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The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new Catholic Education & Activity Center, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!

October 19, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

FOR LOVE OF COMMUNITY! This Friday, October 26th our 8 grade girls and boys basketball teams will be competing against Columbia Middle School in a benefit game for the **Webb family**, who lost their dear wife and mother Emily in a car accident in Columbia back in February. CMS Coach Jon Wehrenberg is leading the charge. There will be a 50/50 raffle and raffle for both game balls. Tickets are \$5 per person. The games are slated for Oct. 26 at 6 pm at the high school gym. 8th girls followed by 8th boys. Wear your school colors or the special t-shirt you ordered. We will have a **jeans day with T-shirts or spirit wear (FREE WILL DONATION) on Thursday, October 25** as an additional donation. Come out and be the hands of Christ as we come together and share the love of our community in support the Webb family! **No school on Friday as we recover from S-P-T Conferences!**

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES We hope for 100% attendance. Sign up on the website home page under latest news. Bring your child! **Report cards** and Iowa scores will be given out at conferences.

Parents & Friends is coordinating a potluck dinner for our teachers during Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, Oct. 23. We would greatly appreciate your contribution to the dinner! Please click [here](#) to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Kara Boyd at knboyd2@yahoo.com.

Mix-It-Up Day Grades 7-8 head to Sr. Thea Bowman School on Monday while the rest of the school mixes it up here. We are a community. The more we realize this the farther we go! (*IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.*) We will take the parish check for Sr. Thea Bowman along on Monday. Over \$10,000 from our parish annual campaign. Mrs. Weiler will present as former chairman of the Parish Council. This will be a fun day of learning.

LAST CALL MONDAY BOX TOPS can be turned into the office with teacher name on the sheets.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL YOUNG AUTHORS WINNERS! Participants should be very proud of their effort; we had so many great stories submitted this year. Huge thanks to all our judges! And thanks to **Carrie Stark** too for chairing one of our best endeavors!

1st Mrs. Borgmeyer First place: Bryce Frierdich Runners-up: Olivia Day & Jackson Pechacek
1st Mrs. Neff First place: Cole Lewandoski Runners-up: Alaina Ettling & Chase Southerland
2nd Mrs. Diewald First place: Maxine Conner Runners-up: Kaylee Eichenseer & Lillian Kolweier
2nd Mrs. Meyer First place: Bree Heimburger Runners-up: Arilyn Baker & Morgan Conrad
3rd Mrs. Matrisotto First place: Isabel Roche Runners-up: Maya Dill & Dante Gianino
3rd Ms. Kennedy First place: Julia Drury Runners-up: Liam Johnson & Nicholas Wahle
4th Mrs. Donjon First place: Julia Hoeflinger Runners-up: Lucas Sheehan & Claire Wachtel
4th Mrs. Ettling First place: Anna Hornacek Runners-up: Easton Dill & Eleanor McGuire
5th Mrs. Schauster First place: Avery Ellner Runner-up: Layne Traxler
5th Mrs. Taylor First place: Caroline Roche Runner-up: Karina Jerkatis
6th Ms. Taylor First place: Brooke Heimburger Runners-up: Claire Barbour & Ava Hdrlicka
7th Mrs. Weiler First place: Brock Murphy Runners-up: Lily Barrett & Kyra Newton
7th Mrs. Tolan First place: Joe Tyler Runners-up: Hope Pollmann & Kristina Videmschek
8th Mr. Kassebaum First place: Anna Haubrich Runners-up: Maria Biske & Tyler Wahle



TRIVIA NIGHT 2018 Which fabulous ICS business owners would like to sponsor this year's trivia night? Our event and silent auction sponsorships have already sold, but we still have round sponsorships available. This is a very affordable sponsorship for businesses to promote their product/services. Our ICS family tries to stay loyal to one another, but we can't be your customer if we don't know about you. :And non-local business owners, please remember we know how to spend money outside of Columbia! Contact Kara Boyd (knboyd2@yahoo.com) or [click here](#) for

more information. [Form](#)

ICS Trivia Night

When: Saturday November 3

Where: ICS Gym

Time: Doors Open at 6pm, Trivia Starts at 7pm

Cost: \$200 for a table of 10- this includes your mulligans and extra games- Heads or Tails and "I Never" for a chance to win gift cards.

Dress in your favorite 90s outfit- prize for the best dressed!

Bring your own snacks and drinks. See attached flyer

Email table reservations to lcstrivia@gmail.com ; please send in payment to Mrs. Epplin

Questions? Please contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

COOL VIEWINGS: We received new LED lighting through an Ameren no-cost grant. We changed over 1000 bulbs. T-8's to LED! We should save close to \$1000 in energy use till we move out, dropping each bulb from 32 watts to 17 watts.

MOVING WEEK Please set aside the **MOVE WEEK** on your calendar to help us move.

March 4 Casimir Pulaski Day---only 8th in session

March 6 Ash Wednesday---All School---at Church---buses

March 7 Lower grade Mass- 8th return

March 8 Last day---All school Mass

March 9-17 Movin' on up! To the north side. To a deluxe facility near the sky!

March 18 Opening Day---Thanks be to God! Ave Maria!



17th Annual Parish Christmas Party..

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

December 12, 2015 in the ICS Gym

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. & Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Soda & Beer included with meal.

Music and Dancing provided by "A Family Affair"

Visit from Santa Claus

All Are Welcome!!!

Reservations are required, Please Pay in Advance.

Please contact John Haubrich for reservations at 618.281.6021 or email john at kechristmasparty@gmail.com

Ticket information: Adults (13 and older): \$12 Children (ages 7-12): \$5 Kids 6 and under: FREE!

The 2018 Parish Christmas Party hosted by the KCs

is right around the corner.

*Annual Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Party

*Saturday, December 8, 2018 in the ICS Gym

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and

Dancing until 10:30 p.m.

*Ticket information:

*Adults (13 and older): \$12

*Children (ages 7-12): \$6

*Kids 6 and under: FREE!

ICS NEWS...Prodcast for 10-19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJp1FgoQldQ>

IC Council of Catholic Women This Sunday Funday-October 21st-Garden Level-1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.-\$5.00 admission-\$15 per family-Bring your favorite card or board game to play with old or new friends-Prizes-Dessert and Appetizer Smorgasbord.

THE SPORTING NEWS.. CROSS COUNTRY

ICS sent their very FIRST ever cross country TEAM to the SIJHAA State XC meet on Saturday 10-13-18, We have participated in the past as individuals and 2 years ago, Marie Prindiville placed 2nd at the SIJHAA State XC meet. This year we sent a boys team and a girls team to the Meet! A team consists of at least 5 runners (each school can enter up to 7 runners in each race).

The girls participating in the Varsity Girls race 1.86 miles

Marisa McGill 14:41 Ava Hake 17:06 Mariska Lyle 17:58 Cheyenne May 20:34

Kaila Jerkatis 20:38 Kyra Newton 21:28 Hailey Wilkerson 21:42

The girls made me so proud because their goal was to finish and walk as little as possible. Everyone did their best! Ava Hake, Marisa McGill and Kyra Newton beat their previous times on this course!

The Boys participating in the Varsity Boys race 1.86 miles

Owen Dalpoas 12:20 Drew Roche 12:20 Lucas Sheehan 12:34 Luke Dalpoas 12:52

Riley McGill 12:56 Michael Wessel 14:49

The boys ran AWESOME! Everyone ran their best race of the year and out of 35 Boys varsity teams (mostly 7th and 8th grade runners) we placed **21st** with 2 7th grade boys, 1 sixth grade boy, 2 5th Grade boys and 1 4th Grade Boy! For a team this young, we had a great meet!

The cross country season is over for now but running club will begin on 10-24-2018. Thanks to Coach Susan Dalpoas for sharing the love of running.

Retake day will all be Wednesday, 10/24/18 Starting about 10am after mass in the gym. If your child was absent during school picture day please have them dress up for retake day. Order form attached. If there was an issue with your child's picture and you want them retaken, please write a note explaining the reason for the retake and send it with the package you ordered on retake day. Expectable reasons for retakes: Glass glare, out of focus and eyes closed etc.

Yearbooks: We have extra yearbooks in the office, if you did not get yours ordered in time for last years book, come to the office-on sale for \$20



4th Grade Field Trip Prep John Johnson and Mike Doiron from Heartland Barge, visited the fourth grade to help them understand more about barges and river traffic. Students will be visiting the Alton Lock and Dam today as part of their Transportation unit along with St. Louis Downtown Airport.

THANKS to our **First Grade Daisy Troop** and Brie Mueller for cleaning our grounds as a project this week! As Pope Francis reminds us, we all need to care for our Common Home!



World Dictionary Day was celebrated with the help of the Columbia Rotary on October 16 as each ICS third grader was presented with a new dictionary. Members of the Club assisting were Chairman Tim Gutknecht, Courtney Hunter, Mitch Essert, Mandy Herbeck, Adam Linnemann, and Gary Crawford. ICS teachers are Christine Matrisotto and Tara Kennedy.



The Knights of Columbus Car, Truck, and Tractor Family Fun Show was a great event. Wyatt Witges, from the kindergarten class, won a trophy for his tractor that he has been restoring with his Dad. (Two trophies on a John Deere seat!)

GRADS IN THE NEWS...At the Monday SWIC High School Math Contest, ICS Grads Senior Sarah Rose took second, Junior Spencer Biske first and Freshman Noah Newton placed first. Our Crusaders march on! Congratulations!

As a little testimony from our Grads, I heard last night that it is spirit week at Missouri State. The fraternities and sororities are allowed to send an individual to the talent show. Morgan Ladyman (Gibault) took second and Maria Barton (CHS) third. MO STATE is Gibault and Columbia south! And 5 of the 8 Hawkapellas at Gibault are ICS grads! They have a viral version of the National Anthem recorded in a grain silo that is trending...

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

GIBAULT DINNER AUCTION If you are a Gibault Grad or want to catch the spirit, their Dinner Auction is Saturday. Andrea Biske is in charge but it is a huge undertaking. It is a fun night out with good food and company and lots of bargains.

Gibault Catholic Open House on Sunday, November 4 from 11AM-2PM. Come see what we have to offer... **Something Better, Within Reach!** Visit with teachers, learn about the electronic curriculum, tour the classrooms, and see some of our students in action. Welcome to the Gibault Catholic family!

Fall Rummage Sale: The Gibault Women's Club will hold its fall rummage sale on Saturday, November 10 from 8AM to 3PM. Donations will be accepted November 5-8. Please, no large furniture or exercise equipment. TVs and computers will be accepted. Come check out the bargains!

Everyone deserves a Catholic education, regardless of means *By Annemarie Scobey*

Helping young people become followers of Christ... means making Catholic education accessible to all.

"Why do you send your boys to a Catholic school?" my sons' pediatrician asked, looking at the St. Monica school sweatshirts and uniform pants my two boys had strewn over the floor of the examining room. It was the boys' yearly checkup, in 2002, and they sat expectantly in their Hot Wheels

underwear as their doctor walked in.

“You live in one of the top school districts in the state,” the doctor continued, taking out an instrument and peering into 4-year-old Liam’s ear. “You’re paying for those schools with your taxes. You should be taking advantage of them.” He tapped Liam on the knee with a tiny hammer, and Liam’s eyes widened as his leg shot up in reflex.

One of the reasons I liked my sons’ pediatrician was that he wasn’t afraid to challenge me. Whether he was trying to persuade me to buy organic produce or switch the boys from regular milk to soy milk, the doctor had an opinion on everything, and I always left his office with something to think about.

As the doctor finished with Liam and moved onto 7-year-old Jacob, I explained that while my husband and I have great respect for the public schools in our area, we wanted our boys to learn about their faith on a daily basis.

“But you can teach them that at home,” the doctor said. “Save your tuition money.”

At home. I remember thinking that while I didn’t know how other people’s homes functioned, I did know that matching St. Monica’s 45 minutes of daily religious instruction would be a stretch in our household, where some days we didn’t have an extra 45 seconds to find a matching pair of socks. Even more than the daily religion classes, there were a thousand tiny things that happened over the course of a year at a Catholic school—moments we would have to give up if we chose public education over Catholic. And now, 16 years after that pediatric visit, with two daughters in addition to those little boys, a little more wisdom, and 16 more years of Catholic education at the elementary, high school, and college levels, I would confidently tell the doctor that we were putting our money in the right place.

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that the **Children's Choir** will be singing at **9:00 mass this Sunday October 21**. Please have your children to the choir risers in church by 8:45. Thank you! Karen



History in our time. Matthew Shepherd’s ashes have been moved to Washington National Cathedral in D.C. 20 years ago he was the victim of a hate crime turned into murder. We visit this Gothic church every year. 6th largest church in the world. No steel. Woodrow Wilson buried there along with Robert Landon-founder of the Lafayette Escadrille, Commodore Peary, Lars Andersen, cremains of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan. It also boasts the “Moon Rock” window which was installed by the Frei Company who built our Marian window.

The 'Space Window' was designed by St. Louis artist Rodney Winfield and fabricated under his supervision. Whirling stars and orbiting planets are depicted in orange, red and white on a deep blue and green field. The moon rock, weighing only 7.18 grams was set later in the center of the Space Window, the culmination of more than four years of work and planning by Dr. Paine, Winfield, Dr. Fletcher and Dean Sayre. President Nixon authorized the gift of the NASA moon rock earlier in the year.

Buzz Aldrin attended St. Alban’s, a prep school on the grounds.

My Aunt Pearl Mueller is suffering from pneumonia at Memorial Hospital. Prayers appreciated.

Gerald Kish, my oldest brother (73), is in the hospital in serious condition from an infection and cancer. Prayers for his family please. They live in Virginia and distance hurts at a time like this. Fr. Carl’s sister **Linda** is home and doing well. Her surgeon at Barnes was Dr. Brian Zipfel whose Mom and Dad just moved here from Red Bud and are already active in our parish.

Karen Lundy and MaryBeth Babcock's Mom **Dion** is expected to make a full recovery from her recent stroke. Prayers are appreciated!

Ms. Catie Taylor's Grandmother is back in the hospital after a fall yesterday. Please keep **Angela Roepke** in your prayers.

CALVIN FRIES, who tended our school and parish property so lovingly for years prior to the picnic, will be laid to rest at JB Monday at 10:00. Calvin has a field at the Legion named in his honor. Calvin lived for 82 years but he packed in 100 years of motion! At the first sighting of Jesus, He was thought to be the gardener. Calvin played that role for us! God's peace to him and his family!



Calvin W. Fries, 84 of Columbia, IL, passed away on October 16, 2018 at Missouri Baptist Hospital, Sullivan, MO. He was born August 11, 1934, in Valmeyer, IL. He was married to Carol, nee Beckerle, Fries, who survives him. They were married November 17, 1956, in Columbia, IL.

Cal was a member of American Legion Post 581, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he was a member of the Holy Name Society, and honorary member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6165, Columbia, IL, Columbia Gymnastic Association, and the Monsanto Local #12 Retirees. He had worked as a laborer with Luhr Brothers Construction Co., Columbia, IL. He had served in the U.S. Army, and was a veteran of the Korean War.

Also surviving are his children; Kevin (Pam) Fries of Columbia, IL, Kathy (Doug) Schroeder of St. Louis, MO, Kurt (Tammy) Fries of Millstadt, IL, Karen (Casey) Dunn of Binghamton, NY, Kent (Sara) Fries of Mendocino, CA, Donna (Mark) Albers of Sarasota, FL, and Michelle (Roy) Kelling of Columbia, IL; 13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sister, Imogene Yarbrough of Waterloo, IL; along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Armin and Pearl, nee Trost, Fries; brother, Karle A. Fries.

Visitation will be Sunday, October, 21, 2018, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, and Monday, October, 22, 2018, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL. Funeral Mass will be held, Monday, October 22, 2018, at 10:00 am at church, with Fr. Carl Scherrer, officiating. Interment will follow in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Immaculate Conception Education and Activities Center Building Fund, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL, 62236. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Pearl Mueller, Gerald Kish, Tom Johns, Angela Roepke, George Perry, Joyce LaPrade, Tabitha LaPrade, Kathy Neal, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jerry Weiler, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Pat Schwartz, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto

World Mission Sunday takes place every year on the next-to-last Sunday in October, Mission Month. On this day, Catholics all over the world celebrate the Eucharist as "one family in mission." As we pray and offer help on World Mission Sunday, we are sharing in those celebrations taking place in every **parish**, seminary, school and convent all over the world. Our brothers and sisters in the Missions also offer their prayers and sacrifices so that others may come to know Jesus!

Taking care of others is really instinctive. "Me, myself, and I" is instinctive. Once our reptilian brain can rise above our fears and addictions and self-centeredness, we can think globally and act locally and get involved in missions. Our parish is very active in the missionary work of the Church. St.

Raymond's in Guatemala, St. Vincent DePaul ministry, 2% Sunday in February, all those special envelopes in our packet, special collections, helping the Webb Family within our community---all missionary work. As Jesus taught us so well, first take care of temporal needs of the poor in body and spirit around us and then the Spirit can do His work. Thanks for being missionaries---for hearing the cry of the poor! We will all take a turn in needing our cry to be heard! And like St. Mother Theresa of Kolkutta said, we are all "pencils in the hand of God",

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY St. John Paul II created these additional mysteries from the life of Jesus to help us pray.

The First Luminous Mystery:

The Second Luminous Mystery:

The Third Luminous Mystery:

The Fourth Luminous Mystery:

The Fifth Luminous Mystery:

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE WEDDING OF CANA

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM

THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

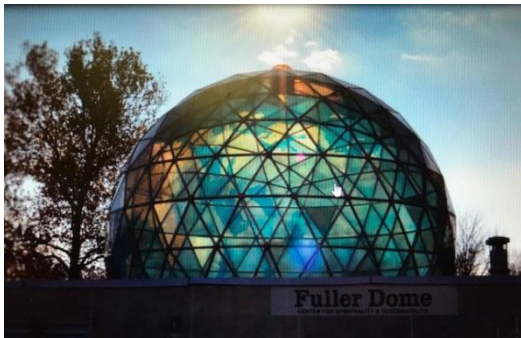
Praised be Jesus Christ!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS If you are going to eat out next Saturday, come to Reifschneiders! There is a fund raiser for Laura Oberkfell's Mom **Kathy Neal** and a percentage of the meal will go towards her treatment.

PS **TRUNK or TREAT** IS October 28. We circle our cars and pass out candy to our saints and spirits. We are looking for costume judges at Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 28th at 5pm. Please call Pat McDermott at 618-779-1183. Your chance to be on the court and a front row view!



As we face the greatest crisis in the history of the Catholic Church, we do need to have a plan on survival. The **Center of Spirituality at SIUE, designed by R. Buckminster Fuller**--- looks out at the world. It reminds us we must be like the panels of a geodesic dome that can withstand the pressure of sinners amongst us. We do not take on the blame. That goes to the sinners and those who said it could be pedophilia could be treated and cured and should be covered up so the church, like a family with an abuse crisis, could be kept from shame. We do not do this anymore. Civil authorities will handle claims

from reports. Educate your child to stand up to sexual abuse and report it and pray for the recovery of the abused. No child or trusting person should have to suffer this abuse. The majority of us not directly affected have to help play a role in be the geodesic dome!

Five things you need to know about sexual abuse in the church

Trying to make sense of the Pennsylvania grand jury report? Here are five things to keep in mind.

By **Nicholas Cafardi** | Nicholas Cafardi is a former chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People.

1. Too many bishops thought first about protecting the institution and not enough about taking care of the victims.

The Catholic faithful in the United States have before us numerous public reports on sexual abuse in the church (the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) National Review Board 2004 Report, two John Jay College of Criminal Law studies, and various grand jury reports, including [the recent Pennsylvania](#)

report), dating back over the last 14 years. All reach a common conclusion: When confronted with the child victims of clergy sexual abuse, too many of our bishops thought first of protecting the institution and not enough about the victims.

Many bishops thought they had “to protect the church from scandal.” *Scandal* here means causing confusion among the faithful. If the bishops had been up-front about the facts of clergy child sexual abuse when it happened, they feared the harm that news would cause the faithful. There is, after all, hardly anything worse a church can do than preach one thing and do another. It makes people think: What do they really believe? What a number of bishops really believed was that our salvation depended on them, the institution, and not on Christ. They had to protect us from the truth, in a church whose founder said He was the Truth. Yes, the truth would have been difficult to hear at the time, but hearing it now, in many cases decades later, in the context of a cover-up is much worse. In protecting us from “scandal,” our bishops have created a second state that is worse than the first.

2. Some bishops acted more like bureaucrats and not enough like pastors when confronted with clergy child sexual abuse.

The institutional church, for better or for worse, is an all-male patriarchy with males at increasingly higher levels of authority, exercising power over those below them. When patriarchies are threatened by external forces (a child victim seeking accountability), strange things happen. Walls are drawn, defenses are put up. Decisions are made by the patriarchs, often in secret, about what will protect the patriarchy and their own careers and rewards within it. Those at the lower levels of the patriarchy are expected to fall in line, because one day those careers and rewards may be theirs.

No concern is shown for those outside the patriarchy. The victim is basically on his/her own or at best a secondary consideration. Patriarchs, concerned with maintaining the patriarchy, do not function as pastors; they do not manifest concern for those on the outside of the patriarchy. They are men of the church, but not men for the church.

3. The news of sexual abuse by clergy will get worse before it gets better.

Since the August 14 release of the Pennsylvania grand jury report, more than 100 calls have been made to the attorney general’s hotline by other victims coming forward. These are in addition to the almost 1,000 victims referenced in the report. So the news cycle on this matter is not closed.

The report also overlaps with another issue of sexual abuse in our church, one that the McCarrick matter has brought to light, namely a bishop's or seminary professor's use of their authority to sexually abuse adults within their control, such as seminarians or young priests. The McCarrick case merits further investigation. How did someone with his clandestine reputation as “Uncle Ted” with his Jersey beach house and his private overnight place at a New York hospital get so far?

McCarrick is not the only hierarch in this situation. There are similar reports about the former archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis that have yet to be resolved. Cases like this raise the possibility that one reason some bishops mishandled the sexual abuse of children by priests was that they saw in the priest their own sexual proclivities, whether acted upon or not. Or, even worse, others knew about bishops’ sexual proclivities and they risked being “outed” if they came down hard on a priest for similar behavior. Indeed, right now two seminaries in the United States, in Boston and Lincoln, Nebraska, are under investigation for improper sexual activity.

4. Constant vigilance is required by the laity.(BTW---Our Bishop Wilton Gregory led the charge on this!)

The Dallas Norms, adopted by the American bishops in 2002 and approved by the Holy See, have changed things in the United States. Victims of sexual abuse are given the care and concern they deserve. Reports are made to public authorities. No priest or deacon with a credible charge of child sexual abuse may remain in ministry.

As a result, almost all of the child sexual abuse cases that we hear about now are old cases. Ninety percent of the cases in the Pennsylvania grand jury report predate 1990. Thanks to Dallas, there have been very few cases of clergy child sexual abuse in the United States since 2002.

But the Dallas Norms are not permanent. They need to be renewed by the bishops every few years, and renewal is not automatic. The laity must insist that the Dallas Norms be made permanent. The laity should also require that our bishops include themselves in the Norms. When they were written in 2002, they were written to cover only offending priests and deacons; bishops were and still are omitted.

5. The laity must support the victims. We must also support our good priests.

The victims who have come forward have not harmed the church. Instead, it's the other way around. Child sexual abuse can cause lifetime injury, often leading to drug and alcohol abuse, unsuccessful careers, unsuccessful marriages, and even suicide. The victims have suffered enough. They do not deserve our disdain, but our support. They are dealing with psychological issues that, thankfully, most of us will never know. Their coming forward did a great service to the church that is not yet fully appreciated. Supporting victims and urging them to come forward is one way we can move past this crisis.

And, even with the almost 300 priests mentioned in the Pennsylvania grand jury report, the fact is that around 5 percent of clergy active in the United States from 1950 to the present sexually abused youngsters. That leaves 95 percent of our priests who have lived chaste lives serving the people of God. But, in the public eye, they are tarred with the same brush as their offending colleagues in ministry.

These faithful priests must bear the brunt of a problem that is not of their making. They must go on ministering to their people, reading the newspaper stories, hearing the comments, trying to explain the unexplainable. They deserve our support. Another way we can move forward from this crisis is to appreciate the priests who did and continue to do their jobs the right way, giving completely of themselves for their people. They are men for the church.