



A Newsletter from the Missions Office/Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States
Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

Thank you and Goodbye Bishop Campbell

To monthly mission donors: Thank you for your support!

On behalf of His Excellency Frederick Campbell, the Apostolic Administrator of Columbus, and Very Rev. Father Andrew Small, OMI, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions.

On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your leadership, guidance and blessings in the Diocesan Mission efforts through the years.

It has been an honor, a privilege and a blessing to work with you to make Jesus known even to the ends of the earth.

Your passion for the missions made our work to gather funds for the missions easier.

Through the Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP), the Diocese of Columbus, under your leadership, have helped missionaries spread the Gospel around the world.

When someone complained to you about something I had done, you wanted to hear my side of it. I will always remember your words, "Lany, enlighten me about the matter". It was a good feeling to know that "I mattered".

May the Lord and His Blessed Mother always protect you as you enter into a new phase of your life. Goodbye, Bishop Campbell.

His Excellency, Bishop Robert Brennan is the new Bishop of Columbus

Bishop Robert Brennan, born June 7, 1962, served as an Auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Center, New York until his appointment as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, on January 31, 2019. He will be installed on March 29.

Bishop Brennan was born in Bronx, New York. He attended Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Saint John's University in Queens. He earned his Masters of Divinity at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York.

On May 27, 1989, Bishop John R. McGann ordained him as priest. His first assignment was the Church of Saint Patrick in Smithtown.

Brennan was appointed the Bishop's secretary. He served in this capacity during the tenures of Bishops John R. McGann, James Hughes and William F. Murphy. Before his consecration as bishop he was the Pastor of Saint Mary's in Long Beach.

On June 8, 2012, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Brennan as Titular Bishop of

Endonia and Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Center. He was consecrated on July 25, 2012. He was also made the Vicar General of Rockville Center.

Bishop Brennan has served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Health Services of Long Island for 8 years. He also served on the Bishop's Advisory Committee for Catholic Education as well as several other diocesan boards. He was a chaplain for the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Nassau County and said Mass regularly for the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. He worked closely with the Spanish Communities. He is bilingual.

We maybe the only Christ others will see in this life

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God" (1 John 4:15).

No other religion can make that claim. Mohammed does not live in Muslims. Buddha does not live in Buddhists. But Christians embrace this inscrutable promise. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: "Christ lives in you" (Col 1:27).

We are Jesus Christs. We belong to Him. We are increasingly becoming Him. Little by little, an image emerges.

"He decided from the outset to share the lives of those who love Him along the same lines as the life of His Son" (Rom. 8:29).

Build your Life on the Promises of God

King Agrippa entered the court that day with great pomp. Paul, by contrast was a simple missionary. Paul had every reason to fear the judgment of King Agrippa. The king was the latest of the Herod dynasty. His great grandfather attempted to kill the Baby Jesus by slaughtering the children of Bethlehem. His grand uncle murdered John the Baptist. His father executed James and imprisoned Peter.

Now, Paul stood before him. Paul was in prison and in trouble for preaching a new religion. How would Paul defend himself? Would he appeal for mercy? Would he perform a miracle? How would Paul present his case to the king?

After a word of introduction, Paul said, "And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our ancestors that I am on trial today" (Acts 26:6).

In his defense, Paul did not include a list of his accomplishments. He did not attempt to justify his actions. His only justification was, "I believe in the promises of God".

So did Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So did Noah, Mary, Isaiah and Peter.

The heroes in the Scripture come from all walks of life – rulers, servants, teachers, doctors. They were male, female, single and married. The common denominator that united them was that "they built their lives on the promises of God".

By faith, when warned about the flood, Noah built an ark for his family. Abraham did not know where he was going but went to a land he did not know to claim his inheritance. By faith, Abraham

was willing to sacrifice his only son.

From the first chapter of Scripture, God makes a case of His dependability. When God spoke, something happened.

Jesus applauded the centurion because the centurion believed in the power of Jesus to keep His word. Faith is the deeply held belief that God will keep His promises. The centurion understood the truth: "God will not – indeed cannot – break His promises".

God's covenants are contractually inviolable, written not in sand but carved in granite. What God says will happen. It must happen. His promises are irrevocable because of Who God is. God is unchanging. God never changes or casts shifting shadow (James 1:17). God is faithful. He can be trusted to keep His promise (Heb. 10:23). God is Almighty. God does not over promise and under deliver. God is able to do whatever He promises (Rom. 4:21). God cannot lie. It is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18). God never exaggerates, manipulates, fibs or flatters. God cannot break promises (Titus 1:2).

Many people are dying for lack of hope. Secularism has sucked hope from our society. It reduces life into years between birth and death. It convinces us that life on this earth is all there is.

But those who believe in the promises of God have the advantage. They filter their lives through the promises of God. They believe that for every problem in this life God has a promise.

Quest:

Most people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so

busy trying to place the blame on someone else.

Quote:

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

~ Helen Keller

Quip:

It is manlike to punish but Godlike to forgive.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention:

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

A joke a priest can tell...



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

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