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Msgr. Moloney named diocesan administrator

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Msgr. Stephan Moloney was elected Thursday, Dec. 2 as the diocesan administrator to shepherd the Diocese of Columbus until a new bishop is installed.

Msgr. Moloney, 65, the diocese's vicar general since 1997 and the pastor at Columbus St. Andrew Church since 2013, will oversee the diocese in the interim period while the bishop's chair is vacant, which is referred to in Latin as *Sede Vacante*.

The vacancy was created when Bishop Robert Brennan was appointed to lead the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, and was installed on Nov. 30 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph and St. Teresa of Avila in Brooklyn.

Msgr. Moloney was elected at a meeting of the 10 members of the diocese's College of Consultors. They include Msgr. Moloney, Father Stash Dailey, Father Dan Dury, Father Mark Hammond, Father Michael Hartge, Father William Hahn, Father Michael Lumpe, Father Bob Penhallurick, Father David Schalk and Father David Sizemore.

"I am very humbled by the confidence placed in me today," Msgr. Moloney said, "and I am deeply grateful for all the support that has been expressed to me so far. Together, all of us will work to assure the smooth and orderly operation of the Diocese of Columbus, turning to the Holy Spirit for constant guidance as we await the appointment and installation of the next shepherd of our beloved diocese."

A native of Kenton, Msgr. Moloney attended the Pontifical College Josephinum and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He also has a degree in canon law from the Angelicum in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1982 by Bishop Edward J. Herrmann and has served at a number of parishes and in diocesan administrative roles, including vice chancellor, chancellor

and moderator of the curia.

Msgr. Moloney will continue as pastor at St. Andrew and carry out his responsibilities as vicar general. The diocesan administrator retains all the powers that a vicar general possesses plus some additional powers in the temporary role.

"The work of the diocese goes on," Msgr. Moloney said. "We don't have a bishop. I think that's the important thing, we don't have a bishop, and so the diocesan administrator is not a substitute for the bishop."

"But the administrative needs of the diocese continue. And there are things that have to be done ... things that have to be taken care even while there's no bishop. The duty of the diocesan administrator is to make sure that there are no innovations. The diocesan administrator has to protect things, keep things going, but not change anything."

Msgr. Moloney emphasized that the diocesan administrator does not make major decisions, such as naming new pastors.

"Some things will come up," he said. "There might be a vacancy in one of the diocesan offices or in a parish that you need to approve."

One of the duties of a bishop is to administer the sacrament of confirmation. Until a new bishop is in place, parish priests will have the faculties to perform the confirmation rite.

"As soon as Bishop Brennan found out that he was going to Brooklyn, within a day or so, he delegated all the pastors to do confirmation in their own parish," Msgr. Moloney said.

Msgr. Moloney has become accustomed to serving in various roles in



Msgr. Stephan Moloney

parishes and in the Chancery simultaneously during his priesthood.

"My parishioners (at St. Andrew) are already used to me being gone, and now I'll probably be gone more," he said. "I hope they'll understand. They've been very understanding. And I know my staff and the other priests have gotten used to it."

"There are a lot of things I'd like to be present for in the parish. But it's like having two full-time jobs. So that's the reality, and, hopefully, it will be short term. I've always felt that being in a parish is so important to maintain a sense of why I wanted to be a priest ... to be with the people, because I think that's the most important thing we do."

The demands will be even greater, at least in the immediate future, to represent the diocese in various capacities.

"I know that when there are special events in their parish, they want the bishop, and I know I'm not the bishop," Msgr. Moloney said. "As a diocesan administrator, you're just minding the store. We're in a holding pattern until we have a new bishop."

There is no time estimate on when the Vatican will appoint a new bishop.

When Bishop Brennan replaced retiring Bishop Frederick Campbell

in 2019, approximately six months went by from the time Bishop Campbell submitted his retirement letter to the Holy See and when the Vatican announced that Bishop Brennan was coming to Columbus.

The current situation is somewhat unique for the diocese. The last time a Columbus bishop was chosen to lead another diocese came in 1968, when then-Bishop John Carberry was chosen as the archbishop of St. Louis.

After Carberry's departure, Columbus Auxiliary Bishop Edward Hettinger was named the diocesan administrator on March 27, 1968 to serve during the interim period. Bishop Hettinger also had been the diocese's vicar general since 1945.

On May 29, 1968, Bishop Clarence Elwell, auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Cleveland, was named to succeed Carberry. He was installed as bishop in the Diocese of Columbus on Aug. 22, 1968, at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Bishop Elwell died on Feb. 16, 1973, and the next three successors – Bishop Herrmann (1973-82), Bishop James Griffin (1983-2004) and Bishop Campbell (2005-2019) – stayed on as administrators until a new bishop was in place.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT – CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS

The Diocese of Columbus announced the follow clergy assignments:

Father Kenneth Acosta, from service in the Archdiocese of Perth, Australia, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Delaware, effective November 16, 2021.

Announcing the nomination from the Prior Provincial, Very Rev. Kenneth Letoile, OP of the Dominican Friars, **Father Joseph Peter Fegan**, OP, from service outside the diocese, to Parochial Vicar, St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective December 1, 2021.

Father Eugene Joseph, from newly ordained and service outside the diocese, to Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, effective December 6, 2021.

Father Brian O'Connor, to Associate Director of Vocations, continuing as Pastor, St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester, effective November 2, 2021.



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NATIVITY OF THE LORD
A heavenly light shines on the baby Jesus in a manger scene at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, which along with the other parishes in the diocese will offer Masses at various times on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Photo courtesy St. Colman of Cloyne

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2021 schedule for diocesan Christmas Masses

The following is a list of Mass times at diocesan parishes for the Vigil of Christmas, Friday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25, as provided to *The Catholic Times* by parishes before this issue went to press on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – 5:30 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Bremen St. Mary – 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 8:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – 6 p.m. and midnight (music 11:30 p.m.) Dec. 24; 9 a.m. (music 8:45 a.m.) Dec. 25

Canal Winchester St. John XXIII – 4, 6 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Cardington Sacred Hearts – 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Chillicothe St. Mary – 6 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Chillicothe St. Peter – 5 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Circleville St. Joseph – 5 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Christ the King – 4 (English) and 6 p.m. (Spanish) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. (English) and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Dec. 25

Columbus Corpus Christi – 4 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Holy Cross – 4 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Holy Family – 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Holy Name – midnight Dec. 24; 5 p.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Holy Spirit – 6 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Immaculate Conception – 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – 4 p.m. and midnight (music 11:30 p.m.) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – 4, 6:30 and 10 p.m. (music 9:30 p.m.) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Parroquia Santa Cruz – 8 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25 (both in Spanish at Columbus Holy Name Church)

Columbus Sacred Heart – 4 p.m. Dec. 24

Columbus St. Agatha – 4 (church and parish hall), 6 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Agnes – 9 p.m. Dec. 24; noon Dec. 25 (English and Span-

ish)

Columbus St. Aloysius – 7 p.m. Dec. 24

Columbus St. Andrew – 4 (church and parish hall), 6 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 and 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon Korean Catholic Community – 8 p.m. Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25 (both at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church)

Columbus St. Anthony – 4 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus Sts. Augustine & Gabriel – 7 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. (Vietnamese) Dec. 25

Columbus St. Catharine of Siena – 4 and 6:30 p.m. and midnight (carols 11 p.m.) Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Cecilia – 5 and 8 p.m. and midnight (Office of Readings 11:15 p.m.) Dec. 24; 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Christopher – 4 and 6 p.m. (English) and midnight (Polish) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. and noon Dec. 25

Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John – 7 p.m. Dec. 24; 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25 (both at St. Dominic)

Columbus St. Elizabeth – 4 and 7 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – 5 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. James the Less – 4:30 and 10 p.m. (English) and 7 p.m. (Spanish) Dec. 24; 9 (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish) Dec. 25

Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic – 10 p.m. (Royal Hours 9 p.m.) Dec. 24; noon Dec. 25

Columbus St. John the Baptist – 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – 4 and 6 p.m. and midnight (concert begins at 11 p.m.) Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Ladislav – 6 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory – midnight (High Mass) Dec. 24; 8 (Low Mass) and 10:30 a.m. (High Mass) Dec. 25 (all in Latin)

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – 4 and 10 p.m. (carols 9:30 p.m.) Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – 4 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Mary German Village – 4 (English) and 6 p.m. (Spanish) and midnight (English) Dec. 24; 11 a.m. (English) Dec. 25

Columbus St. Matthias – 5 (church and gym) and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. (English) and 3 p.m. (Nigerian)

Dec. 25 (call church for times of other ethnic Masses)

Columbus St. Patrick – 4 (no incense) and 6:30 p.m. and midnight (both with incense) Dec. 24; 7 and 10 a.m. (both no incense) and noon (incense) Dec. 25

Columbus St. Peter – 4, 6 and 10 p.m. (English) and 8 p.m. (Spanish) Dec. 24; 9 (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish) and 1 p.m. (Swahili) Dec. 25

Columbus St. Philip the Apostle – 4 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr – 5 p.m. (English), 7 and 9 p.m. (both Spanish) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. (English) and noon (Spanish) Dec. 25

Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle – 4 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Columbus St. Timothy – 4 (church and gym) and 8 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Corning St. Bernard – 5 p.m. Dec. 24

Coshocton Sacred Heart – 5 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Crooksville Church of the Atonement – 8 p.m. Dec. 24

Danville St. Luke – 4:30 p.m. (children's pageant 4 p.m.) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Delaware St. Mary – 4 (church and gym) and 6 p.m. and midnight (music 11:30 p.m.) Dec. 24; 9 (English) and 11:30 a.m. (English and Spanish), Dec. 25

Dennison Immaculate Conception – 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Dover St. Joseph – 5 (English), 7:30 (Spanish) and 11 p.m. (English) Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Dresden St. Ann – 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – 4 (children's choir), 6:30 (Brigid's Gael adult contemporary choir) and 9 p.m. (adult choir with strings) Dec. 24; 9 and 11 a.m. Dec. 25 (reservations required for all Masses)

Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle – 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Glenmont Sts. Peter and Paul – 4 p.m. Dec. 24

Granville St. Edward the Confessor – 5 (children's choir 4:30 p.m.) and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 4 (church and gym), 7 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Groveport St. Mary – 6 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Heath St. Leonard – 4 and 9 p.m. (music 8:30 p.m.), Dec. 24; 10 a.m.

(music 9:45 p.m.) Dec. 25

Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator – 4 (church and school multipurpose room), 6:30 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Dec. 25

Jackson Holy Trinity – 4 p.m. Dec. 24

Johnstown Church of the Ascension – 4, 6:30 and 11 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Junction City St. Patrick – 8 p.m. Dec. 24

Kenton Immaculate Conception – 6 and 8 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Lancaster St. Bernadette – 5 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10 and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Lancaster St. Mark – 5 p.m. Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Lancaster St. Mary of the Assumption – 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Logan St. John – 4 and 6:30 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

London St. Patrick – 5 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Marion St. Mary – 5 and 8 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – 4 and 7 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24

Millersburg St. Peter – 8 p.m. Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – 4 and 6 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – 4 (ministry center), 4:30, 7:30 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

New Lexington St. Rose of Lima – 5 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – 4 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 8:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Newark Blessed Sacrament – 4, 6:30 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Newark St. Francis de Sales – 4, 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. (music 10 p.m.) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales – 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – 4 p.m. (church and activity center), 6 and 11 p.m. Dec. 24; 8 and 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Plain City St. Joseph – 4 p.m. with children's Christmas pageant (activity center), 4 p.m. (church), 7 p.m. (activity center) and midnight (church) Dec.



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Pond Creek Holy Trinity – 5 p.m. Dec. 24

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer – 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Portsmouth St. Mary – 4 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 4 (church and parish hall), 6:30 (church and hall) and 10 p.m. Dec. 24; 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Somerset Holy Trinity – 3 (no incense) and 7 p.m. (incense) Dec. 24; 10 a.m. (incense) Dec. 25

Somerset St. Joseph – 5 p.m. Dec. 24; 8 a.m. Dec. 25

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – 7 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Sunbury St. John Neumann – 4 and 6:30 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25 (music before all Masses)

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – 5 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Waverly St. Mary, Queen of the Missions – 9:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Wellston Sts. Peter & Paul – midnight (music 11:30 p.m.) Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude – 4 and 6 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

Westerville St. Paul the Apostle – 4 p.m. (church and Westerville North High School, both no incense) and 6:30 p.m. (children's choir at 6 p.m., no incense) and midnight (incense) Dec. 24; 8 (no incense) and 10 a.m. (incense) and noon (no incense) Dec. 25

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains – 4 p.m. Dec. 24

Worthington St. Michael – 4 and 6 p.m. and midnight Dec. 24; 9 and 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Zaleski St. Sylvester – 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Zanesville St. Nicholas – 6 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; 9 a.m. Dec. 25

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – 5 and 10 p.m. (carols 9:30 p.m.), Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25 (all in parish activity center because of church construction)

Zoar Holy Trinity – 5 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25

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The power in little things can help us grow stronger.

We can thank St. Therese of Lisieux for the “Little Way” and awakening us to the power of little things in our spiritual life. She challenges us to serve God with a childlike simplicity in prayer and action. She reminds us that it’s not about great and mighty works but that we are called to do everything out of love and obedience to God, no matter how small the task.

I often run late. I pray to God to help me be organized so that I can meet people or be at an appointment on time. It is a little way that I’m trying to love my neighbor more fully.

Most people in my life don’t know how challenging this is for me, but I’m grateful to God for showing me that being on time is a little thing that helps me grow stronger by putting the needs of others first.

HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

Lori Crock leads SoulCore Rosary prayer and exercise at parishes, teaches physical strength classes and writes about faith and fitness at holyanandhealthyatholic.com.



Recently, I asked God to show me how I can help others during Advent. That evening, I received an email from a friend asking me to make a meal for another friend who just had a baby (family of 10, praise God). I thanked God, and I looked forward to this little act of sharing my love of cooking with a family.

The Little Way inspires me to consider my words carefully before talking, to seek gentleness in responding on touchy issues, but to be courageous when the Holy Spirit is prompting me to defend the truth of our faith.

The more childlike the better when trying to hear the small, still voice of God so I can respond with kindness and love.

Last summer, I had the privilege of praying a chaplet of gratitude with a friend on a social media platform called Clubhouse. On each decade of the

rosary, we prayed aloud 10 things we were grateful for. My friend really opened my eyes to things I take for granted, such as running water and a dependable car and little things in nature like a morning songbird chirping, a drop of dew shimmering on a leaf, a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds — the list is endless!

When looking at the little things to be thankful for (with more childlikeness) in our homes, with friends and family, in our workplaces and in nature, we realize the magnificent tapestry that God has created for us.

Littleness can be a powerful mindset, and being content by loving in little ways can help us grow in humility — the powerhouse virtue that fosters faith, hope and love. When we are honest about our weaknesses and imperfections, and ask Jesus to use what little we have to serve Him, He heals and strengthens us and often surprises us.

Being little means we rely on Him all the more. May we be like St. Therese and say, “How happy I am to realize that I am little and weak, how happy I am to see myself so imperfect.”

McCrorry Manor, The Villas offer range of senior-living options

At Mother Angeline McCrorry Manor and The Villas at Saint Therese in Columbus, one comment heard often from residents is, “I wish I’d moved in sooner.”

The decision to move into a senior care community is momentous; however, putting the decision off too long can come at the expense of emotional and physical wellness, finance stability and more.

You’ve all heard the reasons why older adults should move to a community, but the reasons to move at the right time can be subtler, though no less important. Here are a few reasons why considering a move now might be wise:

1. It means peace of mind for your loved ones. Moving when the time is right means your family doesn’t have to scramble to find you a place when needs arise. Searching for assisted living under a time constraint, usual-

ly as the result of a hospitalization, can bring stress to yourself and your loved ones. Moving into a community with a continuum of care available, such as what Mother Angeline offers with The Villas, means you’ll discover a home for life, and, for those who care about you, an end to uncertainty.

2. You get your money’s worth. Delaying your decision could mean missed opportunities, on campus and off. Our community’s services and amenities are yours to enjoy, but if you wait until health problems force your decision, some services might be out of reach.

3. Socialization is especially important as people age. One of the best parts of a senior care community is right there in the name: the community. Intimate neighborhoods and shared identity among residents create easy, lasting friendships.

According to an AARP study, social isolation affects one in five adults, and older adults who describe themselves as lonely have a 59% greater risk of functional decline. Isolation is increasingly understood as more than an emotional issue; it is a social problem with a heavy physical toll.

4. The transition is smoother. Now is the perfect time to make the move because the longer you wait, the harder it can be to adjust to new surroundings. Relocation Stress Syndrome, a condition that can manifest as anxiety, agitation and confusion, is more often experienced in adults of advanced age than their younger counterparts. You can avoid unnecessary stress by moving in while you’re relatively young and healthy.

5. It’s a healthful choice. The ad-

age is true: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. An example can be found in the health and wellness programs in which our residents participate. Joining our community while you still have your health is a great first step toward preserving it.

If you have questions or need advice, senior care experts at Mother Angeline McCrorry Manor and The Villas at St. Therese can help. Our communities offer independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, long-term care, post-acute care and short-term rehabilitation. Coming soon: memory care assisted living at The Villas.

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PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

The Vatican's unread newspaper and the U.S. bishops

When I began working with some regularity in Rome thirty years ago, my elders and betters taught me that no one paid much attention to the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. The exception to that rule was the daily section with the charming title *Nostre Informazioni* ("Our Information"), in which papal audiences, episcopal appointments, and other tidbits of interest to those obsessed with Who's Up and Who's Down are recorded. (The most famous of these nuggets was the brief line, "The Rev. Louis Billot, SJ, was received in audience today by His Holiness." Billot had entered a 1927 meeting with Pope Pius XI a cardinal and emerged a lowly Jesuit priest, the pontiff having blown his stack over Billot's tacit criticism of Pius's smack-down of the extreme right-wing French movement, *Action Française*.) *L'Osservatore Romano* has improved its appearance over the past three decades, but insofar as I can tell, no serious person inside or outside the Vatican pays it much attention.

The reason why was demonstrated by the paper's November 18 edition. There, on p. 8, we find a story about the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in which this sentence appears (I translate from the original Italian): "In it [i.e., the bishops' teaching document on the Eucharist] there is no mention of the prohibition of Communion to Catholic politicians, nor is there any explicit mention of abortion."

That is simply not true. The bishops cited the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World and its description of abortion as an infamy. The bishops also cited Pope Francis's encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, which sharply criticizes treating anyone as "disposable," including "the unborn."

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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As for politicians who facilitate elective abortions, the bishops reiterated their teaching in 2006:

"If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues...he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain."

Correctly distinguishing between one's subjective moral condition and one's public actions in the matter of receiving Holy Communion, the bishops also cited St. John Paul II's teaching in the encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*:

"The judgment of one's state of grace obviously belongs only to the person involved, since it is a question of examining one's conscience. However, in cases of outward conduct which is seriously, clearly and steadfastly contrary to the moral norm, the Church, in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community and out of respect for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved. The Code of Canon Law refers to this situation of a manifest lack of proper moral disposition when it states that those who 'obstinately persist in mani-

fest grave sin' are not to be admitted to Eucharistic communion."

Finally, the bishops underscored their own responsibility for the Church's eucharistic discipline: *"It is the special responsibility of the diocesan bishop to work to remedy situations that involve public actions at variance with the visible communion of the Church and the moral law. Indeed, he must guard the integrity of the sacrament, the visible communion of the Church, and the salvation of souls."*

So, for the sake of *L'Osservatore Romano* correspondent Salvatore Cernuzio, his editors, and other confused brethren, let's try this one more time: in "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," adopted by a vote of 222 to 8, the U.S. bishops taught the following –

1) Facilitating the grave moral evil of abortion is a public act that fractures one's communion with Christ and estranges one from the Church.

2) Those who are not in full communion with the Church because of their public actions should not present themselves for Holy Communion. To present oneself for Holy Communion is to state, publicly, that one is in full communion with the Church. If that is not the case, then the lie of presenting oneself for Holy Communion compounds the evil of the public acts that estrange one from the Church.

3) The bishops have a solemn obligation to inform estranged Catholics of their situation and work to catechize them in the truth. If that catechesis fails and the estranged Catholic obstinately continues to facilitate grave evil, then he or she must be told not to present himself or herself for Holy Communion.

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Diocesan representatives experience joy-filled day in Brooklyn

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

It's obvious that the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, are delighted to have former Columbus Bishop Robert Brennan, "one of their own," as their new shepherd, said a member of the Columbus contingent attending Bishop Brennan's installation ceremony in his new home.

"You could see the happiness of the people there," said Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation. "I heard many comments along the lines of, 'He's one of us. He sounds like someone who understands the diocese and will fit right in.'"

Bishop Brennan had no previous affiliation with the Brooklyn diocese, which covers the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. But he was born in another New York borough, the Bronx, part of the Archdiocese of New York, which borders the Brooklyn diocese on the north, and he grew up and was a priest and auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, which covers Long Island and borders the Brooklyn diocese on the east.

His only significant time outside the New York City metropolitan area occurred when he was bishop of Columbus from March 29, 2019 until Pope Francis appointed him to succeed retiring Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio in Brooklyn, where he was installed in his new position on Tuesday Nov. 30 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph and St. Teresa of Avila.

"The installation was one of the most beautiful liturgical celebrations one could ever experience," Brown said. "Something that really struck me was that Bishop Brennan on several occasions talked about how happy he was in Columbus and how hard it was to leave. He made it clear that three of the happiest years of his life were spent as spiritual leader of the Columbus diocese.

"I also was impressed by the number of priests, sisters and others from the diocese who came to Brooklyn to see the installation. It shows the high regard in which he was held by those who worked with him."

At the ceremony were 14 Columbus diocesan priests, plus representatives of several orders of sisters and many laypersons from the diocese. The priests included Msgr. Joseph Hendricks and Fathers Stash Dailey, Daniel Dury, Craig Eilerman, Wil-



Diocesan staff and clergy traveled to Brooklyn on Nov. 30 for Bishop Robert Brennan's installation Mass. Among those in attendance were (from left) Chief Operating Officer Matt Schlater, Chancellor Tom Berg Jr., Father Jonathan Wilson, Father Adam Streitenberger, Father Robert Kitsmiller, Msgr. Joseph Hendricks (rear), Bishop Brennan, Father Timothy Hayes, Father Dan Dury, Father David Sizemore, Father William Hahn and The Catholic Foundation CEO Loren Brown.
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liam Hahn, Michael Hartge, Timothy Hayes, Robert Kitsmiller, Michael Lumpe, Robert Penhallurick, David Schalk, Adam Streitenberger, David Sizemore and Jonathan Wilson. The group also included Father Steven Beseau, rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

"Bishop Brennan's installation was a wonderful experience of the Universal Church because so many ethnic communities were involved," said Msgr. Hendricks, pastor of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. "It was a great experience of how the Catholic Church covers the world and of the vitality of the Church in Brooklyn.

"What I saw made it obvious that Bishop Brennan has embraced his new assignment and is entering it with the enthusiasm he displayed from the beginning in Columbus."

Four days after his installation, he was the celebrant for a World Youth Day Mass at the co-cathedral. The following day, Sunday, Dec. 5, he celebrated Mass at the chapel of his alma mater, St. John's University in Queens, and again referred to his time in central Ohio, saying Ohio State University "became a big part of my life there in Columbus."

The day of the installation "was a day filled with joy," said Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., Columbus diocesan chancellor. "There was such a great celebratory mood. One of the most enjoyable things was hearing the band from Bishop Brennan's high school (St. John the Baptist

Diocesan High School in West Islip, New York) playing in front of the cathedral after the installation.

"It was nice to be able to sit with my fellow deacons from Brooklyn and wish them well, and I was pleased to see several New York City television

stations at the installation and watch some of their coverage of it on news programs afterward."

"You could feel the happiness among everyone, lay and religious, who were present," said Sister John Paul Maher, OP, principal of Worthington St. Michael School. "I felt a strong sense that Bishop Brennan understands the people of his new diocese already, but he made his love for the Diocese of Columbus very clear, especially when he said he had been ready to spend the rest of his life here.

"He was 100 percent all in for the people of this (Columbus) diocese, and I'm sure it will be the same in Brooklyn. As he said in his homily, he accepted the Lord's call to return to the shore and will continue to go wherever God sends him. In doing that, he's living the motto he adopted as a bishop: 'Thy Will Be Done.'"

Sister John Paul said the congregation for the ceremony included Sister Eileen Fitzsimmons, O.Carm, of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, who served for many years at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus and now lives in the New York area.



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Pete Burak, founder of id, the young adult outreach arm for Renewal Ministries, gives the last keynote address at the diocese's Evangelization Leadership Summit on Dec. 4 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church.

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Reflections

4th Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: Seeing God in All Creation...Dcn. Tom Berg Jr., St. Andrew Parish

One Sunday morning recently at my parish, I saw a small child burst into sheer delight when he saw out the front door heavy snow falling. He pointed, jumped up and down, shouting, "Snow! Snow! Look! Snow." As he tugged excitedly on his father's sleeve and pointed, I realized he saw more than frozen water crystals fluttering down from the gray sky overhead. That joy lightened my own heart, and I went outside and enjoyed the snow for a moment, too. The human heart has a natural yearning for God and the transcendence of our Lord's creation. This fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas nearly here, let our hearts and minds turn to thoughts of God and the holiness we can see in all that He created. Let us also pray that our Real Presence, Real Future planning initiative also leads us to a deeper understanding of God's plan and will for our Diocese as well.

For more about the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

IV domingo de Adviento, 19 de diciembre, 2021

Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real: Viendo a Dios en toda la creación...Diácono Thomas Berg Jr., Parroquia San Andrés

Recientemente, un domingo en mi parroquia vi a un niño pequeño, saltar de alegría cuando vio en la puerta la cantidad de nieve que caía. Señalando, saltando, gritando: "¡nieve, nieve, mira nieve!". Mientras jalaba agitadamente de la manga de su padre señalando la nieve, me di cuenta de que él veía más que cristales de agua frías cayendo del cielo grisáceo. Esa alegría iluminó mi corazón, así que fui afuera y disfruté un momento de la nieve también. El corazón humano tiene un deseo natural por Dios y por lo trascendente de su creación. Este cuarto domingo de Adviento, ya cerca de la Navidad, dejemos que nuestros corazones y mentes se vuelquen hacia Dios y en la santidad que podemos ver en todo lo que Él ha creado. Oremos también para que nuestra iniciativa de planeamiento, Presencia Real, Futuro Real, nos lleve hacia un profundo entendimiento del plan de Dios y de su voluntad para con nuestra diócesis.

Para leer más acerca de cómo podemos crecer juntos en la vida de fe y discipulado en la Diócesis de Columbus, visita: www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

Christmas Season/Feast of the Holy Family, December 26, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: Seeing God in All Creation...Fr. Michael Hartge, Moderator of the Curia, Diocese of Columbus

In the many Parish Consultation Sessions I was privileged to be part of, many asked questions like, "If we're expecting some shrinking of parishes, where is the effort to raise up the vocations and leaders we need?" That effort starts in the domestic family and is ultimately for the benefit of the family of the Church. When families are healthy, centered on Jesus, and supported to live their faith, the Church will be healthy.

Last year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis recommended three words or phrases that should be common in all families, "please, thank you, and I'm sorry." This is just as relevant to our Church family as we review over 1,000 pieces of feedback from our Parish Consultation Sessions and continue to engage in dialogue about our future. In today's gospel, we hear that Mary kept these things Jesus said and did in her heart where she pondered them. Do we not think Our Blessed Mother is doing likewise with us?

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Tiempo de Navidad/Festividad de la Sagrada Familia, 26 de diciembre, 2021

Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real: María guarda nuestros trabajos en su corazón...Padre Michael Hartge, Moderador de la Curia, Diócesis de Columbus

En las muchas sesiones de consultas parroquiales a las cuales he tenido el privilegio de participar, muchos han hecho esta pregunta: "Si esperamos una reducción de parroquias, ¿Dónde está el esfuerzo de promover las vocaciones y los líderes que necesitamos?" Ese esfuerzo empieza en nuestra Iglesia doméstica y es finalmente para el beneficio de toda la familia de la Iglesia. Cuando las familias son sanas, centradas en Jesús y apoyadas para vivir su fe, la Iglesia florece.

El año pasado, en la Festividad de la Sagrada Familia, el Papa Francisco, recomendó tres palabras o frases que deberían ser comunes a todas las familias: "Por favor, gracias y lo siento". Esto también es relevante para nuestra familia eclesial, mientras revisamos cerca de 1,000 piezas de comentarios sobre nuestras consultas parroquiales y continuamos comprometidos en el diálogo sobre nuestro futuro. En el evangelio de hoy, escuchamos que María guardaba las cosas que Jesús dijo e hizo en su corazón, donde las reflexionaba. ¿Crees que nuestra Santísima Madre hace lo mismo con nosotros?

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Summit offers ideas on evangelization

By Catherine Suprenant

On Dec. 4, 260 priests, parish and school staff members and lay leaders from throughout the diocese gathered at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church for an Evangelization Leadership Summit.

The event was planned in response to the diocese's recent strategic planning on the topic. The intent was to encourage and equip attendees for evangelization in response to Jesus' mandate to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18).

Liz Christy, the new parish missionary disciple formation coordinator in

the diocese's Office of Evangelization, said the summit was an opportunity to gather ministry leaders from throughout the diocese.

"For years, the Holy Spirit has been at work in many areas of our diocese, stirring in our people the fire for the mission of the Gospel," she said. "At this Evangelization Leadership Summit, we were given a glimpse of what it can look like when some of those people come together. There was a palpable excitement throughout the day."

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Holy Rosary-St. John grateful for support

There is a spirit of gratitude at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

The past two years of COVID-19 have been a challenge. Not only was it necessary to still reach people as a church during the pandemic, but also workers at the St. John Community Center wanted to continue to serve those in need.

Adding to the difficulties: The elevator in the center broke down, and repairs were extremely expensive. Given the size of the parish compared to the size of the need, the church reached out to donors throughout the diocese to make needed repairs.

Fortunately, as 2021 ends, all services provided by the community center continue, and the elevator is operational. Everyone is thankful for the support that allowed this to happen.

Father Ramon Owera said the parish depends on God every day to continue its service to the community. "Holy Rosary-St. John is not a large parish, but it is huge in its dedication to serving its neighbors. We rely on God to provide, and we are so happy that when we let the wider community know about the elevator issue, people responded immediately."

"It was so heartening. Parishioners donated generously, and the wider community donated generously as well. Thanks to all, and thanks most of all to God. Our prayers, as always, were answered."

Violet Jackson, church volunteer coordinator, said, "When I was told that the elevator was back in service, I was overjoyed. The elevator problems just added to the challenges we already had while dealing with the COVID crisis. This year, we were able to work with (Westerville) St. Paul Church again to distribute school supplies in the community center."

Last year, it was a much smaller event in the church.

"We are putting our Christmas programs in place again. All of these things would have been difficult to do without the elevator. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way."

Many social services provided in the St. John Community Center moved outside during the pandemic. The St. John Food Pantry brought food and other necessities outside and conducted drive-thru and walk-up distribution.

The Order of Malta Center of Care, which provides health and dental clinics, offered health screenings and supplies to pantry visitors.

Rose Moses, a food pantry volunteer, said, "Getting the food from the basement to the first floor took a lot of effort without an elevator, but we were able to do it. Having a working elevator is much better, though."

"We had to be creative to continue to serve those who rely on us, but with the help of volunteers, grants and donations, we were able to continue to distribute food."

The Community Kitchen, a separate nonprofit that grew out of the church, also had to rethink how to provide meals to the community during the worst of the pandemic. For months, kitchen workers distributed sack lunches outside the community center. Carrying supplies up and down the stairs every day was difficult when the elevator was not working, so the staff at the kitchen also were thrilled about the repairs.

As the weather turned colder, the Community Kitchen began serving breakfast and lunch in its dining area

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Sewing quilts for foster kids allows inmates to be angels

By Michele Williams

Every inmate in the Ohio Reformatory for Women has a job assignment. They range from maintenance to laundry, students to animal trainers, kitchen workers to housekeeping – just about anything you can think of to keep the institution running and the inmates occupied.

My job is unique: It is community service-based, and its headquarters is in Westerville, not at the prison. I am one of seven women who work for My Very Own Blanket (MVOB), and it is a huge blessing in my life.

We make quilts and blankets for children who are entering the foster care system. I can't imagine what those kids are experiencing emotionally when they are removed from their homes and placed with strangers. The quilts we make are given to them to keep, as their very own, no matter how many different foster homes they are sent to.

It is my deepest hope for each child who receives a quilt that he or she feels loved and special. A handmade quilt is tangible proof that someone cares for them. They can wrap themselves up and feel comfort and security. I do the same thing with the one and only blanket I was allowed to receive from my parents in 1994. It is as close to a hug as I can get across the miles and years.

I had never made a quilt before coming to prison, but now I've made three. I've learned how therapeutic working with such colorful fabrics and designing patterns can be. Oh, it is good for the soul! And to know it will be given to a child who is going through a time of personal crisis drives my efforts even more.

Jessica Rudolph, the founder and CEO of MVOB and a member of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, visited our little prison workshop, and we gave her 20 quilts made during the past two years. The designs were very diverse: Hello Kitty, Marvel superheroes, sea creatures, flowers, flamingos, sports and piano keyboards. No two are alike, and creating them is a rare opportunity to express our individual style.

Rudolph shared insight as to the impact of our work. She told us that children who are old enough can choose from among several quilts, crocheted or knitted blankets. This is important because in a situation where they have no other choices and no voice, they get to choose which blanket they want to keep and can then say, "This



Jessica Rudolph, founder of My Very Own Blanket (MVOB), demonstrates a quilt-making technique (above, second from right) while visiting the Ohio Reformatory for Women in November. The seven women who work for MVOB inside the prison gave her 20 quilts that will be go to children in the foster care system for them to keep. The women have found purpose and meaning being part of the program, and their efforts and their quilts are important to the continued success of this collaboration.

Photos courtesy Ohio Reformatory for Women

is mine."

Sewn to the back of each quilt and blanket are tags that contain the words: "A special gift of love, made just for you! This belongs to _____. Handmade by _____." There is a space for a few encouraging words at the bottom of the tag. Before the quilt leaves our area, we write our first name in the second blank and include an uplifting thought. Upon receiving the quilt, the child writes his or her name in the first blank.

Rudolph stressed how validating that process is. She said, "Names have value and are empowering. Names are certain and personal when everything else in their world is uncertain." I can relate to that because, as an inmate, I am identified as Williams No. 33731. It has been that way for more than 27 years.

How wonderfully liberating and personal to write my first name, Michele, on something that will last the lifetime of a child! It reminds me that I have value, too, and it strengthens my sense of self-worth and empowerment – just like it does for them.

It also allows me to connect, with deep empathy and compassion, to them and their uncertain future because mine is uncertain, too. We both have hopes and dreams, but we don't know what is in store for us.

Reflecting on this brought to mind

Jeremiah 29:11, and it has become my prayer for every child who receives a quilt while in foster care: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil, plans to give you a future and a hope."

I know that as long as God has the ultimate agenda and goes along with us as we walk this winding path of life, we can have hope for our future. I have supersized hope, and I'm sure those kids do, too!

Rudolph also shared the history of MVOB, which started 21 years ago with a blanket she was knitting while her three young children slept at night. She asked God what she should do with it because her children already had one apiece and didn't need another. God gave her the idea to give it away to a child in need, so she did.

Inspired by the opportunity to help more children, she made flyers and distributed them to family and friends, asking them to make one blanket each. Her goal was a humble 12 for that year. She received 84! They were sent to several child services agencies in three counties, and My Very Own Blanket was born.

God clearly appreciated her dedication to serving Him this way and grew the organization exponentially over the years. MVOB received 20,000 blankets and quilts in 2020 that were dispersed to agencies in every state,



plus Canada and the Virgin Islands.

The home base of MVOB is called The Little Blanket Shop at 407 W. Main St. in Westerville. It is a small storefront space where Rudolph and several volunteers work on quilting projects and send out 25 quilts and blankets per quarter to various agencies. Additionally, they receive donations of fabric, quilting supplies, yarn and completed quilts and blankets.

There is an army of people who quilt and crochet across Ohio whom she has named "Blanket Angels," and she told us we are included. Who knew we could be inmates and angels at the same time? Who knew we could be seen beyond our prison identities and mistakes of the past to be included as members of such a worthwhile army? God did, of course.

Not a day goes by that I don't thank the Good Lord for allowing me to be a Blanket Angel, a member of this special quilt-making army, doing our part for His children. It humbles me and fills me with gratitude. I have come to realize that He is the vine of MVOB, and we are the branches, and together we bear much fruit – or, in this case, we make many blankets!

To find out more about MVOB, visit myveryownblanket.org.

Michele Williams is an inmate at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville.

When it comes to midnight Mass, times have changed

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

The practice of celebrating Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve can be traced back nearly 1,600 years and is one of the Catholic Church's oldest traditions.

But in the past 50 years, because of changes both in Church law and in society, it's become common in the Diocese of Columbus and elsewhere to celebrate the "midnight" Mass at an earlier time on Christmas Eve, with vigil Masses in the late afternoon and early evening of Dec. 24 drawing the largest attendance among Christmas Masses.

Priests can celebrate as many as four Christmas Masses – the Vigil Mass, between 4 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24; Mass at Night, between 9 p.m. Dec. 24 and 4 a.m. Dec. 25; Mass at Dawn, between 4 and 10 a.m. Dec. 25; and Mass During the Day, after 10 a.m. Dec. 25.

This year, among the 106 parishes in the Diocese of Columbus, 29 are celebrating the Night Mass at midnight, with three others at 11:30 p.m. Ten of the larger parishes are celebrating simultaneous Vigil Masses in separate locations because of the size of the crowds who come to those Masses each year.

Other parishes are livestreaming Masses to other sites on their campuses and to homes, a practice that was widespread last year when distancing limits remained in effect because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The diocese's largest church in terms of both seating capacity and

number of members, Westerville St. Paul the Apostle, is celebrating Masses simultaneously at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 in the church and at Westerville North High School, as well as having the traditional midnight Mass and Masses at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24 and 8 and 10 a.m. and noon Dec. 25, all in the church.

"There's no question that lots of people come to the earlier Masses on Christmas Eve," said Father Jonathan Wilson, the church's pastor. "This allows them to spend Christmas morning with their families while still making Mass the first thing they do to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

"But I always intend to have a midnight Mass here at St. Paul's while I'm pastor. It's something special, being at an hour when the Church usually isn't having liturgical celebrations, and there's a certain peacefulness about it, with everything dark and waiting for the light of Jesus."

Deacon Dean Racine, parish administrator, said a total of 8,067 people attended seven Masses at St. Paul on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2019, including 3,723 at the two 4 p.m. Masses – 2,078 at the church and 1,645 at Westerville North – compared with 725 at the midnight Mass.

Those numbers were smaller in 2020 because of the pandemic and its restrictions and a snowstorm on Christmas Eve, with a total of 2,254 for 10 Masses. Attendance for the 4 p.m. Masses was 338 in the church and 140 in the St. Paul School gymnasium, and 200 attended the midnight Mass.

Last year, several parishes required anyone wishing to attend a Christmas Mass to make reservations as a result

THE CHRISTMAS DONKEY

By Mary Lois Mautz

The little old donkey was lonely and sad,
tied to a tree in the cold.

His long ears blew limply to and fro,
and his soft, fuzzy head hung low.

Then he heard on that frosty eve,
the crisp, slow footsteps of two.

And looking up, he saw coming near,
a man with a woman in blue.

"This one will do," said the kindly man
as he put upon the swayed back.
And the donkey nickered with happiness,
for he had a new master, at last.
Now he didn't know as he trod along
that our Master was soon to come too.
He was watching the rays of a brilliant star
lighting the way for the woman in blue.

Mary Lois Mautz is a Columbus resident.

of pandemic-related distancing rules. Reservations are not necessary at most parishes this year, but a few still have some form of distance requirement. Check your parish for details.

One parish that is requiring reservations for all Dec. 24 evening and Dec. 25 Masses is Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. Seating will be at full capacity, with the exception of a reserved section by the baptismal font, with distancing regulations in effect.

The wearing of masks is being strongly recommended at St. Brigid and all diocesan parishes. Masses at the Dublin parish will be at 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9 and 11 a.m. Christmas Day and will be

livestreamed elsewhere on the parish campus if the church is filled. The 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses also will be available live and on demand on YouTube.

"The shift toward attending earlier Masses has been going on for years but really became apparent about 10 years ago as part of changes in society which have seen Christmas Eve become more prominent for family gatherings," said Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor at St. Brigid for the past 24 years. "The parish has adapted its schedule in response to those changes."

The Dublin parish is among many that designate the earliest Mass on Christmas Eve as a children's Mass, featuring a children's choir. "This benefits families because children of all ages can come to Mass on Christmas Eve, then go back home and spend time together," Msgr. Hendricks said.

"A schedule like this without a midnight Mass also gives the elderly and infirm a better opportunity to attend Mass with less concern about things like travel and weather conditions."

The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany will have Masses at 4:30 with a children's choir, 7:30 and 10 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. Dec. 25 in the church, plus a 4 p.m. Mass on Dec. 24 in the parish activity center, which was its first church building. That Mass will be for those who prefer social distancing. The Masses in the church will not have distancing restrictions.

"We had a midnight Mass at (Co-

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lumbus) St. Thomas (the Apostle Church), where I was pastor for several years, but when I came to Resurrection in 2018, there was no midnight Mass, and the parish has kept to that schedule,” said Father Denis Kigozi, pastor.

“The possibility of a midnight Mass was considered here, and we conducted a survey, with the result about 50-50 for and against, so we decided to stick to the schedule we have.

“One thing to consider is that it’s taxing for many members of the adult choir to sing at an evening Mass, then do it again at midnight and in the morning. Not having a midnight Mass is of great benefit to them.

“When the Church in the United States began using the new Roman Missal in 2011, it was interesting to see that for Christmas, it never said anything about a midnight Mass, but instead called it a Mass at Night. That seemed to encourage moving away from the Mass specifically at midnight. Now that I’ve been celebrating the night Mass earlier, I don’t think I’d want to change.”

Even the Vatican has made the shift. What had been a midnight Mass there for centuries was moved to the evening of Dec. 24 in 2009 and will be at 7:30 p.m. Rome time (1:30 p.m. Ohio time) on that date this year. It will be telecast on a delayed basis at 11:30 p.m. by the NBC network, which has been providing this service for decades. The Knights of Columbus cover satellite uplink costs and downlink expenses.

Father Martin Ralko, pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church, sees the shift to earlier Christmas Masses as part of a larger cultural change. “People just don’t seem to want to wait that long for anything, and it’s the same with Christmas,” he said.

“Some stores start displaying Christmas things before Halloween, people seem to be having Christmas parties earlier, and there are few who do as the Catholic Church does and wait till Christmas Eve to get the cel-



Pictured (clockwise from top) are scenes from past Christmases from Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church in the German Village area, London St. Patrick Church and Columbus Holy Family Church. These parishes are among three of the 29 in the diocese that will celebrate Midnight Masses this year.

Photos courtesy John Rees, London St. Patrick Church and Columbus Holy Family Church

bration underway. Some people even take down their tree right after Christmas, and it’s on to the next thing. There’s just a sense of impatience toward waiting.

“One of the best memories of my childhood was growing up in Dearborn, Michigan and looking forward to being an altar server at the midnight Mass. It was a highlight of the liturgical year.

“I had a block-and-a-half walk to and from church in a very Catholic

neighborhood. It seemed like there were hundreds of kids there, and we were excited about everything to do with Christmas – the Masses and the songs, plus the gifts, too.” Christmas Mass times at his parish are 6 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24 and 9 a.m. Dec. 25.

The tradition of midnight Mass appears to have started in the fourth century in Jerusalem, where a European Christian woman named Egeria spent three years and said she saw Christians there take part

in a midnight vigil every year to honor the birth of Jesus on the Dec. 25 feast day the Church had set for the event.

Pope Sixtus III celebrated what is widely considered to be the first midnight Mass in Rome in the year 430 at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, which at the time held the same pre-eminence in the Church as St. Peter’s Basilica does today.

In the next several centuries, the practice of midnight Mass became more widespread, as all priests were given permission to celebrate three Masses on Christmas Day – a privilege previously reserved for the pope – provided the Masses were at midnight, dawn and during the day (no later than noon).

Widespread celebration of evening Masses – on Christmas or any other day – is a development of fairly recent times. It began with *Christus Dominus*, an apostolic decree issued by Pope Pius XII in 1953 allowing for evening Masses as a way of making it possible for workers who could not attend weekday morning Mass to attend in the evening instead.

This document did not authorize vigil Masses for either Sundays or holy days of obligation, such as Christmas. That permission came on Jan. 10, 1970 in a document from the Vatican’s Sacred Congregation of the Clergy.

Pius XII also is responsible for another change that greatly encouraged reception of the Eucharist at Christmas and throughout the year.

For most of the history of the Church since specific buildings, rather than homes, began to be set aside as a place for worship, people wishing to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of reception. Pius XII changed the rules in 1957 to require only a three-hour fast. Pope Paul VI in 1964 reduced that period to one hour. Those changes made attending and receiving the Eucharist at an evening Mass a much more appealing option.

West Jefferson parish to present live Nativity

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, will present a live Nativity scene on Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning with Mass at 6 p.m.

After Mass, cookies and cocoa will be available in the parish hall, where members of the parish youth group will take part in the Nativity presentation.

On display in the hall will be Nativity sets and other Christmas artworks that are special to parish families, with explanations of what makes them important.

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- Luke 2: 10-14

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Local news and events

Gifts to Josephinum matched during Advent appeal

The Pontifical College Josephinum announced that it received a significant matching donation during its Advent appeal, which supports seminarian formation in the House of Joseph.

During the advent season, a benefactor is matching each donation dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.

“The Josephinum community is profoundly grateful for the blessing of this tremendous gift,” said Father Steven Beseau, the Josephinum’s rector and president. “The remarkable support of this benefactor – and of all of our supporters – is humbly acknowledged and deeply appreciated by our seminarians, especially during this penitential season of Advent.”

The seminary invites the faithful to prayerfully consider donating during this sacred season – to join in supporting the education of the future priests of the Church during this time of preparation for the birth of Christ. To donate, visit <https://apps.pcj.edu/give/> and select “I am responding to the Advent Appeal: News Article.”

For more information on this appeal or other giving opportunities, please contact Cody Thompson, Josephinum Advancement Officer, at 614-985-2234 or cthompson@pcj.edu.

Catholic Singles on Fire for Christ to meet

Catholic Singles on Fire for Christ will gather for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 and then visit a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship.

The group invites anyone age 35 and older who has never been married, had a marriage annulled or is widowed and wants a deeper relationship with Christ.

Contact David at ig88@aol.com.

St. Brigid of Kildare School plans open house in January

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School, 7175 Avery Road, will hold an open house for prospective families from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9.

Tours of the school, which in September received national recognition for the third time as a Blue Ribbon School, will be offered and representatives from various programs will be on hand to answer questions.

To learn more and to RSVP, visit <https://brigidsschool.diocesanweb.org/admissions/open-house-2022>.

Seminarians installed as lectors, acolytes at Josephinum



Seminarians in various stages of priestly discernment and formation in the School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum were installed as lectors or acolytes on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Missouri, was the principal celebrant of the Mass in St. Turibius Chapel. From the Diocese of Columbus were (front row from left) Jake Asuncion (acolyte); Sam Severance (lector); Bishop McKnight and Branden Cullinan (lector); (back row from left) Father Steven Beseau, Josephinum rector and president; Kevin Girardi (acolyte), John Haemmerle (acolyte), Joseph Rolwing (acolyte), David England (acolyte) and Father William Hahn, the diocese’s director of vocations. Lectors are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to instruct the faithful. Acolytes are entrusted with attending to the altar, assisting the deacon and priest at Mass and distributing Holy Communion.

Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

Nominations sought for man of the year award

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club (CMLC) is accepting nominations for the diocese’s 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. The winner will receive the award at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue, on Friday, February 4, 2022 during the CMLC luncheon that immediately follows the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

The award has a long tradition in the Diocese of Columbus. Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words and prayers, exemplify the “good and faithful servant.” The recipient of the award will share his personal testimony during the award ceremony, which is then shared throughout the diocese by *The Catholic Times* and St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

The nomination form can be found at www.catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year. Please note that posthumous nominations will not be accepted. Prior-year nominees may be submitted.

All nominees are invited to the award ceremony and luncheon as guests of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club.

For questions regarding the nomination or selection process, contact Tim Merkle at (614) 839-5700 or catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com.

Last year’s honoree was Stephan Johnson from Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Ohio Dominican freezes tuition, room rates for 2022-23

In response to the continued COVID-19 health crisis and the significant economic impact of the pandemic, Ohio Dominican University (ODU) announced that its board of trustees voted Dec. 3 to freeze its tuition and room rates for the 2022-23 academic year.

Tuition for students in ODU’s undergraduate, adult and continuing education and in most graduate programs will remain at its current rate. Board rates will increase by 2%.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruption in many of our students’ lives, especially in ways that have impacted them and their families financially,” ODU president Connie Gallaher said. “More than ever, we are committed to doing everything possible to ensure our students have the ability to pursue and complete an ODU education.”

“I am most grateful to our Board of Trustees for making this important decision, and I hope our students – both those currently attending ODU as well as future Panthers – find comfort in this announcement and see it as our way of affirming our commitment to providing an outstanding and affordable Catholic college education.”

Approximately 99% of ODU’s full-time undergraduate students received some form of financial assistance in 2021-22, including scholarships, grants, loans and work study. More than \$32 million was awarded to students from university, federal and state funds as well as private donations.

Our Lady of Bethlehem school receives Foundation grant

Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare (OLB) recently received an \$18,000 grant from The Catholic Foundation to help start an early childhood intervention program.

OLB will be able to employ an intervention specialist to provide access to professional development and training for all OLB staff on instructional strategies, classroom supports and interventions to be in place in all classrooms. The intervention specialist will also be available to work with specific students who were identified as having issues in developmental areas.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help plans bus trip to March for Life

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church has a few spots available for a bus trip to the March for Life on Jan. 20-21 in Washington, D.C.

This trip is for youth. Any parent or adult chaperone must have Protecting God’s Children and BCI fingerprinting per diocesan guidelines. Students in grades 6-8 must be accompanied by a parent.

A charter bus will leave on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 20 and arrive in Arlington, Virginia, for the Life is Very Good evening of prayer on the campus of George Mason University.

After staying overnight at a hotel near campus, the group will attend a rally and Mass on Friday morning, Jan. 21 at George Mason’s Eagle Bank Arena before departing for Washington and the March for Life. The bus will return to Grove City after the march.

Cost is \$150 per person based on quad occupancy.

Register at ourladygc.org/youth/march-for-life2022 or contact the parish at 614-875-3322 ext. 312.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

Deepen daily encounters with faith

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Our Advent journey of Sundays concludes with a lovely encounter that is all family. We see Mary and Elizabeth sharing a moment that could be like any moment we experience with those we love. There is sheer, simple delight in being together. No words are needed.

There are unrepeatable firsts that become the stuff of memory: a child leaps in the womb for the first time. The mother's joy and the child's are one overflowing experience of grace. This taps into the full reality of what God is doing for us and the mother of mothers bursts out in her own song of joy.

Brothers and sisters, we are one! In Christ, there is a connection that gathers us all in. No one is left out. God is with us, in us, among us, between us and beyond us, beckoning us to more and better, indeed to the best, the highest good we could ever imagine.

We know that God so loved the world that He came to dwell among us in Jesus.

The Spirit calls us simply to know this and to live in response to it. God has made us for Himself. We are made by God for God. God is in us, with us, for us, and He wants us to see that we are in Him, with Him, for Him in Jesus Christ.

How did you first hear the message of the Gospel? What was the nature of the voice that spoke to your heart? Was it from a friend, a family member or someone formerly unknown to you?

For most people, the truth of the Gospel comes to our awareness through a comfortable relationship that is taken to a new depth. Tell a good friend about a struggle you have had, a burden you have carried or something that is both-

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.



ering you, and you have a better friend. Tell an acquaintance something good you notice about him or her, or about an interest you share in common, and perhaps you will find a new friend. Tell a stranger something profound, and a new relationship begins.

We are privy to a deep encounter in today's Gospel between two women who share the most intimate secret possible with one another, heart to heart — their love for their children and their awareness that they have a destiny that will be nothing less than salvation for the world.

Mary speaks, Elizabeth hears. The infant John the Baptist leaps, anticipating his own mission as precursor to the Christ. The Spirit fills the four who are part of this exchange, and the whole world is on the road to healing.

We acknowledge the truth: God is all powerful. He gives new life when a couple has been barren; He shares the very life He is within the womb of the Virgin because she believed Him and trusted Him to fulfill His word.

Can we enter into the mystery more deeply by seeing how it continues to flow? May we be blessed as we believe that the promises spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled.

- Speak a word of joy to someone this Christmas.

- Share your faith openly with members of your family.

- Ask a question that has been troubling you, not to find the answer but to share the question.

- Open your spirit anew to God and to the Church, making a decision to participate in the New Evangelization, the proclamation of the Gospel for to-

found just what the angels had told them they would find.

They found the child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger. The clothes in which the Son of God was wrapped are our human nature. He entered our flesh and continues to do so when our hearts are open.

How does Christmas happen in your life? Are you aware of the birth of the Christ in your own person? Can you see how He is born among us as we gather together as a family?

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

12/20-12/25

MONDAY

Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalm 24:1-4ab,5-6
 Luke 1:26-38

TUESDAY

Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Psalm 33:2-3,11-12,20-21
 Luke 1:39-45

WEDNESDAY

1 Samuel 1:24-28
 1 Samuel 2:1,4-7,8abcd (Ps)
 Luke 1:46-56

THURSDAY

Malachi 3:1-4,23-24
 Psalm 25:4bc5ab,8-10,14
 Luke 1:57-66

FRIDAY

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
 Psalm 89:2-5,27,29
 Luke 1:67-79

FRIDAY (Midnight)

Isaiah 9:1-6
 Psalm 96:1-3,11-13
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14

SATURDAY (Day)

Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm 98:1-6
 Hebrews 1:1-6
 John 1:1-18

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MONDAY

1 John 1:1-4
 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
 John 20:1a,2-8

TUESDAY

1 John 1:5-2:2

Psalm 124:2-5,7cd-8
 Matthew 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY

1 John 2:3-11
 Psalm 96:1-3,5b-6
 Luke 2:22-35

THURSDAY

1 John 2:12-17
 Psalm 96:7-10
 Luke 2:36-40

FRIDAY

1 John 2:18-21
 Psalm 96:1-2,11-13
 John 1:1-18

SATURDAY

Numbers 6:22-27
 Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF DEC. 19 AND DEC. 26, 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.

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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 Week IV and the Christmas Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

day.

- Pray with and for the world.

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.” Come, Lord Jesus, and heal us! Come, Lord Jesus, bring salvation to our world!

As we prepare to meet the Lord at Christmas, may we seek the signs of His presence in the relationships we have with every friend and member of our family. May our hearts leap with joy, and may we sing the praises of the Lord.

Christmas Mass at Dawn Year C

Can we be like the shepherds, sharing news of Jesus' birth?

Isaiah 62:11-12
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20

In the Christmas Mass at Dawn, we hear the response of the first to whom the tale of Christ's birth was revealed: “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” When the angels departed from them, the shepherds went to Bethlehem and

We are invited to see what is right in front of us and to see all that happens through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. When we do so, we open the eyes of our hearts to see what is essential. Note that Mary and Joseph are surprised at what the shepherds tell them. God has some surprises in store for us as well if we cooperate with His plan. “A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.”

This is the full message of Christmas: “He saved us through the bath

of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.”

Christmas tells us that God is with us in this world. In Christ, He is part of our lives, a member of the human family. Christmas calls us to share the joy of its message with the world. The

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secret of joy is gratitude. Let us be grateful to be present with one another as believers in the truth of God's love and His presence among us.

Can we respond as the shepherds did, going forth to see and to tell what we have heard? Let us go to Bethlehem with the shepherds to see what they see. If you go to Bethlehem today, you will be invited to see a number of special places.

As a pilgrim you may go to see the Basilica of the Nativity, a church that is centuries old, built over the site of the birth of Jesus. As you enter, you and everyone else must bow to honor the One Whose birth we celebrate.

Depending on the time you enter, you might have a wait. You move along slowly with a host of other pilgrims. Your guide might help you to enjoy the experience rather than to fret.

Look closely at the decorations on the walls and pillars, recently restored to show their beauty. Look at the more ancient beautifully decorated floors yet to be cleaned and refurbished, a reminder of the centuries of

pilgrims coming here. Sing quietly verses of your favorite Christmas carols. Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary, contemplating the mysteries that were revealed in this very place

As you approach your goal, slow down to allow the crowds ahead of you to disperse, then to go peacefully and calmly down the steps into the crypt where you can see the Star of Bethlehem and the corner of the manger. Go in reverently, and enjoy a moment of prayer and contemplation there, right there, where our Savior was born.

You may also go to see the shepherds' field. In the place where the night became as day with the angels singing heavenly glories, pray as pilgrims, entrusting your prayers to the Lord Who was born to save us.

Recall once again, right where you are, that God is with us. Jesus Christ was born to be our Savior. We are full of gratitude, and so we experience joy. Now it is our task to share this joy with all the world. May we live the true meaning of Christmas so that the world may believe.

Holy Family Sunday Year C

Family members have responsibilities to God, one another

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

or Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Colossians 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus lived in a family to teach us how to live.

Jesus' family thought they had lost Him, and they were frantic. No doubt every family has experienced this in one way or another. "Great anxiety" comes from genuine love. Mary and Joseph search, and only on the third day do they find Jesus.

His response: "Why did you search? Didn't you know me well enough to know exactly where to look?" There is a chiding here, one that Joseph and Mary certainly took to heart. Jesus was so comfortable with them in His family home in Nazareth that He did not leave again for 18 more years!

Parents have a duty to perform. On this Holy Family Sunday, I invite you to take an inventory of how you are doing for your children. You are responsible for them from the moment they are conceived (and even before that!) until the moment you are with them in eternity, that is, you may hope, in heaven. You are responsible before God to prepare your children for this life and the next. What you do now will make a difference in time and in eternity.

You must feed them. Your paycheck should go first to their table, not to things you want or they want, that are not necessary. You have

to give up your social times for them, your old habits and ways of being B.C., that is, "Before Children." They need you to spend time with them, not merely get them to their extracurricular activities and such; they need time with you personally. You must love them and let them know they are loved.

Spiritually, you must create a home where God is welcome and visibly present. You must practice your Catholic faith by going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, even when you are all very busy.

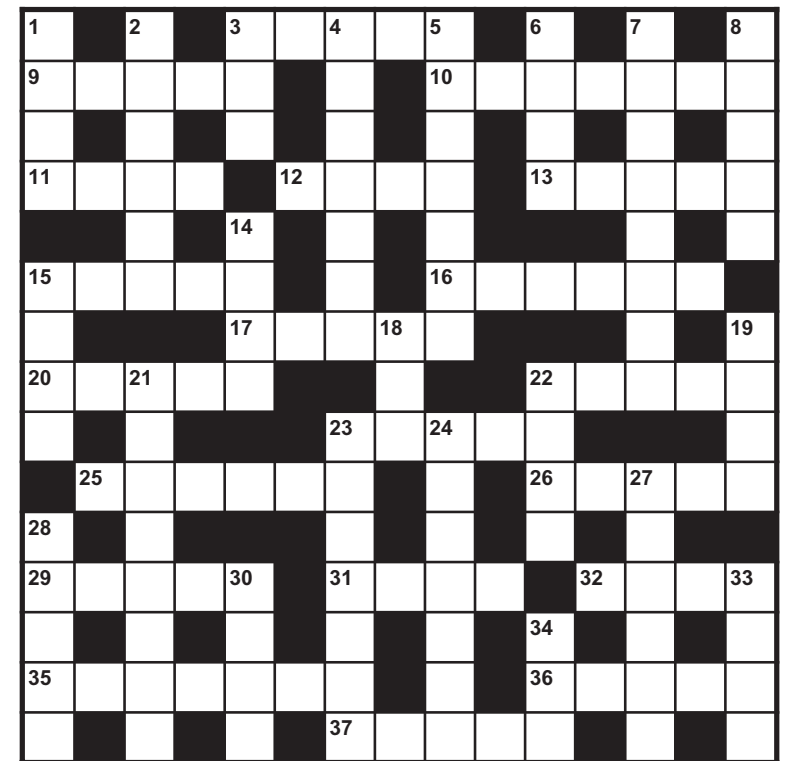
God is first in your life, or He is not. If He is not, when your children are teenagers and when they grow up and have families of their own, you will find that God is less a part of their lives because you left Him out of yours when they were young and impressionable.

You are responsible to bring them to church. Hannah's example with Samuel tells us that this is the age-old practice of the people of God. (There is one difference: When you bring them to church, you are not to leave them there. Pray with them, and take them back home!)

Grandparents, you are the patriarchs and matriarchs, and you have to continue to speak the truth in love for as long as you have a voice. I know that, at times, you feel that your children are not listening, and that you fear for your grandchildren. That is a sign that you are still loving, as you should.

I suggest that you tell them once every six

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ACROSS

- 3 Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is patron saint of this South American country
- 9 Former husband of one of David's wives
- 10 Avian symbol of the atonement
- 11 "Blessed art ___ among women"
- 12 Monk called "The Father of English History"
- 13 Garden tempter
- 15 "Fort" diocese in Indiana
- 16 Book written by St. Thomas More
- 17 People looked like this to the blind man Jesus cured (Mt 8:24)
- 20 Vatican Guard
- 22 Catholic pastime?
- 23 Sign of ___
- 25 The women brought these to anoint Jesus' body
- 26 Greek title for Jesus
- 29 "___ to God in the highest"
- 31 Diocese of Honolulu necklaces
- 32 French Christmas
- 35 Words that introduce the prayer of consecration
- 36 Biblical tree
- 37 She saved Joshua's spies

DOWN

- 1 One of the seven deadly sins
- 2 Buying or selling of spiritual things
- 3 First Greek letter in Jesus' title
- 4 Altar perfume
- 5 First of the seven churches listed in Revelation
- 6 Charity
- 7 Near ___ of sin
- 8 Prayer spot?
- 14 "They abandoned their ___ and followed him." (Mk 1:18)
- 15 Describes some men in the Bible
- 18 Holy day cusp
- 19 Amos compared the women of Bashan to these animals (Am 4:1)
- 21 "... thy help or sought thy intercession..." (Memorare)
- 22 Angelus call
- 23 Prayer book
- 24 "Christian" first used here (Acts 11:26)
- 27 "___ in excelsis Deo"
- 28 The Hebrews fled from here
- 30 In the ___ of the Lord
- 33 Breaks the eighth commandment
- 34 Popular Catholic TV sitcom actor

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Pray this prayer for three consecutive days. GW

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

BADURINA, Mladen "Mike," 81, Dec. 7
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

BERWANGER, Lois (Bender), Dec. 4
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BROWN, Thomas L., 88, formerly of Columbus, Dec. 5
St. Mary of the Snows Church, Mansfield

CARTER, Patrick J., 72, Dec. 6
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CASLIN, Jacqueline M., 63, Nov. 17
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CHAPMAN, Matthew L. 50, Dec. 4
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

CIRCELLI, Mary, 77, Nov. 6
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

COUGHLIN, Henry, 93, Dec. 4
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

CROTTY, Ralph F. "Frank," 96, Nov. 18
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CUMMINGS, Mary A. (Jones), 77, Nov. 29
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DOUGHERTY, Anna M., 85, Dec. 1
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FITZGERALD, Judith G., 72, Dec. 1
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

FOLIO, Cynthia A., 71, Nov. 24
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FOUNTAIN, Ellyn M. (Whitehead), 56, Nov. 18
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

HAMMETT, Darlene K. (Statler), 72, Dec. 4
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

HEIDKAMP, Jean E. (Eiberg), 91, Nov. 17
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

HETTERSCHEIDT, Glenn, 71, Nov. 5
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

HOLMES, Wesley A., 52, Nov. 27
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

HUDOCK, Regis N., 59, Nov. 23
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

JASPER, Theodore F., 93, Nov. 13
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

KOTLINSKI, Isabel "Sue," 94, Dec. 7
Christ the King Church, Columbus

LAHR, Peter M., 73, Dec. 5
St. Philip Church, Columbus

LEGGIERI, Raffaella E., 86, Dec. 1
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

LUZIO, Wilma J. (Farley), 88, Dec. 6
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

McCLUNG, Mary R. (Whyte), 97, formerly of Columbus, Nov. 9
St. Joseph Church, Raleigh, N.C.

MILLER, Sandy L. (Sroka), 73, Nov. 26
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

MOORE, Sharon, 75, Nov. 22
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

O'BRIEN, JoAnn C. (Callahan), Nov. 24
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

PAPE, Eleonora J. (Rauch), 88, Nov. 27
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

PHILLIPS, Mark R., 65, Nov. 18
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

PUTTICK, George L. "Larry" III, 80, Dec. 4
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

RICCI, Michele, 89, Nov. 21
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

ROEHRENBECK, Thomas J., 70, Dec. 6
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

SAUMENIG, Mary E., 89, Nov. 29
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

SCHNEIDER, Jacob Jr., 89, Dec. 7
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

SCHUSTER, Donald R., 96, Nov. 18
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

SHERMAN, William B., 63, Dec. 4
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SMITH, Patrick L., 66, Dec. 6
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

SOUTHWICK, Beatrice M. (Hammond), 99, Dec. 5
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

VACCARI, Elizabeth C. (Stefanelli), 84, Nov. 29
St. Peter Church, Columbus

WOOKEY, Barbara A. (Britz), 77, Nov. 24
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

Bridget M. Kilpatrick

Funeral Mass for Bridget M. Kilpatrick, 66, who died Saturday, Nov. 27, was celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in education and was a teacher for more than 30 years, spending more than 20 years

teaching kindergarten at St. Pius X School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick and Noreen (Griffin) Hill. Survivors include two daughters, Kyleen (Adam) Rothermel and Kelsey (Zach) Sayre; a brother, Griff (Linda); sisters, Maureen (Wes) Brewer and Erin (Rick) Holub; and two grandchildren.



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The event began with Mass celebrated by Father David Schalk. In his homily, Father Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, noted the importance of fidelity to prayer, whether clergy or laypeople.

Father Schalk cited his grandmother as a compelling witness of this fidelity, as she prioritized saying the rosary daily. Her wedding ring was part of a special chalice given to Father Schalk by his family and used in the Mass at the summit.

The event featured three keynote addresses plus breakout options focused on ministry topics. The first keynote was given by Curtis Martin, founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), which this year began work at Ohio State University.

Martin broke down the process of making a missionary disciple, through the sequence of “win, build, send,” which he drew from the Gospels. He reminded attendees to bring their bibles with them while evangelizing and emphasized studying Scripture to learn Jesus’ method for making disciples.

Martin highlighted the effectiveness of Christ’s model: If everyone evangelizes and accompanies three people, and if those who are evangelized in turn evangelize three others, by 33 cycles 8 billion people would be reached for Jesus Christ.

He also reflected on the role parents play in being disciples for their children, citing research that found spiritual conversations among family



Curtis Martin, founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), speaks at the Evangelization Leadership Summit. Photo courtesy Abigail Pitones

members were a key factor in raising adults who practice the faith.

In her keynote address, Kelly Wahlquist, author and founder of WINE: Women In the New Evangelization, encouraged attendees to have confidence in evangelizing through daily life. She made sharing Jesus seem more doable with humor and relatable examples, such as having a conversation on an airplane.

Wahlquist encouraged attendees to silently pray, “Come Holy Spirit!” when engaging with someone to bring

him or her to Christ.

In the final keynote address, Pete Burak, founder of id, the young adult outreach arm for Renewal Ministries, described the Holy Spirit as the “game changer” in evangelization. Burak challenged attendees to seek faith in God as the primary agent of conversion and noted that every act of faith is a miracle done by God to be received with gratitude and celebration.

He reminded the audience that conversion involves a new vision of the world, seeing it with eyes transformed by God through the Scriptures and the sacraments. That vision brings boldness and teaches us to see every situation as a time when God is acting, Burak said.

Summit breakout sessions focused on topics such as the sacraments as moments of encounter, best practices for parish staff, digital evangelization and accompanying teens in their faith.

Brooke Warren, stewardship and marriage formation coordinator at Columbus St. Matthew Church, said her takeaway from the summit was the idea of not relying on programs to do the work of evangelization. “I love the idea of parishes being creative and listening to the needs of their parishioners,” Warren said.

Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, said he appreciated Wahlquist’s reminder to focus on evangelization within one’s close relationships.

“Mary didn’t go to the whole village to share the news of Jesus, but

she went to where she had a relationship,” he said. “I was struck by the example of the Visitation as a model for evangelization. I think we can be so anxious about the trends for godlessness in our culture that we can miss communicating the faith in words with those who are already closest to us: our spouses, family, children, friends and co-workers.”

Tina Burtch, director of evangelization and faith formation at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, served on the summit planning committee and presented two breakout sessions. She said a key message of the summit was the importance of the evangelist’s relationship with Jesus as the fuel for evangelization.

“You don’t have to know everything to be an evangelist, just be authentic and share your own experience and relationship with the Lord,” Burtch said.

In addition to planning future events, the Evangelization Office hopes to support parishes in building a culture of evangelization with a toolkit that contains digital resources

“We are now scheduling meetings with pastors and their parish leadership to begin working through it,” Christy said. “These meetings and the toolkit are meant to support the work of pastors and their staff and leaders in the formation of missionary disciples.”

To hear recordings of the summit’s keynote speeches, visit www.evangelizecolumbus.com.

11 diocesan men begin journey toward diaconate at Rite of Candidacy



Eleven men (left photo) from the diocese were admitted to candidacy for the diaconate, the first formal step on the road to becoming a permanent deacon, on Sunday, Dec. 5 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral with Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell presiding. The group included (front row from left) Deacon Jim Kelly, chairman of the diaconal council; Michael Berger, Reynoldsburg St. Pius Church; Edward Watson, Newark St. Francis de Sales Church; Fidel Pitones, Worthington St. Michael Church; David Fesenmyer, New Albany Church of the Resurrection; David Collinsworth, Westerville St. Paul Church, Matthew Shaw, Logan St. John Church; (second row from left) Deacon Tom Berg Jr., diocesan chancellor; Matthew Paulus, Delaware St. Mary Church; Bryan Inderhees, Columbus St. Peter Church; Bishop Campbell; Robert Lancia, Columbus St. Cecilia Church; Louis Griffith, Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church; Christopher Spiese, Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church; and Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the Office of the Diaconate. At right, the men present themselves before Bishop Campbell, who was assisted by Deacons Iannarino (foreground) and Berg.



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Newark Catholic running back Mason Hackett (left photo) breaks away from Marion Local's Darren Meier in the Division VII state championship game on Dec. 4 in Canton. Green Wave quarterback Cole Canter (middle photo) talks on the sideline with offensive coordinator Brian Cross. Newark Catholic fans show school and Christmas spirit in the stands.

Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg

Newark Catholic football's title bid falls short

Two storied high school football programs collided Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Division VII state championship game in Canton, but the final result wasn't a storybook ending for Newark Catholic.

The Green Wave (14-2), making their 15th appearance in the state final since 1975 and bidding for their ninth title, fell behind early and succumbed to Maria Stein Marion Local 42-7 in Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

Newark Catholic finished as the state runner-up for the seventh time in school history. Marion Local (16-0), a western Ohio small-school powerhouse in a predominantly Catholic area, claimed its state-record 12th championship.

No other high school from the Diocese of Columbus advanced past the early rounds of the playoffs this year.

Newark Catholic moved through the expanded playoffs with five consecutive postseason wins, beating Warren John F. Kennedy 14-7 in the semifinals. The team's only regular-season loss was by seven points to Division IV Heath on Oct. 15.

In the championship game, the Green Wave fell behind 21-0 in the first quarter before closing to 21-7 in the second quarter on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Cole Canter to Mason Hackett, but Newark Catholic was unable to reach the end zone again against Marion Local.

Canter, a senior quarterback who was named second-team All-Ohio

in Division VII, completed 12 of 26 passes for 103 yards and the one touchdown with two interceptions. Hackett, a first-team All-Ohio running back as a junior, led the team in rushing with 31 yards on nine carries and had a team-high nine tackles on defense.

Also named first-team All-Ohio from Newark Catholic was senior linebacker Elijah Wallace, who finished the game with eight tackles.

Portsmouth Notre Dame's Bob Ashley was named the Division VII coach of the year after guiding the Titans to a 7-3 overall record that included a first-round playoff loss to Troy Christian. The team's two regular-season losses were by six points each.

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months or so what you feel. Say it three times and mark it on the calendar. Say it clearly, with love, and without too much frustration evident, though tears are OK if they flow freely. Say it once or twice in front of your grandchildren. Then let it go. Do what you can through presents, stories and cards and notes when appropriate. Then leave it to God.

Children, young and old: Your primary duty is to give yourself to God. While you are young, pay attention to Jesus' example. He was obedient to His parents. Listen to the wisdom that has been given to you. When you get older, be consistent with the values that have worked for centuries.

If we are to live forever with God in the next life, we need to learn to be comfortable with Him in this life. We cannot do that alone. God expects us to follow His design, not to come up with our own.

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again, so the elevator is now also important for those who are disabled to access the downstairs dining area.

The St. John Learning Center, also a part of the parish, is the adult education program on the top floor of the community center. During the pandemic the Learning Center moved its classes to Zoom. This worked well for everything except the beginner computer classes that need to be taught on site. Those classes were suspended, but all other classes continued on Zoom, and attendance even grew.

Now that some classes are taking place on site again, Dan Miller, the Learning Center coordinator, said, "Having a working elevator is important as some students would not have been able to make the climb to the top floor of the community center.

"Thanks to all who supported us and attended classes online during the pandemic. We are about to host another Start Your Own Business Boot Camp on Zoom in February, and we hope people will sign up."

The challenges of the past two years extended to outside programs. The

community gardens at Holy Rosary-St. John had been run with the help of nearby youth programs, but those programs were cancelled for two summers. As a result, parishioners at Holy Rosary-St. John became more involved in the gardens.

Fern Upshaw organized church members to run the gardens. "As I worked with parishioners to lay cardboard and spread mulch, I made new friends, and I am grateful," she said. As the produce ripened, the gardening group told church and community members to pick whatever they needed.

Father Oweria said he appreciates the resilience of the staff, volunteers and parishioners at Holy Rosary-St. John. "Everyone really rose to the challenge, and we just hope and pray that things will continue to get back to normal."

Even with the elevator repaired, needs persist at Holy Rosary-St. John, and donations are welcome. To learn more about the parish and the social services provided there, visit hrs-jchurch.org/service.

Marion St. Mary Church celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12



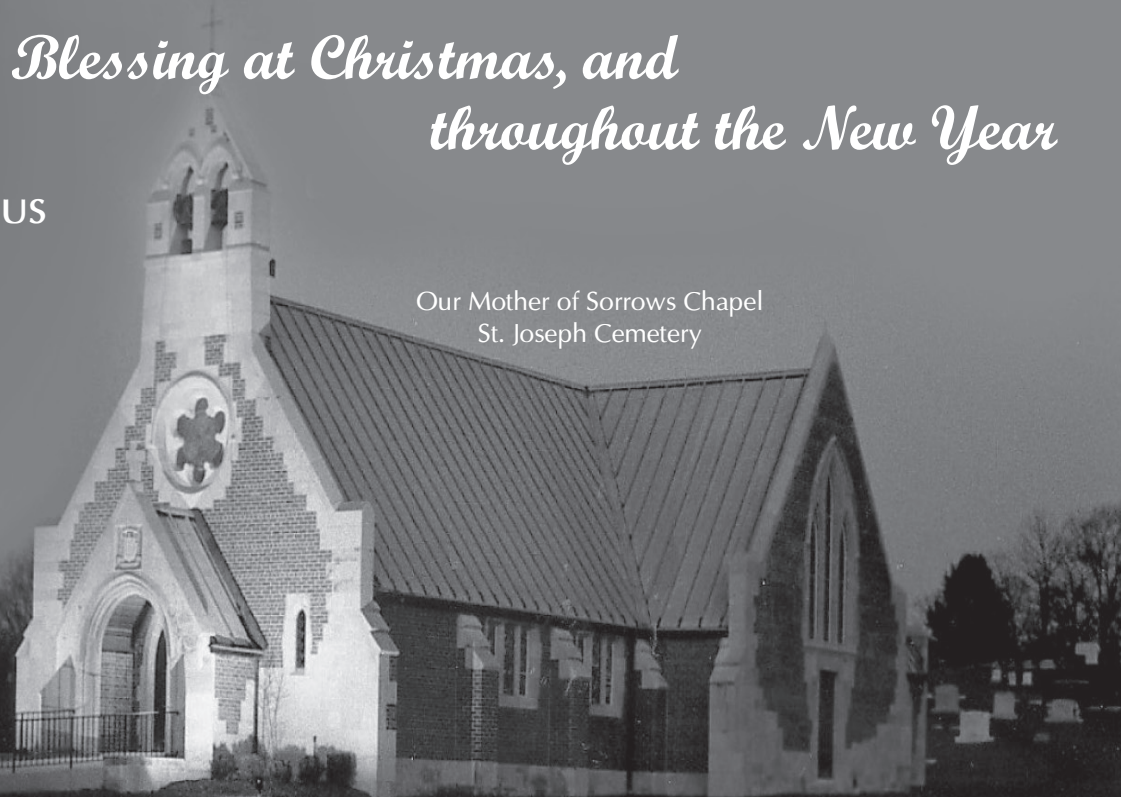
A procession honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day took place in the streets of Marion on Sunday, Dec. 12. At St. Mary Church's 1 p.m. Spanish Mass, the procession into the Church included servers and dancers in traditional dress. During Mass, Father Thomas Buffer (in white at left), the parish pastor, and Father Kyle Tennant, parochial vicar at St. Mary and the celebrant of the Mass, distribute Holy Communion. After Mass, parishioners took roses to venerate the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and displayed a banner used in the procession. In the church's undercroft, traditional dances were performed. Around the diocese, a number of parishes held similar celebrations. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

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