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It's been quite a year. From the celebration of the landmark ecumenical council that re-proposed the Gospel in twentieth-century terms, to the surprise resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, to Pope Francis who has continued to surprise the world with his candor in speaking of God's joy and mercy, no one could have predicted the event of this year. And as they say to marathoners, whether from Chicago, Boston, or Des Moines, finish weak!

Hold on. It's true that is nothing like what we or they say to marathoners. Yet, look at the Gospel reading for the close of the Year of Faith. The Christ we worship is one who rules from the cross in utter weakness and poverty. Yet in this weakness, as Saint Paul writes, we find our strength. Christ poured out his life for all humanity. When

This one hour service of sung, spoken, and silent prayer will be led by the ministers and by musicians from a variety of Christian communities. Visit the Diocese of Des Moines Worship Office website to view the worship aid. Musicians may come at 1:30 p.m. for an open rehearsal to assist in the musical leadership, and clergy can gather in the Cathedral chapel at 2:30 p.m., that day.

Bishop Pates will precede the prayer service with an update on the urgency of the need for prayer. In addition to his role as Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, he serves as chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace. Along with Cardinal Dolan and other bishops around the United States, he has been outspoken on the position of the Catholic Church on the matter of military intervention in Syria.

A special celebration and appreciation breakfast will be held with Bishop Pates and the head of the UnityPoint Chaplaincy Program on Saturday, October 5th from 9-11 a.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center (601 Grand Ave., Des Moines) for the Eucharistic ministers who serve our local hospitals (Methodist, Lutheran, Methodist West, Blank and Broadlawns). This special appreciation breakfast will honor those who have served &ndash; some for as many as 30 years &ndash; and bring all of us up-to-date with topics regarding the ministry and hospital procedures.

Also, if you have never been a minister before, this celebration would be a great opportunity to start. We have great need &ndash; serving the many Catholic patients in what is, by some accounts, the largest hospital in Iowa (Methodist), and the other hospitals in that organization. Schedules can be worked out easily for as little as one time a month. To RSVP, please email or call Sandy Riesberg at the Diocesan Worship Office (515-237.5046) by September 30, 2013.

Come pray and visit with Fr. Cassian Folsom, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk and priest from a growing monastic community at the birthplace of his founder, St. Benedict, in Norcia, Italy. Fr. Cassian will celebrate a Missa Cantata. Afterwards, there will be a potluck dinner and then he'll give a talk which will focus on the special apostolate that the Holy See has given the Monks of Norcia, and what the Church can learn from both forms of the Roman Rite.

Last Sunday, Pope Francis called for an end to violence as a means to peace: "Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence." Then he invited the Church and the entire global community to join him in a day of fasting and prayer culminating in a vigil this Saturday, Sept. 7, for peace in Syria and around the world.

Bishop Pates will begin the evening with a brief update on the situations in Syria and Egypt, speaking in his role as chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace. Then Bishop Pates will lead night prayer (also known as compline), the last liturgy of each day prayed by the Church. This is not a Mass but rather one of the liturgies from the Liturgy of the Hours. The prayer begins with an examination of conscience and asking God for forgiveness. It includes psalms, readings and reflections and ends with a hymn to Mary.

Also planned is an ecumenical Taizé prayer for peace on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral. This unique musical style is ideally suited to prayer and contemplation for peace as well as to unite with other Christians who share our belief in Jesus Christ. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome to join a 1:30 p.m. open rehearsal. Musicians RSVP by Sept. 12 to [worship@dmdiocese.org](mailto:worship@dmdiocese.org). All are welcome to attend and pray for peace.

Bishop Pates, in his role as national committee chair for the U.S. bishops, has been urging our country's leaders to take a peaceful approach to the conflict in Syria. One week ago, Bishop Pates wrote to Secretary of State John Kerry about peace in Syria. Two days ago, he joined Cardinal Timothy Dolan in urging Catholics to pray and fast for peace on Saturday. Yesterday, Bishop Pates and Cardinal Dolan sent a letter to President Obama about peace in Syria and today, Sept. 5, they sent a letter to every member of Congress urging a peaceful solution for ending violence in Syria. "Our focus is on the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Syria and on saving lives by ending the conflict, not fueling it," they wrote. For more on today's letter to Congress, go to [usccb.org/news/2-13-160.cfm](http://usccb.org/news/2-13-160.cfm).

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Richard Pates, chair of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a statement today encouraging Catholics to heed Pope Francis' call for Sept. 7 to be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria.

They said: "As our nation's leaders contemplate military action, it is particularly appropriate and urgent that we in the United States embrace the Holy Father's call to pray and fast on September 7 for a peaceful end to the conflict in Syria and to violent conflicts everywhere. Pope Francis has exhorted the international community to make every effort to promote clear proposals for peace, ... a peace based on dialogue and negotiation, for the good of the entire Syrian people."

How will his resignation be marked? Some places will ring bells--this is not a toll of mourning but more like a festive peal or ringing in gratitude for the pope's ministry. Special Masses may also be offered for Pope Benedict XVI but should conclude before 8:00 p.m. Rome time (1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time) on Thursday, February 28.

How will the prayer of the Church change after he resigns? We will enter a period called the sede vacante ("vacant see") or the interregnum ("between reigns"). It will begin after 8:00 p.m. Rome time and last until the new pope accepts his election by the Cardinal electors. Regarding the prayers, check the USCCB resources (see pages 12 and following). Special Masses may again be offered (Bishop Pates will preside at the 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral on March 6, for the election of a pope.). If you're praying on your own or at home with a group, check out the prayers we have on our

Papal Transition web page. In the Eucharistic Prayers, the clause for the pope is simply omitted until a new pope is elected.

What happens when a new pope is elected? Perhaps again the bells in the churches should ring! When he is elected, there is a process which he and the cardinals follow, wherein he accepts the election, announces his name, and then is introduced to the world. follows. Then, some days later, he will be installed in a liturgy in St. Peter's Square, where he will receive the pallium and the ring. Click here to read Pope Benedict XVI's homily from that Mass on 24 April 2005.

As you know, Bishop Pates has encouraged parishes to make use of the specific Mass formularies available during this time of transition. To that end, on Thursday, February 28, the 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose will be offered "For the Pope," (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions #2). The Eucharistic Prayer will be, as suggested by the USCCB materials, Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions #1: The Church on the Path of Unity. Following the Mass, the Cathedral bell will ring until after 1:00 p.m., in gratitude for the Petrine ministry of Pope Benedict XVI.

I invite you to consider uniting in that spirit for your morning and noon Masses (if they conclude by 1:00 p.m.). If you have bells, you might ring them in festive fashion around or immediately after 1:00 p.m. Catholic Churches around the world and closer to home will be doing this. Use the Mass "For a Pope," complete with white vestments. The Lectionary readings remain those for the Lenten weekday.

After 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, the Church will enter a time of prayer for the Church and the electors, the sede vacante or interregnum ("vacant see" or "between reigns"). During this time, consult the USCCB guide to see how to adjust Eucharistic Prayers. Put simply, the petitions for the Holy Father are omitted, but the materials have conveniently outlined how this is to be done. The Mass formulary "For the Election of a Pope" may be of interest sometime during the sede vacante, when the liturgical calendar allows (Lenten weekdays). After the new pope is elected, if the liturgical calendar allows, another Mass "For the Pope" may be offered.

The Worship Office has a web page with some information on the papal transition that you might consider sharing, if you find it helpful. Visit [www.dmdiocese.org/papaltransition.cfm](http://www.dmdiocese.org/papaltransition.cfm) for prayers and other information. I've written a blog post with some information on this intriguing time in the life of our Church. Visit <http://blog.dmdiocese.org/index.cfm?category=1>. The USCCB has put together a very informative question and answer sheet on the papal transition that you might find helpful.

I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.

Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the

care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.

Os he convocado a este Consistorio, no sólo para las tres causas de canonización, sino también para comunicaros una decisión de gran importancia para la vida de la Iglesia. Después de haber examinado ante Dios reiteradamente mi conciencia, he llegado a la certeza de que, por la edad avanzada, ya no tengo fuerzas para ejercer adecuadamente el ministerio petrino. Soy muy consciente de que este ministerio, por su naturaleza espiritual, debe ser llevado a cabo no únicamente con obras y palabras, sino también y en no menor grado sufriendo y rezando. Sin embargo, en el mundo de hoy, sujeto a rápidas transformaciones y sacudido por cuestiones de gran relieve para la vida de la fe, para gobernar la barca de san Pedro y anunciar el Evangelio, es necesario también el vigor tanto del cuerpo como del espíritu, vigor que, en los últimos meses, ha disminuido en mí de tal forma que he de reconocer mi incapacidad para ejercer bien el ministerio que me fue encomendado. Por esto, siendo muy consciente de la seriedad de este acto, con plena libertad, declaro que renuncio al ministerio de Obispo de Roma, Sucesor de San Pedro, que me fue confiado por medio de los Cardenales el 19 de abril de 2005, de forma que, desde el 28 de febrero de 2013, a las 20.00 horas, la sede de Roma, la sede de San Pedro, quedará vacante y deberá ser convocado, por medio de quien tiene competencias, el cónclave para la elección del nuevo Sumo Pontífice.

Queridísimos hermanos, os doy las gracias de corazón por todo el amor y el trabajo con que habéis llevado junto a mí el peso de mi ministerio, y pido perdón por todos mis defectos. Ahora, confiamos la Iglesia al cuidado de su Sumo Pastor, Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y suplicamos a María, su Santa Madre, que asista con su materna bondad a los Padres Cardenales al elegir el nuevo Sumo Pontífice. Por lo que a mi respecta, también en el futuro, quisiera servir de todo corazón a la Santa Iglesia de Dios con una vida dedicada a la plegaria.

Prayers for farms and farmers are a part of life here in Iowa. This year, with conditions now at the worst in nearly 25 years, those prayers are more persistent. NOAA recently declared that conditions around the nation are at their worst since 1956. We've received a few requests for prayers in time of drought, and here is one option that pastors and parishioners may find helpful. This was composed by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

The Des Moines Area Religious Council is delighted to announce the second lecture in the David Bear Memorial Interfaith Lecture Series. This year's event will be held on May 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m., in Waveland Hall at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. in Des Moines. Speaking on "The Role of Music in Worship" and leading us in song will be Kyle Lechtenberg, Director, Office of Worship, Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines and Linda Shivers, Cantor, Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

This series of lectures is made possible by a legacy left by David Bear, a prominent Des Moines engineer and businessman for more than 50 years. Bear was passionate about serving the community. A member and leader at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, he was a pioneer in breaking down barriers among people of all faiths. In addition to his many other professional and community affiliations, he served as President of the Des Moines Area Religious Council in 1992 and was President of the DMARC Foundation in 1989 and 1990. He continued to serve as a board member of the Foundation until his death in the spring of 2010. In his honor, the Bear family has established the David Bear Memorial Interfaith Lecture Series. The lecture is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Please visit the DMARC website: [www.dmreligious.org/lectures](http://www.dmreligious.org/lectures) or call (515) 277-6969 for more information.

As western Christians observe the sacred mysteries of faith, named differently as Holy Week, the Great Three Days, the Triduum, Easter; as Eastern Christians prepare to celebrate the same feasts next weekend; as people of the Jewish faith observe Passover, this voice from the Muslim American community is a powerful witness to the need to pull together.

&ldquo;We have inherited a large house, a great world house in which we have to live together &mdash; black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim and Hindu &mdash; a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.&rdquo;

The religious leaders who have indicated they will join Bishop Pates in leading the service are, in alphabetical order: Father Basil Hickman of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George; the Reverend Jean McCarthy, Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; the Reverend Chris Olkiewicz of Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, the Reverend Sarai Rice of the Des Moines Area Religious Council; the Reverend David Sickella of the Urbandale United Church of Christ; and the Reverend Tom Webster of Wakonda Christian Church.

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