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Welcome

Several months ago I had some friends over for dinner. At one point in the evening one of them, who has a bit of green thumb, commented on one of my plants. While this particular plant was green and appeared to be thriving, it also was clearly on the edge of overwhelming the pot in which it was growing. She looked at both the plant and me in a disapproving manner, and then asked

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when I had last trimmed it and when it had last bloomed. My answer to both questions was never. She asked me if I had a scissors and then suggested I leave the room.

About 10 minutes later she invited me to see her handiwork. The plant was at least half and maybe two thirds its previous size. As soon as I saw it, I

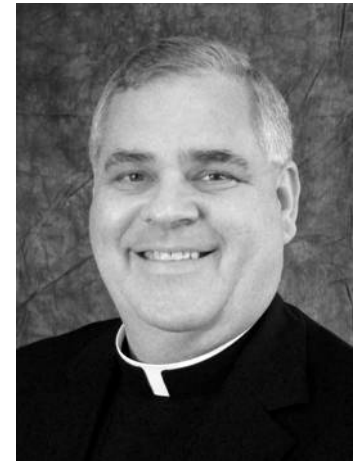
was reminded of the buzz cuts my dad gave my older brother and me at the beginning of each summer when we were little kids. I wondered out loud whether her trimming and pruning might have been a bit extreme, but she assured me that plants needed to be trimmed and pruned occasionally if they were to thrive and produce blossoms. I replied that if the plant died, its death would be on

her conscience. She told me it was a risk she was willing to take and asked me to trust her.

Now while I'd like to tell you that the plant didn't survive the pruning, I can't lie. A couple months later it produced its first of many blossoms. I called my friend to let her know and she graciously did not say: "I told you so."

Just as plants need to be pruned periodically if they are to bloom and/or produce fruit, so too I think there are times when each of us could benefit from a little pruning. There are bad habits and areas of sin that find safe haven and take root in each of our lives. Most often this takes place without our knowledge and certainly without our consent. It does happen, though, and when we discover it we need to submit to some spiritual pruning and trimming so that we can once again grow and blossom.

There are many ways in which pruning can take place in our lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, a retreat, talking with a spiritual guide, a regular examination of conscience, spending extra time in prayer are just a few. The thing is, though, if we never take the time to consider where we might need some pruning,



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor

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we probably will never do it.

My friend was right. Periodic pruning does help a plant blossom and grow strong. I think the same thing is true for us. If it has been a while since you have undertaken some pruning in your life, maybe now is the time for this to happen. While it might be difficult initially, in the long run it will help you bloom and produce abundant fruit.

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

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

Leave the world a better place for future generations

We Walk on Holy Ground

Can you remember the moments in your life when you felt especially connected to God? Where were you? Certainly places of worship will come to mind for many people. But so also will hikes in the woods or mountains, or canoe trips across a quiet lake. Perhaps even planting a garden might be a God-connected moment for some. The natural world can draw us to peace, serenity and holiness. Then do we not have a responsibility to protect those moments and those places for our children and for God?

In fact this is a key message of Catholic social teaching— and one that was emphasized by Pope Francis during his recent inaugural homily:

“The vocation of being a ‘protector’, however, is not just something involving us Christians alone; it also has a prior dimension which is simply human, involving everyone. It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as Saint Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.”

- Pope Francis, March 2013

Prayer: God of all things, help us to slow down; so that we may simplify our lives, so that we may see the connections we have to you and your creation, so that we may reduce our impact on this corner of your universe which we are grateful to share. Lord, help us to slow down so that we may be good Stewards of your Holy Ground.

30 YEARS / 30 LIVES

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KIMBERLY J. VRUDNY

EXHIBIT: MAY 4—JUNE 30

RECEPTION & TALK: SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1:00PM

Kimberly J. Vrudny, associate professor of systematic theology at the University of St. Thomas, took a sabbatical in 2009-2011 to document in photographs the lives of 30 people in four countries who had been impacted by HIV and AIDS as the pandemic approached its 30th anniversary. Each portrait is of a person who had been impacted by HIV and AIDS, whether through the care for or loss of a loved one, engagement in humanitarian response, or acquisition of an infection personally. “By working locally with an organization that provides meals to those living with the virus and by traveling to places where prevalence rates are among the highest in the world, I have learned a great deal about human dignity, about compassionate resistance, and about living with integrity,” Vrudny says in an explanation of the exhibit.

MORNING PRAYER DURING EASTERTIDE

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

COMPLINE DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 8:00PM

BASILICA CHURCH (NAVE)

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.

BLESSING OF BICYCLES

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013, 3:00 PM

Do you enjoy a bike ride for leisure? Are you a committed cyclist riding more than you drive? Are your children gearing up for a summer on their bicycles or tricycles? All are invited to the fifth annual Basilica Blessing of Bicycles. We will gather in The Basilica of Saint Mary to praise God; to pray for the safety of all cyclists; and to remember those who have been injured while riding. Basilica bike oil will be distributed, and we will have Basilica caps and bike bells for purchase. After the blessing we will go on a group ride for all ages and abilities. For more information, or to volunteer at the event, call 612-317-3477.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 5:30PM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL IN UNDERCROFT

GREGORIAN VESPERS: SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 3:00PM

The Rose Ensemble

MISSA CHORALIS HIGHLIGHTS

Music for 5:00pm Saturday Mass of Anticipation

May 4 Basilica Children’s and Cherub Choirs

May 11 Sacred Heart Catholic Church Chancel Choir

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 27, 9:30AM

EUCCHARIST AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

There are no Masses celebrated at The Basilica.

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)

Events of the Week

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TOP TEN NETWORKING BLUNDERS (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

MAY 16, 6:00-9:00PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH

Join "networking ninja" Catherine Byers Breet for a fun, high-impact look at how to make the most of every networking encounter.

BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES

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

We will praise God, pray for the safety of all cyclists, and remember those who have been injured while riding. For more information, or to volunteer at the event, call 612-597-3217 or email Andy at andrew.e.willette@accenture.com.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

JULY 12-13

BAND LINEUP: WWW.BASILICABLOCKPARTY.ORG

Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Cities 97 Basilica Block Party on July 12-13. There's no better way to celebrate the summer than great food, tasty beverages and rockin' music at the hottest event of the summer!

Get Involved

PLEASE VOTE - PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Watch for your ballot in the mailed bulletin, which will arrive in your homes about May 25. Please take time to vote. Candidates from Liturgy and Sacred Arts and from Learning are on the ballot. Vote by paper ballot or online. The Parish Council advises the pastor and staff on the needs, ambitions and desires of the parish, shares their insights and suggestions, and works collaboratively to carry out the parish mission.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Help sell Scrip shopping cards and fair trade coffee one Sunday a month for about 1 hour after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Sunday Masses. Proceeds support Basilica ministries and operations. Background check is required. Contact Terri Ashmore at 612.317.3471 or thashmore@mary.org.

DO YOU HAVE A CALLING TO BE A "BARRIER BUSTER"?

Join our group of dedicated people working to provide opportunities for people with barriers to participating fully in our parish. Contact Janet Grove, mental health and disabilities awareness ministry, 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOU!

Our Basilica Meals on Wheels team is seeking a volunteer to deliver lunches one Tuesday per month; total volunteer time is about an hour starting at 11:15am. You need to have your own transportation. For information contact Leah at 612.374.4757 or Brittany at 612.532.1023.

LIFE-SKILLS CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our faith-based life-skills class, Pathways, which is offered on Thursday evenings, needs enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to assist with various elements of the class: lead the sessions, facilitate discussions greet guests, engage in listening/conversation, and assist with childcare one/two Thursday evenings each month. For more information contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

Volunteers are needed to join our dynamic planning committee as we prepare for our build week! Questions contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

Are you interested in journeying alongside someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? We need several members of our community to fill the role of RCIA sponsor. Time commitment is Tuesday evenings, late summer through spring. Training provided. Contact Paula at 612.317.3473 to learn more.

MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

If you are a married couple and would like to get involved in something as a couple that is challenging, fun and encouraging to your own marriage, consider becoming a Basilica Marriage Mentor Couple? Training provided. Time commitment is flexible. Contact Nancy at 612.317.3478.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

Looking for a meaningful opportunity to work with our children or teenagers? Catechists are needed at various grade levels for the 2013-14 school year. Please contact Kelli at 612.317.3439 or kkester@mary.org if you're interested or have questions.

Learning

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING PROGRAM REGISTRATION

2013-2014 program registration is underway. Materials are available at the back of church and on www.mary.org. Register today! Some programs are nearing capacity.

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 mslaughtert@mary.org for registration materials.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 19, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL
Sr. Catherine Michaud will lead us through a question and answer forum about Catholicism. Bring your questions!

DINNER AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 26, FOLLOWING 4:30PM MASS
ELI'S, HENNEPIN AVENUE
Come hang out and have dinner at Eli's with other young adults. This is a great opportunity to get to know the other young adults that you may see sitting in the pews during Mass! Come on over and sit with us in "our section" in the back of the front right-center section of the church or just meet us after Mass by the Lady of Guadalupe mosaic in the back of church. Once it seems that we have our group together, we'll walk together down Hennepin a couple of blocks to Eli's. Hope to see you there!

BYA WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL — DATE CHANGE

Please note that the wine and cheese social scheduled for May 4 has been rescheduled to June 1, following the Saturday 5:00pm Mass.

BASILICA YOUNG MEN (BYM) — BEGINNING SOON

A new young men's group will begin to meet soon. The purpose of this group will be to share faith and to collaborate on service projects. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Connor at bya@mary.org.

WHAT ELSE IS THE BYA GROUP UP TO?

There is always something new going on in the BYA group. This summer there is a group working in a community garden to grow produce donations for a local food shelf, and plans underway for a Memorial Day potluck. Email bya@mary.org if you are interested in any of these activities. Also, 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.

WEDDINGS AT THE BASILICA

Congratulations to the following couples who recently celebrated the sacrament of marriage at The Basilica:

April 13: Kathleen Lentz and Andrew Gerber
April 20: Carissa Schindle and Ryan Dean

Development

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The Bands: Matchbox 20, Grace Potter & the Nocturnals, Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings, Matt Nathanson, Goo Goo Dolls, and many more! Check out our new website at basilicablockparty.org for ticket and band information.

The Raffle: Don't miss your chance to win great prizes with a \$5 raffle ticket! To purchase, contact Leah at 612.317.3432.

Prizes include:
\$2,500 (1 prize)
\$500 (1 prize)

Two Round Trip Tickets on Sun Country Airlines
More prizes to be announced!

To Volunteer: Don't miss our volunteer rally on May 7 at 6:00pm in the Great Hall of The Basilica School or call Emily at 612.317.3457 after May 13.

HONOR YOUR MOTHER

On this special weekend when we celebrate our mothers, it seems appropriate to honor our Mother the Church by helping to preserve and restore our historic Basilica of Saint Mary through a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark. Your gift through your Will, Trust, retirement account or insurance policy is a beautiful, meaningful way to continue your relationship with your spiritual mother long after you are gone. For more information contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

At the heart of virtually 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. We recently broke ground to build a new elevator tower to make the Reardon Rectory accessible to all. This year, we will also re-roof the school and update the 2nd & 3rd floors. Please consider a gift at thebasilicalandmark.org or contact Tim DeCelle at 612.317.3472 for more information.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE MASQUERAY BALL

The Basilica Landmarks "Celestial Celebration" took place on Saturday, May 4 and couldn't have happened without the support of our incredible sponsors. We wanted to extend a big thank you for assisting in the preservation and restoration of The Basilica by generously donating to The Basilica Landmark. **Media Sponsor** – Minnesota Monthly **Honorary Committee \$10,000** – White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc. • Bill & Michelle Pohlad • Bob & Becky Pohlad • Jim and Donna Pohlad • Steve & Claudia Sefton • Jerry & Janet Soderberg **\$5,000** – Tom & Amara Abood • BeEvents • Bruce & Ann Christensen • Rick & Mary DesLauriers • Jack & Kate Helms • Jim & Mary Jetland • Al & Mary Agnes McQuinn • Michael & Treva Paparella • Chris & Anne Policinski • John & Carol Quinn • Bill & Donna Ramsay • US Bank and many more!

Christian Life

WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1:00-3:00PM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH
What will Minnesota look like in the future? What jobs will be in demand? What skills will be needed for those jobs? Come meet our State Demographer, Susan Brower, and hear what she has to say about Minnesota in the next years. RSVP for this free event at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 19, FOLLOWING 9:30AM MASS
Are you a new parishioner? If you haven't yet attended a welcome dinner or brunch, please check your calendar and join us on May 19. Meet other new members and staff representatives. Register ahead of time with Sally, 612.317.3417.

A RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 9:30AM-NOON
ST. AUSTIN CAMPUS 4050 UPTON AVENUE NORTH
(40TH & THOMAS AVENUES NORTH)
Offered by the North Side Catholic Parishes of Church of the Ascension, the Parish Family of St. Bridget, Our Lady of Victory, and The Basilica of Saint Mary. *We will conclude with Mass at noon for those who wish to stay, offering a special blessing and anointing for those who serve in the important role and ministry of caregiver.* To register, or for more information, call Mary Majkozak 612.521.7454 or Cathy at cedwards@mary.org.

Crossroads welcomes Basilica parishioners and friends age 50+

CROSSROADS BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets in the Cowley Center. For more information, call Karen at 612.872.7535. June 6 selection is *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

CROSSROADS DINNER OUTING

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 6:00PM
Mancini's, 531 W 7th St, St Paul, 55102
For reservations and information, call Polly at 651.645.7933 by May 20.



Did You Know?

The coat of arms of The Basilica, designed by Pierre de Chaignon LaRose of Cambridge, Mass. was received on January 20, 1928.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year The Basilica provides temporary, emergency shelter for families without housing through the local non-profit organization "Families Moving Forward." Our next hosting week is June 16-23 and volunteers are needed to play with the kids, lead family activities, cook/serve meals, wash laundry and stay overnight at the church. Interested in helping with this fun and rewarding ministry? Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org. Registration deadline is June 5.

ENJOY SPRING WEATHER WITH SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Planning on purchasing some new spring clothing? Doing some spring cleaning or remodeling? Purchase everything you need using Scrip Gift Cards.

There are three easy ways to buy Scrip shopping cards:

- Sundays after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses in The Basilica's lower level
- Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Rectory office
- Online at www.mary.org – click on "Purchase Scrip Today."

These Scrip cards are bought at a discount rate from your favorite retailers, then re-sold to you at regular face value. The retailer discount, which ranges between 2% to 20%, is donated to The Basilica for every purchase you make helping fund our extraordinary ministries and operations.

Purchasing a \$25 Scrip card buys you \$25 to spend. Questions regarding the Scrip program, please call Nola at 612.333.1381.

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MASS TIMES

MON-FRI: 7:00am & Noon
(SAINT 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.