

# Plentiful REDEMPTION



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# PROVINCIAL'S PREFACE



*Dear Friends,*

During our celebration of St. John Neumann's bicentennial — which recalls his birth, his life and his work as a Redemptorist, a priest, and a bishop of the Church — one thing is certain: St. John Neumann was a man of the people.

He was totally dedicated to the people and gave his life for them. I cannot imagine how a man who was instrumental in

the building of 80 churches and 35 schools in eight years could do that without being constantly with his people, caring for them, serving them and loving them.

Over my 48 years as a Redemptorist (41 of those years as a priest, a pastor and a superior), I've learned that one of the most important gifts that any Redemptorist can give to his people is to be present to them, to care for them and to

love them. It is in the sacramental life of the Church that we see our people constantly, but whether we are priests or brothers, as Redemptorists we always have the opportunity to be with our people.

Many years ago I visited our cemetery in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico with Fr. John Gauci. In that cemetery, many of our confreres had been deceased for more than 50 years. When we arrived at the Redemptorist plot, three elderly people were planting flowers at our confreres' graves. I was so touched that people still remembered them. It was an emotional moment.

Those deceased priests and brothers were remembered because they were present to those people, because they cared for them, served them and loved them. Those elderly people told us how the Redemptorists were loved by the

people, and were part of their family life. It was inspiring.

How many times do people want to speak to one of us to seek advice, comfort and peace? How many times have people spoken to me about a certain Redemptorist who visited their father or mother who was dying in the hospital, and they tell me that visit meant everything to their family?

People never forget presence, care, forgiveness, kindness, generosity and love. We have a wonderful vocation, and we thank God every day for this gift and the opportunity to be with our people, God's people, to be there in their joys and sorrows, to be there to celebrate, to comfort, to mourn, to bless and to love them.

We as Redemptorists are so blessed in having so many people who care about us and love us. So many people pray for us, help us in our ministries and financially support our work. We are thankful for all of these people who are much more than anonymous faces in the crowd — they are our family and friends.

I thank each one of you, in the name of the Redemptorists, for all you do and for all you are for us.

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Rev. Kevin Moley C.Ss.R.*

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*Plentiful Redemption* is distributed quarterly to friends and collaborators of the Redemptorists. We aim to tell the story of God's bountiful love and inspire our readers to partner with us to continue spreading the Good News to all people, especially the poor and most spiritually abandoned.

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## **Remembering 9/11: A day of prayer**

One of the most moving days that I have ever had in my 36 years of priesthood was as a chaplain at Ground Zero. I was taken to a temporary morgue and my day began. Throughout the day, the covered remains of victims were brought to this room by the rescue workers. Even though some had been doing this work for days and weeks, the workers always showed great respect for the broken bodies that they had found.

One of the firefighters would say, "Hats off!" And then he would turn to me and say, "Father." I then would lead

the group in prayer over the remains. I did this for eight hours, probably more than a hundred times.

On a dusty wall at Ground Zero, I noticed that someone had written with their fingers, "In God we trust." I found God so very present that day in the loving care that was provided for the deceased of the Twin Towers. God is good. (*Fr. Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R.*)

*To read more reflections from Redemptorists who worked and prayed in New York City on September 11, 2001, visit [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net).*

# Advancing the Mission



Sometimes a solution can be staring you right in the face and yet it's hard to see. What is needed is perspective, a standing-back, a scope of the entire issue. Perhaps two stories, one of a young boy and the second an old woman, will give us that view.

A truck that was too tall got stuck in the tunnel. Nobody could figure out how to get the truck out of the tunnel. Police and firemen and engineers talked of breaking up bricks or scraping down metal until a young boy suggested letting the air out of the truck's tires. The truck was freed and the boy was given a plastic fire truck.

And there is the story of the 17 camels that were left to three sons: to the first son, half the camels; to the second son, a third of the camels; and to the youngest son, a ninth. The three men got into an argument: 17 doesn't divide by two. It doesn't divide by three. It doesn't divide by nine. Tempers became strained.

An old woman was looking on and said, "Here, have my camel." So then they had 18 camels. The first son took his half — half of 18 is nine. The second son took his third — a third of 18 is six. The youngest son took his ninth — a ninth of 18 is two. You get 17. They had one camel left over. They gave it back to the wise old woman.

Taking a step back gives us a fresh view on possibilities. That is why I am so grateful for my staff, consultants, and the ROMA Advisory Council, who each bring insight as I work constantly to see the bigger picture and then identify resolutions to the challenges.

I want to thank you for sharing your ideas and concerns with us as well. As ROMA enters its third year, you are a true partner in helping give this still-new ministry a bigger picture. With such great input, ROMA is better able to be an active presence and to keep our friends and donors inspired and informed through mailings, our website and social media.

Your support also is so important. We sincerely need your help to advance the mission of the Redemptorists. Thank you, too, for using the envelope found in this newsletter.

*Fr. Daniel Francis, C.Ss.R.*

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## Meet ROMA's Staff

I often mention the staff here at ROMA and the important part they play in helping us advance the mission. They're also the people who join me daily in praying especially for our donors and their needs. I'd like to introduce them to you here:

Back row, from left:

Fr. Daniel Francis, executive director; Michael Schoolden, development services manager; Ashleigh Shortridge, development assistant; Kevin Ancheta, fulfillment coordinator; Elizabeth Góral-Makowski, director of development.

Front row, from left:

Diane Nicholson, grants writer; Audrey Nelson, finance manager; Kathy Whaley, administrative assistant; Stephanie K. Tracy, communications manager.



# Neumann's first concern: His people

By Rev. Richard Boever, C.Ss.R.

From the very first day that St. John Neumann entered the seminary in 1833 to his death in 1860, he never lost sight of his purpose in life. He had his ups and downs, indeed, and the future course of his ministry would not always be according to his own choosing; but his goal always remained the same: to be pastorally present to the people God placed along his path.

This is perhaps most evident in the years he served as Bishop of Philadelphia. He didn't seek the dignity; in fact, when word first came to him of this charge, he told one of his Redemptorist confreres that, "If the Lord gave me a choice to die or to accept this dignity, I should prefer to lay down my life." Nonetheless, Neumann embraced his charge with full spirit.

He also did it in his own way, and this meant that he would be a bishop for the people. He resolved to visit each parish in the city of Philadelphia annually and every parish in the countryside every two years. This was no small challenge and would pull him from administrative duties that would hold fast many another man in his position.

To cover all his obligations, he was found working late into the night. Eventually, he would suggest that the diocese be divided so he could be more present to his flock. He offered to take the rural areas of the diocese if it were feasible to split the immense territory. "Because of the great distances from the Episcopal See," he reasoned with the higher authorities, "it is very difficult to be close to my priests. And although I have been occupied every year for at least five months on holy visitation, there still remain missions which I have been unable to visit."

His request to divide the diocese seemed very reasonable to him. "The City of Philadelphia, which has more than five hundred thousand inhabitants and (if you will pardon the statement) a very worldly character, needs someone else instead of myself who am too plain and not sufficiently talented; besides, I love solitude."

He felt a definite connection with less sophisticated people, the simpler persons whom more ambitious bishops might slight. "For more than fifteen years, I was occupied on the North American missions; I have loved corporal labors and journeys to the mountains and through the forests. Visiting



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Catholic families separated from one another by long distances and preaching to them, etc., has been my greatest pleasure."

Neumann's diocese was never split during his lifetime; instead a coadjutor bishop was assigned to the city and enjoyed the right of succession upon Neumann's death. Neumann had to make clear that his proposals to split the diocese were never intended to be read as the desire to resign the ministry of being bishop. As with all other turns of events in his life, Neumann accepted the reality of his life and continued to give himself without reserve, leading him to an early death in the midst of great apostolic zeal.

This was exactly how St. John wished to live his life — in complete surrender to God's will for the good of the faithful; and this was noted far and wide. It was the former vicar general of his diocese who captured the apostolic zeal and pastoral presence of John Neumann: "He spared himself in nothing!"

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*Fr. Boever began his acquaintance with St. John Neumann 30 years ago while writing his doctoral dissertation. He recently published a new biography, "St. John Neumann: His Writings and Spirituality," written in the first person and based on major personal documents of the saint. A member of the Denver Province, he is currently stationed at the Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia.*

# A celebration of hope in Baltimore

On Sunday, August 7, two Redemptorist parishes marked a new beginning. After more than 150 years, St. Michael's closed its doors due to rising maintenance costs and shifting demographics. The parishioners came together with Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish a few blocks to the east to form a new multi-cultural community.

On a warm and humid Sunday morning, parishioners from St. Michael's processed the Blessed Sacrament to their new church home. They were greeted by Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop Denis Madden who was also the principal celebrant of a bilingual Mass that marked the new community's birthday.



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## On the Web

For additional photos and more information visit [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net).



## Redemptorists on Facebook?

In every issue of *Plentiful Redemption*, we try to bring you the best of what's happened among the Redemptorists in the last few months. But so much more goes on than we could ever squeeze into 12 pages!

There's an easy way to keep up with us between editions: join us on Facebook!

Did you know that the fastest growing demographic for Facebook and similar websites is age 50-plus? Did you know the Redemptorists are on Facebook? No? Well, we're easy to find!

Go to [facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore](https://facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore) or visit our website, [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net) and click on the Facebook button on our homepage. Once you find our page, click the "like" button. Our updates will automatically show up in your Facebook News Feed.

Get timely updates. Join us for our annual online novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Browse our photos... maybe you'll see a face you haven't seen in awhile! Share your prayer requests.

Join our online community and stay in touch!



Here's a sampling of some of the recent conversation on our Facebook page:

"Please pray for David who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. May God strengthen him and perhaps send a miracle his way. Fr. John FX O'Connor (rip) told me all about Father Francis Xavier Seelos...perhaps he will hear our prayers."

"Congrats and blessings to my friend, Fr. John McLaughlin CSsR on being named as pastor of OMPH, Ephrata, PA! Thankful also that Fr. Pat McGarrity, CSsR is staying around!"

"Our parish in NC wants to have a parish mission during Lent 2012. Can you recommend a resource we could contact to run the mission?"

"So good to see Fr. Lover...I remember Br. Martin..."

# MEN OF THE *moment*

While Jesus was at supper with Simon the Pharisee, a sinful woman knelt before him and washed his feet with her tears. In that moment, surrounded by the scoffing of the others at the table, she was the only person that mattered to Jesus. He returned her act of love by forgiving her sins (Luke 7:36-50).

While on the road from Jericho, the blind Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. In that moment, surrounded by the crush of the crowds, he was the only person

that mattered to Jesus. He returned Bartimaeus' act of faith by restoring his sight (Mark 10:46-52).

While Jesus was preaching, Jairus pushed his way through the crowd to ask him to come lay his hands on his daughter who was near death. When word reached them that the girl had died, Jairus began to despair. When they arrived at Jairus' house, surrounded by the wails of mourning, in that moment, Jairus was the only person that mattered to Jesus. He returned Jairus' act of hope by raising his

daughter to life (Mark 5:21-43).

St. Alphonsus Liguori himself experienced this personal love of Jesus. When he founded the Redemptorists in 1732, his passionate desire was to live and work among the abandoned poor, to be part of their lives and to show them God's personal love for each one.

Today, his spiritual sons follow in his footsteps, practicing a ministry of moments, of presence, that changes lives.

*Compiled by Stephanie K. Tracy*

## *'I'd never met anyone like that'*

"My sister's husband, Roger, had a heart attack. That's the reason we were in Boston," said Peter, 52, a supermarket meat clerk from Connecticut. "Roger got sent to Brigham and Women's in Boston. Friday we met with the surgeon, and he said they were going to operate on Monday. All this was very frightening.

"A brother-in-law who lived in Boston needed some fresh air, so we went for a walk. He said we had to see the inside of this one church. Well, it was 8 o'clock at night and the church was closed. We were standing there looking around for a Mass schedule when this priest walked up the street.

"He asked if we were tourists, and we explained why we were there. He asked us if we'd like to see the inside. He brought us inside to the altar of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. We knelt there and prayed and cried. He led us in a rosary, and he sang the most beautiful song to Mary ... it sounded like a thousand angels singing.

"I used to go to church, but I honestly felt like a hypocrite. I always struggled with belief in my life. I always asked, 'If there's a God, why did he take my dad when I was two years old?' But to see this priest, his calmness and always saying the right thing. I'd never met anyone like that before.

"I probably now go to church and say the rosary more than my two 'holy' sisters do! I'm the youngest of seven kids, and I had some tough times in my life. But Roger's on the transplant list now.

"This just really shows the power of prayer. God really does listen and he really does love you. Our prayers were answered. There's no way in meeting this Redemptorist and all he did for us, there's no doubt that there's a God."



## AN ACT OF FAITH

### *'Oh, no, I'm not Catholic'*

"I was in the hospital last January. I ended up in the ICU a few times, and I was in and out of the hospital with infections," said Stacey, 36, an emergency room technician from Maryland. "The very first time I was in the ICU, I hear this voice and this accent that I couldn't exactly place. I thought, 'Where is he from? Was it Irish?'"

"I wasn't Catholic but every time I would go into the hospital I would put down Catholic. My mom gave us the option growing up to choose whatever religion we wanted, but I grew up with values that were always Catholic.

"So, anyway, this priest with the accent comes into my room and gives me a blessing. He asked if I wanted Communion,

but I said 'Oh, no, I'm not Catholic.' But he kept coming to see me at the hospital all the time, even when I was in contact isolation. He just came into the room, just in the doorway, just to say hello. That's just how he is, he ain't scared!"

"Just him being there started me in the process of making a decision. I figured either you're all in or you're not. When you're sick like that you learn things as you go along. I didn't realize how sick I was until I got better. But I could always hear that Redemptorist coming down the hall. His whole presence was very comforting and I knew that it would be okay. I started to find out about RCIA when I was in the hospital. I was baptized Catholic at Easter 2011."



### *'A very special gift'*

"When I was commissioned to do the face mask of St. John Neumann for his relics in 2008 I was so honored," said Frank, 70, an artist from Pennsylvania. "My wife was very ill at the time with

cancer. She was sleeping all the time. We went down to the Neumann Shrine, and the priest said a prayer for her and blessed her with a relic of St. John Neumann. She went back to the doctor and

the cancer had disappeared. She went back to work like it never happened.

"After that my wife said she wanted to become Catholic. I was baptized Protestant when I was born; my grandmother took me, unbeknownst to my mother, to be baptized Catholic. But we went to a Protestant church. When my wife wanted to convert, I said, 'Well, then I'll be Catholic, too.'

"She died last year, but she was given two extra years she wouldn't have had. I used to go back to the Neumann Shrine all the time. I was almost a regular there. But the cancer's holding me back now. I still force myself to go every now and then.

"I've always had faith, but that experience strengthened it immensely. Not every priest can necessarily pull off miracles, but I believe that Redemptorist had a very special gift."



As St. Alphonsus wrote in his meditation for the Second Sunday of Advent in the *Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ*, "Justly does the Apostle call Jesus Christ our life. Behold our Redeemer, clothed with flesh ... and says to us, 'I have come that you might have life and have it to the full (Jn 10:10).'"

*Stephanie K. Tracy is the communications manager for the Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province.*

### **What's your moment?**

We invite you to share your moments. How have the Redemptorists made a difference in your life? Email us at [editor@redemptorists.net](mailto:editor@redemptorists.net) or write to us at ROMA, 107 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, MD 21401, Attn: Plentiful Redemption.

# Lending a helping hand

By Elizabeth Góral-Makowski

“Here, let me give you a hand with that, ma’am,” I heard the young man say, as he assisted the elderly woman putting on her coat after Mass. The woman thanked him profusely; he just smiled, shrugged his shoulders, and said, “No problem. Anytime. Thank you for letting me help.”

That got me thinking about how we give and receive thanks.

Each day at ROMA, we hear, read, write and say “thank you” a lot. We hear thanks from the person calling to ask for prayers, we read countless notes offering thanks to God, and of course, we send thank-yous to our donors, call them to say thank you, and our staff end each conversation with a sincere “thank you, and God bless you.”

Then I think about our Redemptorist priests and brothers, and about the abundant blessings of their lives offered in love and service to God and God’s people. I could not even begin to count the number of people who are thankful to have experienced God’s love and mercy because of even a single Redemptorist, not to mention the more

than 5,300 Redemptorists worldwide.

But you know what’s more moving? It’s their thankfulness to God and those they serve. Like the young man I saw in church, the gratefulness of the people they help in so many ways each day touches them deeply. Their spirit of generosity certainly lends helping hands and hearts to those struggling with sin, addiction, loneliness, and injustice.

Beginning Thanksgiving week and leading through Advent, we will be sharing some short videos and reflections from our senior confreres on our website, [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net). Please visit the site and read and hear about their lives, and yes, their thankfulness.

Thank you for the generosity of your helping hands, hearts, and prayers. There are so many ways you help make it possible for our Redemptorists to minister to God’s people.

*Elizabeth Góral-Makowski is director of development.*



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## On the Web

Visit [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net) to watch video interviews with some of our senior confreres.



## Friends & family

This year, I’ve been traveling around the country meeting with some of our friends and donors. Two of my recent visits included Mass and a social in Parkland, FL (left) and a small house party in Buffalo, NY (below).

— Fr. Daniel



Courtesy

# I shall fulfill my vows to the Lord

*This August, several men took their next steps in their lives as Redemptorists. Four made their first vows and one man professed his final vows in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. The Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia was the setting for the first vows of Anthony Michalik and David Verghese. What follows are excerpts from Father Denis Sweeney's homily that day:*

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In the daily living out of life you will be confronted with what is essential to living poverty and what is non-essential. Again, in the words of Constitution 24 you will ask yourself: "What is real and what is an illusion?"

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Simply put, you make a choice today not to love one, but to love all. Today, through the vow of chastity you say, "I will open my heart to all and share of my time, my talents

and my gifts with all." And you say, "I will, as much as I am able, be present to the people of God so that I can walk with them in their joys and their sufferings, in their laughter and their tears, in their celebrations and in their grieving moments." Today you make a choice to love all.

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About obedience, our Constitution 71 declares: "Following the example of Christ, who came to do the will of his Father, and give his life as a redemption for many, the members through the vow of obedience dedicate their own will to God."

Our former Superior General, Father Joseph Tobin in his "Letter to the Confreres," wrote this: "How can we assure that our communities, whether local, provincial or the Congregation itself remains obedient? I believe we need to distinguish among the many voices that seek to



Anthony Michalik

colonize our spirit by intensifying our attention to the Word of God, the charismatic project of the Congregation and the voice of the abandoned poor."

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As soon-to-be Redemptorists, this is the challenge before you and before all of us as sons of Alphonsus. We are first and foremost Redemptorists! Redemptorists without borders and our mission is the mission of Christ to his church and the world. Our openness to wherever Christ may send us.

### On the Web

For additional photos from this summer's profession ceremonies, visit [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net).



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David Verghese

# REDEMPTORIST PREACHING



**Sept. 12-15**  
St. John the Evangelist  
New York, NY  
Fr. Paul Bryan  
& Sr. Mary Sninsky, OSF

**Sept. 17-21**  
St. Gregory  
Nova Scotia, Canada  
Fr. Joseph Freund

**Sept. 17-22**  
\*Blessed Sacrament  
Cathedral  
*with Neumann relic*

Altoona, PA  
Fr. Richard Boever

St. Ann  
St. Thomas,  
U.S. Virgin Islands  
Fr. Kevin MacDonald

**Sept. 17-25**  
St. John de Baptist  
de LaSalle  
Wilkesboro, NC  
*en Español*  
Fr. Alex Ortiz

**Sept. 24-29**  
Holy Cross  
Rochester, NY  
Fr. Daniel Francis

**Sept. 25**  
\*Neumann Night  
*with Neumann relic*  
St. John  
the Evangelist  
Susquehanna, PA  
Fr. Ed Faliskie

**Sept. 27**  
\*Neumann Night  
*with Neumann relic*  
St. Thomas  
Aquinas  
Archbald, PA  
Fr. Ed Faliskie

**Oct. 1-6**  
\*St. Columba  
*with Neumann relic*  
Bloomsburg, PA  
Fr. Richard Boever

**Oct. 8-20**  
St. Cecilia  
New York, NY  
*Bilingual*  
Frs. Alex Ortiz &  
Mark Wise

**Oct. 15-19**  
Regional Mission  
Perth Amboy, NJ  
*(Preached by  
9 Redemptorists in  
English, Spanish,  
Portuguese & Polish)*

**Oct. 15-20**  
St. Stephen  
Winter Springs, FL  
Fr. Daniel Francis

**Oct. 30**  
\*Neumann Year Mass  
*with Neumann relic*  
Jesus Good Shepherd/  
St. Peter's

Riverside, NJ  
*Bilingual*  
Fr. James Gilmour

**Nov. 5-10**  
St. Andrew  
Nova Scotia, Canada  
Fr. Daniel Francis

St. John the Baptist  
New Freedom, PA  
Fr. Kevin MacDonald

**Nov. 6**  
\*Neumann Night  
*with Neumann relic*  
St. Augustine  
Elkridge, MD  
Fr. Richard Boever

**Nov. 12-17**  
St. Paul  
Rome, NY  
Fr. Kevin MacDonald

**Nov. 12-23**  
St. Joseph  
Tampa, FL  
*Bilingual*  
Fr. Alex Ortiz

**Nov. 13**  
Evening of Reflection  
St. Ann  
Lancaster, PA  
Fr. Daniel Francis

**Nov. 27-30**  
Sacred Heart  
Lancaster, PA  
Fr. Paul Bryan  
& Sr. Mary Sninsky, OSF

**Dec. 3-8**  
St. Bernard  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Fr. Daniel Francis

*\* Indicates a Neumann Year  
mission*

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*To schedule a Redemptorist mission at your parish, have your pastor contact Fr. Daniel Francis at  
877-876-7662 or [missions@redemptorists.net](mailto:missions@redemptorists.net).*

# A home for others

For a week in mid-July, Father Paul Borowski and one of our seminarians, Michael To, led a group of teenagers from St. Clement Parish in Saratoga Springs, NY, to Windham, ME, to help finish houses for Habitat for Humanity. The group spent the week working on two houses, mostly putting final touches on paint, staining decks and cleaning up yards. The teens and their chaperones also shared meals, prayer and recreation. Father Borowski has led groups to Maine to work with Habitat for Humanity since 1995.

Fr. Paul Borowski/Courtesy



Habitat for  
Humanity





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## MINI MEDITATION

### The last picture show

By Rev. Andrew Costello, C.Ss.R.

“Dad, I don’t know how to put this, but you have to pick out one of these 3 pictures for the cover of your funeral program.”

“Girl! I’m not dead yet!”

“Well, Dad, you asked us to put together your funeral Mass and program, and to go through the family photos and pick out a nice picture of you. You said you didn’t want a religious picture or a picture of a big green field, or the ocean, on the cover — but a picture of you alive.”

“You’re right. (*Hesitation.*) And I know the doctor said I have about 3 months to live. But it takes time to get used to knowing I’m dying.”

(*Silence.*)

“Okay, let me see what you’ve come up with.”

“Janice likes this one. It’s you at your 75th birthday party! (*Shows picture.*) Marie likes this one of you in your Marine uniform. I like this one of you graduating from college at 58. That was a great message to all of us that it’s never too late.”



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“Thanks. Great pictures. But there’s a picture of me diving into a pool from a high board when I was 18. That picture is somewhere. It’s a great picture and

I’ve been thinking a lot about life lately. So I’d love that to be on the cover of the program because I really dove into life and came up with so much. And I’d like the priest to preach on John 10:10 — my favorite Gospel text: ‘I have come that you might have life and that you live it to the full.’

(*Quiet.*)

“Great, Dad. I think I know where that picture is. But we thought you wanted the Gospel text, ‘Launch out into the deep and lower your nets for a catch...’”

“Yeah. That’s a good text, but I think I would like John 10:10 better. And Peggy, thanks for doing all this for me. Your Mom was always so proud of you — and I’ll be seeing her soon — and I’ll be telling her how great you 3 daughters were to me, these past 3 years especially. Thanks.”

To read more of Fr. Andy’s work and some homilies, visit his blog at <http://reflectbay.blogspot.com>.