

Saint Rose of Lima

Roman Catholic Church

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World Youth Day - Krakow, Poland

On July 24, 2016, thirty pilgrims from the Diocese set out from Nashville to attend World Youth Day 2016 in Kraków, Poland. My family and I, along with St Rose parishioners, Brandon Quigley, Jenni Preuett, Valentina Rossi, and Leslie and Madalynne Skelton, were blessed to be part of that group. We traveled more than 5,000 miles in 36 hours by jet, train, motor coach, and on foot. Here is a sample of what we experienced on that amazing journey of faith.

You might be wondering what is World Youth Day? WYD was begun by Pope St. John Paul II who hosted the first one in Rome in 1984. According to the Pilgrim guide, "The purpose of WYD is to experience the great community of the universal Church, listen to the word of God, and celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance, as well as to joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior."



Jeff, Faith, Cathy and Grace Viers



Saint Mary's Basilica

On our first day in Poland, we met our pilgrim group in the town square of Kraków and took a tour of the main sites. That night we walked an hour to Blonia Park for the opening ceremony of World Youth Day. There were hundreds of thousands of pilgrims waving colorful flags from their countries of origin and singing joyfully in their native languages. The streets were filled with groups of youth from every country you can imagine. They came from New Zealand, Australia, Italy, Spain, France, Ivory Coast, Pakistan, United States, Germany, Sweden, and Brazil, among others. My favorite part of this gathering was listening to the young people singing and watching the colorful flags waving in the breeze. It was so joyful!

On Wednesday morning, we walked to the square and arrived just in time to attend Mass at the Dominican Cathedral with an international group of worshipers. After Mass, we venerated the remains of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, which were contained in a simple wooden coffin behind the main altar. John Paul II beatified him on May 20, 1990. That night we gathered again in Blonia Park to welcome Pope Francis. "Papa Francesco" could be heard everywhere sung with excitement and enthusiasm! He said in his welcome address: "Jesus called us to this Thirty-first World Youth Day. Jesus tells us: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall find mercy (Mt 5:7). Blessed indeed are they who can forgive, who show heartfelt compassion, who are capable of offering the very best of themselves to others.'"

The Pope said, "Nothing is more beautiful than seeing the enthusiasm, dedication, zeal and energy with which so many young people live their lives. It is beautiful. It is the source of beauty. When Jesus touches a young person's heart, he or she becomes capable of truly great things"

What was amazing and beautiful to me, and can hardly be put into words, were the joy, enthusiasm, and faith of the young people who came from 180 countries to participate in World Youth Day! We witnessed them on the streets, in trolley cars and at Blonia Park singing, "Papa Francesco!" There was so much love, energy, joy, and beauty. Love for Jesus and for each other. The love and joy were palpable. What a sweet and joyful sound that made! It was infectious!

We met people, young and old, from all over the globe. We met two priests and a group of young people from Pakistan. They told us that Catholics in their country are



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a mere 2% of the population, which is predominantly Muslim. And yet the joy and love were again so powerful in these young people who responded to God's call to go out and spread the gospel. We met another young group from The Ivory Coast. They taught us a song and hand motions to go with it in the Square in Kraków. We sang and danced together. We exchanged small items such as bracelets, t-shirts, and rosaries as gifts to one another.

On Thursday we visited a museum that was once the home of Saint Pope John Paul II when he was a Bishop and Cardinal in Kraków. The museum contained many fascinating articles including John Paul's kneeler, cassocks, small day bed, bicycle, kayak, writings, Bible, and snow skis. It was a humbling and moving experience to see where he lived, worked, prayed and wrote.

Early on Friday, we visited Wawel Castle (pronounced Vah-vel). This structure dates back more than 1,000 years and was the home of many of the Kings, Queens and Princes of Kraków, Poland. We viewed beautiful paintings, antique furniture, centuries old tapestries, sculptures and amazing architecture. The ceilings of the rooms were some of the most ornate and interesting pieces of artwork we saw.



Wawel Cathedral



We spent the morning touring the beautiful Cathedral including the tall bell tower. The Cathedral contains many small chapels in addition to the main sanctuary and altar. Many kings and poets are entombed in the Cathedral inside decorative marble sepulchers. The Cathedral itself is a work of art, full of beautiful statues, altars, and sub-altars that are extremely ornate and awe-inspiring. In the crypt below the ornate Cathedral, John Paul II celebrated his first Mass as a priest in 1946 during the Soviet occupation of Poland.

Our next destination was the Divine Mercy Sanctuary and convent where St Faustina received the Divine Mercy Chaplet from Jesus. Since the sanctuary was closed to visitors that day, we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then walked back to the city square.

On Saturday, July 30th, we joined 40,000 pilgrims from the United States to celebrate Mass and journeyed to Campus Misericordiae where we joined 1.8 million other people to sleep under the stars. The 9 plus miles journey, which

we traveled to on foot most of the way and by train for a short while, took about 5 hours. We walked through city streets, country lanes, and by beautiful old homes in old neighborhoods. The foliage was beautiful: Tall evergreens, beautiful flowers adorned unique homes of stucco and wood. We were grateful for the occasional family that used garden hoses to cool down the hot pilgrims. Once we arrived at the Campus, a very large field, our group claimed a spot and put down sleeping bags to spend the night. That night was full of music, singing, a candlelight vigil and many people milling about. We fell asleep to the sound of drums beating and people singing. We were so tired after the long walk that we had no trouble sleeping on the ground.

The next morning July 31st we were awakened by the rising sun on a lovely, yet chilly Sunday morning. We watched the sun rise into the sky melting the dew from our sleeping bags. Mass began before 10 a.m. [Pope Francis' message was from Luke's gospel \(Lk19: 1-10\). He told of the tax collector Zacchaeus who climbed a great tree to see Jesus. He stated that Zacchaeus had three obstacles to overcome in order to encounter Jesus: self-doubt, shame, and public opposition. He countered each challenge with the realities of Catholicism.](#) Since the site of the Mass was so large we could not see the altar directly from our location. We watched the Pope on a jumbotron and listened to his message translated by a priest nearby who spoke into a microphone.

You might ask, how do 2 million people attend Mass and receive communion together? It was unbelievable! Hundreds of priests in white albs were accompanied by youth holding white umbrellas. They were sent out into the crowd and could be recognized by the white umbrellas. Then pilgrims in each section carefully made their way to the white umbrellas. As you got close to the priest you saw that it was a bit chaotic. People pressed in on all sides in a circle around the priest to receive the Holy Eucharist. Once you received communion, you turned and left making room for another person to receive.

After the outdoor Mass, we hiked back to Kraków on foot. We were both exhausted by the long trek and rejuvenated by our encounter with the Pope. The next day some of our group boarded a motor coach and headed to Jasna Gora to visit Our Lady of Czestochowa (also called the Black Madonna) and Wadowice, the small town where Saint Pope John Paul II was born. Some said this was the best part of the pilgrimage.

Our journey home took just 30 hours. We all enjoyed our amazing pilgrimage to Kraków Poland to World Youth Day and will remember it as the trip of a lifetime.

~ Cathy Viers



The Value of Your Soul

How much does your soul cost? I had a friend once tell me that they did all that they were supposed to do to get into Heaven, therefore they were not worried about it. While this person is a wonderful human being, they were missing the point of faith and salvation. They assumed they had purchased their spot in Heaven by doing what their parents had told them to do when they were little, but they did not really bother to enter into a relationship with God. I think a lot of us have this mentality sometimes, and we live with a surface-level faith. It is not enough just to do the minimum; we have to remember that the price of our soul is beyond us!

The reason the Son of God became incarnate was because we could not possibly ransom our soul ourselves. Sin became a debt too big for us and God took on this debt Himself so that we could be reconciled to Him. This is more than just a favor or nice deed; this is how we are now allowed to enter into Heaven! If it were not for Jesus, we would still be dead in sin and locked out of the Kingdom of God. So to say that I have fulfilled my obligation by going to Mass and living out the 10 Commandments, is taking this monumental gift and relegating it to a simple favor I can pay back. Loving God, loving our parents, treating others with respect are all contained in the Law handed onto us by Moses, but this is a starting point, not the finish line.

St. Augustine states, "We had no good works, for all our works were evil. Yet although men's actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished – if not indeed entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the

physician (Christ) as well. Let us then follow Christ's paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us."

When we state that we have done all that we need to do for the Church or for God, we are putting a limit on the value of our soul and our faith. I do not believe this is our intention but it is what happens. Christ gave all for us, and we, in turn, are now called to give all back. We are called to see that faith is more than just a commitment; it is a relationship to which we have been called. Just as we would not limit our love for our own family, how much more are we called to not limit our love for our Savior. The Blessed Virgin Mary is a great example to us in this. She not only said yes to receiving Christ, but she continued to say yes to Him, all the way to the Cross and Resurrection. It was not that she earned God's love; it is that she was willing to give herself completely to it and allow herself to be an instrument through which He could work.

Like our Blessed Mother, let us give ourselves fully to Christ and allow the gift of our salvation to be seen through all of our thoughts, words, and deeds. Let us show the world what our God has done for us by showing our joy in faith. Let us remember that this life of faith is not simply a contract to complete, but a relationship to live out. May Mary our Mother, watch over us and lead us to her Son.

God Bless –

Rev. Nicholas M. Allen



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"Go, Rebuild My Church"

On July 18 of this year, seven Saint Rose catechists sojourned to the beautiful campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio for this year's four-day long Saint John Bosco Conference. The conference, which is held each year in July, offers certifications in Catechetics, Director of Religious Education (DRE), Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and Campus Ministry. Madalynne Skelton attended the RCIA track, Sean White the Youth Ministry track, while Jodie Coppedge, Gary and Yvonne Creighton, Kristin Quinby, and Leslie Skelton all took part in the Catechist track.



L to R: Sean White, Madalynne Skelton, Yvonne Creighton, Jodie Coppedge, Gary Creighton, Leslie Skelton, Kristin Quinby in front of a replica of the Portiuncula Chapel.

The Catechist track offers a certification after attending five years of conferences, writing reflective summaries of our experiences, and submission of a video recording of the Catechist teaching at his or her home church. One can also choose a non-certification track and just soak up all the Catholicity the conference has to offer. Some of us have attended for four years, some two years, and for others, this was our very first experience.

We are a mixture of converts and cradle Catholics. For Jodie, her journey to Catholicism began with God's call eight years ago, which led her to the Saint Rose DRE at the time who welcomed her and introduced her to RCIA. When asked to teach a Confirmation class several years ago, she didn't feel "qualified," but trusted that it was God's will for her and He continues to be there with her every step of the way. No matter what path led each of us to teaching, our unifying mission is the transmission of the faith to those entrusted to us. Of the conference, Kristin says, "It's an amazing opportunity to learn about teaching methods, but also to dig down deep into our Catholic faith and learn why the church teaches what she does."

This year's conference theme was Receive the Father's Mercy, in conjunction with Pope Francis' declaration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which spans from December 8, 2015, to November 20, 2016. The Jubilee of Mercy focuses on remission of sins and universal pardon, highlighting God's forgiveness and mercy. The Pope also



Christ the King Chapel

called for Holy Doors of Mercy to be opened throughout the world. According to a Papal letter written April 2015, "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." Christ the King Chapel at Franciscan was declared a Door of Mercy by the Bishop of Steubenville. The Most Reverend Joseph Edward Kurtz, D.D., Archbishop of Kentucky and current president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), was a featured speaker. He spoke of "accompaniment," of entering into the life of

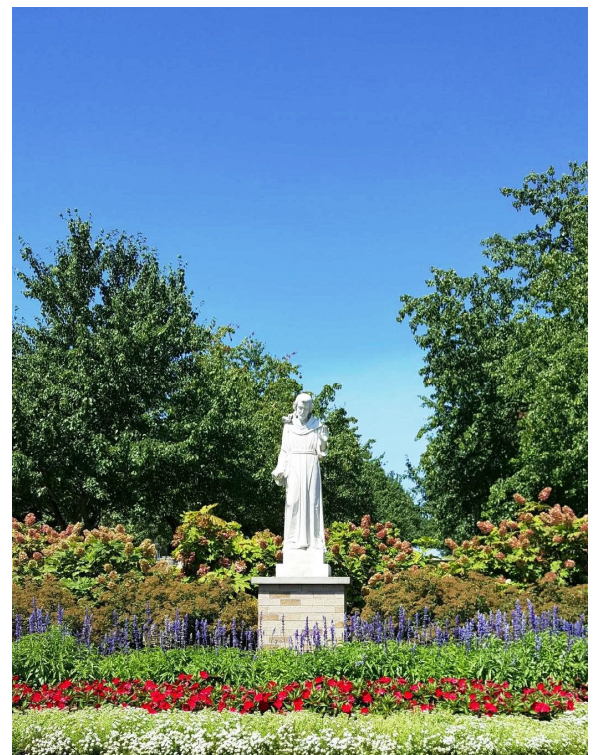


Replica of the San Damiano crucifix. Saint Francis was praying before the crucifix when Jesus spoke to him and commissioned him to, "Go, rebuild my Church."

another person, and says the most valuable thing we can give someone is our time. He encouraged us to get to know each person we teach, and shared the story of how he got to know the parishioners of his church by taking time every day to study one page of the parish pictorial directory during his prayer hour. By praying for the gift of service, being humble enough to know our own weaknesses, "exalting in the richness of the students," and understanding that mercy belongs to God and is freely given, we can sway someone to the love of Jesus. In addition to the catechetical nature of the conference, there is a retreat quality to it which nourishes the participants and refreshes us to come back home to St. Rose with a renewed energy to evangelize those we seek to catechize (teach). Mass, reconciliation, and praise and worship are offered daily, and there are opportunities for adoration and private contemplation.

There is also an opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence as decreed by the Vatican. The Portiuncula chapel, which is a replica of a church in Assisi that St. Francis repaired after Jesus commissioned him to, "Go, rebuild my Church," is the site where the plenary indulgence can be gained.

- According to the decree, those who desire to gain the plenary indulgence should "devoutly" visit the Portiuncula Chapel, where they pray for the intentions of the Holy Father including the Our Father and the Creed. In addition, it is necessary that the Church's ordinary conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence be met: Individuals must have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin; have made a sacramental confession; and have received the Holy Eucharist. These must be completed within a week to 10 days before or after the visit to the Portiuncula." - See more at <http://www.franciscan.edu/news/2015/portiuncula-redesignated/#sthash.cJZrj3wo.dpuf>
- Unlike a partial indulgence, which reduces time in purgatory, the plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, so that no further expiation is required in purgatory.



Gary shares that the conference was, "Awesome, and perfect for my grieving heart" after having just lost his first grandchild at birth. Jodie says, "God surrounded me with amazing instructors, beautiful friends, Holy Doors to walk through and receive His Mercy at the Christ the King Chapel, and a place to renew my soul." I think I can safely say that Kristin's sentiments echo all of ours: "It has been such a blessing to my spiritual life and my teaching life. I always look forward to my time at this conference." We all look forward to returning to Steubenville in 2017.

~Yvonne Creighton



WSSR Saint Rose Radio



It was September 2013, and Richard Richard was watching EWTN television. An announcement was made saying that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was opening a two-week application window for non-profit organizations to apply for a low-power FM (LPFM) radio licenses. From this, the inspiration to bring Catholic radio to Murfreesboro was conceived. Richard discussed this opportunity with his friend, Billy Trout, who immediately said he was interested since he has a degree in Radio/TV from MTSU and loves the Faith. After obtaining permission to move forward with this project from Father Mark Sappenfield, this important mission moved on to the next level.

In January 2014, Saint Rose received a radio station construction permit from the FCC and was the only entity in Murfreesboro to apply for a permit. Saint Rose was awarded one of over 170 permits for Catholic stations granted across the country. Shortly after this, Richard and Billy, and a few other interested parishioners were asked to form a separate non-profit for the purpose of raising funds for the project, so Saint Rose Radio was incorporated as an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization to work exclusively for this purpose. With a plan in place, attention then went to the "nuts and bolts" phase. The previous owners of the WSSR radio call letters - who were not using them - released them for our use. Richard and Billy also attended the national Catholic radio conference to get start-up

information and education - they are still learning, too! Shortly after this, an agreement with EWTN Global Catholic Radio was reached and the station joined the Catholic Radio Association. Through the help of several generous individual donors, the equipment needed to receive, process and transmit a radio signal was purchased, and a large crane and an installation crew installed the antenna, which is on the back side of our church's bell tower.

Saint Rose Radio has been blessed by the Holy Spirit who sent the best team to help bring the station to life! Volunteer members of the radio station staff include John Grubar as treasurer, Rob Thomas as secretary, Deacon John D'Amico as the Bishop's representative, programming director and Chaplin for Saint Rose Radio Inc., and Alton Dellinger who, with his experience in the radio department at MTSU, has been invaluable help with all the equipment and technical issues. Others who have helped include Gary Wisniewski, Jim Held, Ann Trout, EWTN, and most importantly, the Diocese of Nashville and our parish.

Richard and Billy know the power of the Truth of our Catholic faith and how EWTN spreads the good news in an informative, entertaining and non-confrontational manner. They hope many people will either return to the faith or come to the fullness of the faith through Catholic radio, which is a vital part of the new evangelization called by St. John Paul II. As the station develops over the next few months, programming from other sources will be introduced that is in line with this purpose. Plus, organizations here at Saint Rose will be asked to consider broadcasting recorded announcements about their programs and special events!

Saint Rose Radio asks for your prayers and help! Pray for hearts to be opened to the Truth of our Church. Help by listening yourself at 99.3 FM and tell others both inside and outside the parish! Ask for a free bumper sticker...yes, that simple little sticker on your car can lead to saving souls...is there anything more important? Be proud of our faith and spread the Good News! For more information, visit www.saintroseradio.com or contact Richard or Billy by email at richard@saintroseradio.com or Billy at billy@saintroseradio.com.





Welcome, Sisters!

Principal Sister Mary Patrick, O.P. grew up in Nashville and is a product of Dominican Catholic education from elementary school through college, having attended St. Henry School, St. Cecilia Academy, and Aquinas College. She professed final vows in 2000. Sister holds a BA in Liberal Arts & Elementary Education from Aquinas College in Nashville, TN, a M.Ed. in English Education from Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, LA, a MA in Theology from Providence College in Providence, RI, and a M.Ed. in Educational Administration from the University of Notre Dame's Remick ACE Leadership Program in Notre Dame, IN. Sister Mary Patrick has served in Catholic schools for 19 years in all three dioceses of Tennessee, as well as in Virginia, Georgia, and Colorado. She has taught second graders through seniors in high school, and served in both elementary and high school administration. Sister enjoys reading, baking, and college football season! Sister is grateful for the warm welcome she has received from the school families, faculty, staff, and parishioners of Saint Rose.



Sister Mary Patrick relates: "A favorite teaching memory is watching a young man in high school, who was not Catholic, visit the chapel every day after school at the same time I did before leaving for the afternoon; he occasionally brought friends to the chapel and 'made' them pray. The young man eventually was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith."

8th Grade Teacher Sister Delia Grace, O.P. is from Birmingham, Alabama and the oldest of four children. Sister was taught by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia when she was in school and was later happy to join them in their following of Christ and their sharing in His preaching. She graduated from Aquinas College in Nashville with a degree in Secondary English Education. Sister Delia Grace enjoys teaching in junior high and high school classrooms. Sister also loves reading, enjoying the beauty of art, rooting on southern sports teams, good food, nature, and being outside. Sister Delia Grace is very excited to join the Saint Rose community and is grateful for the opportunity to get to know its lovely parishioners!



5th Grade Teacher Sister Daniela, O.P. was raised in Houston, Texas; she has a sister and two brothers. Sister Daniela has a love for the great state of Texas; however, she is also developing a great love for Tennessee and looks forward to spending the next year in Murfreesboro at Saint Rose of Lima School! Sister Daniela attended Benedictine College for her undergraduate degree in Education and Theology and Aquinas College for her M.A.T., K-6. Outside of school, Sister loves crafting and making things look beautiful. Her patron is the Prophet Daniel, who was faithful to the Lord God even in the face of danger. Sister's favorite Scripture verse is, "By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been ineffective." (1 Corinthians 15:10)





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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:30 pm Vigil

Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass (school in session)

Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, 8:15 am

Daily Mass (school not in session)

Monday-Saturday, 8:15 am

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Hispanic Mass

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 pm

Saturdays, 4:00-5:15 pm

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm for lunch

Exceptions noted in the bulletin

Adult Learning Opportunities

BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Monday evenings beginning
September 12 as we study

The Gospel of John

by Francis Martin and William M. Wright, IV. Books
will be available for purchase at the class. We will
meet in the Jo Call Room from 6:30-8:00.

No registration or prior knowledge is necessary.

Please join us!

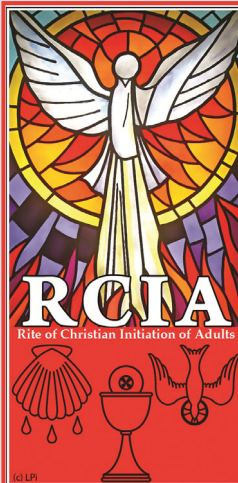
SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Scott Hahn's DVD series on the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Beginning Saturday, September 24



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Catholic faith? Join us at 6:00pm on
Wednesdays for Mass followed by
refreshments and an opportunity to
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RCIA. Come have your questions
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