



# Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League

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*June 2022*



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# Lucille's



# Letter

Dear Sisters in the League & Fr. Mario,

What a lovely anniversary celebration we were able to have on May 11<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to all the ladies who make this evening the success it was: the decorating committee, the ladies who brought salads and desserts, Suzanne for picking up the chicken and the clean up crew. The hall looked lovely! The tables were beautifully set with bright blue tablecloths and fresh flowers (I was fortunate enough to bring home one of the bouquets of flowers...they lasted another week!). All the salads and desserts were scrumptious. Janet Brunger, our Provincial President, was able to join us and bring greetings. We really enjoyed Agatha's presentation about the Catholic Church and the Catholic Women's Organization in Nigeria as well as her heartfelt appreciation for how the community of Lorette embraced her and made her feel at home when she moved here.

Unfortunately, we were unable to do the Installation of Officers at the anniversary celebration mass because of absenteeism but we will try again at the BBQ windup.

Thank you to Suzanne for organizing a parish pre-screening of the movie "A Matter of Life". Thank you to all CWL members who participated in the "planting" of flags at the St. Boniface Cathedral on May 12<sup>th</sup> and the March for Life in Steinbach on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a general meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> as we have much business to attend to before the summer. We need to plan our fall fundraiser as well as have some discussion around possible help for Ukrainian refugees and we would like to initiate some actions towards the TRC resolutions. I hope to see many of you at the meeting.

Our highway clean up is on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, the rain has subsided by then and the ditches are not full of water! We will be going to Chicken Chef for brunch once the task is completed (everyone pays their own). I hope you are all able to join us there.

By now, you have received your invitation to the year-end BBQ on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Connie & Elwood for hosting this event again after a 2 year Covid pause. Please RSVP to the Evite.

Thank you to all of you who supported me on my Walk with L'Arche on May 7, 2022. I am proud to help such a wonderful organization.



As I reflect on my first 6 months as Council President, I feel truly blessed to be a part of this organization and to have such wonderful, caring and competent ladies on the Lorette Parish Council. I would like to extend a special thank you to the ladies sharing executive duties with me. They make me look good.

May you all have a wonderful summer. God bless you.

*Lucille Chay*



## Collecting Tins for the Bin for Our Taché Food Bank

At each of our monthly meetings  
Bring donations of non-perishable  
food items

And/or monetary donations

We will keep track of the weight and money  
until the end of June 2022















## 2022 Pope's Intentions

**June, 2022**

### Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God's infinite love for everyone and for each of us as individuals.</p> <p><a href="#"><i>St. John Paul II (1920-2005), Homily for the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart during his Apostolic Voyage to Canada (1984)</i></a></p>			1	2	3  MB CWL Provincial Convention in Neepawa	4
5  Jennifer & Benjamen Poitra	6	7	8  Holy Mass @ 6:15 followed by CWL Gen Mtg at hall	9 Joanne & Ray Touchette 	10	11  Highway Cleanup (pg 4)
12	13	14	15	16 Defending Life Pres, at Hall, 7:00 pm (pg 5)	17  CWL Year-End BBQ Chez Haas (Pg 4)	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24  Carol Mravinec	25  Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary - <a href="#">Mass to NDLCWL Council intentions</a>
26	27	28  Monica Chernichan	29  Jacqueline Bouchard	30		





## **June General Meeting**

**June 8, 2022**

**Holy Mass @ 6:15, followed by meeting at hall**

# **Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**Raindate: June 18, 2022**

# **HIGHWAY CLEANUP TIME**

**Hwy 207 from McDougall Rd to Junction of Hwy 206**



**Bags & Rides  
provided**

**Meet 9:00 a.m. at Lorette Parish Hall Parking Lot**

*Sponsored by the Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League*



**BBQ**  
*Fun Times - Let's Eat*  
good food & great company  
**IT'S GRILLING TIME**

**CWL Year End Wind-up & BBQ**

**HOST:**

Lucille Chay, NDL President, 204-266-0154

**WHERE:**

Elwood & Connie Haas residence  
24019 Mun., 48 N., Ile-des-Chenes East, M.B.

**WHEN:**

Friday, June 17 at 6:30 PM  
CT



*Join us for a conversation  
skills workshop on...*

**SPEAKING THE TRUTH  
ABOUT ABORTION  
EFFECTIVELY AND  
WITH LOVE**

**SPEAKER: KYLE COFFEY**

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7:00pm, Thursday, June 16th  
Parish Hall, Lorette

Refreshments Provided

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LEARN MORE AT:  
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# Celebrating 33 Years! - May 11, 2022



Agatha Olayiwola shares her testimony, MB Provincial President Janet Brunger brings greetings, Mae Ross thanks Agatha and Lucille Chay leads us in a short meeting.



## Guest Speaker: Agatha Olayiwola



- A similar organization in Nigeria is Catholic Women's Organization (CWO) whose motto is "Through Mother Mary we succeed."
- Observations of the Catholic Church in Nigeria & Manitoba:
  - *In Nigeria the Catholic groups are CWO (women), CMO (men), CYO (youth)*
  - *Church in Nigeria - Youth are very involved. "Church of the youth." Securing a future for the Church.*
  - *Church in MB - Church of the old - not too secure for the future!*
  - *Suggests that youth in MB need to be involved - they need activities to draw them to Church.*
- Agatha came to Canada for a hopeful future for her children, leaving a very good-paying job and an employer who did not want her to leave.
- Lorette is her home; she feels so welcomed and loved; so grateful.
- She had a car accident the first year in Lorette (skidded into the deep ditch on Station Rd). Since then, winter and the winter roads are very stressful!
- She loves the CWL and especially our council.

## Anniversary Celebration Kudos

I just want to express how lovely it was to be able to share in our anniversary celebration, and I want to express my thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparations and making it all happen.

- It was so uplifting to enter the hall and to see the tables set with tablecloths, fresh flowers, the creative program and special touches of décor that added to the ambiance.
- The table of spiritual focus was front and centre along with the podium and microphone.
- I loved the layout of the tables in a U shape that made it possible for everyone to be engaged in conversation and to hear speakers and announcements.
- The salads and desserts were tasty and plentiful and a perfect complement to the chicken.
- The choice of beverages were perfect pairings for our meal.
- Kudos to everyone involved in planning, set-up, and take-down.
- Kudos to Agatha for sharing her story, to Janet Brunger for bringing greetings and affirmation on behalf of the provincial council, and congratulations to Lucille who did a marvelous job of chairing the event.
- It made me proud to belong to our small but mighty council of leaders and do-ers.
- Our anniversary celebration was a warm-up to hosting provincial convention next year. We can do it!!!

Heartfelt appreciation and blessings to all!

*Rolande Chernichan, National Resolutions Chair, NDL Council Member*

**Through Mother Mary we succeed.**



# Pro-Life Dinner, May 27 in Niverville



*Members of Paroisse Notre Dame de Lorette Parish attend the Life Culture Dinner at Niverville Heritage Centre on Friday, May 27, 2022*

## Walk for Life, May 28 in Steinbach



*Provincial President, Janet Brunger and National Chairperson of Resolutions, Rolande Chernichan walk on behalf of the MB Council of the CWL*



*Members from Notre Dame de Lorette council carry our banner during the Walk for Life*



*Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition was guest speaker for the dinner and walk*



*Enjoying a free hotdog BBQ lunch with His Grace, Archbishop LeGatt, following the walk*



*Visiting with other CWL ladies and people who came by to say Hello*



*His Grace meets and chats with Susan Penner, director of Life Culture and organizer of the events*





**Respect for Life**

**Supplies Checklist:**

- baby wipes
- face in jars (T-r-d &)
- sleepers 0-3 months
- baby toiletries
- diaper cream
- powdered formula
- stroller

**Disposable Diapers 0 - 6**

**Diaper Baby Cream Wipes**

**Dry Cereals**





# 100,000 Flags For Life—May 12, 2022



## Member's Son Meets With Pope Francis



*Justin & Paulette, with Archbishop Albert LeGatt and Archbishop Richard Gagnon at the Vatican*



*Justin Johnson, representing the Union nationale métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba, meets His Holiness, Pope Francis*



*Justin & Paulette, with Archbishop Albert LeGatt at the Vatican*

Members of the Red River Métis pilgrimage to Rome, Paulette Duguay and **Justin Johnson (son of member, Monique Johnson (Reynald of Lorette))** of the Union nationale métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba, and Archbishops Albert and Richard (Winnipeg) met with Pope Francis April 21, 2022.

At St. Peter's Square Vatican Paulette Duguay and Justin Johnson of the Union nationale métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba were in Rome, at the invitation of Monseigneur Albert LeGatt of the Archidiocèse de Saint-Boniface for a pilgrimage of the Red River in the spirit and action of reconciliation.



# *A Spiritual Bouquet*

## For His Holiness, Pope Frances



As per the requests of the joint communique #01, (<https://cwl.ca/joint-communique-01/>) please find attached the devotional acts as well as the service acts from the Notre Dame de Lorette Council of the CWL: We, the Notre Dame de Lorette Council of Lorette, MB Canada have offered the following prayers for you and your intentions...

### Acts of Service Notre Dame de Lorette CWL

- Planted a tree in honour of CWL's 100th anniversary
- Held orange flower planting prayer ceremony to commemorate the missing children from residential schools
- Hosted a blanket exercise which highlighted the history of indigenous culture with the arrival of the Europeans
- Adopted a section of highway and cleaned its ditches twice a year
- Hosted baby showers for expectant moms in need
- Supplied an immigrant couple with baby supplies and clothes on birth of their first child
- Hosted film nights to educate about pro-life topics of abortion and euthanasia
- Participated in the Walk for Life
- Held fundraising evening events for three people who suffered life-altering and crippling injuries
- Reached out to shut-ins during COVID via telephone and ZOOM

### Spiritual Bouquet Offerings For Pope Francis Notre Dame de Lorette CWL

Mass	1
Adoration	10
Litany	1
Chaplet	48
Novena	13
Rosary	54
Our Father	749
Hail Mary	749
Glory Be	749
Other	367

## CWL Members Encouraged to Donate Blood



**Canadian  
Blood  
Services**

BLOOD  
PLASMA  
STEM CELLS  
ORGANS  
& TISSUES

Members should be reminded of the League's ongoing commitment to provide 200 donations of blood this year in partnership with Canadian Blood Services. I was surprised at the number of parish councils that reported in the annual survey that they did not know about this partnership. Chairpersons need to get the word out. Some have asked if senior citizens can donate blood. The answer is "yes" as long as health

is good. The League Partner ID with Canadian Blood Services is **CATH011269**. Details for setting up an account can be found in the education and health communiqué [#4](#) on cwl.ca.

Margaret Schwab

National Chairperson of Education and Health <https://cwl.ca/communique-6-education-and-health/>

# Vatican confirms Pope Francis will visit 3 cities in Canada in July

Papal  
Visit

## Pope Francis in Canada

Walking Together  
July 24 - 29, 2022



Anne on July 26.

"You have brought the living sense of your communities here in Rome. I will be happy to benefit again from meeting you by visiting your native lands, where your families live," he said during a meeting with Canadian Indigenous leaders at the Vatican on

the abuses committed against Indigenous students in Catholic-run residential schools.

The Canadian bishops said on May 13 that Pope Francis would leave Canada on July 29, landing in Rome on July 30.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, the bishops' conference president, said: "We are immensely grateful that the Holy Father has accepted our invitation to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land."

"In late July, Pope Francis will have the opportunity to visit Indigenous Peoples here in their homeland, as he promised when he met them recently in Rome. We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251225/vatican-confirms-pope-francis-will-visit-3-cities-in-canada-in-july?fbclid=IwAR32fyu70pIdCU26maDrSTAh5bkTLRdTPLFOa5D210WAKhGati-o9xwSDq8>

The Vatican confirmed that Pope Francis will visit three cities in Canada during the last week of July.

The pope will travel to Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit on July 24-30, the Holy See press office said on May 13.

The pope had announced last month that he planned to meet indigenous peoples in Canada this summer for the feast of St.

April 1.

The Canadian bishops said last year that they would welcome Pope Francis' visit as a "pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation."

The pope's full schedule in Canada will be published in the coming weeks, the Vatican said.

In Canada, Francis is expected to issue an apology on behalf of the Catholic Church for

## Nationwide Rosary for the Family



Families from across Canada are invited to a live and virtual "Rosary for the Family".

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting this national event in preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) that will take place in Rome and in dioceses across the world (22-26 June 2022).

The live Zoom event, "Rosary for the Family", takes place Father's Day, Sunday, 19 June 2022, at 2 PM CST.

Featuring different families and voices from across the country, it is an opportunity to gather in prayer with other faith-filled families. Everyone is welcome!

<https://lifeandthefamily.com/events>

## What Happened When This Priest Wore a Traditional Cassock in the Deep South

Fr. Dwight Longenecker: I don't wear my cassock and Benedictine scapular every day, but I often do on Fridays, and it is usually on a Friday afternoon that I end up running some errands.

So today I was in the grocery store picking up a few things and around the corner comes a rather ample African American lady with purple hair and big framed orange glasses.

When she saw me in my cassock and scapular she shrieked with delight, then walked right up and said, "Can I give you a hug?"

"Of course!" I laughed and gave her a hug. "Are you a Catholic?"

"No sir!"

"Well, I can help you with that."

Another shriek—this time of laughter. "Are you a pastor?"

"Yes, Ma'am."

"Praise the Lord!"

"Amen!" I replied "Now y'all have a great weekend, and don't you forget to go to church!"

"No sir. We'll be at church. Yes we will."

It's great being a Catholic in the South.

[https://www.churchpop.com/2018/04/03/a-black-cassock-in-the-deep-south/?fbclid=IwAR1VY\\_qK1u3oWRePC5uv\\_IPYUjy7SV2HOUizxC9Gd2OJroh3j\\_-NenJE4](https://www.churchpop.com/2018/04/03/a-black-cassock-in-the-deep-south/?fbclid=IwAR1VY_qK1u3oWRePC5uv_IPYUjy7SV2HOUizxC9Gd2OJroh3j_-NenJE4)





# Why is Canada euthanizing the poor?

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director,  
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

An article written by Yuan Yi Zhu, a Senior Research Fellow at Policy Exchange's Judicial Power Project and a researcher based at Nuffield College, Oxford (UK) was published in The Spectator on April 30 titled: Why is Canada euthanising the poor?



Zhu explains that the Supreme court decision struck down Canada's laws protecting people from euthanasia and assisted suicide and then parliament legalized euthanasia by passing Bill C-14 which required that a person's "natural death must be reasonably foreseeable." Zhu explains how Bill C-7 changed Canada's euthanasia law:

It only took five years for the proverbial slope to come into view, when the Canadian parliament enacted Bill C-7, a sweeping euthanasia law which repealed the 'reasonably foreseeable' requirement – and the requirement that the condition should be 'terminal'. Now, as long as someone is suffering from an illness or disability which 'cannot be relieved under conditions that you consider acceptable', they can take advantage of what is now known euphemistically as 'medical assistance in dying' (MAID for short) for free.

The problems with euthanasia started before Bill C-7 was passed, but Bill C-7 made things worse:

Many in the healthcare sector came to the same conclusion. Even before Bill C-7 was enacted, reports of abuse were rife. A man with a neurodegenerative disease testified to Parliament that nurses and a medical ethicist at a hospital tried to coerce him into killing himself by threatening to bankrupt him with extra costs or by kicking him out of the hospital, and by withholding water from him for 20 days. Virtually every disability rights group in the country opposed the new law. To no effect: for once, the government found it convenient to ignore these otherwise impeccably progressive groups.

Since then, things have only gotten worse. A woman in Ontario was forced into euthanasia because her housing benefits did not allow her to get better housing which didn't aggravate her crippling allergies. Another disabled woman applied to die because she 'simply cannot afford to keep on living'. Another sought euthanasia because Covid-related debt left her unable to pay for the treatment which kept her chronic pain bearable – under the present government, disabled Canadians got \$600 in additional financial assistance during Covid; university students got \$5,000.

When the family of a 35-year-old disabled man who resorted to euthanasia arrived at the care home where he lived, they encountered 'urine on the floor... spots where there was feces on the floor... spots where your feet were just sticking. Like, if you stood at his bedside and when you went to walk away, your foot was literally stuck.' According to the Canadian government, the assisted suicide law is about 'prioritis[ing] the

individual autonomy of Canadians'; one may wonder how much autonomy a disabled man lying in his own filth had in weighing death over life.

Zhu then explains how euthanasia is saving the government money.



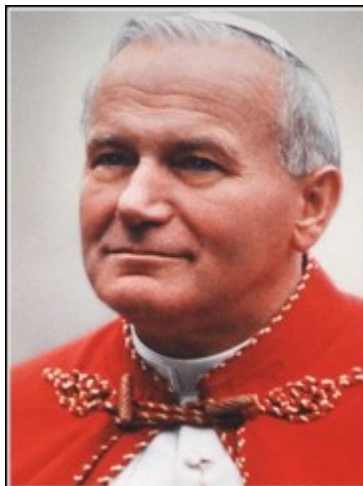
Despite the Canadian government's insistence that assisted suicide is all about individual autonomy, it has also kept an eye on its fiscal advantages. Even before Bill C-7 entered into force, the country's Parliamentary Budget Officer published a report about the cost savings it would create: whereas the old MAID regime saved \$86.9 million per year – a 'net cost reduction', in the sterile words of the report – Bill C-7 would create additional net savings of \$62 million per year. Healthcare, particular for those suffering from chronic conditions, is expensive; but assisted suicide only costs the taxpayer \$2,327 per 'case'. And, of course, those who have to rely wholly on government-provided Medicare pose a far greater burden on the exchequer than those who have savings or private insurance.

Zhu concludes his article by explaining that next year euthanasia will be available for those with mental illness. He writes:

Next year, the floodgates will open even further when those suffering from mental illness – another disproportionately poor group – become eligible for assisted suicide, although enthusiastic doctors and nurses have already pre-empted the law. There is already talk of allowing 'mature minors' access to euthanasia too – just think of the lifetime savings. But remember, slippery slopes are always a fallacy.

What I like about this article is that it is written by someone who is looking at Canada from afar. Canadians tend to deny the reality by thinking, it really isn't that bad.

<https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2022/05/why-is-canada-euthanizing-poor.html>



Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy. They always gravely exploit the suffering and desperate, extinguishing life in the name of the 'quality of life' itself.

— Pope John Paul II —

AZ QUOTES



Heavenly Father,  
We come before You to praise You  
and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families  
consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
May they rediscover each day the grace they have received,  
and as small domestic Churches,  
may they know how to witness to your Presence  
and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering  
caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.

Sustain them and make them aware  
of the path to holiness upon which You call them,  
so that they might experience your infinite Mercy  
and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people:  
may they encounter You and respond joyfully  
to the vocation You have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware  
that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God  
in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them;  
for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family  
might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church  
as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace,  
in communion with our priests,  
religious, and all vocations in the Church.

Bless the World Meeting of Families.  
Amen.

## WMOF

WMOF is the acronym for World Meeting of Families, created by Pope John Paul II in 1994. In fact, that year was declared “International Year of the Family” by the United Nations. Pope Wojtyla also wanted a Year of the Family to be celebrated in the Church at the same time; so the 1st World Meeting of Families was created, which was held in Rome on 8 and 9 October 1994. It was promoted, just like subsequent editions, by the Pontifical Council for the Family; in 2016, this Vatican body was disbanded and merged with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. A World Meeting of Families has therefore been held since 1994 every three years and in different places around the world. The pattern followed has always been fairly similar, with an international Theological-Pastoral Congress at the start and ending, in the presence of the Pope, with a vigil and Festival of Families along with a great final Eucharistic celebration.

<https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/wmof/>

In preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF), the CCCB Standing Committee on Family and Life has produced a short promotional video to help bring to life the WMF theme “Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness”. Pope Francis has announced that the WMF event will be held in a new way; celebrated not only in Rome, but in all dioceses and eparchies across the world. Organized by both the Diocese of Rome and the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, the WMF will take place 22-26 June 2022 and will coincide with the closing of the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year.

Through storytelling and with renewed enthusiasm, it is the hope of the Standing Committee for Family and Life that we create opportunities in the Church for speaking heart to heart (cf. AL, n. 234). As a family of families, let us meet together, learn how to be communities, and support one another in our joys and our sufferings. Let us care for one another. “The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.” (AL, n. 1)

The new video and other pastoral resources on the 10th World Meeting of Families can be found at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/what-are-the-plans-for-the-10th-world-meeting-of-families/>

“Family Love: a  
Vocation and a Path  
to Holiness”



## The real story of Father Stuart Long, portrayed in "Father Stu" movie

Father Stuart Long, who was a priest of the Diocese of Helena, is the main character in the motion picture "Fr. Stu" starring Mark Wahlberg as the priest himself and Mel Gibson as the priest's father.

Father Stu, as he was affectionately known, pursued careers in boxing, acting, teaching, and museum management before discerning the priesthood.

"He was intense in his worldly life and he was intense in his priesthood," said Dan Bartleson, communication services director for the Diocese of Helena. "His priestly ministry to the diocese here was transformative."

Wahlberg originally started working on the film in 2016, two years after Father Stu died at the age of 50. The movie was put on hold for a couple years until Wahlberg was able to secure Rosalind Ross as scriptwriter.

"It's based on a true story," said Father Bart Tolleson, a priest of the Diocese of Helena and a longtime friend of Father Stu. "It certainly will take liberties with the story, but it will get interest in his life, and that alone is a good thing. It's a great story."

Father Stu attended Carroll College, a Catholic university, but wasn't Catholic at the time. He remembers being required to attend Mass as part of football game preparation, according to an interview with The Montana Catholic in 2010. In the same interview, he shared that he would often argue with the teachers, interrupt class, and ask ignorant questions that didn't relate to the content.

"His conversion is phenomenal, from being an agnostic trouble maker to having a mystical encounter with God," Father Tolleson said. "Then, he decided to become a priest."

An avid athlete, Father Stu played football for Carroll College, and later, pursued boxing, winning the Montana Golden Gloves championship in 1985. Faced with reconstructive jaw surgery after a fight, Father Stu gave up boxing and moved to Los Angeles



to pursue an acting career. Though he had some success with commercials and work as an extra in the movies, it was not the career he imagined.

While acting, he worked at a nightclub that was a comedy club and a bar. Finished with acting, he traded in the nightlife to work for the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, California, where he eventually became the manager for seven years. He would ride his motorcycle, an artifact of his acting days, to and from the museum.

"One day, I was riding home after work, and I got hit by a car, and I smashed into a car in the next lane with my head," Father Stu shared in the 2010 interview. "The witnesses told the sheriffs and reporters that I was rolling down the road and another car ran over the top of me. And here I am."

The accident proved pivotal in Father Stu's conversion, leading him to have what he

called a "religious experience" while in the hospital. Upon returning home and discussing marriage with his then-girlfriend, he entered RCIA. On the day he was baptized, he knew he was going to become a priest, he shared in the 2010 interview.

He discerned entering a religious order in New York, but ultimately decided to become a secular priest, for the Diocese of Helena. In 2003, he entered Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon.

During seminary, Father Stu had hip surgery wherein a fist-size tumor was discovered. He was diagnosed with inclusion body myositis, an inflammatory condition in the muscles for which there is no cure. His body was already slowing down when he was ordained to the priesthood in December 2007.

"That cross of his disease was the most powerful way to serve people," said Father Tolleson. "He was tireless in his service and the Lord gave him many beautiful gifts, of counsel, of providing the sacraments. He was fearless even though he was limited."

The extent to which the Wahlberg film will cover the priesthood of Father Stu remains unknown, but it will be a "stepping stone to knowing who Father Stuart Long was," said Father Tolleson.

"If Hollywood wants to tell part of Father Stu's story, we think that's a positive," said Bartleson. "If that creates some energy around his life, then we would see that as a blessing, a part of something that is already going on here."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247638/helena-priest-father-stu-to-be-portrayed-in-film-starring-mark-wahlberg-mel-gibson>

## Looking For Something To Watch? Here Are 12 Great Catholic Movies



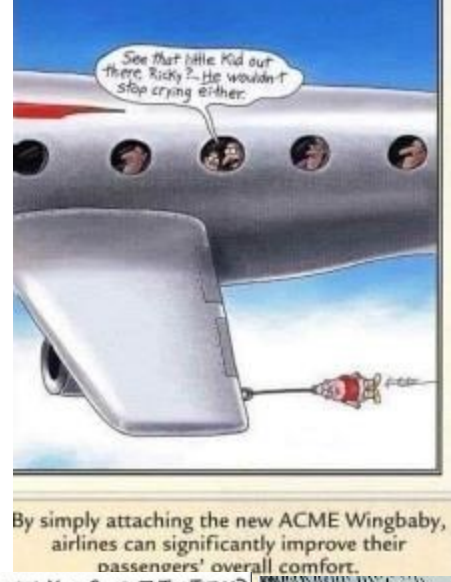
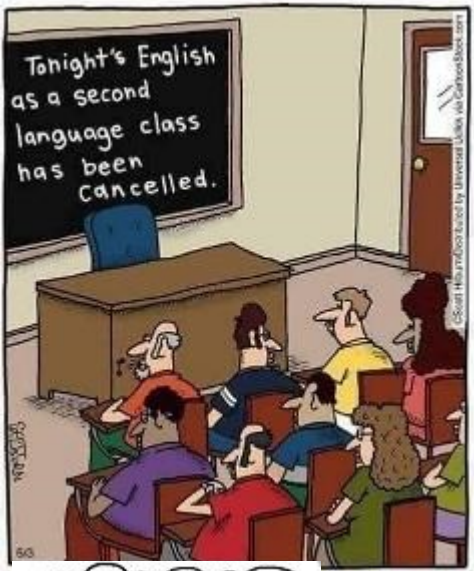
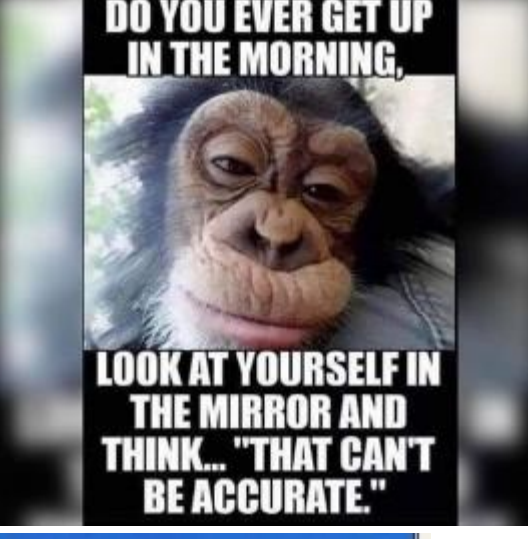
Sometimes it's difficult to find a good movie to watch, especially a Catholic one!

**Here are 12 of them!**

- 1) *The Passion of The Christ*
- 2) *Nacho Libre*
- 3) *Molokai: The Story of Father Damien*
- 4) *For Greater Glory*
- 5) *Unplanned*
- 6) *Silence*
- 7) *Romero*
- 8) *Doubt*
- 9) *The Song of Bernadette*
- 10) *There Be Dragons*
- 11) *The Scarlet and the Black*
- 12) *A Man For All Seasons*

[https://www.churchpop.com/2019/07/25/looking-for-something-to-watch-here-are-12-great-catholic-movies/?fbclid=IwAR2npWHcMkRX4UPCwKFNA5TFOx8IUHLM\\_AutZ\\_MqY\\_WMdyWs39Je5k5gPhHw](https://www.churchpop.com/2019/07/25/looking-for-something-to-watch-here-are-12-great-catholic-movies/?fbclid=IwAR2npWHcMkRX4UPCwKFNA5TFOx8IUHLM_AutZ_MqY_WMdyWs39Je5k5gPhHw)





Early Facebook

"The WiFi password is: 'buysomethingorgetout'."

DT Walsh





Meanwhile in Canada  
@MeanwhileinCana

A classic Canadian 5-step goodbye:  
1st goodbye inside the house  
2nd goodbye at the door  
3rd goodbye with hug on driveway  
4th goodbye one sitting in car, window rolled down  
5th goodbye waving as driving away

ALL I NEED ARE  
BUTTER TARTS  
NANAIMO BARS  
MAGIC TREE SAUCE  
BEAVER TAILS  
POUTINE  
AND MY PET MOOSE



An impressive 96.98% of  
Canadians do NOT read  
the instructions on the  
box of Kraft Dinner  
before cooking it

The most Canadian picture ever taken



Well, here's rural Nova Scotia in two pictures, taken a day apart. Photos by Andrew Killawee



This is the most Canadian thing to ever happen



13 years of school  
and im still not sure  
if its "grey" or "gray"

It's grEy in England and  
grAy in America.

ARE YOU  
KIDDING ME I'VE BEEN  
STRUGGLING WITH THIS  
SINCE I WAS A  
FETUS AND IT'S  
LITERALLY THAT  
EASY?????

WHAT ABOUT CANADA.

grEHy

**Europeans:**  
I drove for 45 minutes to  
spend a weekend in France  
then stopped in Germany  
to visit some friends  
on my way home.

**Canadians:**  
I was in Ontario and  
I drove west for 19 hours.  
Now I'm still in Ontario.

