
Msgr. Richard Little

Saturday, October 28

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, October 29

10:30am Charles & Evelyn DiDio
Coralia Artiga
Emilia Gonzalez
Scott & Shirley Levitte
Janet Frasca
Judy Celia



PRAYER CORNER

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Please pray for those whose funeral we recently celebrated.
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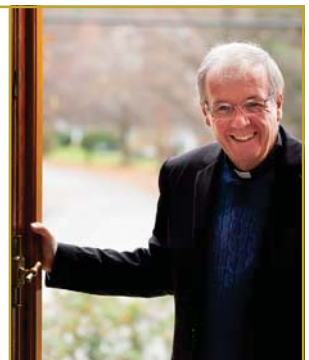
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