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In Memoriam

Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen

August 21, 1921 – July 22, 2018



Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen died in the peace of the Lord he loved and served so well on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at his home in Helena, Montana, surrounded by members of his family.

Archbishop Hunthausen was the last remaining American bishop to have participated in the Second Vatican Council. He attended all four sessions from 1962 to 1965. From 1962-1975, he served as Bishop of Helena, Montana, and from 1975-1991, as Archbishop of Seattle.

Raymond Gerhardt Hunthausen was born to Anthony and Edna Hunthausen in Anaconda, Montana, on August 21, 1921, the oldest of seven children. He graduated with a degree in chemistry from Carroll College in Helena in the spring of 1943, and studied for the priesthood at St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore, Washington. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Helena at St. Paul's Church in Anaconda on June 1, 1946 by Bishop Joseph Gilmore.

Following his ordination, he began teaching at Carroll College and during the summers pursued graduate studies in chemistry at Notre Dame University, Fordham University, Catholic University of America, and St. Louis University. In addition to his teaching duties, Hunthausen became the athletic director for Carroll College where he coached football, basketball, baseball, track and most other sports. His teams won several titles and in 1966 he was named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, the only member of the American hierarchy ever so honored. He served as president of Carroll College from 1957-1962. Carroll College honored him by naming its new sports and student center after him in 2017.

In July, 1962, he was appointed Bishop of Helena by Pope John XXIII, and consecrated at St. Helena Cathedral on August 30, 1962. Significant parts of his first four years as bishop were spent at the Second Vatican Council in Rome,

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and the Archbishop always said the Council was his “on the job training” for being a bishop. During his years as Bishop of Helena he was noted for vigorously implementing the teachings of the Council and was especially passionate about ecumenism, liturgy, and collaborative ministry. He began the youth camps at Legendary Lodge and founded a diocesan mission in Guatemala, one of the first American bishops to do so.

In February, 1975, Pope Paul VI appointed him Archbishop of Seattle, where he was installed on May 22 of that year. Known for his strong commitment to issues of peace and justice, Archbishop Hunthausen’s leadership emphasized quality pastoral care for the people of the archdiocese, with particular emphasis on training and equipping lay women and men for ministry. In 1980, he wrote what is believed to be the first pastoral letter by an American bishop identifying steps the church should take to value the gifts of women equally with those of men. His dedication to shared responsibility and to inclusiveness brought the archdiocese into a new era marked by bold strides in ecumenism and multiculturalism. Under his direction in 1988, the Archdiocese of Seattle became one of the first dioceses in the nation to implement a policy to address child sexual abuse by priests and church employees.

His passion for peace became known around the world when he protested the proliferation of nuclear weapons, including the housing of Trident missile submarines on Puget Sound. So convinced was he of the immorality of the buildup of nuclear arms, that he began to withhold one-half of his own income taxes in 1982. Not long after, in 1983, the Vatican undertook an apostolic visitation to look into the Archbishop’s ministry, including some of his pastoral practices and public positions. The visitation, while difficult and divisive, served to highlight Hunthausen’s unflinching trust in God, his prayerfulness, and his unswerving dedication to the Church. When the visitation was concluded in 1987, he welcomed the appointment of Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy as his coadjutor.

Revered as an outspoken advocate



Consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Helena
August 30, 1962

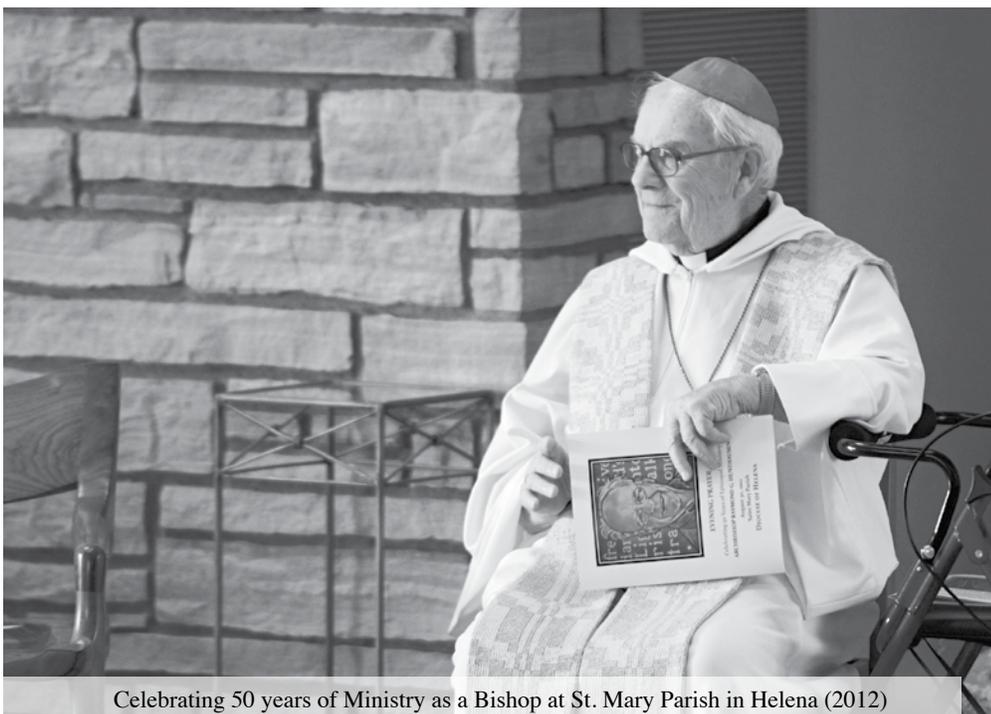
for the poor and the marginalized, Archbishop Hunthausen was also a great advocate for women and their role in Church and society, as well as for women religious. So deeply was he committed to the Church’s ecumenical mission that many clergy of other denominations referred to him as “their bishop.” Always known for his “common touch,” Archbishop Hunthausen had little use for the titles or trappings of office, always preferring to walk among the people as one of them, a leader who was very much in touch with his people.

Despite his enormous responsibilities as a bishop of the Church, the

Archbishop always maintained a warm and close relationship with his family. Among his siblings and his beloved nieces and nephews and his great-nieces and great-nephews, he was affectionately known as “Dutch” and his happiest times were those he shared with them at family gatherings where he could always be counted on to know the names of scores of family members down to the very youngest. A natural athlete and lover of the outdoors, the Archbishop took great delight in skiing, golfing, hiking, fishing, and relaxing with family and friends at his humble mountain cabin at Moose Lake.

Shortly after his retirement in 1991, he chose to spend more and more time with his family in Montana, but even so, he continued to help out in parishes and was much sought after as a retreat director and confessor. For the last several years of his life, he lived in a nursing facility in Helena alongside his brother Father Jack Hunthausen, where they celebrated Mass daily and welcomed a steady stream of visitors, both family and friends. Keenly interested in the Church and its mission to the last, he took particular joy in the election in 2013 of Pope Francis, whose vision and priorities in so many ways echoed his own.

Bishop George Leo Thomas, recently appointed as bishop of Las Vegas, returned to The Cathedral of St. Helena



Celebrating 50 years of Ministry as a Bishop at St. Mary Parish in Helena (2012)

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to celebrate the Memorial Mass for his long-time friend and mentor. (photo above)

The following are selections from Bishop Thomas' Homily on July 27th.

In late April, just days before my departure to the Diocese of Las Vegas, I had a tender and tearful visit with Archbishop Hunthausen at his residence just east of Helena.

He was in rare form that day—lucid and interactive, and the conversation was lively, with intermittent bouts of laughter and melancholy. Each of us knew in our hearts that this was likely to be the last time we would be together this side of the grave.

As I took leave of the Archbishop's room he called me back one more time. "Please promise you'll come back to Helena to celebrate my Memorial Mass. It would mean the world to me." I'm here today to make good on that promise. Besides that, "Who could say no to someone who holds such a treasured place in all of our hearts for decades on end?"

As I reflect back on the Archbishop's long and lively tenure

as the priest and bishop I have known since the day he confirmed me as a junior high boy in this Cathedral, I leave you with many valuable life lessons we have learned during his twenty-nine years of service as bishop and Archbishop. You may add your own.

He taught us to keep the eyes of our heart ever fixed on Christ, and maintain an active life of prayer and devoted companionship with the Risen Lord.

He taught us never to abandon the poor or forsake the cause of justice. And while providing for the immediate needs of the poor, I would hear him quickly add, "Do not fail to address the underlying causes of poverty that keep the human family shackled in suffering for generations on end."

Never give up on the Church, or fail to remember that ultimately the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit and rests on the shoulders of the Apostles.

Avoid bitterness, resentment and cynicism at all cost, and never get in the way of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church in spite of our best efforts or human foibles.

Cherish family, and build strong bonds of friendship to carry you through good times and bad. Cherish the children, and fill their hearts with love, laughter, and love of the Lord.

Pray and work untiringly for peace so that our children and our children's children can live in security and peace.

Be guided by the words of Saint Paul when he wrote, "Remember that the Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. Then the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus."

Now that the Archbishop's earthly pilgrimage has come to an end, we commend him lovingly to the Risen Lord. We ask the Lord to bless his heart with the same peace for which he poured out his life, a peace that is beyond all human understanding, a peace that flows from the very heart and life of our Risen Savior.

Rest in peace, dear Dutch, dear friend, until we are all together again, and stand in the loving presence of Jesus, who is ever in our midst, "as one who serves."



Bishop Thomas (L) and Archbishop Hunthausen at Carroll College's Hunthausen Center for Peace and Justice in 2012

Faith, Public Office and Supreme Court Appointment



Matthew Brower
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Of the many political stories coming out of Washington D.C. recently, few are more significant than the announcement of Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court and the subsequent nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to fill the vacancy. Some have even referred to Kennedy's retirement and the ensuing battle to confirm his replacement as "political Armageddon."

Perhaps that's an exaggeration, but there is little doubt this process will be divisive and could represent a turning point for American jurisprudence and culture. Culture and law work hand in hand informing and helping to shape the other. Because of the indispensable role it exercises, the Supreme Court wields great power in this regard.

People understand that this seat could carry the deciding vote on a variety of contentious constitutional issues potentially before the court in coming years.

It's a curious fact that of the 8 current Supreme Court justices, 4 are Catholic (Chief Justice Roberts and Justices Thomas, Alito and Sotomayor) and Justice Neil Gorsuch, though he attends the Episcopal Church, was

raised a Catholic attending Catholic schools. If Brett Kavanaugh is ultimately confirmed, he will become the fifth Catholic on the court replacing another, Justice Kennedy.

But does a Supreme Court justice's (or nominee's) particular religious faith matter? Should it?

Prior to Kavanaugh's nomination, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote to U.S. Senators urging them that "Any religious test for public office is both unjust and unconstitutional."

While it makes sense that judicial nominees ought not be targeted for inclusion or exclusion from the court because of their religion, we also understand that our Catholic faith is not something to be "left at the door" when we leave Mass and enter the world outside.

Our religious convictions are woven into the fabric of our being. Faith is not like a jacket to be put on and then taken off depending on the occasion. This is true even for Supreme Court justices. In those rare situations where a judge's beliefs conflict with the proper exercise of his or her office, recusal may be necessary.

This was the crux of the issue addressed by Judge Amy Coney Barrett in an article she co-authored in 1998. Despite the authors' reasoned conclusion that in some situations recusal may be required and Judge Barrett's

statement during her confirmation hearing that, "It's never appropriate for a judge to impose that judge's personal convictions, whether they derive from faith or anywhere else, on the law," it didn't prevent some Senators from insinuating that some kinds of Catholics, may be unfit, because of their specific religious beliefs, to serve as judges. Recall Senator Durbin's question during Barrett's confirmation hearing, "Do you consider yourself an orthodox Catholic?" and Senator Feinstein's now famous, "When you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you and that's of concern when you come to big issues that large numbers of people have fought for years in this country."

I suspect we may see similar questions of Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation process. He's Catholic and it seems clear there are some who believe only certain "types" of Catholics are fit for the court.

So, what kind of Catholic is Brett Kavanaugh? I have no idea. Most of us know very little about him and what "being Catholic" means to him. But as this process progresses perhaps it can serve as an opportunity for each of us to examine our own lives and the extent to which we live out our own Catholic faith in prophetic witness.

With God's grace, may each of us be so blessed as to stand rightly accused of a faith so radiant that others cannot help but notice that the "dogma lives loudly within."

Sr. Elizabeth Olsen, BVM Retiring to Mount Carmel

Sister Elizabeth Olsen, BVM is set to retire at the end of September this year. She is the sole remaining Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Montana and will be concluding 30 years of service as chaplain for St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. She said, "I was born and raised at (Immaculate Conception Parish) in Butte." Sr. Liz found a powerful witness of faith in the religious sisters who educated her, "I recognized my calling out of the Butte community."



She entered the BVMs in 1960 and served as an educator in many capacities. She has also spearheaded youth ministry, grief ministry, funeral ministry, and ministry to the homebound. She

is well known in many Montana communities, including Wolf Point, Dillon and Whitefish, but she most fondly recalls her ten years in Anaconda where she both explored and developed pastoral ministries in collaboration with Fr. John (Jack) Hunthausen. "My time in Anaconda was very formative for me, but more than that it was a vibrant and hopeful experience."

Sr. Liz spent two summers in Charleston, SC to "try" hospital ministry which led to a study in Chaplaincy at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA. She experienced something of an epiphany at Mercy College saying, "It put a cap and a structure on much of my Anaconda experience." Following that, she was invited to return to Montana and began chaplaincy at St. Patrick's, something she regards as, "The most enjoyable and richest ministry experience I have had."

Sr. Liz will move to Mount Carmel the administrative headquarters of the Sisters of Charity in Dubuque, Iowa. It is also home to

retired BVMs who are in need of different levels of care and sisters who are active in the Dubuque community. She sees herself as assisting with care as needed and hopes that her love of driving will come in handy if any of the sisters need to travel. On leaving, she said, "It will be so hard to leave Montana but I don't need to worry about turning off the light because of so many associates. I know that so much good will still be done."

2018-2019 DATES AND LOCATIONS	
LEADERSHIP CAMP (LEGENDARY LODGE)	JUNE 24-29
JUSTICE OUTREACH PROJECT (BROWNING)	JULY 10-15
CYC BOARD #1 (LEGENDARY LODGE)	AUGUST 24-26
KICKBALL TOURNAMENT (BELGRADE)	SEPTEMBER 23
CYC BOARD #2 (HELENA)	OCTOBER 5-7
JUNIOR HIGH RALLY (MISSOULA)	OCTOBER 27
CYC BOARD #3 (MISSOULA)	NOV. 30-DEC. 1 (FRI. ONLY)
CYC BOARD #4 (BUTTE)	FEBRUARY 22-24
CYC CONVENTION (HELENA)	MARCH 22-24

Legendary Lodge, Reflecting the Family of Faith

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Camp Counselor/Guest Columnist

If someone decided to compile a definitive list of the many adjectives one could use to describe Legendary Lodge, timeless would likely deserve a spot somewhere in the top ten.

On the surface, it's a quality that is easily noticed by anyone who takes a tour. The majority of the cabins are strikingly old-fashioned. Modern amenities are close to absent, and internet access is even closer. Aside from the construction of the Lincoln Lodge in 2011, a shower building and modest kitchen upgrade, the buildings and grounds appear much as they did when camps began in 1960's. The Lodge, for all intents and purposes, is a place set aside



are just plain intimidating. Luckily, it's the experiences they have over the course of the next five days that tend to make all the difference.

It's been said that some of the most powerful lessons are the ones you can learn by yourself, and Legendary Lodge begins to present campers with these learning opportunities as soon as they arrive. These immediate lessons are usually more practical in nature. For instance, slamming a king-sized bag of M&M's with your buddies just minutes before bedtime makes it unlikely that you'll get the peaceful night's rest necessary to prep for a day full of activities. And furthermore, the daily 8AM wake up call will offer no mercy to a camper who only managed to drift off a couple of hours prior.

Starting on Monday, the lessons get a bit higher in concept. For instance, the values of teamwork, balance and trust needed for ten youth to achieve balancing shoulder to shoulder on a log are not totally dissimilar to the ones needed to unite a faith community or keep a family together. And, the consistency and discipline required to accurately fire an arrow are just as vital to healthy prayer life.

As the week goes on, these

experiences pile up. Campers hike a mountain to celebrate Mass in the grandeur of God's creation. They get an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, where they experience the riches of God's mercy.



They laugh, learn, compete, pray, showcase their talents, dance, and make lasting friendships. As they're sent back across the lake on Friday morning, it's not at all uncommon for tears to be shed. Because by that time, they've likely unraveled the most profoundly beautiful lesson of the week, which is this: For all its history, for all its size, and for all its depth, the Catholic Church is truly one, like-hearted family with its gaze set always on Jesus. And as long as they remember that, in Faith, they will not be alone.

It's a lesson that is truly timeless. And year after year, God chooses to use Legendary Lodge as a conduit to reveal this lesson to several hundred of his beloved kids. In the end, it's what makes the Lodge such a special place.



from the natural flow of time. And rightfully so, since it's this quality that helps to provide campers with a crash course on some of the truly timeless lessons of life and faith.

Over the decades, thousands of campers have arrived at Legendary Lodge for the first time. It's fair to assume that almost all of them had some level of apprehension about the process. For some, the prospect of a week spent away from friends and family on a rural peninsula is well beyond the limits of their comfort zone. For others, the unfamiliar faces and surroundings

are not totally dissimilar to the ones needed to unite a faith community or keep a family together. And, the consistency and discipline required to accurately fire an arrow are just as vital to healthy prayer life.



75th Jubilee for Br. Patrick McCormack, CFC

Brother Patrick Donatus McCormack, CFC, came home to Butte to celebrate his 75th Jubilee August 4th. He renewed his vows during Mass at St. Anne Parish, joining family and friends for a reception after.

At 17 years-old, Br. Patrick left Butte for New York to join the Congregation of Christian Brothers. He taught English, religion, typing and business. He also served as a school principal and served in Vancouver, Canada; Illinois, Hawai'i and Washington state. Following Mass, Br. McCormack fondly recalled the 17 years he spent teaching in Butte where Msgr. Kevin



O'Neill, rector of the Cathedral of St. Helena and Diocesan Administrator was among his students.

Br. McCormack resides in community in Brownsville, Texas where he still finds time to volunteer with middle school students.

(photo, Msgr. O'Neill congratulates Br. McCormack)



65 women attended the fifth annual Women's Retreat July 13-14 at Legendary Lodge. Sr. Noreen Walter, SCI led the gathering with themes centered around the call to holiness, Christ as source of hope, and giving and receiving love. Attendee Michelle L. said, "Thank you for an amazing weekend that always recharges my faith. The atmosphere and leadership were outstanding."



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

*Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.*

*Inspire us as we grow to know you,
and open our hearts to hear your call.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen.*

Men in priestly formation for the Diocese of Helena



Shannon Augare

Tyler Frohlich

Kyle Tannehill

Matthew Christiaens

Dcn. Nathan Scheidecker