

2016:

The Year in Review

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



JANUARY Msgr. Robert A. Ford, who served as pastor at three parishes, including his childhood parish, Sacred Heart in Suffern, and was Cardinal John O'Connor's special assistant for aged and infirm priests, died Jan. 29. He was 97, and held the distinction of being the oldest diocesan priest in the archdiocese. Cardinal Dolan offered the Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

FEBRUARY Cardinal Dolan reminded the faithful who gathered at St. Raymond's Church in the Bronx for the archdiocese's first "Saturday of Mercy" not to despair over sin. He led the first in a series of Mercy Saturdays in the early afternoon Feb. 20. The "Saturdays of Mercy" marked the Jubilee Year of Mercy convened by Pope Francis.



MARY DIBIASE BLAICH

FEBRUARY The Daughters of Divine Charity hold a grand opening of St. Joseph Retreat Center on Staten Island on Feb. 9, nearly 28 months after a fire set by arsonists damaged the convent and chapel at the St. Joseph Hill Academy campus.



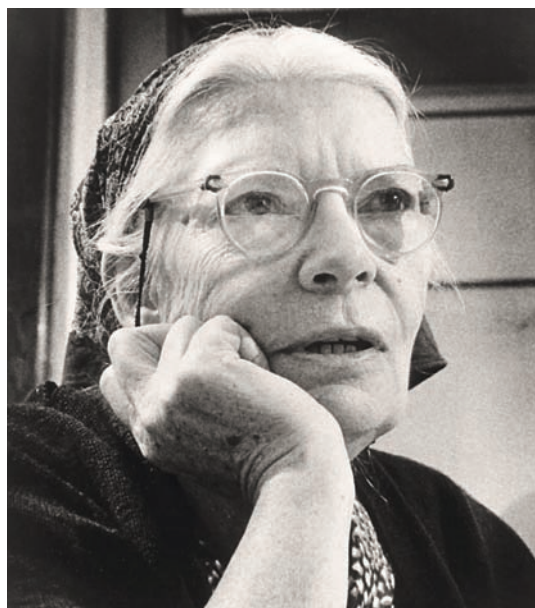
MARCH The Academy of St. Joseph continues to remember and honor its founder Cardinal Edward M. Egan. The private, independent Catholic school marked the one-year anniversary of Cardinal Egan's death with a Memorial Mass offered by Cardinal Dolan at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village on March 4. Cardinal Egan, the Archbishop of New York from 2000 to 2009, died at age 82 on March 5, 2015.

MARCH Cardinal Dolan greets Msgr. Robert Ritchie, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, as the rector drives to the cathedral along the parade route on St. Patrick's Day in one of the two Fiat 500 sedans used during the visit of Pope Francis to New York in September 2015.



CHRIS SHERIDAN

APRIL Catholic schools across the archdiocese have something to cheer about in the \$148 billion New York state budget. Lawmakers are devoting an additional \$72.5 million, above what was allocated last year, to support religious and independent schools in the state through a number of initiatives.



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APRIL The Cause for Dorothy Day's possible eventual beatification and canonization has moved into a new phase as Cardinal Dolan opens the canonical inquiry on the life of the Catholic Worker movement founder, gathering evidence to determine if Dorothy Day lived a life of "heroic virtue" in the eyes of the Church. Cardinal Dolan ushered in the new phase during an assembly April 19 at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan. Members of the Dorothy Day Guild and cause attended.

MAY Cardinal Dolan ordained 14 men to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 28—nine for the archdiocese and five for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It was the largest class in his seven years as Archbishop of New York.

MAY Daisy Jefferson called it a "real blessing." Dressed in white, the 91-year-old was baptized, confirmed and received first Communion at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Harlem as the congregation celebrated the feast of Pentecost on May 15.



Daisy Jefferson is baptized by Father Gregory Chisholm, S.J., at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Harlem on Pentecost Sunday, May 15.



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JUNE Cardinal Dolan celebrates an outdoor Mass on June 18 at St. John the Evangelist's lakefront property in Mahopac. He also dedicated and blessed the parish's Prayer Garden of Remembrance, which opened last year.

JULY ArchCare and Hudson River Health-Care joined forces to make a difference for those in need with their new mobile health center. The 33-foot Mobile Health Center is bringing health care services to agricultural workers and others who need care in the Hudson Valley. The center includes two examination rooms and a restroom, and patients can have their sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure checked among other tests, as they would in a doctor's office. The mobile health center is expected to serve more than 1,800 patients annually in the Hudson Valley.



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AUGUST Cardinal Dolan has initiated a policy mandating that all priests ordained for the archdiocese, beginning this fall with the incoming class of seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, have conversational ability in a second language other than English, for the most part, Spanish

SEPTEMBER FORMED, a website featuring Catholic study programs, movies, audio presentations and ebooks from reliable and popular sources, is being made available, at no cost, to parishes in the archdiocese for the next year. Formed.org is a subscription-based website that is a partnership of many well-known Catholic apostolates.

OCTOBER The Archdiocese of New York has initiated a voluntary Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) to promote healing and serve as a "tangible sign of the Church's outreach and reparation" by providing compensation to victim-survivors of sexual abuse as minors by clergy of the archdiocese. The program was announced at a news conference on Oct. 6 featuring Cardinal Dolan and other speakers who will administer the program, headed by nationally recognized mediator Kenneth Feinberg and an oversight committee, whose members include former New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.



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MARIA R. BASTONE

OCTOBER The new Edward Cardinal Egan Pavilion in the Bronx graces the grounds of the St. John Vianney Center for Retired Priests, which also includes the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion.

OCTOBER Cardinal Dolan greets then-presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump at the 71st annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria on Oct. 20. The dinner, attended by more than 1,500 guests, raised a record \$6 million for Catholic charitable endeavors that help women and children in need.

NOVEMBER Continuing a practice begun during the just-completed Year of Mercy, the archdiocese will extend the waiver of fees in annulment cases. Cardinal Dolan brought the matter to the archdiocesan Priests Council, which gave him a "clear recommendation" to continue the policy, beginning on Nov. 21, the day after the Year of Mercy ended.

DECEMBER Students from St. John Chrysostom School in the Bronx bring the Nativity tableau to stage during the 71st annual Cardinal's Christmas Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria on Dec. 5. About 1,000 people attended the fund-raiser for archdiocesan Catholic Charities.



MARIA R. BASTONE

DECEMBER Cardinal Dolan delivered closing remarks during an interfaith forum, "The Crisis for Christians in the Middle East," on Dec. 5 at the Sheen Center in Lower Manhattan, an event he described as "extraordinarily illuminating." Underscoring strategies shared throughout the afternoon and evening gathering, the cardinal cited the importance of prayer, organized advocacy, publicity and assistance, and he cited aid from Catholic agencies and organizations.