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Habemus Papam! Pope Francis!



Photograph taken by CAC's Linda Del Rio from the Installation Mass of Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square on March 19.

On March 31, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was elected as the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church. CAC was blessed to have Linda Del Rio in Rome covering the Conclave, Papal Election, and Installation Mass. Linda provided a tremendous service to CAC and its supporters with photographs and videos from all the events in Rome.

A special Twitter page was set up for her updates, photos, and videos (@photofourjoy). You can also find CAC coverage from Rome on the CAC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/catholicathletes) and YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/catholicathletes).

Thanks be to God for our new shepherd, Pope Francis!

CAC's 2013 Spring "Men in Black" Tour



CAC Chaplain Fr. Burke Masters meets with Chicago Cubs OF David DeJesus during spring training in Arizona.

CAC officials and team chaplains were busy this spring in Arizona and Florida meeting with players, coaches, and other team personnel.

The 2013 CAC "Men In Black" Tour included CAC's President Ray McKenna and Board Member Jim Delaney, along with 11 CAC chaplains meeting with nearly 40 players, coaches, and team officials on 16 teams.

In addition, CAC helped arrange for weekend Masses during spring training for several teams, including

the Dodgers and White Sox in Arizona, and the Reds in Florida.

CAC was also successful in meeting with players and officials from several teams that currently do not offer weekend Masses during the season. Some positive steps were taken to establish regular weekend Masses for those teams in the near future.

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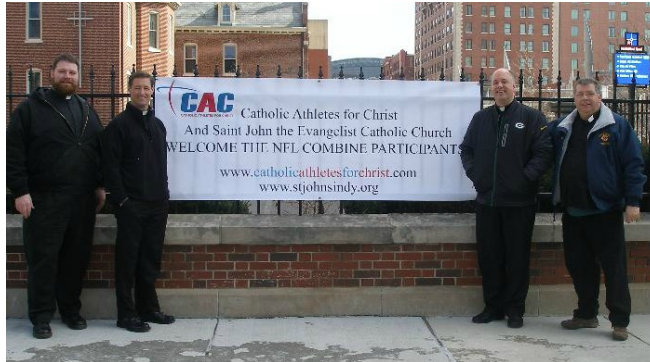
In 2013, Catholic Athletes for Christ (CAC) is preparing to expand its operations and outreach to enhance its current programs and develop new ones, including a formalized high school chapter program. In addition, CAC is preparing to revamp its web site and prepare new printed materials to further promote the organization and its various ministry and spiritual programs.

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Without increased donations, CAC will not be able to meet its 2013 program goals. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to CAC to help make its expansion plans a reality. Click on the "Donate Now" button to get information on how you can help CAC reach its 2013 goals. Thank you for your support!

CAC Hosts Mass and Dinner at NFL Combine in Indy

For the seventh consecutive year, CAC sponsored a Mass and hosted a dinner on February 23 for NFL coaches and team officials as part of the annual NFL Combine held each year in Indianapolis. CAC President Ray McKenna represented the organization at the events.



CAC NFL Chaplains at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis this past February. Pictured (l to r): Fr. J.D. Jaffe (CAC Spiritual Advisor), Fr. Clint Ressler (Houston Texans Chaplain), Fr. Jim Baraniak (Green Bay Packers Chaplain), and Fr. Tom Barcellona (Philadelphia Eagles Chaplain).

Earlier that day, CAC partnered with the Knights of Columbus to distribute 200 warm, new winter coats to need children in the Indianapolis area.

The Knights's "Coats for Kids" program was held at Holy Cross School in Indianapolis and featured former Indianapolis Colts quarterback Jim Sorgi who greeted the children and their families. In addition, the Colts provided the children with team giveaways.

CAC Welcomes Three New Board Members

CAC is proud to announce the recent appointment of three new members to two of its governing boards. Bishop Richard F. Stika of the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., was appointed to the CAC Episcopal Board and participated in CAC's 2013 "Men In Black" spring training tour. Bishop Stika is an avid sports fan and he has a special closeness to his beloved St. Louis Cardinals. He believes that sports can bring about the best in people - both the athletes and the spectators.

In addition, two new members were appointed to the organization's Board of Directors -- Dan Duddy of Toms River, N.J., and Kevin O'Malley of Centreville, Va.

Mr. Duddy is the head football coach and Pastoral Minister of Athletics at Monsignor Donovan High School and is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, both located in Toms River (Diocese of Trenton, N.J.). He is also a speaker in the area of masculine spirituality and how it relates to athletics and was honored by Sports Faith International as the recipient of the 2011 Virtues of St. Paul Award. In addition, he is helping lead the development and implementation of CAC's high school chapter program in the Diocese of Trenton.



Bishop Richard F. Stika, Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., was recently named to CAC's Episcopal Board.

Mr. O'Malley is a senior federal official working on budget and information technology issues in Washington, D.C. He is a member of St. Veronica Catholic Church in Chantilly, Va. (Diocese of Arlington, Va.), and actively serves on parish, community, and sports-related boards. A broadcasting major in college at the University of Dayton, Kevin served as the campus radio voice for Dayton Flyers football and basketball. In addition to his role on the Board, Mr. O'Malley is also providing technical and organizational support for CAC operations.

CAC Establishes New YouTube Channel



Ealier this year, CAC launched a new YouTube channel to showcase a variety of videos highlighting the organization's work to spread the Catholic faith throughout the world of sports.

Videos include CAC's Faith Bowls, promotional videos, and appearances and interviews with CAC athletes and staff. To view and subscribe to the CAC's new YouTube channel, please visit www.youtube.com/catholicathletes.

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Donations to CAC help support our mission of serving Catholic athletes in the practice of their faith and sharing the Gospel in and through sports. This includes (but is not limited to) coordinating Sunday mass at sporting events (for athletes, coaches and stadium staff) and supporting our growing network of CAC chapters at high schools and colleges.

Thank you for your support by generating donations year-round for Catholic Athletes for Christ! For more information on using KarmaWell to help CAC fund its programs and operations, contact catholicathletesforchrist@gmail.com.

In Memoriam...

CAC was saddened by the news that Retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Most Reverend Ignatius A. Catanello, died after a lengthy illness on March 11.

Bishop Catanello was a long-time CAC supporter, member of the organization's Episcopal Board, and served as a former chaplain for the N.Y. Mets. Please pray for the repose of his soul. [Here is a link](#) to a great story on Bishop Catanello's work with the Mets.



Bishop Catanello is flanked by former MLB all-star Mike Piazza and Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio (Brooklyn).

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