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Synod to be culmination of two years' preparation, consultation

By JOSHUA J. McELWEE
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The 14th general assembly of the Synod of Bishops opens in Rome Oct. 4. It will bring together some 300 cardinals and bishops, along with a few dozen lay and religious advisers and consultants to discuss pressing issues around family life.

The synod — its official theme is “The Vo-



cation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World” — runs until Oct. 25 and is the culmination of more than two years of preparation that included among the widest consultations the Vatican has ever undertaken. In the fall of 2013 and early 2015, the Vatican distributed questionnaires about family life and church teaching on the family

to the world's bishops with the instructions that the questionnaires be used as tools to consult parishes and deaneries.

Although how individual bishops consulted with the people varied widely, the Vatican did receive thousands of responses to questions like:

- “Is cohabitation *ad experimentum* a pastoral reality in your particular Church?”
- “What knowledge do Christians have today of the teach-



ings of *Humanae Vitae* on responsible parenthood? ... Is this moral teaching accepted?”

- “What questions do di-
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—CNS/Paul Haring

Pope Francis blesses a girl as her family presents offertory gifts during the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families along Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia Sept. 27.

Pope Francis reaches from the popemobile as a child is brought to him along a parade route Sept. 23 in Washington.



—CNS/Alex Brandon, pool

Francis in the US: words that last

By NCR STAFF

It took only six days for Pope Francis to enter the minds and hearts of much of the United States' population.

In a historic, 10-day trip Sept. 19-27 to Cuba and the U.S., Francis gave 26 public addresses, met the presidents of both countries, spoke with leaders of Congress and the United Nations, embraced the homeless, visited schoolchildren and prison inmates, and spent time with U.S. bishops and religious orders.

Nationwide, Francis' smiling face appeared on news stations and was splashed across the covers of news-

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—CNS/Reuters/Brian Snyder

A woman reacts to Pope Francis' final words during the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia Sept. 27.

Ordination advocates renew work for inclusion

By THOMAS C. FOX

PHILADELPHIA · That the third international Catholic women's ordination conference occurred here just one week before Pope Francis' arrival was no accident.

The intention of the conference sponsors, U.S.-based Women's Ordination Conference and its sister group, Women's Ordination Worldwide, was to send a message to the pope.

Organizers told *NCR* they hoped to tell Francis that maintaining a male-only church leadership is no longer acceptable and it mutes the essential Gospel that calls for love, justice and inclusiveness.

Some 500 delegates came to downtown Philadelphia's Marriott hotel Sept. 18-20 and to the last they echoed organizers' beliefs that excluding some Catholics from certain church ministries based solely on gender, while it might have been understandable at some point in history, is no longer justifiable in the 21st century.

The conference theme, “Gender, Gospel and Global Justice,” underscored the point that maintaining a two-tier church structure upholds social patterns that keep billions of women and children worldwide locked into poverty.

While ordination drew delegates together more often than not, what they held in common were long histories of working for social justice in and outside their church.

However, discrimination against women, many noted, is having practical and tragic consequences inside the church as countless mothers keep their sons from entering the

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Women and girls hold out religious articles as Pope Francis meets with immigrant families at Our Lady Queen of Angels School in the East Harlem area of New York Sept. 25.



—CNS/Paul Haring

NATIVE AMERICANS' PRAYERS UNHEARD

NEW YORK · Native American faith leaders who attended the interfaith service with Pope Francis at the 9/11 Memorial Museum Sept. 25 said being invited to the event was a step in the right direction, but they were disappointed that they were not asked to participate in the ceremony along with representatives of other faiths.

"For me, it was a good first step that we were included, but I would like to see some of our people be able to pray in their own language as well," said Diane Fraher Thornton, a member of the Osage and Cherokee nations. "Our love for the Creator and creation is so much a part of who we are."

Oren Lyons said he and other members of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, a group of Indian nations based in New York, came to the event with a purpose.

"We're requesting the pope rescind the Doctrine of Discovery," said Lyons, faith-keeper of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation. He said leaders of the Six Nations have brought Pope Francis a letter asking him to rescind the document, which was signed by Pope Alexander VI in 1493 and stated that Christian leaders had a right to claim land in America, but Native Americans could only inhabit it.

"We want him to address it and we'll pursue it," Lyons said, adding that the document still has an impact on land rights. "If there's any pope that's going to do it, it'll be this guy."

Regarding the canonization of Francis-can Fr. Junípero Serra on Sept. 23, Lyons said, "I don't understand how they can canonize a man who's responsible for so many deaths, and slavery."

Chief Sidney Hill of the Onondaga Nation said he was disappointed that security at the 9/11 service asked him to remove his headdress before going inside. He said he was told the antlers on his head covering, which also includes bead embroidery and feathers, could ostensibly be used as a weapon.

"It's disrespectful," Hill said. "Everyone else has their headgear on," he added, referring to other faith leaders.

—Alice Popovici

THE NCR PAPAL TRIP TEAM

NCR's coverage of the papal trip was very much a team effort. Anchoring coverage in all the venues was *NCR* Vatican correspondent Joshua J. McElwee. In Washington were *NCR's* Tom Roberts, Vinnie Rotondaro, Michael Sean Winters and Jesuit Fr. Tom Reese. At the United Nations and New York were *NCR* staff writer Brian Roewe and contributors Tom Gallagher and Alice Popovici. In Philadelphia were Roewe and Elizabeth Eisenstedt Evans.

Bertelsen interns Elizabeth Elliott and Soli Salgado provided editorial support from Kansas City, Mo. The website coverage was managed by Mick Forgey and Stephanie Yeagle, with Teresa Malcolm and Tracy Abeln as copy editors.

—Dennis Coday, editor

WORDS: IDENTIFIED AS AN IMMIGRANT

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papers and magazines, as more than a million people flocked to events in Washington, New York and Philadelphia. From place to place, an entourage of black security SUVs and police cars escorted the pope who sat not in the back of a limo but in a black Fiat 500. It seemed nearly everyone was caught up in the excitement of this pope, but did anyone actually listen to what he had to say?

It's hard to sum up Francis' whirlwind tour to the Northeast corner of our vast country, but if *NCR* could pick six quotes to do just that, here's what we would chose. (The bold is our emphasis.)

1. *"I am deeply grateful for your welcome in the name of all Americans. As the son of an immigrant family, I am happy to be a guest in this country, which was largely built by such families. I look forward to these days of encounter and dialogue, in which I hope to listen to, and share, many of the hopes and dreams of the American people."*

In the first public words he spoke in the U.S., Francis, in English, began by identifying himself as an immigrant. In that speech, directed to President Barack Obama at the White House Sept. 23, he reminded most Americans that they, too, are immigrants.



—CNS/Joshua Roberts

U.S. President Barack Obama speaks to Pope Francis during an arrival ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington Sept. 23.

The theme of immigration would run throughout his first-ever trip to United States. Three days later in Philadelphia, before a crowd of 50,000 at Independence Mall, Francis, in Spanish, spoke directly to "America's large Hispanic population" and recent immigrants, saying that many came to the U.S. "at great personal cost, but in the hope of building a new life."

"Do not be discouraged by whatever challenges and hardships you face. I ask you not to forget that, like those who came here before you, you bring many gifts to your new nation. You should never be ashamed of your traditions," Francis said.

In particular, he implored them not

to allow that pursuit and entrance into a new land to lead them to abandon the integral pieces of their past.

"I repeat, do not be ashamed of what is part of you, your lifeblood," he said.

2. *"Mr. President, together with their fellow citizens, American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of goodwill, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains*

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one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers the United States bishops have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

The recent political climate in the United States has wrestled with the proper interpretation of religious freedom, whether in the context of contraceptive coverage in health care plans under the Affordable Care Act or in light of the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling legalizing same-sex marriage. Often, the U.S. Catholic church has positioned itself front and center in the debate, filing lawsuits against the contraception mandate and strongly voicing a view of marriage as being only between one man and one woman.

Francis, in his speech Sept. 26 at Independence Mall, called religious freedom “a fundamental right” that shapes interactions with others with different religious views and that “transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families.”

Citing his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the pope said that religions “have the right and the duty” to show it is possible to build a society that demonstrates “a healthy pluralism” that values differences as a “precious ally in the commitment to defending human dignity ... and a path to peace in our troubled world.”

“In a world where various forms of modern tyranny seek to suppress religious freedom, or try to reduce it to a subculture without right to a voice in the public square, or to use religion as a pretext for hatred and brutality, it is imperative that the followers of the various religions join their voices in calling for peace, tolerance and respect for the dignity and rights of others,” he said.

Yet the key to the Independence Hall speech is that the pope tied religious freedom to cultural and ethnic freedom for immigrants, especially those in the U.S. from Latin America, who had a special presence at this venue.

“When a country is determined to



—CNS/Mark Wilson
Bishops listen to Pope Francis as they meet with him for midday prayer at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle Sept. 23 in Washington.

‘Harsh and divisive language does not befit the tongue of a pastor; it has no place in his heart.’

remain true to its principles ... it is renewed and it continues to embrace newcomers, new individuals and new peoples,” Francis said. Then speaking directly to immigrants, he said, “By contributing your gifts, you will not only find your place here, you will help to renew society from within.

3. “*The path ahead, then, is dialogue among yourselves, dialogue in your presbyterates, dialogue with laypersons, dialogue with families, dialogue with society. I cannot ever tire of encouraging you to dialogue fearlessly. The richer the heritage which you are called to share with parrhesia, the more eloquent should be the humility with which you should offer it. Do not be afraid to set out on that ‘exodus’ which is necessary for all authentic dialogue. Otherwise, we fail to understand the thinking of others, or to realize deep down that the brother*

or sister we wish to reach and redeem, with the power and the closeness of love, counts more than their positions, distant as they may be from what we hold as true and certain. Harsh and divisive language does not befit the tongue of a pastor; it has no place in his heart. Although it may momentarily seem to win the day, only the enduring allure of goodness and love remains truly convincing.”

At the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington Sept. 23, Francis reflected his vision for the mission of U.S. Catholic bishops, saying they are called to be shepherds who never shy away from dialogue, do not fight with one another, and always search out opportunities for encounter.

“I know that you face many challenges, that the field in which you sow is unyielding and that there is always the temptation to give in to fear, to lick one’s wounds, to think back on bygone times and to devise harsh responses to fierce opposition,” Francis said.

“Yet we are promoters of the culture of encounter,” he continued. “We are living sacraments of the embrace between God’s riches and our poverty. We are witnesses of the abasement and the condescension of God who anticipates in love our every response.

“Dialogue is our method, not as a shrewd strategy but out of fidelity to the One who never wearies of visiting the marketplace, even at the eleventh hour, to propose his offer of love,” said the pope.

4. “*Each son or daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility. Your own responsibility as members of Congress is to enable this country, by your legislative activity, to grow as a nation. You are the face of its people, their representatives. You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics. A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk. Legislative activity is always based on care for the people. To this you have been invited, called and convened by those who elected you.*”

In the first papal address to a joint meeting of Congress on Sept. 24, Francis offered U.S. legislators “four representatives of the American

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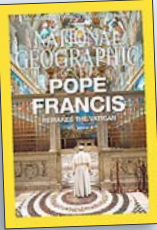
ON THE WEB



NCR staff worked around the clock during Pope Francis’ 10-day trip to Cuba and the U.S. to bring our audience the most up-to-date and comprehensive coverage. Here are some of the headlines you may have missed at NCRonline.org:

Pope Francis’ quiet hour on Sept. 23 with his brother bishops in Washington, D.C., may have the deepest consequence for the Catholic community. In five intense paragraphs mid-homily, Francis laid out an insistent call for “authentic dialogue” — with everyone and in all directions. Read the full story at NCRonline.org/node/110966.

San Diego Bishop Robert McElroy thinks the model of church the pope was proposing in his talk to bishops is one that seeks engagement with and transformation of culture rather than rigidly standing against it or apart from it. Read the full interview at NCRonline.org/node/110996.



A pope has never before been on the cover of an issue of *National Geographic* magazine. But for its August cover story, *National Geographic* secured unprecedented access to Pope Francis to photograph him up close and personal. To read the story behind this iconic issue, visit NCRonline.org/node/110856.

LGBT Catholics who don’t strictly adhere to traditional teachings experience separation from the church community — even at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia Sept. 22-27. A single session was devoted to families and homosexuality. Scheduled for Sept. 24 in the main hall, which is capable of seating at least 10,000, it was moved at the last minute and without explanation to another room capable of seating only about 1,000. Hundreds were turned away by convention center officials, citing fire code regulations. To read the full story, visit NCRonline.org/node/111101.



—CBS
Archbishop Thomas Wenski and Stephen Colbert

Minutes after CBS released the guest list for the Sept. 24 “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,” NCR staff writer Brian Roewe contacted the show’s press liaison. How could a young Catholic journalist not see the story potential of Colbert hosting an archbishop (Thomas Wenski of Miami), a comedian (Jim Gaffigan), a journalist (Maria Shriver) and a writer (Andrew Sullivan) — all coincidentally Catholic — all on the same night? Read the full story at NCRonline.org/node/111021.

Moments after Francis finished his powerful speech Sept. 25 in front of more than 150 world leaders at the United Nations in New York City, reactions came pouring in. NCR solicited views from a variety of leaders of organizations such as Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Catholic Health Association, Covenant House International, Pax Christi USA, and more. To read the reactions, visit NCRonline.org/node/111131.

Each day, NCR gathered reactions from various voices on what Francis said or did. The comments were compiled into a daily Following Francis blog. To read Following Francis: Sunday for reactions on the pope’s last day in the U.S., visit NCRonline.org/node/111286. You can also read follow-up reactions to the entire papal visit at NCRonline.org/node/111391.

To catch up on Francis’ trip to Cuba, visit NCRonline.org/feature-series/francis-cuba.

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people” to guide them “in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good.” They were Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and two of the most radical thinkers and activists in U.S. Catholic history — pacifist and Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and spiritual writer known for social activism.

With hundreds of congressional members, cabinet officials and Supreme Court justices in attendance on the floor of the House of Representatives, Francis began the highly anticipated speech in English by saying he wanted to use the opportunity to address through them “the entire people of the United States.”

To great applause, he invoked the Golden Rule to direct how to treat others, in particular migrants and refugees.

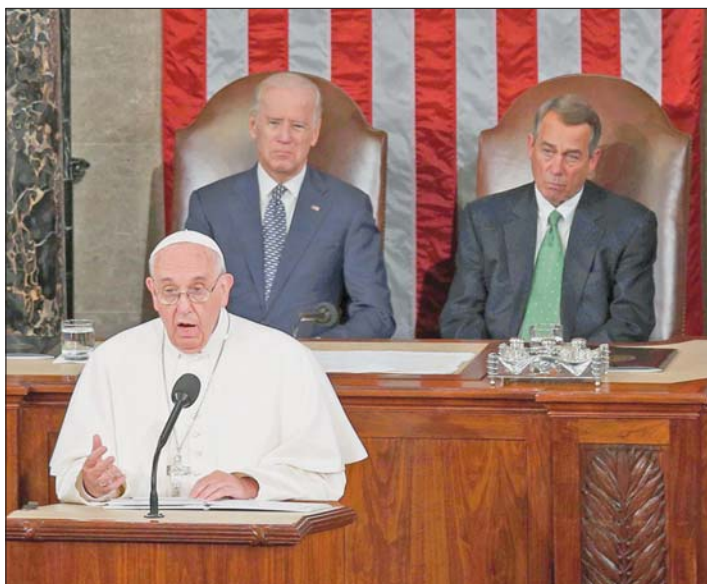
“In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us,” he said.

The pope endorsed the U.S. bishops’ call for abolishing capital punishment, urged the U.S. — and Congress — to lead in addressing climate change (without directly using those words), exhorted an end to the arms trade, and pleaded for a culture that listens to its elders’ wisdom and offers opportunities for its young.

Francis appealed for the political leaders to be “at the service of dialogue” and encouraged their efforts toward a politics built around the greatest common good: a community that “sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life.”

A few times during the congressional address, members of one politi-

Pope Francis addresses a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress as Vice President Joe Biden (left) and Speaker of the House John Boehner look on in the House of Representatives Chamber at the U.S. Capitol in Washington Sept. 24.



—CNS/Paul Haring



—CNS/Reuters/Jim Bourg

Nuns lean out to see Pope Francis as he greets and blesses seminarians, novices and other guests inside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Sept. 23.

cal party seemed to be clapping more enthusiastically than members of the other. Francis’ words about welcoming foreigners appeared to attract more Democratic enthusiasm, for example, whereas his comments on protecting life were welcomed most by Republicans.

5. “In a special way, I would like to express my esteem and my gratitude to the religious women of the United States. What would the church be without you? Women of strength, fighters, with that spirit of courage which puts you in the front lines in the proclamation of the Gospel. To you,

religious women, sisters and mothers of this people, I wish to say thank you, a big thank you ... and to tell you that I love you very much.”

Toward the end of his comments during a prayer service Sept. 24 with priests and members of religious orders at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York, Francis offered these words of encouragement to U.S. women religious, who in the past year saw the conclusion of two controversial Vatican investigations into their ministries.

NCR columnist Michael Sean Winters noted, “At a time when many orders are coping with the fallout from the demographic bubble that ballooned their membership midcentury, only to return to historical norms now, the nation and the nation’s bishops needed a reminder of all that the sisters have done and continue to do. It goes without saying that if you want the kind of church the Holy Father is speaking about, one that is bruised and dirtied from being out in the world, and especially at the peripheries, you should check in with a sister.”

Francis again praised the work of sisters during a press conference on his flight back to Rome Sept. 27.

“The sisters in the United States have done marvels in the field of education, in the field of health,” the pope said. “The people of the United States love the sisters.”

But in the next question, Francis again rejected the possibility of female priests in the Catholic church. “Women priests — that cannot be done,” Francis said bluntly. “Pope St. John Paul II — after long, long discussions, long reflections — said it clearly.”

“Not because women do not have the capacity,” he added.

6. “Today’s culture seems to encourage people not to bond with anything or anyone, not to trust. The most important thing nowadays seems to be follow the latest trend or activity. This is even true of religion. Today, consumption seems to determine what is impor-

FRANCIS FALTERS, THEN RECOVERS ON SEX ABUSE

Everyone connected with the papal trip to the United States knew that Pope Francis would have to address the issue of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy. Francis was no doubt well-briefed on this, but his first approach to the issue seemed like a misstep.

Meeting with the U.S. bishops in Washington’s Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle Sept. 24, he praised them for showing “courage” in the face of “mortification and great sacrifice” as they “faced difficult moments in the recent history of the church,” an oblique but widely understood reference to the sex abuse crisis.

That the pope could say to the bishops, “I realize how much the pain of recent years has weighed upon you,” without making any reference to the pain victims and their families have endured earned Francis swift and harsh criticism. It didn’t help that this was one of two times the bishops interrupted his 30-minute speech with applause.

Francis has made progress in addressing clergy sexual abuse. He has appointed a council to advise him on these issues, and the council includes victims of clergy abuse and has even consulted Dominican Fr. Thomas Doyle, a longtime

victims’ advocate and one the Vatican’s harshest critics.

Under Francis, Bishop Robert Finn of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., and Archbishop John Nienstedt of St. Paul-Minneapolis were forced to resign for failing to protect children. In June, Francis established a Vatican tribunal to hear cases against bishops accused of covering up clergy abuse.

If his comments before the U.S. bishops — coming as his first words on the issue in the U.S. — shocked and confused survivors of abuse and their advocates, the words he shared with the victims he met in Philadelphia four days later seemed to indicate that he understood the message he needed to deliver.

In a private meeting with victims on his last day in the U.S., Francis not only apologized for the abuse they had suffered, but he said he was “deeply sorry for the times when you or your family spoke out, to report the abuse, but you were not heard or believed. Please know that the Holy Father hears you and believes you.”

He apologized not just for the abuse, but for the cover-up. “I deeply regret that some bishops failed in their responsibility to protect children.”

Then he added, “Clergy and bishops



—CNS/Joshua Roberts

Becky Ianni and Barbara Dorris, both members of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, demonstrate in front of the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia Sept. 25.

will be held accountable when they abuse or fail to protect children.” These were powerful words, not heard from a pope before.

Equally as powerful were the words he delivered at his next public meeting. Before a gathering of 300 bishops from around the world in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families Sept. 27, Francis announced that he had just met with victims of sexual abuse and confessed that he was “overwhelmed by shame.”

Before these bishops, he called abuse victims “true heralds of hope.” He said, “We owe each of them and their families

our gratitude for their immense courage in making Christ’s light to shine upon the evil of sexual abuse of children.”

Francis told those bishops, “I commit myself to the zealous watchfulness of the church to protect minors and I promise that all those responsible will be held accountable.”

As if to drive home his point with no uncertain terms, flying back to Rome, Francis told journalists on the plane, “Those who covered this up are guilty. There are even some bishops who covered this up. It’s something horrible.”

—Dennis Coday

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—CNS/Richard Drew, pool

Crowds line the sidewalk as Pope Francis rides down Fifth Avenue in New York Sept. 24.

tant. Consuming relationships, consuming friendships, consuming religions, consuming, consuming. ... Whatever the cost or consequences. A consumption which does not favor bonding, a consumption which has little to do with human relationships. Social bonds are a mere 'means' for the satisfaction of 'my needs.' The important thing is no longer our neighbor, with his or her familiar face, story and personality."

Despite dismal facts about the decline of the family and cultural trends that show more and more youth delaying marriage or avoiding and disposing of meaningful relationships, Francis remained optimistic about families and offered a blunt counter-message of hope.

"The family is not first and foremost a cause for concern," he said, "but rather the joyous confirmation of God's blessing upon the master-

piece of creation."

These words came in an address Sept. 27 to about 300 bishops from around the world in Philadelphia for the Vatican-sponsored World Meeting of Families.

As an alternative to blaming current culture or nostalgically yearning for a return to yesteryear, Francis challenged the bishops to become true pastors who as shepherds stand "in the midst of" their flocks, and accompany

them while seeking out those who are in the midst of real-world struggles.

"A pastor must show that the 'Gospel of the family' is truly 'good news' in a world where self-concern seems to reign supreme," Francis said.

"We might well ask whether in our pastoral ministry we are ready to 'waste' time with families. Whether we are ready to be present to them, sharing their difficulties and joys," he said.

Without deepening the covenant between church and family, the pope said, the church "becomes arid, and the human family will grow irremediably distant, by our own fault, from God's joyful good news."

But our favorite quote comes from Francis' last homily in the U.S. Speaking on Sept. 27 in Philadelphia, he said, "The temptation to be scandalized by the freedom of God, who sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous alike bypassing bureaucracy, officialdom and inner circles, threatens the authenticity of faith. Hence, it must be vigorously rejected. ... God wants all his children to take part in the feast of the Gospel. Jesus says, 'Do not hold back anything that is good; instead, help it to grow!' To raise doubts about the working of the Spirit, to give the impression that it cannot take place in those who are not 'part of our group,' who are not 'like us,' is a dangerous temptation. Not only does it block conversion to the faith; it is a perversion of faith!"

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