

St. Nicholas News

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POPE FRANCIS SHAKES HANDS WITH BONO AT ROME UNIVERSITY



U2 frontman Bono Vox and a wheelchair-bound Pope Francis launched a women's education foundation together in Rome on Thursday. Bono, 62, and the 85-year-pope shared a platform organised by Scholas Occurrentes, Latin for 'Schools of Meeting', a worldwide network of schools promoting educational opportunities. The Pope inaugurated the Scholas Occurrentes International Educational Movement on May 19 during a meeting with young people in Italy's capital.

The event took place on Thursday evening at the Pontifical Urban University, called the Urbaniana, which lies within walking distance of St Peter's Square. 'Girls' education is a superpower to fight extreme poverty and I would like to ask His Holiness if you think that women and girls have the same important role to change the world and climate change,' said the Dubliner. Francis answered yes, saying 'we speak of Mother Earth, not Father Earth,' with a smile that earned him applause. The Pope was seen using a wheelchair in public for the first time in early May, days after he said he was having treatment for knee pain. The young students welcomed the pope with a show of chants and recitals based around the theme of protecting the environment. 'We need poetry and courage to care for our common home, we must defend the harmony of creation and women know more about harmony than we men do,' said Francis.

Scholas Occurrentes started as an education project created for children in impoverished areas in Buenos Aires, at the initiative of the then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis. The project has since spread to more than 70 countries, many in the developing world. In his speech, Bono said he had given students music lessons earlier in the day and called for wider educational opportunities for young people. The pope told the young people to live lives full of courage and poetry and 'to go beyond what is politically correct'. In a surprise entrance, Brazilian football star Ronaldinho Gaúcho walked in and gave Pope Francis, a fan of the sport, a jersey with the Pope's name 'Francesco' and the number 10 on it.

Also at the event was Brazilian footballer Dani Alves and Argentine midfielder Maxi Rodriguez, who jogged with a football at the launch of the event. During the inauguration, organisers also announced another football match for peace in memory of the late football legend Diego Maradona. The match will take place on 10 October in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

*Courtesy Daily Mail
website*

NOTICES

The Glendalough Hermitage Celebrates 21 Years

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will launch the celebrations with Mass on Sunday the 29th May at 10.30am in St Kevin's Church, Laragh. On Friday the 3rd of June there will be a concert in St Kevin's at 8 pm. Open days on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June from 11 till 5 each day. There are Pilgrim walks arranged for Saturday the 4th of June. A ritual with Deirdre Ni Chinneide will take place in the meditation garden at St. Kevin's on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th from 2.30 till 3.30pm. Tickets for the concert and information about the walks are available by phoning 087 9356696 or by email failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie. for much more information.



Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm Mass

Fr. Barry Murphy
(9th Anniversary)

Sunday 11.30am Mass

William Walsh
(Month's Mind)
Eddie & Eileen McQuaid
Betty Edgell



Blessing of Graves

Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place in Shanganagh Cemetery on Sunday, May 29, at 3pm. Dublin Road (Old Bray Road) Shankill, County Dublin, A98 Y952, Ph: 01-2893416 www.dlrcoco.ie/en/cemeteries

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

Our God, is a God of hope and healing. As we begin our celebration let us ask for this hope and healing.

Your Word to us is hope. Lord have mercy

Your word to us is healing and peace. Christ have mercy

Your word to us is consolation and joy. Lord have mercy

May the God of healing and hope, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

Some people came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers and sisters, send greetings to the brothers and sisters of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Book of Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant

glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Alleluia, Alleluia Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.' Alleluia

John 14:23-29

When Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Father, Son and Spirit, you created us in love. We are made for love and love alone. We thank you. Lord hear us

Jesus was prepared to die for love of us, but resisted all forms of violence to achieve his mission. May we follow his example. Lord hear us

In the face of the unspeakable things happening in Ukraine, and elsewhere in the world, it feels difficult to believe in the ways of Peace. Help us Lord to resist the temptation to become violent. Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving, all those who have died and those who have died needlessly through violence and war. May we be united again in the kingdom of God's love. Lord hear us

For all who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times, that we may be generous in our efforts to support them. Lord hear us

In silence, we put aside our own needs, no matter how urgent or important and we call to mind all who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us

Reflection

When violence becomes the architect of history, it can only replace one sort of oppression with another sort of oppression. An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind. I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent. State sponsored violence has to be fought. Resistance to state power is legitimate provided that the strategy of the resisters does not mirror the violence of the state. The use of violence to achieve political objectives is simply bad politics. There are many things for which I am prepared to die, but none for which I am prepared to kill. *Mahatma Ghandi*