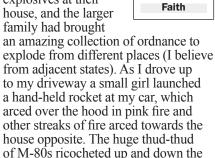
BOARDMAN'S LIMEY PASTOR

Fireworks, faith and formation

y wife's birthday is July 4th, which means that everybody's attention is focused on that, rather than her successful aging process. One year we drove up to Canada to concentrate on her

birthday — where she found that, yup, they had the fireworks there too. This year our neighbors, who are the center of a large family, had accumulated a mass of delightfully entertaining explosives at their house, and the larger



Colin

Brown

other streaks of fire arced towards the house opposite. The huge thud-thud of M-80s ricocheted up and down the street. My dogs and cats found bunkers in the house under the furniture as the detonations followed for a couple of hours. Their ears, I noticed, all lifted

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the weekend.

weekend revival MISSION — A revival

meeting kicks off tonight in

Friday with a 7 p.m. service

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special guest speaker is Easton

Saturday's event begins

with dinner at 4:30 p.m. and a

service at 7 p.m., also held at

the Mission Gym/July Grounds.

The Sunday service is at 2 p.m.

God Church, 47328 Shortmile

Road. Snacks will be served

There is no charge for

the event, said Vivian Shaw,

because salvation is free. For

more information, call Shaw at

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followed by dinner at the

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Mission and continues through

"Let My People Go" begins

up with each boom as they looked at me for reassurance that they would weather the storm.

In my former country, fireworks day is on November 5th, also known as "Guy Fawkes Day," when a Royalist, who tried to blow up Parliament, was burnt at the stake. So, there, everybody makes bonfires, and puts a "Guy" on top of it, essentially a scarecrow made out of Dad's old clothes stuffed with newspapers and sometimes fireworks. While this human like figure is torched, in the dark and cold evenings of November, fireworks are lit, sparklers glitter in the darkness, sausages and baked potatoes are cooked on the fire, and steaming mugs of hot chocolate are quaffed as we celebrate the demise of

I guess the thing that these two events both have in common is a celebration of our freedoms. The freedom to vote for who we want, the freedom in our persons and our faith, and the freedom to be left alone. These are all precious freedoms that make our lives tolerable.

I spoke about the Apostle Paul at Church last Sunday, July 3rd (not exactly the busiest church weekend of the year), and was reading from

his letter to the Galatians. It was Paul's most conflict-filled relationship with a community. Not many people know that Paul's letters are the earliest created writings of the New Testament (around the 50s) whereas our traditional Gospels were composed later. The earliest Gospel, of Mark, was written in about the year 70.

The Galatians, at the time, were giving Paul a headache because they were trying to integrate practices from the predecessor Jewish faith into their community, ceremonial calendars and such like. Paul was the caretaker of the faith in that he went to each of the communities of the early Christian movement and kept them all in line with his own witness and his own knowledge from revelation. Without him, we would not have the solidity of faith that we have today. Although we have multiple churches, our faith, in the main, is such that there is not so much difference as there could be.

I wish we could have fireworks for St. Paul at church each year and light up the sky.

Colin Brown is the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Locust Road in Boardman.

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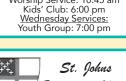
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Pope taps Chicago archbishop for key bishop advisory panel

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope Francis has named Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich to be a member of the powerful Vatican office that vets bishops' nominations, signaling he wants a key pastoral voice involved in the selection of U.S. church leaders.

Francis in 2014 had hand-picked Cupich to lead the Chicago archdiocese in his first major appointment for U.S. church. Cupich is a moderate like Francis and replaced the late Cardinal Francis George, had been an aggressive defender of orthodoxy.

Cupich now will be a member of the same Vatican advisory board where a staunch American Cardinal conservative, Raymond Burke, for years until Francis removed him.

In another sign of esteem Francis' Cupich, he tapped him as a special appointee to attend



In this Nov. 18, 2014 file photo, Archbishop Blase Cupich, proceeds through Holy Name Cathedral during Cupich's Installation Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, in Chicago.

his recent synod on the

Francis has said he wants to reform the way the church selects its bishops, wield enormous power in running church affairs and interpreting church doctrine at the local level. Currently, local bishops propose names to the Vatican ambassador in their country, who then sends possible candidates onto Rome for review.

But Francis the former Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio Mario experienced firsthand how the process can be manipulated by ideologically driven interests, with several of the future pope's candidates blocked when he was the archbishop of Buenos Aires.

Vatican: No jurisdiction over journalists in leaks case

(AP) — A Vatican court declared Thursday it had no jurisdiction to prosecute two journalists who wrote books based in part on confidential documents exposing greed, mismanagement and corruption in the Holy See, ending a trial that drew scorn from media

rights groups. The court did convict a Vatican monsignor and an Italian public relations expert for having conspired to leak documents, but cleared them of having formed a criminal association to do so. A fifth defendant, the monsignor's secretary, was absolved of all charges.

verdict The was embarrassment to Vatican prosecutors, who accused journalists Fittipaldi Emiliano and Gianluigi Nuzzi of conspiring and putting pressure on the three other defendants to get the information. Prosecutors had accused the three of forming a shady, secretive criminal organization that conspired to reveal confidential Vatican documents.

In the end, the president of the four-judge tribunal, Judge Giuseppe Dalla Torre, asserted the Vatican had no jurisdiction over the journalists and ruled there wasn't enough evidence to show that any such criminal organization existed. Speaking in the name of

Pope Francis, Dalla Torre prefaced his sentence by insisting that the freedom of the press was enshrined in the Vatican legal code and that freedom of thought was 'guaranteed by divine law." Fittipaldi and Nuzzi

wrote blockbuster books

last year based on Vatican documents exposing the greed of bishops and cardinals angling for big apartments, the extraordinarily high costs of getting a saint made, and the loss to the Holy See of millions of euros in rental income because of undervalued

real estate. documentation The had been compiled by a pontifical commission ordered by Francis to gather information about Vatican finances to make them more transparent and efficient.

Monsignor Lucio Vallejo Balda, the reform commission's No. 2, admitted in court that he gave Nuzzi 85 passwords to password-protected documents. He denied the journalists threatened him and put the blame of feeling pressured on Francesca Chaouqui, the communications consultant who was also a member of the commission.

The court convicted Vallejo of passing documents to the journalists and sentenced him to 18 months in prison. While clearing of actually Chaouqui passing documents, the court found her guilty of conspiring with Vallejo and sentenced her to a 10-month suspended sentence.

The fifth defendant, Nicola Maio, was cleared. It wasn't immediately

clear if anyone would appeal. Chaouqui, who recently gave birth, had said she would have gone to prison, babe in arms, rather than appeal a conviction or ask for a papal pardon. Publishing confidential

Vatican, punishable by up to eight years in prison. The journalists

information is a crime in the

Italian and had challenged the Vatican's jurisdiction to prosecute them. Prosecutors had asserted jurisdiction over them anyway, but the court rejected that argument. It declared it had no jurisdiction since Fittipaldi and Nuzzi were not Vatican public officials and the alleged crime didn't take

place on Vatican territory. In fact, in the sentence. Dalla Torre recalled that the 2013 Vatican law that criminalized publishing reserved information only applied to Vatican public officials exercising their official jobs, suggesting that the law will not be applied in the future to ordinary journalists operating outside of the Vatican City State.

The Committee to Protect Journalists, Reporters Without Borders and other media watchdog organizations had criticized the trial and called on the Vatican to drop the charges, saying journalists must be allowed to do their jobs without fear of repercus-

They praised the decision but said the trial never should have gone forward. "Their trial cast a

chilling effect on covering the Vatican," said Nina Ognianova, Europe and Central Asia program coordinator for the Committee to Protect Journalists "By writing these books,

we repeated that they just exercised their right to provide information in the public interest and should not have been treated as criminals in a state that supposedly respects media freedom," said Pauline Adès-Mével, head of the Reporters Without Borders' Europe desk.



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