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'Kid from Mackville' returns home

Bishop Felton of Duluth celebrates Mass at his home parish of St. Edward

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

MACKVILLE — A festive atmosphere greeted parishioners as they entered St. Edward Church for 8:45 a.m. Mass on May 30. The chattering of excited guests as they viewed a display of photos in the foyer, along with the smell of bratwursts cooking a few yards away, foretold a special occasion.

It was the homecoming of a parish son, who, 10 days earlier, had been ordained and installed as bishop of the Diocese of Duluth, Minn. (See story, page 11.) Bishop Daniel Felton returned home to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with family and friends, some of whom were present nearly 40 years ago when Fr. Felton celebrated a similar Mass following his ordination as a priest.

"So who would have ever thought a kid from Mackville..." Bishop Felton began his welcome following the opening procession.

"One of the great privileges of being a bishop's mom is that the bishop has to come to Mom. Mom does not go to the bishop,"



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Carol Felton, seated, gives her son, Bishop Daniel Felton of Duluth, Minn., two thumbs up as he walks out of St. Edward Church in Mackville, Wis., following a Mass of Thanksgiving May 30.

Bishop Felton said to a chorus of laughs.

Seated in the second pew in the center of the church was a smiling and proud Carol Felton, along with Bishop Felton's four sisters and their families.

"And so, as we celebrated the ordination a while ago in Duluth, so Mom said, 'Now it's time for you to come home to your home parish and to celebrate,'" continued Bishop Felton. "And so it is a great day of celebrating you, it is

a great day to say 'thank you' for all that you are and all that you continue to be in my life."

Prior to the opening procession, Bishop Felton greeted guests as they entered the church. One guest received special attention: Fr. Justin Werner, who had served as his boyhood pastor at St. Edward Parish and influenced his priestly vocation.

Our full story appears in the June 4 issue.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we conclude our series of catecheses on prayer by turning once again to the prayer of Jesus. In the final hours of his life, Jesus' constant dialogue with the Father becomes all the more intense, as he approaches his saving death and resurrection. In the great "priestly prayer" of the Last Supper, Jesus intercedes for his disciples and for all those who will believe through their word. In the agony in the garden, he offers his anguish to the Father and lovingly embraces his will. At the darkest hour of his suffering on the cross, Jesus continues to pray, using the traditional words of the Psalms, identifying himself with the poor and abandoned of our world. In those moments, the crucified Lord takes upon himself the burden of all the sins of the world.

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Diocese begins Appleton-based 'Encounter School of Ministry'

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

ALLOUEZ — Do you want to experience supernatural moments in everyday life? Do you want the Gospel proclaimed with signs and wonders like those you read about in the Bible or the lives of saints? Do you believe God has a plan for you, a purpose that you and you alone are here to do, so the Kingdom can become more present here?

If so, the Encounter School of Ministry, which opens in the Green Bay Diocese this September, may be for you.

Encounter School of Ministry is a two-year missionary leadership training program.

Maximus Cabey, director of the local campus. Explained the program as "designed to equip baptized Catholics, who are already living as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be able to come into the fullness of the

baptismal identity and to grow in recognizing and using the charisms God has given them."

Encounter is based in Brighton, Mich., with 17 satellite campuses around the country, as well as in Ireland and Australia. In the Diocese of Green Bay, the school will be located at St. Thomas More Parish in Appleton.

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5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Holy siblings

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- 1 This past February, Pope Francis reunited three siblings. On July 29, originally the "Memorial of St. Martha, becomes the "Memorial of SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus."
- 2 The three siblings were friends of Jesus and lived in Bethany, near Jerusalem.
- 3 Martha and Mary summoned Jesus to Bethany when Lazarus became gravely ill. Lazarus died, but was raised from the dead by Jesus (Jn 11:1-44).
- 4 In John's Gospel, Mary also anointed Jesus with expensive oil and dried his feet with her hair (Jn 12:1-8), in preparation for his own burial.
- 5 Legends surround the siblings after the Gospel era. From a 13th century tradition, we hear that they fled Judea in a boat that landed in France.

St. Thomas More: A saint for our times

Dear friends and followers of Jesus:

Next week, the Catholic Church in the United States will once again celebrate Religious Freedom Week (June 22 to June 29). This is a time to give thanks to



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God for the blessings of our religious freedom, while also learning more about the threats that exist to this freedom today.

The celebration of Religious Freedom Week overlaps the feast days of five saints who were killed because they stood up for what they believed: St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More.

In this column, I want to reflect on how this last saint, Thomas More, can be an example for us in our own times.

St. Thomas More lived in England in the 1500s. That century was a time of great change and upheaval in our church and in our world. This was the era of the Protestant Reformation, when Christianity split into numerous denominations. While many of these splits occurred as a result of differences of opinion about theological matters or the proper way to

worship, the issues in England were different.

King Henry VIII was the leader of England at this time and, while he was Catholic and defended the church against Martin Luther and others who were criticizing it, he also felt that the church should not have a say in how he lived his life. Specifically, he was upset that the pope would not grant him an annulment from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, so that he could marry another woman, Anne Boleyn. So, he simply made himself the head of the Church of England. In doing so, he insisted that the people of England recognize his authority over the church.

In other words, he asked them to accept something as true which was not true.

St. Thomas More, one of the king's closest advisors (Lord High Chancellor of England) and friends, was asked to sign a document acknowledging Henry as the head of the Church of England. When Thomas More, a lawyer, refused, he was beheaded for treason. His famous last words were, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first."

Much like St. Thomas More, we live in a time of political, social and religious upheaval. As a result of this, Christians are sometimes asked or expected to accept things as true which are not true.

Read the entire column in the June 18 issue.

Parish SNAPSHOT



A Baccalaureate Mass for the graduating class of St. Thomas Aquinas Academy was celebrated on May 20 at the St. Joseph site of Holy Family Parish, Marinette. Pictured are back from left, Ethan Russell, Lucas Kellner-Hofer, Alex Powers, Fr. Celestine Byewakso, Brennan Cyr-Smith, Dominic Piasecki and Griffin Knox; front from left, Livia Benson, Madelynn Fernstrum, Amara Nyquist, Haley Dahlen and Nathaniel Hooks.

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