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Paul's Pantry volunteer keeps alive founder's legacy

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — Darkness fills the morning sky Oct. 4 as Craig Beyl and Fred Fleischman hop into their white and blue delivery truck outside of Paul's Pantry. Their first destination: Festival Foods in De Pere, where two pallets of various produce and two shopping carts filled with bakery goods await pickup.

It's a regular run for the two volunteers, who help keep the legacy of pantry founder, Leo Frigo, alive. Last year, Paul's Pantry volunteers put in more than 90,000 volunteer hours, making it one of Green Bay's most successful community service programs.

Beyl knows well the story of how Frigo started Paul's Pantry in 1984. After retiring as president of Frigo Cheese, Frigo, whom Beyl describes as one of his heroes, wanted to spend his remaining years helping people in need.

Frigo's plan was to start a food pantry with goods donated by local grocery stores and other vendors. At the time, no



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Craig Beyl, a volunteer at Paul's Pantry in Green Bay, stands near a photo of Leo Frigo, founder of Paul's Pantry. Beyl met Frigo in 1984, when Frigo approached Beyl, then manager of Cub Foods on Green Bay's west side, for food donations.

such model, based on collecting unsaleable but still edible food, existed. Frigo set out to meet area grocers and share his vision. Among the grocers Frigo visited was the store manager of the now-defunct Cub Foods Green Bay West. The manager's name: Craig Beyl.

Beyl, a member of Green Bay's St. Bernard Parish, shared Frigo's

passion for helping others. He recalled a young boy who was caught shoplifting at Cub Foods. His crime was stealing a loaf of bread and peanut butter. Beyl believed hunger, not crime, was the boy's motivation and he believed Frigo's plan had merit.

Our full story appears in the Oct. 13 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
We are all small and defenceless before the mystery of death. However, what a grace if at that moment we safeguard in our heart the little flame of faith! Jesus takes us by the hand, as he took Jairus' daughter by the hand, and repeats once again: "Talitha cumi"; "Little girl, arise!" (cf. Mk 5:41). He will say this to us, to each one of us: "Arise, rise again!" I invite you, now, to close your eyes and think about that moment: of our death. Each of us think about our own death, and imagine that moment that will come, when Jesus will take us by the hand and tell us: "Come, come with me, arise." There, hope will end and reality will abide, the reality of life. Think hard: Jesus himself will come to each of us and take us by the hand, with his tenderness, his meekness, his love.

+ Pope Francis,
Oct. 18, 2017

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Deacon Greg Parent ordained at St. Peter's Basilica

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

ALLOUEZ — During his time as a seminarian studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Greg Parent has enjoyed serving as a tour guide at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

"Introducing pilgrims to what is in many ways the crown jewel of the Catholic Church has been an amazing opportunity," he said.

St. Peter's became even more special to

Parent on Sept. 28 when he was ordained a deacon in the basilica by Bishop James F. Checchio of the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J., rector of the Pontifical North American College from 2005 to 2016. Deacon Parent is scheduled, along with Deacons Kyle Sladek and Jose Lopez, to be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Green Bay in the summer of 2018. Putting his thoughts from the ordination Mass into words is difficult, he said.

It was aesthetically beautiful, certainly, but it went much deeper than that as well," said Deacon Parent, the son of Steve and Cindy Parent of New Franken. Forty-five guests, including family, friends, members of Deacon Parent's home parish, SS. Peter and Paul in Green Bay, and 10 priests, made the trip to Italy to attend the ordination in support of Deacon Parent.

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5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

All Saints Day, Nov. 1

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- 1 During the church's first 1,000 years, saints were proclaimed based on local popularity and miracles attributed to them.
- 2 Ulrich of Augsburg was the first person formally canonized by a pope — on Feb. 3, 993, by Pope John XV.
- 3 The first celebrations of saints honored martyrs. The Sunday after Pentecost was set aside to celebrate them.
- 4 A formal feast honoring all saints dates to May 13 in 610, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the ancient Roman Pantheon to Mary and all martyrs.
- 5 Nov. 1 became All Saints Day in the eighth century when Pope Gregory III (d. 741) dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to "all the saints."

Catholic-Lutheran dialogue

In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus' prayer for unity on the night before he died. In particular, he prayed, "so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" (Jn 17: 21).



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

I am reminded of this passage as we approach the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses. Luther's work, which highlighted abuses he saw in the church of his time, helped launch the Reformation and led to a split between Catholics and Lutherans that remains to this day. Sadly, too often in the time since then, both sides have wasted much energy focusing on our differences, rather than emphasizing what we share in common. These mutual condemnations have not served us well and have only caused further division in the Body of Christ.

Thankfully, the past 50 years have represented a shift in the attitudes of Catholics and Lutherans towards each other. Perhaps the best evidence of this progress is the groundbreaking Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification signed in 1999.

In this document, church leaders on both sides agreed on the basic principles of how God saves humans, an issue that up to that point had been a cause for division since the time of the Reformation. This achievement and others of its kind provide a hopeful witness of what God can accomplish when we are led by the Holy Spirit to seek areas of unity.

While great progress has been made in this time, both sides recognize further work that

needs to be done. We must acknowledge that there are differences that keep Catholics and Lutherans from full communion.

Yet, as we approach this anniversary, I believe we have an opportunity to listen to how the Holy Spirit is drawing us together. In particular, I believe that now is a time to focus less on the differences and more on what we share in common. Let us use this anniversary as an opportunity to repent of past sins and seek opportunities to restore unity among all Christians.

To that end, I want to highlight a couple upcoming events. On Sunday, Oct. 29, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Green Bay will host a joint event of the Diocese of Green Bay and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, which is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This event will include a prayer service, as well as a workshop for ecumenical marriages between Catholics and Lutherans. What better way to learn the importance of dialogue and mutual respect than to listen to the experiences of these couples!

A second event will take place in Milwaukee on Tuesday, Oct. 31, when I will join the Catholic bishops of Wisconsin in a joint prayer service with the Lutheran Bishops of Wisconsin.

These events give me great hope as they highlight the wonderful progress being made to promote unity in the church. They also serve as a beautiful model for Christians and non-Christians about the importance of remembering what we share in common instead of only pointing to what divides us.

I encourage all Catholics to use this opportunity to reach out and get to know your Lutheran neighbors, find ways to recognize what we share in common, and grow closer to Christ. Above all, I ask that you join me in the prayer of Our Lord Jesus, "that we all may be one."

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Sacred Heart Parish and school in Shawano welcomed eight children and their families through the sacrament of baptism during an "all-school Mass" on Oct. 6. Fr. Tom Farrell, pastor, and Deacon Jim Lonick celebrated the sacrament.

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