



## Coffee sales help monks blend mission, marketing

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

**ST. NAZIANZ** — For more than three years, Fr. Moses Wright's baking skills helped support Holy Resurrection Monastery's mission of prayer and hospitality.

But the popularity of his kitchen cuisine — which included shepherd pies, chicken pot pies, New York-style pizzas, chicken soup with homemade noodles, fruit pies, cookies and cakes — began to interfere with the Byzantine monks' lifestyle.

"The bake sales were very profitable ... but they were starting to take over our lives," Fr. Moses told *The Compass* July 28. "It was just so much work. We just couldn't keep up with the demand."

The writing was on the wall for the former chef and graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He cooked himself out of the kitchen.

The monks have found a new way to support their mission and it's just as aromatic as Fr. Moses' fruit pies and cookies. The Eastern Catholic monastery



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Fr. Moses Wright, left, and Br. Issac Hughey, members of the Eastern Catholic Holy Resurrection Monastery in St. Nazianz, hold packages of their Humble Habits Coffee.

now sells locally roasted coffees under their own label: Humble Habits Coffee.

When word got out that the monthly bake sales would cease, one of the customers contacted the monastery. "He put us in touch with a local Catholic coffee roaster in Appleton," said Fr. Moses. "I sat down with them and we worked out a couple of different blends that we were

happy putting our names on, so now we are selling locally roasted coffees through the monastery."

The Appleton coffee roaster caters to a variety of private coffee labels, said Fr. Moses. "So they do the roasting and the packaging and we just do the marketing and distribution."

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wherever there is a person who suffers, Jesus takes on their burden, and that suffering becomes his own. Jesus does not preach that the condition of suffering must be borne with heroism, in the manner of stoic philosophers. Jesus shares human pain and, when he comes across it, that attitude which characterizes Christianity — mercy — gushes forth from his heart. Jesus feels mercy in the face of human suffering; Jesus' heart is merciful. Jesus feels compassion. Literally: Jesus feels his heart tremble. Many times in the Gospel we meet this type of reaction. Christ's heart embodies and reveals the heart of God, who, wherever there is a man or woman suffering, wishes healing, liberation, full life for him or her.

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## Catholic Charities helps make adoption possible for birth and adoptive parents

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

**ALLOUEZ** — Five-year-old Brayden Pansier moves on from the wooden bead maze toy that occupied his attention for several minutes. He has his new baby brother, Ryker, in his sights. Brayden maneuvers his position until the two end up face-to-face with their noses touching. Three-month-old Ryker's eyes open wide as he breaks out a smile.

The two sons of Eric and Nicki Pansier were adopted through the domestic infant program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay.

"We knew we were going to adopt before we got married," said Eric. "We were planning on having one of our own, but that wasn't possible. We ended up adopting two. We couldn't be happier."

When the couple, who reside in Wrightstown, wanted to build a family through adoption, they sought direction from their pastor.

"Fr. Jack (Harper) was still at St. Mary (Ledgeview)," explained Nicki. "We said, 'We are thinking about adoption, where do we go?' He said, 'Catholic Charities.'"

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# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About archangels

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- 1 Sept. 29 is the feast of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the archangels. They are the only angels mentioned by name in the Bible.
- 2 Michael's name means "Who is like God?" Michael is the military leader of the angels.
- 3 Gabriel's name, surprisingly, means "the warrior, or hero, of God," but can also mean "God is my strength." He is the angel of the Annunciation.
- 4 Raphael appears in the Book of Tobit. His name means "God has healed." Raphael told Tobit (12:15) that he is one of seven angels before God's throne.
- 5 Jewish tradition, based on the non-canonical Book of Enoch, names the other archangels as Uriel, Raguel, Sariel and Jerahmeel.

# Health care reform through lens of the church

Over the past month, the issue of health care has been in the news quite a bit. As Washington struggles with this issue, I thought it would be a good time to examine health care reform through the lens of the church.



### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

In the Gospels, we find Jesus spending much of his time tending the wounds, both physical and spiritual, of those in his community. Since its foundation, the Catholic Church has continued the healing work of Jesus by ministering to people in need, the sick, the homeless, the elderly, the disabled and others. Health care ministry has always been a key part of the church's identity.

In the United States, the church has a rich history of being involved in health care and that is especially true locally. Thanks to the commitment of Catholic religious orders, priests and countless lay people, Catholic institutions have been leaders in providing health care to the people of northeast Wisconsin going back to the 19th century, when a group of women religious established St. Vincent Hospital, the first hospital in the area.

Moreover, every year our local Catholic hospitals provide millions of dollars in donated services to the poor. Needless to say, the church has significant experience in this field and thus much to offer to this discussion of health care reform.

Given this experience, the bishops of the United States have advocated for health care reform for a long time. This reform has always been rooted in the fundamental belief that access to adequate health care is a right belonging to all human beings. Pope John XXIII, in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, outlined this right as one of the "means necessary for the

proper development of life" which flows from our inherent human dignity.

Rooted in this basic principle, the bishops have consistently outlined the moral imperatives of any attempt to reform health care:

**Respect for life and dignity:** Health care is intended for the development and enhancement of human life, not the destruction of it. Health care reform must not compel citizens to pay for the destruction of human life.

**Honoring conscience rights:** At the Second Vatican Council, the bishops called a person's conscience "the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his depths" (*Gaudium et spes*). All stakeholders in the health care system must be provided with protections that allow them to follow their conscience.

**Access for all:** Access to health care is a right. Any health care reform must be aimed at providing greater access to health care, not taking this away.

**Truly affordable:** The church has long held that when evaluating social issues, we must make the needs of the poor and vulnerable a priority. This teaching has been a focus of Pope Francis's papacy. When it comes to health care, we must find ways to make care affordable for all people, especially the poor and vulnerable.

**Comprehensive and high-quality:** Health care is aimed toward our human dignity and our ability to develop fully as human beings. Thus efforts to reform the health care system must look beyond ways to provide basic, that is, limited care, and emphasize solutions that promote healthy lifestyles and preventative measures, while also treating disease and disability.

For the church, these are the fundamentals of a health care policy that supports and promotes human life and dignity. Unless and until we develop policies that meet each of these objectives, we will remain in perpetual need of reform, and those in greatest need will pay the price.

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## Parish SNAPSHOT

Nearly two dozen people from St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Oshkosh participated in a mission trip to Tepayac, Nicaragua, earlier this year to help build a house and construct a water tower. Plans for the next mission trip to Tepayac are set for Feb. 22 to March 3, 2018.

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