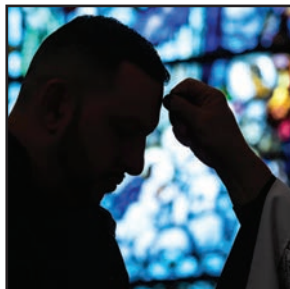


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**Ash Wednesday & Lent:** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26. Check parish schedules for Mass and confession times and distribution of ashes. The Catholic Times will publish in its March 1 edition a list of Lenten activities throughout the diocese and an updated schedule of Eucharistic Adoration times during the Lenten season.



**Fish Fry Guide:** The Catholic Times' annual Fish Fry Guide will be published in the March 1 issue. The four-page special section will include a listing of fish fries and pasta dinners scheduled throughout the diocese during Lent.

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## Local news and events

## Three Bags Full event set for sites in Baltimore, Hilliard, Croton

The 17th semiannual Three Bags Full consignment event will take place at three central Ohio locations in March and April.

Sale dates and sites are: Thursday, March 5 to Saturday, March 7, Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore; Thursday, March 19 to Saturday, March 21, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 5035 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard; and Thursday, April 23 to Saturday, April 25, Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton.

Sale times at each location for the general public are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free at all three sites. Selected items will be available at half-price Friday night and Saturday at each location. Online shopping also will be offered beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday.

In addition, shopping will be available on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the sale for people who are selling items at the event or who purchase various types of early-access passes. Details are available at the event's website, [www.threebagsfull.info](http://www.threebagsfull.info).

The sale began in 2004 in Newark with 12 participating families. Today, more than 500 families sell quality children's items of all types, as well as teen items, adult men's and women's clothing, and maternity wear.

Sellers name the selling price of their items and earn 60 percent to 80 percent commission. All items must be current, clean, neat and of good quality. Unsold items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities such as the Joseph's Coat clothing ministry and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) in Columbus

and the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Heartbeats in Newark.

Details on becoming a seller and registration information may be found at the website.

For more information, go to the site or call Joyce Black at (614) 561-5300.

### Catholic Answers Live host to speak at Delaware St. Mary

Cy Kellett, one of the hosts of EWTN Radio's *Catholic Answers Live*, will speak at Delaware St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., on Saturday, Feb. 29 and Sunday, March 1.

He will give three separate talks to complement the parish's "Best Lent Ever" weekly faith formation program. Topics of his talks will be "Truly Human Lives" after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass, "Whatever Happened to the Modern World?" after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and "The Cycle of Christian Life" after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass.

### Sunday Vespers to be sung at cathedral through May 31

Solemn Vespers will be sung at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral each Sunday at 4:45 p.m. from March 1 to May 31. These services will feature members of the cathedral choir.

This prayerful and moving liturgy lasts approximately 25 minutes and will be followed by the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Vespers, commonly known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours and is a way to deepen and intensify your prayer life. Through this act of liturgical worship, we offer adoration to God, pray for the needs of the world and give thanks to God for the day.

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## Father Michael J. Reis

Funeral Mass for Father Michael J. Reis, 78, who died Friday, Feb. 14, at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, where he had lived for several years, was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 20 at Heath St. Leonard Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on June 29, 1941, in Columbus to Leo and Margaret (George) Reis and graduated from Columbus St. Leo School in 1955 and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in 1959. He

received a bachelor of arts degree in 1963 from Columbus St. Charles Seminary College and continued his theological studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1967.

He took graduate-level courses at Fordham University and participated in priest sabbatical study programs through the Pontifical North American College in Rome and the Graduate Theological Foundation at Oxford University in England.

He was ordained a priest on May 27, 1967, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Edward G. Hettlinger.

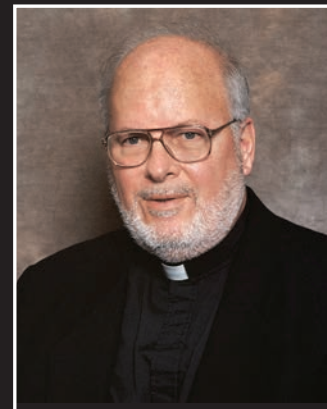
He served as associate pastor or was in residence at Worthington St. Michael, Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Columbus Corpus Christi, Columbus Christ the King, Columbus St. John the Evangelist, Columbus Holy Name, Marysville Our

Lady of Lourdes and Columbus St. Philip churches, and was pastor at Columbus St. Christopher Church and at St. Leonard Church, where he served for 15 years until his retirement in 2013.

He also taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson, Columbus Father Wehrle and Portsmouth Notre Dame high schools, was chaplain at Capital University and directed the diocesan Cursillo and Cum Christo movements.

He was very involved in diocesan communication activities, directing the newly formed Diocesan Office of Radio and Television for several years in the 1970s. His expertise in this area was recognized by others, and at one time he was released for service to assist the Archdiocese of San Francisco with its communication outreach. Over the years, he frequently presented the Catholic viewpoint on various issues as a guest on Columbus radio and television programs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Regis. Survivors include brothers Father Justin Reis, a retired priest of the Diocese of Columbus; Deacon Christopher (Lisa) Reis of Columbus St. Catharine Church; and Kevin (Linda); sisters Cecilia (Michael) Chambers and Catherine (Mark) Mitchell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



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### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual diocesan Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 15 attracted more than 3,500 women to Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

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# Pope's teaching on Amazon consistent, bishop says

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

Bishop Robert Brennan assured the faithful of the diocese after the release of Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Querida Amazonia* that the Holy Father's message aligned with what he said to the bishops of Ohio and Michigan during their *ad limina* visit to the Vatican in December.

"He affirms traditional Church teachings regarding ordination (to the priesthood), calls for a greater sense of missionary zeal in the Church and calls on all of us to examine our style of life and our decisions in light of the consequences these have on others, especially the poor and vulnerable," Bishop Brennan said on Wednesday, Feb. 12, shortly after the exhortation was made public.

*Querida Amazonia* (Beloved Amazon) was released four months after a synod of bishops, referred to as the Amazonian Synod, convened at the Vatican in October to address issues related to the challenge of bringing the Gospel and the sacraments to the Amazon region of South America, which is home to at least 20 million people in eight nations.

The recommendations that came from the October synod included the possibility of ordaining married men to the priesthood in the Amazon region and admitting women to the permanent diaconate. But the pope's apostolic exhortation made no mention of either hot-button issue, and he did not approve any of the synod's proposals with the magisterial authority of his office.

Instead, he focused on the vital nature of the priesthood, evangelization, missionary activity, environmental and economic issues, incorporation of cultural aspects in the life of the church, and collaboration with laypeople to share Christ's gospel.

"I have to say, what he tells us about – in addition to the traditional Church teaching regarding particularly the Eucharist, ordination, ecclesial development – they're very much in line with what he said to us back in December when the bishops of Ohio and Michigan were together with him," Bishop Brennan said.

"He spoke out with conviction, (saying) that 'I can't make changes (to magisterial teaching)' because he knows he's part of a larger tradition of the Church."

Bishop Brennan pointed out that the pope, while making no mention of

changes to celibacy or the priesthood in that region, did call for two things. One of those was a more prominent role for women in leadership.

"First of all, in terms of women, we do need to find new ways and more important ways to involve women in the life of the Church and the decision-making life of the Church," Bishop Brennan said.

The second key aspect of the exhortation, Bishop Brennan noted, was the focus on evangelization and a renewed missionary zeal.

"The good news of proclaiming the Gospel to all the world and, you might say, to the furthest corners of the world," Bishop Brennan said. "God has chosen to walk among us and to accompany us in this life, but he has created us for more than this life, and we need Jesus' death and resurrection to find that path to eternal life."

The apostolic exhortation referenced the need to promote priestly vocations and a collaborative effort to encourage a missionary ministry that provides spiritual and material assistance in this impoverished region.

"You could look at this and see it as just a social document, but it says we're not just another NGO, a non-

governmental organization, a social organization at work here," Bishop Brennan said. "This is the Church, and the Church is all about lifting up God's creation and caring for all of God's people, especially the poorest and most vulnerable."

Pope Francis mentioned the inculturation of various forms of ministry in the Amazon region to include "leaders endowed with authority and familiar with the languages, cultures, spiritual experiences and communal way of life." He stressed the importance of the sacraments, particularly the Mass, the "need (for) the celebration of the Eucharist because it 'makes the Church.'"

Bishop Brennan cautioned against misinterpreting some references in the pope's document to indigenous symbols and native religious practices as an endorsement of worshipping pagan idols.

"It's a culture that respects the culture to whom the Gospel is being proclaimed," Bishop Brennan said. "I see that all the time when I celebrate the cultural events right here in the Diocese of Columbus in some of the different

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## The scourge of gossip

Recently, a group of us started a program called Fiat 90 in which we praise the Lord in body, mind and soul by implementing holy and healthy habits, removing distractions and spending more time in prayer.

One of the recommended actions that helps us praise the Lord with our minds is to eliminate gossip. This is something I've worked very hard to do over the course of my life, but I still feel vulnerable in this area. After I gave up gossip years ago, I still would vent to my husband when I felt someone had wronged me. Since starting Fiat 90, and in reading Scripture and praying about it, I realize that Jesus is the only one to whom I should air my grievances. He understands and loves me, and venting to Jesus does not lead me into the sin of gossip.

Why do we have the desire to gossip? Saying unkind things about someone hurts all parties involved – especially the person gossiping – because it opens the door for the evil one to work in other ways. We are called to love, to act in love, to be loving, and anything outside of love is not of God.

When I think back to times when I gossiped, it felt unhealthy. Even if I didn't initiate it, jumping in felt wrong, but it was hard to stop! The Holy Spirit worked in my heart about this to the point where I had to remove a couple of friends from my life; friendship based on gossip is not real friendship after all.

I always found it difficult to get out of a gossip conversation, as I didn't want to be unkind to the

### HOLY AND HEALTHY

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gossiper. Now when someone begins to gossip in my presence, my main objective is to stop it by saying something good about that person or to physically leave the situation. I'm even courageous enough to admonish that person, out of love for them, as they might not know that it's gossip, that it's a sin, and that it makes others uncomfortable – not to mention how it disrespects the person being discussed. So I've started using the phrase "I can't comment on that," and I immediately change the subject.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2488-89) says this about gossip:

*The right to the communication of the truth is not unconditional. Everyone must conform his life to the gospel precept of fraternal love. This requires us in concrete situations to judge whether or not it is appropriate to reveal the truth to someone who asks for it.*

*Charity and respect for the truth should dictate the response to every request for information or*

*communication. The good and safety of others, respect for privacy, and the common good are sufficient reasons for being silent about what ought not be known or for making use of a discreet language. The duty to avoid scandal often commands strict discretion. No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it.*

It is no coincidence that my Bible study program recently had a lesson about gossip and, wow, it really highlights the evil in gossip. From Psalm 42:6-10: "My enemies say bad things against me; When will he die and his name be forgotten? When someone comes to visit me, he speaks without sincerity. His heart stores up malice; when he leaves, he gossips. All those who hate me whisper together against me; they imagine the worst about me."

One of the important lessons I've learned from reading the lives of the saints is twofold: talk less and give people their privacy. We are called to love God and love neighbor, and anything outside of that is fodder for the evil one.

St. Padre Pio said, "When you gossip about a person, it means that you have removed the person from your heart. But be aware, when you remove a man from your heart, Jesus also goes away from your heart with that man."

So let us lift our hearts together to give Jesus our concerns, our hurts, our struggles with others rather than risk our souls, and the souls of our neighbors, with idle gossip.

## A wallet full of ashes

Ashes are not usually a sign that something good just happened. Ashes after a house fire can be devastating and life-changing. In the worst cases, they mean life-ending. Massive wildfires are destructive and sad to watch, especially when people, houses, and wild creatures are impacted. The ashes left behind are a solemn remembrance, but when they are the result of a fire caused by Mother Nature, those ashes provide the basis for eventual new life and growth. Ashes have been used throughout history and scripture in a variety of ways. Far too many times over the centuries, wars have destroyed and burned entire cities to the ground. The ashes are a grim reminder of evil, hatred, and selfishness. Throughout Biblical history, cities like Sodom and Gomorrah have been consumed by fire. Those ashes are the remnants of sinfulness and refusal to follow God's commands. Ashes have often been used as a sign of repentance and sacrifice. As we hear in the book of Jonah, "When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes." Repentance and seeking mercy and forgiveness are such a huge part of Lent, but they are also part of our daily lives as sinners. Ashes remind us of where we

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began, where we are, and where we are going. Especially on Ash Wednesday, we are very familiar with the words, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust"; or "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Even something like simple charcoal gives us light and warmth, and cooks some great food to enjoy. Ashes are what is left. As Peter was in the process of denying he knew Jesus three times, he warmed himself at a charcoal fire. The ashes that remained were washed away as he wept bitterly when the cock crowed.

With Ash Wednesday and Lent beginning this week, we once again turn to the practice of self-denial, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Praying and fasting are important and good uses of our time. They seem to be more self-denial than sacrifice, in

some ways. It is the donations and charitable gifts of almsgiving that seem to be the closest thing we have to keeping those ashes at the forefront of our minds, while no longer on our foreheads. This Lent, let us commit to ashes in our wallets and purses. We certainly do not want to burn our cash into ashes, but how often do we burn our cash on things that really do not satisfy or help anything or anyone beyond our own personal wants. How about "burning" the cash in our wallets by giving to those who need it more than us? Each and every one of us has a handful of charitable ministries we can help, while knowing and trusting that the funds are going directly to help those in great need. There are our Catholic Social Services and Concerns, JOIN, our soup kitchens like Holy Family, our supportive centers like Bishop Griffin and Our Lady of Guadalupe, our uplifting free clinics like the Order of Malta Center of Care, our life-saving pregnancy centers like Women's Care Center, PDHC, and Birthright, post-abortion healing from Bethesda Healing Ministry, and so many more. And of course, we should always support our diocese, parishes, and schools. So this Lent, make our wallets a little thinner by filling them with ashes.

# Crying in secret; why we do it

I cry in the shower.

Maybe it's a male thing, but I'm just too embarrassed to let anyone see me cry and it seems comfortable for me to cry in the shower. It's about the most private of places and I am doing one of my most private things: crying.

The shower is a shelter of peace for me, a place devoid of judgment (thank God!) and a place that allows for raw confrontation with the emotional moments of my life, unadulterated by distraction or machismo. There are also other reasons why I use the shower as my personal cry room ... my own "cryatorium," so to speak.

First of all, no one sees my tears; they commingle with the water as they roll down my cheeks and become one indistinguishable stream. By the time I get out of the shower, there's hardly a trace of having a good cry. No swollen eyes. No redness.

Secondly, no one can hear me if I sob or whimper. The noise of the shower drowns out my weeping and the closed bathroom door muffles whatever's left. My secret safely runs down the drain and I towel away the remaining traces.

Sometimes the tears come for no good reason. Something that either elicits sadness or sentimentality comes to mind, like my dad, my mom, one of my kids or my wife, and suddenly the tears flow. It's not that I don't cry at other times, but I really can let go in the shower.

It only happens every so often, but I wonder if others experience the same ordeal. And I wonder if their experience is more frequent. When emotions

## TIM WELSH

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arrive or even persist, I wonder if the shower is the sanctuary of tears for others, too.

Many women with an abortion in their past are obsessed with keeping their past suppressed in a secret place.

You see, they may have undergone an abortion while they were young and haven't told anybody. They may be married to a man who has no idea about their past pregnancy and abortion. They may know deep in their hearts that the abortion was morally wrong and they now may struggle with reputation protection, forgiveness, concealment, or even more harmful repercussions such as dependency issues or depression.

They may have other children and are terrified by the notion that those children might find out about the brother or sister that just isn't there.

If they have discovered their conscienceness compass and realized the reality of what has occurred, they need a place to express their sorrow. They need a cryatorium. It might not be the shower. It may be

their car, or they may cry as they fade off to sleep. But they cry.

Healing from a past abortion experience is a deeply complex adventure. Exploring the consequences of an abortion can be a very difficult journey. Initially, women and men who have been through the journey erect psychological defenses that disallow a genuine analysis of their emotional condition. But they still cry.

And they need a home for their sadness; they need a home where their heart can heal and their tears can dry at their own pace. For the most part, women and men who have been through an abortion experience are in dramatic need of a way to let it all out. A place that's safe and assuring.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, all of us need to be that place for those wading through the muck of a past that they would rather forget. We all need to be a place where they can confront the demons of their past and reconcile with them. We all share that responsibility.

To do so takes us out of our secular preoccupation and allows us to enter into the precinct of the Divine. To do so allows us to act upon our great commission to love one another. Providing a place for women and men to openly express the pain of an abortion experience is a noble act of love.

It allows for them to step out of the shower ... refreshed ... cleansed. To dry their unseen tears and permit their grief to be respected and honored.

When was the last time you cried in the shower? Maybe that's a question you should ask someone you love.

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### Auditions for St. Charles musical

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will have women's auditions for its spring musical, *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz, at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3 and 4.

Auditions are open to woman students of all central Ohio high schools. Participants can attend on either of the two days. Production dates are Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3.

St. Charles has produced an annual spring musical since 1970, presenting the central Ohio and American premieres of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Into the Woods*, *The Battle of Boat* and other musicals. This will be the school's 10th presentation of *Godspell*.

For additional information, contact Doug Montgomery at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org).

### Christ Child Society plans annual day of reflection

Rachel Muha, founder of the Run the Race Club, will be the guest speaker for the annual day of reflection sponsored by the Christ Child Society of Columbus. She will be telling the story of how the tragedy of her

son's slaying inspired her to help others by starting the club, which serves children on Columbus' west side.

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 13 at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, starting with Mass, followed by registration and coffee in the church basement, Muha's talk, and lunch. The cost is \$35.

Registration may be made online at [www.christchildociety.org](http://www.christchildociety.org) or by sending a check to the Christ Child Society at Box 340948, Columbus OH 43234 by Friday, March 6.

### Immaculate Conception offers talk on children's well-being

Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, will present "Promoting Social and Emotional Well-Being in Our Young Children," an evening with author Jennifer Miller, from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 16 in Marian Hall.

This presentation is for any parent who has wondered "Am I raising a confident child?", "Why are these big emotions so challenging to handle?" and "What is my child's temperament (and mine)?" As children grow, they continue to experience social and

emotional milestones. Miller will help parents understand these developmental experiences and enrich their abilities to build confident children.

There will be no charge for the program, which will focus on children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

### De Porres Center announces concert and retreat

The Martin de Porres Center will offer two chances for Lenten reflection in March.

An ensemble from the Columbus International Children's Choir will perform at the center, 2330 Airport Drive, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8. The event is free, but donations for the choir will be accepted.

"Desert Time" will be the theme of a retreat led by Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. The fee is \$10 and includes the retreat and refreshments. Register online at <https://martindeporrescenter.net/programs> or call (614) 416-1910 for more information.

### Newark church to be host site for evangelization summit

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church

will be one of 28 video host sites for this year's New Evangelization Summit, the premier conference on the New Evangelization.

The event will be webcast live to the parish's recently dedicated faith and family center, 45 Granville St., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, from Ottawa, Canada.

Speakers will be Father Robert Spitzer, SJ, president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith and host of EWTN's *Father Spitzer's Universe*; Michael Dopp, founder of the event; speaker, missionary and author Barbara Mason; Sherry Weddell, executive director of the Catherine of Siena Institute; and Brett Powell, leader and strategist for the Proclaim Movement.

The webcast will unite more than 5,000 Catholics watching it and is designed to inspire Catholics, help live out their personal call to evangelize and form a network of Catholic evangelists.

Admission is free. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Tina Burtch at [tburtch@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:tburtch@stfrancisparish.net) or (740) 345-9874, extension 206. Register at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca). More information on the conference's sponsoring organization is available at [www.uevangelize.org](http://www.uevangelize.org).

# Candles and Feast of Presentation; Church's position on Mass in Latin

**Q**We just celebrated the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, but in our parish there was no blessing of candles. I am aware that in some other parishes, the faithful are permitted to bring their own candles to be blessed, along with the candles that the parish is going to use for the year.

A young priest in our parish said that the blessing was designed to be a communal event where everyone carries a small candle in procession. He said that since our parish struggles financially, we could not afford to do this and so the blessing was omitted. Please clarify what is proper. (Richmond, Virginia)

**A**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Christmas and marks the time when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord, as was the Jewish custom for the firstborn male.

Since at least the 11th century, the blessing of candles has been a regular part of this feast. The solemnity of that blessing may vary, and it may or may not include a procession of the faithful. More often, in my experience, worshippers simply hold lighted candles in their pews while the priest pronounces the blessing.

Sometimes parishes provide the candles; sometimes parishioners are encouraged to bring their own. Everyone is invited to bring their candles home, ideally to be used at times of family prayer.

In explaining this long-standing custom, Pope Ben-

The post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Querida Amazonia* (Dear Amazonia) did not accept or endorse the 2019 Amazonian synod's proposal that *virii probati* – mature married men – be ordained priests in that region. So until the German Church's "synodal path" comes up with a similar proposal (which seems more than likely), a period of pause has been created in which some non-hysterical reflection on the priesthood and celibacy can take place throughout the world Church. Several points might be usefully pondered in the course of that conversation.

The first involves celibacy and the Kingdom.

Christians live, or ought to live, in a different time zone because the Kingdom of God is among us, by the Lord's own declaration in the gospels. Different vocations in the Church bear radical witness to that truth and remind the rest of us of it. The vocations that live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience in a consecrated way do that. So should the celibate priesthood.

It was said openly during the Amazonian synod, and it's often muttered in other contexts, that celibacy makes no sense to many people. Which is quite true – if those people are living in pagan societies that haven't heard the Gospel or post-Christian societies that have abandoned the Gospel and haven't been re-evangelized. Celibacy, a total gift of self to God, only makes sense in a Kingdom context. So if celibacy doesn't make sense in Amazonia or Dusseldorf or Hamburg, that likely has something to do with a failure to preach the Gospel of the inbreaking Kingdom of God in Amazonia, Dusseldorf, and Hamburg.

All of which is to say that the failures of Cath-

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edict XVI, writing then as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, explained in his book *Seek That Which Is Above* that "the warm candlelight is meant to be a tangible reminder of that greater light that, for and beyond all time, radiates from the figure of Jesus."

One of the prayers of blessing offered for the priest's use has, I think, a particular beauty. It says, "O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails."

**Q**Could you explain what the church's official position is on the use of the Latin language in the Mass? (In one nearby parish, much of the Mass

is celebrated in Latin most of the time.) (Atlanta)

**A**Priests are permitted to celebrate Mass in the Latin language. In fact, the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* said, "The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites. But since the use of the mother tongue, whether in the Mass, the administration of the sacraments or other parts of the liturgy, frequently may be of great advantage to the people, the limits of its employment may be extended" (No. 36).

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued a *motu proprio* letter, *Summorum Pontificum*, which said that any priest of the Latin-rite church may, without any further permission from the Vatican or from his bishop, celebrate the extraordinary form of the Mass. The first missal containing the extraordinary form, which is also known as the Tridentine rite, was published by St. Pius V in 1570. The rite was revised occasionally, with the final revised version being published in 1962. The extraordinary form was replaced by the *Novus Ordo* or New Order of Mass, beginning in 1969.

Virtually every diocese in the United States now has at least one regularly scheduled Mass each Sunday in the extraordinary form; in addition, some dioceses also offer the ordinary form of Mass celebrated in Latin. Catholics desiring to participate in Latin Masses are best off contacting their local diocese to find out when those Masses are scheduled.

## Beyond Amazonia

### THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

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olic Lite and Catholic Zero aren't going to be addressed by lighter Catholic Lite or less-than-zero Catholic Zero.

The second point to ponder involves celibacy and the broader reform of the priesthood.

The brutal assault on Pope Emeritus Benedict and Cardinal Robert Sarah over their book *From the Depths of Our Hearts* obscured one of the crucial points these two eminent churchmen were trying to make: namely, that the priesthood is in crisis throughout the world because priesthood is too often reduced to a set of functions, rather than being understood and lived as a unique vocational configuration to Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant. There were hints of this function-think at the Amazonian synod, where some bishops seemed to imagine ordained *virii probati* as a kind of Catholic variant on the local shaman: an elder who does magical things in the spirit world. But the dumbing down of priesthood – the reduction of priestly ministry to what was sometimes called in the 1970s "priestcraft" – is a problem throughout the world Church.

It is a problem in seminaries that are boot camps

for a clerical caste system. It is a problem where priesthood is thought to be a step up the social ladder in poorer countries. And it can be a problem in pastoral settings where the priest is so overwhelmed by the many things he must do that he can be tempted to forget just what he is: an icon of the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

So any serious discussion about the reform of the priesthood must begin with a deep dive into the Church's theology of Holy Orders, rather than with debates about how to "make things work better." Those debates are important. But they are secondary to the authentic Catholic reform of priestly ministry.

Then there is the question of celibacy and clerical sexual abuse. It's been said many times but it evidently it needs saying again: a married clergy is not the silver-bullet answer to clerical sexual abuse because marriage is not a crime-prevention program. That is an obvious sociological truth, in that most sexual abuse takes place within family settings, and denominations with a married clergy have their own serious problems of clerical sexual misbehavior and abuse. In a Catholic context, it should also be an obvious theological truth, given the Catholic understanding of the sacramentality of marriage. Thus it would help facilitate a real conversation about the reform of the priesthood in the Catholic Church if the nonsensical notion that abandoning celibacy would solve the crisis of clerical sexual abuse were taken off the board, permanently.

The reform of the priesthood, including a deepening of the Church's commitment to the value of celibacy as a radical witness to the Kingdom, begins, as does all authentic Catholic reform, with deeper conversion to Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

## Help spread the Gospel by offering Mass intentions

By Leandro M. Tapay  
Diocesan Missions Director

Pope Francis said, “Lent is a road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life.” He said that the mark of the ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday reminds us of our origin. We are taken from the earth and we are made of dust. However, we are dust in the loving hands of God, who breathed His spirit upon each one of us and still wants to do so.

God wants to keep giving us His breath. God’s breath saves us from toxic breaths generated by our selfishness, petty ambition and silent indifference. These toxic breaths smother our spirit, narrow our horizons and slow the beating of our hearts. They dampen our faith, cool our charity and strangle our hope.

Lent is a time to say “No” to toxic breaths caused by indifference, by thinking that other peoples’ lives are

not our concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life.

The pope said, “To experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers to us amid the mire of our history.”

He said that Lent is a time for us to ask, “What we would be if God had closed his doors to us? What would we be without His mercy that never tires of forgiving us and gives us the chance to begin anew?” (From Pope Francis’ 2017 Ash Wednesday homily).

Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who, in a thousand quiet ways, have stretched out their hands and in every concrete way, have given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning.

May our Lenten observance make us start breathing again, make us open ourselves to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates

us, encloses us and paralyze us.

Through our Lenten observance, may God restore us to the joy of His salvation so that by our lives, we may declare God’s praise. May our dust – by the power of God’s breath of life – become a dust of love.

As part of this year’s Lenten observance, we invite you to offer Mass intentions through the diocesan Missions Office. In doing so, your almsgiving will benefit many: the person for whom the Mass is offered, the missionary priest who will celebrate the Mass, and people in the missions. Mass stipends are a critical means of support to missionary priests in spreading the Gospel to areas untouched by it.

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mail it, with your payment, to: Missions Office, Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215-3229. Please note that while we cannot arrange for Mass on a specific date, Masses are celebrated as soon as possible after offerings are received. When you give the gift of a Mass, your loved ones and friends will receive a lovely Mass card as notification of your generous gift to them.

An informative article about the importance of the Mass titled *The Mass Heals!* by Susan Tassone is linked on our website.

You may include Mass offerings in your will by designating funds to the Diocese of Columbus Missions Office for Masses to be offered for you or your loved ones.

This Lent, consider helping to spread the Gospel around the world by having your Mass intentions offered by a missionary priest for your loved ones and friends – living or deceased.

## Somewhere between serenity and somberness

We continue to cross an imaginary line as we go through life. It seems like a short stop at some times and a long, winding journey at others. One of the misconceptions we have about living is that it can only be one way or another, that somehow, going through life with blinders on is the only way of reaching happiness. I believe it can lie somewhere in between.

You do not have to live in paradise to experience the feeling of nirvana. Similarly, you do not have to be in denial to suffer the experience of loss or confusion. As we approach adulthood, it would be wise for all of us to remember the many blessings we have.

My dad used to say that there was nothing more important than your health and that there was always a tomorrow just around the bend. I think he was relating to mind and body. Our spiritual strength plays a big part in our beliefs and actions. As Christians, we were brought up to serve each other and that we should all strive to be better for the exchange.

Lent is fast approaching, and it can be in our best interest to be somewhat self-reflective. Looking at the things we have accomplished and the ways in which we have failed plays a vital role in how we

### LIGHTING THE WAY

Joseph Thomas

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perceive the environment that surrounds us.

Do not be led into a world of instant gratification. It takes work to be kind. It takes constant awareness to be in a right and moral state of mind and to be of use to those who need our love and attention.

In my life, there has been one staple I can rely on to get me through easy or tough situations. It is the feeling that someone always has been with me, guiding me when I was born, as I live and when I eventually pass on to a higher life.

Maybe just being yourself and what you are meant to be is the road God wishes you to take. At times, it may seem like walking in a desert and, at other times, it may be like arriving at an oasis. In both instances, there is a light awaiting us all. It is

said that you can see a candle blowing in the wind from a thousand feet away, but that it can seem at the same time that the candle is just in front of you.

Life is not about giving up something or someone. It is about how we react to pressure from those who want us to be different. When an obstacle is placed before you, don’t run from it; face it head-on and come out of it a better, wiser person. There is an area on Earth that everyone is trying to find – one filled with green pastures, where the sun never sets. Maybe that place exists in your own mind, or maybe there is some truth to the tale.

If there is such a place, I would like to visit it one day. Where milk and honey flow, where a lion can lie down with a lamb, where a serpent sits coiled next to a man. Wait just a minute. Doesn’t this sound familiar? Take it or not, live it or not, be it or not – put your best foot forward and love one other.

For in the end, it is up to all of us to make this a better world for having been in it. Because somewhere between serenity and somberness, there is grace and hope for a good and happy life.

May God bless you and keep you in your travels, may the wind be forever at your backs, and may His peace be with you always.

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processions, in some of the ways the book of the Gospels is brought to the altar, in the way the gifts are presented and the offertory time of the Mass.

“There are cultural expressions which give a dignity to the beauty of the Gospel and our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Cultures of people can, in fact, help us to proclaim the good news of the Gospel, not the other way around. It’s not that we ac-

cept some kind of paganism. It’s the cultures of the people that help lead us to the good news of the Gospel.”

Bishop Brennan also offered insight on the meaning of the pope’s references to environmental concerns.

“When he wrote *Laudato Si’*, and when he speaks about the ecology and the environment in the world, his real focus is on humanity,” the bishop said. “He said to us as bishops when

we were there for the *ad limina*. It’s not about a green document, it’s a human document. It’s about care for one another; it’s about the responsibility that each of us has to care for all of our brothers and sisters.

“And so, yes, he calls on us to reflect on our own decisions and our own lifestyle, what that entails, how the decisions we make affect other parts of the world.”

The bishop suggests taking time to examine the Pope’s exhortation rather than relying on various commentaries.

“We should be reading the pope’s own words,” he said. “I think that’s one of the key things. The agenda of the Holy Father is sometimes diverted by different special interest groups. Very often we’re reading *about* what the pope is saying rather than what the pope is actually saying.”

## Bishop prays for ill, caregivers on World Day of the Sick

Bishop Robert Brennan celebrated Mass in the chapel of Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus on Tuesday, Feb. 11, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, which the Catholic Church also recognizes as the World Day of the Sick.

The shrine in Lourdes, France, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary is visited by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world each year searching for physical and spiritual healing in the spring waters at the site.

It is where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 and revealed herself with the words, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bishop Brennan prayed for all those suffering from afflictions and for the dedicated service of health care professionals. In his homily, he quoted Pope Francis' recent message for the 28th World Day of the Sick, as follows:

"Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those 'who labor and are burdened,' and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest



**Bishop Robert Brennan delivers the homily during a Mass at the Mount Carmel East Hospital chapel for World Day of the Sick on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Photo courtesy Mount Carmel**

moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you, 'Come to me.' In him, you will find strength to face all the worries and questions that assail you during this 'dark night' of body and soul. Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through his passion, death and resurrection, he frees us from the grip of evil.

"In your experience of illness, you

certainly need a place to find rest. The Church desires to become more and more the 'inn' of the Good Samaritan who is Christ (Luke 10:34); that is, a home where you can encounter his grace, which finds expression in closeness, acceptance and relief.

"In this home, you can meet people who, healed in their frailty by God's mercy, will help you bear your cross

and enable your suffering to give you a new perspective. You will be able to look beyond your illness to a greater horizon of new light and fresh strength for your lives.

"A key role in this effort to offer rest and renewal to our sick brothers and sisters is played by health care workers: physicians, nurses, medical and administrative professionals, assistants and volunteers. Thanks to their expertise, they can make patients feel the presence of Christ, who consoles and cares for the sick and heals every hurt. Yet they, too, are men and women with their own frailties and even illnesses. They show how true it is that 'once Christ's comfort and rest is received, we are called, in turn, to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a docile and humble attitude in imitation of the Teacher'" (Angelus, July 6, 2014).

Bishop Brennan noted that Catholic hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities manifest the Church's mission to be that 'inn' described by the pope, where people can encounter Christ's grace in the healing and care that is provided.

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## Help build the Body of Christ in Black and Native American communities

By Leandro M. Tapay  
Diocesan Missions Director

We are familiar with all kinds of “second collections” taken up in our parishes during the year. But only one of them can claim the status as the first ever. The Black and Indian Mission Collection has that distinction.

In 1884, recognizing a need to call the faithful to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established the Black and Indian Collection for Catholic missions.

Since that first collection, the collection has been taken every year in every parish in the United States. In the Diocese of Columbus, the collection will be taken on the weekend of Saturday, Feb. 29 and Sunday, March 1.

The collection will help dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black communities in the United States.

In 2019, the Diocese of Columbus received \$15,000 for its ethnic ministries, plus \$11,000 for various parishes, through the collection.

Also in 2019, parishioners of the Diocese of Columbus gave \$59,251.31 to the USCCB Black/Indian Collection. On behalf of Bishop Robert Brennan and the Black /Indian Collection Committee of the USCCB, I thank you for your generosity.

Since the arrival of Franciscan friars in New Mexico in 1540, hundreds of Catholic missionaries had been sharing their lives and religion with Native Americans. By 1630, 25 mission stations served 35,000 Native Americans in New Mexico.

Among the better-known missionaries in North America was St. Isaac Jogues, who ministered to Indians in 17th-century New France – the French colonies in North America.

In 1675, Father Jacques de Lamberville taught catechism to an 18-year old Mohawk woman. He helped her and led her along the road to becoming one of America’s most famous saints – St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

Father Bob Goodyear of the Missionary

Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, a missionary from the Diocese of Columbus, is serving in the reservation community of the Holy Rosary Mission in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Christmas 2019 was his 28th on the Choctaw Reservation. It is unusual for a missionary priest to be assigned to one place for so long. But he said that he loves life there. Since he first arrived there as a newly ordained priest in 1975, the tribe has grown from 1,200 members to 11,000.

He said the reservation has grown in size and has prospered in many ways. Many things have changed and many things have not. The Choctaws still struggle with alcoholism, diabetes and obesity. There are not enough houses, in spite of the fact that wooden shacks have been replaced with brick houses. Two or three generations live in most houses on the reservation.

“The Holy Rosary Church was broken into four times lately,” Father Goodyear said. “I nearly caught the two men who did it. But they ran faster than I did. They stole a television, some altar wine and two microphones. But they were not able to get into the tabernacle.”

Father Goodyear said that, as characteristic of people who are poor, there are many children without fathers, violence and abuse on the reservation. Clouds of despair hang over the reservation. Desperation affects every aspect of the lives of Choctaws.

Father Goodyear said the Choctaws suffer from “learned helplessness” – the belief that they are powerless to change things; that nothing they do makes any difference.

He believes the role of the Church is to give them a reason not only to believe in God, but also to believe in themselves.

### A letter from the bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the weekend of Feb. 29 and March 1, the Black and Native American Missions collection will be taken up at all Masses. This national campaign for America’s mission lands has been serving the Catholic Church in the United States since 1884.

Proceeds from the collection have been distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would be in danger of disappearing among the Black, Native American, Eskimo and Aleut communities of the United States. For 2019, the Diocese of Columbus received a grant to support the evangelization programs of its Black Ministries program.

These mission communities exist in almost every diocese in the United States. Missionary priests, religious, catechists and devoted laypersons work tirelessly in parishes, missions

and reservations to promote the faith. Through our contributions, we work hand in hand with missionaries who deliver the light of Christ’s witness to the impoverished, isolated and long-suffering people in these communities. Last year, Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus generously contributed to the mission collection. I hope you will do the same this year.

I would like to thank you for joining me in the missionary work of the Church as the national Black and Native American Missions collection is conducted throughout the Columbus diocese. Through our prayers and generosity, we share in spreading Christ’s Gospel message in Black and Native American communities across the nation.

Together, let us truly be missionaries through our sacrifice and the love of Jesus Christ we share.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, DD**  
Bishop of Columbus



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## Women's conference focuses on prayer, forgiveness, redemption

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Speakers at this year's diocesan Catholic Women's Conference drew responses ranging from loud laughter to respectful silence as they told their stories of faith.

The laughter was for the improbable story of Father Donald Calloway, MIC, who talked about how he turned from being "a foul, twisted kid with bad intentions" to becoming one of the nation's leading promoters of the Divine Mercy devotion and of consecration to St. Joseph.

The silence was for Father Ubald Rugirangoga as he told of how the Rwandan genocide of 1994 cost the lives of thousands of his parishioners and of how he has been preaching a message of extreme forgiveness in the wake of extreme horror.

The event also included talks by central Ohio authors Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet and Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, on how God has impacted their lives. More than 3,500 women attended the conference on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Kasich Hall on the state fairgrounds to pray, reflect and be inspired.

Father Calloway said he was born into a non-religious household and was baptized in an Episcopal church at age 10 mainly to please his grandparents. His mother and stepfather were in the Navy, moved several



**Bishop Robert Brennan celebrates Mass and is joined at the altar by priests and deacons at the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Kasich Hall of the state fairgrounds. More than 3,500 women attended the event. CT photos by Ken Snow**

times as part of their military careers and ultimately lived in Japan on the island of Honshu.

"At that point, I dropped out, ran away from home and eventually hooked up with the Yakuza, the Jap-

anese mafia, as a drug mule," he said. "I loved the attention it brought me, but I was wanted by the Japanese government, the American government and the Japanese military."

Eventually, he was arrested and deported to the United States on a military cargo flight. "I was quite a sight when I got back," he said. "There I was, this long-haired freak walking through the Honolulu airport handcuffed to two military officers."

He was not yet 18, so he was re-

leased to the custody of his parents, who had returned to the United States and become Catholics, but his behavior didn't change. He was jailed for shoplifting, was in and out of rehabilitation centers, and once, referring to her religious conversion, told his mother, "I can't believe how you've been duped and suckered into this. You've turned your house into a church."

He said he had been thinking about killing himself when one day, while living with his parents in Norfolk, Virginia, he stumbled upon a book about the Marian apparitions at Medjugorje. "Until that point, all I knew about Jesus was what I heard from TV evangelists now and then between Saturday morning cartoons. I had no idea he had a mother," he said.

Father Calloway read the book in one night and went to see a priest at the Norfolk Naval Station the next morning. "That woman's freaking me out, dude," he told the priest, referring to the Virgin Mary.

The priest had to say Mass, so Fa-



**Father Donald Calloway, MIC, tells his improbable story of going "from jail to Jesus."**



**Michelle Faehnle (left) and Emily Jaminet**

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**Sarah Hart, a Lancaster native now in Nashville, sings during the conference.**

ther Calloway followed him and observed a Mass for the first time. He said that at the consecration, “I heard a voice speaking to me and saying, ‘Worship.’ What happened to me? I was injected with knowledge. I knew what that man in front of me had in his hands was God. I didn’t understand it, but I knew it.”

After Mass, Father Calloway said the priest gave him some books, a Divine Mercy image and a picture of “some pudgy dude with a little white hat who I figured was Jesus’ grandpa.” That was Pope St. John Paul II. Father Calloway said he went back home, hung up the pictures, looked at the Divine Mercy image, “and I lost it. I started to cry, all day. I went through divine detox.”



**Father Ubald Rugirangoga speaks about how the Rwandan genocide affected his family and parish and of his efforts to bring healing.**

Eventually, he felt a call to the priesthood and joined the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, whose charism includes encouragement of the Divine Mercy devotion. Father Calloway has been a member of the order for 16 years and serves at its House of Studies in Steubenville. He recently developed a program of consecration to St. Joseph and has written a book about it that has sold 40,000 copies since Jan. 1, with 80,000 more copies being printed.

“I’m a guy. I’m broken and wounded like everyone else, but I’m here to tell

you God’s never going to leave you,” he said. “You don’t have to remember anything about my story, but remember God’s everyday love for you.”

Father Rugirangoga was introduced by Heidi Hess Saxton, an author who also is acquisitions editor for Ave Maria Press, publisher of his book *Forgiveness Makes You Free*. He is a member of the Tutsi ethnic minority in Rwanda. About 800,000 Tutsis were killed in 1994 by extremist members of another ethnic group, the Hutus, who make up most of the Rwandan population.

The killings began after a plane carrying the presidents of Rwanda and neighboring Burundi, both of whom were Hutus, was shot down, killing everyone aboard. That supposedly sparked the mass violence, but there are many indications that the killings had been planned for a long time, and the plane crash provided an excuse for them.

Long before the genocide, Father Rugirangoga’s family had been touched by the hatred between the two ethnic groups. He said he had to grow up fatherless because his father and uncle were killed when their village was overrun by invading Hutus in 1963, when he was 7 years old.

“There was hatred everywhere,” he said. “It was horror and fear. Our mother made tremendous sacrifices so we could stay in school.”

Father Rugirangoga eventually

went to Burundi both to study for the priesthood and to escape the continuing clashes in his native land. He said he lost his faith while in the seminary in Burundi, but was led back to it through the piety of a classmate and was ordained in 1984.

Ten years later, at the time of the genocide, he was pastor of a Rwandan parish that, like many parishes in Africa, covers a large territory and has tens of thousands of parishioners. After the plane crash that killed the two presidents, word spread quickly that the genocide had begun. He and the parish’s other priests spent the first night after the crash in the bush outside their church. Then they separated, and Father Rugirangoga fled to his bishop’s house to avoid death.

He said about 45,000 of his parishioners, including his mother and 80 family members, were killed in the three days that were the worst period of the genocide.

“God told me I had to get to refuge so I could survive,” he said. “I escaped the horrors of the genocide so I could survive and bring healing afterward. But my heart was broken. I had difficulty accepting that this mission was my cross to carry. I felt like the commander of an army who has lost the fight.”

Father Rugirangoga escaped from



**Participants in the diocesan Catholic Women’s Conference visit the display tables of various vendors, ministries, organizations and religious orders during a break.**

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Rwanda, spent two months in neighboring Zaire, fled to France and returned to his homeland at the beginning of 1995. After his return, he led three retreats – one for the Tutus who escaped genocide, one for the Hutus who caused it, and one for both the victims and perpetrators of genocide and for the victims' rescuers.

"Everyone had inner wounds," he said. "I asked the victims to forgive and the perpetrators to ask for pardon. After three months, I had those who made genocide take bread to the families of their victims for a great feast of reconciliation.

"For myself, I have forgiven my mother's killer and paid his children's school fees. He has a daughter who's now a doctor after studying medicine in Burundi. I paid her medical fees. It cost so much, but I'm so happy, for the good one always triumphs over the bad one in the end. Forgiveness requires mercy, but forgiveness makes you free."

Father Rugirangoga is continuing his work of reconciliation at the Center for the Secret of Peace, an area dedicated to retreats and healing that he founded in Rwanda.

Prayer was the theme of Faehnle and Jaminet's talk, which opened the conference. Both said it can be difficult to pray and that many women say they never were taught how to pray. "Where do we start?" Faehnle asked. She answered the question by saying, "Just talk to Jesus. Pour out your heart to him. ... If you say you don't have time, God will give you time," she continued, and then talked about ways to add prayer to everyday situations such as picking up a child or waiting for food to cook.

"We do a lot of talking to God, but we need to take time to listen," Jaminet said. "That's how you take prayerfulness to the next level." The two then related several aspects of how prayer had changed their lives and the lives of friends and family members. They concluded with eight prayer tips: Pray in the morning; attend Mass and Holy Communion; meditate for at least 10 minutes a day; take part in Eucharistic Adoration; pray the rosary; pray again in the evening; enthrone the Sacred Heart at home; and join a faith sharing or prayer group.

Sister Miriam James was the conference's final speaker, following Father



**Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, speaks at the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 15 about the subjects of beauty and brokenness.**

Rugirangoga and focusing on the dual subjects of beauty and brokenness.

"We might never know something as horrific as genocide, but we do know brokenness in our own stories, in families, in relationships," she said. "In all of our lives, we know many moments about which we say afterward that we wish they never happened.

"But there are other moments, those of true beauty, when we wish time could stop and we could hold onto the moment forever. Pope Benedict writes of how true beauty pierces our soul so it wounds us. At these moments, God is calling us home, giving us a foretaste of what he has for each of us.

"All of you here today are beautiful. The beauty God has given each of you is a revelation of heaven itself,

where everyone is found in the heart of God," Sister Miriam James said.

She also talked about the appeal of the story of Cinderella to women, noting that Bishop Robert Barron has said the tale parallels salvation history in the way it tells of a king's son who

recognizes the beauty of the person he loves, despite her lowly status, and is willing to make whatever sacrifice is necessary so he can save the loved one from the forces of evil.

The day opened with Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and concluded with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration led by Father Rugirangoga. About 50 priests administered the sacrament of reconciliation after Father Brett Garland, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, St. Agnes and St. Aloysius churches, gave a talk on the subject. Music for the Mass was provided by the Lancaster St. Mary Church schola, with composer and singer Sarah Hart offering musical interludes throughout the day. Anna Mitchell of EWTN Radio's *Son Rise Morning Show* was master of ceremonies.

Next year's conference will be on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the same site and will feature Sister Tracey Dugas of the Daughters of St. Paul; Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of the Walking With Purpose women's Bible studies; and Father David Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

## Spring Clean-up!

**CEMETERY** field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 2, 2020.

**WE** request that families wishing to retain any personal keepsakes, to please remove them by March 2.

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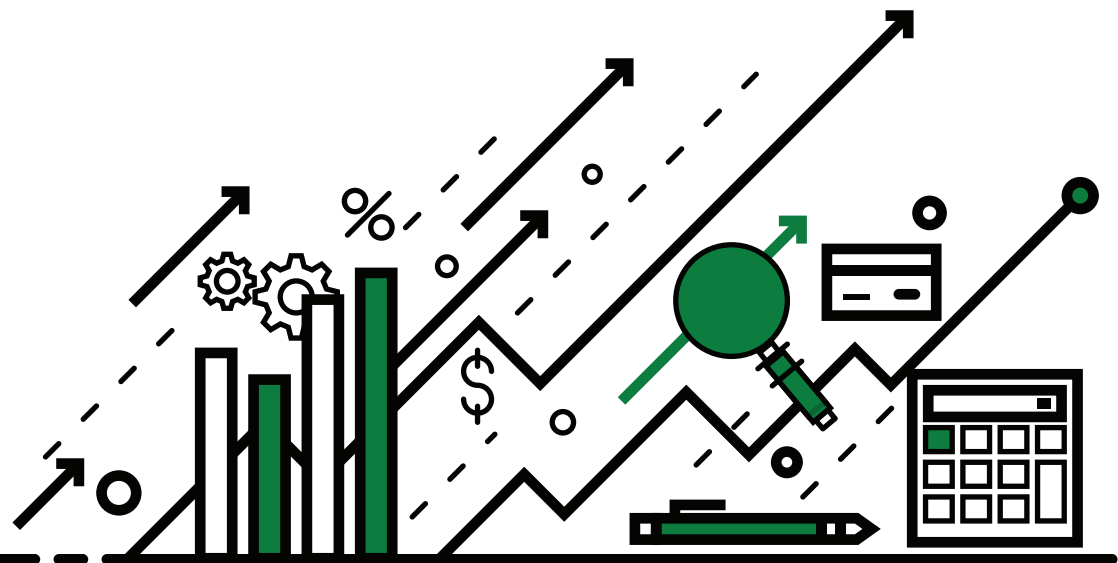
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# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you the financial reports of the Diocese of Columbus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

As Bishop, I have a responsibility to provide all Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus with an annual view of our financial position and activity. I am pleased to inform you that our independent accounting firm has completed their procedures on our reports and have issued unmodified opinions thereon.

2019 was again a year of volatility in the financial marketplace. The stock market and overall investment environment went through many ups and downs during the year, with a significant downturn in the first half of the year and a significant rebound in the second half of the year. After the rebound, our investment returns ended the year with a very positive result.

The overall direction of the investment market at the end of the fiscal year, resulted in an increase in our pension liability and clergy post-retirement benefit liability, when valued using the methodology prescribed by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

We continue to manage closely the prudent expenditure of funds at a Diocesan level, including the issuance of grants to parishes and other Diocesan entities in need.

Our High Schools recorded positive results due to stronger tuition income, along with strong fundraising results, particularly contributions to several major Capital Campaigns.

For Parishes, overall it was a positive year with excess funds generated for repayment of debt and major capital expenditures. Offertory did decline slightly, but funds raised for Capital Campaigns increased significantly.

It has been a real pleasure for me to visit our parishes, schools and many Apostolates in my first year here. The Diocese of Columbus is richly blessed.

The continued generous stewardship of the faithful, giving their time, talent and treasure, for the benefit of others, helps us to build on the foundation laid by those who came before us and to meet the needs of a new generation with the joy of the Gospel. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been most generous, allowing on-going funding for many critical Diocesan programs.

As we look to the future, we must continue to work as one Church, continuing the good works of the Church by assisting those in need. This can only occur with the assistance of those in the community, like yourselves, who possess the talents required to meet the challenges that will present themselves.

I continue to be grateful for the generosity of all those who support the work of the Church, and I greatly appreciate the many volunteers and committee members, both at the parish and diocesan levels, who assist in this work. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Columbus

## DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2019 & 2018

The financial statements entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Diocesan Organization, represent the combined financial position and activity for the Chancery, the Catholic Cemeteries, the Diocesan Offices and funds managed at a diocesan level (i.e. Parish Aid, Self Insurance and Varia Trust Funds). The information presented was extracted from audited financial statements. These statements do not include the financial position or activity of our parishes or schools, or agencies that are governed by their own boards, as each reports their financial information separately to their communities.

The financial statements for the Diocesan Organization are audited by the independent CPA firm of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. The audit was conducted according to auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018, the auditors provided an unmodified opinion.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, Net Assets decreased from the previous fiscal year. Our financial position and results were primarily impacted by two factors.

First, our liability for pension benefits and liability for priest post-retirement benefits increased. In accordance with current accounting principles, we are required to measure these liabilities using current economic factors although these liabilities will be funded and paid

well into the future (over the next 40 years or more). The overall negative movement in the discount rate at year-end, increased the value of our liabilities. This was partially offset by positive investment returns on our retirement investments. The impact of these changes has been recognized as a decrease in net assets in the Statement of Activity. It should be noted that although for financial reporting purposes we reflect an overall liability for pension benefits, our actuaries have confirmed that our pension fund is sound.

The second impact on Net Assets was due to the increase in market value of our investments, primarily due to the overall upward movement of the investment market in the second half of the year. This was partially offset by a decrease in our endowment values.

This year, we have provided a summary level Statement of Functional Expenses as required under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. For our major Functional categories – Compensation and Benefits and Direct Expenses, each increased 3.75% and 3.59% respectively. Interest expense increased significantly due to twice increasing the interest rate paid by the Parish Aid Fund (PAF) to Parishes and Schools who invest their excess funds in the PAF. Overall our expenses increased 4.29%. It is our hope that this Statement will provide additional information for evaluating the activities of the Diocese.

# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	As of 6/30/2019	As of 6/30/2018
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 15,684,989	\$ 13,986,908
Accounts receivable, net	4,293,940	3,314,905
Notes receivable for sale of land	999,020	1,499,020
Pledges receivable, net	1,593,695	1,708,165
Inventory	1,536,867	819,524
Prepaid expenses	247,891	486,963
Investments	109,925,470	102,558,310
Loans and advances receivable, net	27,312,409	28,917,525
Land under sale contract	6,459,400	8,074,250
Property and equipment, net	15,501,512	15,152,607
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	38,505,320	40,214,824
Total Assets	<u>\$ 222,060,513</u>	<u>\$ 216,733,001</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 973,289	\$ 1,461,375
Agency funds	315,165	332,848
Deposits payable	80,223,411	78,365,803
Accrued expenses	1,756,096	1,377,164
Deferred revenue	207,242	138,590
Self-insurance reserve	1,964,000	2,433,000
Priest post-retirement benefits	14,110,175	12,538,654
Liability for pension benefits - lay	61,702,938	50,493,717
Liability for pension benefits - priests	6,021,100	5,803,060
Total Liabilities	<u>167,273,416</u>	<u>152,944,211</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>54,787,097</u>	<u>63,788,790</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 222,060,513</u>	<u>\$ 216,733,001</u>

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES:	Year Ended 6/30/2019	Year Ended 6/30/2018
Bishop's annual appeal, net	\$ 5,977,333	\$ 6,042,351
Investment income, net	2,634,800	2,368,498
Realized/unrealized (loss) gain on investments	4,966,488	787,066
Change in fmV of beneficial interests in perpetual trusts	91,574	2,523,536
Operating revenue, net	5,884,045	8,686,379
Diocesan assessment	4,668,628	4,325,076
Gain(loss) on sale of property and equipment	1,406,065	(431,874)
Other	47,084	128,705
Contributions & other additions	<u>693,118</u>	<u>791,655</u>
Total Revenues, Gifts, & Grants	<u>26,369,135</u>	<u>25,221,392</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Program expenses	20,317,309	19,582,386
Management and general	2,400,465	2,137,137
Fundraising	<u>867,713</u>	<u>895,392</u>
Total Expenses	<u>23,585,487</u>	<u>22,614,915</u>
Change in net assets prior to pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	2,783,648	2,606,477
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	<u>(11,785,341)</u>	<u>10,315,439</u>
Changes In Net Assets	<u>(9,001,693)</u>	<u>12,921,916</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>63,788,790</u>	<u>50,866,874</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 54,787,097</u>	<u>\$ 63,788,790</u>

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Year Ended 6/30/2019			
	Programs	Mgmt & General	Fundraising	Total
Compensation and benefits	\$ 7,829,541	\$ 708,610	\$ 634,816	\$ 9,172,967
Direct expenses	7,691,517	617,669	46,221	8,355,407
Interest	1,477,595	-	-	1,477,595
Other	480,291	457,094	-	937,385
Occupancy	729,624	24,010	-	753,634
Cost of goods sold	702,290	-	-	702,290
Professional services	493,432	-	3,375	496,807
Depreciation	122,325	355,862	-	478,187
Office expenses	268,832	2,786	165,513	437,131
Information technology	6,199	230,328	1,430	237,957
Contract services	196,350	-	-	196,350
Publicity	160,156	-	9,110	169,266
Travel	104,659	2,656	5,368	112,683
Seminars and meetings	54,498	1,450	1,880	57,828
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 20,317,309</u>	<u>\$ 2,400,465</u>	<u>\$ 867,713</u>	<u>\$ 23,585,487</u>

	Year Ended 6/30/2018			
	Programs	Mgmt & General	Fundraising	Total
Compensation and benefits	\$ 7,573,830	\$ 582,370	\$ 685,488	\$ 8,841,688
Direct expenses	7,924,209	83,939	57,435	8,065,583
Interest	1,004,142	-	-	1,004,142
Other	342,238	771,718	-	1,113,956
Occupancy	721,900	28,112	-	750,012
Cost of goods sold	846,697	-	-	846,697
Professional services	329,837	-	625	330,462
Depreciation	125,285	423,740	-	549,025
Office expenses	248,169	2,707	137,883	388,759
Information technology	7,734	241,226	-	248,960
Contract services	186,095	-	-	186,095
Publicity	159,201	-	5,661	164,862
Travel	75,543	1,049	6,232	82,824
Seminars and meetings	37,506	2,276	2,068	41,850
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 19,582,386</u>	<u>\$ 2,137,137</u>	<u>\$ 895,392</u>	<u>\$ 22,614,915</u>

## DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 & 2018

The financial statements entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – High Schools, represent the combined financial position and activity for the Diocesan High Schools.

The financial statements for the High Schools are reviewed by the independent CPA firm of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. The review was conducted according to Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public

Accountants.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, enrollment increased slightly over the prior year (approximately 0.11%). Overall tuition income increased by 0.83% over the prior year. In several of our schools, we continued to see the need to balance a necessary increase in tuition against what is reasonable given local economic conditions.

Total Net Assets increased \$12.7 million. The majority of which was

related to an increase in pledges in support of Capital Campaigns, initiation of several significant construction projects, and an increase in the value of our endowments.

Overall net income was \$12.8 million. The most significant contributing factors were from contributions made toward Capital Campaigns. Overall, the increase in tuition income was sufficient to offset a 4.09% increase in salary and benefit costs.

This year, we have provided a

summary level Statement of Functional Expenses as required under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. For our major Functional categories – Compensation and Benefits and Extra Curricular Activities, they experienced a 4.09% increase and a 2.25% decrease respectively. Overall, High School expenses increased 2.09%. It is our hope that this Statement will provide additional information for evaluating the activities of the High Schools.

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOLS

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As of 6/30/2019	As of 6/30/2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 27,121,567	\$ 26,420,004
Restricted Cash	820,329	589,649
Accounts receivable, net	1,154,889	1,344,969
Note receivable	5,939,520	5,939,520
Pledges receivable, net	8,909,244	2,314,737
Prepaid expenses	69,796	21,541
Buildings, leasehold improvements & equipment, net	56,888,551	53,856,964
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	33,745,200	32,039,796
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 134,649,096</b>	<b>\$ 122,527,180</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,710,556	\$ 1,186,093
Accrued liabilities - operations	2,905,603	2,843,942
Deferred revenue	251,179	234,634
Prepaid tuition & fees	5,268,651	5,563,461
Notes payable - related party	13,031,234	13,646,512
Notes payable - other	9,302,719	9,592,354
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>32,469,942</b>	<b>33,066,996</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets - controlling interest	97,343,021	84,290,531
Net assets - noncontrolling interest	4,836,133	5,169,653
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>102,179,154</b>	<b>89,460,184</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 134,649,096</b>	<b>\$ 122,527,180</b>

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 6/30/2019	Year Ended 6/30/2018
<b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT:</b>		
Tuition	\$ 36,004,501	\$ 35,706,909
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	8,251,775	8,320,834
Contributions & grants	16,669,514	7,715,070
State of Ohio administration cost reimbursement	1,908,536	1,869,556
Net realized and unrealized gains	550,621	1,936,623
Parish support	1,165,860	1,190,148
Other school income	719,051	482,284
Fundraising events, net	1,267,749	2,269,668
Gift and grants - Diocese	523,226	409,027
Investment income, net	503,360	428,367
Interest income	379,779	267,712
<b>Total Revenues and Support</b>	<b>67,943,972</b>	<b>60,596,198</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Program Services</b>		
High School	52,356,068	51,534,452
Work Study	669,300	753,733
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>53,025,368</b>	<b>52,288,185</b>
<b>Support Services</b>		
General administrative services	407,215	226,548
Fundraising	1,695,516	1,487,093
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>2,102,731</b>	<b>1,713,641</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>55,128,099</b>	<b>54,001,826</b>
<b>Net revenues in excess of expenses</b>	<b>12,815,873</b>	<b>6,594,372</b>
<b>Net expenses in excess of revenues attributable to non-controlling interest</b>	<b>236,617</b>	<b>244,430</b>
<b>Net revenues in excess of expenses attributable to controlling interest</b>	<b>\$ 13,052,490</b>	<b>\$ 6,838,802</b>

# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOLS

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended 6/30/2019

Programs	Mgmt &		Total	
	General	Fundraising		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 33,325,497	\$ 96,201	\$ 1,282,126	\$ 34,703,824
Professional fees	81,539	32,400	171,982	285,921
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	8,881,148	-	-	8,881,148
Depreciation and amortization	4,089,158	11,849	11,849	4,112,856
Building, grounds and utilities	3,305,571	4,733	4,733	3,315,037
Technology	842,757	-	-	842,757
Other	525,707	7,500	-	533,207
Departmental costs	588,773	-	-	588,773
Office supplies	624,883	500	224,826	850,209
Interest	333,236	254,032	-	587,268
Bad debt expense	301,167	-	-	301,167
Central administrative fees	125,932	-	-	125,932
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53,025,368</b>	<b>\$ 407,215</b>	<b>\$ 1,695,516</b>	<b>\$ 55,128,099</b>

Year Ended 6/30/2018

Programs	Mgmt &		Total	
	General	Fundraising		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 32,084,674	80,493	\$ 1,174,860	\$ 33,340,027
Professional fees	70,454	100,109	70,893	241,456
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	9,085,948	-	-	9,085,948
Depreciation and amortization	3,903,542	11,774	11,774	3,927,090
Building, grounds and utilities	3,077,899	4,774	4,774	3,087,447
Technology	825,563	9,561	4,666	839,790
Other	958,279	9,315	18,295	985,889
Departmental costs	587,730	-	-	587,730
Office supplies	840,657	2,218	193,527	1,036,402
Interest	524,483	8,304	8,304	541,091
Bad debt expense	213,175	-	-	213,175
Central administrative fees	115,781	-	-	115,781
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 52,288,185</b>	<b>\$ 226,548</b>	<b>\$ 1,487,093</b>	<b>\$ 54,001,826</b>

## DIOCESAN PARISHES FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 & 2018

The financial statement entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Parishes, represents the consolidation of the receipts and disbursements for the parishes and associated elementary schools of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. This statement was compiled from the unaudited financial reports submitted by those organizations.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, Total Parish Receipts increased 4.98%. Offertory declined 0.33% compared to the prior year. Fund Drive receipts increased significantly. School Income rose 5.28%, while school costs rose 4.3%

Total Parish Disbursements increased 3.24% year to year mainly due to increases in school costs (4.31%), depreciation (13%), and Parish interest costs (10%).

Overall, Excess Receipts over Disbursements increased by 18.02%. It should be noted that much of this Excess was generated by Fund Drives and is used to retire debt and for major capital expenditures, which is shared at the end of the data.

For those interested in the financial results for a particular parish, please contact that parish directly.

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS PARISHES COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 6/30/2019	Year Ended 6/30/2018
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Offertory	\$ 57,662,222	\$ 57,858,933
Fund Drives	15,456,692	11,409,324
Gifts & Bequests	3,413,214	3,485,057
Diocesan Support	2,904,959	3,921,851
Other Parish Income	7,549,423	6,208,435
Religious Education Income	1,880,379	1,897,854
School Income	48,980,181	46,521,557
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>137,847,070</b>	<b>131,303,011</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Parish Salary & Benefits	25,561,188	24,872,411
Parish Operating Expenses	21,492,401	21,479,564
Diocesan Assessment	4,651,292	4,325,076
Depreciation	4,917,072	4,350,693
Debt Interest Payments	592,089	537,844
Religious Education Salary & Benefits	4,666,328	4,727,953
Other Religious Education Costs	2,067,941	2,202,186
School Salary & Benefits	48,233,690	46,078,426
Other School Costs	7,370,124	7,227,135
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>119,552,125</b>	<b>115,801,288</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 18,294,945</b>	<b>\$ 15,501,723</b>

New Loan Funds	\$ 3,686,000	\$ 4,011,818
Payments on Loans	\$ 4,226,104	\$ 5,182,867
Major Capital Expenditures	\$ 18,660,377	\$ 20,816,492



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## FEBRUARY

### 21, FRIDAY

**Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ**  
6 p.m., Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Monthly meeting of Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ, for anyone older than 35 who is single in the eyes of the Catholic Church and seeks to grow in faith, bring hope to others and share the love of Christ. Begins with prayer and Adoration, followed by dinner at a restaurant. 614-855-1400

### 21-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**St. Charles Presents 26 Pebbles**  
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's drama department presents *26 Pebbles*, a drama by Eric Ulloa about the 2012 school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. 614-252-6714

### 22, SATURDAY

**Columbus Catholic Men's Conference**  
8 a.m., Kasich Building, State Fairgrounds, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus. 23rd annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, with talks by Bishop Robert Brennan, Jason Evert and Luke Fickell, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction. Tickets \$45 adults, \$25 students. No charge for priests, deacons and seminarians. Register at [www.catholicmensministry.com](http://www.catholicmensministry.com).  
**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

### 23, SUNDAY

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Conclusion of five-week series on Pope Francis' encyclical *Lumen Fidei*, with Ohio Dominican University theology instructor Mary Koors.  
**Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady**  
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242  
**Community Supper at St. Aloysius**  
2 to 4 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free community supper, open to all. 614-875-5669  
**Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**  
2 to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Fourth meeting of six-week support group sponsored by Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact [rose.daiga@gmail.com](mailto:rose.daiga@gmail.com).

**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets. for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

**Catholic Conversations Series**  
6 to 8 p.m., Otie's Tavern and Grill, 5344 Center St., Hilliard. Father Jeff Rimelspach, parish's pastor, speaks on "Inner Conversion from the Old Testament Prophets" as part of monthly Catholic Conversations series for anyone 21 and older, sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Contact Julie Naporano at [julienaporano1@gmail.com](mailto:julienaporano1@gmail.com).  
**Catechesis at the Cathedral**  
6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Father Adam Streitenberger's series of talks on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* continues. Topic: "What Is Reconciliation?" 614-224-1295

### 24, MONDAY

**Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary at St. Pius X**  
6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859  
**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**  
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157  
**Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study**  
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday's readings.

### 25, TUESDAY

**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**  
Following 6 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.  
**Palm Burning Service at Dover St. Joseph**  
Following 6 p.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Fat Tuesday palm burning prayer service. 330-364-6661

### 26, WEDNESDAY

**Day of Reflection at St. Therese's**  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Ash Wednesday day of reflection led by Father Rod Damico and Anita Davidson, including Mass and lunch. Cost \$25. 614-866-1611

### 27, THURSDAY

**Cenacle at Holy Name**  
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.  
**Frassati Society Christ in the City**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Christ in the City program sponsored by parish's Frassati Society for young adults, with Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, Taize chant and Dominican Compline, followed by fellowship and drinks. 614-224-9522  
**'Journey to Jerusalem' at St. Brigid of Kildare**  
7 to 8:15 p.m., Hendricks Hall, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. "Journey to Jerusalem," a look at Jesus' journey to the cross through the eyes of different people each week.  
**Eucharistic Adoration at Mattingly Settlement**  
7 to 8 p.m., St. Mary Church, 6280 St. Mary Road, Mattingly Settlement. Eucharistic Adoration each Thursday during Lent. 740-754-2221  
**Vespers, Benediction at St. Margaret**  
7:30 p.m. St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1800 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, following Stations of the Cross. Continues every Thursday

during Lent. 614-279-1690

### 27-28, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

**33 Hours of Adoration at Resurrection**  
From end of 9 a.m. Thursday Mass to 6:30 a.m. Friday, Reservation chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. 33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in honor of Jesus' 33 years on Earth. 614-855-1400

### 28, FRIDAY

**Byzantine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**  
7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with Holy Eucharist. 614-882-7578  
**Holy Hour at St. Matthew**  
7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for reparation, purification and sanctification of the universal Church. 614-471-0212

### 29, SATURDAY

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.  
**Frassati Society Visits Nursing Home**  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Worthington Christian Village, 165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus. Members of Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults visit with nursing home's residents. 614-224-9522  
**Cy Kellett Talk at Delaware St. Mary**  
After 4:30 p.m. Mass, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Talk by EWTN *Catholic Answers Live* host Cy Kellett. Subject: "Truly Human Lives." 740-363-4641  
**Diocesan Rite of Election at Grove City**  
7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Bishop Robert Brennan presides at diocesan Rite of Election, with catechumens and candidates declaring their intention to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

## MARCH

### 1, SUNDAY

**Book and Game Sale at St. Mary Magdalene**  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish's third annual sale of books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs and vinyl records. 614-274-1121  
**Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Eucharistic Adoration each Sunday during Lent.  
**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. First of five studies of *No Greater Love*, a book and video series by Edward Sri filmed in the Holy Land and examining the last hours of Jesus' life.  
**Cy Kellett Talks at Delaware St. Mary**  
After 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Talks by EWTN *Catholic Answers Live* host Cy Kellett. Subjects: Morning: "Whatever Happened to the Modern World?" Evening: "The Cycle of Christian Life." 740-363-4641  
**Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**  
2 to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Fifth meeting of six-week support group sponsored by Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact [rose.daiga@gmail.com](mailto:rose.daiga@gmail.com).  
**Diocesan Rite of Election at St. Paul**  
3 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.,

Westerville. Bishop Robert Brennan presides at diocesan Rite of Election, with catechumens and candidates declaring their intention to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew**  
3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour of prayer for the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary. 614-471-0212

**Solemn Vespers at Cathedral**  
4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, Singing of Solemn Vespers with members of the cathedral choir. 614-241-2526

**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets. for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

**Solemn Vespers at St. Peter in Chains**  
6:30 p.m., St. Peter in Chains Church, 2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg. Singing of Solemn Vespers. 740-354-4551  
**Compline at Cathedral**  
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

### 2, MONDAY

**Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory**  
7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass.  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary at St. Pius X**  
6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859  
**Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann**  
6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Calcara on the Mondays of Lent.  
**Honor Choir Concert at St. Matthew**  
6:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. 13th annual diocesan honor choir concert, featuring singers from 14 diocesan elementary schools and the Ohio Dominican University choir. Free-will offering will be collected for Holy Family Soup Kitchen.  
**Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit**  
7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435  
**Eucharistic Adoration at Dresden St. Ann**  
7 to 8 p.m., St. Ann Church, 405 Chestnut St., Dresden. Eucharistic Adoration each Monday during Lent. 740-754-2221

### 3, TUESDAY

**Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting**  
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan speaks at Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Parents of diocesan seminarians will be guests. Reservations required. 614-638-6787  
**Adoration, Mass, Faith Formation at Dover**  
5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Eucharistic Adoration and confessions, followed by Mass at 6 and adult faith formation at 7. 330-364-6661  
**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**  
Following 6 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.  
**Study of Luke's Gospel at Holy Spirit**  
6:30 to 8 p.m. Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. Lenten Bible study of "Luke's Gospel: The Good News of God's Mercy."

## Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

## Live the faith, aim for holiness

## Father Timothy Hayes



Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**  
**Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**  
**1 Corinthians 3:16-23**  
**Matthew 5:38-48**

Being perfect as the world sees it is often overrated. The image is of a finished product, with all the beauty and glamor that can be included. A bright smile, sparkling teeth, a perfect body-mass index, poise and self-possession that says "I own this place." Who really and truly has that kind of perfection? Do we see it when we look in the mirror? How about those with whom we live and work? Is it in them?

And yet, our Scriptures today say, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Some want to change this to "Be perfected," so as to emphasize God's work in the journey to perfection. But that really is not what it says. Rather, there is a different image of perfection at work.

Think of a bow and arrow. You put the arrow in the bow, take aim, and when you are ready, you strike at the bull's eye. Perfection is not in the shooting of the arrow, but in the aim. That image of perfection brings into clear relief the meaning of all that the Scriptures are saying this week.

God has no intention of settling for less than what He created us to be. Jesus stretches His disciples and points them toward goals that are impossible for us to reach on our own. "Offer no resistance ... turn the other cheek ... hand over your cloak ... go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. ... Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. ..."

We are called to be holy as God is holy. We are called to see the ultimate goal as our bull's eye and to keep taking aim until we get there. If you miss the target, get another arrow.

Try again. The circles tell us where the center is. Let's keep trying to hit that center.

We cannot do it alone. When it comes to God and our relationship with Him, God's action is what is most important. We can

choose to cooperate or not, but what we become and what will become of us are determined by God, not by us.

We bring others with us. We can hope our children receive the faith we received from our parents. But they will be influenced by things in the world we never had to deal with. We were never really their age. What is it that we can do to counteract this?

Mother Teresa was once asked to say a few words to a group of seminarians. She got up and looked out at the gathering and gave her famous smile. Then she opened her mouth and said, "Be holy priests." Then she sat down.

The priest who was master of ceremonies said to her, "Is that all?"

Mother Teresa responded: "Isn't that enough?!"

Holiness is enough to satisfy everything. If you are holy, if we together are the holy people God calls us to be, all else will follow.

"Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Hearts open to God are hearts open to God's children. Lives given over to grace are lives that have no room for sin. "Be holy. Be perfect." Simply put, this means realize that you belong to God and let His Spirit bring you to the perfection God wills for you.

We are capable of greatness. That greatness is a real share in God's own life. We see signs that we are in touch with that kind of greatness when we discover that we can move beyond ourselves. May our lives become ever more truly a witness to the power and grace of Jesus Christ at work in our world.

Live the faith. Stretch for a greater understanding and involvement. Set the bar higher. Ready? Aim! Fire!

## THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

**MONDAY**  
 James 3:13-18  
 Psalm 19:8-10, 15  
 Mark 9:14-29

**TUESDAY**  
 James 4:1-10  
 Psalm 55:7-11, 23  
 Mark 9:30-37

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Joel 2:12-18  
 Psalm 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17  
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY**  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
 Psalm 1:1-4, 6  
 Luke 9:22-25

**FRIDAY**  
 Isaiah 58:1-9a  
 Psalm 51:3-6b, 18-19  
 Matthew 9:14-15

**SATURDAY**  
 Isaiah 58:9b-14  
 Psalm 86:1-6  
 Luke 5:27-32

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF FEB. 23, 2020

## 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).

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).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary ([www.stannstmary.org](http://www.stannstmary.org)); Columbus St. Patrick ([www.stpatrickcolumbus.org](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.org)); Delaware St. Mary ([www.delawarestmary.org](http://www.delawarestmary.org)); and Sunbury St. John Neumann ([www.saintjohnsunbury.org](http://www.saintjohnsunbury.org)).

We pray Weeks III (Mon-Tues) and IV (Wed-Sat), Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

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**BATES, William R., 89, Feb. 8**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**GERLACH, Susan M. (Mantle), 71, Feb. 11**  
St. Leo Church, Columbus

**KARABINOS, Theresa M. (Sayer), 88, Feb. 11**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**MILLER, William M., 72, Feb. 12**  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

**BUSH, Ann (Vogel), 67, Feb. 12**  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

**HAYES, Judy A. (Lee), 72, Feb. 8**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
Grove City

**LANG, Olivia J. 74, Feb. 13**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**SHEPHERD, Rebecca L. (Shillington), 69, Feb. 4**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
Grove City

**CARTER, Stanley F., 81, Feb. 15**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**IACOVETTA, Jeannette (Capocciana), 96, Feb. 9**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**LEGG, Jeanette A. (Boyer), 99, Jan. 11**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

**SULLIVAN, Danny A., 66, Feb. 5**  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

**DAVIS, William E., 82, Feb. 11**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**JURGENSMIER, Eunice (Hughes), 87, Feb. 9**  
St. John Church, Logan

**LEWIS, George R., 68, Feb. 8**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**WADE, Betty J. (Lemmon), 85, Feb. 9**  
St. Leonard Church, Heath

**GAULDIN, Tom J., 76, Feb. 10**  
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washingt-  
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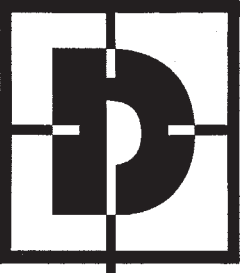
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## Sister Annunciata Muth, OSU

Funeral Mass for Sister Annunciata Muth, OSU, 93, who died Sunday, Feb. 9, was celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Motherhouse of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Kentucky. Burial was at St. Michael Cemetery, Louisville.

She was a Louisville native who entered the Ursuline order in 1945. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and Ursuline College in Louisville and earned a master's degree

from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1960.

She ministered primarily in education, spending 59 years serving at Westerville St. Paul School, where she taught from 1976 to 1984, and at 14 schools in Kentucky, Indiana and Nebraska.

She is survived by a sister, Dorothea Redmon, and several nieces and nephews.

## Sister Carol Diederich, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Carol Diederich, OSF, 95, who died Monday, Jan. 27, was celebrated Saturday, Feb. 1 at the chapel of the Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Burial was at the convent cemetery.

She was born Lois Diederich on March 29, 1924 in Lindsay, Nebraska to the late Anthony and Sophia (Greisen) Diederich.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Holy Family College in Manitowoc and a master of

arts degree from St. Louis University.

She entered the order of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in 1938 and professed her vows in 1942.

She taught at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School from 1967 to 1980 and was its principal from 1972 to 1980.

She also taught or was principal at schools in Wisconsin, Michigan and Nebraska and was a faculty member and dean of Holy Family College.

She is survived by two sisters.

## ODU to host preview day on March 21

Ohio Dominican University will host a preview day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21 in the Bishop Griffin Student Center, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Interested high school students and their families can register for the free event by visiting [ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay](http://ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay).

During the day, students will be able to take a campus tour, explore

available majors, discuss financial aid options, enjoy a complimentary meal, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors and talk with ODU students.

Students unable to attend the event Preview Day are invited to schedule an individual visit to campus at [ohiodominican.edu/Visit](http://ohiodominican.edu/Visit) or by calling the university's undergraduate admissions office at (614) 251-4500.



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