FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
5:00 PM + Phil Aumen

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018
8:15 AM + William Schintz
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018
9:00 AM – Special Intention of John Melhorn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
9:00 AM + Nadine Kroft

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018
9:00 AM + Diane Frey

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018
9:00 AM – Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018
5:00 PM + Jay Spiese

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018
8:15 AM – People of the Parish
11:15 AM + Theron Menges

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NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
John 15:1-8

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SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen & Laverne Lawrence, Polly Renault, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Twardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Valerie Strine, Robert Despres, John Melhorn, Theresa Staub, Joanne Hallisey, Scott Hale and Nickolas Willis.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Today we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. Also, please consider praying for vocations or spiritually adopting a priest as part of your daily prayers. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.dioceseanpriest.com.

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IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Doreen Oblack of our parish who died last week.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
April 22-28

Sunday, April 22nd – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, April 22nd – Adult Enrichment Class in the Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Monday, April 23rd – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, April 23rd – Charismatic Prayer Group in Social hall, 7 PM
Monday, April 23rd - Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
Tuesday, April 24th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM
Tuesday, April 24th – Pre-RCIA in the Den, 6:30-8 PM
Wednesday, April 25th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM
Thursday, April 26th – Faith Sharing Group in Den

Friday, April 27th – Fusion Bible Study in the Den 7-8:30 PM
Saturday, April 28th – Fusion Youth Night in the Den 6 – 8:30 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 28-29
5:00 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Ben & Sadie Wicker
8:15 AM Mass: Andrew Eyster, Noah Racioppa, Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM Mass: Autumn, Madi & Alex Kuhn
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 28-29
5 PM MASS – Pat Renaud
8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker
11:15 AM MASS – Jess Socrates
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 28-29
5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Jen Gentile, Barb Redding, Mat & Holly Robinson
8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, John Maysilles, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud
11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Diane & John Schlaline, Leland Steinke, Stella Thomas
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

GROCERY CERTIFICATES – Please know how very grateful we are to all of you who support our Grocery Certificate Program and ultimately our Religious Education Program. During the week of April 15, 2018 we sold $1240 for a profit of $62.00.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

4th Sunday of Easter

1. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who made the Ministry Fair a complete success last weekend! I especially appreciate the Pastoral Council members, who worked very hard to make this so special. I also express my great gratitude to all the ministry and organization leaders and volunteers who prepared and staffed the display tables. A very special thank you as well to Utz Quality Foods and to Hershey’s Ice Cream for their generous food donations. A final thank you to all of you, our parishioners, who attended the Ministry Fair. It was for all of you that we did all of this, so thank you for joining us! I know God has great plans for the future of our parish.

2. Speaking of the future! This weekend is “Participation Sunday”. At Mass this weekend, you were invited to fill out a Talent & Ministry form after the homily and then return it in the “2nd collection”. Some of you may not have been ready to fill out this form (especially if you were unable to join us at the Ministry Fair). I would still like to encourage you to fill out this form and then return it at your earliest convenience to the parish office or in the collection at an upcoming Mass. Please check any groups you’d like more information on, or ones that you might even like to become part of. Then, you’ll be contacted by the coordinator of the group you selected to provide you with further information, or to welcome you to that particular ministry or organization. (Extra Talent & Ministry forms are available on the ledge behind the last pew in church or on our parish website, www.ihmparadise.org).

3. On Friday, May 11th, our V.I.V. (Very Important Volunteer) Dinner will take place at 6:30pm here in the social hall. ANYONE who serves (or volunteers) in ANYWAY here at IHM is invited to sign up and join us for this free appreciation dinner for all that you do to make our parish so wonderful. Sign-up sheets are found in the church. Deadline to sign-up is Friday, May 4th.

4. On May 13th during the 11:15am Mass, our annual May Crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will take place. On this weekend that we honor our earthly mothers, we also honor the spiritual mother Jesus gave us – His mother, who reigns with Him in the glory of heaven.

5. This Wednesday, April 25th, is Administrative Professionals Day. Allow me this opportunity to thank our entire parish staff for all the valuable work they do and ministry they conduct on behalf of our parish family.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marceo

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL – Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –

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TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $41,579.93

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

| Catholic Relief | 1,598.00 |
| Foundation Gift | 1,500.00 |

TOP 10% STUDENTS – The following students finished in the top 10% of their class at Delone Catholic High School:

Audrey Sell – grade 9
Harrison Smith – grade 9

CONGRATULATIONS!

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on April 4th served 88 families which included 216 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, May 2nd is www.volunteersignup.org/EM933. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, as well LAUNDRY DETERGENT, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:
Rosemary Connelly, East Berlin
Mark McIntyre & Sasha Cutchall, New Oxford
Dorothy Neiderer, New Oxford
John & Melissa Juelic & family, East Berlin
Michael & Debbie Winkelspecht, East Berlin
Margaret Barra, New Oxford
Matthew & Sharon Weaver, Hanover
Justin Weaver, New Oxford
Peter & Janeann Kakalecz, Dillsburg

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our Lost and Found bin in the sacristy for any items you may have left in Church. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO – The IHM Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on May 5, 2018 at Delone Catholic High School, 140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown). Doors open at 5:30 PM and the games start at 7 PM. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door if available. The Knights are soliciting contributions for Door Prizes and Raffles. Please contact John Schialline at 717-699-4534 or Bill Zimmer at 717-292-4870 for additional information.

... keep up the good work...
**FUSION NEWS** - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.

**Did You Know?** The intentions of Pope Francis for April 2018 are for those who have responsibilities in economic matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**Fridays, April 6th – May 11th, 7 – 8:30PM – Bible Study**

**Saturday, April 28th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night with Adoration**

**Tuesday, May 1st – Deadline to sign up for Seton Retreat**

**Tuesday, May 8th – Deadline to sign up for “Mission Territory”**

**Saturday, May 12th, 6 – 9PM – Game Night in the Social Hall**

**Saturday, May 19th, 6 – 9PM – “Laudate” Open Mic Night**

**Saturday, May 26th, 9AM – 3PM – Seton Retreat**

**Sundays, June 3rd – August 5th, 6 – 8:30PM – “Mission Territory” Summer Teen Program**

**Monday, June 4th, 6:30 – 9PM – Healing Mass**

For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext. 8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** – a training session for NEW ministers for Holy Communion will be held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**. The training will be held at **St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover**. This two hour session begins at 6:30 PM and will be presented by Deacon Tom Aumen. Manuals will be provided. This training fulfills the requirements for a mandate. Applications are available at the parish office. Once the application is completed, an interview needs to be arranged with Fr. Marcoe. Applications need to be forwarded to the Diocese by April 27. Any EMHC needing a renewal of his/her mandate may also attend. You must also complete an application.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES “TASTE OF THE WORLD” LUNCHEON – APRIL 28TH**. All are invited to attend the Catholic Charities “Taste of the World” Luncheon on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 12:00-2:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish, 3435 Trindle Road in Camp Hill, PA. The afternoon will feature a variety of dishes from around the world prepared by local restaurants as well as clients from the Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Service Program. Cost is $30 per person. Contact Sara Beck, ESL Program Director at 717-232-0568, ext 209 or shbeck@cchbg.org for more information or to reserve tickets.

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA STEM CAMP** – St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School will be hosting a Summer STEM Camp for students entering Kindergarten – Grade 6. The camp will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday, June 11–Friday, June 15, 2018 and will take place at our McSherrystown Campus (316 North Street). Cost if $150 for 1st camper and $100 for each additional sibling. Limited space available! Registration and payment due by May 11th. For more information, please visit the “Student Life” tab on our website: www.stck8school.org. Please note that you do not have to be enrolled in our school to participate in our camp. However, due to space limitations, all registered campers must be a member of an Adams Deanery parish to attend.

**OPEN POSITION** – at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School for Director of Development & Fundraising: The Director of Development & Fundraising is responsible for coordinating, managing, and overseeing all fundraising events, policies and procedures of the school so as to provide funds necessary for the school’s budget and needs and to protect regular donors and supporters of our school. If interested in applying for this position, please send letter of interest and resume no later than Tuesday May 1st. Email: businessoffice@stck8school.org OR mail to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School, Business Office, 316 North St., McSherrystown, PA 17344.

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

**DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT WITH THE HARRISBURG SENATORS** – Join us for a night of fun at the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game on May 26 at 6 PM at Metro Bank Park on City Island. Gates open at 4:30. Tickets are $11 and everyone receives a Senators Hat! Plus, there will be a special raffle just for Diocesan Participants. Order tickets through the order form online: https://GROUPMATICS.EVENTS/HBGDIOCESE.
YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Discerning God’s Will
20’s, 30’s, married or single – this retreat takes place at Refreshing Mountain Retreat Center in Stevens, PA. It will begin with dinner on Friday, May 11th and end shortly after dinner on Saturday, May 12th. Retreat directors, Father Brian Wayne and Sr. Geralyn Schmidt, SCC will explore the reality that discernment is an ongoing process in which God calls us to do something and how prayer allows and nourishes authentic discernment. During this retreat, you will learn about practical methods of discerning God’s will, particularly following the rules of St. Ignatius. For more information and to register online, visit https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/young-adult-retreat-discerning-gods-will-life/.

WOMEN’S RETREAT – The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the Eighth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. It is from Friday evening on June 8th until noon on Sunday, June 10th. The Retreat Master is Very Reverend Neil Sullivan. The registration deadline is May 21, 2018. Contact Barbara McCarthy at 717-534-1858 or FranBarbMc@aol.com with questions or to register.

SPRING CLEANING? Please remember to donate any used clothes to the COMMUNITY AID BIN located in the IHM parking lot. Proceeds from the donations benefit Boy Scout Troop 127.

APRIL – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
The Diocese of Harrisburg is committed to the safety of children. We take very seriously the protection of youth in all Church related activities and programs. We are working to make the Catholic Church one of the safest institutions in the country. To report the suspected abuse of a minor you must notify both law enforcement and the Church. First, call the PA Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a Church official, employee or volunteer, no matter when it happened, call the diocesan toll free hotline at 1-800-626-1608. In the Diocese of Harrisburg, we

- Have zero tolerance for anyone who is guilty of even one instance of abuse
- Offer opportunities to help victims to heal
- Screen all employees and volunteers before they can begin service
- Educate our youth on how to stay safe
- Train employees and volunteers on how to recognize and report abuse
- Disclose all allegations to local civil authorities
- Exceed State and national requirements
- Undergo an annual independent audit of our procedures

To learn more about what you can do to prevent abuse, how to report abuse, assistance available to victims and Youth protection efforts of the Diocese, please visit: www.hbgdiocese.org/safeyouth.

PARISH CARING COMMITTEE – Assists parishioners on an as needed basis, in times of need or stress and provides visitation, caregiver relief, meals, errands, light household chores and local transportation. To request assistance or to become a Caring Committee Volunteer, contact Jen Gentile at 717-225-5059.

SUGGESTION CARDS are available on the back ledges and at the entrances of the church. If you have any suggestions on how to make our parish better, please fill one out and return it in the collection basket.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students at Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll status:
FIRST HONORS: Julia O’Brien, Audrey Sell and Harrison Smith
SECOND HONORS: Christian Powell
COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Abigail Sell

WEEKDAY MASS PARKING – Anyone attending the weekday Masses are asked to park in the lot beside and behind the Church whenever there is snow and ice. This parking area will be made ready first for anyone on the property.

MASS INTENTIONS – Mass intentions are a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, remember those who have died or are sick and in need of our prayers. Please consider this as a “gift” for someone. Call Anita in the Parish Office to arrange your Mass intentions.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please keep collecting and sending in those BoxTops for Education for St.
CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND –
Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese’s Patron Saint, on a 12 day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 – September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available. For more information, contact Mark Totaro, Catholic Charities Executive Director/CEO at 717-657-4804 (ext 276) or visit www.cchbg.org on line.

HEARING IMPAIRED – Anyone who is hearing impaired may find it helpful to sit in Pew #9 on the Sacristy side. You will notice “hearing impaired” stickers on the side of the pew to indicate the best place to sit if you are hearing impaired.

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

HANDICAP PARKING – Please note that handicap parking spaces are available for parking near the social hall entrance to the Church. If you are attending the 11:15 AM Mass, in order to avoid the traffic associated with religious education letting out, the following two options are recommended: EITHER come in the EXIT lane BEFORE 11 AM, OR come in the usual entrance way AFTER approximately 11:07 AM.

HIPPA LAWS – Please note that HIPPA (health care privacy laws) prevent hospitals from automatically notifying the parish office when you are in the hospital. Therefore, we ask you to please give consent (permission) for the parish office to be notified. If you would like Fr. Marcoe to know of your hospitalization, please inform the parish office before going into the hospital OR once hospitalized, ask the nurse or hospital chaplain/pastoral care staff person to notify the parish.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE –
Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible). Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND –

IMPACT ANNOUNCEMENT – It has been noted that some people, who are dropped off or picked up for Mass, are doing so at the steps right along West Canal Road. Especially at night, and given the adjacent hill, it is deemed this is unsafe given the speed and flow of traffic. For accessible and safe access to the Church at all times, please use the side social hall doors. Thank you.

EVENT NOTICE – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we’d like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: 6fletch@embarqmail.com. Don’t forget to tell me the following: WHAT is the event? WHO is invited? WHEN is the event? WHERE is the event? WHY should people attend? HOW can they get more information? If you have any questions, fee free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!

Holly Fletcher

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE –

AERO ENERGY PLAN – For each parishioner who is or becomes an Aero customer, IHM receives up to 3 cents per gallon of oil or propane. This is an excellent way to help your parish! If you are not already registered with Aero Energy for this program, please call Aero Energy at 888-480-1271 and sign up for the House of Worship Program. Any questions, please call Anita in the parish office.

RUTH’S HARVEST – the next Ruth’s Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It
only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth’s Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

**AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM –**
We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs. Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. NEW this year is Aero Energy is offering $50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM $50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL UPDATE –**
The current enrollment at St. Teresa of Calcutta School is 438 students with the possibility of adding 5 more. Sacred Heart Campus has 168 enrolled in grades K through 3 and McSherrystown Campus has 271 enrolled in grades 4 through 8. The school colors will be dark blue, light blue and orange and will be known as “The Crusaders”. Grades 2, 4, and 8 will have 3 sections and all other grades will have 2 sections. Let us continue to keep the students, teachers, staff and families of St. Teresa School in our prayers in this ongoing time of transition.

**PRAYER SHAWLS –** Are you in need of a prayer shawl? Do you know someone who is? Please call Jan Melhorn at 308-2532. The next prayer shawl meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the RE Building. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, we can teach you. Skeins of new yarn are always welcome and there are bins at the church entrances for these donations.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED - Our Parish is in need of several more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, especially for the 8:15 AM Mass.** This ministry plays an important role assisting Father in distributing Holy Communion to our parishioners at Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation. Please call Father if you feel God is calling you for this ministry. You must 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic and a member of our parish.

**FLOWERS** – Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? A beautiful way would be to order flowers on the altar. Most weekends are available from now through the end of the year. Please call Anita in the parish office to make arrangements.

**CREMATION**
Since 1963, Catholics have been allowed to choose cremation over burial as a means of laying a loved one to rest. Cremation is a popular choice since it is less expensive and more manageable than a full burial. Cremation, like death, is final. But that doesn’t mean you won’t have second thoughts. Susan Skiles Luke, a marketing consultant in Columbia, Missouri, had her mother cremated and buried in a family plot. Now, she wishes it was her mother’s body and not just the cremated remains that was in the grave. “When I go there, which isn’t often, I want to feel like her body is under ground, right alongside my grandparents and beloved great aunt, all dressed up in their Sunday best…”

Although creation is permitted, some Catholics have not been dealing properly with their loved ones remains. Common practices include scattering ashes, parting ashes out to friends and relatives, and keeping the ashes in a common area, such as a living room. While scattering ashes may seem romantic to some (but is also contrary to Catholic teaching), there’s something to be said about keeping your loved one in one place, and then marking that place with a name. “We mark the graves of our loved ones with a headstone to memorialize them, so we don’t forget them”. When visiting that person’s grave, just seeing his or her name can give comfort.

To instruct the faithful in this regard, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued updated guidelines. According to these, burial is still preferred, but cremation is an option. When a loved one has been cremated, their ashes must be kept intact, the same as one would treat a body. The ashes may not be separated or scattered. Instead, they should remain in a proper vessel that is interred in a proper place, such as a cemetery or church. Finally, the document stresses that Catholics who choose cremation for reasons contrary to the faith, (e.g., to have their ashes scattered) must be denied a Christian funeral.

In the end, whether cremation or burial is chosen, we await from the grave the second coming of Jesus Christ and the blessed Resurrection of the Dead.