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**St. Catharines Diocese**

**Monday, August 1, 2022**



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### **President's Message:**

#### **Be A Part of Your League**

July 10-13, we attended the Ontario Provincial Convention held in Ottawa. Two hundred and twenty-five women across our province were in attendance including Fran Lucas, National President, Shari Guinta,

National President Elect and Betty Colaneri, National Communications Chair and our Diocesan Spiritual Adviser, Father Richard Kowalchuk.

While many may ask “why go to a convention?”, the answer is why not? Excellent guest speakers, celebrating our faith, meeting so many wonderful new friends. It is one of the greatest times you celebrate the sister hood of the league.

Next year the convention will be held in the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. The date is not available yet, but we will be reminding you to mark your calendars. Faith, fun, and fulfillment are in abundance at the convention, so join us!!!

Lisa

St. Catharines CWL Diocesan President

## Messages From Deedee Alexandre:

a) **New Email:** please use the following email to contact Deedee:

[deedecwl321@gmail.com](mailto:deedecwl321@gmail.com)     **you can also call: 905-732-4782**

b) **September Catholic Connections:** would the **St. Catharines Region** parishes please email reports to Deedee by **August 23** to:

[deedecwl321@gmail.com](mailto:deedecwl321@gmail.com)

c) **Deceased Members:** please email all info—name, date of death, parish, etc. to **Debbie Pine**, Spiritual Development Sub-Chair,  
[debbiepine@royalpage.ca](mailto:debbiepine@royalpage.ca)

# CWL Book Study—St. Catharines Diocese

## The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

**Starting:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022

**Frequency:** every Tuesday

**Time:** 6:45 p.m., Zoom portal opens; 7 p.m. start

**Duration:** approx. until 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** on Zoom—**go to** [stcatharinescwl.com](http://stcatharinescwl.com) at  
6:45 p.m. each Tuesday

**--all info will be on the homepage!**

**Suggestion:** you may want to keep a journal for this book study!

**\*\*\*for Sept. 20, please read up to and  
including pages 1-23\*\*\***



**“Catholic and Living It”  
through the Sisterhood of the League  
(Lisa Fillingham’s Report at the  
CWL Provincial Convention in Ottawa—July 2022)**

**Despite facts presented over the past two years about the cruel and horrific treatment of Indigenous children at residential schools run by Catholic agencies, many have remained silent or refused to admit the harm caused.**

**Through embracing the theme, Catholic and Living It, the St. Catharines Diocesan Council decided to be a tool to help members and parishioners learn and help heal the hurts of the past.**

**As Truth and Reconciliation Day approached, I asked Linda Dirks, the Spiritual Development chair at my own parish (Master of Theology), to design a prayer program to begin the process of healing and forgiveness. Based on the 94 actions listed in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report, we have chosen Education as the direction for the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in the St Catharines Diocese.**

**As the honorable Murray Sinclair, chair of the TRC said, & I quote "Education is what got us into this mess, and education is what will get us out of it."**

**As we began to consider ways to educate our members, what evolved was a historical, educational, and faith-filled journey.**

**The first initiative took place at A Landscape of Nations at Queenston Heights Park, Niagara Falls, where the First Nation Monument is located on September 30<sup>th</sup> . Here we embarked on a journey that started with history and incorporated the Bible, prayer, and the Rosary. Every step along this site was educational reminding us of what the Indigenous sacrificed for Canada and what little we have given back.**

**Continuing our education our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Deedee Alexandre started a book club, where members via zoom discussed the book The Inconvenient Indian. Deep discussions and provoking questions forced us again to face facts and have a deeper perspective on Indigenous history.**

**At the end of March, St Julia's parish held The Circle of Fire while Indigenous representatives met with Pope Francis at the Vatican. It was open in the Diocese to come to the parish, light a candle and pray. It was very moving especially when the students from Denis Morris High School attended. It was truly moving to watch as they came on their own time, lit candles and prayed.**

**In May we had a virtual presentation by a local Member of Parliament, Vance Badawey, representing, Niagara Centre (Port Colborne/Welland). Mr. Badawey is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Services. His presentation was "The Indigenous Peoples: Vision and Progress Nationally and Locally". He spoke of so many initiatives of where and how the government is working to**



**continue the process of healing and develop a better relationship with the Indigenous people.**

**On June 21, Indigenous Day, we asked our parish councils in the Diocese, to have a Mass with the intention for all Indigenous Communities to heal from the past and for Catholics to acknowledge our mistakes. This day celebrates the history and diversity of Indigenous Communities and helps bring visibility to issues that need support and change.**

**To continue our education, on June 27<sup>th</sup>, we participated in a “Roles and Responsibilities” activity with Sheila Maracle, Indigenous Advisor to the District School Board. This activity is an interactive educational tool that helps those participating understand our shared history as Indigenous and non-**

**Indigenous peoples in Canada. Each person involved steps into a different role of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. Participants are educated about history as it progresses through a historical timeline. It invokes compassion for the histories of the Indigenous.**

**This is just the beginning; being “Catholic and Living It” most certainly incorporates prayer for forgiveness, understanding and hope. Being Catholic and Living It also means we have a responsibility to learn as much as we can, so we may understand the past and make the future a better place for all.**

**Madame President, this is my report.  
Lisa Fillingham**

## St. Kevin Parish, Welland



In May, the St. Kevin CWL finally held the Crowning of Mary in person. Fr. Vijai presided with well over 30 ladies in attendance. This was our first gathering since pre pandemic. A small reception was held afterwards in the foyer where the ladies could socialize and enjoy some baked goods and refreshments.

June saw the distribution of our annual educational awards at graduation for Christian Unity. We were able to present 2 monetary awards to our high school, Notre Dame College School, and one to each of our 3 elementary schools – Alexander Kuska, Holy Name, and St. Kevin.



*CWL St. Kevin's      Lorrie Mackenzie, President*



# Bishops, Vatican working on clarifying 15th-century Church documents on colonies



Photo by Patrick T. FALLON / AFP

*I.Media for Aleteia - published on  
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***Some Canadian Indigenous say more than an apology is needed, in reference to 15th-century papal documents.***

Organizers of the pope's visit to Canada say they are working "with the Vatican and those who have studied this issue, with the goal of issuing a new Church statement" on the "doctrine of discovery."

The announcement on July 28, 2022, follows a silent protest by a group that unfurled a banner at the beginning of a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis at the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupré.

The silent protest – which did not disrupt the Mass – referred to the "doctrine of discovery," established by the bull *Romanus Pontifex* of Pope Nicholas V in 1455. Many indigenous people are asking the pope to formally revoke this document, which spoke to Christian monarchs taking possession of non-Christian lands.

The organizers' statement said, "We understand the desire to name these texts, to recognize their impact and to renounce the concepts associated with them" expressed by the Indigenous Peoples.

Another document in question is *Inter Caetera*, which in 1493 established a division of the world between the Spanish and Portuguese, under the arbitration of Pope Alexander VI.

The organizers point out that in his speeches since arriving in the country on July 24, the head of the Catholic Church has “directly condemned many of the policies and principles that are commonly associated with the doctrine of discovery.”

### **Pope speaks for the Catholic Church**

In the note, the Bishops of Canada also express their gratitude to the pope for “the sincere and solemn apology he has offered to Indigenous Peoples in the name of the Catholic Church.”

The statement responds to criticism from some organizations that Pope Francis did not blame the institution of the Church, but only individuals who ran the schools, “seeming to restrict responsibility for these acts to individuals and not to a system.”

“When Pope Francis speaks, he speaks in the name of the Catholic Church, and we heard him offer a sincere apology, from the heart,” Erika Jacinto, spokesperson for the visit team, tells I.MEDIA.

The pontiff, she adds, “took direct responsibility as head of the Catholic Church, saying ‘I am grieved,’ ‘I ask for forgiveness,’ and ‘in the face of this evil that outrages, the Church kneels before God and implores forgiveness for the sins of her children.’”

“His decision to apologize on Canadian soil, while facing significant health problems and having to cancel other international trips, demonstrates his understanding of the role of the Catholic Church in the history of Canada’s residential schools,” the Montreal diocese’s communications director said.

However, there is still “much work to be done on the long road to healing, justice and reconciliation,” organizers say.

## **St. George Parish**

75th Anniversary celebration at St. George Parish was held on Sunday, June 26th! Bishop Bergie celebrated Holy Mass at 10a.m. with a wonderful homily proclaiming the sure and clear teachings of the Catholic Faith...our treasure to



be lived and passed on. CWL displayed our Charter from 1956, many history books and other memorabilia. This was part of a larger display of parish photos and videos. Cake and barbecue provided parishioners and guests an opportunity to visit...50/50 Draw with one-half going to the parish's children's venue. A souvenir history booklet and holy card of our patron, St. George, was available for all.

A holiday weekend Bake Sale is planned outside the doors of the church after all Masses...an event that proved successful in the past. Some of our members will repaint the weathered Nativity scene during July, and we're all looking forward to a restful summer before we dig in again next Fall.

Marjorie Eagan, President



## Diocesan News

On Monday, June 27, 25 CWL women assembled at 11 a.m. at The Star of the Sea Parish and participated in the Roles and Responsibilities Activity led by Indigenous Advisor for the District School Board of Niagara, Sheila Maracle (first row, centre). Throughout the event, we learned a great deal & hope to have Sheila back to continue our education.

# Pope Francis names three women to Vatican office that recommends new bishops

ROME — Pope Francis on July 13 appointed three women to the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops, [fulfilling](#) a pledge he made earlier this month that for the first time in the office's history, women would be granted a voice in the department tasked with advising the pontiff on which Catholic priests to appoint as bishops across the world.

Two religious sisters (Italian and French) and an Argentine laywoman were among the names published in the Vatican's daily bulletin announcing the new membership of the dicastery, which also includes 10 bishops and one priest.

The three women include Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist [Raffaella Petrini](#), the current secretary general of the Governorate of Vatican City State; Sr. Yvonne Reungoat, former superior general of the Daughters of

Mary Help of Christians; and Maria Lia Zervino, president of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

Read more at [https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/news/news/pope-francis-names-three-women-vatican-office-recommends-new-bishops?utm\\_source=NCR+List&utm\\_campaign=c1d9d2dfd9-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2022\\_07\\_13\\_08\\_24&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6981ecb02e-c1d9d2dfd9-231169364](https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/news/news/pope-francis-names-three-women-vatican-office-recommends-new-bishops?utm_source=NCR+List&utm_campaign=c1d9d2dfd9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_07_13_08_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6981ecb02e-c1d9d2dfd9-231169364)

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*I acknowledge that I am a settler and I thank God for all of creation. The land I am grateful to live and work on is Treaty Six Territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries and whose respectful stewardship have enabled us all to enjoy the riches of the Creator's blessings. I commit myself to reconciliation; first to know better and then, when I know better, to do better.*

For God and Canada,  
Cathy Bouchard  
National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development

St. Julia CWL-sponsored parish blood drive is on **Saturday, August 27**. Tammy Maroudas from Canadian Blood Services will be at St Julia to speak after all Masses on the weekend of August 20/21. In her brief talk, besides outline the need for donations, she will explain that both the Catholic Womens League of Canada and St Julia Parish will get a point for each unit donated.

Donors register using the information in the poster and will receive a follow-up email explaining that their donation in the name of both organizations.

Sign-up capabilities should be 'live' now and are done on-line.

Please see the poster on the next page for all information.

Thank you to St. Julia CWL for arranging this.



**As a team, we can do more for patients in our community and across the country**

**Join our St. Julia Parish team today, donate blood and make a meaningful impact!**

## Summer Blood Drive

**St. Catharines Donation Centre**  
395 Ontario Street, Henley Plaza  
Saturday, August 27, 2022  
Appointments start at 9:25 am

### To join the team:

- 1** Sign in or create an account at **blood.ca** or use the **GiveBlood app**
- 2** Select 'Partners' from the menu, then 'Join an existing team'
- 3** Search for: **St. Julia Parish**
- 4** For help booking or for more information, contact [tammy.maroudas@blood.ca](mailto:tammy.maroudas@blood.ca) or call **289 929-5596**



*Use the camera app on your phone and scan the QR code to book your appointment.*



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Also from Mary Jo Modolo, St Julia Parish President

'Last year, Maria Lia Zervino, president of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (of which the Catholic Women's League is a member), wrote an open letter to Pope Francis encouraging him to expand roles for women's leadership in the church's predominantly all-male institutional structures.

"The suitability of women has been demonstrated in civil society, in the economy, in health, in education, in caring for the planet, in the defense of human rights and in many other fields, of course, as well as in the family and catechesis. May the desire expressed by you, that women enter decision-making groups together with men, cease to be considered a utopia and become something common in the Church."

This week, on July 13, Pope Francis, for the first time in the office's history, appointed three women to the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops, granting women a voice in the department tasked with advising the pontiff on which Catholic priests to appoint as bishops across the world.

In addition to Maria Lia Zervino, president of the World Union of Catholic



Women's Organizations, these women are Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist Raffaella Petrini, the current secretary general of the Governorate of Vatican City State; Sr. Yvonne Reungoat, former Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.'



Blessings,  
Mary Jo Modolo



# Vatican astronomer: With new pics, we can see God's love of beauty



HANDOUT / NASA / AFP

Image réalisée grâce au  
téléscope James Webb.

[Kathleen N.  
Hattrup](#) - published on  
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*"The universe wouldn't work if it weren't logical. But as these images show, the universe is not only logical, it is also beautiful. This is God's creation being revealed to us, and in it we can see both His astonishing power and his love of beauty."*

People around the world have delighted in the new images of the universe provided by the James Webb Space Telescope.

The director of the [Vatican Observatory](#), Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, shared his own enthusiasm for the “gorgeous” images — a “tantalizing glimpse of what we’ll be able to learn about the universe with this telescope in the future.”

From Brother Guy’s perspective, these images are “**necessary food for the human spirit**” and the telescope that took the images is “a tribute to the power of the human spirit, **what we can do when we work together.**”

The Jesuit said the images tell us something about God:

This is God’s creation being revealed to us, and in it we can see **both His astonishing power and His love of beauty.**

For the Vatican astronomer, the images were an invitation to thanksgiving, as he quoted [Psalm 8](#): “I am **amazed and grateful that God has given us humans**, His creation, the ability to see and understand what He has done,” he said.

Finally, the Jesuit reflected on the work that has come before this accomplishment, enabling us to make these advances:

It was about **150 years ago** when Father Angelo Secchi SJ put a prism in front of his telescope lens on the roof of the St. Ignatius Church in Rome and made **the first spectral measurements of the atmospheres of the planets** in our own solar system. I can only imagine how delighted he would be to see the science he pioneered applied to planets unknown to him orbiting distant stars.



*Read more:* [These 5 Catholic scientists shaped our understanding of the world](#)

**Here's the full text of Brother Guy's statement:**

We're really excited by the new images from the Webb telescope!

The images are gorgeous, as anyone can see for themselves. It's a tantalizing glimpse of what we'll be able to learn about the universe with this telescope in the future. Such images are a necessary food for the human spirit — we do not live by bread alone — especially in these times.

There's also a personal side to how delighted I am with this success. Astronomy is a small field; we astronomers all tend to know one another. Many of the scientists who built the instruments and planned the observations are personal friends of mine. I know how long and how hard they and their colleagues have worked to make this incredible machine work. It is a tribute to the power of the human spirit, what we can do when we work together.

The science behind this telescope is our attempt to use our God-given intelligence to understand the logic of the universe. The universe wouldn't work if it weren't logical. But as these images show, the universe is not only logical, but it is also beautiful. This is

God's creation being revealed to us, and in it we can see both His astonishing power and His love of beauty.



*Read more:* **[These saints were influential astronomers who wed science and faith together](#)**

And at the same time, I am amazed and grateful that God has given us humans, His creation, the ability to see and understand what He has done. “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.”  
(Psalm 8)

I was especially delighted to see Webb's first spectrum of water vapor in the atmosphere of an exo-planet. It was about 150 years ago when Father Angelo Secchi SJ put a prism in front of his telescope lens on the roof of the St. Ignatius Church in Rome and made the first spectral measurements of the atmospheres of the planets in our own solar system. I can only imagine how delighted he would be to see the science he pioneered applied to planets unknown to him orbiting distant stars.

— Br Guy Consolmagno, SJ  
Director, Specola Vaticana

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Henri Nouwen Society

## **The Way of Change**

It is my growing conviction that in Jesus the mystical and the revolutionary ways are not opposites, but two sides of the same human mode of experiential transcendence. I am increasingly

convinced that conversion is the individual equivalent of revolution. Therefore, every real revolutionary is challenged to be a mystic at heart, and one who walks the mystical way is called to unmask the illusory quality of human society.

Mysticism and revolution are two aspects of the same attempt to bring about radical change. Mystics cannot prevent themselves from becoming social critics, since in self-reflection they will discover the roots of a sick society. Similarly, revolutionaries cannot avoid facing their own human condition, since in the midst of their struggle for a new world they will find that they are also fighting their own reactionary fears and false ambitions.



# The Inuit secret to staying calm when kids act up



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*Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 07/02/22*

**Responding with extraordinary calmness is the secret to the abundant peace in the Inuit homes and families.**

I've read dozens of parenting books over the years, but few of them have stayed with me like [\*Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy, Helpful Little Humans\*](#) by Michaeleen Doucleff.



Perhaps that's because it's so well researched. Doucleff traveled all over the world and lived with many different families from different cultures to observe their parenting firsthand.

Or perhaps it's because Doucleff is so relatable. When she describes her impatience with her mischievous preschooler and confusion over how to handle her daughter's outbursts, most parents completely get it.

But most of all, I think it's because it's so sensible. Doucleff doesn't tell parents to add complicated systems or lots of "stuff" to their lives. Quite the opposite.

**Her message is to simplify, slow down, and recover an older way of parenting.** The parenting strategies she uncovers are deeply in tune with a child's essential nature and are oriented toward the whole family's flourishing.

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I first read it over a year ago, and I still think it's one of the most helpful and practical parenting books around.

There are so many parenting strategies in the book that it's hard to choose just one to share, but my favorite is also one of the most foundational: Doucleff shares the [Inuit secret for staying calm](#) when children misbehave.

She describes an upsetting scene that happened when she and her daughter were guests in the home of Sally, an Inuit grandmother. Her daughter was chasing after the family's dog and knocked over a mug, splashing hot coffee all over a white rug and antique table.

To Doucleff's great surprise:

Nobody else is reacting ... But most surprising is Sally's response. She doesn't yell or reprimand Rosy. Instead, she turns to [another adult] and calmly says, "Your coffee was in the wrong place."

This skill of responding with extraordinary calmness is the secret to the abundant peace in Sally's home and family.

Again and again, Inuit parents tell Doucleff, "**When you yell at children, they stop listening.**"

Instead, they tell her, don't be surprised when children misbehave. And don't take it personally. **Children have a lot less ability to control their impulses than most Western parents think.**

As one Inuit mother told Doucleff, "If the child doesn't listen, it's because she is too young to understand. She is not ready for the lesson."

So the first step is responding calmly when children misbehave, understanding that they're still learning and need our firm but affectionate guidance. **They need us to help them regulate their emotions, meeting the fiery flames of their big feelings with a cool wave of peace and calm.**

That's what Doucleff sees the Inuit parents doing, time and again:

“The higher the energy a child brings to the situation, the lower in energy the parent goes ... The parents show the child how to be calm by being calm themselves.”

Responding this way can be counterintuitive! Often our instinct as parents is to rush in and meet the child's energy with even higher energy, or frantically talk, talk, talk to fix the problem.

But the Inuit parents have a much more effective way, and Doucleff methodically lays out exactly how they do it.

There is so much more to learn from *Hunt, Gather, Parent*. Although it's hard to find time to read as a busy parent, this book really is worth your time!



**Let's review the magnificent  
promises of Our Lord to  
those devoted to His Heart!  
June 24, 2022—The Catholic  
Company**

*Sacred Heart of Jesus with Saint Ignatius of Loyola and  
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga by José de Páez*

Revealed to St. Margaret Mary  
Alacoque in the 17th century, these  
promises show us in no uncertain  
terms just how much Our Lord  
desires that we devote ourselves to  
His loving Heart.

For those who do, He promised:

1. I will give them all the graces  
necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

The twelfth promise refers to the First Friday devotion—a very easy way to insert devotion to the Sacred Heart into our monthly routines. All we have to do is receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays (ensuring we go to Confession beforehand if we are not in a state of grace), offering these Communion in reparation for the sins committed against the Sacred Heart.

There are many other additional, daily ways to place ourselves in the Heart of Christ. A simple thought of love and affection means so much to Him. “Jesus, I trust in You!” or “Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!” are other little prayers we can offer to more firmly bind ourselves to this Heart that loves us so much.

# Archaeologists find trove of Early Christian relics in damaged Mosul church

[J-P Mauro](#) - published on 07/28/22 - updated on 07/28/22

*Find out how the discovery supports the historical connection of Christianity with Iraq.*

Archaeologists excavating a Mosul church damaged by ISIS during its occupation have unearthed about a dozen relics of early Christian saints. The discovery acknowledges the historical connection between Christians and Iraq, while serving as a reminder of the many other artifacts that were destroyed by extremists in recent years.

[PIME Asia News reports](#) that about a dozen artifacts were drawn from Mar Thoma church, which fell into ruin during the Battle of Mosul in 2016. **These included relics of early saints and parchment manuscripts that belonged to saints.** The relics were housed within stone containers that were inscribed with saint's names.

## Relics

[According to Christian Post](#), there were six stone reliquaries in total, one of which was inscribed with the name of St. Simon the Zealot, one of the 12 apostles of Christ from the 1st century. Other containers bore the names of St. Theodore, Mor Gabriel, and St. Simeon.

St. Theodore was a 3rd-century Roman soldier who was martyred for his Christian conversion. **St. Simeon the Wise is believed to be the one who welcomed the infant Jesus into Jerusalem's temple when he was presented 40 days after his birth.** Mor Gabriel is a more recent figure compared to the previous entries; he served in the 6th century as bishop of the Southern Turkish region.

[A report from International Christian Concern \(ICC\)](#), a watchdog group, noted that relics from St. John the Apostle were also discovered. They wrote of the [archaeological finds](#):

“The discovery of the hidden relics at this church is another encouraging development in the broad effort to restore and protect Christian cultural heritage in Iraq after the damage done by the Islamic State,” The ICC wrote.



## Restoration

The restoration work is part of an effort driven by the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas. The [“Restoration of the Mar Toma Syriac Orthodox Church”](#) campaign began in 2021 and is funded with \$328,100, which largely came from the French organization l’Oeuvre d’Orient.

The restoration project was expected to conclude in 2022, but with the discovery of these historical relics, it is possible that it will spill into 2023. The ICC said of the current work:

“Perhaps workers will uncover more undiscovered pieces of history as they sort through the archeological remains of Christianity’s long history in Iraq.”

## UNESCO

While various restoration projects have begun throughout Mosul, none are larger than [UNESCO’s “Reviving the Spirit of Mosul” campaign](#), which has allocated over \$100 million towards restoration projects.

UNESCO estimates that about 80% of Mosul was destroyed during the Battle of Mosul. The organization commented on some of the troubles they have encountered which have made their work all the more difficult and time consuming:

“We had to start with rubble removal and demining. In several places there were still explosive materials and devices in the ground. It was a complex task. In addition, we discovered there was in fact very little documentation of the monuments. So deep research was needed. Then we had to prepare the architectural design for the interventions.”



## **Passed Away:**

Joan Adams—July 9, 2022—St. Joseph,  
Grimsby

## **August Liturgical Calendar: Living with Christ**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** St. Alphonsus Liguori

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli  
St. Peter Julian Eymard

**4<sup>th</sup>:** St. John Mary Vianney

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Blessed Frederic Janssoone  
Dedication of the Basilica of  
St. Mary Major

**6<sup>th</sup>:** **Transfiguration of the Lord**

**8<sup>th</sup>:** St. Dominic

**15<sup>th</sup>:** **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**16<sup>th</sup>:** St. Stephen of Hungary

**19<sup>th</sup>:** St. John Eudes

**20<sup>th</sup>:** St. Bernard

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** St. Rose of Lima

**24<sup>th</sup>:** **St. Bartholomew**

**25<sup>th</sup>:** St. Joseph Calasanz

**27<sup>th</sup>:** St. Monica

**9<sup>th</sup>:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
(Edith Stein)

**10<sup>th</sup>:** St. Lawrence

**11<sup>th</sup>:** St. Clare

**12<sup>th</sup>:** St. Jane Francis of Chantal

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

**29<sup>th</sup>:** Passion of St. John the Baptist

### **The Church lists the corporal works of mercy as follows:**

- 1. Feeding the hungry**
- 2. Giving drink to the thirsty**
- 3. Sheltering the homeless**
- 4. Clothing the naked**
- 5. Visiting the sick**
- 6. Visiting the imprisoned** (sometimes listed as “ransoming the captive”)
- 7. Burying the dead**

### **The Church lists the spiritual works of mercy as follows:**

- 1. To instruct the ignorant**
- 2. To counsel the doubtful**
- 3. To admonish sinners**

4. **To bear wrongs patiently**
5. **To forgive offenses willingly**
6. **To comfort the afflicted**
7. **To pray for the living and the dead**

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