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Welcome

Fifty years ago on October 11, 1962, the first session of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) opened.

For those too young to remember, the Second Vatican Council was a life changing event for our Church and for individual Catholics. In various sessions, over the course of the next three years the Bishops of our Church met to discuss, debate and eventually produce a series of documents that would more fully define the nature of

enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. During this Year of Faith Catholics are invited to rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

To celebrate this Year of Faith at The Basilica, we have planned a variety of activities and events throughout the

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the Church and the role of bishops; renew the Church and particularly the liturgy; restore unity among all Christians, including seeking pardon for Catholic contributions to separation; and start a dialogue with the contemporary world.

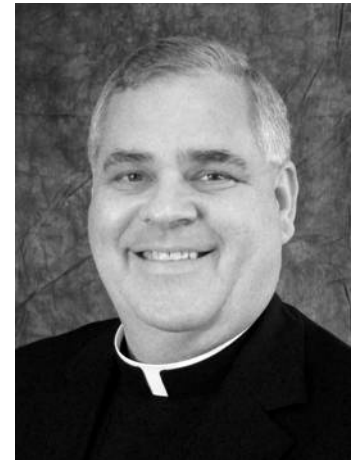
In commemoration of this epochal and historic event Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith. This year began on October 11, 2012, and will conclude on November 24, 2013. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, this Year of Faith is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world.” In other words, this Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion --- to

coming year. In addition to these activities/events, however, we will also be participating in the **Rediscover** initiative through our Archdiocese. This initiative will begin at Christmas when every family attending Mass at The Basilica will be offered, as a gift, the book: **“Rediscovering Catholicism”** by Matthew Kelly. People will be invited to join small groups to discuss this book. Another part of the **Rediscover** initiative will be a Speaker Series on Living God’s Purpose; Living in Communion with God; Overcoming Life’s Challenges through God’s Grace; and Keeping God at the Center of my Life. Information on this series will be included in the Rediscover Catholicism book.

For those who might be interested in joining a small group to discuss the book **“Rediscover Catholicism,”** we will provide opportunities for you to do so. Please contact Paula Kaempffer at pkampffer@mary.org or call our Learning Office to let us know if you would be interested in this. One opportunity in particular I would like to mention is our Thursday morning men’s book discussion group. This group began meeting during Lent a couple of years ago. We meet on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month at 7:00am in the St. Ambrose and St. Therese meeting rooms on the ground level of The Basilica. We will begin discussing **Rediscover Catholicism** the first Thursday in January.

More information about the **Rediscover** initiative, as well as other events and activities during the Year of Faith, will be available in our upcoming weekly newsletters. There will also be a link on our parish website where this information will be available.

I believe that our Catholic faith helps us find greater meaning



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor

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and purpose for our lives. It can also help us deal with life challenges and lead us to peace. It also calls us to remember that we are part of a community of faith and are called to live in care and concern for one another. When we can **Rediscover** all that our faith offers us, I believe we will be better people and a better community.

OUR VISION:

Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord. For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own.

— Jeremiah 29:7

GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE – A CHANCE TO COMPETE

While planting a seed is the most apparent step in creating a sustainable agricultural system, the farmer plants that seed in a complex network of issues – ranging from access to equipment to intellectual property rights on seed usage. Perhaps the most important issue, though, is creating a system in which a farmer in Zimbabwe can compete with a farmer in the United States.

Currently, many developed countries, such as the United States, subsidize their own farmers. The rationale is clear – farming is a volatile business. Crop prices go up and down, and by subsidizing their farmers, a country can make sure that they are not hurt by a bad economy. However, those subsidies harm farmers in poorer countries that cannot afford to subsidize them. For example, farmers in the United States can overproduce corn without worry, because the government backs their losses. That oversupply of corn then floods the international market and drives corn prices down. As a result, a farmer in Zimbabwe cannot sell corn to the local market, because importing it from the United States is cheaper. The Zimbabwean farmer has no chance to compete.

We need stronger international regulations to ensure that farmers can compete internationally. Africa is the most fertile continent in the world, yet it is largely in poverty. If the farmer in Zimbabwe is given a chance to compete, that farmer can succeed, and can bring an entire country along. But each farmer must be given the chance to play the game.

OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN CRÊCHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

DECEMBER 1—JANUARY 13, 2013

JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL,
LOWER LEVEL

CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

There is no 7:00am or noon Mass on Christmas Eve Day.

CHRISTMAS PARKING UPDATE

While there is ample parking in the area surrounding The Basilica, we encourage you to arrive early for all events and liturgies leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve, the MCTC ramp will offer free parking beginning at 3:00pm and on Christmas Day, parking will be free.

OUR GIFT OF SONG

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2:00PM, THE BASILICA

Never been to Our Gift of Song? Wondering what to expect? Imagine the combined forces of over 100 children, youth, and adults of The Basilica joining to sing the anthem “Sing For Peace” by Jim Papoulis and Francisco Núñez. Originally written for the 2004 Lincoln Center Tree Lighting Ceremony in New York City, this piece speaks of the universal need for peace, not only in our outer world to eliminate war and conflicts, but our inner world and peace within oneself. The music begins simply with handbells, then slowly layers in voices and percussion. The children call out for peace in Spanish, Hebrew, Swahili, Latin, Native American, Japanese, and French, and the rhythmic joy crescendos to a rousing finale. Mark your calendars now as this is one of those not to be missed moments!

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

A WAY OF LIFE

We celebrate stewardship throughout the year by emphasizing six key themes. Each aspect of stewardship is represented through The Basilica ministries, guiding us to make it part of our daily life.

GLOBAL:

Promote peace throughout the world (Dec – Jan)

LOCAL:

Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need (Feb – Mar)

ECOLOGICAL:

Leave the world a better place for future generations (Apr – May)

PERSONAL:

Care for ourselves in body, mind and spirit (June – July)

GIFTS:

Share our knowledge, talent, love, and experience to serve others (Aug – Sept)

FINANCIAL:

Give generously and joyfully (Oct – Nov)

THERE’S STILL TIME TO GET SCRIP CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Online ordering is available and it is easy and convenient. Go to www.mary.org/scrip to learn more and view a current list of retailers. Follow the “6 easy steps to register.” Set up a PrestoPay account and you can print off e-cards within minutes. You also have the convenience of shopping 24/7 online.

Scrip is on sale: Sundays after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses, weekdays at the Rectory (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm); and online at mary.org.

Are you looking for stocking stuffers or something for teachers, babysitters, coaches, paper delivery person or others? Some suggestions might be: \$10 gift cards (Barnes & Noble; Chipotle; Noodles & Co., Subway, Caribou Coffee, Starbucks Coffee, Target, Cub Foods) or a \$15 gift card to iTunes.

Events of the Week

MORNING PRAYER FOR CHRISTMASTIME

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 9:15AM DURING ADVENT
Saint Joseph Chapel, ground level

GREENING OF THE BASILICA & CHRISTMAS DECORATING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 8:30AM THE BASILICA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 8:30AM THE BASILICA
Sign-up on MyBasilica or the sign-up sheets located in the back of the church or at the Welcome Desk. You may also call Travis at 612.317.3433 or tsalisbury@mary.org with questions or to sign up.

VAMOS A BELÉN! THE ROSE ENSEMBLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:00PM, THE BASILICA
Christmas Revelry in Colonial Latin America
Tickets: Call 651.225.4340 or www.RoseEnsemble.org.

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHOIR STALLS
The Basilica Schola Cantorum
Evening Prayer or Vespers (30 minutes) consists of the singing of a hymn and Psalms, the proclamation of the Word of God and prayers for the church and the world. At the end of Evening Prayer everyone processes from the choir stalls to the Chapel of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception for the singing of the Marian antiphon.

EVE OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 PM Vigil Eucharist *organ, cantor, children's choirs*
6:30 PM Vigil Eucharist *Mundus & Juventus*
8:30PM Vigil Eucharist *Renaissance Ensemble*
11:00 PM Prelude Music for Christmas
organ, harp, flute
11:30 PM Vigil of Lights *organ, cathedral choir*
Midnight Solemn Eucharist
organ, cathedral choir, brass, harp

THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM Eucharist at dawn *organ, cantor*
9:30 AM Solemn Eucharist
organ, cathedral choir, brass, strings
Noon Solemn Eucharist
organ, cathedral choir, brass, strings
4:30 PM Eucharist *music from around the world*

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) BROOMBALL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAYS, STARTING DECEMBER 26, 6:00PM
Consider joining this league which will run through the first week of February. Cost will be \$17 per participant if the roster fills. See the The Basilica Young Adult Facebook page for more details.

Get Involved

PRAYER SHAWL PRAYER

"...This shawl is to wrap you up, when you are cold, when you are hurting, when you are tired. This shawl is filled with blessings, with prayers and with love." If you would like to be a part of this ministry or if you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please call or e-mail 612.317.3474 or cedwards@mary.org.

HELP THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY

A "Loaves and Fishes" meal will be served on Friday, Dec. 28. Cooks and servers are needed to provide this meal to those struggling to meet their nutritional needs. To register to volunteer, contact Debby at dryan7@frontiernet.net or 651.423.6344.

WE'RE NOT IN SAN DIEGO!

It's cold here in Minneapolis and guests of St. Vincent de Paul Outreach and Shoe Ministry are in need of gloves, scarves, hats, mittens, and more! And, guests are always in need in every season for hygiene items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, and feminine needs. Donating is very simple - just leave items in the blue bin outside of the elevators on the lower level.

A NEW MINISTRY - CATERING TEAM

Do you enjoy entertaining guests in your home? If so, perhaps you'd like to put that passion to work at The Basilica. I'm looking for several parish members to join a team effort to improve the way we support gatherings of 20-40 guests such as New Member Dinners but also special forums, receptions, etc. Please contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or scarlson@mary.org to explore further. No obligation or hard sell! Even if you simply have ideas to share, I'd love to hear from you.

HELP US SHINE!

Do you like to clean, iron, polish or organize? The altar guild cares for the many vestments, vessels, and chapels/shrines of The Basilica and needs your help. Contact Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE — JOIN A TEAM!

Ministers of Hospitality (ushers/greeters) are essential in supporting The Basilica's mission of hospitality to the city. Volunteers serve once a month at their preferred Mass time. Contact Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org or 612.317.3433 for more information or to sign up.

DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

There is significant need for more Eucharistic Ministers at all Mass times on the weekend. The time commitment is once a month at your preferred Mass time. Training is required and provided. Contact Travis at 612.317.3433 or tsalisbury@mary.org for more details.

GET THE BEST SEAT AT MASS

Acolytes (altar servers) share in an amazing ministry and want to welcome you to one of our teams. The time commitment is once a month at your preferred Mass time. Training is provided. Contact Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org for more information.

Check out all of our opportunities for volunteering at www.mary.org. Click on "Volunteer."

IF WE KNEW YOU WERE COMING ...

We ask that people register for many of the spiritual and educational offerings here at The Basilica. Registering in advance is crucial to planning. If registrations are low, we will need to cancel the event.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are expecting a baby or are in the process of adopting a child, consider attending one of the monthly baptism preparation classes now. Baptism preparation classes encourage parents to consider their faith, discuss how to pass on our faith to our children, and share what to expect on baptism day. Contact Michelle at 612.317.3414 or mslaughtner@mary.org for registration materials.

REMARriage/BLENDED FAMILY SEMINAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30-9:00PM, RECTORY DINING ROOM
This important seminar is for couples who are in a remarriage or are considering a remarriage, and one or both have been married before and/or have children. This workshop will discuss some of the unique and important issues in a remarriage/blended family. Register on www.mary.org or call 612.317.3478 for more information. Cost is \$50/couple.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS
BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7
Sr. Catherine Michaud will present on the topic of The Early Church.

BYA GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, FOLLOWING 5:00PM MASS
BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7

Sign up for the BYA e-Newsletter on MyBasilica on www.mary.org or visit the Basilica Young Adults Facebook page to learn about all of the upcoming BYA events.

THE YEAR OF FAITH 2013: CLAIMING THE TREASURES OF VATICAN II

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 13-FEBRUARY 3, 11:00AM-12:30PM
STS. SMBROSE AND TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL
Sr. Catherine Michaud, CSJ, will lead us on a treasure hunt through the key documents promulgated during the Second Vatican Council during this four part series. Please register on www.mary.org or by calling 612.317.3414. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships are available.

THEOLOGY DAY — CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM: THE TRANSFORMING JOURNEY TO GOD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL
S. Mary Foreman, OSB, will present on this topic. Please register on www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414. Presented by St. John's School of Theology—Seminary. Donations will be accepted. A light meal will be served.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BASILICA SWEETHEART BINGO!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:00-9:00PM, LOWER LEVEL
Beat the winter blues with Sweetheart Bingo Night! Contact Meghan at 612.317.3428 or mgustafson@mary.org for information.

YEAR-END GIVING

The Basilica relies heavily on your gifts at Christmas to fulfill our mission each and every day of the year. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we end 2012! Here are some ways you can give:

- Use the special Christmas envelopes in the back of church.
- Give at www.mary.org/donate to save time, paper and postage.
- Match your gift through your employer's corporate matching program to increase a gift's value without having to give additional funds.
- Contact Tim at 612.317.3472 or at tdecelle@mary.org.
- Contact Audra at 612.317.3422 or ajohnson@mary.org for information on giving a gift of stock.

In order to receive tax-deduction credit for your 2012 taxes, mailed checks must be postmarked by Monday, December 31. Mailed gifts to be billed to your credit card must be received at The Basilica by Monday, December 31, 2012, for processing. The Basilica offices are closed from December 29, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

GREENING OF THE BASILICA

Rich treasures of custom and tradition, woven into a pattern, give us the colorful pageantry of our Basilica Christmas celebration. With the scent of greens and polish and the bustling of young and old, the greening of The Basilica is a much anticipated preparation in our Christmas season. Memories of celebrations past join our efforts as we make ready the place where we welcome once again the coming of Baby Jesus, Emmanuel – God With Us. Join us in preparing a landmark space for this landmark event by remembering to 'green' The Basilica through a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark in your will or trust or as a beneficiary of an IRA, 401(K) or insurance policy. For more information contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

A GIFT TO THE BASILICA THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a special time at The Basilica, filled with joyful liturgies and moving celebrations marking the birth of Christ with us. Throughout Advent and Christmas, thousands of people worship at The Basilica. This season, please consider a special Christmas gift to The Basilica. Your gift will support Advent and Christmas liturgies and all The Basilica's ministries throughout the year. Donate online at www.mary.org/donate or find Christmas envelopes located in the church.

HURRICANE SANDY

The Basilica had a second collection on November 3 and 4 to support Catholic Charities' efforts to assist people affected by Hurricane Sandy. Here are some things that Catholic Charities have done on the Eastern seaboard, thanks to your generosity:

- Emergency assistance with food, water, shelter and clothing
- Temporary shelter for families
- Long-term recovery needs, including "big ticket" items which occur when reestablishing a home, such as roof replacements, hot water heater/air conditioner/furnace replacements, and complete home rebuilds

Christian Life

DCEH INTERFAITH ADVOCACY TRAINING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 7:00-8:30PM

Join an interfaith effort sponsored by the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness to become an effective advocate for those most in need in our community. This interfaith effort builds relationships across congregations, and equips us with the information and tools needed to put our faith into action in the public arena. For more information, call Kathy at 952.920.0391.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU SOCIAL HOUR

JANUARY 8, 7:00-8:00PM, RECTORY DINING ROOM

Join us and learn more about our mental health ministry. RSVP to jgrove@mary.org or 612.3178.3508.

COMPREHENSIVE JOB SEARCH CLASS - FOUR-WEEK PROGRAM

JANUARY 10, 17, 24, AND 31 6:00 - 9:00PM

Learn and refresh yourself on all of the basics of the job search. RSVP to jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

RECYCLE PERSONAL ELECTRONICS

JANUARY 12-13, 2013

Re-gift your old electronics to The Basilica! After all Masses on January 12 and 13, there will be bins available to recycle old personal electronic devices, including cell phones, digital cameras, MP3 players, iPods, GPS, tablets and ink cartridges. To get involved with this effort, please contact the Christian Life office.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

JANUARY 13-20, 2013

The Basilica will provide meals and temporary emergency shelter to families January 13-20. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, play with kids, stay overnight, and set up/take down the rooms. To get involved contact Margaret at mconroy2@comcast.net or 612.374.9058. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed to help!

CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
For more information call Karen at 612.872.7535. February 7 book selection is *The Company Car*, by CJ Haribal. The January 3 meeting will select upcoming books.

DINNER OUTING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:00PM

Doolittle's Woodfire Grill, 550 Winnetka Ave. N, Golden Valley
For reservations call Marilyn by January 20 at 763.541.9393.



Did You Know?

During the course of the four sessions of Vatican II, the bishops gave 2212 speeches in 168 actual meetings.

BVFJ FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013 1:00-2:30PM, LOWER LEVEL

Minnesota is in the forefront of this tragic issue. Join The Basilica Voices for Justice Team and learn about why MN is the 13th worst state in the country in human trafficking. Find ways that you can make a difference. Call 612.317.3477 for more information.

PRAYER LINE

Following is a sample of our Basilica weekly prayer line:

Please pray for: A Shooting victim-A diagnosis of Brain Cancer-Illness-Uncle deceased 11/12-My Family falling apart- Daughter to recover from surgery-A place to live and my son out of prison-Employment-Safety as I start Chemo-Renew relationship with my parents-Help to build up the North side. If you would like to receive this weekly list and include the intentions of members of our community in your prayer, please contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or e-mail cedwards@mary.org.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOU!

Do you have experience with Access databases and VBA programming? Are you familiar with remotely supporting and maintaining an information system based on Access? Are you comfortable helping train volunteers who use the system, which is fully functioning and well documented? If you fit this description, our St. Vincent de Paul ministry needs you! Please call 612.317.3419 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS

The Gifts Leadership Team is the group that helps parishioners live out this aspect of Biblical Stewardship, by planning communications and reaching out to individual parish members. We are looking for a few people to join us. Meetings are monthly and we have a lot of fun. Monthly commitment is 3-5 hours. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or scarlson@mary.org.

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MASS TIMES

MON-FRI: 7:00am & noon
(ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL)
SAT: 5:00pm (THE BASILICA)
SUN: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
4:30pm & 6:30pm (THE BASILICA)

RECTORY HOURS

MON: 8:30am to 5:00pm
TUE-FRI: 8:30am to 8:00pm
SAT: 8:00am to 7:00pm
SUN: 7:00am to 8:00pm

PARKING

Visit www.mary.org/parking
for complete parking info and
driving directions.

The Basilica of Saint Mary is a community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, it is our mandate to model, to inspire and to provide excellence in liturgy, faith formation, pastoral care and hospitality; preach justice and provide emergency relief to the poor; pursue interfaith relationships; and to contribute to the celebration of the sacred arts in this community. The parish is marked by hospitality and rich diversity.