

### A POINT TO PONDER

In his morning preach at Mass, Pope Francis on February 21<sup>st</sup> sketched society's response to immigration issues in four words:

**"Welcome, Protect, Promote, Integrate."**

### THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

For the past few weeks, our parish has actively been conducting the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Cardinal Dolan mentioned in his letter that the *Appeal* is the lifeblood of our archdiocese and critical to the work and life of each of its parishes, including ours.

As we consider our pledge to the *2017 Cardinal's Appeal*, we recognize that all we have is a gift from God. **As a sign of our gratitude, we respond with a gift to the Appeal, which helps all Catholic institutions do their work of ministering to the needs of God's people.** This work includes caring for our retired clergy and religious; educating our future priests; teaching children the truths of our faith; supporting parishes that need help with their expenses so they can still preach the Word of God and administer the Sacraments. This work also includes ministry offices that reach people of different ages and ethnicities.

In the bible, Jesus teaches us to act with mercy, compassion and love. **Your help plays a vital role that ensures the Cardinal's Appeal continues to serve so many through our communities.** To date, **only 52 families** have made their commitment to the *Appeal* effort in our parish. **Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$105,500.00.** Let us show our strength in faith, in unity, and in Jesus' call to action.



### ST. THERESA'S CYO BASKETBALL UPDATE

Our CYO basketball program is alive and well at St. Theresa's as we have 140 boys and girls from grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> participating in our county-wide program. As we go to "press" this week **we have 2 teams in the Championship rounds to be completed this weekend. Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys (red team) and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls on advancing to the final four in their respective divisions.** We will pray for you this weekend as you compete for the County Championship. Good luck.

Thanks to all our coaches, coordinators, players and parents that continue to make this program a great success. **The CYO year end awards dinner will be held on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** in the gym to celebrate all of our participants.

## **Cluster Parish News**

### 2017 WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

#### SAVE THE DATE

As we move through these winter months, doesn't a day away from the busyness of everyday life sound inviting! Why not **treat yourself to a day of reflection and spiritual renewal** that will make a difference in your life! **The retreat will be held from 8:30-5:00 on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Maryknoll Sisters, Ossining.** For additional information, please call Patrice Scully-Murray at 914-374-6471, Sr. Eileen Finnerty at 914-941-2556, Patty Vaughn at 914-761-4537 or Ronnie Biolsi at 845-582-0446. We hope to see YOU at the retreat!

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION AT HOLY INNOCENTS

*Got Christ?*

**Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P.**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, March 8<sup>+</sup>  
(7:00 p.m. each night)**

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday – How'd you get here?  
**Monday:** Last Supper – Who's hungry?  
**Tuesday:** Good Friday: Fuggedaboutit!  
**Wednesday:** Easter – We interrupt this broadcast.

