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Families invited to World Meeting this fall

September trip will take pilgrims to the World Meeting of Families, events with Pope Francis



why? And pray about it and then move on it."

"It's an opportunity to recognize our struggles and celebrate our strengths," she added.

The event will feature six keynote speakers. They are:

■ Father Robert Barron of the popular Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and host of the documentary CATHOLICISM.

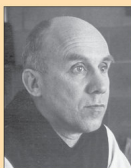
■ Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston.

■ Helen Alvaré, a professor of law at George Mason University School of Law and consultant for both the Pontifical Council of the Laity and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

■ Drs. Juan Francisco de la Guardia Brin and Gabriela N. de la Guardia, physicians from Panama.

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On his centenary, Merton still relevant
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Scholars say Thomas Merton, the famed Trappist monk, is still relevant today, 100 years after his birth.

Religious plan open houses
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Men and women religious around the Archdiocese of Louisville are planning to hold open houses on Feb. 15 as part of the Year of Consecrated Life.



CSA surpasses \$3 million mark
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The Catholic Services Appeal for 2015 is nearing its \$3.1 million goal and surpassed \$3 million for the first time since 2007.

Pope calls for peace building, ecumenism
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Pope Francis said Jan. 30 that divided Christians are called to work together for justice and peace, especially in the Middle East.



Vatican to consider role of women
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Pontifical Council for Culture is exploring "Women's Cultures: Equality and Difference," a theme selected after consulting women in Italy, including Anna Maria Tarantola, above.

Scouts, adult leaders honored
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More than 200 scouts and adults were honored at the Catholic Committee on Scouting's annual prayer service.

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By MARNIE McALLISTER
Record Editor

The Archdiocese of Louisville is organizing a pilgrimage Sept. 22 to 27 to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. The trip will include a week of workshops and presentations on the theme "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

And at the end of the week, pilgrims will have the opportunity to attend events with Pope Francis Sept. 26 and 27 during his visit to the United States.

The World Meeting of Families, held every three years,

was established in 1994 by St. John Paul II as a way "to look at strengthening the sacred bonds of the family unit across the globe," according to the event website, www.worldmeeting2015.org.

Sue Brodführer, the director of the archdiocese's Office of Family Ministries, is organizing the Louisville pilgrimage. She sees the meeting as an opportunity for families to realize their

role in the church. "Marriage and family have been at the core of passing on our faith tradition," she said. "Pope Francis has called for this meeting of the families. He has reminded us of the responsibility of the family in our faith tradition and in our society."

Brodführer said she encourages people considering the trip to ask themselves, "Do I feel called to do this? And if I do,

Experts explain new immigration policy

Attorney says up to 27,000 Hispanics in Ky. may benefit from new immigration rules

By RUBY THOMAS
Record Staff Writer

About two dozen Hispanic immigrants gathered at La Casita Center in Old Louisville Jan. 22 to have attorneys — experienced in immigration law — break down the new executive orders issued by President Barack Obama on Nov. 20.

This informational session was one of five held during the month of January at locations including St. Bartholomew, St. Edward and St. Rita churches in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

The Catholic Church has long called for comprehensive immigration reform which would bring millions of undocumented people into the light of mainstream America.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, who serves as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), welcomed the news of the executive orders.

"There is an urgent pastoral need for a more humane view of immigrants and a legal process that respects each person's dignity, protects human rights, and upholds the rule of law," said the archbishop in a statement issued by the USCCB Nov. 20.

"Every human being is a child of God!



Attorney Duffy Trager of the Russell Immigration Law Firm spoke to a group of young immigration activists following a Jan. 22 informational session about new immigration policy at La Casita Center in Old Louisville.

He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected, and loved," said the archbishop, quoting Pope Francis.

Rachel Mendoza-Newton — an attorney

from Russell Immigration Law Firm who led the informational session at La Casita — advised the group that while immigration laws can be complex, there are three important parts of this new immigration package about which they should learn.

The executive orders will expand the

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High school students take leadership roles

By JESSICA ABLE
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Pope Francis has repeatedly called on Catholic youth to be active participants in their faith.

Addressing young people at a World Youth Day Mass in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July 2013, Pope Francis said the church needs each one of them to share the good news with the world, according to a Catholic News Service story.

Catholic teens participating in the Archdiocese of Louisville's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) have heeded the Holy Father's call. Nearly 40 members of the YAB — from parishes around the archdiocese — gathered at the Flaget Center on a cold winter afternoon in January for their quarterly meeting.

The teens began their session with group-building exercises and plenty of snacks. On the day's agenda was a discussion of the recent Quest retreat.

Quest is a biennial retreat planned solely by YAB members for other teens in the archdiocese. The daylong retreat was held at Bellarmine University



Members of the Youth Advisory Board participated in a team-building exercise at the Flaget Center Jan. 27 during one of their meetings.

in November and attracted 350 participants.

With nearly 50 members on the board, the group provides a voice for the youth to the archdiocese's Youth and Young Adult Ministry team, led by Dr. Carole Goodwin.

Goodwin said she began the YAB 19 years ago to ensure that young leaders in the church had a voice.

The teens who make up the YAB hail from all parts of the archdiocese, including Nelson, Washington, Hardin and Meade

counties, and represent all nine Catholic high schools.

Goodwin said that diversity highlights how far the YAB has come since its inception.

"What's evolved is we've gotten representatives from different

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Experts explain immigration policies

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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program (DACA) created in 2012, allowing for temporary relief of deportation and work authorization for certain young people who were brought to this country under the age of 16.

The expansion of DACA extends work authorization to three years instead of two. It also removes the age ceiling which had restricted applicants to those age 30 and younger. The updated version of DACA allows young people brought to the U.S. as late as Jan. 1, 2010, to apply, whereas the original program had a cut off date of June 15, 2007.

The Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) is a newly-created program under the executive order. This program will give a temporary reprieve from deportation and work authorization for three years to the parents of U.S. citizens born before Nov. 20, 2014. Parents of permanent residents qualify as well, providing the son or daughter was a permanent resident as of Nov. 20, 2014.

The third most important part of the new immigration package, Mendez-Newton said, is a memorandum which clarifies and explains the "priority list for deportation" which will target those who've committed crimes involving terrorism and espionage, among other things. Katrina Barillas, director of the non-profit La Casta Center which serves Hispanic/Latino families, said these new orders are not exactly immigration reform, but that "it's better than nothing at all." She believes the policies will help some families.

Barillas said immigrants living in the U.S. without the proper documents are vulnerable to crime and exploitation. That situation "puts women and children in a position where they are vulnerable to victimization and domestic violence," she said.

Attorneys advise Hispanics to be wary of fraud, such as the sale of immigration forms

Barillas believes these new policies will lead to safer communities. "Those who benefit will be registered in the system and be able to report crimes without fear," she said.

Tania Avalos — who was born in Mexico and brought to the U.S. as a child — has benefited from DACA and is now a senior at the University of Louisville. She said the new policies are "crucial for families."

"I'll give them a sense of protection and allow them to breathe a little," Avalos said. "They've dedicated years to the United States' workforce and deserve it."

According to information provided by the attorneys during the information session, those immigrants who've committed crimes which fall into the category of felonies and significant misdemeanors will not be eligible to apply for these im-

migration benefits. Attorney Ted Farrell — who was on the panel at La Casta Center — said it is estimated that between 25,000 and 27,000 people will benefit in the commonwealth of Kentucky. DACA goes into effect this month and DAPA will go into effect in May.

Mendez-Newton cautioned those who attended the session to be careful of immigration fraud. Some people, she said, claim to have expertise in immigration law, but are unqualified. Others, Barillas noted, are trying to sell false application forms. When the documents are available, the forms will be free.

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Advisory board members hone leadership skills

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ent areas of diversity and also ethnicity. We started that first year with 12 youth (mainly from Jefferson County). We knew we had to expand to get a greater representation," Goodwin said.

Andrew Vo, who attends St. John Vianney Church, said he joined the YAB last year because he wanted to make a difference in the church.

"Society has become increasingly secular. I see friends going away from Catholicism. I thought maybe if I joined the group I could influence them to come back to the church," Vo, a junior at duPont Manual High School, said.

Haley Musser, a parishioner of the Church of the Ascension, said she believes the YAB is a valuable resource to the archdiocese because of the witness the teens provide to other young people.

"The world is changing so fast around us. Some youth believe in the faith but don't know how to get involved. Our job is to reach out and interact with other youth,"

Musser, a sophomore at Sacred Heart Academy, said.

Goodwin said one of the major roles of the YAB is to be a resource for other archdiocesan agencies and offices. Through the years, the teens have been a sounding board for the Office of Family Ministry and various groups at Catholic Charities, she said.

The youth have discussed such questions as "What do young people need from us?" and "Why aren't more young people involved at Mass?"

At their next meeting, the YAB will meet with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz. To prepare for the meeting, the students were asked to consider the following questions: "What engages teens in the church (or What do teens need from the church?)" and "What do you want to ask Archbishop Kurtz about his ministry in our archdiocese and in the country as per his role as president of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops?"

The YAB members are also expected to take their newly-formed leadership skills back to their parishes and schools.

Jacob Smith, a junior at St. Xavier High School, said he was able to take what he learned from the YAB to his parish, St. Martha.

"The YAB gives us a feel of a youth group. At St. Martha, we never really had a high school youth group. From this experience we were able to run with it," Smith said.

Smith and other young leaders were able to work with the parish staff to create a formal high school youth group at St. Martha.

To join the YAB, teens can be nominated by pastors or other adults in their parishes. A large portion of YAB members have attended the Christian Leadership Institute, hosted each summer by Goodwin and her staff. Students — are eligible to seniors — are eligible to be members of the board.

Goodwin said a leadership team such as the YAB gives her a great deal of hope for the future of the Catholic Church.

"They are so eager to connect, to be part of a community, to be heard and to go back to their parishes and take ideas," she said.

Pilgrimage to Philadelphia planned

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million people to attend the papal events.

The pilgrimage organized by the Archdiocese of Louisville will include round-trip transportation by "deluxe motor coach" and six nights in the Sonesta Hotel in downtown Philadelphia (one mile from the meeting site).

The cost is \$2,225 for one person; \$2,400 for a couple and \$2,750 for a family of four.

The registration deadline is Feb. 27 and an \$800 deposit is due then.

For more information about the pilgrimage, visit www.archlou.org/worldmeeting or call Brodhefer at 471-2127.

Pilgrims must register for the World Meeting of Families separately and there are two different registration packages from which to choose. Adult packages range from \$250 to \$325. Registration for children ranges from \$125 to \$199.

For more information about registering for the meeting, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org.

Synod delegates, including Archbishop Kurtz, approved

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis formally approved the delegates to October's synod on the family elected by 28 bishops' conferences, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Other conferences have yet to elect their delegates or have done so only recently.

The pope approved the U.S. bishops' election of Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, conference president; Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, host of the World Meeting of Families in September; Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston; and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles.

The U.S. bishops' alternates also were approved. They are Archbishop Blase J. Cupich of Chicago and Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco.

The Vatican announced Jan. 31 the names of the delegates approved by the pope.

The world Synod of Bishops will be held Oct. 4-25 at



Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz spoke to Jeff and Alice Hetzen of Menomonee, Wis., at the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family at the Vatican Oct. 13, 2014.

the Vatican and will focus on the theme, "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World."

It follows the extraordinary synod on the family in

October 2014. Pope Francis said the synod was designed to present an overview of the situation of families and the primary concerns for the church's pastoral care of families.