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of the Class
of 2013

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Grandpa and grandma rocks of faith

Two little boys were figuring out the perfect life. They finally agreed to be bachelors, until old enough to be grandpas.

Grandparents are a gift to the household of faith and an important influence in fostering our Catholic faith, especially in young families. They can spoil kids more than actual parents, feed treats, allowing to stay up late, give gifts for no special reason.

Though there are exceptions and unfortunate situations of distance or "split-up" families, the relationship between kids and grandparents can be special and fruitful for the growth of our faith.

Sometimes, youngsters are happy and willing to talk about spiritual things with Grandpa



FATHER JIM

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or Grandma, rather than with mom or dad. St. Paul wrote of this in his epistle letter to the young follower Timothy: “I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother, Eunice, and that I am confident lives also in you.” (2Timothy 1-5.)

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A religious education teacher asked her class of youngsters, “Why do you believe in God?”

She got a variety of answers, but none so touching as from one boy who said, “I believe

in God because it just runs in our family.”

Faith does run in the family, or it can, when grandparents who are faithful offer to others what the Lord has given already to them over many years — love, courage, stories, a cherishing of sacraments and the seasons of our faith.

We are blessed with an abundance of seniors who carry the exalted title of grandparent. They are what I like to call the wisdom community, a rich and diverse and splendid treasure among us.

If they shrink from the task of sharing and fostering the Catholic faith, shame on them. There is no time to be timid or shy.

HISTORY CORNER

Father Pizzoglio takes over and things begin to change

This is an occasional series on the men who shepherded St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church. For more on the history of our parish, visit www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com.

After Father Marchegiani's departure in 1933, a young, handsome and energetic priest, Father William Pizzoglio, arrived at St. Mary of Mount Carmel in June 1934 to assume his pastorate.

Under his guidance, the good works so well initiated by Father Marchegiani continued to flourish.

His first endeavor was to conduct a parish census that reflected that the congregation consisted of 2,035 families and 12,700 parishioners. Father Pizzoglio's primary goal, as shepherd to his congregation, was to nurture the spiritual needs of young and old, and so catechism classes were expanded and religious instruction classes intensified for public school children.

Another noteworthy task undertaken by him was the decoration and painting of the church in preparation for the 40th anniversary in 1936. Professor Antonio D'Ambrosio of New York City was commissioned to do the work. Three new marble altars were designed and installed by the DaPrato Firm of New York.



PIZZOGLIO

On Nov. 8, 1936, Bishop John Duffy consecrated the new altars and inaugurated the decoration. In the evening, he presided over the banquet at Hotel Hamilton. The bishop spoke words of admiration for the Italians of Mount Carmel and their 33-year-old pastor who gave such fine promise at the very inception of his pastorate.

In 1939, Father Pizzoglio, who was a great lover of music and a composer, installed a new organ in the choir loft.

Another serious problem had been clamoring for a solution. For years, the nuns had been crowded in a small dilapidated convent. With only the perimeter walls remaining, new rooms and a chapel were constructed, giving the nuns a home with all modern conveniences.

Perhaps the greatness of this man was displayed during World War II. Five thousand men of Italian descent, 3,000 parishioners of Mount Carmel, left Utica for the war fronts. In spite of his many tasks as pastor, Father Pizzoglio kept in touch with all his boys, regardless of the huge amount of correspondence. Armed with Christ's faith in humanity, he brought spiritual words of consolation to all.

Always ready to extend charitable works, Father Pizzoglio opened a clinic for children on Elizabeth Street operated by the Utica Visiting Nurses Association, with the church incurring all costs. This beneficial service continued until after the outbreak of

the war.

Many wives and mothers, responding to the nation's appeal, went to work in factories to make war materials. Father Pizzoglio understood the situation and saw the need for a day nursery. On Jan. 4, 1944, the day nursery became a reality and Bishop Walter A. Foery solemnly blessed the Mount Carmel Day Nursery, which continued to operate until 1970.

The year 1946 marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of Mount Carmel Church. Encouraged by the bishop, Father Pizzoglio undertook the project to renew and transform the church inside and out.

He personally chaired many committees and surprised the parishioners with an original composition and Mass to be played at the Golden Jubilee celebration. The beautiful repertoire of music and the fine arts that enrich our church are truly an inspiration by this pastor.

After 17 years of faithful service at Mount Carmel, Father Pizzoglio was transferred to St. Joseph's Parish in New York City. Father Pizzoglio died June 19, 1973.

He was returned to his beloved Mount Carmel where he lies in state on June 22, 1973. The funeral service was presided over by Bishop Frank Harrison, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Berton and Rev. Peter Bortolazzo. His body was interred in St. Agnes Cemetery, next to Father Castelli.

Volunteering double the fun

Mancuso twins enjoy helping out

You might have noticed them serving at Mass or at a pizza frittata sale. Or, you might have seen them volunteering somewhere in the community. Angelina and Isabella Mancuso are 15 years old, and they're identical twins. They are being confirmed later this year.

Is your relationship with your twin different than with your older sister Anastasia? Some say there is a special connection between twins.

Angelina: There is a special connection between Isabella and me. If I am not with her for a long period of time I tend to develop a stomach ache, but the older I get the more I think it may be a mental thing.

Isabella: Though I do not love one sister more than the other, the bonds I share with each of them are very different. It is not that one relationship is stronger than another, they are just different. My twin is literally my other half; Angelina and I are like a team. If Angelina and I were conjoined twins, the only difference there would be in appearance. I and Angelina have never been separated for longer than nine hours. Anastasia, in a similar way, is my best friend. Anna and I know everything about each other and share a very tight relationship. But I manage to function just fine when separated from her for mass periods of time.

What has your older sister taught you?

Angelina: My older sister has taught me to cope with death. When my coach passed away, she walked me through everything and taught me the importance of paying my respects. She also taught me and my twin the proper way to act in public when my parents are not around. And lastly, she has a mother-like connection with me and my sister at school, keeping an eye on us all the time and correcting us when we're wrong.

Isabella: My older sister has taught me many things. Anastasia has taught me two very significant lessons, though. One is savor the time I have with loved ones. And the other is in order to receive respect, you need to give it, and if respect is not returned, it is critical that it is still given.

Are there ever any sisterly fights?

Angelina: Just like any American family with three girls in it we do have disagreements leading to fights, usually over clothes or who is doing the dishes — nothing serious or major. The majority of the time we get along very well.

Isabella: In my household, there are often minor disagreements between the girls. There are never any serious arguments, though — usually just over clothes. We get along most when on vacation or taking extended car rides.

Angelina and Isabella Mancuso

Age: 15.

School: Proctor High School.

Family: Parents Michael and Michelle, sister Anastasia, and George (brother/canine).

Angelina's favorite things to do: Activities with friends and family.

Isabella's favorite things to do: Be with my friends/family, travel, shop.

Angelina's favorite book: "Animal Farm," by George Orwell.

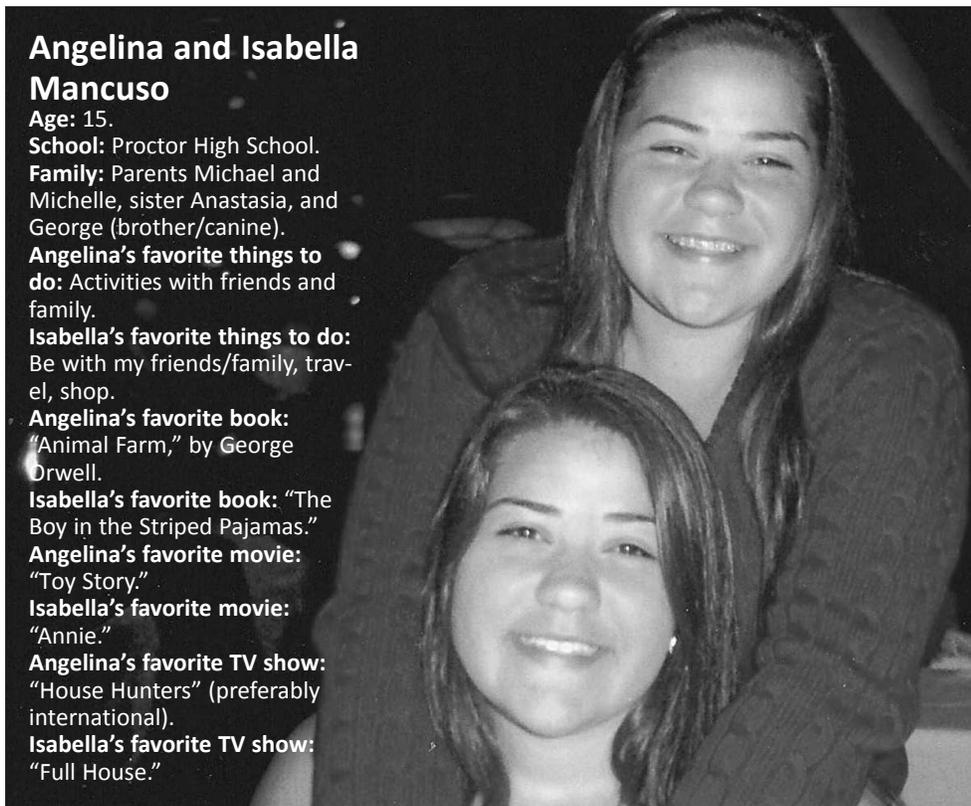
Isabella's favorite book: "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas."

Angelina's favorite movie: "Toy Story."

Isabella's favorite movie: "Annie."

Angelina's favorite TV show: "House Hunters" (preferably international).

Isabella's favorite TV show: "Full House."



Twin sisters Angelina, top, and Isabella Mancuso.

Your dad seems outnumbered with four women in the family. How does he cope?

Angelina: My dad is very outnumbered, but luckily he has selective hearing (only joking). He actually somehow seemed to raise us three girls very well and was successful in life. My father is very idealistic. I hope I could be like my father someday, smart, understanding, patient and last but not least, good looking.

Isabella: Well, we have a male dog! My father is actually pretty easy going — plus, he has his own bathroom!

What have your parents taught you about God and religion?

Angelina: Your faith in your religion is just as important as your existence. Faith seems to be what keeps communities, parishes and families together.

Isabella: As a Christian, it is my pleasure and duty to follow the Ten Commandments. My religious education teachers and weekly Mass have allowed me to understand and believe that our eternal salvation will be gained by faith, hope and love — "The greatest of these being love."

In addition to being altar servers, you work at pizza frittata sales and other parish events and also volunteer in the community. Why do you do it and what do you get out of it?

Angelina: I personally love serving, working at pizza frittata, parish events and volunteering in the community. I also help teach the kindergarten class at church. The main teacher

is GraceAnne Guzski and she is very inspirational, so I enjoy helping. It makes me feel good about myself knowing I put a smile on someone else's face; whether it's one person or several people, it does make a difference. It is also very eye opening. It helps me realize I sometimes take all that I have for granted, and I then realize I am very fortunate.

Isabella: I enjoy giving back to the community. I was always told not to take my fortune for granted. By helping those in need I get a better understanding of how fortunate I really am. Most people volunteer for the feeling of satisfaction. My reason is a little different. If there is an opportunity for me to help someone, and I do not take it, I have a horrible feeling. By doing the little things I do to help, I avoid this feeling.

You've been attending Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament since you were born. What does the parish mean to you?

Angelina: Being involved at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament is a huge part of my life. Making my way to church on a Sunday morning is just as important as making my way to my grandparents on a Sunday morning. Our parish is a second family to me.

Isabella: This parish is not only tradition, but it is also family and community. Often, I am stopped at church by older members who have witnessed my childhood and they like tell

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The body and blood of Christ:



**JOHN
ALEX**
Age 8

Watson Williams
Elementary

Family: Mom, brothers, sisters.
Things you like to do: Play outside.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Help me be good.



**SANTINO
ALSANTE**
Age 7

Notre Dame
Elementary

Family: Mom and dad; brothers Freddy and Anthony; grandfathers Fred and Anthony; aunts, uncles, cousins.
Things you like to do: Basketball, NASCAR, wrestling, going out to dinner with my family.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Am I going to heaven?



**SEBASTIAN
BABBIE**
Age 8

Edmeston Central
School

Family: Parents Shannon and Michelle; brother Alexander.
Things you like to do: Karate, swim, going to the movies.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? For no diseases so people can have more family longer.



**REMI
CHARLEBOIS**
Age 8

Hart's Hill
Elementary

Family: Mom, Dad, Ryan, Mikayla, Nani, Papi, Grandma, Grandpa, Big Grandma, Big Grandpa.
Things you like to do: Play with my iPod, ride my four-wheeler, play with my sister.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Do you fly like an angel?



**PHILIP
CITTADINO**
Age 7

E.R. Hughes
Elementary

Family: Parents Philip and Jennifer; sisters Gina and Sophia.
Things you like to do: Play baseball and games on my iPod.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? I would ask God to be a better person.



**SKYLAR
CONKLING**
Age 8

Hart's Hill
Elementary

Family: Parents Duane and Melissa; brothers Nathan and Noah.
Things you like to do: Go to school, church and religion; dancing, camping, swimming, vacation, playing with friends.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? How do you make all your miracles happen?



**MIA
DONLON**
Age 8

Jefferson
Elementary

Family: Poppy John, mother Jaime, father Ed, sissy Alexandra.
Things you like to do: Play with my pets, sports, read.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Watch over me and my family.



**GENARO
GRAZIANO**
Age 7

Deerfield
Elementary

Family: Parents Avery and Jim; sister Alyssa, Grandma Johanna, lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.
Things you like to do: Magic, basketball, baseball, golf, math, play Ruzzle and Wii.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? I wish I could see Jesus right now.



**MATTHEW
GROMO**
Age 7

Clinton
Elementary

Family: Mother Michele, sister Megan, Grandma.
Things you like to do: Legos; game nights with Grandma, cousin Jessica and Mom.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? How did he make Adam?



**MEGAN
GROMO**
Age 9

Clinton
Elementary

Family: Mother Michele, brother Matthew, Grandma.
Things you like to do: Play Barbies with cousin Jessica and movie nights with Mom.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? To let me have more friends like Bianca Wilson.



**McKENZIE RAE
JACOBS**
Age 8

Albany
Elementary

Family: Mom, Dad, step-dad, sister, new baby brother.
Things you like to do: Dance, kickball, play on my iPod.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? To keep my family safe and happy.



**SAI
KONKARNGE**
Age 7

Watson Williams
Elementary

Family: Mom, brothers, sisters.
Things you like to do: Play outside.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Help me be good.

Children of the Class of 2013



SHA MULA
Age 7
Mohawk Elementary

Family: Father, mother, brother.
Things you like to do: Play outside.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? If I could play with my brother.



GIANNA ROSE PARISE
Age 8
Hart's Hill Elementary

Family: Dad, Mom, sister, brother, Nannie, Poppie, Nonnie, Poppie.
Things you like to do: Braid hair, watch TV, play board games, gymnastics.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Why do people have to kill people?



FRANK PELLI JR.
Age 8
Jefferson Elementary

Family: Parents Frank Sr. and Rosanne, sister Sophia.
Things you like to do: Play soccer, basketball, hockey and baseball; spend time with my family.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? How my dad's mom is doing.



BENRAWINKA
Age 8
Jefferson Elementary

Family: Mom, Dad, two brothers.
Things you like to do: Play on the computer.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? How we love our God.



ANGELO SANTOMASSINO
Age 7
E.R. Hughes Elementary

Family: Parents Mark and Kimberly, sister Briana, brother Marco.
Things you like to do: Play football and baseball, ride my bike, swim.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? That the poor would have enough to eat.



KRISTIAN SMITH
Age: 8
E.R. Hughes Elementary

Family: Father Kris, mother Gina, sister Samantha brother Rocco.
Things you like to do: Play hockey, baseball, lacrosse and wrestle.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? How is grandma and poppa Ciao?



EMILY GRACE SPIAK
Age 7
Hart's Hill Elementary

Family: Mom, Dad, Grandma, GG, Nonnie and Jido.
Things you like to do: Swim, dance, ride my bike.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? How did you make the Earth?



GIANELLA SZUBA
Age 8
Columbus Elementary

Family: Parents Walter and Gina, grandparents Philip and Carol Scampane and Molly Szuba.
Things you like to do: Ski, swim, draw, paint, play the drums.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? To watch over my family and me.



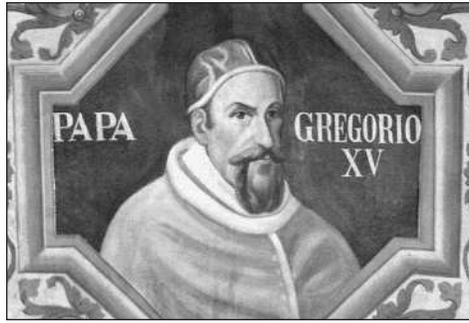
SANTINO VIOLA
Age 7
Jones Elementary

Family: Parents Ona and Zack, sister Natalia.
Things you like to do: Play hockey, watch wrestling, play with friends, play games.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? Can you bring Big Grandma back?



NAN ZAR
Age 8
Watson Williams Elementary

Family: Mom, Dad, two brothers, sister.
Things you like to do: Watch movies and TV.
If you could ask God one thing, what would it be? I would like a gift.



St. Teresa, many popes grace western nave

Second in a series. Watch for the next installment in the summer issue. The first part is online at www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com (search for Our Parish Heritage).

In this issue, we dedicate ourselves once again to the images that grace the vaulting of the western nave (on the right side of the church as you face the altar).

Between the ribs of the vaulting, are the portraits of 22 popes and saints.

Who were these people?

We continue in this issue with the fourth through sixth cross vaults in the middle of the ceiling in from of the St. Joseph altar:



A.J. VALENTINI

FOURTH CROSS VAULT

Santa Teresa del Bambino Gesù (St. Teresa of the Child Jesus or St. Thérèse of Lisieux, b. 1873 – d. 1897): Marie Françoise Térèse Martin became a Carmelite nun at age 15 and died of tuberculosis at 24. In her brief life she wrote extensively, leaving an autobiography, prayers and even plays. She was beatified in 1923, canonized in 1925, declared a patron of missions in 1927 and the co-patron of France with Joan of Arc in 1944. In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her the 33rd Doctor of the Church, the youngest of all and the third woman to achieve that honor.

Pope Gregorio XV (Gregory, b.1554 – d. 1623): Pope from 1621 to 1623. Before becoming a bishop there was no record of his ordination. He was trained in canon and Roman law and was for a time a papal jurist. His family benefitted mightily from Gregory's papacy, but so did the church. He was the founder of the Congregation for the



Propagation of the Faith. He established the use of the secret ballot in papal elections. He canonized such popular saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier and Ignatius Loyola.

Pope Pio VI (b. 1717 – d. 1799): Pope from 1775 to 1799. He received his doctorate of law in 1734 and took on many cases in defense of the church. He didn't become a priest until 1766 and almost immediately became the

treasurer of the *camera apostolica*. He did his job "too well" and was rewarded by a position that kept him out of the heart of papal affairs for a few years. Eventually, he was redeemed and rose to the papacy in 1775. In his time, his extravagant efforts to re-establish the grandeur of Rome came under attack. He is responsible for establishing the Vatican Museum. He was

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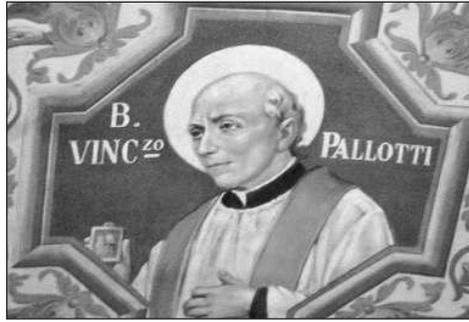
extremely unpopular in France during the French revolution, as the church was seen as an oppressive temporal power.

San Rocco (b.1295 – d. 1327): Though born of a wealthy family, he gave his worldly goods to the poor. He ministered to the sick during the great plague of his time and is said to have given many miraculous cures. He was stricken with the disease and was forced to live in a forest alone. A dog of a local nobleman brought him bread and by licking Rocco's wounds healed him. He is the patron of those afflicted with pestilence and is patron of the city of Potenza in the Basilicata region of Italy.

FIFTH CROSS VAULT

Pope Leone XII (b. 1760 – d. 1829): Pope from 1823 to 1829. A handsome and articulate person in his youth, he was a diplomat for the Vatican to France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria. Upon becoming pope, his reign was very tempestuous. His religious policies were admirable but at times his finances were out of order. He took a strong position on the Inquisition. Many Jews chose to leave Rome or live in ghettos and free masonry was condemned. In taking the high ground in education (all secondary education was in Latin) and morality (he even passed laws for the neckline standards of women's clothing) he caused friction with the people.

San Giovanni Berhmano (b.1599 – d.1621): St. John Berchmans was a Jesuit priest from the Belgium and is the patron saint of altar servers. From the time of his youth he



was the type that returned two-fold, kindnesses given to him. He had a brilliant mind, was dedicated to Mary and strictly adhered to the rules of his order and superiors. He was so beloved, that crowds continued to visit his corpse for several days before he was buried.

Beato (Blessed) Vincenzo Pallotti (b. 1795 – d. 1850): At the time the painting was placed on our ceiling this man had not yet risen to sainthood. That was accomplished in 1963. Pallotti devoted his life to working with the poorest people of Rome and was much admired by his contemporaries, including the pope. It was his desire to follow in the footsteps of St. Paul and try to save people all over the world. He founded the Union of Catholic Apostolate. He became the patron of Vatican II because of his works and fervent desire to unite the various factions of the church.

Pope Benedetto XIII (b. 1650 – d. 1730): Pope from 1724 to 1730. A member of the powerful Orsini family, he was the third of that group to become pope. As the Cardinal of Benevento, he regularly visited parishes and helped rebuild the city after a devastating earthquake. For this he is known as the Second Founder of Benevento. As pope, he tried to clean up lack of discipline in the clergy but was not universally recognized as an able leader in other realms. Many of his policies were administered by Cardinal Niccolò Coscia, his assistant whose mismanagement resulted in his own imprisonment upon the pope's death. Under Benedetto XIII, the famous Spanish Steps of Rome were built and the University of Camerino was founded.



LAST VAULT

Pope Clemente XIII (b.1536 – d. 1605): Pope from 1592 to 1605. An expert in law, he made friends with the powerful Hapsburg family, the rulers of the Austro-Hungarian empire by successfully negotiating the release of Archduke Maxmillian, who unsuccessfully claimed the Polish throne. As pope he established many schools. When Henry of Navarre came to the French throne, it was Clement who made him see the light, and Henry converted to Catholicism. He deftly dealt with the political friction in France and Spain ending a 30-year religious war and gaining independence of the Italian states. He fought courageously against lawlessness in Rome. He was respected for his intellect and diplomacy.

Pope Benedetto XIV (b. 1675 – d. 1758): Pope from 1740 to 1758. By the time he was 19 years old he had received doctorates in theology and law. He is considered to be one of the greatest scholars among the popes. He saw his elevation to high positions in the church not as honors, but rather as opportunities to do good deeds. As pope he successfully dealt with the royal houses of Europe who believed that it was their right to nominate candidates for bishops instead of leaving that to the church. In 1741, in his papal bull "Immensa Pastorum pricipis," he condemned the practice of enslaving Native Americans and other people around the world. Benedetto also made rulings on how missionaries could accommodate (or not) Catholic beliefs using cultural references or words from native cultures.

MANCUSOS

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me how they have seen me grow to what I have become.

You are in this year's Confirmation class. Many times, after they are confirmed, some of the teens don't return to church. What would you tell these people?

Angelina: Children getting confirmed and not following up with their religion is like getting an education and failing to use their knowledge. Jesus suffered an unbearable death for us. There is no reason they cannot show

their appreciation by going to Mass and praying for one hour out of the week.

Isabella: Unfortunately, many people only go to church for their sacraments and on the holidays. These people are only hurting themselves. I guess we really cannot expect these people to know the value of their faith if they do not go to church long enough to learn about it. Hopefully, the new pope will find a better way to allow people to fully comprehend the importance in their faith. They need to know that their parents only did half of the work in their creation.

If you can ask God one question or favor, what would it be?

Angelina: Why is it that anyone has to die a painful or unexpected death? My Aunt Fanita is very sick and I pray every night that she feels good and is safe. I hope you're listening to my prayers.

Isabella: I would ask God to eliminate all suffering and sickness of every kind. In the past few years, my mother lost three of her closest friends. Not only did these three amazing people suffer during their last few, but as a result, so has my mother. She still is.



Marge Hanrahan says the three most important things in life are God, good health and a loving family. In addition to volunteering at church, Marge also continues the family tradition of working at the parish festival every summer.

5 questions with ... Marge Hanrahan

This series features people "In the Pews" at Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament that you see every weekend and might want to know a little bit more about.

You grew up in the Laria family that is synonymous with Mount Carmel. What was that like?

Growing up, our parish was always a second home. My parents were heavily involved in so many activities from PTA to festival. It seemed that whenever something was needed, either my Dad and/or my Mother was there.

Dad helped with painting the school during the summer while Mom drove the sisters back and forth when they had to do their grocery shopping. Mom and Dad worked together as a team for PTA events or festival weekend. They always gave of themselves whenever they could.

What did you learn the most from your Mom and Dad?

I would have to say family was always first. God blessed us with a loving family, and I remember my Dad and Mom telling me that your parish is just as important as family. As I

Marge Hanrahan

Age: 66.

Occupation: Retired.

Education: AAS Degree from Mohawk Valley Community College.

Family: Husband, Ray; children John, Lisa and Kim and their spouses; seven grandchildren.

Favorite book: "Killing Lincoln."

Favorite movie: I've seen many movies that have been favorites of mine, ranging from "Sound of Music" to "The Godfather" saga.

Favorite TV show: Fox News, "Dancing with the Stars."

reflect back, I can remember them telling me that whatever you do for your church, your doing it for the love of God, never for your own vanity.

You take an active part in serving our parish. Why do you do it and what do you

get out of it?

When I was younger, I attended Mass on Sundays and holidays. At that time, I felt that was enough. Besides, my parents were involved in church activities. It wasn't until I was married with young children that I realized how important it was to teach my children about our faith and prayers. Mom and Dad's advice was coming through to me.

List the three most important things in your life and why they are important?

God, good health and a loving family. Again, quoting my parents, if you put God in your heart he will always be there for you. He is with my health and family.

The big question: You're a Yankees fan and your husband likes that other New York team. Not usually a good combination. As Dr. Phil always asks, "How's that goin' for ya?"

That is a no-brainer. The Yankees are and will always be No. 1. That other baseball team can only dream about being No. 1. There is no competition.