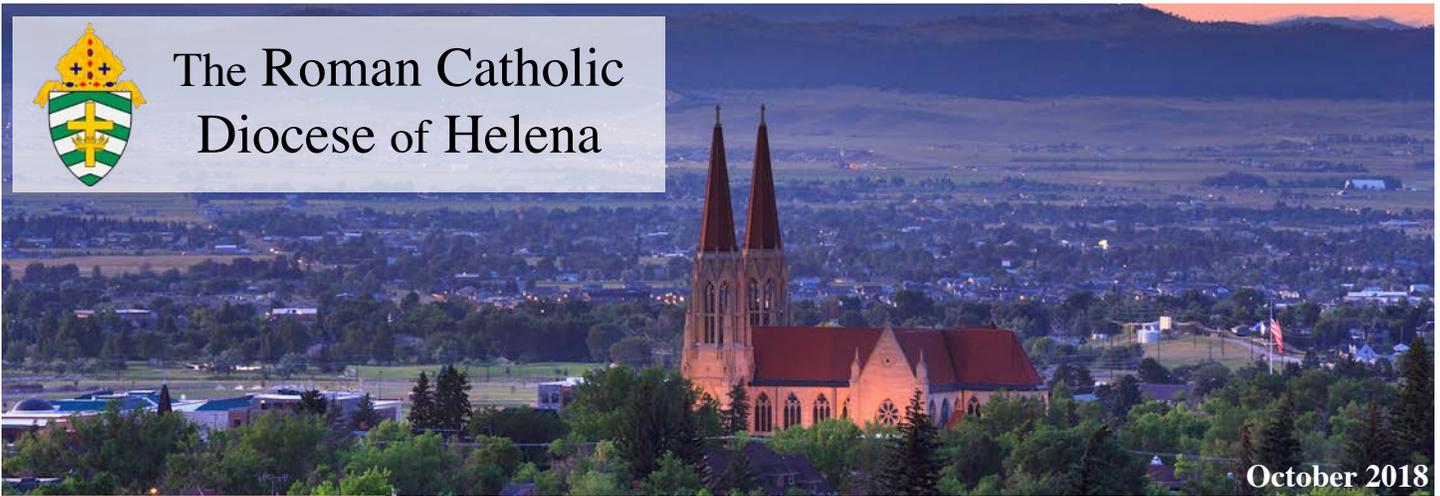




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A Prayer to St. Helena

As we await the appointment of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Helena, I invite you to join with me in this prayer to St. Helena as, together, we entrust our diocese to the generous providence of our loving God.

- Msgr. Kevin O'Neill,
Diocesan Administrator



*O great St. Helena, patroness of our diocese,
who for love of Our Lord made pilgrimage to the Holy Land
to mark the sites of His Pascal Mystery, grant, we pray,
that you would intercede to the Father on behalf of our Diocesan Church
as we await the appointment of our next bishop.*

*Grant that we will be sent a spiritual shepherd after the Sacred
Heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down
his life for us, His sheep.*

*Pray to God that we will be given a
bishop who is faithful and just, holy and wise, loving and zealous.*

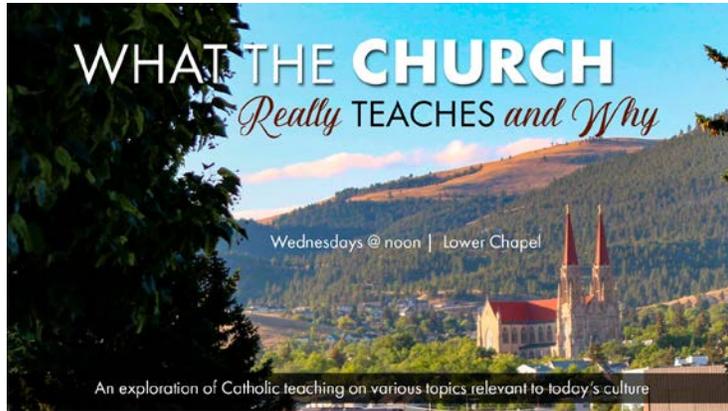
*May he be completely devoted to the Lord and to the service of
the people entrusted to his care, so that the Diocese of Helena may
experience a springtime of growth in holiness and the number of
souls drawn to the Lord through His Church.*

Amen

Trinity Chapel Open for Adoration

On September 3rd, Carroll College opened Trinity Chapel on campus for Eucharistic Adoration. Constructed in 2003 as an oratory, or place set aside for prayer, the chapel is located at the East end of Trinity Hall. The unique tabernacle allows for the Eucharist to be adored behind a pane of glass and the outer wood doors can be shut when no one is in the chapel.

Carroll's Chaplain, Fr. Marc Lenneman, said, "We're very happy at Carroll to meet a desire that the faithful people of Helena brought forward. The blessing of having people come to campus and spend time with Jesus confirms and deepens the Catholic mission of the college. It reminds us of who we are at Carroll and what role the college can and should play in the spiritual life of the diocese." Open adoration is held daily from noon to 10 p.m..



Student Group Seeks More On Church Teaching

When a group of Carroll Students approached Carroll's Chaplain, Fr. Marc Lenneman, about bolstering evangelization on campus. They decided to take a deeper look at the wisdom of the Church and began to gather on September 12th. Now, each Wednesday at noon, the Campus Ministry lounge hosts meetings on topics that range from current scandals in the Church to feast days. Topics are driven by the group's interest and the format encourages going into detail. This is a good fit for Campus Ministry's mission; that students know their faith, are life-long students of the Church and are capable of engaging the culture in meaningful dialogue.

Carroll College Breaks Ground on Learning Commons

Carroll College celebrated the groundbreaking of a major renovation to the 40-year-old Corette Library on September 13th. The \$7 million transformation will bring a state-of-the-art learning center to Carroll including flexible learning spaces, a cafe, gallery and a Center for Professional Communications (CPC).

Students will have access to speech labs, support for presentation and design, and the latest in educational technology. Lower level renovations, which house the CPC, began in may and will conclude by year's end. The total project will wrap in 2020.

Donor, and class of 1962 alumnus, Roy Simperman helped develop a modest library upgrade into the current plan. According to Carroll's President, John Cech, the new Jack and Sallie Corette Library and Simperman Learning Commons will, "match any comparable high-tech facility on the planet."

Photos/images courtesy of Carroll College



Groundbreaking left to right, Nick Lende (Dick Anderson Construction), Professor Charlotte Jones (Communication Studies), Kennedy Bahn (ASCC President), Cathy Day (Interim VP for Academic Affairs), Dr. John Cech (President), Monsignor Kevin O'Neill (Board of Trustees Chair), Frances Simperman, Roy Simperman, Karla Hokit (Interim Director of the Library), and Anna Lindstrand (Mosaic Architecture).

Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

By Cody Tredik

Women religious from around the Diocese of Helena gathered at the Cathedral of St. Helena to celebrate several milestones for their local community, as well as for their orders.

Sister Patricia Hix, CSJ and Sister Patricia Toeckes, SCL both celebrated jubilees this year of 75 and 60 years, respectively. Sister Hix, now retired, served the Diocese of Helena in Cut Bank, Mont. at St. Margaret's Parish. Sister Toeckes is currently the Pastoral Administrator at Our Lady of the Pines in West Yellowstone, Mont. Alongside their many years of service, Sister Elizabeth Olsen, BVM was thanked for her service as she prepares



Sr. Toeckes shares on her 60 years of service

for retirement. Sr. Olsen is the sole remaining Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Montana and has served the diocese for 30 years at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

The jubilee also celebrated 185 years since the founding of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 160 years since the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.

The religious gathered in the Brondel Center beneath the Cathedral in Helena for midday prayer with Msgr. Kevin O'Neill, Diocesan Administrator and Fr. John Robertson, Chancellor. During the prayer service, Sister Gretchen Wagner, CSJ, the current Pastoral Administrator at St. Margaret's in Cut Bank, spoke on behalf of Sister Hix, saying, "By living with Sister Pat, I've come to know just how many people love her, and she has given me very many things. She has taught me to be more forthright, to always keep my humor, and to be more prayerful. I'm so grateful for that."

Afterward, Sister Toeckes spoke on her life and ministry. "Thinking back on 60 years, I'm just so grateful to



Sr. Hix celebrates 75 years of service

have served as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth," she said. "It's amazing to see how God has worked in my life and where my response to that great love has taken me."

After the prayer service, the group enjoyed lunch and presented gifts to the three sisters who have given so much to the people of God in the Diocese of Helena and beyond.



Srs. Weinert, Toeckes and Olsen

Sr. Dolores Brinkel, SCL Transitions to Retirement

By Cody Tredik

Sister Dolores Brinkel, SCL, Diocesan Archivist, has retired after blessing our diocese for 20 years. She came to us in 1998 to work for the Montana Catholic Conference while managing the archives at St. James Hospital in Butte. In 2000, she moved to Helena to begin work in the Chancery Archives, and has been running the Archives ever since.

Born and raised in Broadview, Mont., Sr. Dolores took her final vows for the Sisters of Char-

ity of Leavenworth in Kansas in the 1955. From there, she served as a teacher for 20 years in Kansas City before moving into Criminal Justice where she developed Christian-based programs for inmates and lobbied to end the death penalty.

She then moved to Washington D.C. to work in Rural Ministry Education, and became the first Associate Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in 1986. In this role, she helped to plan the 5th National Catholic Youth Conference, which was the first to be hosted in Indianapolis. Over the next 10 years she served the Washington Office on Latin America and Providence Hospital Foundation before her journey finally brought her home to Montana.

A reception was held on August 22, the anniversary of her final vows, to celebrate her time and service in the Diocese of Helena. Members of her family from Broadview, fellow women



Sr. Brinkel, Msgr. O'Neill and Fr. Robertson



Sr. Dolores (center) with family members at St. Mary's Parish

religious from around the diocese, chancery co-workers, and Diocesan Administrator Msgr. Kevin O'Neill attended the luncheon and celebration.

On her time with the Diocese, Sr. Dolores said, "I've absolutely loved working in the archives for these years...I've been so impressed by the number of people who cherish the beginnings of our church, our state, and our families... this great history not only allows us to look back at who we are as a diocese, but it also aids us in helping the younger generation to look forward."

October Respect Life Month Reflections



Matthew Brower
Executive Director
Montana Catholic Conference

Excerpts from February's *March for Life Address*

Ask yourself, "If I knew abortion would remain legal forever, how would I build a culture of life and ensure that no expectant mother think she has no 'choice' but abortion?" The point is we must not become constrained by the weight of the laws we seek to change. We are never powerless to act on behalf of human life. But, to do so most ef-

fectively our witness must be credible.

Credibility requires consistency so it's important we consider the degree to which we embrace a "consistent life ethic." Of this ethic Saint John Paul II said, "Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good. We need then to show care for all life and for the life of everyone" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 87).

Our hearts weep for children killed in the womb and for those who have chosen abortion. But do our hearts weep for the poor? Do our hearts weep for refugees? Do our hearts

weep for immigrants brought here as children now fearing deportation? Do our hearts weep for victims of war, racism and abuse? Do our hearts weep for the neglected, drug-addicted, abandoned and lonely?

A heart on fire for life shines in a selfless outpouring of loving deeds directed at life's dark crevices and it effectuates change in the hearts of those unaccustomed to the joy, hope and love such light brings.

So, let us never weary in our labors for life or allow setbacks to diminish our joy. Be not afraid! And let us ask God to transform our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh so that through us he may do the same for others.

A Perfect Gift

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie,* who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe"—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful



baby boy, who defied easy categorization.

It's like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't see the figures. But inside,

with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant.

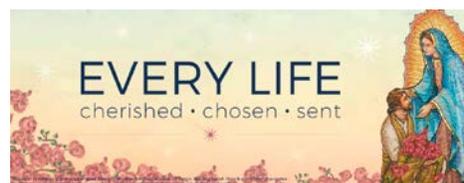
From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

We are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when loved ones approach life's end, we may not know how to provide compassionate care. Surround your friend or family member with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives" (*To Live Each Day with Dignity*, USCCB).

Learn about these 10 tips at: usccb.org/endoflifecare.

1. Invite God in.
2. Listen.
3. Inform yourself.
4. Be steadfast in compassion.
5. Help them achieve closure.



6. Provide opportunities for resolution.
7. Reminisce.
8. Provide a peaceful atmosphere.
9. Show tenderness.
10. Bear their transition patiently.

Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion

Maria,* Vanessa, Li, Jennifer, and Darryl are among the tens of millions of Americans whose lives have been directly touched by abortion. Like so many others, they have experienced regret, guilt, and grief. But, as they have also experienced, God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

Many Catholics want to help women and men who have experienced abortion, but some don't know how to begin. Visit usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy to learn how people from various walks of life can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves. Also, be aware that the U.S. Church's Project Rachel Ministry for healing after abortion offers confidential, compassionate help. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.



Another Look at Contraception

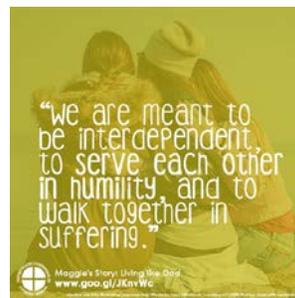
To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may

seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences keeps piling up.

In the time since birth control first became widely used, science has shown that some contraceptives can cause early abortions; procured abortions and nonmarital births skyrocketed; and women have been subjected to sometimes serious or fatal health issues, as well as what economist George Akerlof calls "the feminization of poverty."* As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate His generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and eternal love. Through the Church's teaching, He invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide is in the news and on lawmakers' agendas. Supporters call it "aid in dying" & claim it's just another option for end-of-life care. But it's radically different from the practice of



the healing art of relieving pain and other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill.

Palliative care intends to comfort a patient, addressing physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. Assisted suicide, by contrast, directly intends the patient's death. It ignores any underlying problems, and instead abandons and eliminates the patient who has the problems.

*Names on this page changed for privacy.

To read more about Respect Life Month visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>

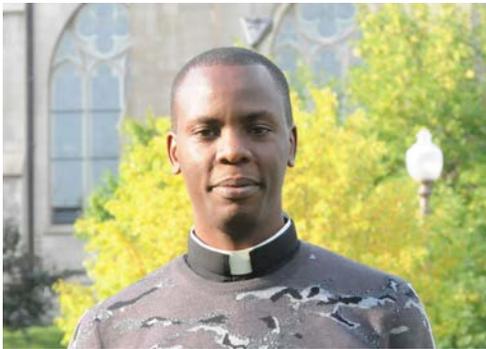
Diocese Welcomes Two Missionary Priests

Msgr. Kevin O'Neill, Diocesan Administrator, welcomes Frs. Yovin Shayo and Peter Mikwabe to service in the Diocese of Helena. Both priests are members of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sanctus (ALCP/OSS), or Holy Spirit Fathers.

They are a missionary order founded in 1974 and headquartered in the Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania in East Africa. Holy Spirit Fathers have a presence in Africa, India and Europe. In the U.S., the order serves in Oregon, Florida, Idaho, Utah and California, adding Montana just a few short weeks ago. Their charism is centered around the Resurrection of Christ and the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.



Father Yovin Shayo, ALCP/OSS Will assist the parishes of the Conrad Deanery, with the status of Parochial Vicar in each parish of the deanery. He will reside at St. Michael Rectory in Conrad. Father Tim Moriarty will supervise and coordinate his ministry in the deanery.



Father Peter Mikwabe, ALCP/OSS Will serve as Parochial Vicar for St. William Parish in Shelby with St. Thomas Mission in Sunburst, and for St. Margaret Parish in Cut Bank, and for St. Francis Parish in Valier with Holy Cross Mission in Dupuyer. He will reside at St. William Rectory in Shelby.

Diocesan Website Update

www.diocehelena.org has been updated and damaging files have been removed.

Thank you for your patience!



Carroll Sophomores Experience Legendary Lodge

Gavin Cummings
Carroll College

September 14th, and at long last, Carroll College Sophomores got their chance to enjoy a weekend retreat at Legendary Lodge. After last year's wildfires denied them their chance for Freshman retreat, excitement levels were high among students and volunteers alike.

The caravan hit the road around 5 p.m., making it to the Lodge in time for a late dinner. Afterward, the group enjoyed conversation, games, and dancing that lasted into the late hours of the night.

Saturday's schedule was tightly packed, starting with a hike up to the cross at the top of the mountain, where Carroll Chaplain, Fr. Marc Lenneman, said Mass. After hiking back down the mountain, the rest of the day was comprised of recreation and content sessions. Several upperclassmen drew on their own experience to present on Sophomore year and the various challenges, experiences, and lessons it entails. In between, students got the opportu-

nity to learn more about each other and discuss their own thoughts in small groups.

After the sessions, the group scattered across camp and took an hour for prayer, reflection, and contemplation in the quiet of nature. Later, they laughed and enjoyed each other's company over a delicious dinner served by a crew of fantastic kitchen volunteers.

When dinner was over, and after a hilarious chair-dance-battle had taken place, the men and women split off to discuss the issues facing the different genders in college and how to best confront them with a Christian outlook.

The next morning, before departing, the group got together one last time to share some blessings that had been received over the course of the weekend and ideas about how to carry those blessings through the rest of the school year at Carroll.

For many, this year's Sophomore Retreat was their first experience at Legendary Lodge. If the smiles and laughter that filled the returning buses were any indication, it was worth the wait.



Culture of Life Conference

October 26-27, 2018
St. Bernard Catholic Church
226 Wicks Ln.
Billings, MT 59105

Go to: <https://montanalife.org/app/>

Speakers

Archbishop Samuel Aquila
Sr. Nancy Kehoe
Dr. Neal Sorenson
Dr. Ray Gaurandi
Chaplain (Major) Jeff S. Matsler
Music with Bob Hurd



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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



Matthew Christiaens



Tyler Frohlich



Dcn. Nathan Scheidecker



Kyle Tannehill