

From Pontiff to Pew (continued):

theologians, to discern what in the cultures of our time is worthy of consideration, always taking the Word of God and the Tradition of the Church as the supreme criteria for discernment. This requires a balanced mind, free from cultural trends, capable of viewing the world in a positive light whilst remaining steadfast in preserving and presenting the Gospel message in its entirety. Indeed, “it is certainly not by watering down the content or softening the demands that Christianity can be made attractive” (Address to the Plenary Assembly of the Dicastery for Evangelization – Section on Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World, 28 May 2026).

Dear friends, as she journeys through history, “the Church has a single intention: that God’s kingdom may come, and that the salvation of the whole human race may come to pass” (GS, 45). She strives towards this end above all through personal holiness and fraternal love. Saint Paul VI wrote: “Without this mark of holiness, our word will have difficulty in touching the heart of modern man. It risks being vain and sterile” (Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Nuntiandi, 76). Let us therefore be open to the action of the Holy Spirit, that He may help us to live in holiness and charity, so that the world may believe and hope.

Saint Patrick Church Basket Party - St. John Gualbert will be having a basket party in the St. John Gualbert Activity Center at 110 Adams St. on Saturday, October 17th Walk through from 6 PM-8 PM with 25 Chances for \$5 (only available at the door) and on Sunday, October 18th Basket Party with Meal at 12 PM with 25 chances for \$10. Tickets are available at St. John Gualbert Church office. If you have any questions, please call Christine, their secretary, at (814) 536-0117 to pick up tickets.

CCW Fall/Advent Program: Reflections on Pope Leo XIV’s Apostolic Letter

Dilexi Te is an invitation to contemplate Christ’s love focusing in particular on his particular love for the poor and the lowly. In preparation for Advent and Christmas, participants will read and reflect on the many facets of poverty and the faces of Christ in the poor. Each week, one section of the apostolic letter will be studied and prayed with as a preparation for a new and deepening understanding of Jesus who comes poor and lowly into our midst as an infant at Christmas. Class dates: Mondays, November 9, 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Morning Sessions: CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641, 10–11:30 a.m. Evening Sessions: Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto, PA, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Both morning and evening sessions will follow the same schedule material so participants can attend either session. Register by Nov. 4, 2026. For classes at Incarnation Center: 814-886-4098 or email communityofficeccw@gmail.com. For classes at the Basilica; 814-472-8551