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Saint's daughter visits Green Bay

Dr. Gianna Molla attends fourth annual St. Gianna Clinic Gala

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — When your mother is a canonized saint, people ask you several things. One is to request your prayers. Others want to share their stories of need and healing.

What is it like to be the daughter of a saint?"

That's the experience of Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, 56, daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, who was canonized in 2004.

Gianna Emanuela was in Green Bay to speak at the fourth annual Gala Nov. 6 for St. Gianna Clinic, which is aligned with HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center. The clinic is named after St. Gianna Molla, who was a pediatrician. The gala was in collaboration with the Green Bay Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family Life and Pro-Life.

In response to this question, the saint's daughter replied, "First of all, I say that I thank the Lord for this grace, this so very special, a very singular grace. Then I say, 'It's a great joy, a great honor and also a great responsibility.'"

Since 2010, Gianna Emanuela has devoted her life to the "Saint



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Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, left, is pictured with Dr. Robin Goldsmith, president and CEO of St. Gianna Clinic in Green Bay. Dr. Molla, a geriatrician and daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, was in Green Bay to speak at the fourth annual St. Gianna Clinic Gala Nov. 6.

Gianna Foundation," founded in Milan in 1999 by her father, Pietro Molla, and her uncle, Fr. Giuseppe Beretta.

St. Gianna Molla is the patron of mothers, physicians, wives, families and unborn children. Gianna Emanuela is her fourth child. After her conception, a large fibroma was discovered in St. Gianna's uterus.

Surgery was a success, but risks remained. St. Gianna made it clear, as the delivery date approached, that the child's life was to be saved — even at the price of her own life. Gianna Emanuela was born by C-section on April 21, 1962.

Our full story appears in the Nov. 16 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

While humanity takes pains to have more, God redeems it by becoming poor: that Crucified Man paid an incalculable ransom for everyone, on the part of God the Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4; cf. Jas 5:11). What makes us rich is not goods but love. So often we have heard what the People of God say: "The devil enters through the pockets." It starts with a love of money, a hunger for possessions; then comes vanity: "Ah, I am rich and brag about it," and, in the end, pride and arrogance. This is the devil's way of acting in us. But the entrance is through the pocket.

Dear brothers and sisters, once again Jesus Christ reveals to us the full meaning of Scripture. "You shall not steal" means: love with your goods, make use of your means to love as best you can. Then your life becomes good and your property truly becomes a gift. Because life is not the time for possessing but for loving. Thank you.

+ Pope Francis,
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5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Heavenly Host

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1 Angels, like those at Bethlehem, are traditionally grouped in ranks called "choirs." While the number of choirs has varied from seven and 11 over the years, most commonly, the church honors nine choirs.

2 These nine choirs are grouped in threes (triads): seraphim, cherubim and thrones; dominions, powers and virtues; principalities, archangels and angels.

3 The first two triads are the "angels of presence" and "angels of governance." The last triad — principalities, archangels and angels — traditionally interact with humans.

4 The word "angel" comes from the Greek *aggelos* which, in turn, comes from a Hebrew word (*mal'akhi*), meaning "one who is sent" or "a messenger."

5 We don't know the names of angels, except for the archangels: Michael, Raphael and Gabriel.

'Discover Jesus': Discipleship Formation Seminar

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Back in September I wrote a couple of columns providing an update on our efforts within the diocese to live as missionary disciples.



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

Those columns were part of what will be a year-long series meant to highlight the progress we are making, while also calling all of us to grow in our friendship with Christ. In November and December, I will focus on our Discipleship Formation Seminars that have taken place over the past two years.

Building on the work of recent popes, Pope Francis has called us to be "missionary disciples" who witness to the Gospel in our homes, communities and the wider world. One of the church's newest saints, Pope St. Paul VI, said the church "exists in order to evangelize," that is to introduce others to our best friend, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This has always been our mission and it is now more necessary than ever that we embrace this mission. In particular, I think one of the lessons from the sexual abuse crisis is that all of us must find ways to continually deepen our friendship with Jesus Christ.

But this can be difficult and sometimes we need a little help to know how to meet Jesus and grow in friendship with him. That

is why we began our process with a series of Discipleship Formation Seminars which take place over the course of some years.

Each of the Discipleship Formation Seminars moves us more deeply into the discipleship formation process by focusing on a specific theme:

- Discover Jesus
- Follow Jesus
- Worship Jesus
- Share Jesus

The first seminar is called "Discover Jesus," which helps us to understand the challenges and opportunities in placing Jesus at the center of our lives, and how to present the core Gospel message anew in our homes, parishes, schools and communities.

To grow in the elements of discipleship formation, priests and other leaders in our parishes, schools and diocesan offices entered into "Disciples on the Way" by attending "Discover Jesus" seminars and by participating in a small faith-sharing process called "Alpha." I will share more information about Alpha in an upcoming column.

Participants were challenged to discover (or rediscover) Jesus and consider what Jesus means for their life. The central focus of the seminar is the kerygma, a Greek word meaning to herald or proclaim. Specifically, the kerygma is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

The entire column appears in our Nov. 9 issue.

'Christmas Stars' is set for 26th year of performances

BY AMANDA LAUER | FOR THE COMPASS

APPLETON — The curtain rose for "Christmas Stars" for the first time in 1993. This year, the Fox Valley holiday tradition — billed as a "spectacular, holiday-themed extravaganza" — celebrates its 25th anniversary of entertainment.

Since 1993, there have been nearly 200 performances of Christmas Stars, with 1,628 cast members and more than 150,000 audience members. The show has raised in excess of \$1.5 million to fund and promote fine arts for the St. Francis Xavier School System.

There are nine people who have been part of the production since day one: Sue Hahn, the production coordinator, and Craig Rueden, who plays the role of St. Nicholas and Santa Claus, came on board in year two.

Our full story appears in the Nov. 9 issue.

Parish SNAPSHOT



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Students and teachers from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano visited the Shawano Civic Center on Nov. 8 to make turkeys with guests of the center. They enjoyed not only creating the turkeys, but also visiting and talking with the guests. Pictured are Evelyn Ross, left, Addyson Fowler-Doxtator and Corbyn Wassenberg.