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Ohio bishops announce lifting of Mass dispensation on Sundays, Holy Days

As we move beyond the worst of the coronavirus pandemic and access to the COVID-19 vaccine has become more widespread, the time has arrived for the good of all the faithful when the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is no longer necessary.

Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247). This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day (CIC, can. 1247) and are

encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, home-bound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person. Kindly consult your pastor with any specific questions regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

The book of Exodus reminds us to keep holy the Sabbath day (Exodus 20: 8-10). As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life."

"Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to

their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2182).

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity to be worshipped, but rather a gift to the faithful for their spiritual well-being, eternal salvation and formation in our relationship with God and one another. To that end, Saint John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church—the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.

We are profoundly grateful to our pastors and all of the faithful for their flexibility, fidelity and great generosity in support of the mission of the Church throughout this unprecedented time. As we prepare for the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass, we are excited once again to gather to-

gether in person without restrictions in our parish churches, most fittingly on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As we reflect on our Lord's goodness and mercy in the midst of the sacrifices made during the coronavirus pandemic, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, that through his fatherly protection and care, we may experience a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

We welcome you back with great joy and eagerness!

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
Diocese of Columbus

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Diocese of Toledo

Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic
Diocese of Cleveland

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton
Diocese of Steubenville

Two deacons to be ordained May 29 as diocesan priests

Deacons Stephen Ondrey and Jacob Stinnett will be ordained as priests of the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop Robert Brennan in a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 29 in Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.

Deacon Eugene Joseph is currently out of the country in the United Kingdom. Due to COVID-related travel issues, he will be ordained at a later date.

Deacon Ondrey, 43, was born in Pittsburgh and moved with his family to Columbus after his father retired from the U.S. Navy. He has been studying for the priesthood since 2017 at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which specializes in forming men age 30 and older for the priesthood.

He was ordained a deacon on April



Deacon Stephen Ondrey

15, 2020 at the seminary by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hennessey of Boston. The ordination occurred a few weeks earlier than planned because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He and a twin brother, James, are the youngest of four sons and two daughters of James and Veronica Ondrey. He is a 1995 graduate of Hilliard High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Otterbein University in 1999, was a genetics researcher at Ohio State



Deacon Jacob Stinnett

University for three years, and then decided to become a dentist.

He graduated from Ohio State's college of dentistry in 2007, did a one-year residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton and

followed that with working at several dental offices in Ohio before discerning that he was being called to the priesthood. He has spent summer breaks at Columbus St. Timothy and Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas churches.

Deacon Stinnett, 25, is the son of

Mark and Nancy Stinnett of Columbus. After graduating from St. Charles Preparatory School in 2013, he has spent the past eight years at the Josephinum. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from the institution in 2017 and a Master of Divinity degree earlier this month. Bishop Brennan ordained him as a deacon on June 12 at the Josephinum.

During summer breaks, he served at Catholic Youth Summer Camp and Newark St. Francis de Sales, Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator, Chillicothe St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne and Waverly St. Mary churches. For the past year, he has worked with parishioners at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

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FATIMA PROCESSION
Approximately 200 people participated in a procession honoring Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, May 13 that started at Columbus Holy Family Church, passed by the Ohio Statehouse and ended with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick Church.

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With priestly vocations declining, what must the laity do?

By Carol Smith

The diocese recently began the early phase of the Real Presence, Real Future strategic planning initiative with the Disciple Maker Index survey. As I completed the 75-question survey, one question resonated with me: “Have you ever invited someone to consider a vocation to the priesthood?”

As a member of the laity, I wondered how integral are we in inviting others to consider the priesthood? One might assume that there will always be enough priests.

I recall a conversation several years ago with a co-worker and friend. She shared that during her grandmother’s era, it was a common expectation that the first-born son of a family should enter the priesthood. If not the first-born, then someone else from the household was expected to have the



calling to religious life.

This question also made me reflect on my brother, Father Kenneth “KT” Taylor, and the times he would speak of his own calling to the priesthood. He would mention his was not so much due to a particular moment as it was to a particular movement – the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He wanted a voice in the societal change of the times, and he saw the Catholic Church as being involved in this change.

It was three years ago this month when he celebrated his priesthood’s 40th year jubilee. Later that same year, his parishioners from that span of 40 years came back to celebrate

him again, this time because God had called him home.

Archbishop Charles Thompson of Indianapolis, where my brother ministered, released a statement to the local media that read, “He had been a wonderful and faithful priest.” His call to the priesthood was true. I believe we must acknowledge that every priest will have his own personal story of entering his path, and we offer our prayers for each priest’s journey.

Notably, the priestly vocation has declined in the past couple of decades. More priests are reaching the age of retirement at a rate that is faster than those who are being ordained. It is more common to see a priest taking on multiple parishes with increased responsibilities. Many priests today do not have the benefit, as in years past, of first being an associate pastor for an extended period of time.

Bishop Robert Brennan addressed this when he met with our priests at their convocation more than a year ago to discuss and assess their needs, including vocational decline. That convocation was the beginning of the Real Presence, Real Future planning initiative that is now occurring in our diocese.

The questions arise: How does this shortage impact the laity? What will the role of the laity become? I believe laypeople will be counted on more for leadership. The more involved the laity become, the better equipped we must be, with tools to better understand our faith.

In that same spirit, how do we as laity faithful invite someone to consider the priesthood? We do as I witnessed Father Charles Smith, who a year ago

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Missionary discipleship part of life, work, office director says

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

For Stephanie Rapp, the opportunity to be a missionary disciple isn’t limited to certain times and places, but it can happen at any moment.

“We are called to be disciples of Jesus in our everyday life,” said Rapp, director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Columbus since October 2016. “In working with engaged and married couples and families, there are so many opportunities for ministry and service to people and to bring Jesus into people’s lives through fulfilling the office’s mission.”

Rapp said she and her colleagues in the office – Natural Family Planning coordinator Jennifer Fullin and marriage formation coordinator Catherine Suprenant – talk frequently about how fortunate they are to serve others through the programs the office supports.

“Ministry is all about relationships. It begins with a relationship to Jesus Christ and extends to how we allow God’s love to shine through us in relationships with others,” Rapp said. “In this position, I bring these relationships and everything that God has blessed me with – my faith, my vocation as a wife and mother and my experience as a social worker – and offer it here to help others become closer to God.”



Stephanie Rapp

Asked whether there were specific moments in her life when she has felt a particular closeness to God, Rapp responded, “Yes, although I know God is always present with me, whether I feel Him or not.

“In the morning, I wake up and offer my day to Him, and I try to acknowledge His presence frequently throughout the day in whatever moments I happen to be in. I seek to give Him glory whether at home, at work, on a date with my husband, Craig, playing with our kids, or trying to fulfill our office’s mission of building strong marriage-

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Reflections

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

Come, Holy Spirit!

Deacon Joe Knapke, Ss. Simon & Jude Church, West Jefferson

After greeting His disciples, in His Real Presence, with a blessing of peace, Jesus breathed on them, bestowing the Holy Spirit, declaring they could forgive sins in His name. Through our baptism, we have each been blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit operates in us, guiding and strengthening us on our mission. May the Holy Spirit bring reconciliation and peace to our lives, our Church, and our world. As we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray that the Spirit impels us to renew our Real Future efforts to build God’s kingdom in our Diocese and throughout the world.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org

Domingo de Pentecostés, 23 de mayo, 2021

¡Ven Espíritu Santo!

Diácono Joe Knapke, Parroquia Santos Simón y Judas, West Jefferson, OH

Después de saludar a sus discípulos, en Su Presencia Real, con el saludo de la paz, Jesús sopla sobre ellos, dándoles el Espíritu Santo, declarando que ellos pueden perdonar pecados en Su nombre. Por nuestro bautismo, cada uno de nosotros ha sido bendecido con los dones del Espíritu Santo. El espíritu trabaja en nosotros, guiándonos y fortaleciéndonos en nuestra misión. Que el Espíritu Santo traiga la reconciliación y la paz a nuestras vidas, a nuestra Iglesia y a nuestro mundo. Mientras celebramos Pentecostés, oremos para que el Espíritu impulse en nosotros una renovación de nuestros esfuerzos para un Futuro Real donde construyamos el Reino de Dios en nuestra diócesis y en todo el mundo.

Para leer más acerca de cómo estamos creciendo juntos en la vida de fe y discipulado en la Diócesis de Columbus, por favor visite: www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021

The Great Commission Is for Us

Lori Dulin, Office of Catholic Schools

The Great Commission, Jesus’ command to “make disciples of all nations,” implores the apostles and each of us to be truly formed missionary disciples who reveal Him to others through the work of our Church. Pope Francis states, “Evangelizing presupposes a desire in the church to come out of herself and go to the peripheries.” This means traveling beyond our pews to bring the Gospel message and the knowledge of Jesus to everyone everywhere. His continued command of “baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” blesses us to go forth and witness to His **Real Presence** in our midst!

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Domingo de la Trinidad, 30 de mayo de 2021

La Gran Comisión Es Para Nosotros

Lori Dulin, Oficina de Escuelas Católicas

La Gran Comisión, el mandato de Jesús de “hacer discípulos de todas las naciones”, implora a los apóstoles y a cada uno de nosotros que seamos verdaderamente formados como discípulos misioneros que lo revelen a Él a otros a través de las obras de nuestra Iglesia. El Papa Francisco afirma: “Evangelizar presupone un deseo en la Iglesia de salir de sí misma e ir a las periferias”. Esto significa salir más allá de las bancas para llevar el mensaje del Evangelio y el conocimiento de Jesús a todos en todas partes. Su mandato continuo de “bautizarlos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo” nos bendice para salir y dar testimonio de Su **Presencia Real** en medio de nosotros.

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Be a faithful voice in the Ohio budget process

Every two years, the state of Ohio approves an operating budget for most state government agencies, the legislature and the judiciary. The process starts with a proposed budget from the governor with a detailed listing of priorities and dollar amounts.

Next, the Ohio House of Representatives introduces a budget bill and holds committee hearings to go over the details. Once the House passes the amended budget, it goes to the Senate for consideration in a similar fashion. After both houses concur and pass the budget bill, it is signed into law by the governor.

This may sound like a social studies review, but there is something very important at the heart of this process. The budget is a moral document. It represents what we as a community value and prioritize among competing interests. The budget is more than just dollars and cents. It's about families and neighbors and where they go to school, receive health care or get the help they need.

As faithful citizens, each of us can lend our voice to help shape the state budget. Like the prophets of the Old Testament, we, too, can go to the leaders in our community and articulate the Church's care and concern for the common good, especially for the poor and vulnerable.

The Church brings important assets to the dialogue about the budget. It presents a moral framework and a broad experience of service to the community through its many ministries providing social services, health care and education. The Catholic Conference of Ohio, which represents the Catholic

FAITH IN ACTION

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Church in public policy matters, serves as a voice, an advocate, at the Statehouse. The following is a sampling of the conference's priorities and recommendations for HB 110, the budget bill.

An increase in funding of the Housing Trust Fund for example responds to the need for affordable housing. Recovery Housing funding helps Ohioans with substance use disorders. As families struggle with poverty and food insecurity, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthening programs such as SNAP, Ohio Works First and the Earned Income Tax Credit make ends meet.

The practice of custody relinquishment of children with complex behavioral health needs for the sole purpose of accessing services is heartbreaking for caring families. Maintaining the Multi-System Youth Relinquishment Fund will keep families together. This year the fund is accompanied by the new OhioRISE program, a transformational approach to prevent child custody relinquishment of multi-system youth by providing intensive wrap-around services and preventative supports.

Other programs to assist families and children in need of support include kinship care, foster care,

Ohio START (children abused due to parental drug use) and adoption services. The conference urges prioritized funding for programs related to crisis pregnancy, infant mortality, parenting and marriage as well as child care, early intervention and home visitation for at-risk families.

Catholic charities in our diocese and throughout Ohio provide compassionate care for seniors, and so the conference supports legislation that enhances the dignity and rights of older adults. Rate increases for home and community-based health service providers including assisted living, HomeCare and PASSPORT can help insure quality care. Increased funding for Adult Protective Services, Senior Community Services and Senior Service Corps can help in the prevention of abuse and isolation.

Supporting families who choose Catholic schools through the EdChoice Scholarship Program, Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship and Autism Scholarship Program help make a Catholic school education possible for students of diverse backgrounds. The conference has recommendations for administrative cost reimbursement to comply with required government regulations not integral to the teaching process, funding for auxiliary services and policy for school transportation.

Visit the Catholic Conference of Ohio's website at www.ohiocathconf.org and read the state budget policy backgrounders for details. Then put your faith into action and lend your voice to shape the state budget.

A most unfortunate Roman intervention

On May 7, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, SJ, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, sent a letter to Archbishop José Gomez, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To all appearances, that letter was aimed at forestalling indefinitely a joint statement by the U.S. bishops on eucharistic coherence in the Church, with particular reference to the reception of Holy Communion by Catholic public officials complicit in the grave moral evil of abortion: an issue eloquently addressed recently by Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois, Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix, Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver, and Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco.

Cardinal Ladaria's letter includes statements that are not self-evidently clear, in part because they seem inconsistent with what the congregation he heads taught in its 2002 "Doctrinal Note" entitled *The Participation of Catholics in Political Life*.

For example, the cardinal's letter to Archbishop Gomez urges that the bishops of the U.S. undertake a "dialogue" so that "they could agree as a Conference that support of pro-choice legislation is not compatible with Catholic teaching." Why is such a dialogue necessary? At their ordination, bishops swear a solemn oath to uphold the teaching of the Church. And as the 2002 Doctrinal Note states, quoting John Paul II's 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), "those who are directly involved in lawmaking have a 'grave and clear obligation to oppose' any law that attacks human life. For them, as for every Catholic, it is impossible to promote such laws or to vote for them."

Yet the cardinal writes that the bishops should "discuss and agree" to that teaching. What is there to

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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"discuss"? And if, God forbid, some bishops actually disagree with that teaching, why should their rejection of it – or even their muddled understanding of its implications – prevent the overwhelming majority of bishops who accept that teaching from restating it and then applying it? The First Council of Nicaea didn't wait for the episcopal supporters of Arius to "agree" before it taught the truth about the divinity of Christ. The Council of Ephesus didn't wait for the agreement of Nestorius and the Nestorian bishops before teaching the truth that Mary can rightly be called Theotokos, Mother of God. Unanimity can never be at the expense of truth, can it?

Once "agreement" among the bishops on what is an elementary truth of Catholic faith has been achieved, the cardinal urges that local bishops "engage in dialogue with Catholic politicians within their jurisdictions" as a "means of understanding the nature of their positions and their comprehension of Catholic teaching." Perhaps the cardinal is unaware that this has been done. Perhaps the cardinal is unaware that the issue, typically, is not that "pro-choice" politicians misunderstand what the Church teaches but that they reject it – and still insist on presenting themselves as serious Catholics in full communion with the Church. (Such claims are now a regular feature

of White House press briefings.) There is little that is unclear here, and further "dialogue" is not going to clarify much of anything.

The cardinal was also concerned that any "national policy on worthiness for communion" must express a "true consensus of the bishops on the matter." But that is to say, once again, that the bishops with the least sense of urgency about defending the truth, applying it, and thereby recovering the eucharistic coherence of the Church call the tune for the rest of the bishops. This is not the kind of "consensus" that Pope Paul VI sought when he worked to have Vatican II adopt its Declaration on Religious Freedom by the largest margin possible. Pope Paul knew that Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre and other intransigents would never accept such a declaration, but he was not prepared to grant them veto power over it in the name of "consensus." Why should such veto power be granted to the few intransigents in the U.S. bishops' conference today?

The prefect's call that "every effort ... be made" to "dialogue" with "other episcopal conferences as this policy is formulated" is also puzzling. Does Cardinal Ladaria really believe that a "dialogue" with a German episcopal conference unconcerned about apostasy and careening into schism is going to produce fruitful results in the United States? If so, it would be instructive to know how that's going to happen.

The strategy Cardinal Ladaria urges in his letter replicates key elements in the McCarrick approach to pro-abortion American politicians. I trust Cardinal Ladaria was unaware of that, but in any event the sluggish, tepid approach to a crisis that he urges on the U.S. bishops is badly misconceived.

Alan Keyes to headline Greater Columbus Right to Life banquet in June

Dr. Alan Keyes will be the featured speaker at the Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL) annual fund-raising banquet on Monday, June 14 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

There is no cost to attend the banquet, with registration options including in-person, livestream from home, and remotely hosted events. There will be an invitation to support the work of the organization during the program.

Dr. Keyes has dedicated his life to defending, promoting and fighting for liberty. He is particularly known for bringing the evil of abortion, which he considers our nation's "greatest moral challenge," into the national spotlight.

Dr. Keyes was the highest-ranking Black appointee in the Reagan administration, serving as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations and as Ambassador to the UN

Economic and Security Council. He ran for President of the United States and was the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in Maryland in 1988 and 1992. He is probably best known, however, for running against Barack Obama for the Illinois U.S. Senate seat in 2004 when Obama refused to support a bill requiring that babies who were born alive after an attempted abortion be provided medical care. Although he did not win that race, his influence on the issue continues to impact the pro-life fight.

"We are excited to bring Dr. Keyes to Columbus. He is one of the most passionate speakers that I have ever heard on both the topics of ending abortion and returning the United States to the divinely-premised principles of the Declaration of Independence," GCRTL Executive Director Beth Vanderkooi said.

She added, "While we are excited to

return to an in-person event, this year, we will have a stream-from-home option as well as an opportunity to host remote-watch parties."

Stream-from-home will allow those individuals who for health or distance reasons are unable to come to the event to join us, and several churches and groups are hosting "remote watch" parties – allowing respect life and small groups who may not be able to drive to Columbus to join together to "host" their own mini-events.

Doors at Villa Milano will open at 5:45 p.m. Monday, June 14. The meal will begin at 6:30 followed by the program at 7. Advance registration is required at gcrtl.org/banquet or by calling 614-445-8508.

Vanderkooi noted that the event venue is following pandemic guidelines, and in-person seating may be limited.



Alan Keyes

Beauty of Christ – both God and man – draws us to Him

"For you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." – St. Augustine, Confessions.

We move from one thing to another in life. Some movements are more significant than others. For those who know and believe in God, we desire always to be moving to God, and this is true, good and beautiful.

The true, the good and the beautiful. "All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures – their truth, their goodness, their beauty – all reflect the infinite perfection of God ..." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 41)

"For the majority of the Church Fathers, the image of God, and therefore the mirror of the Trinity's beauty, is to be found chiefly in man's rational spiritual soul, by which he is capable of knowing and loving the God of Wisdom and Love who made him." (*The Beauty of Holiness and The Holiness of Beauty*, Saward)

Participation of the finite in the infinite is perhaps a bit "mysterious." Much of what we believe through reason will take us only so far, and this shouldn't surprise anyone. The Catechism uses the word "mystery" more than 400 times! St. Augustine says, "If you understood Him, it would not be God." St. Cardinal John Henry Newman wrote, "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt." After all, the things we propose as true in the Catholic faith stretch the human mind and heart.

You might think it natural to start talking about the true, and then the good before proceeding on to the beautiful. I think the key to energizing the Christian life is to recapture and realize the beautiful. Bishop Robert Barron was asked how to talk to someone about God, and he responded: Start with the beautiful. When starting with the true and good,

AQUINAS CORNER

Richard Arnold

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relativism inevitably creeps in, and conversations will likely get bogged down.

What is beauty? St. Thomas Aquinas offers three requirements for beauty: radiance; harmony, which he also calls due proportion; and wholeness. Of these three, the chief is radiance. Beauty, for Thomas, lies in things themselves, in their being, in their essence and, indeed, existence.


Christ is beautiful, and He comes to restore us to beauty. According to St. Thomas, there is a fourfold beauty in Christ. First, in His divine nature He has beauty, for He is God the Son, the Splendor of the Father. Second, in His human nature He has the beauty of grace and the virtues, for He is "full of grace and truth."

Third, in Christ we see the beauty of moral conduct; the human actions of the Son of God are more upright and, therefore, more beautiful than any other man's. Finally, Christ as man, even before His Resurrection, had beauty of body, a beauty befitting the man who was God, in whose face the spiritual beauty of the Godhead shone.

Stop here for a moment. The Holy Bible gives us a snapshot of Jesus "dwelling among us." Catechism 470 reminds us, "The Son of God ... worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin."

We read in the Holy Bible about Jesus weeping and being fatigued. Do you think Joseph and Mary had to fend off a lot of prospects for the hand of Jesus? Do you think He had a good laugh if one of His buddies went head over heels off a boat and into the water? Do you think He enjoyed wine? God and man ... this is true, good and beautiful.


For St. Thomas, a thing is not beautiful because it is loved; it is loved because it is beautiful. Beauty is not "in the eye of the beholder." It radiates out.



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Lori Crock



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Beauty resides not only in our vistas and valleys, but also in literature, art, music, theatre, gardening, cooking, woodworking, athletics, and most especially in how we love and serve. Beauty resides in really any activity that we unite with God and that lifts our eyes and hearts to Him in thanksgiving. God generously pours his grace into us as we live, laugh, love, pray, play, move, share and create — each of us in our own way — and so we all contribute in some way to the beautiful tapestry of God's creation.

What a powerful prayer to ask God to guide us

in our creative, artistic and physical endeavors and that we do everything with pure hearts rooted in His love. Let us nurture and share our gifts and talents freely so that the goodness, beauty and truth of God flow out from us to others.

The pinnacle of beauty is love in the human soul. St. Pope John Paul II referred to the human person as the “masterpiece of God's creation.” May we give thanks for the inner beauty of every soul, which is like a shimmering jewel illuminating the light of Christ, each in our own way.

St. Augustine said, “How does that beauty bring us closer to Him? Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.”

Help us Lord to appreciate the goodness, beauty and truth of both the joys and the sufferings that we will inevitably experience in this life — and by your grace, may we unite all of it with the love of your Son Jesus Christ, who by the Cross, gives us new life.

Everyday events can become holy happenings for kids

The door to the front of my house frequently and spontaneously opens. We live in the country, and there are few trees near that part of my home to shelter us from strong gusts of wind. In typical Eberhard fashion, we use this to teach our family about the Holy Spirit.

Someone will inevitably yell, “Come, Holy Spirit!” as the door burst opens. Paper will blow off tables, the dogs will gratefully accept the invitation to go outdoors and our home will literally feel a gush of wind blow through it.

In reality, that becomes an all-hands-on-deck moment where someone is running to close the door, someone else is picking up the pencils, papers and other paraphernalia that has blown off of shelves or tables, animals are welcomed back into the house and leaves or mulch are swept up.

I like to rebaptize things in my mind (a gift learned from Father David Schalk, a dear friend of mine). From secular songs to commercials and the everyday family moment, Jesus is truly present in it all, we just need to have eyes to see Him. We need to be aware.

We have, after all, an expectant faith. Take for instance the moment I just described. My kids have grown up with me pointing out that each paper picked

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard



MaryBeth Eberhard writes about marriage, life experiences of a large family and special needs. She attends Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.

up can represent something the Father wants to give to you. Each gust of wind is Him reminding you of His promises to you, His love, His presence. A grateful heart that is trained to look for the Lord sees these moments with different eyes.

I realize it's easy to put such moments on pedestals as we visualize them — prayerful children obediently picking up the papers, thanking Jesus for all He has given them. But let's put the next layer of reality on it. The door blows open, someone yells, “Come Holy Spirit!” Papers blow, animals run out barking and no one gets up. Sometimes that is reality, too.

What's a momma to do? Again in this house, it might look like me saying the prayer to the Holy Spirit out loud, perhaps even singing or shouting it: “Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of thy faithful. Enkindle in them a fire for thy love ...”

The basis for catechesis is exposure. Exposure comes from being in the environment where holiness happens. The truth is, my kids won't always choose to place themselves in holy environments, but I can attempt to create that for them.

Family life lived out in the everyday attempt toward holiness plants seeds that time and repetition help bloom. My kids may rebel, roll their eyes, sigh or even walk away for a time from their faith. I know that their lives have been rooted in foundational memories created time and time again.

Our family has traditions that I trust are sealed in their core by the Holy Spirit. Stations of the Cross around the family table, nighttime family rosaries, hymns sung from the top of the steps as they fall asleep and a home filled with a spirit of welcoming in all are just a few faith traditions we have held.

The everyday moments of late-night talks, reading books together, nature walks, schooling together, long car drives and lots and lots of laughter lead to children who see virtue pursued in the everyday. Our children need us to not only be guardrails as they grow into maturity but also to create a lifestyle where they can fully recognize Christ's presence in every moment.

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was our keynote speaker for our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr celebration, does. You simply ask.

When Father Charles shared a table with my teenage cousin at our parish reception, he simply asked him, “Have you thought of becoming a priest?” Father Charles was fully engaged with the questions a teenager would pose when being asked such a question.

I recall a quote from Father Ted Sill, pastor of Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church: “If someone is discerning a life of the priesthood, have them talk to a priest right away, then have them think about it, pray about

it, then talk openly about it. All that is essential to the process. It takes time, so be patient.” A seed needs to be planted before it will grow.

As I finish these thoughts about our priests and how my brother KT inspired me, I want to share something wonderful that illustrates the spirit of Real Presence, Real Future. Four seminarians (Kevin, Daniel, Trevor and Joey) made a surprise visit to Columbus Holy Rosary/St. John Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. They assisted Father Ramon Owera as he celebrated Mass. Witnessing them brought a uniqueness to that Sunday.

At the end of Mass, Daniel shared his moving story of conversion, which ultimately also became his call to the priesthood. After Mass, in conversation with the seminarians, I learned Bishop Brennan is sending them to all the diocesan parishes to share their stories of discernment and journeys to the priesthood. One of our parishioners even met with the seminarians later that week.

As we move forward with this initiative, it is my hope that we continue to see it as an opportunity to ask ourselves what role we can play in seeking new ways to strengthen how the

Church serves all people.

Carol Smith is a parishioner at Columbus Holy Rosary/St. John Church and a Real Presence, Real Future commission member.



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Priest with brain disease returning to Pickerington

A priest of the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina, who has been diagnosed with a degenerative brain disease and who has family members in Pickerington, is returning there for care.

Father Michael Kottar, 53, had been pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Shelby, North Carolina and Christ the King Mission in Kings Mountain, North Carolina since 2007 when he learned last month that he has Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare and aggressive brain condition for which there is no effective treatment or cure. The disease is caused by a protein abnormality that destroys the brain's nerve cells.

Father Kottar told the *Catholic News Herald*, the newspaper of the Charlotte diocese, that he first suspected a serious health problem in December, when he began feeling dizzy and at times had to cancel Mass. His diagnosis was the result of testing.

"It was hard to hear. I thought I'd have a few more years. But if God wants me now, then that's what will be," he told the newspaper just before a gathering in which he said farewell to the diocese's seminarians.

"It's wonderful to see such a growing Diocese of Charlotte," he told the seminarians. "In case I die, I have a few words for the future: It's a good future.



Father Michael Kottar bid farewell to the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina earlier this month before leaving for Ohio to be near his family.

"There have been some bad times in the Church," he noted, citing the clergy sex abuse crisis and political divisions within the Church. "So you've got your jobs ahead of you. You might not know what they are yet, but God has a plan for each one of you."

He encouraged them to teach using the rosary, to revere the Eucharist and to rise above division. "I

wish I could stay a little longer, and maybe I will, but you are going to be the future – and I think liberal, conservative, it's not that so much. It's about having faith – having faith in God. So keep the faith," he said.

Charlotte Bishop Peter Jugis told Father Kottar's parishioners of their pastor's departure on Sunday, May 2. "Father Kottar has previously said he saw bringing Christ to the world as one of the most important roles of a priest, and he became a priest in order to share the love of Christ with everyone," the bishop said. "Now it is important for us to carry on doing the same," he added, quoting the parish's motto: "That in all things God may be glorified."

Asked directly, Father Kottar said that if he could, he would tell his parish simply "Adios," a farewell in Spanish that translates as "to God."

His sister Renee Selby said Father Kottar will return to his parish family when he is buried at nearby Belmont Abbey, North Carolina. He's looking forward to what comes after that. "It will be good to see God the Lord," he told the newspaper.

Father Kottar, who has two younger twin sisters, grew up in the Youngstown suburb of Austintown and graduated from Youngstown Ursuline High School. He began

his training for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum, then earned a philosophy degree from St. Alphonsus Redemptorist Seminary in Connecticut and received a Master of Divinity degree from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland in 1994.

He was ordained a priest in that year for the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, where he served for five years before joining the Charlotte diocese in 1999.

The newspaper described him as a fitness buff who enjoys hiking and cruising the Caribbean. "He also is known for his slapstick, British-style sense of humor and for his way with words. He delivers moving homilies, which made pilgrimages he led particularly meaningful," the newspaper said.

"He loves the mix of people and cultures (at his parish) ... and is widely appreciated for his counseling, Great Adventure Bible study, for overseeing an expansion of the narthex – and getting the parking lot paved."

To reach Father Kottar and his family, email stmaryshelby@charlottdiocese.org or send mail to Violet Springs Health Campus, Attention: Father Michael Kottar, 603 Diley Road, Pickerington OH 43147.

Friar from Westerville to be ordained in New York

Brother Joseph Michael, CFR, a Westerville native and former parishioner at New Albany Church of the Resurrection, will be ordained to the priesthood for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 29 at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, will ordain four Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and six candidates from the archdiocese to the priesthood.

Brother Joseph Michael, 36, graduated from Westerville North High School in 2003 and then studied literature at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He returned to central Ohio after college and worked for a year as a youth minister at Columbus St. Cecilia and Our Lady of Victory churches before entering the Franciscan Friars

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He will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at 3 p.m. May 30 in Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway. RSVP by Thursday, May 20 to (614) 267-9241 or icoffice@iccols.org.

Deacon Joseph, 28, was born in the Indian province of Kerala and moved with his family to England when he was 9 or 10 years old. He graduated from Kensington College in London, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology, then came to the Pontifical College Josephinum to complete

order in 2008 as a postulant.

In 2014, Brother Joseph Michael took his final vows of profession with the order. He has spent most of his time in the New York area, where the Franciscan Friars are based, and in addition spent 1 ½ years in Nicaragua.

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, established in 1987, are known mostly for their work with the poor on several continents and for their evangelization efforts. Among the order's founding friars were the late Fathers Benedict Groeschel, CFR, and Andrew Apostoli, CFR.

Brother Joseph Michael's parents, Steve and Toni Fino, are members at Church of the Resurrection, where he will celebrate a First Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6.

his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Brennan in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sept. 14, 2019.

His home parish is the New Albany Church of the Resurrection. While at the Josephinum, he performed assignments at the cathedral, Bethesda Healing Ministry, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and St. Paul, Sunbury St. John Neumann and Columbus St. Cecilia and Immaculate Conception churches. He has been living in England for the past year.



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es and families and proclaiming the Church's teaching on those subjects.

"I'm a work in progress, but by His grace, I do my best to trust Him each day and to be aware of His presence in me and the people I'm interacting with," she said.

Rapp, 36, grew up in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey with one younger sister. "My Catholic faith always was a significant part of my life," she said. "I can't remember a time when I didn't talk to God or pray, even when I was a child."

In high school, she became involved with Young Life, an interdenominational Christian ministry for young people. "God used Young Life to call me into a deeper relationship with Him," she said. "I went to Young Life camp after my freshman year of high school and experienced a significant encounter with the Lord.

"At the end of the week of camp, there are 20 minutes of silence, and I could feel God speaking to me at that time. When I came back from camp, life was not the same. I wanted to tell everyone the Good News, and God used me to share the Gospel with many friends at camp over the next few years. I later became a volunteer Young Life leader and also volunteered for a month during the summer

at a Young Life camp for families."

After high school, she attended the University of South Florida, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. "I was interested in mental health counseling and knew I wanted to help others, yet was not sure what the Lord had in store for me," she said.

"I started working for a homeless shelter for families, first during the summer and then in a more substantial job. What was important besides the work itself was just being open to allowing Jesus' light to shine through me into the lives of the people I encountered."

While in college, a friend introduced her to her husband, Craig. The couple have been married for 12 years and moved to Columbus so he could attend the Ohio State University law school and receive a law degree.

Stephanie attended graduate school at Ohio State and received both a Master of Social Work degree and a Master of Arts degree in public policy and management from the institution. Craig is an attorney for HSBC, a British multinational bank that is the largest bank in Europe, with branches in eight states and throughout the world.

The couple have three children – Lilyana, 6; Liam, 4; and Logan, 1 – and are members of Westerville St.

Paul Church, where they have started a family ministry. Stephanie also is on the leadership team for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference and is part of the St. Martha Giving Circle, a group affiliated with The Catholic Foundation of the diocese, which brings women together to increase awareness of, and raise funds for, diocesan organizations.

Following graduation from college, she worked for a county children's services agency in the Tampa, Florida area. Her first social work position after moving to Columbus was with the Salvation Army, where she was involved in anti-human trafficking efforts. She later was a clinician with the Buckeye Ranch, which provides mental health services for children and families at several central Ohio locations.

"The Lord called me to His service and gave me the courage and strength I needed to become involved with anti-trafficking work and mental health counseling," she said. "To be able to be present and accompany others, as well as advocate for change, is a great privilege."

She first became involved with the Marriage and Family Life Office as a volunteer for its marriage preparation program and, with her husband, taking a Natural Family Planning class instructed by Fullin. She also was an ambassador for the Fair Trade program of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and wrote a series on the subject for *The Catholic Times*.

"After having volunteered with the diocese, I felt drawn to this type of ministry. So when my husband and I discerned it was time for me to find a new job, the diocese was the first place I looked," Rapp said. "At that time, they were searching for a director for the Marriage and Family Life Office, so I applied and prayed. That was almost five years ago, and it has been a wonderful opportunity."

Her position brings her a unique chance to combine home and work



Stephanie Rapp (right) with her husband Craig and children (from left) Liam, Lilyana and Logan.

experiences so that each benefits from the other. "I'm blessed in that way," she said. "There's a wonderful convergence in how being a spouse and a parent helps me as marriage and family life director and vice versa.

"It also strengthens Craig and I in our own vocation of marriage. We are striving for holiness together, hoping to set an example for our children and to be a blessing to our parish and the world around us," Rapp said. "By no means are we perfect; no family is, other than the Holy Family. But it is within the home where hopefully we learn to love God and others."

Rapp also is part of the commission for the diocese's Real Presence, Real Future campaign. She describes this as "an exciting time to renew the Church, focusing on Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and the role of families in the future of the Church."

"We all need to spend time with Christ and to take Him with us to our spouses, our children, our neighbors, our friends and beyond," she said. "He is present first and foremost in the Eucharist, and He wants to use each of us to extend His presence into every part of our lives and into the world."



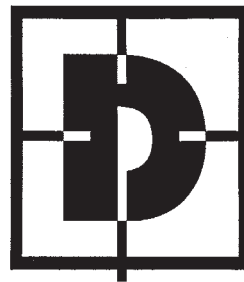
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'Putting others first' key for Catholic Man of the Year

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The diocese's Catholic Man of the Year for 2021 says one phrase will tell him whether he has fulfilled his mission as a husband and father.

"My wife, Ann, and I talk often about our purpose as parents, and we always come back to the phrase 'Well done, good and faithful servant,'" Stephan Johnson said. "For me to have been successful will mean that one day, our kids will be in heaven and go in front of God, and that's what He will say to them."

Johnson, a member of Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church, received the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's annual award from Bishop Robert Brennan on Friday, May 7 in a Zoom presentation also featuring his parish's pastor, Father Ed Shikina, and luncheon club president David Clark.

Johnson, 36, and his wife, a professor at Ohio Northern University in Ada, are raising four children ranging in age from infancy to 7 years. John-

son is staying home with the children, homeschooling the oldest one, and is involved with almost every facet of parish life at both Our Lady of Lourdes and Hardin County's other Catholic church, Kenton Immaculate Conception.

"Steve has helped in so many ways," said Father Shikina, who became pastor of both parishes last July. "He is the spiritual leader of his household, he was of great assistance to both parishes by setting up livestreaming, creating a website and doing other things when the pandemic started, and he's also active in the community, sacrificing his time to benefit others. He's inspired me to be a better pastor and inspired other parishioners by all he's done."

At Our Lady of Lourdes, Johnson also is an unofficial parish mainte-



Stephan Johnson

nance person; is co-director, with his wife, of the Parish School of Religion; established a daily virtual prayer group; and serves the church in many additional ways.

"Father Ed talked about sacrifice," Johnson said after receiving the award. "I've been reading The Spirit of the Liturgy by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI, and he also talks a great deal about sacrifice. The book goes into the Mass in detail and notes that a key phrase is when the celebrant says, 'Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.'

"That phrase is kind of a driving force our family has used, in that Jesus offered the ultimate sacrifice on the cross, and we are called to unite ourselves in that sacrifice. Ann and I have strived to bring to our kids this idea of sacrifice, of putting others first.

"We can view the pandemic as a hindrance or use it as an opportunity," he said. "It's been such a blessing for our parish, for our diocese and for the

Holy See to use this as an opportunity to reunite with Christ. Hopefully, we all can stand in front of God together one day and hear, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

Presentation of the Catholic Man of the Year award usually occurs at a men's club luncheon in February but was delayed this year because of the pandemic.

Johnson was chosen by a selection committee from among more than 20 men nominated for the award. Clark said this was the largest number of nominees in the award's 64-year history. The committee included representatives from Young Catholic Professionals, the Catholic Men's Ministry, the Knights of Columbus, the Serra Club and the luncheon club.

The club established the honor in 1957, awarding it to John Igoe of Columbus St. Agatha Church, and has presented it every year since then. The 2020 recipient was Dr. Raymond Sheridan of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Local news and events

Bishop to celebrate Pentecost vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace

Bishop Robert Brennan will be the principal celebrant for a vigil Mass for the feast of Pentecost at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22 in Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd. The Mass will be sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal and hosted by the Our Lady of Peace prayer ministry.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, registration is required for attendance. To register, go to <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/10c0d45a9ac2ea7fcc61-pentecost>.

CCL reunion golf outing planned

A golf outing that will serve as a reunion for Central Catholic League teams that won state championships in men's sports between 1971 and 1992 will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 12 at the Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City.

The event will be in a four-man scramble format at a cost of \$400 per team. The fee will cover 18 holes of golf with a cart, plus a box lunch from Cimi's Bistro.

Participating four-man teams are asked to send a check to Gary Metzger, 4652 St. Andrews Drive, Grove City OH 43123 and include the names of the team members, their school, sport

and year of championship, and one contact phone number. Write "golf" on the memo line of the check. The deadline is Friday, July 2.

For those not wishing to play golf, the club's outside patio and restaurant area will be open at 2:15 p.m. Coaches of the championship teams who are not playing golf will be available at the time. Participants are encouraged to bring memorabilia.

For more information, contact Metzger at garygbaby@aol.com or (614) 578-7896.

Josephinum to host Quo Vadis vocations retreat in July

The annual Quo Vadis vocations discernment retreat for young men entering grades 9 to 12 will take place Sunday to Wednesday, July 25 to 28 at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.

The retreat will be led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. The cost is \$40 and scholarships are available.

The registration deadline is Friday, July 16. To register or for more information, go to <http://www.seekholiness.com/quo-vadis> or con-

tact Michael Haemmerle at columbusquovadis@gmail.com.

Chillicothe St. Peter plans 175th anniversary celebration

Chillicothe St. Peter Church will celebrate its 175th anniversary this year after a one-year delay because of the COVID pandemic.

Bishop Robert Brennan will celebrate an anniversary Mass at the church, located at 118 Church St., on Tuesday, June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul and the 176th anniversary of the laying of the church's cornerstone.

Former pastors of the parish, including Msgr. Anthony Frecker, Father James Black and Father William Hahn, will be in attendance. Other former pastors have been invited to attend.

Also planned are an Oktoberfest, a celebration of the dedication of the church on Friday, Dec. 5, and an event on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2022, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter.

Catholic singles hike scheduled at Highbanks

A hike for Catholic singles will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday,

June 6 at Highbanks Metro Park, 9466 U.S. Route 23, Lewis Center. The rain date is Sunday, June 13 at the same time.

Participants are asked to meet in front of the Big Meadows picnic shelter. Look for white balloons. If you have trouble finding parking, there is a grassy overflow parking site in the Big Meadows area.

Hikers will walk 1.6 miles in a loop along the river and park, doing a combination of the Big Meadows and Scenic River trails. The path is mostly paved, with some gravel. Masks are required. No pets will be allowed. RSVP by calling or texting Deborahmaria at (614) 965-7803.

Motorcycles to be blessed at Newark St. Francis de Sales

Motorcycle riders and passengers need the protection of God while they ride. Father Dave Sizemore will be officiating at a blessing of motorcycles and riders at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 6 in the rear parking lot of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 58 Granville St.

Those attending will receive a prayer card and a sticker of St. Columbanus, the patron of motorcyclists.

Bishop visits farms in Chillicothe, Circleville area on St. Isidore's feast

By Jerry Freewalt
Director, Office for Social Concerns

Bishop Robert Brennan made pastoral visits on Friday, May 14 to family farms near Chillicothe and Circleville on the occasion of the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer.

The bishop started his day concelebrating Mass with Fr. Timothy Hayes at Bishop Flaget School in Chillicothe. In his homily to the students, Bishop Brennan expressed his deep appreciation for the farming community and to the students for their school projects centered on agriculture and caring for God's creation. After Mass, school principal Laura Corcoran led a tour showcasing recently hatched chickens, indoor planters with grow lights and a greenhouse.

The bishop enjoyed lunch at St. Mary Church in Chillicothe consisting of food produced by local farmers of the parish. Items included Italian beef, purple asparagus, salad, strawberries and apple cider.

During his visit to the Hirsch Fruit Farm Market, which has been selling produce since 1890, Bishop Brennan toured the farm in a truck driven by St. Mary's parishioner Mike Hirsch. Long rows of strawberries, blackberries and fruit trees lined the route. A highlight of the tour was a demonstration of the farm's cider mill machinery and a taste of apple cider.

The bishop then drove to Ross County and climbed aboard a large John Deere tractor driven by Dennis Corcoran, husband of Laura Corcoran, and planted rows of popcorn. At one point during the planting, Bishop Brennan became the farmer as he got behind the wheel to drive the tractor. It was a truly memorable experience for the shepherd of the diocese.

After the bishop blessed the field and the farm couple, he was introduced to their children and the family's horse Oreo, a former actor in the Tecumseh! outdoor drama, and their 4-H steer Bernie.

His final stop was an orchard owned by Steve and Marian Garner, parishioners of St. Joseph Church in Circleville. The bishop was welcomed by several friends of the family. Among the numerous fruit trees in the orchard are 72 varieties of apples. The couple named certain varieties after saints like St. Cecilia and St. Joseph. Following the tour, the bishop blessed the people gathered and the orchard next to the first tree the couple grafted.

During all of his stops the bishop expressed his sincere gratitude to the farmers for stewarding God's gifts of creation and working to provide for our daily needs.



Bishop Robert Brennan blesses Dennis and Laura Corcoran in a field on their farm in Ross County on Friday, May 14, the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer. CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Brennan exits the cab of Dennis Corcoran's John Deere tractor after taking a turn at the wheel to plant popcorn.



Bishop Brennan visits with Mike Hirsch, a Chillicothe St. Mary parishioner who owns Hirsch Fruit Farm.



Cassidy Corcoran (left) shows Bishop Brennan her horse Oreo.



Bishop Brennan blesses an orchard owned by Steve and Marian Garner, parishioners at Circleville St. Joseph Church, along with family members and friends.

Downtown procession honors Our Lady of Fatima on feast day



A procession through downtown Columbus on Thursday, May 13, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, passes by St. Joseph Cathedral. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



A procession honoring Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, May 13 started at Columbus Holy Family Church and proceeded east on Broad Street through the downtown area.



Participants enter Columbus St. Patrick Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the procession honoring Our Lady of Fatima.



Led by altar servers from Columbus St. Patrick Church, approximately 200 people, including Bishop Robert Brennan, participated in the procession on the Marian feast.



The setting sun shines on the statue of Our Lady of Fatima near the end of the day.



Bishop Robert Brennan gazes at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as the faithful stop across the street from St. Joseph Cathedral to pray for her intercession.

Many parishes reviving summer, fall festivals

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease, a number of parishes throughout the diocese are resuming their festivals this summer and fall.

After the pandemic gripped the country in March 2020 and brought everyday activities to a standstill, large gatherings went by the wayside because of government mandates and in the interest of safety. This year, approximately half of the parishes that hold annual festivals decided to go ahead with their outdoor events. The others sitting out this year hope to be back in 2022.

Several parishes pushed their 2021 dates back until late summer hoping that conditions would be more conducive to safely conducting activities that bring parishioners, families and friends together. A few others are still undecided whether to go forward with their festivals.

Four parish events are scheduled to take place in June. Most of the others are planned from mid-July through Labor Day.

Columbus St. Catharine of Siena's festival, typically held in early June, was moved to the second weekend in August. Columbus Our Lady of Peace's festival is being replaced by other activities celebrating the parish's 75th anniversary.

The festival season concludes with the annual Portsmouth St. Mary International Festival on Sept. 17-19 and the Columbus Italian Festival at St. John the Baptist Church on Oct. 8-10.

In Delaware County, two of the larger festivals in the diocese are taking different paths. Sunbury St. John Neumann is going ahead with its festival on June 18-19, but Delaware St. Mary is holding off until 2022.

Deacon Carl Calcara, St. John Neumann's Community Festival committee chair, had some initial apprehension about whether to go forward after hearing that some of the bigger festivals at Columbus parishes were cancelled, but the committee voted unanimously to proceed.

"We thought it was important to get people together this summer after everybody was cooped up last summer," Deacon Calcara said. "We just felt that it was important to have something for not only the St. John Newman community but the community at large, the Sunbury-Galena area.

"Our committee members are excited. I think the key is that we're having everything outside."

Having everything outside means making some adjustments from past festivals for St. John Neumann and other parishes.

"We'll have live music, a stage under the tent, our tables will be approximately 6 feet apart, and we'll follow all the state guidelines," Deacon Calcara said. "We'll provide masks, we're going to have more hand-washing stations, and sanitizer and wipes on every table. We also are going to have volunteers to go around and wipe down the tables. So we're taking all the precautions that we can."

Sterling Fundways of Columbus will provide rides while taking the necessary precautions for social distancing and proper sanitizing. "Still a work in progress," Deacon Calcara said, is how to offer children's games.

In addition to all activities being outside, a cash raffle will be held instead of a silent auction, and food trucks will be on site in place of food prepared by parish members, including Deacon Calcara's homemade meatballs and pasta sauce. The local Jet's Pizza franchise, operated by St. John Neumann parishioner Mike Couchman, will continue as it has the past few years as a major sponsor and food provider.

"If we have great weather, we feel like we're going to be slammed," Deacon Calcara said.

Similar to St. John Neumann, Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church is making minor alterations that include additional seating outside and sanitizing stations, and there will be no face painting, hair dye and bounce house this year.

St. Matthew festival chair Robin Kuhns also said that Monte Carlo games remain up in the air because of a potential shortage of dealers.

Columbus St. Timothy's Festival on the Green will be held a week before St. Matthew's festival on the weekend of July 9-10.

Longtime St. Timothy festival chair Joe Lorenz estimates that about 80 percent to 90 percent of the activities this year will be outdoors, where rides and games will be spaced farther apart for social distancing. There also will be live music and a special raffle for a 2021 Honda Accord.

One of the events remaining inside will be bingo in the school's air-conditioned gym. The festival's signature pizza will be available and more food trucks will be on site to accommodate hungry guests.

"We're definitely anticipating large crowds," Lorenz said. "And I'm get-



Columbus St. Timothy Church's Festival on the Green will return this summer after the event was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photos courtesy St. Timothy Church



Rides and games will return to St. Timothy's Festival on the Green and other parish festivals this summer with sanitizing and distancing protocols in place.

ting a good response from the volunteers (about 350 annually lend a hand at the festival) and that's really an indication that people are ready to move on and feel comfortable."

Among the parishes cancelling their festivals this year in addition to Delaware St. Mary are Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Nicholas, Danville St. Luke, Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus Holy Spirit, Columbus St. Elizabeth, Columbus St. Andrew, Columbus St. Anthony, Newark Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis de Sales, and Johnstown Church of the Ascension.



Summer, fall festival schedule for diocesan parishes

Dates and times for summer festival around the diocese, when available and as supplied to *The Catholic Times*, are listed below. Several parishes were still deciding on the fate of their festivals at press time. Check parish websites and bulletins for updates throughout the spring and summer.

JUNE

June 13
St. Ann/St. Mary
405 Chestnut St., Dresden
Corpus Christi procession after the 9 a.m. Mass followed by reception at parish hall

June 18-19
St. John Neumann
9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury
6-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

June 18-19
St. Rose
119 W. Water St., New Lexington

June 25-26
Holy Trinity
Garden Party
225 S. Columbus, St., Somerset
6 p.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

JULY

July 9-10
St. Timothy
1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus
6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

July 15-17
St. Matthew the Apostle
807 Havens Corners Rd., Gahanna
6-11 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

July 16-17
St. Joseph
613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

July 30-31
Immaculate Conception
414 E. North Broadway, Columbus
5 p.m. Friday, all day Saturday

AUGUST

Aug. 6-7
St. Stephen the Martyr
4131 Clime Rd., Columbus
6 p.m.-midnight Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight Saturday

Aug. 6-7
St. Pius X (Tentative)
1051 S. Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg

Aug. 7
Our Lady of Victory
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus
6-11 p.m.

Aug. 8
Immaculate Conception
215 E. North St., Kenton
Noon-7 p.m.

Aug. 12-14
St. Catharine of Siena
500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus
5-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

Aug. 12-14
St. Brendan
4475 Dublin Rd., Hilliard
6 p.m.-midnight Friday, 3-6 p.m. (family hours), 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday

Aug. 13-14
St. Mary, Mother of God (German Village)
361 E. Whittier and Bruck Sts., Columbus

Aug. 13-14
St. Cecilia (Tentative)
434 Norton Rd., Columbus

Aug. 20-21
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
3730 Broadway, Grove City
6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

Aug. 26-28
St. Joan of Arc (Tentative)
10700 Liberty Rd., Powell
6 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3-5
St. Michael
5750 N. High St., Worthington
7-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Sept. 17-19
St. Mary
524 6th St., Portsmouth

OCTOBER

Oct. 8-10
St. John the Baptist (Tentative)
Hamlet and Lincoln Sts., Columbus
Italian Festival
5-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, noon-7 p.m. Sunday

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POR FAVOR PONGA EN 23 MAYO 2021, NÚMERO

Fecha

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Dado este 11 MAYO 2021.

Fecha

EL REVERENDO DENNIS STEVENSON, JCL
El Juez Presidente

Sue Ulmer
La Notaria

In the marriage case styled MIGUEL ANGEL AGUIRRE and ALEJANDRINA DE JESUS BEZA JUAREZ, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of ALEJANDRINA DE JESUS BEZA. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND DENNIS STEVENSON, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 7 JUNE 2021 - or call phone 241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of ALEJANDRINA DE JESUS BEZA is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of his current address.

Given this 11 MAY 2021;

REVEREND DENNIS STEVENSON, JCL
Presiding Judge

Sue Ulmer
Notary

Pentecost Year B

Spirit unleashes God's power in us

Vigil Mass

Genesis 11:1-9, Exodus 19:3-8a,
16-20b, Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel
3:1-5

Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

Mass During the Day

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Galatians 5:16-25
John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27;
16:12-15

Pentecost is the celebration of the birth of the Church and the last day of the Easter season. The meaning of this day is so rich that there is an abundance of Scriptures offered for proclamation.

The Vigil Mass of Pentecost includes four possible first readings or even invites use of them all, as at the Easter Vigil. The Mass of the Day adds extra choices for both the second reading and the Gospel and throws in a Pentecost Sequence in praise of the Holy Spirit. The one text that is common to both the Vigil and the Mass of the Day is the Antiphon of the Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Once thing is clear: Acknowledgment of the role of the Holy Spirit points to the overflowing love of God for His people and all creation. When the Spirit is given, God makes His power available to all, each according to a unique call.

As disciples of the risen and ascended Lord, we have three responsibilities: to believe and grow in faith, to discern our gifts and call, and to act through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring the world to Jesus.

The gifts of the Spirit assist us to

Trinity Sunday Year B

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

We have entered into the Ordinary Time. Yet, on this Sunday after Pentecost, we find ourselves celebrating the wondrous mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The Christian God is not a myth. It is not some relic of a past age to be discarded by a more enlightened age. While it is true that God has made use of human culture, including myths,

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary and St. Peter; and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions.



reach the goal God has set for us: fear of the Lord (wonder and awe in God's presence), piety, fortitude, knowledge, counsel, understanding and wisdom. Faith, hope and love grow in us in proportion to our cooperation with the Spirit.

The account of Pentecost from the Acts of the Apostles indicates that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was present in the time of prayer before the coming of the Spirit. The 12 (now including Matthias in Judas' place) begin their mission in Jerusalem and end up going out to the whole world.

To evangelize is our common call. This call is eminently practical. It is addressed to us right where we are. It is given to us for the sake of those who are already in our lives and those who will cross our paths in this world. Pentecost reminds us of the power of our confirmation and of the grace at work in us through the sacramental life of the Church. It is time to unleash that power.

Rivers of living water flow from someone who knows Jesus. The Holy Spirit is within us. We have received the gift of the Spirit as an indwelling presence. From the Spirit flow truth, courage, commitment and even a willingness to die for something greater than ourselves.

We are in a world that does not have an openness to truth at present. We don't like to be challenged. We don't want to be moved beyond our own comfort zone. And yet, the Spirit

to help us understand His nature, the depth of this truth cannot be reduced to an idea that human beings came up with. It is a revelation of God that has been given to us through Jesus Christ to which we are made capable of responding through the action of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

God is one. This is the heart of the faith of Jesus' own people. Moses tells the people of Israel: "This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

5/24-5/29

MONDAY

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
or Acts 1:12-14
Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7
John 19:25-34

TUESDAY

Sirach 35:1-12
Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13
Mark 10:32-45

THURSDAY

Sirach 42:15-25
Psalm 33:2-9
Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY

Sirach 44:1, 9-13
Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b
Mark 11:11-26

SATURDAY

Sirach 51:12cd-20
Psalm 19:8-11
Mark 11:27-33

5/31-6/5

MONDAY

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 1:39-56

TUESDAY

Tobit 2:9-14
Psalm 112:1-2, 7-9
Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY

Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Psalm 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY

Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,
9-17; 8:4-9a
Psalm 128:1-5
Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY

Tobit 11:5-17
Psalm 146:1b-2, 6c-10
Mark 12:35-37

SATURDAY

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20
Tobit 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8
Mark 12:38-44

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF MAY 23 AND 30, 2021

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org.

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray Weeks IV and I, Seasonal Propers of the Liturgy of the Hours.

moves within us to be more than we are. We cannot do it. Yet, through the Spirit, it will be accomplished. "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!"

We are living in an odd world. It is

topsy-turvy and upside down. In our world, we hear many voices. We don't understand one another. There is divi-

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Holy Spirit helps us accept mystery of Triune God

there is no other."

At the same time, God is a community, a family. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God's reality as a community of three persons sharing one divine nature is the heart of the self-revelation that is understood through the gift of the Spirit of the Father and the Son.

This is the heart of the New Testament revelation in Jesus Christ. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives His final command to share this faith with the whole world: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father, and of the Son."

The Church lives in awareness of this truth in multiple ways. First, it is the very life of the Church that communicates relationship with the Triune God. Second, it is in the liturgy, especially the celebration of the Mass, and the other sacraments, that we encounter God as He is.

Finally, it is through her teachings,

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sion. There are broken bonds. We live in a world in need of healing. How will we accomplish anything together if we cannot speak the same language? We live in Babel. We want to reach heaven, but we are stuck on earth, each of us pursuing our own ends.

The Spirit wants to gather us together in the very room where we remember all that Jesus said and did and taught us. We are with Mary, who said the first complete "yes." We are with the disciples and apostles who are on the

verge of going global with their message. We are in the presence of folks who are from everywhere and who, like us, long for something more than this world can offer.

The Holy Spirit is ready to unleash the newness of Jesus Christ on the world in hearts that are ready to give all. The Spirit needs room to breathe. Transformation begins here.

Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of God's love.

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the dogmas and doctrines of faith, as expressed in the scriptures, the catechism and the theology that is handed on to us through tradition, that the Church opens up the mystery to us. She does this so that we can experience salvation and enter into full personal relationship with the living God.

You may not be able to explain the Trinity, but you can love with your mind, your heart, your soul and all your human strength the God Who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God has shared the most intimate truth, something that we would not be able to discover on our own: that the unity of God is a unity that is at the same time a Trinity.

God wants us to know Him. He wants to share with us something of His own inner life because He loves us. To accept this gift as gift and to respond in the same way to the best of our ability, giving our whole selves back to God in the same love is the only proper response. God is real and true, and we can by His grace receive

His own life into our human nature.

Intimacy with a true friend means sharing the depths of one's spirit. Disciples of the Lord Jesus are invited to discover this friendship with Jesus and with one another. In the end, this is the kind of friendship God wants with us. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The whole world is created for love. The love that is at the foundation of the world is the love of the Holy Trinity. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are made in the divine image, with the rights and responsibilities that make us capable of entering into a real relationship with Him. Will we seek to respond to the Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Who invite us to enter into a living relationship that will last forever?

God, Father, Son and Spirit, bless us! Free us to enter into the mystery of your love. Come, Holy Spirit! Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. Abba, Father, hear our prayer!

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Mission Consultant

Genesis HealthCare System in Zanesville, Ohio is seeking a full-time Mission Consultant to support the development and implementation of the annual Mission Integration Assessment & Action Plan. Requirements include Bachelors' degree in pastoral ministry, education, social work, or related field. Ideal candidate is a living witness to the Catholic faith through engagement in parish life and has a deep understanding of the Catholic Ethical and Religious Directives and the ability to promote the organization's Catholic affiliation, teachings and Catholic identity. Qualified candidates are invited to apply online to Job ID #9305 at <https://genesishcs.org> or send resume to keyberger@genesishcs.org.

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Deacon John D. Rankin

Funeral Mass for Deacon John D. "Jack" Rankin, 84, who died Wednesday, May 12, will be celebrated Friday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. in Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, with visitation from 9:30 to 10:30.

He was born on November 25, 1936 in Lima to Robert and Helen Rankin, was a graduate of Lima St. Rose High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Dayton.

He served with U.S. Army Intelligence in Baltimore, then moved back to Lima before coming to Columbus in 1974.

He graduated from the Diocese of Toledo Diaconal School of Education and was ordained as the Diocese of Columbus' second lay member of the diaconate by Bishop Edward Herrmann on Nov. 3, 1975 at Our Lady of Peace

Church.

He served that parish as a deacon for 31 years, until his retirement from active ministry in 2006, presiding during that time at the weddings of all his children. After working in the computer industry for decades, he started his second career as a hospital chaplain at Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus at age 50, also retiring from that position in 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Joseph and Stephen; and sister, Marie Reaman.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine (Emmons); children, J. David (Kristen Westman), Jeanne Rankin, Robert, Richard (Betty), Maria (Jim) Kozelek, Jackie Learn, Christine Balint Rankin and Michael Learn; brother, David (Linda); sister, Elaine (Jim) Flynn; and 11 grandchildren.

Patricia J. Grilliot

Funeral Mass for Patricia J. Grilliot, 88, who died Wednesday, April 28, was celebrated Wednesday, May 5 at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Anna.

She was born on July 6, 1932 at McCartyville in Shelby County to Bernard and Frances (Drees) Grilliot and graduated from Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati.

She was a teacher at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School for one year

and at Columbus St. Leo School from 1955 to 1994, winning diocesan coach of the year honors several times. She also was honored as teacher of the month by the national publication Today's Catholic Teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bernard, Thomas and Gerald, and sisters, Delores Frilling, Naomi Schroeder, Marlene Schwartz and Thelma Kaup. She is survived by a sister, Ruth Gehrlch.

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ALLEGRINI, Lawrence E., 76, formerly of Columbus, April 30
Little Flower Church, Toledo

BAUMAN, Virginia (Streng), 97, May 3
St. Mary Church, Groveport

BERRY, Dr. Richard L., 78, May 7
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

BLANCHARD, Antonia (Dabo), 93, April 30
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BLATERI, John Jr., 91, May 2
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

BRUNTON, David, 78, May 7
St. Leonard Church, Heath

CARRIER, Karin R. (Veith), 79, May 8
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

CARTER, Robert C., 57, April 20
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

CAYLOR, Mary R., 87, May 8
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

DEAVERS, Kenneth, 78, Dec. 27
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

DiDONATO, Jean (Pisano), 92, April 29
Immaculate Conception Church, Denison

DURANT, Charles W. "Bill" Jr., 56, Nov. 23
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

EATON, Rosaleen A. (Murnane), 84, May 12
St. John Church, Logan

ELLIS, Virginia R. (Rechiche), 93, Dec. 27
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

FOX, Robert A., 91, March 30
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

GRIGSBY, Walter, 96, Dec. 24
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

HUNTER, William J., 60, April 13
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

KEISTER, Betty J. (Dusenbery), 89, May 6
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

KIENER, Jeffrey L., 78, April 28
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

KOZMAN-BROWN, Betty J. (Bryant), 92, April 16
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

LEWIS, Jane A., 85, May 2
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

LINN, Catherine S. (Bowers), 87, May 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MARTIN, John W., 87, May 8
St. Leo Oratory, Columbus

MARTINDALE, Bryan T., 42, Dec. 28
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

McGINNIS, Rosemary (Downs), 63, May 2
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

McMANUS, Bethanne (Jones), 64, May 6
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MICHAEL, Lorene, 79, April 21
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

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St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

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REED, Phyllis "Jean," 89, April 28
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

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St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

ROSS, Nicholas A., 79, Jan. 11
St. Bernard Church, Corning

SCHWENDEMAN, James F., 88, April 20
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

SIGRIST, Wendelin J. "Buz," 79, April 14
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

SNYDER, Darlene C. (Goodrich), 80, May 2
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

STIGLER, Carolyn E. "Elaine," 80, May 1
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UHL, Timothy L., 72, April 20
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O'Neil real estate agency celebrates centennial

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

A yellow neon sign in the shape of a house, with the words “For Sale” and “Sold” alternately blinking on and off at night, has been a familiar sight for motorists traveling along North High Street in Columbus’ Clintonville neighborhood since the 1940s.

The sign stands at Pacemont Road and North High in front of the office of C.R. O’Neil & Co., a real estate brokerage that is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and has been operated by the same Catholic family since it was opened by Charles O’Neil in 1921 at the corner of Patterson Avenue and North High, a few miles south of its current location.

Charles’ son Robert joined the business in 1946 after serving in World War II, became its president in 1967 and ran it until his retirement in 1996. He died in 2001. His wife, Marjorie, 95, is a member of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. Today, the company is run by Charles O’Neil’s grandsons Dan, who is its president, and Gerry, vice president. Sean, another of Robert’s six sons and five daughters, is an agent with the company, and Dan’s son Timothy represents the next generation in the business.

Charles’ father, James, known by his nickname of “Red,” came to America from County Cork in Ireland and operated a bakery on Cleveland Avenue, south of 5th Avenue, in the Milo-Grogan area of east Columbus. A picture in the real estate office shows Robert as a 5-year-old in a bakery wagon.

Charles eventually became a partner with Red in the bakery. The family also operated a pool room, and Charles was active in Democratic Party politics.

“Milo-Grogan was where immigrants settled when they came to Columbus in the early part of the 20th century,” Gerry O’Neil said. “It was a mixed-nationality area with a population mainly of Italian, Irish or German immigrants. The O’Neils knew a lot of people through their business and political affiliations, and our grandfather decided to branch out from the bakery by obtaining a real estate license to sell them houses.

“From the start, his most important business values were honesty and integrity in his transactions. These were what he learned all his life as a Catholic and what he stressed to his children and grandchildren. He and my father made sure that we had a Catholic education and that we carried the values we learned in Catholic schools throughout our lives.

“I remember in the 1990s when the owner of a property wanted to enforce a racial restriction on who could buy it. I turned him down on the spot because it went against everything I’d been taught in Catholic grade and high schools.”

“A few years after Charles started the company, the Great Depression came along, and people began to ask him to sell their businesses,” Dan O’Neil said. “Soon he was selling more businesses than houses. The company also got into property management, which is where most of its business is today.”

Robert O’Neil, who was born in 1921, the same year the company was founded, was a pilot in the Asian theater of war with the Army Air Corps in World War II and eventually became a flight instructor.

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A monthly feature highlighting Catholic business owners and entrepreneurs working to share their faith in the marketplace.

“He wanted to be an airline pilot, but our grandfather convinced him to join the company, which also included an insurance business. After Grandpap retired, Dad sold the insurance business,” Dan said. “I joined it 1971, 50 years after Grandpap started the company and 25 years after Dad joined it.

“Another brother, Pat, joined in 1974 and retired in 2008. Pat was president of the Columbus Board of Realtors in 1996 and of the Ohio Association of Realtors in 2008. Gerry started in 1993, and Sean in 1998, with Tim becoming part of the business last October.”

Dan said a key moment for the company came in 1976, when it became a charter member of the Century 21 group. “That put more of the focus for us on residential sales, though we still continued with property management,” he said. The affiliation with Century 21 ended in 2008.

“At our peak, we had 18 to 20 sales representatives and had listings for 35 to 70 houses a month in Franklin County and the surrounding area,” Gerry said. “The business was different then. You had to work hard to get a house sold because there was so much supply. Now it’s altogether different.” Today, the Columbus area is one of the nation’s hottest housing markets, with homes often being sold within a day or two of being listed.

Today, the company has 12 sales representatives and specializes in selling and managing small apartment and condo units. “We work with 205 property owners, besides ourselves, who own about 600 units altogether,” Gerry said. “The largest of those properties is a 36-unit apartment complex.

“We specialize in small properties because there are few other companies that do this. Owners of this kind of property appreciate how we help them keep costs down by combining several sites into one purchasing unit and negotiate better deals with businesses.”

The O’Neils have been active in several parishes and with real estate trade associations and Irish-affiliated organizations such as the Shamrock Club and the Ancient Order of Hibernians over the years. Dan is a member of Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, Gerry is a parishioner at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church and Sean goes to Columbus Immaculate Conception Church.



A neon sign that has stood on North High Street in Columbus at the office of C.R. O’Neil & Co. since the 1940s

Photos courtesy C.R. O’Neil & Co.

The O’Neil family also has contributed to the long-term future of the Diocese of Columbus through The Catholic Foundation. One of Robert O’Neil’s brothers, C. Richard O’Neil, an attorney who died in 2006, and his wife, Norma, set up a fund with the foundation which, after Norma’s death, will provide support to diocesan school tuition assistance and to the Shamrock Club and will donate every year to the foundation’s unrestricted fund, which provides money for the areas of greatest need in the diocese.

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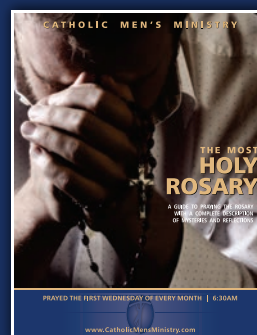
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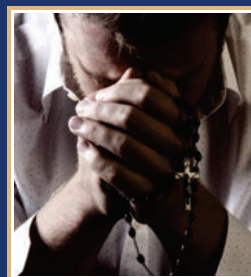
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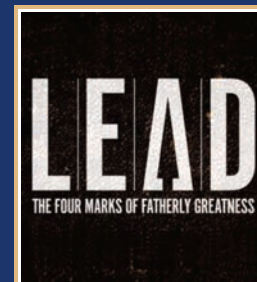


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Home Missions collection to aid Native American Catholics

By Sister Zephрина Mary GracyKutty, FIH
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

In the Diocese of Columbus, the Catholic Home Missions collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 5-6. In 2020, the diocese contributed \$41,861.06 to the collection.

I thank you for your generosity on behalf of Bishop Robert Brennan and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) committee in charge of the Home Missions collection.

Home Missions are in the United States and consists of territories that cannot exist on their own. The collection helps to fund 84 dioceses and eparchies in the United States, which represent roughly 44 percent of all U.S. dioceses.

The funds gathered help the mission dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral services for the faithful. These dioceses struggle with severe shortages of priests, poverty among parishioners, difficult or isolated terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that hinder the efforts to spread the faith.

The active missionaries take part in the apostolate of the Church by promoting evangelization. They share their joy and sacrifices incidental to the care of souls. They devote their best and undivided energies to the service of God.

The smallest Catholic populations tend to exist in rural areas of the South, such as in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and the Carolinas.

One example is the Choctaw reservation in central Mississippi, which is made up of eight non-contiguous communities. Father Bob Goodyear, who is from Reynoldsburg and belongs to the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, works among the Choctaw in Philadelphia, Mississippi. In his 29 years serving on the reservation, he has never seen a year like 2020.

The COVID-19 virus hit the Choctaw communities harder than any other reservation in the country. The tribal council implemented strict regulations to control the virus's spread, and the numbers of infected have stabilized but only after many have died. For the Choctaw, death is a sacred moment celebrated with rituals. However, these rituals could not be held due to the pandemic.

The reservation comprises

35,000 acres in 10 counties and is home to 11,000 Choctaw. Holy Rosary Indian Mission has three churches some 87 miles apart. St. Therese Mission is located in the Pearl River Community, the center of the reservation.

Most of the Choctaw on the reservation are related, and deaths from the virus touched everyone. One student lost both of his parents to the virus the week before his graduation. Another who was the valedictorian of her high school class lost her mother.

Holy Rosary Indian Mission was one of the Missionary Servants' first missions, and they have served there for 76 years. The pandemic has taken a financial toll on the mission. The missionaries have always depended on outside benefactors to continue their work among the Choctaw.

Father Goodyear said, "The COVID virus on the reservation has infected 14 percent of the tribe now, and 89 Choctaws have died from the virus. Not being allowed to visit loved ones dying in the hospital or have the traditional three days of family and friends supporting one another has made the grief on the reservation more painful.

"We rescheduled confirmation for November when the virus numbers leveled out, but three of my candidates were exposed to the virus and had to quarantine. The third time was the charm! It was such a spirit-filled celebration of the sacrament."

On behalf of Bishop Brennan, I thank you for all you do for the mission work of the Church. May our prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions bring the expansion of the reign of Christ who shed His blood for all mankind.

Let our ears echo the words of Pope Pius XII: "We shall spare no effort to cause the Catholic religion to shine also upon distant peoples and to have the shadow of the Cross, in which are life and salvation, fall on the remote areas of the earth."

Message from Bishop Brennan



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated one

weekend every year for the Catholic Home Missions collection. This year in our diocese, the collection will take place on the weekend of June 5 and 6. The program was established to guarantee continued funding for the mission dioceses in the United States, which cannot continue to exist without the financial help from Catholics elsewhere.

The financial assistance is offered to the scattered and isolated churches in the vast wilderness of Alaska, in the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain States, the Appalachian regions, the Southwest, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the distant Pacific Islands like American Samoa and the Marshalls. Funds from

the appeal extend and strengthen the presence of the Catholic Church in these areas by providing basic pastoral services.

The Catholic Home Missions collection helps fund evangelization efforts, religious education programs, education and training of seminarians, and the training of pastoral care givers in the areas of the United States where Catholics are few and the Church is fragile.

Our prayers and support for the appeal help meet the faith needs in these dioceses. Helping satisfy the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters across America unites all of us as a Catholic family. I invite you to respond generously to the Catholic Home Missions collection.

May the Lord bless us in our efforts to help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus



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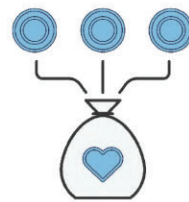


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