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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** - September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 A.D.



**THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit** – Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

“All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith!” - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

“The Vibrant Parish”

“Всі ці прикрі явища нашого земного життя – це для нас запрошення до чинної любові, яка є виявом живої віри.”

- Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука “Жива Парафія”

**Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Vyku!**

**Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на Віку!**

**Christ is among us! – He is and will be!**



**Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations during week:**

Mon., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – NO SERVICES

Tue., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: For all students (requested by Mr. Michael Luchkanych and Family)

Wed., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: For all students (requested by Mr. Michael Luchkanych and Family)

Thurs., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda/Memorial Service: **Rest of the soul of Mrs. Victoria Connor**

(requested by Mrs. Alexandra Vedress and Family)

Fri., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: For all students (requested by Mr. Michael Luchkanych and Family)

Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (in English language)

– 11:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (in Ukrainian language)

**Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:** **Baptisms:** by appointment. **Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

**Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

**Holy Unction** (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time)

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

**Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time \* **Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.**



**Epistle:** *A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (2 Cor. 9:6-11)*

Brothers and Sisters, let me say this much: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works, as it is written: "He scattered abroad and gave to the poor, his justice endures forever." He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield. In every way your liberality is enriched; through us it results in thanks offered to God.



**Gospel:** (Luke 5:1-11)

At that time, as Jesus stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets." Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come to help them. These came, and together they filled the two boats until they nearly sank. At the sight of this, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." For indeed, amazement at the catch they had made seized him and all his shipmates, as well as James and John, Zabedee's sons, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men." With that they brought their boats to land, left everything, and became his followers.

**Our Eparch, Bishop Ken** is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. **For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**



**VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

❖ **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. *If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*



relatives, godparents, friends and whole our spiritual family by helping and keeping him growing wise and safe for good of his family, church and country for many, happy, healthy and blessed years of life – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Larissa Verhelst on her birthday (Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>), and to all those who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

### **NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFEE-SOCIAL AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY.**

❖ We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

❖ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God parish catechism program. We want your children to learn more about their orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Marilyn Daulat or Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

❖ **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Mark Fesniak., Lucy D., Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward Ewanko., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Rocio A., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski,

Kalyna Kociuba,  
Bronie Huska,  
Peter Huska,  
Stanley and Roma  
Nowakowski

(Bishop Ken's  
parents), Barbara  
and Vincent

Pasternak, Dorothy  
Scott, Lorraine

Turcotte, all

members of our  
parish and those

who are not able to  
join actively in our  
community, your

families, relatives,  
friends;

governments and  
armed forces,

especially the shut-  
in or those in the  
hospitals, traveling,

working or  
studying, nursing

and senior homes,  
those seeking

### **TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

***Put out into the deep." These words are truly very symbolic of the way we live today. Too many of us skim the surface of life. If we really want to live, we must launch out into the deep, putting our faith deep, live daily and seriously in Christ. He continues to invite people to a deeper faith, to share blessings and active personal participation in the life of our Christan family, church and country!***

***Truth is not always found on the surface. The attractive but in many cases not always truthful surface is that which we see first. To really get to know people and things, we have to penetrate below the surface, below this outer layer or mask. That is why first impressions about people are often wrong, or superficial. It is when we pierce a deeper level of a human's character that we get to know the truth about people, learn about who they really are.***

***Have you ever asked a question: Why was it that Simon and his co-workers have not succeed even after they spent many hours by working hard whole night? The answer is simple - because first of all they trusted in themselves (their personal experience, view and understanding), and actually did not throw out their fishing nets in the name of the Lord, relying on His blessing, omnipresence and Divine guideness/leadership.***

***Let us learn from this Gospel message about our human imperfection and sinfulness, that we can live trusting only God and daily fulfilling not human but His 10 Commandments, that is, with confidence in His Divine help, working only for His glory by building up His Kingdom starting right now, and if we do this with conscious, peace, care, generosity and love, the blessing of the Lord for each and everyone of us will be abundant in this temporal earthy life and eternity for "His justice endures forever!"***

(2 Corinthians 9:9)

God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation.

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS: Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him /her know that our parish community misses him / her very much!**

❖ **On behalf of our church family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to Mrs. Alexandra and Mr. Florian Vedress, Mrs. Olga Bohun their families, relatives and friends as Alexandra's sister Mrs. Victoria Connor has fell asleep in the Lord in Alberta.** May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ place Victoria's soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may her memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! – Vichnaya Pamyat'!

❖ **Recording Secretary position is vacant at our parish executive council.** This parishioner (sister or brother in Christ) is recording and keeping the minutes of all monthly Parish Council Meetings; together with the Pastor and the Chairperson signs the adopted minutes of the Council. **If you have a gift and wish to share it as a recording secretary, please contact Mr. Neil Lalach or Fr. Pavlo.**

❖ **Volunteers needed to help make cabbage-rolls at our parish hall starting at 8:30 am on Saturday of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 A.D.** If you are able to help, please, come - it will be truly appreciated. More people come to help - faster the work will be done. Please, invite your relatives, friends and neighbours to help!

❖ **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the entrance to the church.

❖ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.



**Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Borshch – \$ 7.00 per a jar, Pies – \$ 9.00. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

❖ **A SPECIAL REQUEST:** After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well, please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much!

❖ **BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS** – since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance.



❖ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! **Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc.** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, Contact Mr. Neil Lalach or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life!

❖ **PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND UKRAINE:** Sept. 4-22, 2019, an unforgettable experience with Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Mrs. Myrna Arychuk at 604 - 617 - 7200

❖ **Glasses Prescription Box for Ukraine** is placed and located at the left side by the entrance to the parish hall. Please, feel free to participate in and support this important project.



**Rachel's Corner:** "Before I made my decision to come to the retreat, I wanted to be in a place where no one would judge me for my past. I found a great place where I left my pain and suffering and at the retreat I learned that I needed to trust God. When I left Rachel's Vineyard I knew that I now have started a new chapter in my life and a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for women and men and discover what it feels like to have that burden removed. **Healing after Abortion Ministry 250-762-2273** [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com) or information and registration visit:

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Our next retreat, for anyone suffering from an abortion experience, will take place October 12, 2018. It is not too early to register. Please contact us at [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), 250-762-2273. Strict confidence assured.**

❖ **FAITHFUL GIVING** ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. **When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca) and attend the Divine Liturgy.** Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! **"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"** (*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*)

❖ **Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations** sign up list to arrange the actual date is available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall. Please assist Fr. Pavlo in planning these visits by letting him know your most convenient time and day. Thank you and may God bless you

❖ **Saint Pope Pius X<sup>th</sup> Roman Catholic Parish** (Corner of Gordon and Fuller) **2018 Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.** Select from among: Needlecraft, Toys, Farmers Market, Used Books, Treasures, White Elephant, Jewellery & Religious Articles Treat yourself: Baked Goods, Barbecue, Tea Room. Come for Lunch! Join the Raffle for a Quilt Try your luck with the 50/50 Draws.

❖ **ATTENTION TEENS! grades 8-12, NET Encounter Retreat Day Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Parish Centre (West Kelowna).** Theme: 2 Billion People! Our World has been influenced by many people who have gone before us. Martin Luther King had a dream and from that equal rights was born. Terry Fox was determined not to let his cancer trump his passion for life and so he ran for cancer awareness. Jesus Christ came to die for the Salvation of the world and from that 2 Billion People call themselves Christians today and have transformed the world. In a world that tries to wipe out Jesus' relevance, how can we begin to understand the magnitude of His sacrifice in our day-to-day lives? Join us and the other youth from the parishes from the North and South Okanagan for an awesome Retreat Day. There is a live band, fun and games, praise and worship, prayer, friends, mass celebration and guest speaker Fr. Ron Dechant and much more! Cost is \$30.00/participant includes, lunch, dinner and snacks. Registration forms are available [here](#) or from your church/school office. Join us!

**YOUR BOOK TEACHES TO FEAR NOTHING, SAID POROSHENKO DURING PRESENTATION OF A BOOK BY PATRIARCH OF UGCC**

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Within the framework of a working visit to Lviv region, President Poroshenko visited the presentation of the book Dialogue Heals Wounds written by Primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Svyatoslav (Shevchuk). This is reported by the Head of State's website.

The idea of the book is to open the door to a dialogue between the Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine and society in Poland, since the Poles have little knowledge of Ukraine, Ukrainians and the UGCC.

“I am confident that through this dialogue, millions of people will get involved in these dialogues. And they will definitely become better,” said Petro Poroshenko.

At the same time, Petro Poroshenko noted that he had not yet read the book by His Beatitude.

“But I came here to receive it and read it,” said Petro Poroshenko.

“I want my nation and people to fear nothing. This, among other things, is what the book of His Beatitude Svyatoslav teaches,” the President said, adding that this book “will bring us closer to understanding and overcoming any number of problems between our States. “

“The states’ leaders, peoples and the Church must look to the future, leaving the past in history. And faith in the Lord, faith in Ukraine is necessary for all of us,” added the President and said that this book will be the first one he will read after visiting the Publishers' Forum.

Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) handed to Petro Poroshenko a copy of his book and signed it.

Dialogue Heals Wounds contains ten hours of interviews conducted by the head of the Foreign Office of the Catholic Information Agency Krzysztof Thomasic with His Beatitude Sviatoslav in Kszenjowice, near Zakopane. The book raises questions about Ukraine today, Metropolitan Sheptytsky, the history of the UGCC and the challenges facing her in the modern world, Polish-Ukrainian relations, the Roman Catholic Church and relations with her in Ukraine, relations with Russian Orthodoxy and ecumenical dialogue.

Source: [https://risu.org.ua/en/index/all\\_news/state/church\\_state\\_relations/72714/](https://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/state/church_state_relations/72714/)

## **Former Australian governor-general, a lifelong atheist, becomes Catholic**

*Bill Hayden attributes reversal to the Christian example of a nun working in healthcare.*

*The Christian example of a Catholic nun was so powerful that it convinced a lifelong atheist, a former governor-general of Australia, to become a Catholic.*

Bill Hayden, 85, a former leader of Australia’s Labor Party, was baptized September 9 at St. Mary’s Church in Ipswich, west of Brisbane.

“There’s been a gnawing pain in my heart and soul about what is the meaning of life. What’s my role in it?” Hayden told the Brisbane-based Catholic Leader newspaper. He added that he could “no longer accept that human existence is self-sufficient and isolated.”

A native of Brisbane, Queensland, Hayden first got involved in politics after serving as a policeman. At age 28, in 1961, he won a seat in the House of Representatives. When Gough Whitlam led the Labor Party to victory in 1972, Hayden was made Minister for Social Security. He also served briefly as Treasurer in 1975. Two years later, he succeeded Whitlam as Leader of the Opposition and led the Labor Party to the 1980 election, recording a substantial swing but falling well short of victory. Under Bob Hawke, he served as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, 1983 to 1988, then left parliament to assume the governor-generalship. He held that position for seven years.

The Governor-General is normally the Chief Scout of Australia. Hayden declined the office on the grounds of his atheism, which was incompatible with the Scout Promise. Instead, he served as the “National Patron” of the Scout Association during his time in office.

He said he has been thinking about the faith for a long time. In an interview with the Australian newspaper, he talked about the Catholicism of his family when he was young. Apparently, he had never been baptized.

“I always regarded myself as a fellow traveler with Catholicism and declared I was a Catholic on official forms, but it wasn’t official,” Hayden said. “I would go to Mass every Sunday and then go to Benediction when I was a teenager. I didn’t know that I wasn’t officially a Catholic and found that out only later when my sister did the family history.

“When you grow up with it, I don’t think it ever really leaves you,” he continued. “The Catholics have ceremony very much in place. But it was more than that. I could just feel in my heart that I didn’t feel fulfilled.

“There is more to life than just me. I had to make a dedication of myself for the good of others, before God. I felt that strongly,” he said.

The Catholic Leader said that Hayden had suffered a stroke in 2014 and as he prepared for the baptism celebrated by Fr. Peter Dillon, he was feeling “great pain” from a recent fall in which he broke his shoulder. Fr. Dillon said that the baptism was “a big thing” for Hayden, “an act of submission to the fact that there was no denying for him that God is real, and he had come to discover that.”

The newspaper said that Hayden attributed his conversion to the influence of his mother, who was Catholic, and of the Ursuline Sisters, who taught him at primary school in inner-city Brisbane, and who stressed the principles of humanity, social commitment and service to others.

But it was a recent hospital visit to see Sister of Mercy Angela Mary Doyle that proved the pivotal moment in Hayden's faith journey.

"I have always felt embraced and loved by her Christian example," Hayden said of the 93-year-old, who was in the congregation at the baptism.

"Sister Angela Mary Doyle was for 22 years administrator of Mater hospitals in Brisbane—a citadel of health care for the poor of South Brisbane where I grew up towards the end of the Great Depression," he wrote in a letter to friends before the baptism. "Dallas (my wife), our daughter Ingrid and I recently visited Sister Angela Mary in the Mater Hospital where she was a patient. The next morning, I woke with the strong sense that I had been in the presence of a holy woman. So, after dwelling on these things I found my way back to the core of those beliefs—the Church."

He said the Sister of Mercy worked hard for the poor who came to her hospital and for healthcare reform in Australia. She "saw to it that the poor received the best medical attention at low cost, and pressed for universal health insurance," Hayden said. "Without her, there would have been no Medibank [Australia's first system of universal health insurance] and no Medicare today. She displayed enormous courage in standing up for those principles against strong opposition, including from the medical profession."

In that spirit he said he would like to play an active role in the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The recent spate of bad news for the Church did not deter him in his desire for baptism.

"The problems are caused by human agents of the Church, but we shouldn't let our faith be undermined by the action of agents who aren't quite as good as they should be," he said.

*Presented by John Burger, on 20-September-2018*

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