

FOCUS: CARDINAL TOBIN

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The term at the Vatican did not go as planned – his five year term was cut to two. One man noticed the unfair dismissal – Cardinal Bergoglio. The two men met in 2005 during a synod of bishops in Rome, and they bonded over a shared view of the church. There were conservative bishops in their group who wanted, for example, to ban girls from being altar servers. “I have eight sisters, and at the time, I had nieces who were serving at the altar, and I didn’t see the justification for it,” Cardinal Tobin said. “Bergoglio was on the same page. There are more important things to talk about.”

They had also laughed together: Cardinal Tobin recalled telling Cardinal Bergoglio that he had been his mother’s choice for pope that year, because she had read how he picked up after himself and cooked his own food. Still, Cardinal Tobin was surprised to get a note from Cardinal Bergoglio in 2010 wishing him luck in his Vatican position. “He said: ‘I remember our time together, I remember our conversations, and I remember your mother’s good taste. I’m praying for you.’”

By the time Cardinal Tobin came to the Vatican in 2013 to receive his pallium — the cowl that would mark his status as the archbishop of Indianapolis — Pope Francis had been elected. Francis appointed him to the oversight committee of the same Vatican office he had been removed from. Then, in October, came the announcement of cardinal - the youngest one in the United States. Cardinal Tobin was shocked. “It’s kind of like you are sleeping in class and all of a sudden the spotlight is on you,” he said.

At a news conference last month in Newark, he put it this way: “Sometimes I think Pope Francis sees a lot more in me than I see in myself.” Cardinal Tobin said he loved his time in Indianapolis, where he visited parishes in 39 counties, ministered to prisoners on death row and baptized about 1,000 new Catholics each Easter.

Cardinal Tobin has had a hard time saying goodbye. He choked up at his farewell Mass and had only one request of the congregation that had packed the cathedral: Pray for him. But his admirers here and elsewhere are hoping that Cardinal Tobin will become a more public voice for Pope Francis and his priorities. He has already done that once, in a showdown with Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana, a Republican who is now the vice president-elect, over welcoming Syrian refugees. In November 2015, Mr. Pence announced that he would suspend Syrian refugee resettlement programs, citing security fears. Cardinal Tobin felt that was not only illegal, but also immoral. He met with Mr. Pence, discussed his objections and told him he would continue the Catholic Charities resettlement program. A federal court has since overturned the governor’s directive. In an email, Mr. Pence said, “Cardinal Tobin is a personal friend, and I deeply respect his commitment to his faith and his ministry.”

While Cardinal Tobin did not tell anyone whom to vote for in the presidential election, he said he was disturbed by appeals to fear during the campaign of Donald J. Trump, particularly his views of refugees

and immigrants. Mr. Trump, he said, “was appealing to the dark side of the divisive forces, to the unredeemed part of us.” And while the cardinal believes American democracy will ultimately resist such appeals, “you can’t be too Pollyannish about things.” In Newark, he said, his first job after his installation on Jan. 6 will be to listen. Encompassing Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties in northern New Jersey, the archdiocese has pockets of great wealth and poverty, and an array of immigrants so diverse that Mass each Sunday is celebrated in 20 languages. About 30 percent of the parishioners are Hispanic. It is also a community in need of healing. In July, citing the failure of the archdiocese to effectively remove priests accused of sexual abuse from contact with children, the editorial board of The Star-Ledger of Newark called the departure of (former) Archbishop Myers a “true blessing.”

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“During his 15-year tenure as New Jersey’s highest-ranking Catholic, he (Myers) protected pedophile priests,” the board said. “He urged his flock to vote based on two issues — abortion and gay marriage — at the threat of being denied Holy Communion.” Jim Goodness, the spokesman for the archdiocese, denied those allegations, saying that Archbishop Myers had permanently removed from ministry some 20 abusive priests and that he had “never threatened to deny Communion to anyone.”

Cardinal Tobin will bring a different message. One of his priorities, he said, would be to ensure that the archdiocese is fully compliant with church and criminal protocols on handling sexual abuse allegations. At the Vatican in the late 1990s, the cardinal recalled, it was difficult to convince people that the abuse issue was serious. “I think they just believed it was an American problem,” he said, adding, “I don’t want to make it like I was a great crusader over there, but I did take it seriously.” He later led an effort to establish protocols for abuse claims in his order. Yet the most outspoken American victims group, the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said that Cardinal Tobin, like the church as a whole, must do more, such as posting the names of all credibly accused priests online. “Certainly there are worse bishops, but that fact should comfort no one,” David Clohessy, the organization’s national director, said.

Cardinal Tobin assumes his role in an uneasy time. He said that he hoped to lead with joy and transparency, and that he intended to encourage dialogue to bridge divisions. But he would go further if he believed that policies ran counter to the moral values that Jesus taught. On the threats by President-elect Trump to carry out mass deportations of illegal immigrants, Cardinal Tobin was clear. He recalled how Pope John XXIII, before he became pope, issued false baptismal certificates to help Jews escape the Nazis in World War II. “We have to resist,” he said. “With public statements, and then, you do what you got to do.”

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Monday – Wednesday 8am  
Thursday Mass/Novena:  
8am & 7pm  
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am  
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)  
Reconciliation  
Saturday: 4-4:45pm  
Adoration  
Saturday 9:30-10am  
Library Hours  
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

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# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

January 15, 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A prayer, hope and expectation for 2017

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the new year, I would like to reflect a little on what we have done in 2016. Generally, I am very encouraged by the good things that have taken place in our parish. We are an active and busy parish and I intend to keep it that way. Not that busyness is always good... we must make time for prayer, reflection and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. This week’s 40 Hours Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday presents us with opportunities to do just that. Please sign up to spend an hour with the Lord especially on one or two of these days.

The busyness of this parish comes from my effort to give every one of you an opportunity to be part of something greater than yourself. It could be a spiritual talk, an outreach effort for the poor, sick or elderly, the parish mission to boost our faith or simply committing one’s time and energies to a particular ministry. Our new website reflects this. I love the images of smiling families gathered in the church, hall or lawn actively engaged in doing something together. That’s why I call this a “family of families.” As family, my wish is for each of you to know that you and your family are the living stones that make up this community.

As we pack away the lights and decorations of Christmas, I hope you keep in your hearts the magic moments of being part of our parish... be it hot chocolate with the children on the first Sunday of Advent or the beauty of carolers during the Christmas season or packing foodstuffs for impoverished families.

Please make 2017 the year to get at least one family member involved in a parish ministry. It would be wonderful to see our school parents help out at the Children’s Mass or join in praise and worship led by our youth before the 5pm Mass. Checking the Mass attendance of our school families should be a pleasure! That’s my prayer, hope and expectation for 2017. I hope you feel moved to share these with me.

Yours in Christ,  
**Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R**



Here I am Lord, I come to do your will. - Psalm 40



## NEWS & NOTICES

**Confirmation Meeting:** Mandatory Grade 7 Parents & Students Confirmation Meeting on Sat Feb 4 from 9:30am-11:00am Parish Hall.

**Children’s Mass Offering:** The next Children’s Mass is on Sun Feb 5 at 9am. To encourage our children to become good Christian stewards in their own way, we will put out children’s Mass envelopes which young people can pick up at the church entrance when they attend this Mass. Please remind your children to bring a few nickels or dimes to put into the envelope to offer up at the Collection. No offering is too small! Money from this collection will go to a charitable organization.

**PEC Meeting:** The next meeting is on Tuesday Jan 17 at 7pm in the Madonna Room.

**Discerning Your Plans:** If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to serve God as a priest, brother, sister or deacon, give Fr. David Purcell a call. Fr. David is our Redemptorist Vocations Director. He is available to chat anytime. Call or text him at 416-770-3217.

**CWL Meeting:** The next Catholic Women’s League Meeting is on Wed 18 at 7pm Madonna Room.

**CWL Membership Drive:** The Catholic Women’s League of Canada (CWL) is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. A membership in the CWL adds your voice in support of local and national work for many social justice issues. We invite every woman in this parish to join! Members will be available at the back of the church after masses the weekends of January 21 & 28 to tell you about the CWL, its goals and objectives, or feel free to call: Lynn Macdonald 604 420 9275. Membership is \$30.

**2017 Donation Boxes:** Please pick up your Sunday Offering Envelopes boxes for 2017 from the church foyer. Please do not use 2016 envelopes or envelopes from previous years. If you do not find an envelope box in your name, please call the office or put your name on the sheet on the clipboard. Thank you!

**Children’s Liturgy:** Children’s Liturgy takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the 11am Mass. However due to weather conditions this will resume on Sunday January 22 this month.

**K of C Charity Appeal:** Early bird prizes for the Knights of Columbus 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Appeal Draw are up for grabs this week. Cash prizes in the thousands can be won at the Early Bird Draw on Jan 14. The Knights are in the foyer selling tickets this weekend at all Masses. Tickets are \$2 each.

**US President’s Inauguration - Prayer Day:** On the morning of Friday, January 20 2017 the inauguration of the USA president will take place. We are living in turbulent times, and with the new president and unpredictable changes to come, the Point Grey Ministerial Association is planning an afternoon and evening of Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please join us for this twofold event. The first part will be a gathering in the afternoon from 2-4pm in the local churches in Point Grey and second part, a Pot Luck Supper beginning at 6pm at Point Grey United Church, 4595 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver. Our guest speaker is Mr. Jason Byassee, a teacher at Vancouver School of Theology. The topic for discussion is: “How does our Faith inform Today’s Challenging Times?”. See you at OLPH at 2pm January 20 and at 6pm at West Point Grey United Church. – Fr. Bill Comerford

**Mysteries: Sacramental Thought and Practice in the Eastern Churches:** Learn about the foundational theology and practice of the Eastern Churches with regards to the Holy Mysteries and see how we can appreciate the traditions of the East in their sacramental practice Join Rev. Richard Soo, SJ, on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 101 at St. Mark’s College (UBC Campus). Event hosted by the Newman Association of Vancouver.

**Weekend Retreat:** Join us from Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, Feb. 5, 1:30 p.m. at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Retreat Theme is “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread” with retreat master, Fr. James Hughes. Cost is \$155/person. To register, contact Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam at 604-942-7808 or assumptionofmary@shaw.ca.

## Stewardship Reflection

*“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5*

*You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.*

**Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis**

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

#### Gathering of Newly Baptized

We are hosting a Breakfast Reception for all those who baptized their children at our parish last year. You are warmly invited to attend after the 11am Mass.

#### 40 Hours Adoration

Our Parish is hosting a 40 Hour Adoration from Mon Jan 16 till Wed Jan 18. We are inviting you to sign up to be present for an hour or longer so that there will be someone present at all times. Sign up sheets are at the front of the church.

#### Youth Snow Shoe Trip

All teens and young adults are invited to join the OLPH Youth Ministry for snow shoeing on Sunday Jan 29 at 11am. Please email Theresa at olphyouthmin@gmail.com if you are joining us!

### FEBRUARY

#### Door Is Open



If you would like to help with preparing and serving a hot lunch for the homeless and poor of Eastside Vancouver, please sign up for the coming Door Is Open outreach effort on Tuesday Feb 7. Sign-up sheets are at the front of the church. You can also sign-up online at olphchurch.ca.

#### Healing Mass & Potluck Supper

A Healing Mass and the Anointing of the Sick will be held on Wednesday Feb 8 at 4pm. This will be followed by a potluck supper. To help those who are organizing this supper, please indicate on the sign-up sheet at the front of the church what sort of food item you will be bringing that day.



## A Redemptorist Cardinal in Newark

By Sharon Otterman, NY Times

INDIANAPOLIS — For about a year, the guys at the gym just called him Joe. He lifted weights in the early mornings wearing a skull-printed do-rag. He worked out on the elliptical, wiping it down when he was done. Then one day Shaun Yeary, a salesman at a landscape supply company, asked him in the locker room what he did for a living. “I used to be a priest,” Joe recalled telling him. “And now,” he said, his voice growing quieter so as not to scare anyone in earshot, “I’m the archbishop of Indianapolis.” “I was like, for real?” Mr. Yeary recalled. “This guy is benching two and a quarter!” — gymspeak for 225 pounds.

Joe, also known as Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, recently became one of the 120 men in the world who will choose the next pope. But he wants to be judged by his actions, not his lofty position in the Roman Catholic Church. Though he has led the Archdiocese of Indianapolis since 2012, a status that usually comes with perks like a driver, he drives himself around in a Chevy Tahoe and helps with the dishes after lunch meetings. He introduces himself simply as Padre José to the children at a local Catholic school. He showers and shaves at the Community Healthplex gym like any other member, and calls his workout buddies his Band of Brothers.

In short, he is just the kind of leader Pope Francis is elevating to realign the church in the United States with his priorities. As the pope has made clear over the past three years, fancy lifestyles, formality and regal titles like Prince of the Church are out of style for cardinals. So is an emphasis on the divisive issues of abortion and same-sex marriage, even though the church’s underlying position on those issues has not changed. Instead, in the pope’s view, the church should emphasize humility and service to the poor. It should be multicultural, welcoming different styles of worship. It should reach out to other faiths and stand up for immigrants, refugees and nuns.

And that, church experts and members of his flock say, is a close description of the priorities of Cardinal Tobin, who will be heading east just after Christmas to lead the approximately 1.5 million Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark. He is replacing Archbishop John J. Myers, 75, who preferred to be addressed by the formal title Your Grace, and who achieved notoriety when the church spent some \$500,000 to outfit the house he will retire to with an indoor exercise pool and an elevator.

How Cardinal Tobin, 64, an amiable 6-foot-3 Irish-American who likes Bob Seger, plays piano and speaks five languages, went from being the oldest of 13 children living in Detroit to the pinnacle of the global church is a story that bears telling.

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He grew up in a working-class neighborhood where the big houses were perfect for the large families of Irish, Polish and other Eastern European backgrounds that filled them. The local parish, Holy Redeemer, was run by an order of priests called the Redemptorists, and was unusually large, with 14 Masses each Sunday for up to 20,000 worshipers, he recalled in a Dec. 5 interview.

His mother was a public-school teacher who quit her job to raise her brood; nine of her cousins and three of her aunts were nuns. Growing up in a deeply Catholic environment, Cardinal Tobin had two role models: the parish priests and his father, a cost analyst at General Motors who attended 6 a.m. Mass daily. Joe Tobin was a rough-and-tumble child, who once crashed through the back-porch window when he was being chased. But he also learned the deeper lessons taught by the nuns at the parish school.

In 1977, when the cardinal was in seminary in Esopus, N.Y., his father died of a heart attack. By that time, the family had moved across the border to Canada, and his father had been commuting to Michigan.

“I idolized my dad,” Cardinal Tobin said. “He was everything I think a man should be. He was strong, he played in the Orange Bowl as a freshman in Boston College. He lost his leg in World War II, so he never played football again. He had a quiet, unpretentious faith. He was chivalrous with women. He remains close with his siblings. And in the Redemptorists, an order that requires a vow of poverty and emphasizes missionary outreach, he found a second family.

## “I turned white and started stuttering...but how does one refuse the pope?”

He dreamed of being sent to far-flung locales once he was ordained in 1978. Instead, because he spoke Spanish, he was sent right back to Holy Redeemer, which had a growing Hispanic population. There, he learned about serving the poor. An older priest modeled what was to become a signature of Cardinal Tobin’s ministry: an intense focus on each person. “When he is there and you are talking to him, it’s as if you have known him all your life,” said Bernice Guynn, 89, a parishioner at St. Rita in Indianapolis.

From Detroit, he was moved during the AIDS epidemic to Chicago, where he ministered at the bedsides of the dying. The church’s stance against homosexuality was not a barrier to him. “It’s important to be there for people,” he said. By 1991, the higher-ups of his order had taken notice and he was moved to Rome. For 12 years, he led the Redemptorist order, finally traveling the world to missions in more than 70 nations. In that capacity, he made an impression on Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then the Vatican official responsible for enforcing Catholic doctrine. In 2010, five years after Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict, he offered Father Tobin the title of archbishop and the position of secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in the Vatican.

Cardinal Tobin recalled that he was painting his mother’s porch in Ontario when he got the call from the Vatican secretary of state. “I turned white and started stuttering,” he said. He did not want the job, he said, but how does one refuse the pope?