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"Being Involved Brings Us Closer to God"

John and Rose Mary Hennessey

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Some years ago, John Hennessey needed a date for a school dance — and he asked Rose. They quickly discovered that dancing was a common interest.

"When we met, we both liked to dance, and now we still like to dance," John says. "We have some good music here in the Quad Cities, especially a local artist who plays big band music. We enjoy all music. It was something we had in common."

On Oct. 3 this year, the couple will celebrate their 50th anniversary — and 40 of those years have been spent here with the Sacred Heart community. Within our parish, John and Rose raised their two children and used their natural gifts to give back to the church and local community.

John and Rose were married in Cedar Rapids at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, the Czech parish that she grew up in.



John and Rose Hennessey.

Their move to Moline was prompted by John's work in administration with IBM.

"One of the biggest things for us when we came to Sacred Heart was the Christian Family Movement (CFM)," John says. "We were in that from the start and met a number of great families, and those friendships still exist. That really solidified our faith."

For 17 years, John and Rose were involved in CFM and would meet twice a month with other families to both discuss and determine service actions to do in connection with the discussion. They enjoyed CFM as a means of bringing families together to talk about the faith. It also brought their children together with other Catholic children their age.

"By discussing with the other families, you'd find out you weren't the only one going through things as a family," Rose says. "We just met the most wonderful

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couples through CFM. We've been friends since and it makes you feel like part of the church."

With support from family and friends, John and Rose raised their two children, David and Christine, who both received a Catholic education by attending Seton and graduating from Alleman High School. Now, David, his wife, and their child, Garrett — John and Rose's only grandchild — live in northern Virginia, and Christine lives in Chicago.

In addition to believing in the importance of Catholic education and fellowship with other Catholic families, John and Rose upheld faith-based family traditions in their home.

"While they were growing up, one of the things we tried to have was a family night," John says. "It was normally a Sunday night. We'd take the time to share a special meal, share what happened during that week, and pray together. We kept that tradition."

John and Rose have found several ways to become involved in the parish and local community. They both sing in the Resurrection Choir and with the New Spirit Singers. Rose has served on the Welcoming Committee, while John served as a Eucharistic Minister, and they both brought Communion to the homebound. They are also involved in the local community through advisory boards, choirs and outreach projects.

John and Rose also both found ways to use their individual interests for the church. John and other IBM employees were encouraged to be good citizens, and John served on the Board of Directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Rose is on the

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Advisory Board at the Benet House at the St. Mary's Monastery representing Sacred Heart Parish. In the parish, singing and music have always been natural gifts for John. He remembers in high school that the majority of students played basketball and sang in the choir, which fostered his interest in music.

"We are both active in the choir, and John has a beautiful natural voice," Rose says. "We've been in multiple choirs, and we sing for the Stations of the Cross. With the Resurrection Choir, we sing for funeral Masses. There are 30 of us who have sung together for some time. It's truly a joy to be singing with the people in that choir. We miss it in the summer!"

Rose worked as a nurse at Franciscan Hospital — now Unity Point Trinity in Rock Island — and then for various doctors in Moline. For her, compassion is a natural virtue. Both Rose and John would visit local hospitals together. When Rose retired in 2001, she found ways to reach out through the parish using her background.

"Being involved brings us closer to God, particularly doing something in church that you know people enjoy," Rose says. "When we sing for the funerals, we know it means a lot to the families. When I retired, an elderly person in our parish needed to go to the doctor, so I took her and spent time with her. I feel that my nursing background really helped me be compassionate."

Another skill that John has begun to use for the parish and local community is his woodturning hobby. By working wood upon a lathe into different shapes, he creates pens and pencils. John has donated pen and pencil sets to various local auctions, including the Snow Ball at Christ the King and the Alleman Heritage Ball.

Now, in addition to their involvement, John and Rose enjoy maintaining their loyalty to Notre Dame football — they've attended one or more games a year for the past 25 years — and look forward to one day returning to Ireland together. They are grateful for the local community they have experienced over their 40 years here at Sacred Heart.

For John and Rose, giving and sharing is part of life and brings them closer to the parish family, to each other, and to Christ.

A Letter From Our Pastor

God Has Given Me the Graces I Have Needed

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We always wonder where the time has gone. I think back to my seminary days, and when the time for my ordination came for the priesthood I was wondering where those eight years had gone. It seems as if only yesterday that I knelt before Bishop John B. Franz and placed my hands in his and promised him and his successors obedience. May 31st will mark the 50th anniversary of that date and the imposition of his hands that changed my life forever.

One of my priest friends once told me that I have had good times. I responded by saying that I tried to make good times. I can honestly say that all of my assignments have been rewarding for me. I have met many wonderful and saintly people in this journey of life. With every assignment that I have received from my Bishop, I believe God has given me the graces that I have needed to carry out each assignment.

I am sure I have not pleased everyone along the journey. To those I have failed, I ask their pardon, and those who have become lasting friends, I am truly grateful.

I will enter into a new part of my life, I will no longer be responsible for leaking roofs, too hot or too cold in the church, sidewalks and parking lots not cleared of snow or ice. Whether we have enough money in the bank to meet payrolls and keep the electricity on — for some assignments, that was a particular problem and a worry. Now, jokingly, I have said, all I have to worry about is if the check they give me will bounce when I attempt to cash it.

I thank all of you for your kind support to Sacred Heart Parish as you have shared your time, talent and treasure. Sacred Heart has a great history and a promising future. The past over-100 years have shown the strength and stamina of the parish, and I believe the next 100 years will only build on what has been started.

I will always keep you in my prayers and ask that from time to time, you offer one for me.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Dale L. Wellman,
Pastor



Entering Fully Into Communion With the Church *The RCIA Process at Sacred Heart*

New Catholics enter the church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults each year at Sacred Heart. In September, those who are unbaptized, baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholic but not yet confirmed begin their RCIA journey. Some are just curious about the faith, while others join RCIA because they have decided to become Catholic for one reason or another.

Melissa Nelson, who was initiated into the Church in April, decided to participate in RCIA and become Catholic when she became engaged to her husband, Jacob, a practicing Catholic. After going through Marriage Preparation courses at St. Mary's in Rock Island, Melissa promised her husband that she would become Catholic after they were married.

"I really didn't grow up with much of a religious background," Melissa says. "My husband, Jacob, went to St.

Mary's, and we were married there. So after we got married, I asked him to choose where he wanted me to go through RCIA. He chose Sacred Heart because it's such a beautiful church and it's close to our home."

When asked about the RCIA program at Sacred Heart, Melissa describes it in one word: "Amazing!"

"The love and care that I get from the sponsors and other candidates is wonderful," Melissa says. "There is a lot of togetherness, and they do a really good job with guiding us through and explaining the process, and what it takes to be Catholic. You really feel the love from them."

Jennifer Reyes also joined RCIA in September because she married a Catholic, but unlike Melissa, Jennifer joined out of curiosity rather than a promise made to her husband. Jennifer and her husband, also named Jacob, have

two children — Michael, 5, and Isabelle, 3. It was very important to Jacob, who was raised Catholic and whose family has attended Sacred Heart for decades, that his children be raised Catholic and receive a strong Catholic education.

When Michael began attending school at Seton Catholic School, Jennifer became curious and wanted to know what her son would be learning in school. That is when she decided to participate in RCIA.

"I started RCIA as a cautious observer," Jennifer says. "I didn't know a lot about Catholicism when Michael started school, so I was just curious. I wanted to know what my son was going to learn in school and what my husband knows. I started going through the program and soon began to realize that this is exactly what I was looking for and what I wanted."

Once she began the RCIA process, Jennifer felt right away that she was in the right place.

"Within two months of starting, I had learned enough to say, 'This is the faith I want,'" Jennifer says. "I attribute this not only to Sr. Kathleen, but also to the sponsors and the other RCIA students. It was through watching the sponsors live their faith, and seeing how their faith impacted their lives that I began to believe."

For more information on the RCIA process here at Sacred Heart, please contact Sr. Kathleen Mullen at the parish office at 309-762-2362.



The Sacred Heart Rummage Sale: Thrifting For a Cause

Thrifting” has emerged as a new word in our common lexicon. Thrifting is the process of shopping at secondhand or vintage stores. Those who enjoy thrifting frequently value rediscovering the worth of items and even reencountering the history of vintage pieces.

The Annual Sacred Heart Rummage Sale is thrifting for a cause — the maintenance of our beloved parish.

“Our first Rummage and Bake Sale was scheduled for Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12, 2003,” says Mary Schoeve, the chairperson of Sacred Heart Rummage Sale. “To date, it has totaled over \$67,000 for the needs of the church.”

Over the years, the Sacred Heart Rummage Sale evolved into an annual parish tradition, but it began as a idea from Msgr. Wellman.

“Monsignor used to be the pastor at St. Ambrose, and my mother belonged to that parish,” Mary says. “I helped her co-chair their rummage sales for years. Early in the spring of 2003, I got a phone call from Suzie Budde. She said she talked to Monsignor about our church having a rummage sale. He said to give Mary Schoeve a call. That started the ball rolling.”

The first year, the Rummage and Bake Sale included a silent auction of two antique clocks. A total of \$3023.10 was raised to replace the heating and air conditioning unit on the rectory. At the second sale, the “\$1 a bag” sale was added on Sundays for the after-Mass crowd.

“A touch of class was added in 2004, with Bookman’s Bargain Boutique for the

nicer things and antiques with fine jewelry,” Mary says. “We had no sale in 2005 because of the renovation of the church.”

At the third annual sale in 2006, the “\$1 a bag” sale was moved to Saturday and Bookman’s Bargain Boutique was again headed up by Connie and Don Bookman with items such as crystal glasses and rings. Pat Hansen procured matching funds sponsored by the National Society of Foresters Court #956 for the Boutique, and this sponsorship continues today.

“And so it went each year,” Mary says. “Beverly Buckley and I always talk about what and where things will go to make the sale more eye-appealing. Bev is there every day when the door opens and works tirelessly sorting and pricing the kitchenware, small appliances, sports and exercise equipment, tools, and furniture. She started with me in 2003 and I couldn’t run this without her.”

Mary and Bev’s hard work to make the sale appealing is more than noticeable! As you enter via the front door off of 16th Avenue, Bev greets you — as do the welcoming smells of the Café.

“They serve doughnuts, juice, and coffee in the morning and sloppy joes and hot dogs with chips for lunch,” Mary says. “Some of the men like to sit and drink coffee and eat while their wives shop.”

This year, the Sacred Heart Rummage Sale will be held on Thursday, June 5 and

Rummage Sale Drop-Off Days and Times

- Saturday, May 31 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 1 from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Monday, June 2 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 3 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 4 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Friday, June 6 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Saturday, June 7 from 8 a.m. until noon with the “\$1 a bag” sale on Saturday.

“My favorite part of the sale are the tireless workers who come every day to get it together,” Mary says. “There are five people who bring food to feed the 25 to 30 constant workers. Everyone helps where they are needed — and never a cross word. We have had many compliments about the organization of the sale and the kindness of our people. There is always a welcome mat for anyone who would like to help. Many hands make lighter work. Come and join the crew!”

For more information about the Sacred Heart Rummage Sale, please contact Mary Schoeve at 309-786-4400.

With joyful gratitude

Monsignor Dale L. Wellman

*Invites you to share in a Mass of Thanksgiving on
Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 2:00pm
celebrating the*

*50th Anniversary
of his ordination to the priesthood
and his retirement as pastor
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*A reception in Culemans Memorial Hall
will follow the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, June 7
and also following the 7:00am, 9:00am and 2:00pm Masses
on Sunday, June 8*

*Due to the 2:00pm Mass on June 8
the 11:00am Mass will be canceled*

Please remember me in your prayers.

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68



Alleman Senior Excited to Take Faith, Career Beyond Graduation

Most people graduate from high school with a vague notion of “what we want to be when we grow up.” But for one senior at Alleman High School, that question has long since been answered.

Jonah Maynard, an Alleman senior set to graduate this spring, wants to pursue a career with computer science. In fact, he is already well on his way!

“I have been learning about computers on my own for a while, but I really started getting into it when I started high school,” Jonah says. “Then in December, I started working at Computer Revolutions here in Moline. I do everything there — I fix computers, build computers and take care of viruses.”

With his foot already in the door of the computer industry, Jonah has big plans following his graduation.

“I’m planning to go to Blackhawk to study computer technology and to keep up with the job I already have,” Jonah says. “Hopefully someday, that will lead to me opening up my own business. I wouldn’t want to compete with my current boss though, so I’d probably open up in another area — maybe even in Colorado or California.”

A second major passion that has fueled Jonah through his high school days at Alleman is his Catholic faith. A former longtime altar server at Sacred Heart, Jonah has enjoyed getting more and more active in youth ministry at Christ the King and in Teens Encounter Christ, or TEC, retreats.

“My faith is really important to me — I really enjoy learning about it and sharing it, and I try to embrace it as much as possible,” Jonah says.

After having a powerful experience on his first TEC retreat as a freshman, Jonah has been on many retreats since then, giving talks and helping out in a variety of ways. He has utilized his computer skills to help run audiovisual media at retreats with Special People Encounter Christ, or SPEC. He has also grown into a leadership role with LifeTeen at Christ the King.

“LifeTeen meets on Sunday nights, and every week we have a lesson, a skit or a video — and then we spend time talking about it and reflecting on it,” Jonah says. “My sister was a core member, so I’ve served as a core member since my freshman year, too, which means I come early, set up, prepare food and help set up other stuff and clean up. It’s definitely taught me quite a bit. I learn something new every week.”

A successful student with a budding career, serving in a variety of roles in Catholic ministries, Jonah is also active in a number of volunteer organizations through the school. He is a member of the Key Club, Pathfinders and Sigma Alpha Delta.



For a recent Teens Encounter Christ retreat, Jonah Maynard (second from the right in the back row) was part of the behind-the-scenes support team.

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Confessions

Saturday: 3 to 4 p.m.
and by appointment, call 762-2362

Eucharistic Adoration (St. Francis Chapel)

Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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“I just really like helping out people — I guess I have always loved it,” Jonah says. “It really was a privilege to get to go to Alleman. It’s definitely different from any of the other schools around. It’s like one big family. Freshman year, it sounded silly to hear people say that. But now as a senior, you know it’s true. We are always there for each other no matter what, and a lot of us help out in a variety of ways.”

Jonah credits his parents, Michael and Denise, and other members of the local Catholic community for the positive influence they have had in his life.

“The whole church at Sacred Heart has definitely

formed the person I am,” Jonah says. “But I would say the priest I was the closest to was Fr. Douglas Grandon, who was one of the very few married priests we have in the Catholic Church, having come from the Episcopal church. He had twins that were in my grade and his whole family really influenced me a lot. He has since moved on, but he was a big influence on me.”

After graduation this spring, Jonah hopes to continue reflecting those influences as he balances a career and college studies, while keeping Christ and his Catholic faith at the center of his life.



Jonah Maynard (sixth from the left in the second row) has served in a variety of ways on Teens Encounter Christ retreats. For one recent retreat, Jonah was part of the presenting team and gave a talk about his relationship with Christ.