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Welcome

This past Lent one of the things I was working on was trying to do less talking and more listening during prayer. I was not having much success with this, and was feeling bad about it until one day I came across a quote from the late spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen. In writing about his prayer Nouwen said: *"I have read and written much about prayer, but when I go to a quiet place to pray, I realize that, although I have a tendency to say*

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many good things to God, the real "work" of prayer is to become silent and listen to the voice that says good things about me. This might sound self-indulgent, but, in practice, it is a hard discipline. I am so afraid of being cursed, of hearing that I am no good or not good enough, that I quickly give in to the

temptation to start talking and to keep talking in order to control my fears. To gently push aside and silence the many voices that question my goodness, and to trust that I will hear a voice of blessing --- that demands real effort."

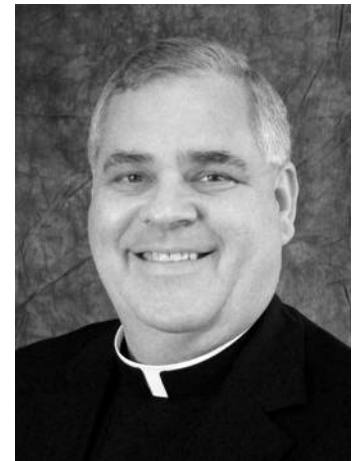
As soon as I read these words I felt a deep sense of comfort. If Henri Nouwen --- who has written volumes on prayer and spirituality --- if he had trouble growing quiet

and listening for the voice of God in prayer, then maybe I shouldn't feel so bad about the difficulty I have in spending time in quiet and silence. The more I reflected on this, however, the more my sense of comfort began to fade, and the more I realized that it is a fool's errand to compare my

struggles in prayer with someone else's.

All of us are unique individuals. No two of us thinks exactly alike and certainly no two of us pray exactly alike. Certainly there are universal elements to prayer as well as common mistakes that are made in regard to prayer. And certainly we can learn from each other in regard to how to pray better or more deeply. It would be wrong, though, to compare our prayer or our struggles in prayer with someone else's.

We all have our own individual relationship with God. Prayer is one of the primary ways in which we seek to deepen and grow in that relationship. But everyone's prayer is unique. If we try to pray like someone else, we are bound to end up frustrated and disappointed. However, if we continue to strive to find ways/forms of prayer that work



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor
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for us, even though at times we may struggle, ultimately we are more apt to find solace and comfort in our prayer.

I'm still working at trying to talk less and to listen more in my prayer. I have found though, that there is grace in the struggle, and on those days when I am able to listen with the "ear of the heart" I realize how deeply loved I am by God, and I know peace and find great hope.

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

Biblical Stewardship

Liturgy and Sacred Arts

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

Leave the world a better place for future generations

Together, let us commit to serve God by taking the **St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation:**

I pledge to:

PRAY and reflect on my duty to care for God’s creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.

LEARN about and educate others about the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.

ASSESS how I as an individual, my family, parish and school contribute to climate change by energy use, consumption, waste, etc.

ACT to change my choices and behaviors by reducing my carbon footprint, such as being a more energy conscious consumer and less wasteful in my use of limited resources.

ADVOCATE for Catholic principles of solidarity and stewardship of God’s creation in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

Take Action Locally:

- Join The Basilica Green Team and help build understanding and acceptance of environmental risks and challenges.
- Stop or cut down on the use of disposable products like paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils and cups at home or work.
- Buy locally grown produce.

Prayer Request: Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your creation.

30 YEARS / 30 LIVES

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KIMBERLY VRUDNY

EXHIBIT: THROUGH JUNE 30

RECEPTION & TALK: SUNDAY JUNE 23, 1:30PM

Kimberly J. Vrudny documented 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

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 27

9:30am Eucharist at the Church of the Ascension.

There are no Masses celebrated at The Basilica.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

After the 11:00am Mass we will process with the Blessed Sacrament to the choir stalls for Exposition and Adoration. At 3:00pm we will celebrate Vespers and Benediction. This time of private and public prayer will be dedicated to the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis during this Year of Faith.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2:00-4:15PM

Little Sisters of the Poor to the Cathedral of St. Paul. Led by Bishop Lee Piché. Bring your family and friends for this festive walk with our Eucharistic Lord. Park in the Cathedral parking lot and ride a free shuttle bus to Little Sisters' from 1:15-1:45pm. Concludes with a special Year of Faith Holy Hour at the Cathedral. Details at www.WalkWithHim.net or call 651.239.8574.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

During the months of June through September, there will be no Taizé Prayer Services with Individual Confessions.

SECRET CITY / HIDDEN PLACES

MINNEAPOLIS EVENING ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY JUNE 22, 7:00-10:00PM

Save the evening of Saturday June 22 for art-filled fun and entertainment in downtown Minneapolis. Music, visual arts, and performances will be happening throughout the evening in three primary downtown locations: The Convention Center Plaza, 8th & Hennepin, and The Basilica/Walker Art Center/underpass area.

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

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 6:00-9:00PM

BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7

Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share for this relaxed night of fun. Friends welcome too! Questions? Email bva@mary.org.

YOUNG ADULTS... JOIN US FOR DINNER AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 26, FOLLOWING 4:30PM MASS

ELI'S ON HENNEPIN AVE

Come 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! Meet us after Mass by the Lady of Guadalupe painting 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!

YOUNG ADULT WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, FOLLOWING 5:00PM MASS

LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH

Young Adults, ages 21+, are invited to join us for this after-Mass social.

A RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 9:30AM- NOON

ST. AUSTIN CAMPUS 4050 UPTON AVENUE NORTH(40TH & THOMAS AVENUES NORTH)

Pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, call Mary Majkozak at 612.521.7454 or Cathy at cedwards@mary.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Our friends at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral have asked us to join them for a Habitat for Humanity landscaping project. Date/time: Saturday, June 1, 9:00am-1:00pm. Location: North Minneapolis. How to register: contact Lynn at St. Mark's at 952.931.5069.

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Get Involved

PLEASE VOTE IN PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Watch for your ballot in the June/July bulletin, which will arrive in your homes this week. 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 to carry out the parish mission.

BLOOD DRIVE

JUNE 23, 8:30AM-1:30PM

The Basilica of Saint Mary will again host a blood drive with Memorial Blood Centers. If you are at least 17 years old and enjoying good health, please consider giving "the gift of life." For more information or to sign up to donate please visit the table in Teresa of Calcutta Hall after Mass on Sunday June 2, 9, and 16 or call LuAnn at 763.542.8787.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SEASON IS HERE!

Help us plan our Habitat for Humanity build - only a few one-hour meetings throughout the summer. Questions contact Julia at 612-317-3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

PATHWAYS LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Seeking enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to assist with various elements of the class: facilitate sessions, lead discussions (materials and training provided), greet guests, engage in listening/conversation, and assist with childcare one/two evenings each month. Reach out to our brothers and sisters in need and help us create classes that are memorable! For more information contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@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 the activities of our parish. Contact Janet Grove, mental health and disabilities awareness ministry, 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

If you are a married couple and would like to get involved in something together as a couple that is challenging, fun and encouraging to your own marriage, why not 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. Thanks!

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

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 mslaughter@mary.org for registration materials.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH
Sr. Catherine Michaud will lead us on a question and answer forum about Catholicism.

For more details about these events and the many other BYA activities, sign up for the BYA e-newsletter on MyBasilica through www.mary.org and visit the Basilica Young Adults Facebook page. With questions or to get involved, email bya@mary.org.

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

RCIA is the process of education and discernment by which those adults who have not been baptized, or have been baptized in another Christian faith, become part of the Catholic faith. We are currently preparing for the upcoming year of RCIA to begin on Tuesday evenings in September. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about Catholicism, please contact Paula at pkaempfer@mary.org or 612.317.3473. Anyone who may be interested in starting the process will be invited to an informational interview.

WEDDINGS AT THE BASILICA

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

May 10: Jenny DeVlieger and Patrick Crowe
May 11: Christina Holdvogt and James Wiencke

CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

JULY 12 & 13 BASICABLOCKPARTY.ORG

Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Cities 97 Basilica Block Party on July 12 & 13, 2013. There is no better way to celebrate this summer than with great food, tasty beverages, and rockin' music at the hottest music event of the summer!



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 info.

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 Register online at basilicablockparty.org or by contacting Emily at 612.317.3457 or emanske@mary.org.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK - ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

The Basilica of Saint Mary- The Building of Hope- has been a spiritual and cultural home to many for more than a century. In order to deliver our core value of hospitality, it is important that everyone can fully access our campus. However, the original elevator in the Reardon Rectory, built in 1928, was unsafe and did not meet current building code requirements. The four-story rectory building is heavily used for meetings by guests from the broader community, for staff office space and as critical storage space for large items. This month, The Basilica Landmark broke ground on a new elevator tower, which expected to be fully operational in December. This will make the rectory building ADA-accessible and will provide hospitable building access to all. Please consider a gift to The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund to help support this and other projects. Learn more and donate at thebasilicalandmark.org or contact Tim DeCelle at 612.317.3472.

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FORESIGHT

You may think your estate isn't large enough to make a difference, but every single legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark for the preservation and restoration of our historic church is important, whatever the amount. Even those who are not yet born will one day bless you for your foresight in helping preserve the beautiful and historic Basilica of Saint Mary. Consider your legacy on this planet, and when you do, consider a legacy gift not only to heirs who are your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, but to all the children who will bless your memory when they worship here. For more information contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

CATHEDRAL DONATIONS

Next weekend, there are gift envelopes in the pews for the restoration of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. If you are interested in making a donation, please put the gift envelope into the regular collection or mail it to the address on the gift envelope. Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Heritage Foundation.

Christian Life

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction encourages you to explore a closer relationship with God. In the midst of a busy life, many people find it difficult to notice God's action in their daily affairs. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more conscious experience of God's presence and love. If you would like to meet with a spiritual director and reflect with another about your relationship with God, contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org.

"SOFAS & SPOKES" FURNITURE AND BIKE DRIVE

The annual "Sofas & Spokes" furniture and bike drive will be held Saturday, June 22, 9:00am-noon at Hennepin Methodist Church. Sponsored by Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH). Guests to DCEH Outreach Ministries can make good use of your gently used furniture and adult bikes! Questions? Call Julia at 612.317.3413.

BEFRIENDER LISTENING MINISTRY

There is a real loneliness to sorrow and worry. Whatever your struggle, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. A BeFriender minister is here to listen with compassion and confidentiality. Tell your story and listen to your heart. Call The Basilica BeFriender Ministry 612.317.3474 or e-mail cedwards@mary.org.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

Prayer line Ministry is a chance to support those in need of our prayers in your time, in your daily prayer. Prayer intention lists are e-mailed or land mailed weekly. Contact Cathy at cedwards@mary.org or 612.317.3474 to receive a weekly list.

Crossroads welcomes Basilica parishioners and friends age 50+

CROSSROADS BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM
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 & ARBORETUM TOUR

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 4:30PM
Meet at the Arboretum at 4:30pm (**free admission**) for tour with hosts Holly & Bob McDougall. Potluck dinner follows tour. For reservations and information call Holly or Bob at 952-474-7531 by June 17. Event is cancelled in case of rain.



Did You Know?

**It's wedding season!
Each year more than 150 brides
walk down The Basilica's aisle.**

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD HOSTING WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 16-SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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. This is an outstanding opportunity; no age requirement for most opportunities. Registration deadline is June 5.

JUSTFAITH: A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY

JustFaith focuses on the Gospel's call to compassion, engagement in the life of Jesus, and the call to bring about God's vision of justice to a world scarred by poverty. Meeting weekly, small groups of 8-15 people engage in mind, heart, and body, as they explore the challenges of following Jesus today. Participants are engaged in understanding and applying the option for the poor, exposed to the realities of living in poverty, and challenged to make a compassionate commitment to those living in poverty around the world. Those commitments can have a far-reaching impact not only on individuals in poverty but on every layer of the community. The Basilica JustFaith program will begin in fall 2013 on Wednesday evenings. Space is limited, and registration is required. Call Amanda at 480.695.0552 for details.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A prayer shawl carries love, hope and prayer as it gently wraps around someone's shoulders. Shawl ministers pray for each person who has received a shawl each time we gather; a beautiful litany of over 460 names. New knitters are very welcome. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or if you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, call Jane at 952.556.5001 or Katie at 763.458.9679.

INTERVIEW PREPARATION/DRESS FOR INTERVIEW AND CAREER SUCCESS

JUNE 4, 7:00-9:00PM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH
An interactive session covering interviewing questions and how to make a lasting and positive impression on the interviewers.

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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.