



World Events 2014

Christian persecution, global unrest and epidemics, as well as papal trips, were all experienced in the past year.
— **World, page 4**



Vatican Year in Review

Pope Francis instituted Church reform in the last year and encouraged the faithful to grow in holiness in imitation of new Sts. John Paul II and John XXIII and others.
— **Vatican, page 5**



Discernment Reading

Father Jeffrey Kirby's book on prayer is aiding vocational callings and growth in holiness.
— **Books, page 11**

Notable Quotables

A Compilation of the Register's 'Quote of the Week' for 2014

"We don't try to convert the world at once. We start with family members, friends and co-workers."
— *Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Ill.*

"Teaching children the importance of living a good life now so as to live with God for all eternity is the most important element of Catholic education."
— *Dominican Sister John Mary Fleming, the executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Catholic Education*

"The pro-life movement is about more than saving the life of the baby. It's especially about connecting that baby to where he or she came from: the mother and the father. ... There is no other institution that does that."
— *Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco about God's plan for marriage*

The resignation of Pope Benedict XVI was "an act of love for the Lord, for the Church and for the faithful."
— *Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Benedict XVI's personal secretary*

John Paul II and John XXIII "were such holy men, and their contributions to the Church will not stop anytime soon. It is important that we know that the way we walk leads us to happiness. We all want to be happy, and sainthood is an example that our brothers and sisters achieved happiness. These two great men are in heaven. If they could achieve it, we can, too."
— *Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Wypych of Chicago*



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"God is peace. Let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our lives, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God's goodness."
— *Pope Francis on Christmas Day*

The more "we allow ourselves to be humbly guided by the Spirit of the Lord, the more we will overcome misunderstandings, divisions and disagreements."
— *Pope Francis on Christian unity*

"To be a saint is not a luxury. It is necessary for the salvation of the world. This is what the Lord is asking of us."
— *Pope Francis to new cardinals*

"God speaks through the people and events in our day-to-day lives. This is true. But he often speaks most profoundly in silence: There are things he would say to us; things he would do in us; things he should do through us — if only we would sit quietly and in silence."
— *Brother Rex Anthony Norris*

"There can be no Catholic life, no holiness, no discipleship without prayer and the sacraments."
— *Cardinal Sean O'Malley at National Catholic Prayer Breakfast*

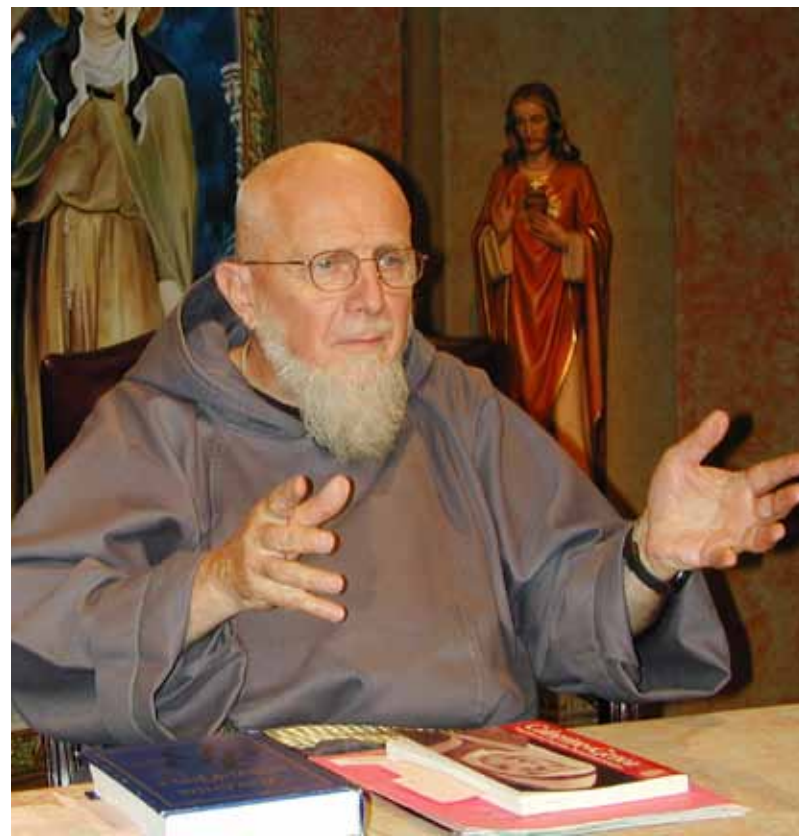
"My husband and I are praying for God's will, and if it's his will that Fulton Sheen be beatified because of what happened to our son, then that's really exciting."
— *Bonnie Engstrom*

"We are thankful that the Supreme Court has heard our case, and we prayerfully await the justices' decision."
— *Barbara Green, co-owner of Hobby Lobby*

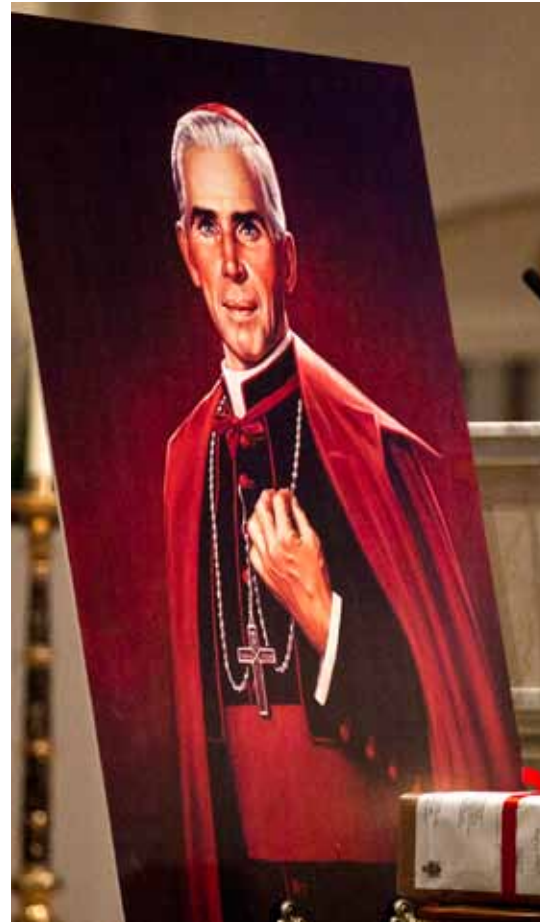
"Let the joyous wonder of Easter Sunday radiate through our thoughts, looks, attitudes, gestures and words."
— *Pope Francis on Easter Monday*

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2014 in Review



PASSINGS. Franciscan Father Benedict Groeschel (above), co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and a noted psychologist, died on Oct. 3. Helen Hull Hitchcock (top right), founding director of Women for Faith and Family and editor of *Adoremus Bulletin*, died Oct. 20. On Jan. 11, Penny Lord (bottom right), passed away; she was a longtime EWTN host and pilgrimage leader, with her husband, Bob. Photos from EWTN and the Hitchcock family



CAUSES CONTINUE, STALL. Above, Blessed Miriam Demjanovich was the first U.S. citizen to be beatified on her native soil. Michael Mencer holds a reliquary containing a lock of her hair during the October ceremony at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, N.J. AP photo/Julio Cortez. Meanwhile, the Vatican approved a miracle due to the intercession of Venerable Fulton Sheen (at left), but a squabble between the Archdiocese of New York and Diocese of Peoria, Ill., over the archbishop's remains in September led to an indefinite suspension of the beatification cause. 2010 AP photo/Journal Star, Eve Edelheit

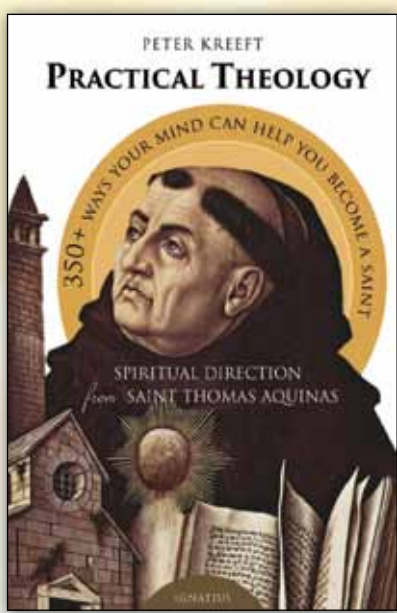
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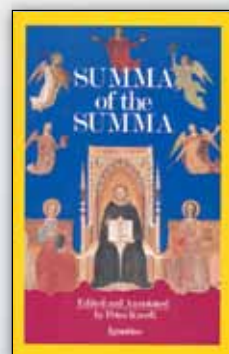
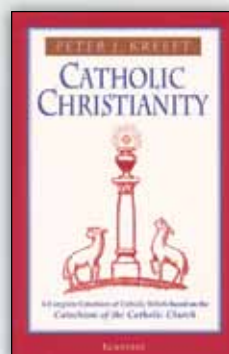
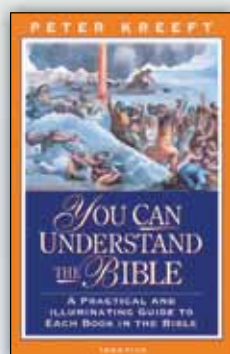
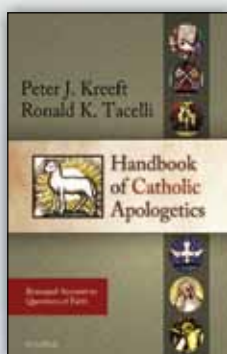
"How can we attain everlasting union with God? Kreeft's dialogue with Aquinas shows us what it means to learn from a saint."
— *Matthew Levering, Mundelein Seminary*

"Peter Kreeft's writings are true genius. Kreeft makes Aquinas' thought very accessible in illuminating the path to union with God."
— *Dan Burke, National Catholic Register*



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Notable Departures of 2014

- Jan. 11** — Ariel Sharon, 85, longtime Israeli politician, prime minister from 2001-2006 and proponent of unity with the Palestine Authority
- Jan. 21** — Penny Lord, 85, EWTN host and pilgrimage leader, with her husband, Bob
- Feb. 27** — Bishop Raymond Boland, 82, Diocese of Birmingham, Ala., 1988-1993, and Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., 1993-2005
- March 28** — Jeremiah Denton, 89, rear admiral and aviator in the U.S. Navy and, following his retirement from naval service, a U.S. senator from Alabama
- April 1** — Bishop Andrew McDonald, 90, Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., 1972-2000
- April 8** — Cardinal Emmanuel III Delly, 86, hierarch of the Iraqi Chaldean Catholic Church and patriarch of Babylon, 2003-2012
- May 25** — Wojciech Jaruzelski, 90, first president of Poland; influenced by Pope John Paul II; converted from communist atheism to Catholicism on his deathbed
- June 13** — Chuck Knoll, 82, NFL Hall of Fame head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, 1969-1991, and four-time Super Bowl champion
- June 30** — Father Alvaro Corcuera, 56, general director of the Legion of Christ, 2005-2012
- July 2** — Louis Zamperini, 97, 1936 U.S. Olympian, World War II bombardier and prisoner of war and Christian evangelist
- July 7** — Eduard Shevardnadze, 86, Georgian politician and diplomat and president of the post-Soviet democratic republic, 1995-2003
- July 17** — Stratford Caldecott, 60, British theologian, author and editor
- Aug. 20** — Cardinal Edmund Szoka, 86, Archdiocese of Detroit, 1981-1990, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican city state, 1997-2006
- Aug. 26** — Bishop John Nevins, 82, Diocese of Venice, Fla., 1984-2007
- Sept. 6** — Bishop Cirilo Flores, 66, Diocese of San Diego, Calif., 2013
- Sept. 12** — Rev. Ian Paisley, 88, anti-Catholic Unionist politician and Protestant minister from Northern Ireland
- Oct. 3** — Franciscan Father Benedict Groeschel, 81, co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, psychologist, author and EWTN host
- Oct. 20** — Helen Hull Hitchcock, 75, founder of Women for Faith and Family and editor of *Adoremus Bulletin*
- Oct. 24** — Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, 73, theologian and spiritual adviser to the Communion and Liberation movement in the United States
- Nov. 23** — Bishop Joseph Maguire, 95, Diocese of Springfield, Mass., 1977-1991
- Nov. 25** — Archbishop Joseph Dimino, 91, Archdiocese for the Military Services, 1991-1997
- Dec. 13** — William E. May, 86, author and senior research fellow of the Culture of Life Foundation and emeritus Michael J. McGivney Professor of Moral Theology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America in Washington

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