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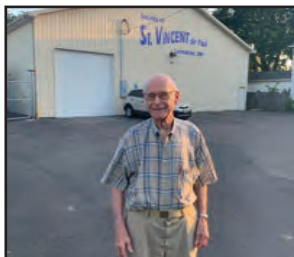
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## Clergy assignments – official announcement

The Diocese of Columbus has released additional clergy assignments. These appointments become effective on the listed date:

**Reverend Emmanuel Adu Addai**, from pastoral ministry, St. Paul Church, Westerville, to Pastoral Ministry, St. Michael Church, Worthington, continuing as chaplain, Ghanaian Catholic Community, effective, August 17, 2021.

Confirming the nomination from the Provincial of the Theatine Fathers, **Reverend Tomás Alberto Carvahal, C.R.**, from service outside the diocese, to Pastoral service, St. Joseph Church, Dover, and Holy Trinity Church, Zoar, effective immediately.

Confirming the nomination from the Prior Provincial, **Reverend Leonardo Cuautle, MSP**, from service outside the diocese, to Associate Administrator, St. Stephen the Martyr Church,

Columbus, effective July 19, 2021.

**Reverend Mr. Steven DeMers**, from diaconal service, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, to retirement, effective June 6, 2021.

**Reverend William Ferguson**, to part-time Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral, continuing as Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus, effective August 15, 2021.

**Reverend Michael Hartge**, from Vice Chancellor, to Moderator of the Curia, continuing in residence at St. Peter Church, Columbus, effective June 16, 2021.

**Reverend Mr. Peter Labita**, from diaconal service, Christ the King Church, Columbus, to retirement, effective March 22, 2021.

**Reverend Daniel Millisor**, from Leave of Absence, to Chaplain, Ohio Dominican University, effective August 1, 2021.

## Father Victor R. Wesolowski passed away on July 27

Funeral Mass for Father Victor R. Wesolowski, 64, who died Tuesday, July 27, was celebrated Saturday, July 31 at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Mount Vernon.

He was born on Oct. 14, 1956 in Kenton to the late Raymond and Odell (Webb) Wesolowski.

He graduated from Tiffin Calvert High School in 1974 and received a degree in political science from the University of Toledo in 1979.

Before answering his call to the priesthood, he worked as a title agent assisting in real estate closings and transactions and served as an investigator in the Knox County public defender's office. He served on Mount Vernon City Council in 1998 and 1999, was a board member of many Mount Vernon and Knox County civic organizations and was a mem-



ber of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

He received his seminary formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2003 and 2004 and at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts from 2004 to 2008, and was ordained on May 24, 2008 by Bishop Frederick Campbell at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He served as parochial vicar of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, including Corning St. Bernard, Junction City St. Patrick, Crooksville Church of the Atonement and New Lexington St. Rose, and was pastor of Danville St. Luke Church. For the past seven years, he was pastor of Coshocton Sacred Heart Church and priest moderator of Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales Church.

He is survived by a brother, Leo Ferrell.

## Priests from Theatine order arrive to help serve diocese's Latinos

By Doug Bean

*Catholic Times Editor*

The diocese's outreach to Latino communities is receiving a significant boost with the arrival of three priests from the Theatine order and one from the Missionary Servants of the Word.

Father Tomas Alberto Carvahal, C.R., is assigned to Dover St. Joseph Church and Zoar Holy Trinity Church. Two newly ordained Theatine priests, Father Victor Cano, C.R., and Father David Arroyo, C.R., will be stationed at Columbus Christ the King Church starting sometime in the fall and provide assistance not only on the city's east side but also at parishes throughout the diocese.

Father Leonardo Cuautle, MSP, came to Columbus in July to serve as associate administrator at St. Stephen the Martyr Church. His order, the Missionary Servants of the Word, also staffs Columbus St. Agnes Church and helps with Masses at other diocesan parishes.

With Father Carvahal's arrival in July, he became the first member of the Theatine Fathers, also known as the Congregation of Clerics Regular, to serve in a state outside of Colorado since the order left New York more than 100 years ago. The Theatines, founded in 1524 by St. Cajetan, have maintained a strong presence since 1906 in Colorado, where their priests are currently located at eight parishes.

The Theatines join a growing number of religious orders establishing a presence in the diocese. In the past year, the diocese has welcomed the cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro, Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest. Additionally, the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco will begin serving at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School this fall.

Conversations between the diocese and the Theatines begin in March

about the possibility of the order coming to Ohio. Father David Schalk, pastor at Christ the King and Columbus St. Thomas churches and the diocesan vicar for Latino ministry, became aware of the Theatines through Father Stash Dailey, the diocese's vicar for religious, and Bishop Robert Brennan.

Father Schalk spoke via Zoom with the Theatines in Colorado and then flew to Denver in the spring to meet with members of the order.

"I was very warmly received by several of the fathers, and I knew right away this was a perfect match," Father Schalk said. "So, as we were driving to be dropped off at the airport, we were already talking about details about how they could fit in Columbus. It was a beautiful, collaborative discernment experience."

The decision to send Father Carvahal to the northeast part of the diocese transpired in part from a need to serve a large Guatemalan community located in the Dover area.

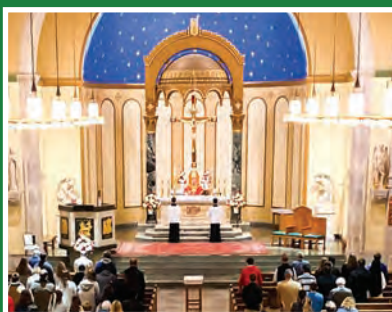
"Father Jimmy Hatfield (pastor at Dover St. Joseph) has been doing yeoman's work tending to the Spanish speakers in Tuscarawas County," Father Schalk said. "He celebrates the sacraments in Spanish and has some fluency, but we thought if we have someone like Father Tomas with his gifts, he's going to be a perfect fit."

Father Carvahal was born and



**Father Tomas Alberto Carvahal, C.R.**

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**75TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. MICHAEL**  
Mass is offered inside Worthington St. Michael Church, which was founded in 1946 after the end of World War II. The parish is celebrating 75 years of existence in 2021. Photo courtesy St. Michael Church

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# Archbishop Perez to preach about Eucharist at diocesan event

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

After spending 2 ½ years in Ohio as the Diocese of Cleveland's bishop, Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson Perez looks forward to returning to the Buckeye State late this month to present two talks on the second day of the Diocese of Columbus' Eucharistic Gathering.

Archbishop Perez, who was appointed in 2017 to serve in Cleveland and then was elevated to his current position as shepherd of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2020, will concelebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., with host Bishop Robert Brennan and then give two keynote addresses titled "Real Presence" at 9:45 a.m. and "Real Future" at 11:05 a.m.

The Eucharistic Gathering is part of the diocese's Real Presence Real Future initiative launched this year to reimagine how the Church serves the needs of its people and to promote evangelization as well as increased devotion to the true presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The two-day Eucharistic Gathering begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., as an invitation-only event that includes Vespers and a keynote address by Bishop Brennan, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic procession outside the cathedral and benediction.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the Gathering begins at St. Charles with an 8:30 a.m. Mass that includes music by the choir from Columbus St. Dominic Church, followed by liturgical music provided by the Columbus St. Anthony Church multicultural choir, addresses from Archbishop Perez, praise and worship, and closing benediction at 11:50 a.m.

Archbishop Perez was invited to give the presentations at the Eucharistic Gathering by Bishop Brennan. They were ordained together as auxiliary bishops for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, in 2012 and served there until 2017 when Perez was appointed to the episcopate in Cleveland. Bishop Brennan was installed in Columbus on March 29, 2019.

Their time in Ohio overlapped by less than a year, and "I was blessed to have him right next door" in Columbus, "but then they take me away," Archbishop Perez joked.



**Archbishop Nelson Perez of Philadelphia holds the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance during Eucharistic Adoration.**

Photo courtesy CatholicPhilly.com

"Bishop Brennan is a great guy, and you are so blessed to have him there," Archbishop Perez continued. "I know he's doing lots of good things."

A point of pastoral emphasis for Bishop Brennan is to foster an increased devotion to Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a way forward to strengthen faith communities throughout the 23 counties of the Columbus diocese. Archbishop Perez's first talk will focus on the "beauty and the gift of the Lord's Eucharist presence" as the summit of the Catholic faith.

"Where did that come from and why, over 2,000 years later, it continues to be the center point of our gathering," Archbishop Perez said. "There (at Mass) we gather around the Eucharist – more than anything else we do as a Church, and we do a lot of things. We're busy about a lot of things, but what lies at the center of our Catholic life is the altar."

In the archbishop's second talk, he will speak about "the implications of the Eucharist in our daily lives."

"What does it mean to be Eucharistic?" he said. "The Church uses the terminology, actually, that we're called to imitate the very mystery that we celebrate. We're called to become Eucharistic for others in some way. We're called to celebrate the bread that

## Real Presence Real Future Reflections

Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: May It Be Done  
Pamela Harris, Church of the Resurrection Parish & RPRF  
Commission Member

Our beautiful Blessed Mother's fiat at the Annunciation was a free response to cooperate in God's plan for the salvation of souls. The Catechism tells us that faith is not an isolated act, it takes collaboration among believers. "We receive faith from others and should hand it on to others (CCC166)." Our Lady in Heaven, a sign of hope and trust for the Christian community, encourages us to "be not afraid" and imitate this model of faith by our words and deeds. May the collaborative efforts of the faithful of the diocese in proclaiming the real presence of Christ reflect the holiness of the Church.

For more about growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit [www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org).

21 Sunday in Ordinary Times, August 22, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: We will serve the Lord!

Deacon Joe Knapke, Ss. Simon & Jude Parish, West Jefferson, OH

Today we hear Joshua ask the tribes of Israel which god they will serve. They had other options, for their neighbors worshipped other gods. We have other options as well. We could choose to serve wealth or status or power or pleasure. But we come here today, along with our families, our friends, our neighbors, as a sign of our commitment to serve the Lord, in his Real Presence. Let's recommit ourselves to serve God, to follow Christ on our journey through this life to the life promised to us in baptism, our Real Future.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit [www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org).

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, 15 de agosto, 2021

Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real: Que se haga tu voluntad

Pamela Harris, Parroquia de la Resurrección y miembro de la comisión PRFR

El hermoso fiat de nuestra Madre bendita en el momento de la Anunciación, fue una respuesta libre para cooperar en el plan de Dios para la salvación de las almas. El Catecismo nos enseña que la fe no es un acto aislado, requiere la colaboración de los creyentes. "El creyente ha recibido la fe de otro, debe transmitirla a otro" (CIC 166). Nuestra Señora en el Cielo, un signo de esperanza y confianza para la comunidad cristiana, nos motiva a "no tener miedo" e imitar este modelo de fe en palabra y obra. Que el esfuerzo cooperativo de los fieles de la diócesis en proclamar la Presencia Real de Cristo refleje la santidad de la Iglesia.

XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, 22 de agosto, 2021  
Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real: ¡Serviremos al Señor!

Diácono Joseph Knapke, Parroquia Santos Simon y Judas, West Jefferson, OH.

Hoy, escuchamos a Josué preguntar a las tribus de Israel a qué dios servirán. Ellos tenían otras opciones ya que sus vecinos adoraban otros dioses. Nosotros también tenemos otras opciones. Podemos escoger servir a la riqueza, al poder, al estrato social, o al placer. Pero venimos hoy aquí, junto con nuestras familias, nuestros amigos, nuestros vecinos, como un signo de nuestro compromiso de servir al Señor, en su Presencia Real. Comprometámonos nuevamente a servir a Dios, a seguir a Cristo en nuestra travesía de esta vida hacia la vida que se nos prometió en el bautismo, nuestro Futuro Real.

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](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org)



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## Priests, seminarians gather for annual Serra club picnic

By Ken Snow

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, all of the seminarians and about 40 priests of the Diocese of Columbus gathered for an annual picnic sponsored by the Serra Club of Columbus at St. Charles Preparatory School.

Tom Murphy, president of the Downtown Serra Club, said that the event has been held for at least 50 years (excluding last year due to the pandemic) and gives seminarians, priests and Serra Club members the opportunity to celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours (vespers), visit during a cocktail hour, have dinner and listen to a short presentation.

Murphy said this is one of two major events sponsored by the Serrans to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The other is the annual Bishop's Altar Server Awards, which are presented to eighth-graders who are recognized by their pastors as making outstanding contributions by serving during Mass.

Serra Club members constantly pray for the seminarians in the diocese as well as offer support by "adopting"

seminarians, getting to know them and communicating through cards and emails, he said. "It's a rewarding thing to do."

Father Bill Hahn, director of vocations for the diocese, said that the picnic is a great way for the seminarians to relax and visit with priests during their annual four-day summer gathering prior to returning to their studies at the Josephinum or Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Massachusetts, or before returning to their pastoral year assignments at various diocesan parishes.

The seminarian gathering, he said, is somewhat like a retreat, held primarily at St. Therese Retreat Center on Columbus' far east side. There they have a mix of prayer and Liturgy of the Hours every day, and the bishop celebrates Mass with them as well. The event also gives the bishop the opportunity to talk to the seminarians as well as to encourage discussion of diocesan initiatives such as Real Presence Real Future and to address issues facing the Church.

*Ken Snow is a longtime Catholic Times contributor as a photographer.*



Diocesan priests, seminarians and Columbus Serra Club members gather for prayers in the chapel at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School during the annual gathering sponsored by the Serrans.  
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Father Bill Hahn (left), diocesan vocations director, chats with seminarian Zack Goodchild, who is entering his second year of pre-theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

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# God's mercies are new today, tomorrow and every day

By Michele Williams

On Jan. 1, life in the Ohio Reformatory for Women was extremely difficult. Just like in America, COVID had wreaked havoc on us. Every aspect of our lives had drastically changed and the long winter ahead looked bleak indeed.

I had been struggling with depression and the increased isolation of ORW's Code Red lockdown status, which had been in effect for two months with no end in sight. Positive COVID cases were very high and the number of quarantined inmates was in the 1,600s (out of a population of 2,100). The safest place seemed to be outside. However, our yard time was limited to three 30-minute intervals per day. I am an active, outdoorsy kind of girl, so that restriction was particularly tough for me. The walls were closing in. I was overwhelmed, frazzled and fatigued in every way. Prison had never seemed so prison-y.

Rain, snow or shine, I made it my mission to get outside every time we were allowed. Only then could I breathe and get some peace of mind. So, on New Year's Day, I woke up and got ready to head out for my housing unit's 6:40-7:10 a.m. time slot. I was going to go running on the sidewalk bordering our little yard (20 laps equal 1 mile, I measured it!). As I was stretching out and warming up, I heard a song that I knew was God's message to me. It is called "New Today" by Micah Tyler, and these are the lyrics that made me stop stretching and really listen.

"... Every morning I feel the weight,  
and it's hard to just get out of bed.  
Tell my heart 'cause sometimes I forget,  
that Your mercies are new today.  
Your mercies are new today.  
I can rest on Your shoulder.  
There is grace to start over.  
Your mercies are new today ..."

For me, there could not have been a more profound or uplifting song to usher in 2021.

It is apparently based on Lamentations 3:22-23 when Jeremiah was in anguish over the destruction of Jerusalem and life as he knew it. Two thousand years later, I was feeling the same way. Nothing except the mercy of a gracious and loving God could lift the darkness that had settled inside ORW. And He did it the first day of the new year – because His mercies were new that day!

I took a few moments to think about what this year had the potential to be. It was going to be about changes in me, the prison, and the world on the other side of the razor-wire fences. It was going to be about finding rest from the emotionally exhausting and destructive toll COVID took. It was going to be about working toward second chances and starting over, not only for me, but for everyone. Suddenly, I was filled with hope and excitement about the upcoming year and I went outside to run with a new spring in my step.

I started paying attention and finding evidence of these "new mercies" as the wheels began to turn

ever so slowly and life was being restored in the prison month by month. It was different, to be sure, but restoration was evident in the opening of the chow hall (for sit-down meals instead of carryout only), school, library, gym, and, last but not least, visiting hall and church. The vaccine was offered and masks were no longer required for those who got vaccinated. Our yard times expanded and I could go running almost whenever I wanted!

August is a far cry from January. The freezing cold and snow have been replaced with soaring heat and humidity, but God's mercies are still new each day. The brilliant purple morning glories climbing my housing unit never fail to open at sunrise. Our 15-minute phone call rates are suddenly lower. Salads are available for purchase from food services every other week. I had a visit with my cousins from Florida and Tennessee for the first time in over 20 years. My fan continues to work throughout the steamy days. All of these are proof of God's mercies and were just waiting to be discovered or acknowledged.

I recognize what has been lost over the past year and a half. I also recognize what has been gained: a new perspective. God, in his infinite love, will give me strength to do the work that needs to be done the remainder of this year and will let me rest on his shoulder when I am weary – because his mercies are new today, tomorrow and every day!

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

## True beauty leaves an imprint on the soul

I am blessed to wake each morning to a husband who greets me with, "Hello, beautiful." When introducing me to his friends or work colleagues, I am his "beloved bride."

I have been reflecting on these endearments and pondering them deeply. I have no notions of grand beauty, nor of myself being comely. It's not a false humility but rather a detachment. I am striving to care for this body the Lord has given me while also putting more emphasis on the interior formation of my soul. Both are necessary to be an effective disciple and evangelizer.

If I am healthy and have energy, then I can more effectively do the Lord's work. If I feel good about myself, then that joy and confidence invite others into my space, opening the door to conversation. That conversation leads to witnessing. Witnessing can bring conversion.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined beauty as "that which pleases when seen." This beauty can be perceived both outwardly and inwardly. We see it externally portrayed in sunsets, artwork and pretty much all of God's creation.

More important, however, we see it portrayed inwardly through a conversation or interaction with another person. Perhaps we witness a compassionate exchange that stops us in our tracks with its sacrifice. True beauty does that. It makes an imprint. An act of kindness lingers in our heart. Beautiful moments last far longer than beautiful people.

Consider the crowd that surrounded Mother Teresa, our saint of Calcutta, a humble servant with a selfless devotion to the poor. Looking upon her was to encounter beauty. A selfless soul living out what God created her for cannot help but radiate beauty.

### ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

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



Recall Pope St. John Paul II. He was a handsome and engaging younger pontiff, and his dedication, enthusiasm, openness, humility and welcoming spirit drew others into engaging relationships. These encounters formed memories. Those memories fostered conversion and vocations. His beautiful witness brought people to Jesus.

There are intimate moments when we see God working within the confines of the family environment. Whether it be in suffering or celebration, we are encountering God in His majesty, and it is breathtaking.

I have had moments of sadness of my son reaching out for me to hold his hand in desolation and tears, or of joy gazing at my daughter at her dance recital as she flew across the stage in her wheelchair in utter joy. St. Augustine reminds us that "love is the beauty of the soul."

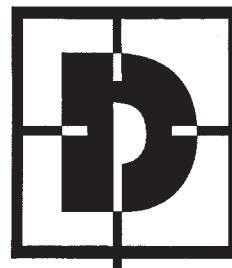
My husband's kind words are both sweet and meaning-

ful, and while I smile that he finds me physically beautiful, the fact that he holds me beloved is far dearer, and my aim is for heaven. Our focus should be less on external physical beauty but on the recognition of the value of the interior soul.

Let us pray that there be something about us that makes others ask, "What is it? What is it that keeps her joyful? Why is it that we feel so at home in her presence?" Let that "it," of course, be Jesus. Let our identity be rooted in being a child of God, His daughter or son. May we strive to walk in the dignity of this honor and the protection of His love.

In what ways have you experienced true beauty? How has it stopped you in your tracks? How can that experience lead you into a deeper relationship with Jesus?

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# Leo XIII and contemporary Catholic contentions

Given everything else going on these days, it may seem strange that a 129-year-old encyclical by Pope Leo XIII, founding father of modern Catholic social doctrine, should have become a shuttlecock in the volleys exchanged by conservative American legal theorists and commentators. But there it is. And it's imperative that the record about Leo XIII's political theory be clarified before Professor Adrian Vermeule of the Harvard Law School misrepresents the great Leo further — and Vermeule's critics continue to make matters worse by swallowing the misrepresentation.

Professor Vermeule is a prominent voice among Catholic “integralists” whose program includes a critique of the late Justice Antonin Scalia's “originalist” approach to constitutional interpretation, which they judge morally hollow. Responding to Vermeule in a July 24 article in the *Wall Street Journal*, two defenders of Scalia's position, David Rivkin and Andrew Grossman, concluded their argument in these terms:

“... Mr. Vermeule takes inspiration from an 1892 encyclical in which Pope Leo XIII ‘urged French Catholics to rally to the Third French Republic in order to transform it from within.’ He imagines American Catholics will eventually co-opt ‘executive-type bureaucracies’ to effect a ‘restoration of Christendom.’ Such a ralliement seems far less likely in the U.S. than in France, but it failed there, too.”

That, at least, is true: Leo XIII's call to French Catholics to “rally” to the Third Republic failed. But Professor Vermeule misrepresents what Leo XIII was doing in the 1892 encyclical *Au Milieu des Sollicitudes* (Amidst the Cares of the Universal Church). And by accepting that misrepresentation at face value, my friend David Rivkin and his

## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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colleague Andrew Grossman gave tacit warrant to the notion that serious U.S. Catholics are bent on a “restoration of Christendom” in the United States by means of a Catholic takeover of the administrative state. If I may borrow a phrase from a heathen, this is all nonsense upon stilts.

Let's go to the videotape.

In the late 19th century, French Catholicism was fractured and evangelically disempowered because of an ongoing, bitter conflict between Catholics who dreamed and schemed about restoring the French monarchy and a state-sponsored Church, and Catholics who knew that that dream was a fantasy and that those schemes were impeding the Church's efforts to do the works of education and charity in France. By calling French Catholics to “rally” to the Third French Republic, Leo XIII was trying to put an end to this circular firing squad, asking French Catholics to stop litigating the results of the Revolution of 1789 and to get on with being salt and light in modern society, bringing Gospel truths to bear in French public life — which badly needed them.

Leo, who knew that the fratricide between French Catholic royalists and French Catholic republicans was sapping the Church of spiritual energy, was also the shrewdest pope in centuries when it came to reading the political signs of the times. So he understood that French Catholic royalists were perversely confirming the spurious claims of those

Third Republic hyper-secularists who took their cues from the worst of the French Revolution's anticlericalism. And he wanted that to stop.

Leo's encyclical made several other key points. Charting a Catholic course through the brambles of political modernity, Leo taught that there could be different types of legitimate political regimes: monarchies, democratic republics, and so forth. Leo also knew that a republic could be good or bad. Republics could foster human flourishing and social solidarity, and republics could fall prey to grave social evils. The key to a well-ordered republic was its civil society: those networks of natural associations (like the family) and voluntary associations (like the Church, trade unions, businesses, and charitable organizations) where the habits of mind and heart necessary for making the machinery of a republic work properly are formed. In Leo's view, the Church's role was to help shape that kind of vibrant civil society and it ought to demand of hyper-secularists the right to do so freely and publicly.

But the Church did not seek to govern the state, Pope Leo insisted. Indeed, *Au milieu des sollicitudes* specifically stated that any notion of a Catholic “ambition of securing to the Church the political domination of the state” was a “craftily constructed calumny.” Pondering that Leonine teaching, Professor Vermeule and his fellow integralists might consider whether they're reprising the 19th-century French royalist mistakes that ultimately led some French Catholics to embrace the authoritarian Vichy regime during World War II. By the same token, conservative legal commentators should not assume that today's Catholic integralists are representing Leo XIII and post-Leonine Catholic social doctrine accurately; they are not.

## Prescribed words, actions of Mass not for God, but for us

Many people go to Arlington National Cemetery to pay respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and, if they are lucky, see the changing of the guard. The military honors the sacrifice of those who gave all. The guards, through prescribed dress and regulated, precision movement, express your and my respect and honor to the fallen.

If you have seen this, you might have been moved to tears. Perhaps you said a prayer. The guards are not allowed to improvise. Why? Because the military has determined the best way to render honor and respect. It is beautiful.

Why does the military do this? The dead are just that, dead. They need and are best served only through our prayers. Why do we worship God? God certainly doesn't need anything. The answer to both of these questions is: It is for our sake.

Bishop Robert Barron summarizes three essential elements (or tasks) of the Church put forward by Pope Benedict XVI. The Church worships; the Church evangelizes; the Church serves the poor. This reflects the commandment to love God and love neighbor.

The order is not accidental. Bishop Barron's reflection on Matthew 8:1-4 writes, “To worship is to order the whole of your life toward the living God, and, in doing so, to become interiorly and exteriorly rightly ordered. To worship is to signal to yourself what your life is finally about. It's nothing that God needs, but it is very much something that we need.”

## AQUINAS CORNER

Richard Arnold

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In my previous columns, I have quoted from the Holy Bible and from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). I submit that the CCC is the second most beautiful book that is the least appreciated and understood by Catholics (and non-Catholics).

What should be a close third and fourth on every Catholic's list are the *Roman Missal* and the *Lectonary*. I doubt these last two are in anyone's home library, but when you attend Mass, excerpts are read to you.

The *Roman Missal* is the priest's prayer book with the official prayers and rubrics (directions) on how to celebrate the Mass. There is an accompanying book called the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which provides a comprehensive overview and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. Why is this important?

Pope Benedict XVI reminds the Church that the liturgy follows the ancient axiom *Lex orandi, lex credendi* (“the law of faith is the law of belief”). Not only is it a matter of words that communicate the faith of the Church, but also the way in which the liturgy is celebrated witnesses to what we believe.

“Equally important for a correct *ars celebrandi* //what is that-pb//is an attentiveness to the various kinds of language that the liturgy employs: words and music, gestures and silence, movement, the liturgical colors of the vestments. By its very nature the liturgy operates on different levels of communication which enable it to engage the whole human person.” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 40)

Just as the military prescribes the words and actions to render honor at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Church prescribes actions for rendering proper worship to God. Given that our worship is public, that is, to be seen, all our actions, visual and audio, are for us and our neighbor.

The Church is not a military unit (however, we are soldiers fighting a battle) asking for precision but asks us to *actively* participate. Ministers and laity who willfully or ignorantly deviate from that which the Church prescribes are like the soldier who decides he/she knows best.

Unless we are physically unable, we stand, sit and kneel when the Church asks us to. We should also bow, and beat our breasts as our Church asks us to. Do we attend the Mass dressed as if we are going on a picnic?

As an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, I am saddened when someone doesn't respond with an “Amen.” When we are in line to receive Holy

## Local news and events

## Cathedral music program adds lunchtime concerts

After a year's absence because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral is resuming its series of Sunday afternoon organ concerts and adding four lunchtime concerts. The cathedral's music program also includes the cathedral choir in an All Souls Day Mass, an Advent lessons and carols presentation and a Good Friday Tenebrae service.

All the Sunday concerts will be at 3 p.m. at the cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The series will open on Sept. 19 with the cathedral's recently appointed organist and assistant music director, Amanda Mole, and its music director, Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, in a concert featuring works for percussion ensemble and organ by Lou Harrison and Lionel Rogg. The program also will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.

Other dates and featured organists for the series are: Oct. 3, Dr. Jens Korndorfer of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta; Oct. 24, Gail Archer, professor of professional practices at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City; Nov. 14, David Briggs, a frequent cathedral guest, performing his own transcription of Mahler's Second Symphony with soloists and the cathedral choir; Jan. 23, David Jonies, music director of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago; and March 13, Felix Hell, a recitalist and soloist at more than 1,000 concerts around the world.

The All Souls Day Mass, featuring Maurice Durufle's *Requiem* sung in the context of a liturgy, will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, with lessons and carols at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

The Tenebrae service, featuring the cathedral schola, will include motets by Carlo Gesualdo, Thomas Tallis' *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, and Gregorio Allegri's *Miserere*. It will be at 8 p.m. April 15.

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Communion, are we bowing to the person's back who is in front of us or waiting until we are right in front of our Savior? Remember, we are doing this for our sake, not God's.

Non-Catholics are likely found at every Mass, especially funeral Masses. Ask yourself, "Will the beauty of Catholics acting together attract them, or the ugliness of chaos keep them away?"

Give beautiful praise by both word and action, and you will likely find the graces you have been missing.

The lunchtime concerts will be at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Featured will be: Oct. 8, Michael Schreffler of First United Methodist Church in London, Ohio; Nov. 19, Chelsea Barton of the Diocese of Rochester, New York; March 25, Jacob Dassa, a keyboardist specializing in historical organ, harpsichord and clavichord arrangements; and May 20, Daniel Chang of St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua, New York.

For information, call the cathedral music office at (614) 241-2526.

## Serra Club sponsors pilgrimage to Damascus Mission Campus

A pilgrimage for all ages to Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Knox County will be offered on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

The one-day trip, sponsored by the Serra Club of North Columbus, allows adults to experience Catholic Youth Summer Camp, attend Mass, meet with camp directors, pray the rosary and spend time in prayer, confession and reflection in addition to participating in camp adventure activities.

Ride-sharing will be offered from the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, leaving at 9 a.m. and returning by 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.

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## Our Lady of Peace offers Alpha course

Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., is presenting the Alpha course on Sundays beginning Sept. 19 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

The course consists of 11 sessions exploring the basics of the faith. Each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation.

Topics are "Is There More to Life Than This?", "Who Is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can We Have Faith?", "Why and How Do I Pray?", "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?", "How Does God Guide Us?", "How Can I Resist Evil?", "Why and How Should I Tell Others?", "Does God Heal Today?" and "What About the Church?"

Alpha courses generally have three

key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. Alpha emphasizes small intimate group discussions and continued gathering of those small groups after the program is completed.

Child care will be available to participants at the Our Lady of Peace sessions. For more information, contact Toni Brehm at [tonettes916@gmail.com](mailto:tonettes916@gmail.com) or visit the parish website at <https://olp-parish.org>.

## St. Christopher Class of 1960 plans reunion in September

The Columbus St. Christopher School Class of 1960 is attempting to contact classmates for a 61-year reunion scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26. Anyone interested in attending or who knows how to contact class members is asked to call Pete Dascenzo at 614-876-4800 or Marie Sauer at 614-323-8901 by Wednesday, Sept. 1.

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is broken and the wine that is poured.”

He'll continue his second presentation with a conversation on the Church's mission in the world.

“In the beginning of the Eucharistic celebration, it says we are convoking in the name of the Trinity,” he explained. “The very last words of the Eucharistic celebration are actually the last words of Christ on the planet, which is very simple. It was ‘go.’ But not go to breakfast, but now go and be for the world around you what I have been for you in this moment in word and sacrament ... to be a community of missionary disciples.”

The lack of faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is reflected in national polls that indicate a drastic drop in Mass attendance during the past 50 years. In the 1960s, surveys showed that approximately 75 percent of Catholics attended Sunday Mass.

“The Church is always at a crossroads, but we are at the crossroads of becoming a missionary Church again in a real, direct way,” the archbishop said. “When you realize that only 20 percent of Catholics actually go to church today, we have a lot of work to do.”

**THEATINES**, *continued from Page 2*

raised in the Yucatan, the peninsula where the popular resort of Cancun is located, and joined the Theatines in 1999. He was invited by the order to come to the United States in 2000 because he spoke some English, and then was sent to Rome for four years before returning to Durango, Colorado. After his ordination to the priesthood, he spent nine years in Pueblo, Colorado, and then after taking time off was sent to Grand Junction.

“It's funny because, as a Hispanic, I had never



**Archbishop Nelson Perez, incensing the Blessed Sacrament, will speak in Columbus about Christ's real presence as foundational to the Catholic faith at the Eucharistic Gathering on Aug. 28 at St. Charles Preparatory School. Photo courtesy CatholicPhilly.com**

Many factors contribute to a loss of faith, the archbishop said, including a steady diet of secular influences in the modern world.

“Only 20 percent of people are coming to eat at the table. But they're there,” he said. “They're not theologians, they're just people on the journey, but they certainly know that the bread is not the regular bread that they had in the morning.”

Archbishop Perez, Bishop Brennan and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops discussed this issue at the

semiannual meeting in June and voted to draft a document that will include a plan for a Eucharist revival at the parish, diocesan and national level.

The Eucharistic Gathering is a starting point in the Diocese of Columbus for that initiative. The recently completed Disciple Maker Index survey reflected more positive numbers locally, with 87 percent of more than 21,000 respondents agreeing or strongly believing that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ and

90 percent attending Mass frequently.

Regarding Archbishop Perez's own experiences with the Eucharist, he said without hesitation that “it's the reason I became a priest. That was it.”

“Ever since I was a kid” growing up in Philadelphia as the son of immigrant parents from Cuba, “everything that happened on the altar was spellbinding. So it was the altar that drew me in and then sent me out at the same time.”

Asked if he spends time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration outside of Mass, Archbishop Perez responded, “Every day, every day. It is the place. It is the quiet place that the Lord calls us to. It's always been for me as a priest a great place of solace and consolation and wrestling at the same time.”

“Eucharistic Adoration is an incredible place of grace, and recognizing Him in the breaking of the bread and letting our hearts burn because of his presence.”

For more information about the Eucharistic gathering, or to register to attend the Saturday session, visit [www.rprfgathering.com](http://www.rprfgathering.com).

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had a chance to work with the Hispanic people,” he said. “I was working with mostly Anglos at Holy Family Parish in Pueblo, and then when I went to Grand Junction there was a big Hispanic community and I was doing Masses and everything in Spanish. It was a great experience for nine months.”

But he said he jumped at the chance to serve in new territory for the Theatines in Ohio.

“It's been a great experience so far getting to know the people here,” he said. “It's a beautiful, beautiful area.”

Father Carvahal expects to become involved in various ministries in Tuscarawas County.

“Adapting to the needs of the local clergy, that's part of the spirituality of the Clerics Regular,” he explained. “It opens a big door for us to becoming involved as part of a diocese while living our community life under the rule of St. Cajetan, our founder, as religious. Whatever God wants from us, we're here for them.”

His new assignment will include working with

one parish with a large Guatemalan membership and another in a small town with most parishioners of European ancestry.

“At my first Mass (at St. Joseph), I don't know if the people were curious to see who was going to be with them, but the church was packed, and I only saw maybe four families from Mexico,” Father Carvahal said. “Most of the families were Guatemalan. You can tell because the ladies wear traditional dress.”

Father Carvahal's fellow Theatines, Fathers Cano and Arroyo, were ordained to the priesthood on July 16. Upon their arrival in Columbus, the two new priests will be utilized not only in the metro area but also outside of Franklin County, Father Schalk said.

“Unfortunately, there are lots of Hispanics that are not served. There are needs all over,” Father Schalk said. “People ask where the Hispanics are in the diocese, and the answer is, everywhere – Newark, Zanesville, Circleville, Chillicothe. Wherever we have a Spanish Mass, there will be people there.”

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# 98-year-old St. Vincent de Paul volunteer remains active

By Tim Puet  
For The Catholic Times

Paul Lonergan was one of eight men who established a conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in 1958 at St. Mary Church in Lancaster, which at the time was the only Catholic parish in a city of 30,000 people.

Sixty-three years later, the city has added 10,000 people and two parishes, and Lonergan, 98, continues to help the conference carry out its mission of helping neighbors in need. The conference now serves St. Mary, St. Mark and St. Bernadette churches in Lancaster and nearby Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church.

Lonergan said he and the conference have grown together. "I was an engineer with the Gaylord Container company and came to central Ohio in the mid-1950s to work at Gaylord's corrugated box plant in Baltimore (Ohio)," he said. The plant has undergone many ownership changes over the years and now is operated by Caraustar Industries, Inc.

"I didn't know anyone in the local Catholic community or in the Lancaster area and had to get acquainted with both, but was welcomed warmly and have enjoyed being a part of parish and community life for most of the past 60-plus years," he said.

Lonergan ultimately became the Baltimore plant's manager before going to work for the Stone Container company in 1972 and moving to Mansfield with his wife, Margaret, whom he had married in 1963.

The couple and their two children also lived in Chicago before he retired from Stone Container in 1984 and returned to Lancaster. Margaret died in 1996, and the children also are deceased. "I can't say I've been part of the Lancaster conference for all of its history, but I was here when it started and got involved again as soon as I got back, so I've been involved in most of its existence," he said.

Lonergan said Msgr. Roland Winel, pastor of St. Mary Church at the time, asked Bishop Michael Ready for help in organizing a St. Vincent de Paul conference in Lancaster in the mid-1950s because of the number of requests for assistance Msgr. Winel was receiving from needy people.

Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, who was director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Columbus and later became director of the national Catholic Charities office in Washington, helped Msgr. Winel with his efforts. "They



**Paul Lonergan, 98, is one of the founding members of Lancaster's St. Vincent de Paul Society conference, which was organized in 1958 to provide assistance to the needy. Photo courtesy Lancaster St. Vincent de Paul Society**

discussed it for a couple of years, then Msgr. Winel called me and seven other men from the parish together and presented a proposal for the conference, which was organized in October 1958," Lonergan said.

"We had a minimum of experience and didn't know exactly what to do, but no one objected to the idea, and we figured we'd learn as we went along. We began meeting every week in the parish meeting room and getting assignments from Msgr. Winel to visit different people, and things grew from there.

"St. Mark Church was founded in 1960 and St. Bernadette in 1963, and we thought it made sense to keep all the parishes together in one Lancaster conference rather than have three," said Lonergan, a St. Bernadette parishioner.

"We added the Sugar Grove parish several years ago after Father (James) Walter became pastor there. We started out helping four or five families. Now it's about 100 to 110."

A thrift store was established shortly after the conference's founding and originally was known as a clothes room because donated clothing was all it provided at the time. Since then, its offerings have expanded to include furniture, appliances, kitchen utensils, books, toys and other items.

The council's We Care program provides perishables, canned and boxed food, toilet items and other necessities once a month to Fairfield County families who qualify because of age, low income, disability or lack of access

to transportation. It also refers those people to other county pantries for additional help. If necessary, it provides home delivery.

On a case-by-case basis, the conference offers limited financial assistance for utilities, car repair and prescription drugs and provides referrals and financial help for two public housing projects. The financial aid usually is limited to one time a year.

It provides \$100 school clothing vouchers for preschool and kindergarten children and, like many other St. Vincent de Paul organizations, has begun offering loans of no more than \$1,000 through participating financial institutions for people facing temporary emergencies.

Conference members and volunteers also visit area nursing homes regularly and provide evening meals for a local shelter. Members are required to be Catholic and attend weekly meetings, much of which are devoted to prayer and spiritual development. Volunteers come from multiple religious backgrounds. The thrift shop has nine paid full- or part-time staff members.

The thrift store has been at 424 E. Locust St. since 1988. "Until then, it was at six or seven places," Lonergan said. "The first was a couple of rooms rented from Lancaster Glass Co. We outgrew that, then we rented space in other places – sometimes a house, sometimes a storefront – on a conditional basis and had to move when a tenant was found for those places."

The Locust Street site was a former plumber's shop. "That was the anchor we needed," Lonergan said. "It was a lot of work cleaning the grease off the floors and putting in heating and lights and so forth. We had virtually no money. We used everything we had to buy the property and fix it up, but once we got it paid for, we were able to do more and keep figuring out ways to make better use of the space we had."

The store was expanded in 1997 to make room for more items. In 2007, the owner of a dilapidated house next to the thrift shop sold it to the conference. The house was demolished and replaced by a warehouse and a parking lot.

More changes were planned last year before the COVID-19 pandemic closed the store from mid-March to the beginning of July. The closing allowed \$150,000 in renovations to take place uninterrupted during that time.

"We improved the heating and lighting systems, which were both more than 30 years old. We also pulled out some partitions, enclosing what

used to be an open space and adding about 800 square feet, including an office and conference room (giving it a total of 4,800 square feet). Some other small changes added another 20 square feet or so. That may not be much, but every square foot helps in a small building," Lonergan said.

"When we reopened on July 1, 2020, the buzz was extraordinary. We've slowed down, but the stream of customers has been pretty steady since then," he said. The thrift store and warehouse were renamed the Paul Lonergan Complex at the time of the reopening.

Lonergan said the remodeling work was led by Ed Weber, the conference's longtime president, who with his wife, Jill, is leaving the area and moving to the Carolinas. Jill also was active with the conference, managing its pantry for many years. Frank Fullin is succeeding Weber as president of the conference, which plans to honor Lonergan and the Webers at its August board meeting.

"I've been involved with St. Vincent de Paul for all these years because of the satisfaction it gives me to be able to help somebody," Lonergan said. "I had to get into it gradually, but there was one case in those early years which made me realize the society's impact.

"This involved a fellow who worked at two places, but lost both jobs. He and his wife had an infant daughter who had to have a major operation. Friends of the family had an event which raised a few hundred dollars, but that wasn't enough for him to keep paying for health insurance.

"Members of the conference talked about this among ourselves and learned that if he would be able to pay the insurance premiums himself for a year, he would be able to keep the insurance permanently. We paid the year's premium, the fellow kept his insurance, the youngster had the operation, and the man eventually got a job in Columbus with insurance benefits. That act alone convinced me of the good the St. Vincent de Paul Society does."

The Lancaster St. Vincent de Paul thrift store is open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday. Donations are accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Its phone number is (740) 653-6037, and its website is [www.svdplancasteroh.com](http://www.svdplancasteroh.com).

The Lancaster conference is one of 59 such organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus. For information on those conferences, go to [www.svdpcolumbus.org](http://www.svdpcolumbus.org).

# St. Michael Church will celebrate anniversary at festival

By Tim Puet  
For *The Catholic Times*

Worthington St. Michael Church will have a dual reason to celebrate at its annual festival on Labor Day weekend.

Just having the festival will be a cause for joy, because last year's festival was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the event's first cancellation since it started in 1976. It always has taken place on Labor Day weekend and draws crowds from throughout the diocese because it traditionally has been the area's last parish festival of the summer.

"We're anticipating a full festival," said Father Anthony Dinovo, the parish's pastor since 2012. "We'll have the food and games we've had in the past. The only significant changes will be that the rides will be from a different company, and there won't be a St. Vincent de Paul Society garage sale this year, both for reasons unrelated to COVID."

The festival will take place on the parish grounds at 5750 N. High St. from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 and 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5. Music will be provided by the Conspiracy band on Friday, Matt Munhall and John Schwab on Saturday, and the Joint Rockers and Reaganomics on Sunday. A silent auction and a raffle also will take place.

The festival also will be a celebration of the church's 75th anniversary. St. Michael Church, along with Our Lady of Peace Church in the Clintonville neighborhood of Columbus and Christ the King Church on the city's east side, were established on Dec. 1, 1946 by Bishop Michael Ready because of the growth in those areas resulting from the post-World War II housing boom.

People attending the St. Michael festival can view highlights of the parish's past 75 years through a video presentation of film from past parish activities that has been transferred to digital form and will be running throughout the event.

Like all parishes, St. Michael had to make significant adjustments in a hurry when the effects of the pandemic became apparent in mid-March of last year and the state's bishops ordered the closing of all Ohio Catholic churches, with state education officials ordering the closing of schools.

"I feel we did a remarkable job adjusting to the circumstances related to COVID," said Parish Council chairperson Martha Bogue. "Leaders of groups such as the Knights of Columbus, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and



**A display featuring parish history is one of the exhibits at the annual Worthington St. Michael Church festival, which resumes on Labor Day weekend after it was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Photos courtesy St. Michael Church and School**



**The Worthington St. Michael Labor Day weekend festival has annually attracted crowds from throughout the area since its inception in 1976. This year's festival begins Friday, Sept. 3 and ends Sunday, Sept. 5.**

Parish Council all figured out a way to adjust and continue to meet through Zoom or gatherings at sites outside the parish grounds.

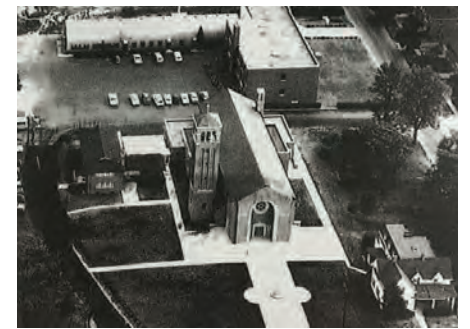
"Once churches were opened at the end of May, people responded very well when asked to help sanitize the church before and after Mass and to greet and seat people so safe distancing could be maintained. I was pretty impressed with the way people wanted to retain a sense of community in difficult times and how anxious many of them were to be able to worship in public again."

Father Dinovo said the parish began livestreaming its 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass during the pandemic and continues to do so. If the church is filled to

its allowed capacity, the Mass can be livestreamed to the parish hall for the overflow crowd. Funerals in the parish also are being livestreamed, especially for the benefit of people from out of the area who are unable to attend because of COVID-related reasons.

Father Dinovo said that despite the pandemic, the parish exceeded its 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal goal by more than \$20,000. Money raised in excess of the goal is returned to parishes for whatever use it chooses. This year, the returned money will be used to replace the tile under the pews and strip old wax off the slate floor of the church, which was built in 1964 and renovated in 1999.

The closing of church facilities



**St. Michael Church is pictured in an aerial view during its early years.**

meant that Eucharistic Adoration in the parish chapel had to be suspended until recently, but the devotion has resumed there on a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week basis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place there from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, with Father Dinovo saying he hopes to add more times for Exposition soon.

Exposition involves displaying the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. During other hours of Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is inside a tabernacle, but is not displayed.

This devotion to the Eucharist was encouraged by Pope St. John Paul II and has been available at a growing number of diocesan parishes in recent years. One of the first of these parishes was St. Michael, which included an Adoration chapel in the parish ministry center, which was dedicated in 2013.

"I grew up in a parish in Michigan and never knew about Eucharistic Adoration until coming here," said parishioner Brett Gissel. "I've come to deeply appreciate that we have it here and that many parishioners participate in it and other parishes have picked up on it. It's a great comfort to visit

Jesus in the Eucharist, both at times I'm scheduled for it and whenever I feel I need to do it."

Seven years ago, the parish adopted the theme "Rise Up Now!" as a unifying phrase expressing its aspiration to be "a Catholic community on fire for the Lord that inspires people to ... become active disciples to fulfill God's purpose in their lives," as proclaimed in its mission statement.

Gissel is a past state official of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights' Council 11445 serves the parish in a variety of ways, including sponsoring Lenten fish fries, running a food tent during the festival, taking part in the Knights' annual statewide Measure-Up drive for the developmentally disabled, and working with Knights Council

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The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are celebrating their 10th anniversary at Worthington St. Michael School in 2021. Pictured are (from left): Father Anthony Dinovo, St. Michael pastor; Sister John Paul, OP, school principal; Sister Teresa Paul, OP; Bishop Robert Brennan; Sister Mary Vianney, OP; Sister Maria Kolbe, OP; and Father Stash Dailey, diocesan vicar for religious.

*Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist*

15009, which consists of Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians.

“One thing the Knights did well before the pandemic was family social events,” which the council hopes to resume now that COVID restrictions have eased, Gissel said. These included a pool party in the summer, as well as a softball game and pig roast in April with seminarians from the Josephinum, located on North High Street a short distance north of the church.

From 2015 to 2018, the parish took part in a simple, but popular form of community outreach by distributing free hot dogs and lemonade to people on their way to and from Worthington’s Memorial Day parade, which passes by the church. “We started with 500, then increased it to 750, then 800,” Bogue said. COVID canceled the parade for the past two years, but the parish hopes to resume the tradition in 2022.

Now that restrictions on gatherings have been eased, the parish senior citizens group, known as the Live Wires, has resumed activities. Its first gathering in more than a year was at an Olive Garden restaurant on Tuesday, Aug. 10. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, usually for a restaurant lunch.

Father Dinovo said that beginning this fall, parish youth ministry programs will be led by teams of youth missionaries from the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Knox County.

The parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Society continued its work of assistance to those in need during the pandemic and has reopened the area it set aside

for clothing donations. Other parish organizations set to resume activities soon include the Parish School of Religion; in-home faith formation for parents and young people; parish choirs; That Man Is You! for men; a women’s faith and fellowship group; an altar society; groups related to helping the divorced, supporting the grieving, maintaining the parish grounds, providing funeral luncheons, assisting with weddings, and preserving parish history; a Respect Life group; and Mom’s Day Out, a weekly babysitting cooperative allowing parents with young children to meet other parents and share their concerns.

The parish has between 1,300 and 1,400 registered families, a total that has remained stable for several years because Worthington is fully developed. It had about 80 families at the time of its founding, with 128 people attending its first Mass in the Josephinum chapel, which was celebrated by Father John Byrne, its founding pastor. Father Byrne remained as pastor for 30 years and died in 1994. Father Dinovo is the church’s seventh pastor.

Parishioner Patricia Anderson was 10 years old at the time of the parish’s founding. Her parents, Charles and Sally Joyce, were among its original families. She left the Columbus area in 1954, came back in 1982 and lives in her parents’ home.

“The territory the parish covered was mostly cornfields 75 years ago,” she said. “I remember that Father Byrne and my dad used to go rabbit hunting with their dogs. Father Byrne had a beagle named Bounce, and Dad had



A Eucharistic procession, with Father Anthony Dinovo carrying the Blessed Sacrament, makes its way through St. Michael School’s classrooms as the children kneel in adoration.

*Photo courtesy St. Michael School*

a cocker spaniel named Mickey.

“School started in the fall of ’46 with two sisters teaching two grades each. The school, church and rectory all were in an old mansion at North High Street and Selby Boulevard. A couple of years later, we started using an Army Quonset hut for school classes and Masses.”

The mansion was built by the Rev. Philander Chase, who was Episcopal bishop of Ohio from 1819 to 1832. A combined church and school building was built in 1954, and the current church was completed 10 years later.

The Joliet Franciscan sisters who taught at the school used the mansion as a convent from 1954 until 1967, when it was torn down and replaced by a new convent now occupied by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The school continued to use the Quonset hut for a number of years.

The Franciscan sisters left Worthington in 1974, and the convent was used for other purposes until the Dominican sisters accepted Bishop Frederick Campbell’s invitation to come to the parish in 2011. The Ann Arbor, Michigan-based congregation is celebrating its 10th anniversary at St. Michael School during this academic year.

Members of the congregation who will be teaching at St. Michael School this year are Sister John Paul, OP, principal; Sister Maria Kolbe, OP, second grade; Sister Mary Vianney, OP, middle school religion; and Sister Teresa Paul, OP, religion in grades kindergarten through five. Religion classes in those grades are based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a hands-on, Montessori-style curriculum responding to children’s age lev-

els and their everyday lives.

Every aspect of the school’s overall curriculum is structured on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas regarding the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

“Wonderful families in both the parish and school have generously supported the sisters, many of them recalling fond memories of when they were taught by sisters. Growth in faith and the practice of the virtues is the focus in the sisters’ classrooms as they impart to students the joy of being disciples of Christ. The sisters are delighted to join a terrific staff in a shared commitment to academic and moral excellence at St. Michael School,” Sister John Paul said.

Father Emmanuel Addai will begin serving the parish as parochial vicar on Tuesday, Aug. 17. He is being transferred to St. Michael from Westerville St. Paul Church. Father Addai, who is from Ghana, also serves the Columbus Ghanaian community, based at Columbus St. Anthony Church.

St. Michael’s pastoral staff also includes Deacons John Crerand and Bill Demidovich and retired Deacon Klaus Fricke, as well as Kathy Trafford, office manager/bookkeeper; Steve Moore, facilities and safety director; Rhonda Marinelli, receptionist; Kollene Capsers, safe environment director; and Ron Barrett, music director.

St. Michael’s weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, with weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 8:15 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information about the parish, go to its website, [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org) or call (614) 885-7814.

# Columbus teams set to tackle earlier starting date

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

With the truncated 2020 season behind them, the five Columbus Catholic high school football teams are ready to get a new season underway.

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc with schedules, shortening the regular season to six games before teams had the option to enter the postseason playoffs. Columbus St. Francis DeSales found the most success dealing with the difficult situation, advancing to the state final in Division III before losing 31-28 in double overtime to Chardon.

This year, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) has expanded the playoffs by eight teams to a total of 16 teams in each region of the state. As a result, the change necessitated earlier start/end dates for the regular season.

Columbus Bishop Hartley will be the first of the diocese's 10 high school football teams to kick off the season on Thursday, Aug. 19 at Youngstown Ursuline. Most schools in the state see their first action the next day and wrap up the regular season during the weekend of Oct. 22 before the playoffs begin the following week.

Here is a brief look at each of the five diocesan teams from Columbus high schools entering the season:

## Bishop Hartley

An extraordinary pandemic year led to ordinary results, according to Bishop Hartley's lofty standards, during the 2020 regular season. Hartley, with one of central Ohio's most successful programs during the past decade, posted a 3-3 record before winning three in a row in the playoffs and then losing in a Division III regional final to St. Francis DeSales to close with a 6-4 overall record.

Three of Hartley's losses came against DeSales. The other was to perennial power Cincinnati Moeller, a Division I school.

Coach Brad Burchfield's teams have failed to make the playoffs only one time in his 14 seasons at the school, and his program annually produces enough talent to be not only a local juggernaut but also a state power. The Hawks always play a difficult schedule, and this year will be no different, starting with the opener against Ursuline and continuing with Canal Winchester Harvest Prep, Cleveland Benedictine, St. Francis DeSales and Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary.

"I'm excited about the season. We have a lot of experience, and our kids have worked really hard," Burchfield said. "We have been through an awful lot together as a team and football family and are excited to come out of the fire more bonded than ever. Our

schedule is really challenging. We are playing six teams that we have never played before, which is going to be exciting."

One of the state's top players is Hartley senior offensive and defensive lineman Daniel Tooson, a first-team all-state selection in 2020. Others with experience include seniors Richard Kenny, Trey Saunders, Dylan Newsome, Nyal Johnson and Erik Underwood.

## Bishop Ready

Michael Schaefer takes over as Bishop Ready's interim head coach after Joel Cutler, who guided the Silver Knights the past two seasons, took an indefinite leave of absence. Schaefer served as the team's defensive coordinator last year.

Schaefer, a former University of Toledo offensive lineman who has coached in Davenport, Iowa, and at Upper Arlington and Hilliard Davidson as an assistant, inherits a team that compiled a 6-3 record a year ago and advanced to the third round of the Division V playoffs.

The Silver Knights lost a number of seniors from last season's team, but Schaefer is excited about the young talent on the 62-player roster.

"We are very, very young. We lost a lot of skill players and a lot of leadership," Schaefer said. "But our young kids have

been working really, really hard this summer. They're doing everything we've asked of them, and we're just trying to get a little better every day."

The offense returns junior running back Brian Fitzsimmons and junior center Logan Dimel. Ready also welcomes back senior lineman Marvin Sutton, who did not play football last fall. Junior Kaleb Schaffer, who played linebacker last year, will start at quarterback for the first time when Ready opens against Newark Catholic on Aug. 20.

On defense, the players with the most experience are senior defensive backs Sage Tilley and J'Shun Gardner and senior defensive lineman Devon Malone. Kicker Evan O'Connell also returns.

## Bishop Watterson

The son of a former Ohio State player who started at quarterback the past three seasons graduated, but another ex-Buckeye's son will take over behind center this year.

Jacob Hoying, son of former OSU and NFL quarterback Bob Hoying, has moved on to the University of Cincinnati. His replacement will be Ryan Rudzinski, the son of former Buckeyes linebacker Jerry Rudzinski.

One of the last season's highlights

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# Small-school coaches eager to resume full-season schedule

By Tim Puet  
For The Catholic Times

In the 2020 high school football season, Newark Catholic made it to the state semifinals before losing to Warren John F. Kennedy, while Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans struggled to a 1-9 record.

But a new season brings new hope, and coaches from both teams sounded equally enthusiastic about their chances for 2021. This will be the 50th year for the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) to sponsor a playoff system, and coach Ryan Aiello anticipates Newark Catholic will be playing in the postseason for the 37th time.

His counterpart at Rosecrans, Chris Zemba, said his players learned a lot last fall. He's excited because he has only two returning seniors and a bunch of juniors and sophomores who gained experience the previous year.

Coaches Luke Thimmes at Lancaster Fisher Catholic, Casey Cummings at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic and Bob Ashley at Portsmouth Notre Dame, the diocese's other three teams in OHSAA Division VII, consisting of the state's

smallest schools, also are looking forward to possible playoff appearances. The association expanded the playoff field from eight to 16 teams per region this year, meaning more than half of Ohio's high schools will head for the playoffs on the last weekend of October.

Schools also will return to a 10-game regular season after being mostly limited to six games in 2020 because of COVID-19. Every school participated in the playoffs last year except those that opted out.

## Newark Catholic

The Green Wave finished 3-3 in the 2020 regular season, and then defeated Conotton Valley, Danville, Glouster Trimble and Shadyside in the playoffs before falling 20-13 to Warren Kennedy, to finish with a 7-4 record. They were 9-4 the previous year and played three playoff games after uncharacteristic back-to-back 3-7 seasons.

Success is expected at Newark Catholic, which has won eight state championships and has been state runner-up six times. Aiello, in his third year at the school, anticipates his team will continue the tradition. "I'm really excited about where we're headed as

a program," he said. "We have a lot of questions going into this year, but a lot of skilled players have returned."

"We're going to open things up a little more and be a more pass-oriented team. ... We're going to run multiple offensive formations and spread out more."

Aiello said his top returning players are senior quarterback Cole Canter, a third-team All-Ohio selection last year, and junior lineman Brendan Sheehan. "Cole has shown great talent in throwing the ball and has been able to slow the game down in his mind," Aiello said. "With Brendan, it's hard to believe anyone will outwork him. He and senior lineman Chance Brooks are the foundation pieces of our defense." Other defensive standouts are seniors Brandon Buchanan and Elijah Wallace.

Newark Catholic is the only Division VII team in the competitive Licking County League, and Aiello said playing larger county rivals helps his team. "When you play tremendously well-coached, tough, physical teams all the time," he said, "you're ready to face the same kind of opponent in November."

## Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans

"Last year's record doesn't matter. I'm definitely blessed," Zemba said. "We had 17 players come out last year (when the Bishops returned to 11-player football after playing the seven-player version in 2019), and this year we have 23, including 14 who earned letters last year. These guys are tremendously coachable, ... so we're looking for great improvement."

The Bishops played five regular-season games last year and lost a playoff game to Berne Union, but the OHSAA allowed teams to keep playing past the playoffs. Rosecrans played Steubenville Catholic Central, West Muskingum, Beallsville and Worthington Christian in the late season, defeating Beallsville 42-6 for its only victory.

"We learned the hard way last year, but it's going to pay off," Zemba said.

The team's captains are its two returning seniors, Tommy Bernath and Rex Hankinson. "They're two great leaders on and off the field," Zemba said. "The quarterback is Brendan

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# 2021 high school football schedules for diocesan schools

## BISHOP HARTLEY

- 8-19 at Youngstown Ursuline
- 8-27 Harvest Prep
- 9-3 at Canal Winchester
- 9-10 Cleveland Benedictine
- 9-17 at Norwalk
- 9-24 St. Francis DeSales
- 10-1 Reigning Sports Academy
- 10-8 St. Charles
- 10-15 at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary
- 10-22 Bishop Watterson
- 2020 record: 6-4 overall, 3-2 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Brad Burchfield (138-32 in 13 seasons at Bishop Hartley and 169-57 overall)

## BISHOP READY

- 8-20 Newark Catholic
- 8-27 at Toledo Woodward
- 9-3 at Bishop Watterson
- 9-10 Buckeye Valley
- 9-17 at Columbus Academy
- 9-24 Harvest Prep
- 10-1 at Whitehall-Yearling
- 10-8 Bexley
- 10-15 Grandview Heights
- 10-22 at KIPP Columbus
- 2020 record: 6-3 overall, 4-1 conference
- Conference: Mid-State League Ohio Division
- Coach: Michael Schaefer (first year at Bishop Ready)

## BISHOP WATTERSON

- 8-20 at Columbus Whetstone
- 8-27 Bellefontaine
- 9-3 Bishop Ready
- 9-10 at Licking Valley
- 9-17 Whitehall-Yearling
- 9-24 at St. Charles
- 10-1 Granville
- 10-8 at St. Francis DeSales
- 10-15 at Centennial
- 10-22 at Bishop Hartley
- 2020 record: 4-4 overall, 2-3 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Brian Kennedy (18-20 in four seasons at Bishop Watterson and overall)

## ST. CHARLES

- 8-20 at Sunbury Big Walnut
- 8-27 at Eastmoor Academy
- 9-3 at Amanda-Clearcreek
- 9-10 Youngstown Chaney
- 9-17 Walsh Jesuit
- 9-24 Bishop Watterson
- 10-1 at Logan
- 10-8 at Bishop Hartley
- 10-15 Reigning Sports Academy
- 10-22 St. Francis DeSales
- 2020 record: 2-5 overall, 0-3 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Deke Hocker (10-17 in three seasons at St. Charles and overall)

## ST. FRANCIS DE-SALES

- 8-20 at Olentangy Berlin
- 8-27 Reigning Sports Academy
- 9-3 at Berea-Midpark
- 9-10 Clinton-Massie
- 9-18 at Akron Buchtel
- 9-24 at Bishop Hartley
- 10-1 at Steubenville
- 10-8 Bishop Watterson
- 10-15 St. Francis (New York)
- 10-22 at St. Charles
- 2020 record: 9-2 overall, 4-1 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Ryan Wiggins (125-50 in 14 seasons at DeSales and 129-56 overall)

## BISHOP ROSECRANS

- 8-20 Portsmouth East
- 8-27 Millersport
- 9-3 at Berne Union
- 9-11 at Steubenville Catholic
- 9-18 at Portsmouth Notre Dame
- 9-24 Grove City Christian
- 10-1 at Fisher Catholic
- 10-8 Fairfield Christian
- 10-15 Worthington Christian
- 10-22 at Hemlock Millee
- 2020 record: 1-9 overall, 0-5 conference
- Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal
- Coach: Chris Zemba (1-9 in one season at Bishop Rosecrans and overall)

## FISHER CATHOLIC

- 8-21 at Tuscarawas Catholic
- 8-27 Franklin Furnace Green
- 9-4 Portsmouth Notre Dame
- 9-10 at Grove City Christian
- 9-17 Worthington Christian
- 9-25 at Fairfield Christian
- 10-1 Bishop Rosecrans
- 10-8 at Hemlock Miller
- 10-15 at KIPP Columbus
- 10-22 Berne Union
- 2020 record: 4-5 overall, 3-2 conference
- Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal
- Coach: Luke Thimmes (4-5 in one season at Fisher Catholic and overall)

## NEWARK CATHOLIC

- 8-20 at Bishop Ready
- 8-27 at Nelsonville-York
- 9-3 Columbus Academy
- 9-11 Fort Loramie
- 9-17 Licking Heights
- 9-24 at Utica
- 10-2 Johnstown-Monroe
- 10-8 at Hebron Lakewood
- 10-15 Heath
- 10-22 at Johnstown Northridge
- 2020 record: 7-4 overall, 3-2 conference
- Conference: Licking County League Cardinal
- Coach: Ryan Aiello (19-15 in three seasons at Notre Dame and overall)

## PORTSMOUTH NOTRE DAME

- 8-20 Grove City Christian
- 8-27 Fairfield Christian
- 9-4 at Fisher Catholic
- 9-10 Fayetteville
- 9-18 Bishop Rosecrans
- 9-25 McDermott Northwest
- 10-1 at Franklin Furnace Green
- 10-8 Beaver Eastern
- 10-15 at Symmes Valley
- 10-22 at Portsmouth East
- 2020 record: 3-4 overall, 1-2 conference
- Conference: Southern Ohio Conference Division I
- Coach: Bob Ashley (69-80 in 16 seasons at Notre Dame and 93-108 overall)

## TUSCARAWAS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- 8-21 Fisher Catholic
- 8-27 at Grove City Christian
- 9-4 Wheeling (West Virginia) Catholic
- 9-10 at Garaway
- 9-18 Sandy Valley
- 9-24 at Buckeye Trail
- 10-1 Newcomerstown
- 10-8 at East Canton
- 10-15 at Malvern
- 10-23 Strasburg-Franklin
- 2020 record: 2-4 overall, 1-2 conference
- Conference: Inter-Valley Conference North
- Coach: Casey Cummings (39-48 in nine seasons at TCC and overall)

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came when Hoying completed a two-point conversion pass in the second overtime to give Watterson a 35-34 victory over rival St. Francis DeSales on Sept. 18. The Eagles finished with a 4-4 record that included one playoff win.

The quarterback position will be one of several changes on offense this season for Bishop Watterson.

"We graduated a ton of experience on offense so we have some young guys that are going to have opportunities to step up," fifth-year coach Brian Kennedy said. "On defense, we bring back experienced players that will need to be leaders on the field."

Senior defensive back Dominic Orsini had 102 tackles and two interceptions last year. Senior linebackers Cole Graney, AJ DeFillipo and Danny Siegel contributed 58, 52 and 51 tackles, respectively, and two-way senior lineman Kevin Hinsman totaled 44 tackles and four sacks. Junior wideout Brandon Trout caught five touchdown passes and had 563 receiving yards a year ago.

### St. Charles

The pandemic affected St. Charles more than any team in the Central

Catholic League last fall. The Cardinals delayed the start of their season until the fourth week, played three games before losing in the first round of the playoffs, and then returned for three more regular-season games (an option granted by the OHSAA to playoff-eliminated teams) to finish with a 2-5 overall record.

With a good nucleus of players returning from last season and a return to more normalcy with the schedule, fourth-year St. Charles coach Deke Hocker is hoping for a better start than when the Cardinals lost their first three games a year ago to Central Catholic League rivals Bishop Hartley, St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Watterson. St. Charles opens Aug. 20 at Sunbury Big Walnut.

The Cardinals return most of the players from their offensive and defensive lines. Among the experienced returnees are seniors JD Epler and Evan Somos, junior Ryan Carretta, senior tight end-defensive end Nick Bennison and fullback-defensive lineman Solomon Lisath.

Senior Archer Stankowski gets a shot at the starting quarterback job in his fourth year in the program. He'll replace Carter Bryant, an All-Central

Catholic League first team and all-district second team selection in 2020. The offense is likely to run through senior running back Fred Nimely, a starter last year.

"We have four starters on the offensive line, and our defensive line all returns," Hocker said. "Like anybody, we want to try and run the ball."

"But the biggest thing we think of is really being able to appreciate that we're playing after last year. We started clicking toward the end of last season, and guys were getting more snaps under their belts. I was just glad that we were able to get games and to get some experience, and our young guys definitely got better as the season progressed."

### St. Francis DeSales

DeSales lost an All-Ohio running back and linebacker with the graduation of Quintell Quinn, but the Stallions always seem to have talent waiting in the wings.

Senior Jonathan Thompson, who played running back and linebacker last year along with Quinn, will be featured in the backfield and as a leader of the defense as a linebacker. Thompson will follow in the footsteps of Quinn,

who is now at Ohio University, into college football next season as a University of Cincinnati commitment.

Another returnee in the backfield is senior quarterback Whit Hobgood. A talented up-and-comer is sophomore linebacker Max Shulaw.

The Stallions always begin with high aspirations and a taxing schedule, and this year appears to be no different. They open Aug. 20 against Olentangy Berlin and later face perennial playoff contenders Clinton-Massie, Steubenville, Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley.

Before veteran DeSales coach Ryan Wiggins entertains thoughts of another long playoff run, he prefers to focus on short-term successes. One of those goals is winning back-to-back Central Catholic League championships.

"Our league champion, over the course of many years, our CCL champion has been able to springboard into bigger and better things quite often," Wiggins told *The Columbus Dispatch*. "Starting with that, then you get into the playoffs, and you'd love to win your region. From there, you're onto the state level. That's our goal. That's always been our goal, always will be our goal. But (there's) a lot of work to do."

Solemnity of the Assumption Year B

## Mary proof that God keeps promises

Vigil Mass

**1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2**  
**Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14**  
**1 Corinthians 15:54b-57**  
**Luke 11:27-28**

Mass of the Day

**Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**  
**Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16**  
**1 Corinthians 15:20-27**  
**Luke 1:39-56**

Connection between this world and the next is what it's all about. For Christians, it is clear that death is not the end. In fact, we have the certainty of faith that those who are one with Christ will receive the eternal reward that has been promised.

Mary, the mother of the Lord, is the first one to experience the fullness of this truth. She is God's gift to us as a reminder that He is God, that He will follow through on all His promises. Her cooperation with grace from the beginning to the end of her earthly journey shows us also that we are capable of responding fully to Him.

How do you see God? The Mary made known to us in the Scriptures sees God as the fulfiller of promises. As handmaid of the Lord, she trusts Him for the sake of us all.

We have in Mary a mother, one who knows our journey and our needs. We have an example and an exemplar of the very flow of grace. We see at work in the humanity of Mary all that is available to us. Setting aside arguments, accepting through faith what the Church reveals to us about how God has worked in Mary, we can find a way to put it into practice.

Each of the mysteries and dogmas associated with Mary has a corollary that is to be found in the way He continues to work in us through grace. The Immaculate Conception, the perpetual virginity of Mary, the divine motherhood (Mary as Theotokos, mother of God), the Assumption and Mary's co-

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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operation in the work of grace can be found in our own experience of God through faith and in the sacramental life of the Church.

We are born in need of God's purifying love: Baptism frees us from original sin. We are in need of God's help to be faithful to our commitments: Purity of heart allows us to devote ourselves fully to God's will.

Each unique person has a role in the work of salvation that is a ministry of the Christ operating through earthly life and into eternity. The Resurrection is offered to all. Grace is available to us here, now and forever. Our "eternal rest" is in truth the continuing work of God in us and through us in the communion of saints. All of this is ours in Jesus Christ. Mary's whole life witnesses to the truth of it.

Mary's proclamation of joy, the Magnificat, is a daily part of the prayer of the Church, the Divine Office. It is prayed each evening as part of Evening Prayer. This prayer contains within it a comprehensive vision of humanity, God's vision of salvation.

Mary's song of praise reminds us about all that God continues to do in our own souls. We proclaim the greatness of the Lord as He frees us from sin, as He forms us as disciples, as He calls for our response and as He promises to bring us to the fullness of life offered in the Resurrection and in a living relationship to the Holy Trinity.

Mary responded with all she was – body, mind and spirit, heart and soul. And God's response was greater: In the Assumption, He gave her back all she had given Him and her share in the Resurrection. When the course of her earthly life came to its close, Jesus took

### THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

8/16-8/21

MONDAY

Judges 2:11-19  
 Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43ab,44  
 Matthew 19:16-22

TUESDAY

Judges 6:11-24a  
 Psalm 85:9,11-14  
 Matthew 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

Judges 9:6-15  
 Psalm 21:2-7  
 Matthew 20:1-16

THURSDAY

Judges 11:29-39a  
 Psalm 40:5,7-10  
 Matthew 22:1-14

FRIDAY

Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22  
 Psalm 146:5-10  
 Matthew 22:34-40

SATURDAY

Ruth 2:1-3,8-11:4:13-17  
 Psalm 128:1b-5  
 Matthew 23:1-12

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MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10  
 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b  
 Matthew 23:13-22

TUESDAY

Revelation 21:9b-14  
 Psalm 145:10-13,17-18  
 John 1:45-51

WEDNESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
 Psalm 139:7-12b  
 Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13  
 Psalm 90:3-5a,12-14,17  
 Matthew 24:42-51

FRIDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
 Psalm 97:1-2b,5-6,10-12  
 Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11  
 Psalm 98:1,7-9  
 Matthew 25:14-30

### DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

#### MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF AUGUST 15 AND 22, 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com) and diocesan website, [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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His mother in the fullness of her person, body and soul, into glory. That is the promise of the Assumption for us.

The full promise offered to the human race, the gift of salvation, redemption and the offer of a share in God's glory, are made known to us through Mary. Today we are invited to contemplate God's plan for us. What

will happen in this life is always uncertain, but what is offered to us at the end of life's journey has been set.

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and on His mother, we have a way to reach our true home, a place of light and peace and glory in the heart of the Trinity. Mary, mother of God, our mother assumed into Heaven, pray for us!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## Eucharist gives us strength to be faithful to God

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**  
**Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21**  
**Ephesians 5:21-32 or Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32**  
**John 6:60-69**

God calls His people to unity of heart and mind. He invites us to one purpose – to live in a covenant relationship with Him and with one another. In every moment of life, God gathers us together and gives us a

choice. We have a decision to make, whether we will live for ourselves or for God and others.

We then must discover a way of life that will make known to the world our commitment. Each person and each community in every generation have the same choice to make, whether we will strive to be faithful and whether we will rely on our own power or on God's.

How are we to respond to the fact that many do not follow the path

we choose? We must ask ourselves whether we are convinced of our faith. Have we truly come to believe?

The Gospel reveals to us much that is beyond us. We do not have to grasp it all through our minds. What is crucial for us is our response. We increasingly find ourselves in the face of the responsibility to make a decision concerning our faith. Will we be for Jesus Christ and His Church?

For the people of Israel standing

with Joshua at the end of their journey into the Promised Land, the choice concerned their response to a world of many gods and to their own experience of their God, Who had brought them out of Egypt and into Canaan.

For us, the Eucharist is the central reality because it puts us face-to-face with Jesus Himself. Jesus stands be-

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fore us in all His risen glory in the Eucharist. He is hidden to us except through faith. In the Eucharist, He teaches us and invites us to understand the truth. We are called to be His disciples in an unbelieving world.

Many who hear of our faith in the Eucharist respond: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Jesus responds, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." When many turn away from Him, Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

The discourse on the Bread of Life has been a major part of our summer journey. We are invited to hear it with hearts that are open and willing to respond. If our faith in the Real Presence has wavered, we must hear again the challenge that is offered. It is no mere symbol. It is a sacrament that offers us the grace of the covenant that Jesus suffered and died to establish.

Even the first disciples recognized that He was presenting something that was beyond what they could under-

stand. But they also realized that He offered words that had depth and that opened up a new vision of life.

We live in a world that has many gods, false gods as well as ideas and notions that fail to correspond to reality. It is given to each of us through faith to see through the deceptions and to respond to the truth. The Eucharist frees us to live the covenant that Jesus established. When we choose to stand with Him and His Church, we find the meaning that our hearts seek. "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Every sacrament points to this reality. As we accept sacramental graces, we deepen our connection to the Eucharist. The more truly we live our baptism and confirmation, the more we hunger for the Eucharist and for the heavenly banquet of which it is the sign and promise.

Holy matrimony and holy orders find strength and nourishment in the unity we find at the altar of the Eucharist. Mercy and healing flow from and toward our standing together as a community around the table of the Lord. May we rediscover the truth of the Real Presence so that our Real Future may unfold according to God's plan.

**COACHES, continued from Page 12**

Bernath, Tommy's younger brother. He's only a sophomore, but you'd never know it from the way he plays." His top receiving targets will be juniors Garrett Pugh, Weston Hartman and Skyler Hittle, with sophomores Brendan Wilden, Mike Burkhart, Maddux Burkhart and Gavin Bee anchoring the line.

The Bishops play in the Mid-State League Cardinal Division and open the season with home games against Portsmouth East and Millersport.

**Lancaster Fisher Catholic**

"We have some high expectations this year" after finishing 4-5, losing to Cardington in the first round of the playoffs last year, his first as a head coach, Thimmes said. "We're going to have a good offensive line and a tough, opportunistic defensive which will wear teams out. Offensively, we'll run a single and a double wing with a few passing formations."

One of the key linemen for the Irish, Waylon Yeager, will play in the Blue-Grey All-American postseason game at the home of the Dallas Cowboys. The 6-foot-3, 270-pound Yeager "made a big impression at a showcase of top players in Cincinnati, going 18-2 in one-on-one matchups," Thimmes said.

"Jack Tencza, at running back and linebacker, is another great leader," Thimmes said. "Another senior, Kavanaugh Frank, plays inside linebacker on defense and center on offense and is the quarterback for both in terms of setting up plays."

"We're trying to figure out who will be in the actual quarterback position. We have a senior, Jack Carpenter, who was at running back and cornerback last year. Then there's a freshman, Grant Keefer, who's very athletic and doesn't seem to be afraid of the moment."

"We lost a couple of games we felt we should have won last year, but that's all part of growing pains," Thimmes said. "We'll learn from those experiences."

**Tuscarawas Central Catholic**

"It's a typical preseason outlook for us," Cummings said. "We've got a small roster, with 28 players, and we'll be the underdog in seven or eight games. ... We play a tough schedule every year and always beat some of the teams that are supposed to beat us."

Last year's team went 2-2 in the regular season, with one game canceled because of COVID. The defeats were against West Lafayette Ridge-wood and Malvern, both of which went unbeaten in the regular season.

"We're a talented bunch," Cummings said. "We'll be benefiting from two transfers in the backfield. The quarterback will be Jordan Cherry, a 6-2, 180-pounder from Louisville, and James Brooks, 5-11 and 200 pounds, who had a strong year last year at running back for Harrison Central."

"The key for us this year will be keeping our opponents' offenses off the field, and we've got a defense we think will be able to do that. Chase Ciekanski, a 6-foot-4 cornerback and a real burner, is a three-year starter who covers ground really well. Gabe Serafini and Luke Frederick are three-year starters on the line. Thayne Mahaffey, Adam DeCominda, Gavin Douglass and Casey Green all did well on defense in the limited season we had last year."

Cummings completes a decade of coaching this year and said he keeps coming back because he's seen players' lives improve through the lessons they've learned from football. "The best part of this job is putting kids on the right track and seeing another side of them," he said

**Portsmouth Notre Dame**

Coach Ashley has a young team, with only nine juniors and seniors among his 26 players, but he was encouraged by their attitude early in training camp. "We're a little inexperienced, but I don't think I could ask for a better bunch of kids," he said.

Junior defensive lineman Carter Campbell is back after making honorable mention on the 2020 All-Ohio team. "He's 6-2 and 185, but plays well above his size," said Ashley, who enters his 16th year coaching the Titans.

"Wyatt Webb is at quarterback, replacing Caleb Nichols, now playing at Wittenberg," he said. "I could see Wyatt getting a good grasp of our offense in the first few days of camp."

Co-captains are wide receiver Matt Boldman and running back Beau Hobbs. "Boldman earned the right to be captain because he has a huge heart," Ashley said. "We don't throw much, but with him at wideout and Dylan Seison, who was honorable mention All-Southeastern District last year, at slot receiver, we'll pass a lot more from the shotgun. Hobbs will do most of the running, but Cody Metzler, another good running back, transferred from Lucasville Valley, and we also want to get the ball in his hands."

After going 0-10 in 2019, the Titans improved to 3-4 last year. "We were on the upswing last year," Ashley said, "and I think we can maintain that momentum."

# PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

**ABRAMS (COTYK), Melva (Hatch), 84, July 20**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**BARBER, Mary K. (Gardner), 91, July 13**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**BARRETT, Mary, 87, Feb. 12**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**BASHORE, Robert J. "Robin" Jr., 64, July 28**  
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

**BUTZER, Rosemary D. (Daniel), 82, July 26**  
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

**COYLE, Kevin A., 55, July 18**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**DeBRUIN, Madge (Boesinger), 85, July 24**  
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

**ENGLE, ALICE (Kilbarger), 63, May 21**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**FLYNN, Annette L. (Incorvia), 78, July 31**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**FRENZER, Peter F., 86, July 22**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**HECK, Eugene "Buster," 89, June 26**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**LEWIS, Patricia L (Matey), 83, of Westerville, July 31**  
Sacred Heart Church, Southport, N.C.

**LIBERATORE, Phyllis (Barbee), 90, April 4**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**McGEE, Reagan, 9, July 25**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**McKINLAY, Helen E. (Griffin), 82, July 24**  
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

**MINISTER, Chase M., 33, Aug. 1**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**MUSSELMAN, Camillus B. "Terp," 78, Aug. 3**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**NOVAK, Mary Ann (Kreeger), 80, Aug. 2**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

**SHANKS, Dolores A. (Rieser), 97, July 30**  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

**VALENTINE, Richard H., 92, July 31**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**WISINTAINER, Mary I. "Marybelle" (Thomas), 95, June 29**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**WOLFE, Edward, 95, July 27**  
St. Mary Church, Bremen

**ZIEGLER, Faye, 84, July 24**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

## Doris C. Hannon

A funeral service for Doris C. Hannon, 97, who died Sunday, July 25, was held Thursday, July 29 at the Schoedinger North Funeral Home in Columbus. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on July 26, 1923 in Columbus to the late James and Florence (Sigrist) Hannon.

She was circulation manager for *The Catholic Times* from 1948, when it was known as *The Columbus Register*, until 1986, serving under the newspaper's founding editor, Msgr. Herman Mattingly, and his successors Father David Dennis, Father (later Bishop) George Fulcher, Fa-

ther James Hanley and Michael Collins.

She was a member of Columbus St. Matthias Church, where she volunteered in the school library and at Lenten fish fries.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

## Janice M. Holtschulte

Funeral Mass for Janice M. Holtschulte, 74, who died Thursday, July 29, was celebrated Saturday, Aug. 7 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a graduate of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and Ohio Do-

minican College (now Ohio Dominican University) and was employed as an art teacher at Bishop Hartley and an administrator with PNC Bank.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Dorothy Holtschulte, and is survived by a brother, Michael.

## Mary Bourke

Funeral Mass for Mary Bourke, 79, who died Tuesday, July 27, was celebrated Wednesday, Aug. 4 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on April 7, 1942 in Columbus to the late Laurence and Dorothy (Welch) Mackin.

She was a 1960 graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and a Master of Arts degree from John Carroll University in 1966, and pursued a doctorate at Ohio State University.

After teaching in Cleveland and in Angola, Indiana, she taught British and American literature at Bishop Watterson High School for 30 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Peggy (Tim) McCort, Maureen (Peter) Yanik, Kathleen Bourke (Ray Friesner) and Ann (Derek) Shank; brother, Jim; sister, Ann (Ron) Keelen; two grandsons; and six granddaughters.

## Richard R. Stedman

Funeral Mass for Richard R. Stedman, 85, who died Friday July 23, was celebrated Wednesday, July 28 at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and of Ohio State University and its law school and was a practicing attorney in central Ohio for 57 years, retiring as a partner with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease.

He was a founding member of The Catholic Foundation, was a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and the Cradling Christianity organization, and was a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; sons, Richard (Amy) and Patrick; daughter, Gretchen (Wayne) Kleman; sisters, Patricia (Scott) Martin, Barbara Crawford and Mary (Steve) Schodorf; and six grandchildren.



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# Father Daniel Olvera's funeral homily for Father Victor Wesolowski

"I'd first like to express my condolences to Father Victor's close friends, who were his family. You made a big difference in his life and I know he was grateful for all of you. I'd like to thank Bishop Brennan, Bishop Griffin, our pastor Father Hammond, my brother priests, the deacons, the Knights of Columbus, parishioners from his parish assignments, and everyone else for your attendance today.

"It's always nice to see such a nice turnout from fellow clergy, church communities and friends. It speaks of your love, respect, care and concern for the priesthood. God bless you for your kindness. And I know there are those of you that knew him that I've never met before, but I have no doubt he enjoyed your company and fellowship.

"Prior to being ordained back in 2017, I heard about Father Victor but had never met him. At the time, I was still trying to get to know the men in the presbyterate, but it would take a while before I could have the opportunity to meet them all.

"Well, the opportunity to meet Father Victor came when we both ended up in Mother Angeline McCrory nursing home back in 2018. I was recovering from a surgery and Father Victor was dealing with his own health issues. When I had heard that he was in the nursing home with me, I found my way to his room and introduced myself.

"We had attended the same seminary, but at different times, so I knew we would have much to talk about. Our seminary, Pope St. John XXIII, is unique in that it offers formation for older men. Many that attend the seminary have had very successful careers and fascinating lives, but they chose to give up what they had to answer the call from the Lord, which is what Father Victor did.

"He worked here in Mount Vernon with his close friends that are here today and they watched as he discerned the priesthood. I was fortunate to be with them a few nights ago at a local place down the street, where they would meet often with him for food and fellowship. They shared some of their own personal moments about Father Victor. Some were very touching and some that were quite humorous, and some I just won't share.

"Anyway, while living in Mount Vernon, St. Vin-

cent de Paul become his church home. He was devout in his faith and wasn't shy about it, and was eventually called to the priesthood. After a time of being a parochial vicar, he was assigned as pastor to St. Luke's in Danville, which is part of our consortium. His last assignment was at Sacred Heart in Coshocton, and he also assisted with St. Francis de Sales in Newcomerstown.

"Throughout his time as pastor, he stayed close to his friends here in Mount Vernon, driving in often and enjoying their company. He would talk to his friends and others about the faith and did what he could to help people discover or return to the Church because he knew what we had; that being the physical presence of Christ Himself under the form of bread and wine.

"That little gold box behind me called the tabernacle holds within it the physical presence of Christ, the bread of eternal life, and 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324). And he knew that, which is why he wanted to share the faith so much with others.

"Father Victor had health issues, which is what led him to the nursing home. While we were there, we could share our love for the faith and encourage each other and give each other hope. It was then that I found out he was the pastor at Sacred Heart, where he enjoyed his time with the people and looked forward to going back. Eventually, I would be released first, but I still kept in contact with him, and in time he, too, would leave.

"Unfortunately, more health complications entered into his life and he would end up returning to the nursing home. COVID made visits difficult, but his friends would keep tabs on him and help lift his spirits, and so would Father Lumpe, who would make visits when he could. His health seemed to be slowly getting better, but sadly, this past week it took a quick turn for the worse and he was sent to the hospital.

"His condition became serious rather quickly and unexpectedly, so Father Lumpe was called out for the anointing of the sick and the apostolic pardon. Father Lumpe phoned the bishop and informed him of the situation. The bishop responded quickly and met Father Lumpe and Father Victor at the hospital. It was about the three o'clock hour, the hour of mercy, when the bishop suggested to Father Lumpe that they pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and it wasn't too long after that that Father Victor peacefully passed from this life.

"We can only hope to be so fortunate when our time comes. Having a priest (or bishop) by our side at the end of our lives to administer the sacraments is something we should all pray for. Even in the Litany of the Saints, we pray to be kept 'from a sudden and unprovided death.' Why? Because it's one last opportunity to repent and receive Christ Himself. And to die at the three o'clock hour of mercy, the same hour that Christ gave up His life, is an honor. These are all gifts from God, and ones that anyone would be eternally grateful for.

"We priests are beyond blessed to be able to impart such gifts, but how much more of a blessing is it to receive them? How many souls did Father Victor help get to heaven? Only God knows. Thank God for the gift of priesthood.

"There's awesome power behind the gift of priesthood, but with such a great gift, comes great responsibility. 'To whom much has been given, much will be required,' says St. Luke (12:48). We are shepherds to ev-

everyone around us and as priests, we will be judged by God even more, for these magnificent gifts have been entrusted to us and should never be taken for granted.

"These gifts come from God, which is why we're really here today. We pay tribute to Father Victor and his gifts with our prayers but show honor, praise and thanks to God through our worship. He's the one that gave us life and calls us back to Himself, home to heaven, where we will see Him face to face.

"The Book of Wisdom hints of this gift when it says, 'The faithful shall abide with him in love' (Wisdom 3:9), but St. John tells us explicitly we shall see Him as He is. (1 John 3:2) Quite an overwhelming thought, but still one that is promised for the faithful, but we're not home yet.

"Funerals are reminders that life is temporary. We don't know if we have tomorrow. God gives us so many gifts and talents, but they're not to be used just on ourselves, but for others. 'If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me' (Luke 9:23). Are we living a life for ourselves or for others?

"St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, tells us, 'There is no doubt about it: a person who loves pleasure, who seeks comfort, who flies from anything that might spell suffering, who is overanxious, who complains, who blames and who becomes impatient at the least little thing which does not go his way. A person like that is a Christian only in name; he is only a dishonor to his religion, for Jesus Christ has said so.' Christ came to serve, not to be served.

"Our Lord continues, 'Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it' (Luke 9:24). The life of a Christian is difficult. Christ came to take away sins, not trials. No one is exempt from the cross, but for us Christians, we know that the cross means heaven.

"What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?' (Luke 9:25). Life is short, but heaven is eternal.

"All that quoting from the Gospel of Luke was chosen by Father Victor for his funeral. He knew what he was choosing because he was trying to send one final message: live a life of Christ and gain eternal life – a life of happiness and joy with our loved ones and God Himself forever."

## Outdoor Mass in Plain City



Bishop Robert Brennan (right) celebrated the 8:30 a.m. Mass outdoors at Plain City St. Joseph Church on Sunday, July 18 with Father Joseph Trapp. When the parish restarted Masses last year after the pandemic shutdown, Father Trapp erected a tent near the parking lot to allow immune-compromised parishioners to social-distance themselves and receive Holy Communion. When Bishop Brennan came to the parish for Confirmation in May, he was invited to return to celebrate a future Sunday Mass in the tent. *Photo courtesy Plain City St. Joseph Church*

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# Infertility ministry a semifinalist in business contest

By Elizabeth Pardi

Springs in the Desert is a Catholic ministry committed to providing spiritual support for those experiencing infertility. It was founded by Ann Koshute, who lives in Pennsylvania, and Kimberly Henkel, a central Ohio resident.

On June 29, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), one of the world's largest Catholic publishing companies, announced Springs in the Desert as a semifinalist in its 2021 OSV Challenge. A competition for Catholic entrepreneurs, the OSV Challenge was "designed to accelerate unique project ideas in any stage from Catholics whose faith has motivated them to make a difference," Springs in the Desert said in a press release.

A total of 182 applicants were chosen to advance to the second round of the competition, and of those, 25 were selected for the semifinal round.

As a semifinalist, Springs in the Desert qualifies for a six-week program sponsored by the University of St. Thomas in Houston. The program "includes entrepreneurial education and mentoring to enhance the spiritual development and business acumen of the innovators," the press release said. If selected as one of the three winning innovators, Springs in the Desert will receive \$100,000 to further its mission.



Kimberly Henkel

"We are grateful but also humbled to have made it this far in the challenge," Koshute said. "It is a confirmation that what we are doing is God's work, and that it is so needed."

She and Henkel met in Washington, D.C. while studying at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. Later, "they discovered not only their common struggle with infertility, but frustration at the lack of adequate spiritual and emotional support from pastors, the Church community and even among friends and family members," according to their website, [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).

In 2019, Springs in the Desert was of-

ficially launched as a nonprofit organization. "The whole concept of starting this huge ministry seemed very overwhelming," Henkel said. "We just started taking baby steps, ... and it was honestly just miraculous how these amazing, beautiful women started contacting us, saying, 'We want to be a part of this. We have been looking for something like this.'"

Today, Springs in the Desert has a blog with multiple contributing writers and a podcast with almost 20 episodes, all centered on bringing hope and healing to couples experiencing infertility. "We are launching virtual small groups next month," Henkel said. "We will be piloting a four-week, virtual small group for women and another group for couples."

She said one of the best surprises for her has been the desire of men to be involved in the ministry. The Springs in the Desert podcast has a series called A Man's Take, in which the cross of infertility is examined from a man's perspective. "They can offer a lot of women insight into how their husbands grieve differently than they do," Henkel said.

In one of the recent podcast episodes titled "A Man's Take: Marriage and Father's Day with Ian Durnan," James Kleineck and Ian Durnan discuss their own experiences with infertility and the fruits they've found through those experiences. When asked about his and his wife's acceptance of their inability to conceive, Durnan says, "She was going through more of the emotional and spiritual turmoil of it. For me, I didn't experience it that way, and I actually felt kind of guilty that I didn't."

His wife, Cassi, is a contributing writer for the ministry's blog. "Ex-

periencing infertility can be very isolating," she said. "Being a part of Springs in the Desert continually reminds us that we are not alone. There are others who understand ... us as we try to follow God's path for our marriage. ... God is helping us to carry this cross by giving us this amazing group of men and women to walk with us. When I finally came across this ministry, it was such a relief!"

Koshute said one of their ministry's main goals is to shed light on the cross of infertility, especially in the Catholic community. "We really hope to influence the conversation around marriage and family to include this kind of accompaniment with women and couples experiencing infertility ... miscarriages, secondary infertility, all of those different aspects of this particular suffering." They hope that, as Springs in the Desert grows, more couples will be referred to it by their clergy.

"(We want) to bring awareness to pastors, to parish ministry, to family life offices. ... Resources (for couples experiencing infertility) are so limited in our dioceses."

A consequence of limited resources is that some couples struggling with infertility leave the faith. "The couple who is struggling with infertility can often feel like they have been completely forgotten by God," Henkel said. "They question if they're being punished in some way. They can feel very isolated, and many confide in us that they stop going to church for some time because it's too painful."

Springs in the Desert seeks to bring consolation to those couples. Laura

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## Order of Malta honors two members



Members of the Columbus Region of the Federal Association, USA of the Order of Malta celebrated a Mass on Thursday, June 24, the feast of St. John the Baptist, at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church. Two members of the Region received the 2020 President's Award in recognition of their efforts to serve the sick and poor in the midst of a pandemic. Because last year's Investiture Dinner was canceled due to COVID-19, the awards were presented after Mass this year by Charles Mifsud, a local member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Association, and Bishop Robert Brennan to Jason M. Thomas and Jeffrey E. Kaman.

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# Indy 500 winning owner says Catholic principles have made difference

By Tim Puet  
For *The Catholic Times*

The co-owner of the winning car in this year's Indianapolis 500 says the principles he learned while attending Catholic grade school made an impact that has affected him throughout his racing career.

"I've never forgotten what I learned from the Sisters of St. Joseph who taught me in the 1970s at Gahanna St. Matthew School," said Michael Shank, who attended the school from first through eighth grades.

"It's the base of the way I've always tried to do business, and it's very simple: Be truthful, take the high road, turn the other cheek, respond with love rather than anger – though I haven't always been successful in that last part," he said.

"Keeping this in mind has kept me from doing a lot of things I would have regretted and has saved many relationships."

Shank and his wife, Marybeth, live in Buckeye Lake. Shank attends Somerset St. Joseph Church when he's not with his Pataskala-based Meyer Shank Racing (MSR) teams on the IndyCar and International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) sports car racing circuits.

"St. Joseph's is so beautiful and has such great history as the oldest Catholic church in Ohio, which you can see in the cemetery next to the church," he said. "Plus it's great to drive out to rural Perry County (where the church is located) because it's such a contrast from the frenzy of a race day."

Shank said the IndyCar series does not currently have a Catholic chaplain because of the deaths of Father Al Cylwicki, CSB, of Michigan earlier this year and Father Glenn O'Connor of Indianapolis in 2019, so he attends nondenominational Sunday services conducted before races at tracks on the

IndyCar and IMSA circuits. Most of the races are on Sundays.

MSR's victory at Indianapolis this year on Sunday, May 30 was one of the most unexpected and popular in the 500's 110-year history. The race winner, Helio Castroneves, had joined MSR strictly for the 500 and became the fourth four-time winner in the race's history, joining A.J. Foyt, Al Unser Sr. and Rick Mears. His other 500 victories were in 2001, 2002 and 2009.

Castroneves' triumph was one of the most unexpected in Indianapolis history because it had been 12 years since he had last won the race. It also was an extremely popular result because of Castroneves' bubbly personality and his tradition of climbing the track fence



**Mike Shank (left), who attended Gahanna St. Matthew School from first to eighth grade, and Helio Castroneves celebrate their Indianapolis 500 victory in May.**

*Photos courtesy Meyer Shank Racing*

ing after a victory, for which he has earned the nickname "Spider-Man." He also is well-known beyond the racing circuits because he won television's *Dancing With the Stars* competition in 2007, teaming with professional dancer Julianne Hough.

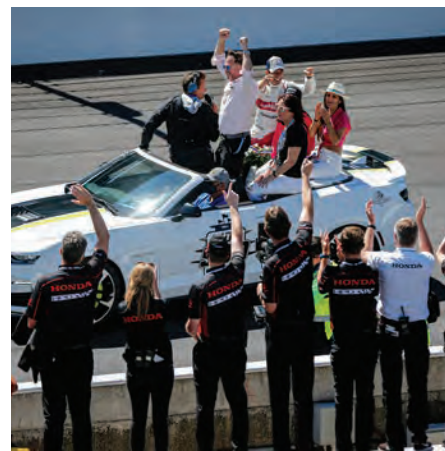
Castroneves, 46, who also is Catholic and is a native of Brazil, entered American racing in 1996, along with fellow Brazilian Tony Kanaan. The two were roommates in the Columbus suburb of Dublin and competed for two years in the Indy Lights developmental series for a former Columbus-based team known as Tasman Motorsports. Both drivers entered major competition in 1998, with Kanaan winning the 500 in 2013. Castroneves joined IndyCar's dominant team, Penske Racing, in 2000 and stayed with

Penske until midway through the 2020 season.

Despite his success at Indianapolis, Castroneves was looking for a team so he could drive in the race this year. Shank said he was aware of this and decided to take a chance on the veteran. "I knew he was done at Penske, and the chance to sign someone with his experience and knowledge of the track was too good to pass up," Shank said.

Shank has been involved in racing since 1989, when he operated from a small garage across the street from the state fairgrounds in Columbus. About 15 years later, MSR's current 16,000-square-foot building became one of the first tenants of the Pataskala Corporate Park just off U.S. Route 40.

The team has won multiple sports-car events, most notably the 24 Hours of Daytona in 2012. Jim Meyer of Indianapolis, former chief executive officer of Sirius XM satellite radio,



**Mike Shank (standing in car) and the Meyer Shank Racing team enjoy their first Indianapolis 500 victory as driver Helio Castroneves revels in his fourth win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.**

joined MSR as co-owner in 2017, when the team entered its first Indianapolis 500, with Jack Harvey of England as the driver.

Harvey has been with MSR ever since, competing in six IndyCar races in 2018 and 10 in 2019, and for the full season for the past two years.

MSR initially signed Castroneves to race in four events this year, with sponsorship from Sirius XM and the AutoNation car dealership group. "We had the sponsorship, and the combination of Jack and Helio made for an ideal grouping of a young driver and a veteran. Helio was available and interested, and now we look like rock stars," Shank said.

Castroneves qualified eighth and Harvey 20th for the 33-car field at Indianapolis. "Realistically, we felt both drivers could finish in the top five, but we felt prepared to win the race," Shank said. "Helio was very fast in the last practice on the Friday before the 500. He said the car was moving around pretty freely, he had a strategy based on all his years at Indy, and he did exactly what he said he was going to do. He's an awesome chess player, and he's the same way on the track."

Castroneves kept close to the lead all day and led 17 of the first 197 laps of the 200-lap race. The final 10 laps were a duel between Castroneves and Alex Palou, with Castroneves taking the lead on Lap 198 and holding off Palou to win by less than half a second. Harvey finished 18th.

"Winning the Indy 500 was all I ever dreamed of," Shank said. "I knew things would be hectic after the race, but it's been four times busier than I thought it would be. It's been a delightful problem to have."

Besides the national recognition every Indy 500 winner receives, MSR was honored with a parade in Pataskala on Saturday, July 24, along with state champion rugby and softball teams from

Pataskala Watkins Memorial High School. Parade spectators were able to pose with Castroneves' winning car after the event.

Castroneves has signed for a full season next year with MSR, with sponsorship from Sirius XM and AutoNation continuing, and the team has adopted the slogan "The Drive for Five," referring to a fifth Indy 500 victory that would place Castroneves on a pedestal of his own. Harvey has signed with another team for 2022, so another driver will be replacing him in the team's other car.

The team also will be in a new 40,000-square-foot headquarters next year, but won't be going far – just three-fourths of a mile north on Etna Parkway from its current location. The move was planned long before the 500 victory, and construction of the new building is well underway.

MSR is one of the few IndyCar teams not based in Indianapolis. The Penske team's headquarters are near Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dale Coyne Racing is based in suburban Chicago.

Former central Ohio resident Bobby Rahal, winner of the 1986 Indy 500, was part of IndyCar teams that were based in Hilliard for many years, but his Rahal Letterman Lanigan team will complete a move to Zionsville, Indiana, in 2022.

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Bohman, another contributing writer to the Springs in the Desert blog, said, "Springs in the Desert has given me a sense of community and belonging within the Catholic Church."

After her experience with infertility, which included six miscarriages, she said she and her husband "felt abandoned by the Church with the lack of ministry available and the lack of understanding." Upon discovering Springs in the Desert, she found camaraderie and healing. She now knows "our marriage is fruitful, regardless of if I ever birth a living child, and ... I, as a woman, am inherently motherly and am always called to be a spiritual mother to those in my life."

The three OSV Challenge winners will be announced in September.

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