



Archbishop Wilton Gregory poses with two boys after celebrating Mass at St. Augustine Church in Washington, D.C., June 2. (CNS/Catholic Standard/Andrew Biraj)



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A member of [St. Mary of the Assumption Parish](#) in Laurin, Montana, dentist Tom Bartoletti is founder of Montana Dental Outreach Teams, a nonprofit that has [delivered free dentistry](#) and humanitarian aid to impoverished children and adults around the world. Students often accompany the teams as assistants and to gain firsthand experience of emerging world realities.

Also from Montana: Parishioners of the Helena Diocese have been given a [report](#) on a recent visitation to the diocese's [Guatemala Mission](#), which was founded in 1964. Ministries include a medical clinic and school.

[Holy Redeemer by the Sea Parish](#) in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, knows how to [put on a blood drive!](#)

The historic mother church of African American Catholics in Washington, D.C., [St. Augustine](#), provided a [moving welcome](#) June 2 to the U.S. capital's new archbishop, [Wilton Gregory](#). Gregory is the [first African American](#) to oversee the archdiocese.

[Blessing of fields and seeds](#) at planting time — and later the crops — is a big deal for parishioners of Nebraska's [St. Peter Parish](#) in Newcastle, [St. Patrick](#) in Jackson, and [St. Joseph](#) in Ponca.

Ordained a permanent deacon for the Philadelphia Archdiocese on June 8, [Steven Javie](#) is a retired National Basketball Association referee and finds it helpful to continue to wear his referee's whistle to parish functions. He and wife, Mary-ellen, belong to [St. Andrew Parish](#), Newton, Pennsylvania.

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It appears the battle between the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, over where the remains of famed orator and media giant Archbishop [Fulton Sheen](#) should rest reached culmination with a [June 7 ruling](#) from the New York Court of Appeals. Peoria won. The diocese opened Sheen's [cause for canonization](#) in 2002.

Involved in the five World War II major battles in the European theater and recipient of three Purple Hearts and five Bronze Stars, [Carl Mann Sr.](#) was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on the [75th anniversary of D-Day](#), June 6. Long active in Holy

Spirit Parish, now [Annunciation Parish](#), in Evansville, Indiana, the former Army sergeant had requested D-Day interment in honor of his fallen comrades.

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