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“Habemus Papam Franciscum: We have a Pope, Francis...”

We have lived through a remarkable number of ‘firsts’ these past months. It all began with the surprising announcement by now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on February 11 that he would resign. This had not happened in some 600 years. His resignation took effect at 8:00pm Roman time on February 28. With that the time of Sede Vacante or “Empty Chair” began, referring to the fact that the Chair of Peter was now empty.

Cardinals from around the world gathered in Rome and started their General Congregations during which they discussed the state of the Church and the qualities they were looking for in the next pope. After 11 days of deliberation, 115 Cardinals went into conclave on March 12. They voted once that evening which resulted in black smoke. They voted twice on Wednesday morning which again resulted in black smoke. They voted twice on Wednesday afternoon. As the Wednesday evening smoke did not come at the expected time, anticipation began to build. Thousands of

people made their way to St. Peter’s Square while millions of people watched on their electronic devices.

At 7:06pm Rome time, white smoke appeared. The bells of St. Peter’s Basilica began to ring and the crowd burst into cheers. More people quickly made their way to St. Peter’s Square, abandoning their cars in the middle of busy Roman streets to arrive before the new pope was announced. Everyone’s eyes were on the external Loggia of the Vatican Basilica when at 8:12pm Rome time the most senior Cardinal Deacon Jean-Louis Tauran appeared and made the solemn announcement to the people: Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum, habemus Papam: Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Georgium Marium Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Bergoglio; Qui sibi nomen imposuit Franciscum. (I announce to you with great joy, we have a Pope: the most eminent and most reverend Lord, Lord Jorge Mario Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Bergoglio; who has taken the name Francis.)

With this announcement, several more firsts happened as we welcomed: the first pope from the Americas; the first pope from Latin America; the first pope from the southern hemisphere; the first Jesuit to become pope and the first pope to be called Francis.

Pope Francis is an erudite, pastoral and humble man who refused all the pomp and circumstance attached to his office as Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Theologically he is said to be very much in line with John Paul II and Benedict XVI but with a special emphasis on the social teachings of the church both in word and action. Since his election he has rapidly endeared himself with many people through his engaging and simple style. People took note of the fact that he wore a simple white cassock, the pectoral cross he has been wearing since becoming a bishop and the black shoes given to him by a friend rather than the clothes laid out for him. Before blessing the people he bowed his head and asked for their blessing. Rather than taking the papal limo, he hopped on the bus with



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the cardinals. Speaking to the Cardinals during dinner, he showed his sense of humor when he asked God to forgive them for what they had done.

These early signs, together with his selection Francis as his papal name, indicate that his papacy may be very different from that of his predecessors. Some are saying that his will be a transitional papacy with little impact; others think we might be in for a surprise. Time will tell. In the mean time, let us pray for our Pope Francis.

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

LOCAL STEWARDSHIP

Basilica/Common Bond Partnership: West Broadway Curve Update

Sometime within the next few weeks, we will know if CommonBond Communities has received the final funding needed to fully fund our joint **West Broadway Curve Housing Project**. If funding is secured, construction will begin in summer 2013, and it is projected to open summer 2014.

The West Broadway Curve will include 53 units with the following unit mix:

- 39 two bedroom units: 22 at 50% AMI, 12 at 60% AMI, and 5 market rate (i.e., no rent or income restrictions)
- 14 three-bedroom units: 10 at 50% AMI, and 4 at 60% AMI

This housing project began with a generous 10% tithe from The Basilica Landmark in their last capital campaign. CommonBond is currently working with their architects to develop the building configuration, and are planning to select a contractor in early 2013 to make sure the construction pricing estimates are realistic.

Current Basilica focus: We need lawyers!!

Our current need is for lawyers and other volunteers to work with North Side residents to identify any problems with anticipated housing applications: We hope to ensure that people on the north side are “rent prepared” (to identify and clear up any impediments for applications, such as unlawful detainers, expunging records, and other things that would be barriers to rent.) This work will be done with the community between May and December 2013. Applications will be available for residency in January 2014 (approximate).

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, contact Dan at DMillea@zelle.com or call Janice at 612-317-3477.

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)

THE PRODIGAL SON: FROM THE COLLECTION OF JERRY EVENRUD

EXHIBIT: THROUGH APRIL 28

Evenrud began his collection of Prodigal Son works in 1983. A visual narrative depicting scenes and themes from the biblical parable about God’s love and forgiveness, it now includes hundreds of items from artists around the world, representing six centuries: paintings, etchings, sculpture, woodcuts, tapestries, ceramics, photographs, posters, music, book materials and more.

COMPLINE DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 21, MAY 5, 19

8:00PM – BASILICA CHURCH (NAVE)

Minnesota Compline Choir

Peace at the last; peace for the world. Come and join the Minnesota Compline Choir for prayer at the close of day—the office of Compline—during the Paschal Season.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS – DEADLINE APRIL 15

This spring, the Parish Council is seeking nominations for candidates to run for election as representatives of the Liturgy and Learning ministry areas. Watch the April/May bulletin for the Nomination Form, or submit nominations on MyBasilica. Nomination deadline is **April 15**. Questions? Contact Terri at 612.317.3471 or at thashmore@mary.org.

The Parish Council has six elected members (two representatives each for the Christian Life, Liturgy and Learning areas), three appointed “at large” members and a representative from the Finance and Development Committees. Members serve three-year terms and are eligible to serve a maximum of two terms. There are also four “ex-officio” members, including two parish trustees, the managing director and the pastor.

The Parish Council’s role is to advise the pastor and staff on the needs, ambitions and desires of the parish. The Council brings insights and sensitivities to the pastor as recommendations or suggestions so that the pastor and the staff can make informed decisions to carry out the parish mission.

GIVE SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR EASTER

Scrip gift cards make great gifts for Easter baskets! You can purchase Scrip cards from many different retailers. A portion of the value of Scrip gift cards goes back to The Basilica.

Scrip gift cards can be purchased:
After 7:30am, 9:30am, or 11:30am Masses on Sunday,
Monday – Friday 9:00am-3:00pm in the Rectory Office, or online anytime.

Questions regarding the Scrip program, please call Nola at 612.333.1381.

Events of the Week

VESPERS CONCERT FOR PALM SUNDAY

TODAY, MARCH 24, 2:30PM
Featuring the Basilica Schola Cantorum

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR PALM SUNDAY

TODAY, MARCH 24, 3:00PM BASILICA CHOIR STALLS
Basilica Schola Cantorum

HOLY WEEK MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY-SATURDAY, 9:15AM
BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 5:30PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL
This service is characterized by mantra-like singing of simple, yet beautiful songs, following the Taizé community tradition of communal prayer focused on reconciliation and healing.

TRIDUUM/EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Thursday - March 28

Noon	Midday Prayer	Choir Stalls
7:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	Basilica
9:00pm	Quiet Prayer in the Choir Stalls until Morning Prayer on Friday. Sign up at MyBasilica.org or call 612.333.1381.	

Good Friday - March 29

Noon	Stations of the Cross	Basilica
3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Basilica
7:00pm	Tenebrae	Basilica

Holy Saturday - March 30

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Choir Stalls
Noon	Midday Prayer	Choir Stalls
7:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection	Basilica

Cathedral Choir, organ & flute with & brass & timpani

Easter Sunday - March 31

7:00am	Eucharist at Sunrise	<i>cantor, organ, soprano, violin</i>
9:30am	Solemn Eucharist	<i>cathedral choir, organ & brass</i>
Noon	Solemn Eucharist	<i>cathedral choir, organ & brass</i>
4:30pm	Eucharist	<i>Mundus</i>

**Note: No 6:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday*

NURSERY CLOSED ON EASTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
Please note that the nursery will be closed on Easter Sunday.

Get Involved

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRIES INFORMATION TABLE

Stop by the St. Vincent de Paul ministries information table in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses for information on Pathways, Meals on Wheels, and our other ministries that reach out to help those in need.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Make a real impact in our community and deliver meals to our home-bound neighbors! Our Meals on Wheels team currently is seeking a volunteer to deliver meals one Tuesday per month; total volunteer time is about an hour starting at 11:15am. You need to have your own transportation and be comfortable driving and parking in downtown Minneapolis. For more information: Leah (612.374.4757 or lhstich@msn.com) or Brittany (612.532.1023 or bgarcia1210@yahoo.com).

MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 10:45-11:45AM

RECTORY DINING ROOM

If you have thought about getting involved in your parish and would like to find out about an opportunity you can do together as a couple, consider learning more about the marriage mentor ministry. This is a great way to share the gift of the good marriage with which God has blessed you with some of our many engaged couples preparing for marriage. This meeting is informational only and will not commit you to this ministry. Questions? Call Nancy at 612.317.3478.

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR OFFICE ADMINISTRATION?

If you have a gift for clerical and office administration Christian Life may be the place for you. Are you computer literate, highly organized with data entry experience? There is a volunteer opportunity for you in the Christian Life Department with St. Vincent de Paul Outreach. Contact Kimberly at 612.317.3419 or kburns@mary.org.

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

Learning

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 mslaughter@mary.org for registration materials.

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3-MAY 8, 7:00PM

BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7

We would especially like to welcome those men and women who might be returning to the church. Catholics Coming Home is an outreach to those who might have drifted away from regular participation in our church, allowing them to take another look. If you are considering returning to the Catholic Church, we invite you to take advantage of this opportunity we have planned for you. Call 612.317.3473 for more information or just come to our opening session. There is no cost to attend.

SYMBOLS THAT SURROUND US: FAITHFUL REFLECTIONS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 14 AND 21, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOMS, GROUND LEVEL

Johan van Parys, Ph.D., will meet with us to discuss what symbols mean, why they are so important to the church and how we can use symbols to help us grow in faith. Please register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414 by April 11. There is no cost.

THEOLOGY DAY: CONSIDERING VATICAN II FIFTY YEARS LATER

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 6:00-9:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Kristin Colberg, Ph.D., will lead this program that will discuss certain critical developments of Vatican II's decrees, contemporary scholarship on the meaning of the conciliar documents, and people's own experiences of the changes that the council brought to the Church. Registration required on www.mary.org or by calling 612.317.3414. Free will donations to Saint John's School of Theology will be accepted.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS

Music as Mystagogy: Catechizing through the Sacred Arts

Presented by Rev. Michael Driscoll, Ph.D. and the Notre Dame Club of Minnesota.

BYA RETREAT: MANY WAYS TO PRAY

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9:30AM-1:30PM

FRENCH REGIONAL PARK, EASTWOOD ROOM

Register on mary.org. Capacity is limited to 33 participants. Enjoy a day of reflection and fellowship near some great walking trails. We will practice a variety of prayer styles introduced by several BYA peers. Cost is \$20. Scholarships available upon request.

Development

A GIFT FOR EASTER FLOWERS

The Basilica at Easter, with bouquets of roses, orchids and lilies, is a marvel to behold. Easter flowers also make a wonderful tribute or memorial gift. Please look for the special Easter flower donation envelopes in the back of church, or donate online at www.mary.org.

SPRING FLING BINGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 6:00-9:00PM

BASILICA LOWER LEVEL

Wouldn't a beach vacation be great right about now? Join us for Spring Fling Bingo and get two chances to win Sun Country Airline tickets! Come for Mass and stay for the fun of exciting callers, entertainment, a cash bar and prizes including Basilica Block Party tickets, Hilton hotel stays and restaurant gift certificates. Food available for purchase. Register in advance and save! Tickets available at www.mary.org. For more information, contact Leah at 612.317.3432 or lfogelberg@mary.org.

THE BASILICA ANNUAL LANDMARK FUND

At the heart of every great city, there's a church which has defined the landscape and served as a spiritual, cultural and community center. The Basilica of Saint Mary — America's first Basilica — is that kind of stunning, sacred place. It is The Building of Hope for our metropolitan area. With your help, we will invest over \$2 million this year in our historic campus buildings in 2013: to re-roof the school, make the Reardon Rectory accessible for all by installing a new elevator, and update the second and third floors. Please consider a gift at www.thebasilicalandmark.org.

THE EMMANUEL MASQUERAY BALL

SATURDAY, MAY 4

WINDOWS ON MINNESOTA, IDS CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS

The Masqueray Ball, will float among the clouds while the sun sets on a starry evening high above the City of Lakes. Be lifted to new heights as the sounds of the 'R Factor' move your feet. Experience an exquisite meal and cocktail reception or if you prefer, move past the dinner and right into the high energy party.

Divine Feast - \$225: Includes complimentary valet parking, gourmet dinner, wine with dinner, live/silent auction, live music, dancing and the Heavenly Libations Cocktail Party.

Heavenly Libations Cocktail Party - \$95: Includes decadent hors d'oeuvres, hosted libations from 7:30 to 9:30, dancing to the delightful sounds of R Factor and exciting entertainment.

Join us and celebrate to benefit the preservation and restoration efforts of The Basilica Landmark. Tickets are available for purchase on mary.org. For more information contact Meghan at mgustafson@mary.org or 612.317.3428.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please consider a gift for our life-saving St. Vincent de Paul ministries. 100% of your SVdP gifts go directly to serve people in need. \$5 provides ten sandwiches, \$20 provides a gas voucher or bus card and \$75 provides 5 pairs of shoes. This Lent, we invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge or gift to our St. Vincent de Paul ministries.

THREAD FROM PAST TO FUTURE

Your Legacy Gift to The Basilica Landmark from your estate can be the thread that links you to the past and the future. Talk to Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

Christian Life

WINTER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 8:30AM-3:30PM

Join our friends at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral for an interfaith Habitat for Humanity project. We will be working in Woodbury on a new four-plex. If interested, please contact Lynn at Saint Mark's at 612.331.4866 or lynn_gilligan@uhc.com.

CRAFTING A RESUME THAT LEADS TO JOB INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 7:00-9:00PM

BASILICA LOWER LEVEL

Stan Brown, founder of Minneapolis Job Support Workshop, believes a resume is fundamental but is only effective when it portrays accomplishments. Come and work at designing a resume that will get you hired. RSVP to jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

CATHOLICS GOING GREEN

APRIL 16, 23, MAY 1, 6:00-8:00 PM

Does your faith lead you toward being passionate about creation? Consider joining a three-part small group reflection on the environment and our faith. Registration required. Dinner included. Call 612.317.3477 for more information.

RESILIENCY

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00-9:00PM

THE GREAT HALL, BASILICA SCHOOL

Steve Beseke, award winning writer and speaker, shares his approach and solutions to life's challenges, reversals, and stressors. Who in job transition doesn't understand all of those? RSVP to jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN COIN BANKS

Pick up an SVdP coin bank in the church during Lent, fill it with coins to support our St. Vincent de Paul ministries, and bring it to church on Holy Thursday. Every penny counts!

Crossroads welcomes Basilica parishioners and friends age 50+

CROSSROADS THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM

For more information, call Karen at 612.872.7535.

April 4 selection is *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY & DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 5:00PM

Salad Splash at the home of Don and Marilyn Walter. Beverages provided. For information and reservations call Marilyn at 763.541.9393 by April 23.



Did You Know?

The Basilica dome is taller than the Statue of Liberty.

BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHURCH

Do you value bike riding in your life? All are invited to the fifth annual Basilica Blessing of Bicycles. Celebrate environmental stewardship, remember those who have been injured while riding, receive a blessing for safe travel, and join a group ride for all ages and abilities following the blessing. Blessed bike oil will be distributed, and we will have Basilica caps and bike-bells for purchase. For more information, or to volunteer at the event, call 612.317.3477.

DO YOU WORK IN A MEDICAL OFFICE?

Maybe you have samples of toothpaste, lotion, etc. that could be donated to guests of our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach/Shoe Ministries? Our guests are always in need of toiletries. Just drop items at the Rectory anytime we are open. Questions? Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

BEFRIENDER LISTENING MINISTRY

Are you worried about a loved one who is a new parent, has a new identity, or a new illness? Are you unemployed or recently retired? The Basilica offers confidential, caring listening through the BeFriender Listening Ministry, inviting you to tell your story.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

As a community we are called to pray for one another. In the midst of sorrow, hope, uncertainty and challenge, we pray. To receive weekly prayer intention lists through e-mail or land mail, contact cedwards@mary.org or call 612.317.3474.

PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawls are a reminder of God's constant love and the prayer and support of The Basilica community. We gather to create shawls that are blessed and presented to members of the community who are coping with sorrow, illness, loss or loneliness. New knitters are welcome, call Jane 952.556.5001.

APPLY YOUR GIFTS AND STRENGTHS FOR AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE

Seeking friendly, flexible, easy-going people to staff the hospitality desk in the Rectory. This position is crucial to the smooth operation of our busy parish office. Respond to the doorbell and either admit the visitor or provide a sandwich. Openings on Monday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Saturdays. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 today.

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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.