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SERVING THE DIOCESE OF RENO

Brother Matthew retires

By Maureen Angel

"Teach your children well" is a phrase that sums up the dedication and mission that only begins to describe the life's work that Brother Matthew Cunningham, FSR has shared with the Diocese of Reno.

Whether teaching in a school or involved in any other ministry, his mission has been to "teach" both well and thoroughly. Not just the facts, for which he is legendary, but by living as a Christian example and exemplary role model.

Brother Matthew retires June 30 after 50 years of ministry in our diocese. He has served since 1963 in many capacities: teacher, school administrator, superintendent of Catholic schools, novice master for the Brothers of the Holy Rosary, director of the Frontier of the Faith and chancellor of the diocese.

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, into a large, loving Catholic family, Brother Matthew came to Northern Nevada to join the Brothers of the Holy Rosary in 1963. Upon completing his formation in 1964, he was assigned to teach at St. Christopher's Catholic School in

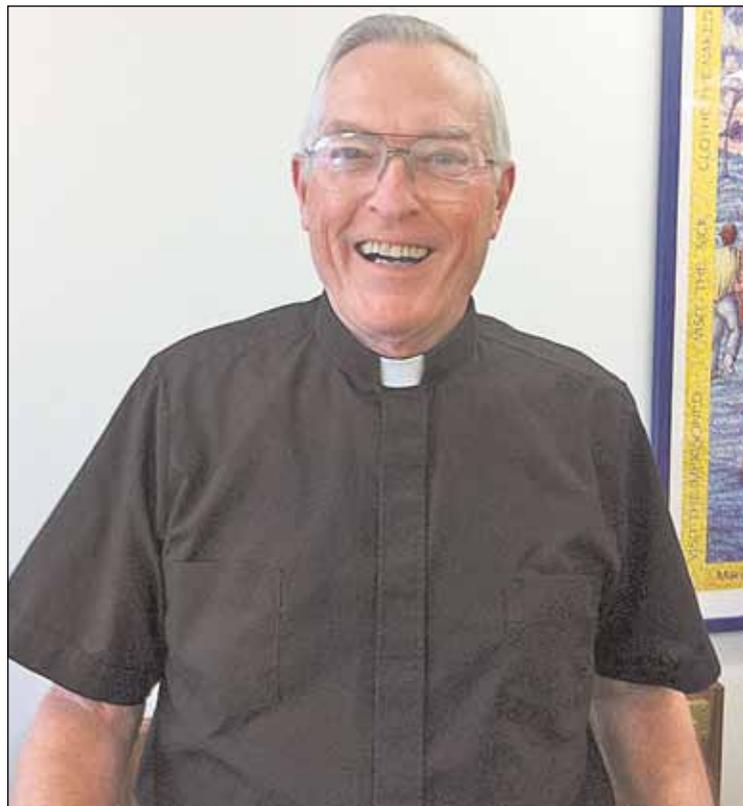


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Brother Matthew Cunningham

North Las Vegas. He remained there until 1968 when he came to Reno to teach at Holy Cross Catholic School in Sparks. When the decision was made to close the school in 1970, Brother Matthew was asked to teach religion at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

In 1972, he undertook the job of principal at Our Lady of the Snows School and served as principal until 1977. During his time there, he completed both a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in school administration.

After leaving Our Lady of

the Snows School, he served as novice master for the Brothers of the Holy Rosary, and, in 1978, Bishop Norman McFarland asked him to direct the Frontier of the Faith and edit its publication, the Frontier Shepherd, a newsletter responsible for the support of many of our mission parishes and priests.

In 1982, Brother Matthew returned to Bishop Manogue, where he served as principal for six years. In 1988, he stepped down as principal to return to the classroom and serve as advisor to the senior class.

Bishop Daniel Walsh appointed Brother Matthew to the position of superintendent of Catholic schools in 1990. When Nevada was divided into two dioceses in 1995, he was appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Reno. He also remained schools superintendent until 2000.

When asked if he had a favorite job after all these years, he paused and said he couldn't narrow it down to one specific thing. He added he would have been happy to work in the classroom for his entire career. In fact, his decision to become a Holy Rosary brother was based on the community's commitment to elementary education.

As Brother Matthew steps down June 30 to a well-earned retirement, the diocese will lose a truly dedicated man. He does not have any grand plans for the immediate future other than his annual trip to Iowa to visit with family. He will remain here in Reno with his "brothers," Brother Edward Zuber, FSR and Brother Philip Napolitano, FSR.

"My life here in Nevada has been very different than what I had envisioned when I came here," Brother Matthew said. "I have greatly enjoyed all the forms of ministry that I was involved in and, I appreciate the people I have worked with and for over the years. Reno has become my home, and coming here was the right choice for me."

He will be greatly missed and it is hard to say farewell. We wish him well and send him off to his retirement with much gratitude, best wishes and prayers.

"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

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The Diocese of Reno has established special phone numbers for the use of victims to report sexual abuse by priests or deacons of the church while the victim was a minor. The Victims' Advocates listed have been assigned by the bishop to receive these calls and assist victims and their families.

Reno/Carson area: Kathleen Shane, 775-826-6555

Elko area: Marilyn Janka, 775-753-9542

Toll free: 866-329-6009

Here comes a change!

By Bishop Randolph Calvo

Our diocesan newspaper, the Northern Nevada Catholic, will be looking different starting in August. The newspaper will be re-booted as the High Desert Catholic.

This is more than a title change; the format will be completely different and so will our intent.

The High Desert Catholic will be a magazine with color pages on glossy paper. This will be quite different from the newspaper format to which we have become accustomed.

Why?

The Northern Nevada Catholic served us well for years but now a change is needed. We need to expand content and reach out directly to Catholics in their homes.

Our popes, from St. John Paul II to Francis, have called us to engage in a "new evangelization," firing up our faith and sharing the "Good News" with others.

The articles in the High Desert Catholic, from national as well as local sources, will keep us informed, address day-to-day issues for living our faith and help us to be more active Catholics.

The new magazine format will be attractive not only to parishioners, but to non-Catholics as well, and can be a means for spreading the Gospel.

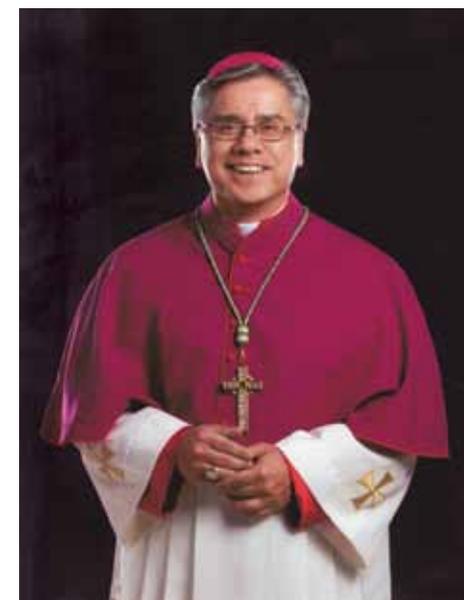
When?

The High Desert Catholic will be sent six times per year to every registered parishioner in the Diocese of Reno and also to all school families. Therefore, if you are registered in your parish, you will receive a copy of the magazine at no cost to you.

Catholic Services Appeal donations (along with advertising) fund the High Desert Catholic (therefore there is an incentive to donate to the CSA!) There also will be an electronic version on the Diocese's website for people to view on their devices.

Who?

Bishop Randolph Calvo, Sister Maria



Ahearn O.C.D and other locals still will write articles for the High Desert Catholic. Other authors will provide content to address the Catholic faith in family life, the work place, etc. It also will have bilingual content. That means greater diversity.

FAITH Catholic Publications manages the production of the High Desert Catholic. It is part of the Diocese of Lansing Michigan. It is most definitely a Catholic group, which also is an added benefit.

It also produces similar magazines for 30 dioceses and groups through the United States, which includes our neighboring Diocese of Sacramento.

FAITH Catholic Publications brings with it an excellent support staff and expertise, which will ensure we will produce high-quality a publication each time.

Gratitude

We offer our gratitude to the Reno Gazette-Journal for its 13-plus years of assistance with the Northern Nevada Catholic. Its staff helped us to produce a product that met our needs throughout the years. The Northern Nevada Catholic newspaper that informed Catholics of the goings on within the diocese for many years.

Look for your edition of the High Desert Catholic in late August and enjoy.

Food pantry reaches out to rural Nevada

By Auburn Harrison

While St. Vincent's Food Pantry has been providing food to locals in need since the 1960s, the rural population has been largely ignored — that is, until now.

Just one year ago, the pantry only was supplying food to eight partner pantries in the Reno-Sparks area. As of April, the pantry was supplying food to 28 pantries, including in rural locations such as Nixon, Fernley, Yerington, Dayton and Gardnerville.

"In 70 years as an agency, St. Vincent's has never done the rurals," said Scott Cooksley, St. Vincent's Food Pantry director.

"The need out there is so great and so few services are available to these outlying areas. We want this to be a permanent solution to a longtime problem," Cooksley said.

The increase in reach was made possible mostly due to a two-year food insecurities grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. A collaborative partnership with the Community Services Agency allows it to purchase, store and deliver food to DHHS local pantry partners as well as its own, which further expands the reach.

"And it's not just food," Cooksley said. "We've also implemented our one-stop model into the pantry program, so people in the rural areas now also have access to things like SNAP sign-ups, rental assistance, utilities and immunizations.

"We are bringing these services to the people instead of them coming to us," he said.

So far, the program has helped improve the quality of life for thousands of people in need. In April alone, the St. Vincent's Food Pantry made 55 food drops to its partner pantries, providing hungry people with more than 110,000 pounds of

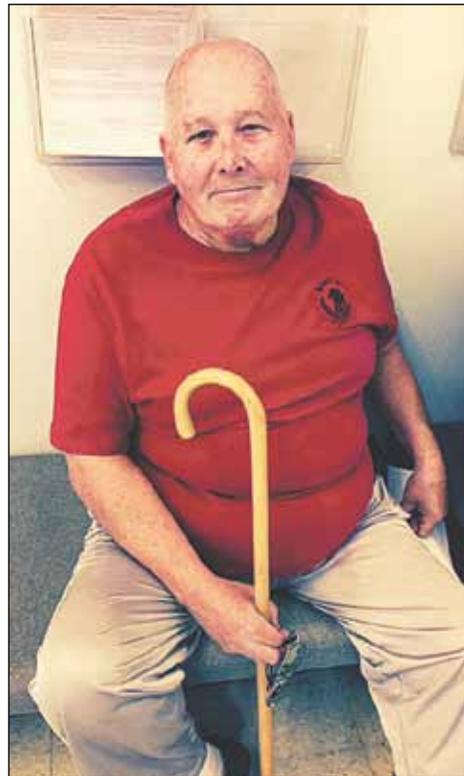


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Craig Smith, 69, said he obtains a monthly food box from St. Vincent's Food Pantry because his health and age make it difficult for him to make ends meet.

food. In addition, a new snack pack program allowed it to purchase and deliver after-school snacks to 840 children each week.

"Our clients are really seeing the difference, and it means we're fulfilling our mission better," Cooksley said. "We aim to 'ease the pain of poverty,' and I can honestly say we are doing that very well, not just downtown, but all over Northern Nevada," Cooksley said.

The number of pantries St. Vincent's can supply will continue to grow and expand as it determines which areas have the greatest need, he said.

To learn more about the St. Vincent's Food Pantry or how you can donate, volunteer or get involved, visit www.ccsnn.org/food.html.

Save the date: The Annual Diocesan Conference is scheduled for Jan. 9-10. Stay tuned for more information.

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Corpus Christi illuminates dreams for church

Listen to the words of our hymns ... the ones we sing today and tomorrow on the Feast of Corpus Christi — the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Liturgy, which celebrates the Eucharist, tells our theology, our faith history, our hopes and our dreams for our church.

“Song of the Body of Christ”

“We come to tell the story,
we come to break the bread
we come to know our rising from the dead.”

“We Remember”

“We remember how you loved us
To your death
And still we celebrate for you are with us here
And we believe that we will see you
When you come in your glory, Lord
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.”

“Pan de Vida”

“We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak
We are the Body of Christ called to be the compassion of God



Sister Maria

You call me Lord and I bow to wash your feet

You must do the same, humbly serving each other

There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free

There is no woman or man, only heirs of the promise of God.”

Our participation in this and every Liturgy is our participation in the faith experience of the Christian community. Our participation both expresses and deepens the ongoing religious experience that we have of the Lord who is present at

our celebrations and makes his presence felt in our lives.

We share in the body and blood of Christ and are expected to break and share the bread of life and to pour out our life’s blood for those who look longingly to us for nourishment.

Our God has led us on our faith journey, joins us to himself through baptism and feeds us with bread of life. We are invited by this feast and indeed at every Eucharist to celebrate with Christ — not a memorial of a past event but the dynamic reality of Jesus still dying and rising among us and calling to us — reminding us of light in the midst of darkness — life in the midst of death.

We also are called to be aware of the hungers that grip our world: the hungers of the refugee peoples, torn from their lands and the stability of predictable patterns and the very real spiritual hungers of people who have everything but are lost for meaning ... hungering for God to fill their emptiness. Each time we come to the Eucharist not only is the bread and wine transformed — we are transformed and our unity within the church is intensified and deepened.

This Sunday completes the transition from the Easter celebrations and is a good time to give more attention to a coming event of our diocese — the Synod of 2015. The word “synod” comes from the Greek “synodos” meaning “assembly” or “meeting” On Pentecost 2013, in an effort to capture our theology, our faith history, our hopes and our dreams, Bishop Randolph Calvo convoked the second synod of the Diocese of Reno.

A synod is a special process in which the entire Catholic community comes together to assist the Bishop in addressing broad concerns of the church in Northern Nevada. The theme is “Together Where the Spirit Leads,” illustrating our journey together as a diocese, a community of believers on the path of faith together. One goal of the synod is to develop a unified vision of our mission as Catholics in Northern Nevada as well as practical goals for fulfilling that mission.

The words of the hymns of “Corpus Christi” recall our mission as a church:

“To remember and celebrate
To serve the poor
to see all as members of Christ’s Church.”

Young adults retreat uses challenges to focus on faith

By James Rizza

Looking for ways to make friends who share your faith? Interested in laying the groundwork for lasting relationships?

As young Catholic adults, we often struggle to stay centered in our faith. Whether the demands of relationships, single life, kids, friends, jobs or finances are beckoning us, staying balanced and grounded in the love of Christ seems increasingly challenging.

“Adventures in Faith” is designed to allow participants the time and direction to regain the strength and peace that comes from practicing their faith.

Through team-oriented challenges, including low and high ropes elements, participants are asked to work together while developing

an awareness of the gifts God has provided them and the ways in which their gifts contribute to the team’s success.

Throughout the day, we will use Mass, prayer, scripture, reflection and dialogue to allow the participants to expand their understanding of how their Catholic faith plays a role in their lives.

“Adventures in Faith” is a two-day retreat, Aug. 16-17, led by Discovering Grace Adventures at Project Discovery near Mount Rose in collaboration with the Diocese of Reno Young Adult Ministry.

Our focus is on leadership and communication. We use the adventure model to develop the connection between the spiritual experience and the physical and emotional experiences that are inherent in

adventure.

We believe by creating an experience that maximizes involvement of the entire body, mind and spirit, we are helping participants develop more lasting, meaningful experiences with their faith.

During these experiences, participants gain skills and awareness in living a life of faith that are more transferable to daily life than the traditional retreat approach.

Day one of the program is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. It begins with games and small group challenges and ends with high elements, ranging from the Leap of Faith to the Flying Squirrel, grow in leadership and awareness throughout the day.

In the evening, participants enjoy a casual dinner under the evening sky, share stories, have some reflection time

during a silent hour, share thoughts and pray in meditation in the teepee around a glowing fire and perhaps end the night with a zip-line experience in the dark.

Day two is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A prayer walk will follow as we soak in the morning sun followed by reflection and discussion.

The day will be filled with further adventure in the high elements of the course. After final rounds of activities, appreciations and reflections will fill our hearts with reminders of God’s love before Mass.

An evening Mass wraps up the day before participants depart for home.

For more information and registration details, please contact James Rizza at 775-326-9431 or JamesR@catholicreno.org.

New hall progressing at St. Patrick's in Fallon

By Jane Moon

"Preserving Our Past — Ensuring Our Future with Christ as Center" is the theme of the St. Patrick Catholic Church parish's Build-Out project in Fallon.

Since the groundbreaking and blessing by Bishop Randolph Calvo on Oct. 20, 2013, the construction of St. Patrick's new Multipurpose Hall has been progressing quite nicely.

The engineering, architectural designs, site layout and civil improvements have all been submitted and approved; also the foundation has been poured and the walls are starting to go up!

A construction schedule has been placed in the side chapel for reference for everyone in the parish. Parishioners are asked to contact Construction Subcommittee Chairman Gary Laca at 775-867-4720 with any questions regarding the construction process. It is predicted construction will be completed in late August.

Many people already have made kind and generous donations toward our total project budget of \$1.5 million. Each contribution truly counts and is a blessing in so many ways. Father Tony Quijano, the pastor of St. Patrick's, and all the members of the Build-Out Committee are most grateful to all those who have contributed in any way, with any amount.

The fundraising efforts of the Build-Out Committee have been constant, engaging and transparent since the inception of this project, with major areas of fundraising focused on the following:

■ **Capital Campaign:** St. Patrick's embarked on a major capital campaign on Dec. 1, 2012, continuing the theme of "Preserving Our Past — Ensuring Our Future with Christ as Center." Since then, \$1 million in cash and pledges has been raised within the parish. Two Fallon businesses also have made generous in-kind donations totaling \$70,000 for engineering and construction supplies.

■ **Grant from Catholic Extension**



Society: On Nov. 1, 2013, St. Patrick's applied for and won a \$75,000 grant submitted on its behalf to Catholic Extension by the Reno Diocese's Office of Stewardship & Development. The grant has a provision that \$150,000 in "new" pledges and cash donations be collected during a specified term in conjunction with construction.

■ **Secondary Campaign:** The "A Dollar a Day, Paves the Way" campaign was introduced Dec. 22, 2013, and was reintroduced during the Lenten season. The campaign theme cleverly was coined by Father Tony, who asked the parishioners of St. Patrick's to really think about how they spend \$1 per day, \$7 per week, \$30 per month, \$365 per year and just over \$1,000 (the total amount for a three-year pledge).

■ **Parish group efforts:** Every group and ministry at St. Patrick's is engaged in the fundraising efforts. The Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Portuguese Society, Hispanic Ministry, Holy Rosary Society, Filipino Choir, Youth Group and others have



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Top: Ground-breaking ceremonies. Above: The site of the new hall.

each spearheaded efforts in raising much needed funds for the new

Multipurpose Hall.

Brad Jackson, the subcommittee chairman, for these groups' fundraising activities may be reached at 775-423-8714 for any inquiries or coordination of efforts.

Of special note: During Father Oliver Curran's term as pastor at St. Patrick's, he began a tradition of almsgiving with the children of the parish. The children are encouraged to offer up their own money during each Mass by presenting it to Jesus Christ at the altar during collection. By doing so, the children were able to purchase a new American flag to be raised outside the church and a beautiful golden crucifix for the altar when Father Oliver was pastor.

Father Tony has chosen to honor and foster the children in this wonderful tradition. The Children's Collection continues to grow and now is included in the building fund. God's little ones are playing a big part in providing for their own future at St. Patrick's!

The Build-Out Committee, along with Father Tony, humbly ask the St. Patrick's family and all in our Reno Diocese to pray for this huge undertaking in building for our future — for kids, grandchildren and beyond — a future in Fallon, where Jesus Christ is alive and well in his people.

Should anyone be interested in or have any questions about this Build-Out project, please contact Project Facilitator Jane Moon at 775-423-6983.

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Peace activist explains elements of nonviolent life

By Celia McGinty

Internationally known peace activist, Catholic priest and author John Dear spoke to about 50 people at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church on April 24.

Dear has written nearly 30 books on nonviolence and is on a book tour promoting his latest book, "The Nonviolent Life."

His appearance in Reno was sponsored by the Life, Peace and Justice Commission of the Diocese of Reno.

Dear told his audience about his decision to become a priest and his spiritual journey that has had him grappling with the evils of our world: the violence of war, the violence of terrorism, the violence of poverty, the violence of inequality and the violence against our earth; and the ways in which religious people can effect change for the good and nurture their own spirituality.

He said he came to understand Jesus taught us that nonviolence is the way we can change our world and the deepening understanding of nonviolence is our spiritual quest.

According to Dear, the nonviolent life has three elements. The first is interior nonviolence. Living nonviolently requires we be at peace inside ourselves. The second element is the



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Priest and activist John Dear gave a talk in April at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church.

realization we are all connected. All of us are holy and worthy under God. The third element is we must engage in the world. We must speak and act against violence.

Dear used examples from the lives of Jesus, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. to illustrate the ways in which peaceful people can advocate for nonviolence and bring about change.

Their lives show us that messages advocating nonviolence and changes from injustice to justice often are not well received.

But, Dear argued, silence is complicity. Silence will not change our world that seems to be in an escalating cycle of violence and injustice, he said.

Dear's own life has been dedicated to bringing change nonviolently. He has been arrested more than 80 times for engaging in

peaceful protests against war and injustice. He has been involved in multiple campaigns to try to make a more peaceful world, and he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Dear urged audience members to become involved in at least one movement for nonviolence or social justice. Peace with God and following Jesus' teachings in the "Sermon on the Mount" are the way to true spirituality.

"Blessed are the peacemakers; they are the sons and daughters of the God of Peace," Jesus said. Dear tells us we can all be the sons and daughters of the God of Peace.

"The Nonviolent Life" was published by Peace Bene Press. It can be ordered online at the website www.pacebene.org or by calling 510-268-8765.

Scope of CRS' programs is vast and worldwide

By Rita Sloan

Representatives from 14 dioceses of five states, including the Diocese of Reno, gathered May 19-20 in Los Gatos, Calif., for the biannual Catholic Relief Services Western Region Meeting.

Most of the CRS West staff also was in attendance, as well as Joan Rosenhauer, executive vice president of CRS; Shaun Ferris, agriculture program technical advisor for CRS overseas; and Dan Griffin, emergency program officer.

The programs of CRS are many and varied, falling into three general areas of focus:

- Disaster relief, with particular focus at this time in Central African Republic, Syrian refugees, Southern Sudan civil strife, Niger food shortage, Pakistan's drought and the typhoon relief work in the Philippines; involving around 5.5 million people in total.

- Agriculture, currently involving around 5.4 million people in 328 projects in 44 countries, through seed programs, watershed rehabilitation

and much more.

- Bring health projects to 74 million beneficiaries in more than 40 countries, placing increasing emphasis on community systems' improvements. Attendees learned about the far-sighted preparedness for potential disasters.

One of the ongoing challenges of Catholic Relief Services is promoting awareness of the vast work that CRS is involved with, especially among Catholics. Rosenhauer reminded us CRS is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' designated entity promoting global solidarity with the poor and vulnerable around the world, a mandate of our Faith. Yet so few Catholics truly understand the vast reach of this organization.

"Poor people is not a Pope Francis thing," Rosenhauer said, "It is a Catholic thing."

The new CRS tag line is "Faith, Action, Results."

"We can make a difference," said Rosenhauer, as she left us with the suggestion dioceses form global solidarity teams of volunteers.

Visit www.crs.org.

New priest assignments

July 1 starts the new fiscal year for the Diocese of Reno, and it also will mark any changes in clergy assignments.

- Brother Matthew Cunningham, FSR will retire as Chancellor of the Diocese.

- Father Robert Chorey will assume the duties of Chancellor in addition to responsibilities as Moderator of the Curia and Co-Director of Vocations.

- Father Vince Fallon, current pastor at Our Lady of Wisdom Parish will return to his religious community.

- Father Nathan Mamo, currently parochial Vicar of St. Galls, Gardnerville, will be Pastor of Our Lady of Wisdom.

- Father Doroteo Rojas, currently parochial Vicar of St. Teresa of Avila, Carson City, will be parochial vicar

at St. Galls.

- Father Hermes Binlayo, currently pastor at Carlin, Eureka and Wells will become parochial vicar at St. Teresa of Avila.

The pastoral care of the parishes of Carlin, Eureka and Wells will be assumed by the parish of St. Joseph's of Elko.

- Father Varghese Malanchervil will join as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's Parish in Elko.

- Father Elberto Melendez was renamed as Pastor of St. John Bosco in Battle Mountain for a second term.

- Father Jose Issac was reappointed to Holy Cross in Sparks.

- Father Dan Hussey was reappointed to St. Joseph's in Elko.

BASH raised \$250,000-plus for tuition help

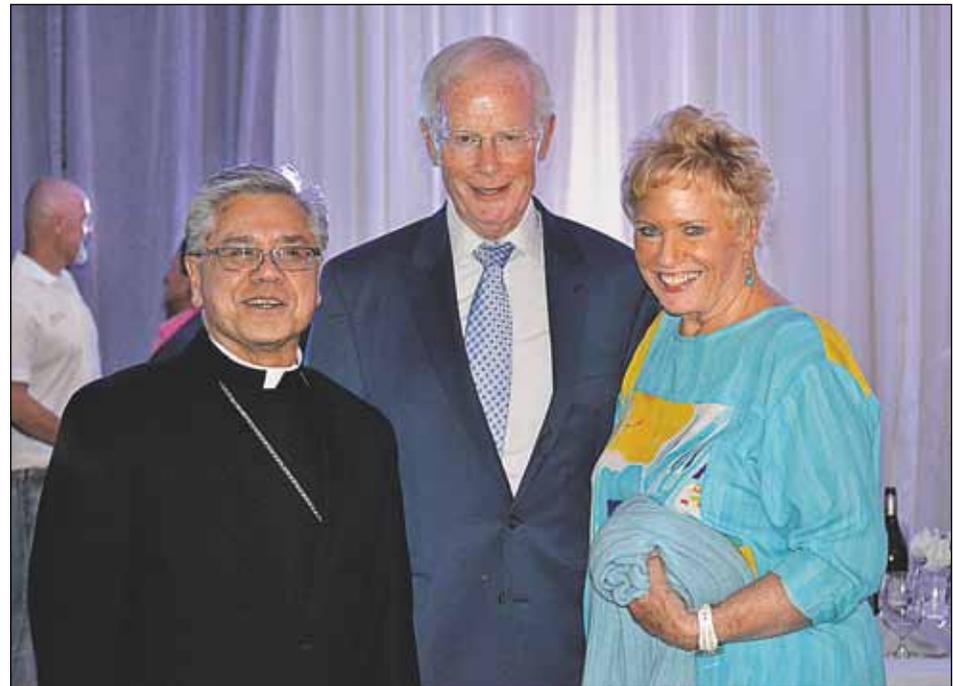
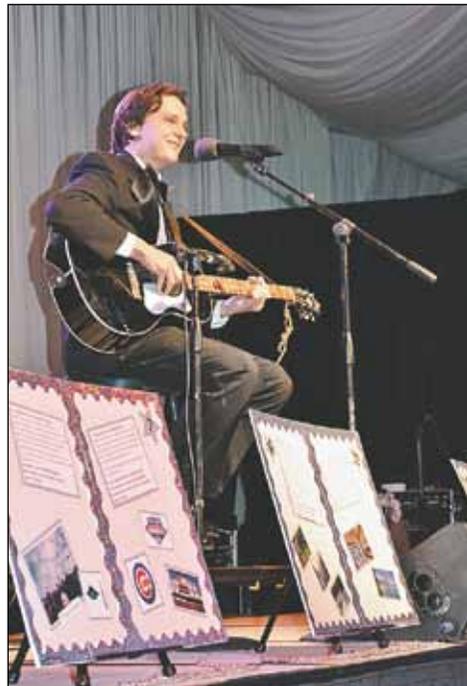
By Jackie Allen

Bishop Manogue Catholic High School's 25th anniversary Building a Scholastic Heritage, or BASH, fundraiser on April 5 was an unprecedented success, raising more than \$250,000 for the school's tuition assistance program.

Generous supporters from throughout the community enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Eldorado Hotel Casino, live and silent auctions, and entertainment by current students, faculty and alumni. They also heard first-hand accounts of how the school's Tuition Assistance Program turned dreams of attending Bishop Manogue in to reality. Last year, Bishop Manogue awarded more than \$700,000 in financial assistance to qualified students.

The event also honored Jim Toner with the inaugural Jim Toner Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education in recognition of his many years of service throughout the Catholic community. The award seeks to recognize individuals who:

- Strive to teach as Jesus taught.
- Serve others as a Catholic educator/administrator for a sustained number of years.
- Are Ambassadors for Catholic Education.
- Are dedicated to the spiritual and



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BISHOP MANOGUE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Left: Bishop Manogue Catholic High School graduate Hank Allen performed at the BASH gala. **Right:** During the gala, Bishop Randolph Calvo, left, presented a distinguished service award to Jim Toner, who attended with his wife, Susan.

academic formation of students based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As president of Bishop Manogue from 2007-2011, Toner's commitment was apparent to all in his omnipresence at student events, athletic contests, parent functions and fundraisers. But it also took the form of many quieter hours in the office, working behind the scenes to help

assure the school's ongoing stability through grant writing, networking and what sometimes seemed to be just plain miracle working.

In addition, he spent more than a dozen years working in the religious education program as a youth minister at Our Lady of the Snow Parish and more than 20 years with Snows' RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Program. Upon leaving that post, he took up the same position at St. Rose of Lima Parish, where he continues to guide adults on their journey to become full-fledged members of the Catholic Church.

Bishop Manogue would like to thank all who attended, donated and volunteered to help make the evening such a success.

In memoriam

The monthly Memorial Mass for those interred in Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery will be celebrated at 11 a.m. July 2 in the Most Holy Redeemer Mausoleum Chapel at the cemetery.

The celebrant will be the Rev. Art Valmonte from St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. All are cordially invited to attend.

Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery asks you to please remember in your prayers the following, who were laid to rest.

March

- Fred R. Croom
- Tevita Mokofisi Jr.

April

- Charles Fundis
- Maria A. Moreno
- John L. Davis
- Isabel Salamy
- Sharon Steitz
- Jose A. Maldonado
- Sylvia Arriandiaga
- Frances Paul
- Juliana Darwich
- Michael Calabria
- Janette Hutson

- Anthony F. Perry
- Elenita S. Lovano
- Ciria Reyes-Mendoza
- Margaret Boroughf
- John H. LaVoy
- Rosa Connelly
- Joyce A. Caso

May

- Joanne Meillon
- Angel J. Flores
- Noel E. Sapuay
- Kiera Lexie Rayos
- Roberto Chavez-Ramirez
- Gertrude Hayden
- Albert C. Aucremane

- Teresa E. Chapin
- George G. Phelps
- Maria E. Bermudez
- Gary R. Meikle
- Lawrence E. Woodford
- Shirley A. Oar
- Joe Edmond Green
- Rhea R. Talavera
- Linda Lou Gonski
- Leslie J. Warner
- Allannah McCormack
- Uriel Munoz

Diocese honored for fostering diversity in schools

By Karen Barreras

The National Catholic Education Association has awarded the Diocese of Reno its Sister Catherine McNamee Presidential Award for promoting economic and cultural diversity in Catholic schools through the Diocese of Reno Scholarship.

Established in 2010, the DORS is a collaborative effort among all diocesan schools, boards, parishes and generous donors. Nearly \$500,000 has been raised over three years to give students in financial need access to a Catholic education.

This year, DORS donors have helped 21 students attend Catholic schools. Those students would not have had the benefit of a Catholic education without this help. In the 2014-2015 school year, we expect the number to be more than 30 students.

A special aspect of the scholarship is it is renewable each year for up to 13 years, essentially providing recipients with financial support throughout their entire Catholic education in the Diocese of Reno, K-12.

Scholarships are granted to the most financially needy families as verified by the FACTS Grant and Aid



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Robert R. Bimonte, left, Karen Barreras, Sister Catherine McNamee and Patrick Lofton pose with the award from the National Catholic Education Association.

Application process. In addition, the three-pronged approach of the scholarship requires financial commitment also must come from the receiving family as well as from the

school the student attends.

"Each scholarship has a maximum value of \$26,000 over 13 years," Barreras said. "DORS pays \$2,000 per year, with the family and school the

student attends paying the remaining portion of tuition. All three pieces must be in place for the scholarship to be awarded."

Sixty-two percent of the scholarships have been awarded to ethnic minorities. The scholarship automatically is renewed if students show satisfactory academic progress and exhibit good citizenship, and the parents complete all family service hours, pay their portion of tuition and continue to show financial need.

We know that 100 percent of the recipient families cannot afford the tuition and that the learning abilities of the students vary. Still, data shows that the vast majority of students perform at or beyond expectations.

Couple that with the fact that about 85 percent of our students perform at or above the national average on standardized tests, and we know that the opportunity to access a Catholic education can and does change lives.

Over the past three years, an average of 256 families have applied for financial assistance to attend Catholic schools in the Diocese of Reno. Those applications represent an annual financial need of more than \$800,000.

For more information, go to www.catholicrenoscholarship.org.

Preparing for synod important part of process

By Monique Jacobs

When Bishop Randolph Calvo first announced his desire for a diocesan synod one year ago on Pentecost Sunday, many of us will most likely have been unfamiliar with the purpose and potential of such a gathering.

What is a synod? How do we prepare for it? What will be my role? Will my concerns be heard and addressed? Moving forward, one year later, we are beginning to learn more about this process as a diocese — and the process is indeed an important part of what will eventually take place during the three days in December when synod delegates will gather.

In late March or early April, a representative of the Preparatory Commission came to your parish and spoke at all the liturgies acknowledging



the preparatory work for the Synod had begun and encouraging our united prayer for this transformative process. Directly following that visit, each pastor distributed a synod survey during Easter liturgies or on the following Sunday; this offered you an opportunity to reflect aloud on the gifts of our church and to begin to voice your desires for the

ways we can grow in faith as a diocesan family. We thank you for your participation.

Many more avenues for conversation lie ahead in the coming months; we encourage you to make the most of every opportunity. Your unique participation is a vital part of the work of the Holy Spirit in our diocese. Data collected will be sorted, grouped and developed into a manageable working document for those who will attend the synod.

In the meantime, if you are interested in progress and information regarding the synod, visit the diocesan website, www.renodiocese.org, and click on the tab "Diocesan Information," where you will find the link for "Diocesan Synod."

This is an exciting time for us! As members of the living Body of Christ, change and accountability are a part of our growth and life as Catholics. Let us pray with one another for a hopeful and joyful spirit!

Graduation marks students' progress

By Jalie Porter

The last weeks of school at Our Lady of the Snows School were filled with many exciting events, mainly focused on celebrating our kindergarten and eighth-grade graduates.

Kindergarten graduation took place in the church, and students wore yellow caps and gowns and walked down the main aisle to the traditional graduation march. They sang a few songs, including a Snows kindergarten version of the song "Summertime" from the musical "Grease."

Each student told the audience what they want to be when they grow up, told a few memorable stories, and showed a video featuring highlights from the school year. Lastly, the students walked up one at a time to receive a diploma from their teachers.

Graduating from eighth grade marks a special rite of passage at Snows. Our school has many long-standing traditions to honor these students.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS SCHOOL

This is the graduating class of eighth-graders at Our Lady of the Snows School.

During our awards ceremony at the church, each student is recognized for their many accomplishments and contributions to our school and community. Afterward, the seventh-graders prepare and serve a special luncheon.

Before graduating, students made their last academic push for finals, turned in their books, paid fees, completed make-up work and cleaned lockers. A bittersweet

afternoon was spent signing yearbooks.

The Snows graduation Mass was led by Snows faculty and staff. Students wore royal blue caps and gowns, and each one had a part in the Mass. The collection is designated by the class.

Tears, smiles and lots of photos followed both ceremonies. May God bless each one of our kindergarten and eighth-grade graduates!

St. Albert grads sent off with Mass, fêtes

By Maize Pusich

Everyone was excited about the eighth-graders at St. Albert the Great Catholic School, who graduated June 4.

In the weeks before, the students completed their coursework and got ready for the leap to high school.

They recently returned from the annual Point Bonita trip that gives them hands-on opportunity to study science and ecology. This year, an eighth-grade retreat offered the students' time to reflect on their Catholic education, values and friendships.

The school recognized the many accomplishments of the graduates with a baccalaureate Mass, a luncheon with parents and staff,

and a reception hosted by the seventh-grade families.

St. Albert's students also enjoyed opportunities to learn through competition this spring.

Students recently completed their science fair. Projects ranged from building batteries with fruit and making candies explode in plastic bottles, to tracking the comfort of crickets in cooler weather by counting chirps.

Others presented analyses of the effect of color and music on perception and plant growth. Experiments testing the strength of egg shells and properties of household liquids were presented. One of the younger students presented his own CSI fingerprinting technique.

The basketball season ended

in March, with all of the boys and girls teams competing each weekend through the tournament. Sports give our children a terrific opportunity to learn teamwork and sportsmanship. Some players have experience and skill. Others bring curiosity and enthusiasm about a less-familiar experience. All benefit from the generosity of the volunteers who make our sports program possible.

Our athletes and their fans competed in the Catholic Youth Organization track meet May 18 at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. A breezy, mild day contributed to many fast races. Wind at the back of the softball throw lengthened the pitches. A fun day of competition was enjoyed by everyone.

Spanish classes begin in August

By Martha Cervantes

Another academic year is coming to a close, which includes the Spanish Lay Ministry classes in the Diocese of Reno. This ongoing instruction begins with an orientation day in August and concludes the year with a final class in June.

Classes are once a month from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday. A retreat takes place at the Presbyterian Conference Center at Lake Tahoe in November. The January class includes attending the Annual Diocesan Conference held at the Nugget in Sparks.

However, there is no need to wait until the beginning of the year to join. The classes can be started at any point during the year, and they are open to any adult who wants to deepen their knowledge of their Catholic faith.

All classes are instructed in Spanish, and certification as a lay minister can be received after four years of training.

Students complete a theological reflection on each class and are encouraged to meet with other students from their parish or region in between

classes to discuss what they have learned and what challenges they encountered with the material, to pray together, share their ideas on how to further their ministry and to deepen their relationship with God.

Attendees are from the Reno-Sparks area as well as outlying areas such as Fernley, Fallon, Dayton, Carson City, Gardnerville and Incline Village. The class gives a chance to network with students from other parishes, which has been an invaluable part to the learning process.

Presenters come from all areas of the United States and other countries such as Mexico, Peru, Brazil and Canada, and they are priests, religious and lay people; all of whom are experts in their field.

Subjects range from theology, sacraments, the creed, the trinity, liturgy, social justice, revelation, sacred scripture, Christology, multicultural theology, morality, popular religiosity and human development to include Christian leadership, self-esteem, emotional intelligence and conflict resolution.

For details, call Maripaz Ramos, Ethnic Ministry director, at 775-326-3423 or her secretary, Mario del Rocio Estevez, at 775-326-9415.

Seventh-graders reflect on Little Flower's specialness

By Bri Thoreson

As the end of the year approaches, teachers, students and administrators often are run ragged trying to finish everything that must be accomplished before school is out for the summer.

Teachers frantically plan last lessons to make sure students have achieved all academic goals in their classrooms. Students are studying for final tests and projects, and everyone is planning for the next year while finishing the current.

In the somewhat-organized chaos, it is easy to become burdened by tasks and overlook all of the reasons a school is truly special and the place you have chosen to be. For an English assignment, we asked our seventh-graders what makes their school special.

"I have been here for eight years,

and I've realized that everyone in my school is very accepting. No matter what race, gender, weight, nor size I am. I feel more accepted here than I do in the real world. I've been taught how to respect others as well as myself." — Maggie Joseph

"Little Flower School is a faith-filled community with love and hope from everyone you meet. Little Flower is not just a place where you go every day to learn, it's a place for gaining wisdom and faith. At Little Flower, it doesn't matter what race you are or what you look like; it's the person you are on the inside and the faith you have.

The teachers at Little Flower don't just teach you knowledge; they give you the wisdom to know what to do with that knowledge through faith-filled learning. Not only that, but at Little Flower they make learning fun, they make you want to come to school every day." — Kirsty Batastini

"Being in Little Flower School has been a great honor. Little Flower has taught me how to be kind and very generous, and, most of all, this school has showed me how to be a leader. Before I came to this school, I used to be very scared of speaking and having other people put me as captain of things. Since my five years in Little Flower, I have been taught to speak out and to be the captain of the group.

Being in Little Flower has been full of love, happiness, and compassion for one another which is what separates Little Flower from all the other schools." — Karina Nagra

"Little Flower School is a very good school because not only is there no bullying, but the teachers have more attention on you. When you need help they are there for you no matter what. All the teachers try their best with us, to teach us, to help us on our problems, and when you don't know

how to do some stuff like homework, you can come in to them." — Javier Valdez-Ponce

"The thing that makes this school awesome is that there is no bullying. At this school, it is cool to be different. When you come here you get accepted right away. You feel like you are in one big family. Another thing that makes this school awesome is the teachers all respect you. When you need help they will go out of their way just for you." — Parminder Parmar

There were many other excellent responses from our students, many compliments to teachers and friends, expressions of enjoyment in classes and widespread thanks for acceptance among peers.

As the school days wound down, it was important to remember we are thankful to be a part of this community and the many things with which we are blessed.

Vocation information will be broadcast

Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood? Are you curious about what it means to be a priest?

The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Reno is here to assist you. Starting this fall, it will host group meetings every other month to answer questions and discuss vocations.

We also will broadcast this via the web so those who live outside the Truckee Meadows may participate.

If you are interested, please contact us at Vocations@catholicreno.org. You can also reach us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DioceseOfRenoVocations, or through the website www.renodiocese.com.

Trekking teacher raises money for tuition

By Jackie Allen

In what's become a summer tradition, Leslie Raggio-Righetti, aka Madame R., will again be hitting the trail in support of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School's Tuition Assistance program.

Righetti, who teaches French, has done two other walks to benefit the program. The first was in 2011 when she walked 500 miles through France and Spain on the Way of St. James, or El Camino de Santiago. The second was in 2013 when she backpacked the 250-mile John Muir Trail. This year, she'll tackle the 177-mile Tahoe Rim Trail.

"I decided to stick close to home this year for several reasons," Righetti said. "My son will be starting medical school soon, and staying



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Leslie Raggio-Righetti will hike Tahoe Rim Trail to raise funds for Manogue.

nearby means saving a bit of money to help him with that endeavor. But best of all it means I can reconnect with some of the really astounding beauty right in our own backyard and share this experience with others in the community."

She will complete the trail in chunks of 10-15 miles spread

out over the course of two to three weeks. This will allow her to include "guest hikers" to join her on different legs.

"I'm hoping for students, parents, alumni, anyone willing to join in and have fun with me. I've already got (school) board member Bart Mowry and his wife, Karen, and daughter Michelle

interested in the idea," she said.

Righetti will begin the week of July 14 and plans to wrap up by Aug. 5 in time for school to start. She's asking friends, family and alumni to pledge a little or a lot.

"I have received so much being a part of the Manogue family. This is my way to give back and to help students who also want that experience," she said.

If you would like to donate, visit www.bishopmanogue.org and click on the "Donate Now" button, then choose "Trekking Teacher" from the Fund dropdown menu. Or mail your donation to: Trek for Tuition Assistance, 110 Bishop Manogue Drive Reno, NV, 89511. And if you would like to trek with her, email her at leslie.righetti@bishopmanogue.org.



Catholic Heart Work Camp

Bishop Manogue Catholic High school was the home base for Catholic Heart Work Camp from June 8-14.

Some 200 teens from around the state gathered for a week of work and worship; sleeping in classrooms each night; praying, singing and receiving sacraments in the chapel or gym each evening; and dispersing each morning to build, rake, cook, clean, feed and encourage at 50 work sites around the community.

The teens performed a variety of services such as them yard work for the disabled, food prep for St. Vincent's Dining room and cleanup at local schools and nonprofit organizations.

Diocesan organizers worked with Catholic Heart Work Camp, a national organization that puts on service camps around the country, to bring the program to Reno for the first time.



Manogue sends off 138 graduates

By Jackie Allen

On May 31, the 138 members of the class of 2014 gathered one last time in the high school stadium. They donned their gowns, they turned their tassels and became Bishop Manogue Catholic High School's latest alumni.

The graduates were accepted at 153 colleges and universities, and they collectively offered \$8,253,071 in scholarships. Special congratulations go out to Valedictorian Daniel Gray, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, and to co-salutatorians Emily Ames (attending Notre Dame University), Chris McBride (attending Johns Hopkins University), and Jens Verhey (also attending Notre Dame).

The commencement address was given by Sean Sullivan, Class of 1999, who is a San Francisco resident and attorney.

Sullivan graduated from Columbia Law School at the top of his class, and he was named a Rising Star of Securities and Finance Law in 2013 and 2014.

The graduates are:

Caroline Ackerman
Courtney Ackerman,
Brittany Adams, Kayla Alexander, Henry Allen, Emily Ames, Lianna Amezaga, Zachary Andrews and Juan Aparicio
Austin Baldrige,



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Jens Verhey gives a speech as his two co-salutatorians Emily Ames and Chris McBride stand next to him at the Bishop Manogue Catholic High School graduation ceremony.

Alexandra Baldwin, Alexandra Banales, Rachel Barnes, Zan Beh, Ryan Bell, Stefani Bell, Michael Berry, Qi Bian, Henry Bingham, Connor Bohach, Camille Bouthillier, Victoria Bouthillier, Kayleigh Brewster, William Brisson, Mackenzie Brunsvold and Sierra Butler

Annalissa Calderon, Jonathan Cantlon, Connor Chase, Li Chen and Lian Christie

Anthony Damonte, Jenna Damonte, Tyrone Davis, Cameron deFabry, Remy Dillard, David Douglass, Luke Doyle, Ryan Dunlap and Sarah Duxbury

Kanisha Ervin, Carly Farthing, Erik Flores Alexis Francis and Benjamin Fuller

Michelle Geddes, Andrea Godoy, Kathryn Gonzales, Hannah Gonzalez, Daniel Gray, Christopher Griffin II, Robert Guinasso and Jack Gurries

Mallory Hansen,

Bethany Hernandez, Kelsie Hill, Hannah Hodges, Hunter Hogan Aubrey Hulbert and Jack Hulbert

Madeline Iroz, Ashley Jacobs-Yeager, Julianna Jaime, Lengli Jiang and Tristan John

Claire Kazmierski, Anika Khan, Maria Kirkpatrick, Megan Knedgen, Zachary Kohls and Nicole Krmpotic
Nicole Leisy, Ysabelle Leron, Chengshi Li, Congcong Lin and Julian Liwanag

Benjamin Manoukian, John Mayer, Christopher McBride, Carlee McElroy, Jennifer Medina-Reyes, Carly Mendiola, Savannah Meng, Hunter Mercurio, K.C. Meyer, Rachel Miles, Nathan Militante and Tiana Mitts

Natalie Nash, Alexandria Nelson, Sara Nickerson and Jazmin Orozco-Rodriguez
Emmanuel Papa, Brooke Park, Wyatt Perkins, Ryan Edward Pool, Anna-Marie

Powell and Nicholas Powell

Michael Rafferty, William Ramirez, Matthew Rios-Lopez, Samuel Robertson, Ashley Robinson, Alexandra Robotham, Shandra Rogers and Gianna Rossi

John Sanders, James Sandoval, Hannah Santos, Anastasia Schostag, Brady Scolari Juliann Sedar, Harrison Shawa, Ann Shoen, Elizabeth Smith, Geoffrey Smith, J'Naey Soule, Josef Struffert and Xiaoting Sun

Ximin Tang, Stevie Tavener, Nicholas Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Dyson Thormodsgaard and John Tillis
Trisha Van Every, Aidan Vasquez and Jens Verhey

Emily Walsh, Yiru Wang, John Westby, Jace Winkelman, Johnathan Woolsey, Devin Wright, Weiyi Wu and Zachary Wurm

Kennedy Zaccheo and Ziheng Zhao.



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