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**FIRST ANNUAL DIOCESAN “WHITE MASS” IS MARCH 2;  
CONCORD DOCTOR RECOGNIZED WITH ST. MARTIN DE PORRES AWARD**

(**Manchester**) Bishop Francis Christian, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Manchester, will celebrate the first annual “White Mass” for healthcare professionals at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester, Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 6 p.m.

Following the White Mass, the Guild of Catholic Health Care Professionals will present the first annual Saint Martin de Porres Award to Dr. Francis J. Milligan, III at a free and public reception at the New Hampshire Institute of Art.

**WHITE MASS**

The “White Mass” traditionally is a Mass held to ask God’s blessings for healthcare professionals. The White Mass acquires its name from the white uniforms worn by healthcare professionals in the past and the white lab coats still in use today. The purpose of the White Mass is to bring together healthcare professionals from throughout the Diocese of Manchester for the celebration of the Eucharist and for prayer, reflection, and education on their vocation and ministry. The Mass is a special opportunity to affirm the profound service that healthcare professionals provide to the sick according to the model of Jesus Christ and to allow these professionals to gather in fellowship and to recognize their peers. All individuals involved in healthcare are encouraged to attend.

**SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES AWARD**

The inaugural presentation of the Saint Martin de Porres Award will be made at a public reception following the White Mass. The award recognizes an individual who has exemplified the virtues of Catholic healthcare in her or his career as a healthcare professional. The award is named for Saint Martin de Porres (1579–1639), a brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) at the Dominican Convent of the Rosary in Lima, Peru. He cared for the sick and poor of Lima and his patronage includes public health and social justice.

Dr. Francis J. Milligan, III is the first recipient of the Saint Martin de Porres Award. Dr. Milligan was born April 18, 1962 in Evanston, IL. He received a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Thomas Aquinas College in California and attended the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University of Chicago.

Dr. Milligan served as an army medical doctor from 1985 to 1996. During that time he was deployed first in Mogadishu, Somalia, and later in Port au Prince, Haiti, where he

provided care as a battalion surgeon and was also briefly assigned as the personal physician to Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

As a result of this tour of duty Dr. Milligan was nominated for two military medical awards: The General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Award.

Following the conclusion of his army career, Dr. Milligan and his family moved to New Hampshire where he set up practice at Family Physicians of Hopkinton, a division of Concord Hospital.

Dr. Milligan and his wife have 12 children, ages four to 21, all of them home schooled. He has been a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Concord for 15 years and is involved in many parish activities, including the parish council, religious education, the outreach community at Friendly Kitchen in Concord, and the parish liturgy committee.

Dr. Milligan says, "I couldn't separate my faith from who I am. To me, being a doctor is being a Catholic doctor, just the same as being a husband and father is being a Catholic husband and father. Catholicism gives us the opportunity to be truly human because it shows us our humanity. If my template is Christ, who is the physician, and if I can do as St. Paul says and 'put on Christ,' the better I can be a physician."

#### 2011 DIOCESAN WHITE MASS

When: March 2, 2010  
Where: Saint Joseph Cathedral, Lowell and Pine Streets, Manchester, NH  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Who: All healthcare professionals  
Presider/homilist: Bishop Francis Christian

#### RECEPTION AND AWARD PRESENTATION

Where: New Hampshire Institute of Art, 148 Concord St, Manchester, NH  
Time: Immediately following the White Mass

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### **MANCHESTER CATHOLIC NAMED ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC**

(**MANCHESTER**) Today, Pope Benedict XVI named the Most Reverend Gerald Cyprien Lacroix, ISPX as Archbishop of Quebec. Bishop Lacroix was born July 27, 1957 in Saint-Hilaire de Dorset in the Archdiocese of Quebec, but spent many formative years in Manchester, NH. Bishop Lacroix was a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Manchester and attended Trinity High School, where he graduated in 1975. He studied at Saint Anselm College for a year, and that same year became a consecrated lay member of the Pius X Secular Institute (ISPX), an apostolic family founded in Manchester.

Bishop McCormack said, "As a Catholic bishop, I am very pleased that Bishop Lacroix has been named the Archbishop of Quebec. He has a passion for helping people come to know God's love for them, and that the Church desires to serve them well. From my conversations with him, he has a humble enthusiasm for evangelization. He wants peoples' hearts to be on fire."

Denis Mailloux, principal of Trinity High School said, "We at Trinity are not at all surprised that the Holy Father would reach out to Bishop Lacroix for this role. Bishop Lacroix brings a great deal of leadership and a pastoral presence to every conversation he has. He is really a marvelous individual."

Rev. Richard Dion, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, said, "St. Anthony of Padua Parish rejoices with the Church Universal as together we celebrate the elevation of Bishop Gerald Lacroix. Our Franco-American community is overjoyed as their native son assumes this most honorable position. 'Tous pour Dieu.' All for God."

While visiting Trinity High School last September for the school's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Bishop Lacroix said, "I am thankful for the four years I studied here at Trinity. It is often only years later that you come to appreciate the value of the education you've received, at home, in school and in your parish community. I now recognize that those years were fundamental in my development as a human being and as a disciple of Christ."

Bishop Lacroix was ordained a priest on October 8, 1988 in the parish of Notre-Dame-de-la-Recouvrance. He was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec on May 24, 2009.

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**TELEVISION MESSAGES TO ENCOURAGE NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLICS TO  
COME HOME**

**(Manchester)** Catholic parishioners in New Hampshire are inviting their neighbors, relatives, and co-workers back to their Church family during Lent through a blitz of television messaging and parish outreach.

The Georgia based non-profit *Catholics Come Home.org* developed the 30 and 60 second spots that will air on NH television stations throughout the Lenten campaign, a collaborative effort between Catholics Come Home<sup>®</sup> and the Diocese of Manchester.

Bishop John B. McCormack said, "The opportunity to reach out to thousands of people at once and invite them to revisit their Catholic faith is truly a blessing. The message across New Hampshire this Lenten season, said loud and proud, is that the Church is a welcoming family, and God's arms are always open and embracing."

Parishes in the Diocese of Manchester are getting involved, educating parishioners about the television campaign and preparing to welcome home Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Church.

Catholics Come Home.org is a lay Catholic organization which creates and broadcasts media messages extending a gentle invitation to inactive Catholics and others to come home to the Catholic faith. "Our invitation is simple," said President and Founder Tom Peterson: "We are Catholic. Welcome home." The grassroots Catholics Come Home.org movement is able to air television commercials thanks to the support of countless Catholic families who are eager to share their Catholic faith with friends, relatives, neighbors and coworkers.

Nearly 1,000 TV messages will air throughout New Hampshire from Ash Wednesday, March 9, through Easter Sunday, April 24. The spots will be seen during news, prime time and other popular programming on major broadcast and cable stations throughout the diocese, including WMUR TV, ESPN, TBS and Fox News.

Previously, highly successful Catholics Come Home.org campaigns aired in 15 dioceses from Chicago to Seattle and Phoenix to Providence, RI helping over 200,000 people home to the Catholic Church and increasing Mass attendance an average of 10 percent, and as much as 18 percent.

Commercials direct viewers to the CatholicsComeHome.org interactive website to find a parish, learn more about the Catholic faith, and return to the Catholic Church. Information is also available at catholicnh.org, the diocesan website.

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### **BISHOP MCCORMACK ANNOUNCES COLLECTION TO SUPPORT JAPAN**

(Manchester) Bishop John B. McCormack today announced a free will offering would be taken up in parishes throughout the Diocese of Manchester the weekend of March 26 -27 to support Catholic agencies involved in the recovery and rebuilding effort in Japan.

The collection will benefit the work of Catholic Relief Services, which is beginning a new mission in Japan following last Friday's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

Bishop McCormack said, "The extent of the terrible destruction wrought in Japan following last Friday's earthquake and tsunami is not yet clear. Though we still do not know how many have died as a result of this tragedy, all of us are affected. We pray for the souls of our Japanese brothers and sisters who have been lost, for their families, friends, and colleagues. Now is the time to show our continuing generosity to help those in their darkest hour."

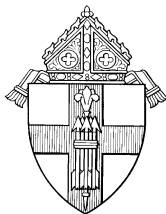
Catholic Relief Services is working with Caritas International and others to find pathways to bring aid to the many thousands stricken by the earthquake and tsunami.

"The people of Japan who have suffered this tragedy are our brothers and sisters," Sean Callahan, CRS vice president of overseas operations said. "Though it is too early to know the exact details of how we will help, we know that it is our mission to aid them in this time of need. As our mission is to serve the world's most poor and vulnerable people, CRS does not normally have a program in Japan. But, just as we did after the Kobe Earthquake in 1995, we will find appropriate partners for the expression of generosity by Catholics in the United States and others of goodwill."

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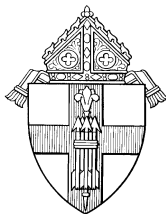
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**STATEMENT OF BISHOPS JOHN B. MCCORMACK AND FRANCIS J. CHRISTIAN ON HOUSE VOTES TO REQUIRE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE ABORTION AND EXPAND THE DEATH PENALTY**

We are pleased that in passing the Parental Notification Before Abortion bill, the House has recognized the invaluable role of parents in caring for their children and in supporting them when facing life-changing decisions. We are deeply disappointed, however, in the vote of the House to expand the death penalty in New Hampshire. Taking life in response to an unjust taking of life, when society can be protected in other ways, simply perpetuates the cycle of violence and undermines the intrinsic sacredness of each person. Furthermore, there is no convincing evidence that the death penalty acts as a deterrent. Actions like this bill on the death penalty in New Hampshire bring us a step backward as a society rather than forward. We pray that the Senate and the Governor will recognize the importance of establishing for our society a consistent ethic of life, where life is valued and respected from the time of conception until natural death and will therefore oppose the death penalty expansion bill.

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH TO PRAY FOR HEALING, RAISE AWARENESS  
AS PART OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**(MANCHESTER, NH)** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Diocese of Manchester is taking the opportunity to raise awareness about child abuse and pray for the healing of those suffering in its wake.

On April 5 at 6:30 p.m., Bishop John B. McCormack will celebrate a Mass for the Healing of Those Affected by Abuse at St. Joseph Cathedral Chapel. The homilist will be Rev. Marc Drouin, pastor of St. André Bessette Parish in Laconia. A brief reception will follow the Mass in the cathedral hall. All, and especially those affected by abuse, are invited to attend.

Bishop McCormack said, "Along with every other person in the United States, be they victims, survivors, family members, advocates, clergy, or others, I am heartbroken when I learn that a person was sexually abused as a child. We as a church have been tested by our past failings, but I know that as a local church, we have done a great deal in recent years to protect children and help victims and survivors of abuse. I recognize that our efforts to protect children and young people are part of an ongoing process that must be reviewed and continually improved, but I am heartened that so many people have been working to ensure a safe environment in our Church. May God strengthen and support us all in our resolve to protect children from all forms of abuse."

Throughout April, the diocesan website, [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org), will feature information about diocesan child safety practices as well as resources for parents and concerned adults. These resources include information on how to report suspected abuse, articles about online safety, and printable family discussion cards.

The following are some facts and figures on the Diocese of Manchester safe environment program:

- All priests and deacons who minister in the Diocese of Manchester, all school and camp staff, and all parish employees and volunteers who regularly work with minors are required to attend child safety training and to undergo background checks.
- Nearly 25,000 people have attended child abuse awareness training in the diocese since 2001.
- Approximately 21,000 prospective volunteers and parish/diocesan staff members have undergone criminal records checks.

- In the diocese, there are more than 140 Safe Environment Coordinators who assist in ensuring child safety policies are followed in every parish, school, and camp.
- The diocese has a Compliance Officer who works with, and regularly visits, all parishes, schools, and camps to make sure that child safety protocols are followed.
- Anyone who knows or suspects sexual abuse of a minor is encouraged to contact the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth & Families (“DCYF”) at (800) 894-5533 and/or local law enforcement to report all concerns.
- Those who have been harmed by sexual abuse as minors and their families, especially those who were abused by representatives of the Catholic Church, are also encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Joseph P. Naff, LICSW, for pastoral support. Mr. Naff can be reached by telephone at 603-668-0014, ext. 233 or 1-800-475-5585, ext. 233 or at [jnaff@nh-cc.org](mailto:jnaff@nh-cc.org).

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**BISHOP JOHN B. MCCORMACK REMARKS CONCERNING STATE BUDGET  
DELIVERED AT THE STATE HOUSE ON MARCH 31, 2011**

I am honored to be part of this historic occasion where people of varied backgrounds, causes, and faith traditions have come together for a common purpose: to urge our elected officials to pass a budget that is just and meets the needs of the most vulnerable in our society.

While I believe that the members of the House have strived to do their best for our State, I am deeply concerned about the budget that the House is in the process of passing because it does not meet our obligation as a state to care for our fellow citizens in need.

While the fundamental requirement of our religious heritage is care for the poor, it is worth noting that this principle is not simply a moral obligation, but it was enshrined by our founding fathers in our State Constitution. The founders wrote that forming people into a society was intended “to ensure the protection of *others*.” (Part 1, Article 3.) They also declared that it is the

duty of the legislators and magistrates, in all future periods of this government... to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence... public and private charity... and generous sentiments among the people...(Part 2, Article 83.)

Thus, care for the poor is not just an ideal principle; it is a duty assigned to the General Court by the Constitution of our State.

Admittedly, I speak **not** as a member of the General Court, but as a person looking at a process that could result in drastic impacts on the poor and most vulnerable in our state, those who are least able to cope with cuts in our State budget. I believe that in times of fiscal restraint, a spirit of shared sacrifice demands that the **entire** budget be examined—not simply the cuts proposed by the Governor and his department heads. I have advocated and continue to advocate for an ordered approach to this budget that **first** determines the funding amount necessary to address our obligation as a State to care for the poor and **only then** determines the amounts available for the state government itself. **Only after funding our foremost obligation to the poor** should budget-writers proceed to address the needs of the various state departments. Unfortunately, this is not the approach taken in this proposed budget.

While I welcome the proposed budget's respect for life in its prohibition of the use of family planning funds for abortions, I am deeply dismayed that the budget includes a restriction of the collective bargaining rights of public employees. The right of free people to organize to advance their economic and political interests is a fundamental human right. Pope John Paul II, a constant promoter of human rights, stated that trade unions "are an indispensable element of social life, especially in modern industrialized societies." He spoke of the importance of freely organized labor unions as a way for workers to become actively involved and enjoy the right of association. Trade unions have an indispensable role in society, and particularly in this time of great economic difficulty, we should preserve free collective bargaining, which promotes collaboration, balance, and justice.

The state's spending choices reflect our values as a society. The Catholic Church, along with all other religious bodies in New Hampshire, contribute both time and money to care for those most in need. I am confident we will continue to do so and that men and women of good will will continue to make sacrifices to help their neighbors. We are doing our share. We ask that government, which bears a great responsibility for providing for assistance to those in need, will continue to uphold the long New Hampshire tradition of looking out for one another.

As our legislature considers how to spend our limited state resources—resources that come from the people, we urge the legislature and the governor to place the poor, the unemployed, and our most vulnerable citizens first. Our commitment to human solidarity, the dignity of human labor, and justice for the weak and marginalized demands no less.

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### **BISHOP MCCORMACK NAMES RON COVEY TO HEAD FUND CAMPAIGN**

(**MANCHESTER, NH**) Bishop John B. McCormack has named Ronald H. Covey, Jr. as chair of the 2011 campaign to benefit the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund (BCAF). The BCAF awards grants to organizations that help meet basic needs for New Hampshire residents as well as support other organizations that improve the lives of state residents.

Bishop McCormack expressed his appreciation and said "today many families and individuals struggle to find adequate shelter, to have a decent meal, to heat their living space or find a refuge from an abusive situation. I am grateful that Ron Covey has answered our call to lead the effort to raise funds to help organizations throughout our state respond to these needs. He and his team demonstrate by their generosity and their commitment that the Church cares deeply for those in need."

Ronald H. Covey, Jr. is president and CEO of St. Mary's Bank. The oldest credit union in the United States, St. Mary's bank has eight branches in New Hampshire. He has served on the BCAF campaign for the last several years. Currently, he is chairman of the board of trustees for the New Hampshire Institute of Art, as well as, director of America's Credit Union Museum, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, and Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund makes grants to tax-exempt organizations without regard to religious affiliation for projects that help people in New Hampshire meet their basic needs. The Fund is operated by volunteer lay men and women who serve as Directors and who make recommendations to the Bishop of Manchester for grants to any organization in New Hampshire whose mission is consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Fund raises money through solicitation of individuals, businesses and philanthropic organizations.

For more information on the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund or to review guidelines for applications go to [www.catholicnh.org/BCAF](http://www.catholicnh.org/BCAF).

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### **NASHUA MAN AND MANCHESTER MAN TO BE ORDAINED DEACONS**

(**Manchester**) Alan Tremblay, 33, of Manchester and Charles Pawlowski, 34, of Nashua will be ordained transitional deacons at a Mass celebrated by Bishop John B. McCormack at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.

Men preparing to be priests are ordained transitional deacons in the final year of their formation before ordination to the priesthood. A deacon is an ordained member of the clergy that can preach and celebrate some sacraments such as baptisms and weddings.

Alan Tremblay is a parishioner of Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester. He grew up in Waterboro, Maine with his parents, Elaine and Robert Tremblay, and his three sisters. Alan attended Southern Maine Community College before moving to Manchester and eventually applying to seminary. Following ordination to the transitional diaconate, Alan will spend his summer serving in Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack before returning to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore for his final year of seminary.

Alan said of his ordination to the diaconate, "I feel I accepted my vocation several years ago and spent my time in seminary discerning and preparing for the priesthood, but there's some awe that comes with this step of ordination to the diaconate. A big part of being a deacon is preaching. I feel it is an honor to now preach God's word and to minister to people."

Charles Pawlowski is a parishioner of St. Aloysius of Gonzaga in Nashua where he grew up with his parents Thomas and Carmel Pawlowski, as well as his brother and sister. He attended Providence College. Following his diaconate ordination, Charles will minister this summer at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Bedford. He will then return to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore for his last year of seminary.

Charles said that knowing he is being ordained a deacon brings "a little anxiety because I've been preparing for so long, but also a sense of joy. The goal of being ordained a priest is one I've been striving for, for years. As a deacon I will be closer to what I want to be. As a deacon, I hope I can help people take the message of the Gospels to heart, and help bring them closer to God."

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1. The ordination occurs during the Mass and will likely take place between 10:30 – 11:00.
2. A formal picture of the ordinand is available for use as a jpg file: [Deacon Kyle Stanton](#)
3. Media interested in interviewing the ordinand should contact the diocesan Office of Communication.

### **BISHOP MCCORMACK TO ORDAIN SALEM MAN TO PRIESTHOOD**

**(Manchester)** Rev. Mr. Kyle Stanton, 28, will be ordained a priest of the Diocese of Manchester by Bishop John B. McCormack at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.

Bishop McCormack said, "This is a moment of joy and excitement for the Catholic people of New Hampshire. Kyle has always impressed me with his strong faith, his enthusiasm for teaching and for learning, and with his wisdom. He will be a remarkable priest and one we are fortunate to have in our diocese."

Kyle is currently a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Litchfield. He considers his hometown to be Salem, NH, and spent time throughout his childhood attending St. Joseph Parish in Epping, St. Matthew Parish in Windham, and St. Joseph Parish in Salem. He is the second of three children of his parents Brian Edward Stanton and Patricia Ann Stanton. He has an older and younger brother. Kyle attended NHCTC where he received an Associates of Arts in Business Management. He went on to attend Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio where he received a Bachelors of Arts in Theology and a minor in Philosophy. He received his Masters in Divinity at St. John Seminary in Brighton, MA.

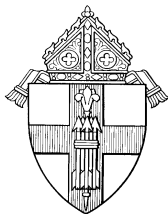
Kyle said, "I have a sense of awe when I think of the blessing being bestowed on me, and the responsibility as a priest that the Church is entrusting to me. In these recent days, I have been thinking most about how excited I am to enter into the brotherhood of priests. When I put on the white chasuble and join my brother priests in the Sanctuary for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, that is something I am looking forward to."

Kyle will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.

Look for images from the ordination and a reflection from Kyle on his vocation to the priesthood in an upcoming issue of *Parable: The Magazine of the Diocese of Manchester*.

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### **STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN B. MCCORMACK URGING OVERRIDE OF GOVERNOR'S VETO OF HB 329 (REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED ON MINORS)**

Last week, Governor Lynch vetoed HB 329, which requires parental notification before minors can have abortions. As Bishop of Manchester and as a citizen of the State of New Hampshire, I urge the legislature to override this veto.

HB 329 recognizes the fundamental importance of the parent/child relationship and the constitutionally protected role that parents have in caring for their children.

It would be a grave mistake to divest parents of meaningful input into the health care of their minor children. It is significant that in every other context of an adolescent's life, the law assumes that parents are the natural guardians of their child's health and best interests. Indeed, New Hampshire requires parental consent - not just parental notification - with respect to a long list of healthcare and non-healthcare matters, including tanning, body piercing, employment, and the possession and use of an asthma inhaler and epinephrine auto injectors. In what way does it make sense that a child cannot be given an aspirin by a school nurse without the consent of the parent, but that same child can have an abortion, serious surgery with life-changing consequences, without the parent even knowing that it has happened?

Opponents of this bill falsely assume that there is a conflict between the right and responsibility of parents to care for their children on the one hand, and the best interests of their children on the other. However, parents, who are responsible for their minor children and know them better than anyone else, have the best interests of their children at heart, even though their children do not always understand or appreciate it.

Therefore, I urge the members of the House and Senate to follow through on their good work in passing this bill by voting to override the Governor's veto of HB 329.

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### **BISHOP MCCORMACK ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF NEW CONCORD PARISH**

**(Concord)** At midnight on Sunday June 26, Bishop John B. McCormack erected Christ the King Parish in Concord, merging three Concord parishes into a single canonical entity.

The action comes following the recommendation from the local cluster task force in Concord and the diocese's Long Range Planning Commission that Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Peter Parish merge into a single new parish. When Very Reverend Richard A. Roberge, V.F. was appointed pastor of the three parishes in June 2010, Bishop McCormack asked him to work with the parishes to prepare them for the merger. Fr. Roberge subsequently recommended to Bishop McCormack that the merger occur at the end of this fiscal year. A Due Diligence process was completed and the Due Diligence material was approved by Fr. Roberge and the chairs of his three parish finance councils.

Bishop McCormack approved the merger following the unanimous recommendation of both the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and Diocesan Finance Council.

Bishop McCormack has appointed Fr. Roberge as pastor of Christ the King Parish. Bishop McCormack has also appointed Rev. Marcos Gonzalez-Torres as associate pastor of Christ the King Parish.

Fr. Roberge said, "I am grateful for the support I've received from the parishes since I arrived last June. It has been a productive process to bring these three communities of faith together. I've learned a lot about the history of each parish, and we will respect that history of faithfulness, while still moving forward as a single Catholic parish."

The three churches will remain worship sites for the parish. Fr. Roberge has announced that the former St. Peter Parish rectory will become the central office for the new parish and will house his support staff. The former Sacred Heart Parish rectory will become the Christ the King Faith Formation Center and house offices for Religious Education, Youth and

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### **PARABLE MAGAZINE WINS NATIONAL AWARDS; DIOCESAN EMPLOYEE NAMED TOP BLOGGER**

(**Manchester**) Writers for *Parable Magazine* and a blogger in the Diocese of Manchester recently received a total of five awards from the Catholic Press Association, a national organization that recognizes achievements in Catholic journalism.

Dana Laviano won first place in the Best Online Blog, Freelance category for her blog Reversion Story ([www.reversionstory.blogspot.com](http://www.reversionstory.blogspot.com)), which describes her return to the Catholic faith. Dana, who works in the Communication Office of the Diocese, started the blog last year to chronicle her spiritual journey as well as the challenges and joys of being a working mother. Dana said, "I am honored and humbled by this recognition and the warm reception my blog has had with readers who understand the challenges in keeping both God and my sense of humor in the midst of daily life."

*Parable*, the magazine of the Diocese of Manchester, won four national Catholic Press Awards for 2011:

Best personality profile freelance – 2nd Place: *Parable*, "[The Sculpting of a Life](#)" by Gary Bouchard

"Excellent beginning that blended elements of life she contemplated but set aside with the art that she ultimately embraced."

Best column, Spiritual Life Freelance – 2nd Place: *Parable*, "[Spiritual Fitness](#)" by Sr. Mary Rose Reddy

"Catchy introductions and personal vignettes invite readers of this series on the Rosary into a renewed exploration of this important prayer in the church's history and present. The author effectively teaches about the Rosary in clear language and strong organizational flow."

Best essay – 2nd Place: *Parable*, "[Don't wait too long for renewal](#)" by Bishop John McCormack

"A heartfelt, warmly written piece that invites the reader into the personal experience of the writer in an engaging manner."

Best essay – 3rd Place: *Parable*, "[How can the words of the Mass be changed?](#)" by Rev. Michael Kerper

"Research and detailed knowledge are presented in accessible, friendly language in an easy-to-read essay on what could be a difficult to understand topic."

*Parable* editor Sarah Jane von Haack said, "Thank you to Gary, Sister Mary Rose, Father Kerper, and all of our writers and photographers for giving their time and talent to this publication. We are blessed with an outstanding team who always provide quality content for

our readers. I would also like to thank Bishop McCormack for his continued support and encouragement.”

*Parable* looks at contemporary issues from a faith perspective. It reaches over 45,000 Catholic households six times a year. Parishioners of partnering parishes receive *Parable* for free. For more information and to read sections of the magazine, visit [www.parablemag.com](http://www.parablemag.com).

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### **NEW YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR JOINS DIOCESE**

Bishop John B. McCormack has named Mary-Anne (Mae) Edwards the new Diocesan Director of the Office of Youth, Young Adult and College Campus Ministry.

Mae is a native of New Hampshire and a graduate of Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She has worked in ministry for 29 years serving as a catechist, facilitator of religious education and leader in adolescent formation. Mae served for 22 years at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Concord, NH, including 16 years as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. For the past year she has been Director of Youth Ministry at Saint Anne Church in Hampstead, NH. Mae was also a teacher of religion at Holy Trinity School in Laconia, NH and Bishop Brady High School in Concord. She has also served on many diocesan committees and has been a member of the Diocesan Vocations Board since 2003.

Mae is married to George Edwards, and has two sons, Grant, 27, and Geoff, 24. She is a communicant at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Concord where she and her family have worshiped since 1988.

When asked about her new position, Mae said, “I view the position as a servant leadership role. I believe I am called to lead by example and offer to the adults serving in youth ministry a voice of encouragement and support. My intention is to establish a respectful rapport and healthy relationships among all the leaders in youth and young adult ministry—relationships which are both collaborative and cooperative in nature. It will be through these relationships that effective and engaging youth and young adult ministry will continue to be developed and sustained within our diocese. God is calling us to work together to continue to nurture and build his Church.”

[Click here for a photo of Mae Edwards.](#)

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### **NEW ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS JOINS DIOCESE**

Bishop John B. McCormack has named Sr. Claire M. Thornton as Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Manchester.

Sr. Claire is a Sister of the Holy Cross, who has spent 41 years in the field of education. She has been a classroom teacher, learning disabilities specialist, college professor, and administrator. Prior to her joining the Catholic School Office, Sr. Claire was the Director of the Graduate Programs at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA for 15 years. She is the author of the professional educational publications *Needed: Responsive Teachers*, *Using Children's Literature to Help the Grieving Child*, and *Death Education for Teachers: A Refocused Concern Relative to Medically Fragile Children*. Sr. Claire has also offered educational conferences on the local, regional, and national levels as well as provided consultative services to advocacy centers, professional organizations, schools, and parents.

Sr. Claire has a Ph.D. from Boston College, and an M.Ed. from Lesley University. She is joining the Catholic School Office with a clear understanding of the challenges in today's classrooms, the needs of children, and the significant role that teachers play in touching the lives of the next generation.

Sr. Claire said, "I see my ministry as making a difference in the lives of the next generation by creating hope for a more just and peaceful world. With an emphasis on the gospel values of compassion, respect, generosity, and forgiveness, as well as moral values, the future may hold a new paradigm.

There could not be a more critical time in history than the present to let the light of gospel values shine and be nurtured in today's youth. They need an education that emphasizes a holistic approach to academics, spirituality, and social consciousness, for the education of the heart is as important as the education of the mind. As holistic adults, the children of today will become the transformative leaders of tomorrow."

[Click here for a photo of Sr. Claire Thornton.](#)

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### **DIOCESAN PRIEST RECEIVES HONOR FROM POPE BENEDICT FOR SERVICE**

Pope Benedict XVI has designated Monsignor Anthony R. Frontiero, 47, of the Diocese of Manchester a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, following the completion of his five years of service at the Pontifical Council of Peace and Justice at the Holy See.

The Prelate of Honor to His Holiness is the second of the three grades of the “monsignor” title and is conferred as a papal honor to recognize a priest’s service to the Church.

Msgr. Frontiero is returning from his ministry at the Holy See and is assigned to become rector of St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on September 1, 2011.

During his five year term of service at the Holy See, Msgr. Frontiero supported the work of Cardinal Renato Martino and later Cardinal Peter Turkson, both Presidents of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. This council promotes justice and peace in the world, in the light of the Gospel and of the social teaching of the Church. Prior to his assignment there, Msgr. Frontiero served as diplomatic attaché to then Archbishop Martino who was Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations.

Msgr. Frontiero said, "I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I have had in serving the Holy See. These experiences have given me a rich perspective of the universal Church and, indeed, of the cares and concerns facing the human family. Having served both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI in these capacities, I have come to appreciate all the more the Church's mission of evangelization, as well as the special person and ministry of the Holy Father. I feel equally blessed to be able to return home now, to resume pastoral ministry in the diocese, and to be reunited with my brother priests in service to the good and faithful people of God here in the Diocese of Manchester."

Bishop John B. McCormack said, “Msgr. Frontiero has demonstrated remarkable intelligence, passion, and dedication during his years at the Holy See. It is wonderful to see his service recognized with his appointment as a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness. Though he was much appreciated for his untiring efforts in his service to the Universal Church, it is good to now have this son of New Hampshire back in our local Church.”

For a photo, [click here](#). More information on the title and grades of “Monsignor” can be found at the [FAQ page of catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org).

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**BISHOP MCCORMACK REFLECTS ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

On September 11, 2001, the first thing I did after hearing of the tragedies unfolding across the country, was to go to Mass and pray. On that day I was in Washington, D.C. meeting with a number of bishops from around the country. When we heard the news of the planes crashing in New York and at the Pentagon, the meeting was adjourned and we gathered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to concelebrate Mass with Archbishop Theodore McCarrick. Thousands of people came to participate with us, all of them in a state of shock. No one could believe what was happening. While innocent bystanders, firefighters, police, and other first responders were losing their lives amid the wreckage of American icons, we all felt helpless. The only thing to do was to pray.

Since that day our country has moved from prayer to action. Our government has taken steps to protect us from another attack, and to bring the criminals responsible to justice. The Pentagon has been repaired and a new tower rises within the footprint of the World Trade Center plaza. But on this Sunday, ten years after the attacks, it is time again as a nation to pause and pray.

We pray for everyone who went to the rescue of victims on 9/11. There is no greater example of courage and selfless sacrifice than that shown by the men and women who gave their lives on that day. We pray for their families that their grief be moderated through their trust in God's care for them.

We pray for religious tolerance and understanding. The terrorism on 9/11 was carried out in the name of God. What a profound distortion of God, whom we know to be of love and compassion. The apostle John wrote that "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." If we are not acting out of love, we are not acting as God made us to do. We should never mistake the violence of 9/11 or any acts of violence carried out in God's name to be an indication that true faith is the source of these evils. On the contrary, they are signs of how flawed we can be as a people, and how far we have to journey to live as Christ lived.

Finally, we pray for ourselves that we respond to terrorism and evil not in kind, but with boundless Christian love. May the simplicity of God's message of love shine through all distortion.

Two rectangular pools now stand completed within the void left by the twin towers in downtown Manhattan. Under the water are some of the scars left by this attack on our country. But reflecting off the water you can see the late summer sky, the bustle of human activity, and a new tower rising. Our American spirit and the hope of eternal joy that Christ promises does not yield. May God bless us with His peace.

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### ATTORNEY MEREDITH P. COOK TO BE HONORED WITH ST. THOMAS MORE AWARD

(MANCHESTER) The Catholic Lawyers Guild of New Hampshire has announced that Meredith Poznanski Cook will receive the 2011 St. Thomas More Award. The Catholic Lawyers Guild will honor Ms. Cook on October 13, 2011, at a dinner following the annual Red Mass.

The Red Mass will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester, NH at 5:15 p.m. The Red Mass Dinner will follow the Red Mass at the Fratello's Restaurant in Manchester, New Hampshire. Tickets to the Dinner are \$25 and are available by contacting Attorney Michael Tierney at [RedMass@Wadleighlaw.com](mailto:RedMass@Wadleighlaw.com). For more information, visit [www.nhclg.org](http://www.nhclg.org).

The annual Red Mass is an opportunity for lawyers, judges, legislators, and law enforcement personnel of all religious traditions to join each year to celebrate their common love of justice. This year, the Red Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Daniel Coughlin, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the former Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives. Bishop John B. McCormack, Bishop of Manchester, will be the principal celebrant.

The St. Thomas More Award is given to a lawyer or judge who is a practicing Catholic and who embodies the spirit of St. Thomas More in his or her courage, dedication, integrity, civility, and compassion toward others. Meredith Cook is the sixth recipient of the award.

#### **About Meredith Cook**

Meredith Cook is a Shareholder at the law firm of Wiggin & Nourie, P.A. in Manchester where she chairs the Employment Law Group, assisting employers in compliance with state and federal laws. She also practices in real estate litigation, resolving defects for title insurance carriers and their insureds. Ms. Cook frequently presents training sessions for businesses, human resources groups, and trade associations on employment topics and also presents continuing education sessions for attorneys on real estate topics.

Ms. Cook has volunteered for the Diocese of Manchester for twenty-five years, beginning as a staff member at Emmaus House, the former Diocesan youth retreat center. She has been involved in Catholic Youth Organization ("CYO") athletic programs since 1997, having served as Diocesan Director, a member of the Board, and, in 2011, as Chair of the New England CYO Basketball Tournament. She has been a member of the Public Policy Commission of the Diocese of Manchester since its inception in 2008, and has been its Chair

since 2009. The Commission reviews legislation, advises the Bishop as to the position the Church should take, and educates individuals about Catholic social teaching.

Ms. Cook graduated from Trinity High School, received her B.A. degree in Political Science from Saint Anselm College (cum laude), and earned her J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School (magna cum laude). She and her husband, Chuck, have two sons, Jonathan and Brendan, and they are parishioners of Saint Pius X Parish in Manchester. [You can download a photograph of Ms. Cook here.](#)

#### **About Rev. Daniel Coughlin**

The Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin served as the 59<sup>th</sup> Chaplain to the United States House of Representatives for 11 years before retiring on April 14, 2011. He was the first Roman Catholic priest to hold the position.

Fr. Coughlin was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 8, 1934. After graduating from St. Mary of the Lake University in Mundelein, Illinois, with a degree in Sacred Theology, Fr. Coughlin was ordained in the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1960. He lived and served in parishes while serving as the first director of the Office for Divine Worship. During a sabbatical in 1984 he stayed at Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky, studied East/West religions, and worked with the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta.

In 1995, Fr. Coughlin began working as Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago under Joseph Cardinal Bernardin and, later, Francis Cardinal George. He held that position until he was sworn in as Chaplain. Following his retirement from that position, he now lives and serves as a priest in Chicago. [You can download a photograph of Fr. Coughlin here.](#)

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**POPE NAMES BISHOP PETER A. LIBASCI  
AS THE TENTH BISHOP OF MANCHESTER**

**(Manchester)** Pope Benedict XVI today named the Most Reverend Peter Anthony Libasci as the tenth Bishop of Manchester. He will succeed Bishop John Brendan McCormack, and will be installed as bishop at St. Joseph Cathedral on December 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Bishop McCormack will introduce Bishop-designate Libasci at a news conference today in Manchester.

**10 a.m.**  
**Monday, September 19, 2011**  
**St. Joseph Cathedral rectory**  
**145 Lowell Street Manchester, NH 03104**

Pope Benedict XVI has also named Bishop McCormack as the diocese's Apostolic Administrator. He will continue to lead the mission and ministries of the diocese until Bishop-designate Libasci's installation.

Born November 9, 1951 in Queens, N.Y., Bishop Libasci attended Catholic schools throughout his childhood and attended seminary at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on April 1, 1978.

On December 10, 2004, Father Libasci was named Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title of monsignor. On April 3, 2007, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Msgr. Libasci auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He was ordained on June 1, 2007.

For Bishop Libasci's complete biography, and for more information on today's announcement, visit [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org).

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**BISHOP MCCORMACK NAMES DR. WILLIAM FARRELL TO HEAD  
STUDY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER**

(MANCHESTER) Bishop John B. McCormack has formed a study group entitled FOCUS charged with developing recommendations aimed at helping Catholic schools prosper and thrive in New Hampshire now and in the future. Dr. William Farrell, president emeritus of Rivier College and former Chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire, will chair the group. The members will serve as an ad hoc advisory group to the Bishop of Manchester through spring 2012. The formation of this group is part of a process of studying Catholic schools that Bishop McCormack initiated over a year ago.

“I am honored that Dr. Farrell has agreed to serve as our chair,” said Bishop McCormack. “He is one of the most respected educational leaders in our state and has both the vision and insight to lead our group. I am also gratified that the other members of FOCUS are eager to begin. I believe this is an exceptional group of dedicated Catholics committed to our Catholic schools.”

In addition to Dr. Farrell other participants include Sr. Claire Thornton, Ph.D., CSC, Associate Superintendent for Catholic Schools, Dr. Elizabeth Twomey, former NH Commissioner of Education, Dr. Kelly Dunn, Education Department Chair, NHTI, Concord's Community College, and long-time member of the Diocesan School Board, William Casserly, vice president, Citizens Bank NH, Rev. Agapit Jean, pastor St. John Neumann Parish, Merrimack, Trevor Bonat, Principal of Bishop Brady High School, and Stephen Donohue, Principal of St. John Regional School in Concord. Bishop McCormack has appointed Rev. Robert Gorski, Moderator of the Curia, to serve as the bishop's liaison to this group. The group will work with Jeff Bradley, a NH-based professional facilitator for schools.

The Diocese of Manchester today serves about 7,000 students statewide from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 in parish, regional and private Catholic schools. The Future of Catholic Schools (FOCUS) group will consider all relevant dimensions of Catholic schools in New Hampshire in order to develop plans that support a healthy future for

Catholic education. The FOCUS group will review and consider initiatives in other Dioceses nationwide that New Hampshire might use. The group will also develop original recommendations that will serve the educational and spiritual needs of students and school communities including issues of Catholic identity and academic excellence. In order to develop recommendations, the group will explore issues of governance, leadership, finances, and marketing, among others.

FOCUS expects to issue recommendations to the recently-announced Bishop of Manchester, The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, by June 2012.

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