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Cardinal At OLPH

In McDonnell Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church last Friday, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich says hello to Shirley McDonald of Glenview. See story from Friday's special service at OLPH on page 5. (Karie Angell Luc/Journal photo)

A 'Greener Glenview'

New Group Launches; Signing Of Compact Key

By **TOM ROBB**
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Greener Glenview, a new group co-founded by Glenview residents Sheri Latash and Mary Munday, has launched. The group's first meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 in the community room of the Glenview Public Library.

Munday said the organization would engage in education and outreach, raising consciousness about environmental issues and getting Glenview to sustainability, and "to amplify what the village does do."

One key thing the village did in the area of environmental sustainability took place in November of last year when then Village President Jim Patterson signed a proclamation endorsing the Greenest Region Compact of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, described by Greener Glenview officials as, "a framework to guide municipalities in implementing environmental sustainability goals for local and regional benefit." When Glenview signed onto the compact they became the 132nd member of the caucus to do so.

How Greener Glenview accomplishes its education and outreach would be worked out at upcoming meetings, Munday said. The organization recently started a website at www.greenerglenview.org.

Glenview is ahead of other communities in its efforts to go green. Besides signing the compact, the village has a natural resources commission, a full-time natural resources manager, and an official plan for nature. Munday said unlike the plan for nature, the

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'This Is An Eye Opener'

Faith Leaders Address Climate Change At Glenview Prayer Service

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The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago gathered in Glenview on Oct. 22 to observe the seventh annual Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich came to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church (1775 Grove St.) for the ecumenical service with the Greek Orthodox community.

Cardinal Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, presided at the Friday 7 p.m. service and was joined by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago and Rev. Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview (1401 Wagner Rd.).

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is the diocese of the Greek Orthodox faithful in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Indiana and southeastern Missouri.

"We have a great friendship, and it's one of those things where we like to get together often, but on the other hand, we have a common cause when it comes to the climate," Cardinal Cupich told Journal & Topics Media Group.

The prayer service highlighted conservation efforts by the local Christian community and welcomed people of all faiths to learn about environmental conservation.

"It's very important," Cardinal Cupich said. "We think that we need to step forward as leaders and talk about this issue."

Father Andrews said the Solemn Vespers event is, "probably one of the few activities where we actually bring not only Orthodox together, but Orthodox and Catholic together."

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago said, "It's a

hopeful message that each one of us can make a difference in a positive way...there's always hope."

Cardinal Cupich offered the homily in church, asserting, "Let's be reminded that the mission to care for each other and for the Earth belongs to each and every one of us," he said.

Rev. Larry Basbas, OLPH associate pastor, said, "We don't like to admit it but we do destroy our Earth, we do destroy our home."

"I think this is an eye opener for a lot of people," Basbas said.

During the reception downstairs in McDonnell Hall, Cardinal Cupich also said to Journal & Topics, "I think the message tonight is that we all need to do this together, we have to come together for this issue (of climate) and deal with the issues."

The evening ended with a lecture by Chicago architect Douglas Farr called "The Role of Architecture in Caring for Our Common Home."

The Vatican expressed interest in watching the Solemn Vespers and lecture. OLPH responded by ensuring that a professional video and audio crew live streamed and recorded both the church service and lecture for on demand playback.

"I'm surprised to hear that the Vatican was interested, that's great if we could have that type of influence," Father Andrews said.

In 1989, the late Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I of Constantinople designated Sept. 1 as a day of prayer for Orthodox Christians. In 2015, Pope Francis established Sept. 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation for Catholics. Glenview's Oct. 22 date this year accommodated local participation.

Event attendee Shirley McDonald of Glenview said, "One person does make a difference."

"It takes one and then you multiply."

Right: On left, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (OLPH) in Glenview on Oct. 22. On right is His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago.



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Mark Mitchell of Glenview kneels in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help sanctuary during the Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. (Karie Angell Luc/Journal photos)

