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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

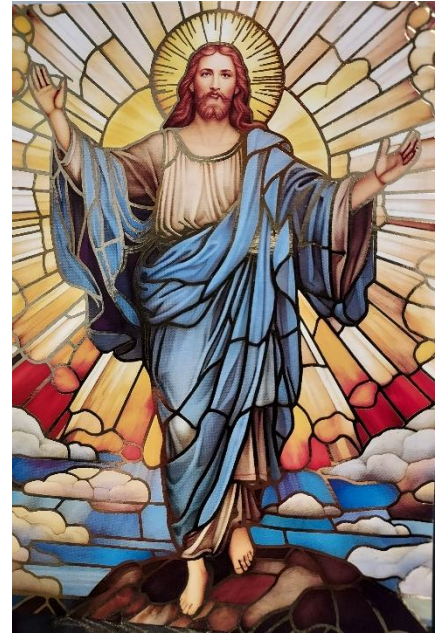
When you receive this issue of the Mountaineer, we will be close to or have just celebrated Laetare Sunday, allowing for rose colored vestments, altar flowers, and joyful music to encourage us through the remaining penitential days of Lent. The brutally cold weather experienced by many of us this winter is abating and perhaps we have emerged from a hibernation of self-concern to give more time attending to our neighbors, with an outward reach, an "alms-giving," both monetary and in terms of time, to lonely or isolated brothers and sisters. And spending more time with the Lord in prayer, in solidarity with Him who fasted and prayed in the desert in preparation for His ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

Perhaps some things we have done or might do for the remaining weeks in Lent in living our consecrated secularity is being more patient or kind in stressful situations at work. We could also undertake what Pope Leo XIV calls a "practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor...refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves."

Or in making a daily examen in the model of Ignatian spirituality, we might focus on gratitude for our vocations as well as asking ourselves how we are living or have lived our vows or promises of poverty, chastity, and obedience in various situations encountered during the day.

And finally, to demonstrate what is at the heart of the sacrifice of the cross, be willing to love and forgive on a daily basis. In these ways we will be ready to greet and praise the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday!

God bless, Sue



**We are an Easter People
and Alleluia is our song!"**

*-St Augustine, quoted from
Pope St John Paul II during
his Angelus address on
November 30, 1986*

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VOCATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Jesus said to those he appointed: *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 26, 2026

Each year on the **4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)**, we are called as Catholic faithful to pray fervently for more vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony. What can each of us do?

A great way to start is: Show children that vocations matter, that God is calling people right now, and that prayer is a real way to help. Whether it's a kids' activity sheet, a take-home prayer card for vocations, or a bright poster in the parish gathering space or on a classroom door, these resources quietly nurture a living culture of discernment in your parish and school, and in your home and heart!

Weave vocation conversations into your day without extra planning or big events. Over time, students and people of all ages begin to see priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony as joyful, worthy paths, and they learn that their own prayers can and do make a difference in the Church.

SEEK26 at Columbus OH + SEEK26 at Fort Worth TX + SEEK26 at Denver CO+ SEEK26

One of the most powerful Vocation Events in the USA happens during the first five days of the year. A target-market of college and graduate students gather from around the country to participate in five days “to help people encounter Jesus Christ and the beauty of the Catholic Church.” FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) specifically aims to:

Bridge the gap: Meet people wherever they are in their faith journey to help them know God's love more intimately.

Empower Discipleship: Equip attendees to live as missionary disciples in their daily lives and local parishes.

Build Community: Foster authentic connections among peers through the sacraments, world-class speakers, and group worship.



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"The Adventure of the Yes: Following God's Call"

EWTN allowed the world to listen in and attend the SEEK26 Conferences – What a Gift!

Here are shared notes from [Francesca Pollio Fenton](#) as **Sister Virginia Joy Cotter, SV**, discussed in Denver, how to follow God's call and determine one's vocation.

"When we think about vocation, it's ultimately a call to love and be loved," Sister Virginia Joy said during her talk. "Growing up, or even now, you're probably asked, 'What are you going to do when you grow up? What's your major? What do you want to do with your life?'" she said. "I would guess no one has probably asked you, **'What are you going to do with your love? How do you plan to make a gift of yourself?'** But these are the questions that sit behind a vocation."

"... ultimately, our vocation is not a problem to be fixed or a riddle to be solved. ... Vocation is deeply relational, personal, and distinct. It comes from the Latin 'vocare,' meaning to call, to name, to summon. There's one who calls and there's one who responds. It's a relationship between each individual and God."

Seven key points to help discern a vocation from Sister Virginia Joy's talk:

Pay attention to where and how you are called to love.

Receive God's love first.

Develop a real prayer life and speak honestly to God.

Stay close to the sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist.

Live your call to love daily, even before knowing your definitive vocation.

Recognize your unique gifts.

Observe where your heart becomes undivided and free.

"Your love story is going to be perfectly unique to you," Sister Virginia Joy added. "God has been preparing something far beyond your expectations and he desires your freedom to respond with an undivided heart. Whether it be marriage, religious life, lay life, there is no doubt he wants you and your unique love. God loves you."

SEEK27 is Starting and the theme is: "Ever Ancient, Ever New!"

This phrase from St. Augustine emphasizes the timelessness of the Catholic faith and its ability to constantly renew the human heart.

Two locations **January 1-5, 2027**: again at Columbus OH, Greater Columbus Convention Center and in San Antonio TX, Henry González Convention Center. One location at Indianapolis Convention Center is planned for 2028. If you are interested in helping staff our booth, [contact Cathy McDonnell 714.496.9597](#)

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Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. For Christ is the real Master you serve. *Colossians 3:23-24*



The USCSI Spring Zoom Meeting is **Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 10:30 to 12: Noon EST.**

Each institute is asked to prepare a four-sentence intervention/answer on the following theme:

How do your inquirers find out about your institute?

How do you bring people in?

How do you promote vocations in your secular institute?

What has been your most effective “bait” if you will?

After hearing from one responder per institute, time will be open for discussion and fruitful dialogue.



THE PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE *How to stay young in one easy lesson*

*For the National Meeting of the USCSI on Sept. 26, 2025, at Marriottsville, MD, near Baltimore, **Eileen Johannsen** shared from her vocation story of over 70 years.*

*Her Institute, **the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary**, are celebrating worldwide their Centennial of Founding in Vallendar, Germany, on October 1, 2026.*

If feeling good is most important, one is quickly disappointed. If DOING GOOD is most important, we end up purpose filled. Having a purpose in every stage of life, gives strength, energy and a feeling of value, and hope for the future ahead. We rightly ask: What is the cause of a feeling of value? Each one of us is personally loved and personally called by a loving Father Who created us for a specific task, a God-given mission for this time, this day with my strengths and my limitations. To grow deeper into this awareness is the reason we are here today. “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart.” Jeremiah 1:5.

We live in turbulent times

Our God-given task today may look different than it did 10 or 20 years ago, but it is no less

relevant. The event of the time gives us a challenge to listen to the voice of God, to grow deeper into our awareness that God still loves us, needs us and wants to use us in faithful obedience.

Over the years I have appreciated more and more a sentence our founder, Fr. Joseph Kentenich once said to me in a difficult time in my life: **“God is a genius in finding ways to love us!”** Yes, He loves us unconditionally and shows it in so many different ways, in the sunshine of our lives and in stormy times, when His love needs to penetrate the darkness and in the turbulence around us and in us. Today we stand in a very turbulent time.

Our holy father, Pope Leo told a group of workers gathered in the Vatican a week ago: “The clock of heaven is moving with unwavering hands toward the midnight hour when the chime will sound. He says, the hands move by His time. Once the time comes, the door will close.” He continues to say that this is not to frighten us, but to ask us to be awake and to awaken others.

Our lives are measured by the amount of time we spend with God. We need to look

THE PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE How to stay young in one easy lesson -cont'd

past the noise around us to hear the voice of God. Therefore, we seek God's face and not be led by false influences. Will we be among the wise who have oil in our lamps, who are ready to follow Him? Our consolation is seen in Psalm 46:10 reminding us: "Be still and know that I am your God." Or, as St. Augustine tells us: "God is closer to me, than I am to myself."

We prepare and we listen with mind and heart to His voice within

The loving Father says to us: Return to me, my mercy awaits. The political activist Maya Angelou who worked with Martin Luther King said: "The bird sings, not because he has answers, but because he has a song!" We have the song ...it is the gift God has given us, His Son who shows us how to live in oneness with the Father. In our nearness to Him we find the answers how to learn the art of living. Our challenge is to grow into a deeper, a more intimate relationship with a living Father-God.

Our founder said to me in 1965; "Our prayer shall be nothing more than being together." With this he tried to teach me the *art of living*. Or, he sometimes said, to learn to *master life*. Here, may I tell you how he tried to prepare me to listen to that voice of God, whispering to me through my mind and heart?

When I was 16 years old and thinking about my future path in life, I visited with him. At that time, he lived in the parish to which my family belonged in Milwaukee. As I sat next to him at his desk, he would say, "Let us pray together." What he did was a totally new experience for me. He simply closed his eyes, bowed his head, and he said no word. I wanted to pray with him, and so I too, closed my eyes, and bowed my head. I did open one eye just to see what he was doing! He was silent and said no word. The silence was at first very short, just a minute. As he realized that I enjoyed this time, the time became a little longer. Looking back over those years, these times were the most beloved times with him. Being next to him, in silence, I felt I was drawn through this holy priest. I felt he was a channel leading me into the heart of the heavenly Father.

Today, after some 70 years, those minutes may be somewhat longer but the joy is no less, being before the Blessed Sacrament, quietly, next to one another, without words. Is that not the meaning of sacramental adoration? Matthew tells us in 28:17, "Jesus is my spiritual shield, inviting God's presence in my life." The cross is my identity. This is our song. Out of this reality we learn to live our lives, we form a style of life, we find "the answers" to help us keep hope alive!

Our challenge is present

Our founder also gave a reminder in 1961 to each of us as members of a Secular Institute: ***"The Secular Institutes are to become the leaven for the world, to go out into the world and there to become the arm of the Church, to bear witness to the closeness and love of God in the midst of the world, so that she may fulfill her mission."***

This message is pressing. The separation of faith has arrived. The prophecy of the great divide is upon us. Courage stands, when all else fails. The enemy fears the heart that is faithful in little things, a heart that stays strong. The night may deepen, but the morning is coming.

May we pray with Pope Leo today as he said:

"Lord, may this cry of heaven find us ready with hopeful hearts." Amen.



YOU are invited on ***A Journey with God***

The following is based on a real conversation between a teacher (BTMI aspirant) in her daily activities in a school (M) and a custodian working at the school who is a millennial (A) in the Philadelphia, PA, area. We published the first step of this **Blessed Trinity Missionary Institute** conversation in the Winter 2025 Mountaineer.

Next step in this journey

- A: Good morning, I just wanted to let you know that I went into the www.btmi.info website.
- M: Great, so what did you discover?
- A: I was interested to learn about your devotions, and more about what you are about, especially the devotion to the Holy Spirit, and the different missions you are involved in.
- M: Fr. Judge encouraged the early day missionaries to invoke the Holy Spirit daily and in every moment of their lives especially when they were trying to figure out what to do.
- A: You know that makes me think about what God is asking of me...
- M: Each day we are all called to be His loving presence in the world... The question you might ask yourself in those moments: **How much do I love God and what am I willing to do for Him?**
- A: As a new aspirant in the Blessed Trinity Missionary Institute... ?
- M: OK, realize this journey is a never-ending one. The door is there for me to open and discover. Just know that you are not alone.

Third step in this journey: Missionary work in the providence of our everyday lives

- M: Hi, how are you doing today?
- A: I was wondering where are you located and how do you come together?
- M: We now have members in different parts of the USA, Mexico, Nigeria, London and Puerto Rico.
- A: How do you support one another, especially since you are located in so many different places?
- M: Having the support of others is so important. We meet monthly via zoom, and if we are fortunate to live near another, we come together monthly to deepen our spirituality and our relationship with God. We have days of reflection and retreats of the Missionary Cenacle Family to further support one another.
- M: You gave me a lot to think about. How do you know or figure out what to do? What can I do for God? I work and have many commitments, what can I do?
- A: Just know God has placed you exactly where He needs you. It could be as simple as giving a loving smile, encouragement to someone in need, it could be giving a talk to a large group, it could be just listening to someone in need of a listening ear. It might be to be there to someone who has lost a loved one or a job: it is very individual.... God's call. *-Rosa Tirado, General Custodian, BTMI*



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Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, and he said to them: *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* -Cf Matthew 4:18-19

*In whatever year the loving God created us, we all will be affected and living through what is being called: **the Silver Tsunami**. This is the great global-wide shift due to abortion, declining traditional families, acceptable psychological insanities, instant digital connecting, AI, and yet-unheard-of inventions... Produced will be huge shifts in healthcare, social security, housing and religion to name the top of the list. Various statistics include (for Baby Boomers like the Editor) the great 18-year post-World War II population surge from 1946-1964: every day in 2026, 11,000 Boomers will be turning 65 years of age. We are still the generation with the greatest wealth status. However, now the smallest generation (64 million in U.S.) of living membership. Of interest for us in vocation work is to beg the Holy Spirit to inspire many from the succeeding generations namely, Generation X of 65 million; the 74 million of Millennials (currently in their prime family/consecrated life forming years with ages 30-45); Generation Z with 71 million; and Generation Alpha with 51 million and rising (the kids born between 2013-2025).*

Looking at Generation Z and the Friendship Crisis in America

Each one can easily Google/ask AI about the current statistics of membership in Consecrated Life throughout the United States, or zero in on your home diocese or parish. So I thought best to share some insight offered by Gary Isbell (American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property) about **why friendships are fraying in today's America**.

With grateful hearts to God Almighty for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, the number of Americans who say they have no close friends has quadrupled since 1990. Over 30% of the 18-29-year-olds report feeling lonely all or most of the time. The number of people dining alone has risen by 29 percent over the last two years. Stanford University's *Design for Healthy Friendships* course highlights that forming and maintaining friendships now requires conscious learning and effort.

Isbell states, "Loneliness is not merely a social or cultural issue, but a spiritual crisis. It is frequently the fruit of selfishness and a lack of charity. **Making the effort to build friendships is not a luxury; it is a necessity.** If we do not consciously prioritize friendship, neither we nor others will benefit from an authentic, virtuous friendship. Friendships are essential to maturing and necessary for spiritual, psychological, emotional and even physical development. In the past, people would easily strike up conversations with strangers at cafes, on trains or in the streets.

"Social spaces where people commonly meet, religious gatherings, clubs, and volunteer organizations, which once fostered friends, are declining. We have become confined to work, social media, family responsibilities, and taking care of pets."

Nature Medicine, a UK journal, states people with stronger social connections live longer than those without. Data found that having a close friend is as good for physical health as regular exercise and having non-related friends to confide in also extends lifespan. Conversely, a 2023 U.S. Surgeon General's report found **loneliness to be as dangerous as smoking**, stating that it is "associated with a great risk of cardiovascular disease, dementia, stroke, depression, anxiety and premature death." Up to 60 percent of Americans feel lonely regularly.

Quoting again from Isbell: "In Catholic theology, friendship is defined as a virtuous, reciprocal and selfless love that seeks the other's true good, ultimately helping both friends grow in holiness and

draw closer to God. It is grounded in charity that mirrors Christ's love for souls and involves mutual support, trust and shared spiritual growth. Friendship is purchased through suffering for the love of another. The true measure of love is the amount of sacrifice made for another's good. **There is no more perfect example than Our Lord's Passion and Death, which He willingly accepted for our salvation."**

Of course, it's time to stop this downward spiral. If all the secular institute members and friends could take ownership of this problem and model solutions, America would indeed be blessed. The practice of virtue in social relationships is essential to achieving the perfection of human relationships as God creates and desires it! **To have a friend is to be a friend.** Practicing charity by bearing others' defects is never easy. Let us take courage, onward and upward!

At Seek26 in Texas, Jillian shares with Fr Phillip Tran who is working on a thesis regarding secular institutes.



Members of Secular Institutes, Pilgrims of Hope in the Heart of the World

*Notes taken from the address of **Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix** to the Canadian Conference of Secular Institutes on June 14, 2025, in Quebec.*

Members of secular institutes live a very special form of Christian hope: they live it at **the heart of the world**, often without visible signs of consecration, remaining inserted in ordinary social, cultural and professional realities. Here are some key elements of your way of living hope:

1. Christian hope incarnate in daily life

Members of secular institutes are called to sanctify the world from within, by remaining fully present in society. Their hope is not manifested by withdrawal from the world, but by a deep involvement in it, with faith that the Spirit is at work in human history.

2. A discreet but prophetic presence

Without religious vestments or visible recognition, you are often silent witnesses to the Gospel, living in the tension between what is already there and what is not yet. Your hope is rooted in the certainty that the Kingdom of God is already at work, even in places of brokenness, violence and indifference.

3. Professional and social commitment as a place of Christian hope

Your profession, relationships and social life are the very places of your mission. Your hope is lived in work well done, fidelity in commitments, justice in choices, with the conviction that every act can bear eternal fruit.

4. Consecration in faith, hope and charity

Consecrated life in a secular institute is a witness to eschatological hope: through the evangelical counsels you live out in the world, you proclaim Christ's victory over sin, death and every form of despair. The Christian hope you bear is that of the Risen Christ living today in the margins, tensions and expectations of the world.

5. A Christian hope nourished by prayer and the Church

Although you live "in the world", you are deeply rooted in the spiritual life. Your hope is nourished by the Word of God, the Eucharist, inner silence and union with the whole Church. You believe that every situation can become an encounter with God. You live Christian hope as a discreet but active seed, at the heart of human realities, often where signs of God seem absent. You are sentinels of the invisible, witnesses to the Christian hope that the world can be transformed from within by the love of Christ.

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*Micah 6:8 is one of the most famous Old Testament verses. It serves as a concise summary of what God values most in a person's character: **What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.***

Pope Leo XIV gives a new, original prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Lord, I come to Your tender Heart today, to You who have words that set my heart ablaze, to You who pour out compassion on the little ones and the poor, on those who suffer, and on all human miseries. I desire to know You more, to contemplate You in the Gospel, to be with You and learn from You and from the charity with which You allowed Yourself to be touched by all forms of poverty. You showed us the Father's love by loving us without measure with Your divine and human Heart.

Grant all Your children the grace of encountering You. Change, shape, and transform our plans, so that we seek only You in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine. From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which You are the source from which all consolation flows. Amen.

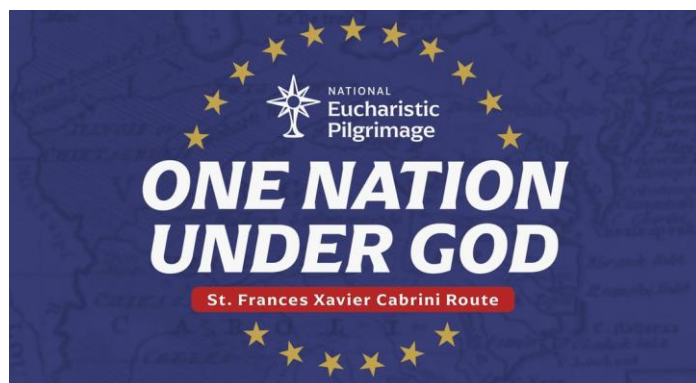


Pope Leo XIV on Feb 2 called consecrated men and women to be *a leaven of peace and a sign of hope* as he celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in St Peter's Basilica. This highlighted the **30th World Day for Consecrated Life**.

Consecrated people, he concluded, are called to live firmly grounded in the world while remaining oriented toward eternity, which gives light and meaning to all things.

With the theme **One Nation Under God**, the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** passes by some of the most historic landmarks along the East Coast. *The Cabrini Route* will begin in St. Augustine, FL, where the first Mass in our country was celebrated at the Our Lady of La Leche Shrine at Mission de Nombres. The route will continue up the Eastern Seaboard through most of the **13 original colonies**, reaching as far north as New Hampshire and Maine. Stops will be made in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our country's very first Catholic diocese, as well as the Archdiocese of Boston to visit significant national historical sites.

The pilgrimage concludes over the 4th of July weekend in Philadelphia, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



DeSales Secular Institute resurrects Community Week with Silver Jubilee



Fran Martin receives a dozen roses after making her 25th vow renewal at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption, St Edmund's Retreat Center, Mystic, CT, with Heather, Nan, Kathy and Cindy.



A Missionary of the Kingship of Christ in NJ, Nunzia (Nancy) Fascelli has 100th Birthday!

This February 2nd, we had the very special grace of welcoming **Julia Osiripaibul** into our consecrated family. Julia professed the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience for 5 years into the hands of our General Directress from Rome: Elisabetta Corradini. Please continue to pray for Julia on her journey through temporary profession and for many more vocations to the **Father Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculata**. Visit: [Welcome Julia! | Kolbe Mission](#)



Elisabetta, Anna, Ann, Rumela, Agatha, Jillian, and Julia at 531 E Merced Ave, West Covina, CA - St Christopher's



Eucharistic Pledge to JESUS encourages Adoration Hours



SECULAR INSTITUTE VOCATIONS WE REMEMBER FONDLY

Pearline Hyacinth Archer, born on the 1st of January, left to the Father's House on the 30th of December, 2025. Throughout her long life, Pearline walked in the light of her Lord. Her life of service to the Church, to education and society was filled with noble qualities. She will be greatly missed by her St John the Baptist Church family, generations of Holy Childhood High School Students and the Secular Institute Family of **Madonna Della Strada**. Thanksgiving Services were held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the Parish Church in Patrick City.

Generations of our USCSI Members recall her faithful annual attendance at the national meetings. She would catch the single daily flight coming from Kingston, Jamaica, to connect to the airport closest to our meeting site without a word of complaint. The insights and commentaries she prepared were a great asset to the USCSI.



Cheri Jones passed January 25, 2026, shortly before 2:00 pm Arizona time. Alice Cortez and Dolores Cameron were praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet when halfway through it she passed on to her heavenly reward. Before she passed from her battle with leukemia, Dolores played for her Frank Sinatra's version of "Moonlight over Vermont." Cheri's father was the composer and Moonlight Over Vermont was his most famous song and Cheri's favorite. She is a cherished member of our Aspiring **Institute Franciscan Missionaries of Jesus Crucified**. With gratitude we recall how greatly she enriched us with her heroic example.

Cheri offered her life and striving just days after Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. *"In this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, Francis continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace... Francis reminds us that peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."*

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Suicide claims more Gen Z lives than previous generation -by [Tim Henderson](#) -October 2, 2025

A [Stateline analysis](#) (reprinted in *The Washington Stand*) brought forth this reality. "For Gen Z adults," the outlet wrote, "the oldest of whom are now reaching their late 20s, suicide is taking more lives than 10 years ago when millennials were the same age." Breaking it down further, black and Hispanic men, mostly in southern and midwestern states, make up roughly 85% of the increase, with suicide becoming the second-highest cause of death for young Hispanics. For Asians, suicide became the number one cause of death.

Reportedly, the states with the highest rates were "Georgia (up 65%), North Carolina and Texas (up 41%), Alabama (up 39%) and Ohio (up 37%)." As Stateline further emphasized, "The highest rate is in Alaska, which was also highest in 2014, up 34% to a rate of 49 suicides per 100,000 population, followed by New Mexico and Montana."

Let us remember these youth and their families in our prayers. Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord.

☞ **USCSI Mission Statement:**

The USCSI shares in the mission of Jesus Christ in serving its member institutes by providing education, resources, and support for member institutes. It is an organization of member institutes committed to making known, understood, and appreciated the call to consecrated secularity in the Church. The USCSI collaborates with other groups to present consecrated secularity as a viable option in today's society.

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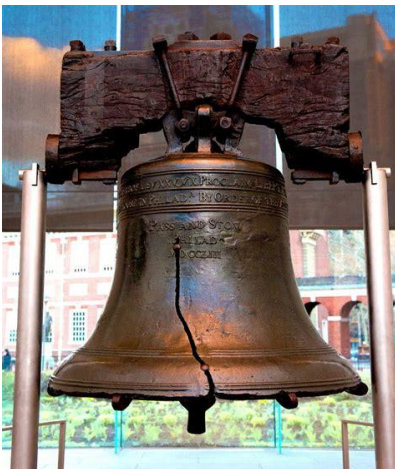
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☞ Contributions and photos for our Summer **Mountaineer** are due by **July 1, 2026**, to jessica@schsrsmary.org or text 262-244-9329



Save the Date!



The National Meeting of the United States Conference of Secular Institutes in this 250th Anniversary of the United States of America will be at the Augustine Institute in St Louis, Missouri.

Friday, September 11 to Sunday, September 13, 2026

Theme will be centered around Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Presenter will be Fr Jerry Stookey, a Dominican priest, who worked many years in Peace and Justice Ministry.

