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**Together let us entrust 2023
to Jesus Christ!**



At his General Audience in Rome on January 14, 2023, Pope Francis said: "No physical limitation or setback can diminish the value of any human being because each person is a unique and beloved child of God."

"We are not anonymous, we are not photocopies, we are all originals! And this is how we should be: originals, not photocopies," he said during an audience with members of the Pope John XXIII Community association.

"God knows us one by one, with our name and our face, which is unique," he said.

"Certainly, we also have our limitations; some of us unfortunately have heavy limitations to bear," the pope said. "But this detracts nothing from the value of a person: each one is unique, a son or daughter of God, each one is a brother or sister of Jesus."

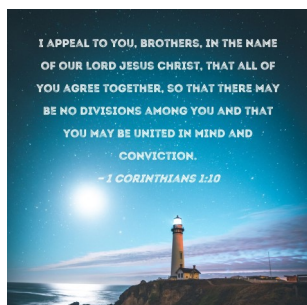
"A Christian community that welcomes the person as he or she is helps to see them as God does," which is with a look of love, he said.

"God also sees our limitations, it is true, and helps us to bear them," the pope said. "But God looks above all at the heart and sees every person in his or her entirety. God sees us as an image of Jesus, his only begotten son, and with his love he helps us to become more and more like him."

In our gospel today, Jesus calls his first disciples to follow him: *As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew: 4:18-22.)*

Jesus calls the disciples to follow him, knowing that each of the disciples was unique, with their own strengths and weaknesses. They were men who had families who loved them and satisfying careers, but along their journey they would struggle with doubt, jealousy and worldly distractions. Yet each one of the disciples reacted swiftly and decisively to Jesus' call to follow him. Isn't it good to know that we don't have to be perfect to be a disciple of Jesus? We only have to bring who we are, and a desire to follow Jesus with a sincere and loving heart.

Deacon Mike



En su Audiencia General en Roma el 14 de enero de 2023, el Papa Francisco dijo: "Ninguna limitación o contratiempo físico puede disminuir el valor de ningún ser humano porque cada persona es un hijo único y amado de Dios".

"No somos anónimos, no somos fotocopias, ¡somos todos originales! Y así debemos ser: originales, no fotocopias", dijo durante una audiencia con miembros de la asociación Comunidad Papa Juan XXIII.

"Dios nos conoce uno por uno, con nuestro nombre y nuestro rostro, que es único", dijo.

"Ciertamente, también tenemos nuestras limitaciones; lamentablemente, algunos de nosotros tenemos grandes limitaciones que soportar", dijo el Papa. "Pero esto no resta nada al valor de una persona: cada uno es único, hijo o hija de Dios, cada uno es hermano o hermana de Jesús".

"Una comunidad cristiana que acoge a la persona tal como es ayuda a verla como la ve Dios", que es con una mirada de amor, dijo.

"Dios también ve nuestras limitaciones, es cierto, y nos ayuda a sobrellevarlas", dijo el Papa. "Pero Dios mira sobre todo al corazón y ve a cada persona en su totalidad. Dios nos ve como imagen de Jesús, su hijo unigénito, y con su amor nos ayuda a ser cada vez más como él".

En nuestro evangelio de hoy, Jesús llama a sus primeros discípulos a seguirlo: Mientras caminaba junto al mar de Galilea, vio a dos hermanos, Simón, llamado Pedro, y su hermano Andrés, que echaban la red en el mar; ellos eran pescadores. El les dijo: "Venid en pos de mí, y os haré pescadores de hombres". Inmediatamente dejaron sus redes y lo siguieron. Pasó de allí y vio a otros dos hermanos, Santiago, hijo de Zebedeo, y su hermano Juan. Estaban en una barca, con su padre Zebedeo, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, e inmediatamente ellos dejaron su barca y a su padre y lo siguieron. (Mateo: 4:18-22.)

Jesús llama a los discípulos a seguirlo, sabiendo que cada uno de los discípulos era único, con sus propias fortalezas y debilidades. Eran hombres que tenían familias que los querían y carreras satisfactorias, pero a lo largo de su viaje lucharían con dudas, celos y distracciones mundanas. Sin embargo, cada uno de los discípulos reaccionó rápida y decisivamente al llamado de Jesús a seguirlo. ¿No es bueno saber que no tenemos que ser perfectos para ser discípulos de Jesús? Sólo tenemos que traer lo que somos, y el deseo de seguir a Jesús con un corazón sincero y amoroso.

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— January 22, 2023

Faith Formation News

Tis the season for sacramental preparation. Our youth are beginning their preparation for receiving the sacraments. The next sacramental preparation class meets January 29th from 9-9:50AM. Please keep these young people in your prayers. There are no more Faith Formation Classes.

Noticias de formación en la fe

Es la temporada para la preparación sacramental. Nuestros jóvenes están comenzando su preparación para recibir los sacramentos. La próxima clase de preparación sacramental se reúne el 29 de enero de 9 a 9:50 a. m. Por favor, mantenga a estos jóvenes en sus oraciones.

Diocese of Buffalo reorganizes vicariates; names new vicars forane

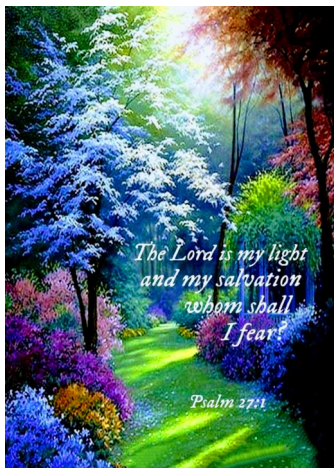
The Diocese of Buffalo is changing the structure of one of its primary advisory bodies to Bishop Michael W. Fisher in order to streamline how the diocese supports its ministry in Western New York. As demonstrated by the diocese's Road to Renewal effort that groups parishes into "Families of Parishes," the diocese is changing its vicariate structure to complement the Road to Renewal. The new vicariate structure will take effect Feb. 1, 2023

In the former structure, 12 vicariates supported the Buffalo Diocese's 161 parishes throughout the eight counties. Under the new structure, seven geographic vicariates have been established along with another vicariate that will support campus ministry.

With the establishment of the new vicariate structure, new vicars forane, who head the vicariates, have been appointed and will work collaboratively with the 36 Families of Parishes.

The new vicariates and the vicars forane include:

- **Buffalo Vicariate** – Rev. Ronald Sajdak
- **Genesee/Wyoming Vicariate** – Rev. Bernard Nowak
- **Niagara/Orleans Vicariate** – Rev. Steven Jekielek
- **Northern Erie Vicariate** – Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Zapfel
- **Southern Erie Vicariate** – Rev. Sean DiMaria
- **Southern Tier West Vicariate** – Rev. Todd Remick
- **Southern Tier East Vicariate** – Rev. James Hartwell, interim
- **Campus Ministry** – Rev. Gregory Jakubowicz, OFM



Diócesis de Buffalo reorganiza vicariatos; nombra nuevos vicarios foráneos

La Diócesis de Buffalo está cambiando la estructura de uno de sus principales órganos asesores del obispo Michael W. Fisher para simplificar la forma en que la diócesis apoya su ministerio en el oeste de Nueva York. Como lo demuestra el esfuerzo del Camino a la Renovación de la diócesis que agrupa a las parroquias en "Familias de Parroquias", la diócesis está cambiando su estructura de vicariato para complementar el Camino a la Renovación. La nueva estructura del vicariato entrará en vigor el 1 de febrero de 2023

En la estructura anterior, 12 vicariatos apoyaban a las 161 parroquias de la Diócesis de Buffalo en los ocho condados. Bajo la nueva estructura, se han establecido siete vicariatos geográficos junto con otro vicariato que apoyará el ministerio universitario.

Con el establecimiento de la nueva estructura del vicariato, se han nombrado nuevos vicarios foráneos, que encabezan los vicariatos, y trabajarán en colaboración con las 36 Familias de Parroquias.

Los nuevos vicariatos y los vicarios forane incluyen:

- Vicaría de Buffalo – Rev. Ronald Sajdak
- Vicaría de Genesee/Wyoming – Rev. Bernard Nowak
- Vicaría de Niágara/Orleans – Rev. Steven Jekielek
- Vicaría del Norte de Erie – Rev. Mons. Roberto E. Zapfel
- Vicaría del Sur de Erie – Rev. Sean DiMaria
- Vicaría del Oeste del Nivel Sur – Rev. Todd Remick
- Vicaría del Este del Nivel Sur – Rev. James Hartwell, interino
- Ministerio Universitario – Reverendo Gregory Jakubowicz, OFM

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time—January 22, 2023

Weekly Masses

Saturday, January 21-

5:00 p.m. Chad Ellum by Mom, Dad & Family

Sunday, January 22-

8:00 a.m. Richard Jesionowski by Len & Dorothy Schrantz & Family

10:00 a.m. Mark H. Maslakowski by Cindy Maslakowski

11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass: Parishioners of SEAS

Monday, January 23-Day of Prayer

7:00 a.m. Mary Jane Michalak by Alice Mekus-Britt

Tuesday, January 24-St Francis de Sales

7:00 a.m. Jim Arnold by Dawn, Jess, Mary, Patti & Chris

1:40 p.m. NCCS Mass

Wednesday, January 25-Conversion of St Paul

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 26-St Timothy & St Titus

7:00 a.m. Stanley Pacos (Ann) by Wife Pat

Friday, January 27-St Angela Merici

7:00 a.m. David & Nancy Palmer by Len & Dorothy Schrantz

Saturday, January 28-St Thomas Aquinas

5:00 p.m. James A Andrews by Sister Kathleen

Sunday, January 29-

8:00 a.m. Stephen Thomas Thompson by Frederick

Mackowiak

10:00 a.m. Charlie & Evela & Dave Meyer by Jane, Jim & Janet

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of SEAS

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:

Weekdays before Mass: 6:30 AM to 6:55 AM (with Rosary)

Tuesdays: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

First Fridays: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Please remember to pray for the infirmed:

Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Len Fijal, Jose Gambarelli, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, John Materowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Nottaro, Joel Rivera, Javier Robles, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins, Kevin Washington and Fr Tom Wopperer.

Please call or email Chris at the Rectory Office to have names added or removed from the sick list. Only immediate family members may request names be added.



Memorials

Inez Freitas by Nancy Renckens

Sheryl Anne Carreras by Nancy Renckens

Hugo Echevarria by Chris Sell

Greg Russell by Chris Sell

Erika Marie Abram by Nancy Renckens

Weekend of January 14 & 15

Fin de semana del 7 de enero

14 & 15

Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Misa: Collection/Collecta:

5:00 PM – 55

\$2,595.34

8:00 AM – 50

10:00 AM – 80

11:30AM – 114

Total 299

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 24-

1:40PM-NCCS Mass

Wednesday, January 25-

3PM-Food Pantry

Thursday, January 26-

7:00PM-Liturgy Meeting in rectory meeting room

7:00PM-Hispanic Ministry Meeting in the Church

Saturday, January 28-

5:00PM-Mass

Sunday, January 29-

8:00AM-Mass

9:00AM-Sacramental Prep classes

10:00AM-Mass

10:30AM-RCIA English in rectory meeting room

11:30AM-Spanish Mass

12:30PM-RCIA Spanish in Church

AFC/NFC Championship Games

Upcoming:

February 11 & 12-Super Bowl Sunday-"Souper Bowl Sunday

Canned soup collection)

February 22-Ash Wednesday

February 26-1st Sunday of Lent

We Are Called To Be "Fishers of Men"

The Chosen streaming series has shown us powerful human stories of ordinary people being called to follow Jesus. He's still calling people today to be "fishers of men." Respond to the call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



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Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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