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The Editor's Notebook

To be Catholic is to be devoted to community

By David Garick, Editor

No man is an island, entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

Those words were written by English poet John Donne in 1624. The thoughts he expresses are not unique to his time. They strike at the very heart of what it means to be Catholic.

What does it mean to be a Catholic? For far too many people, the answer is pretty murky: "Well, I was born Catholic. I was baptized when I was a baby. I went to Catholic school. I get to Mass when I can," they say. Those are all important things, but does that make you a Catholic Christian? Not really. St. Paul tells us that we are not called to live just for ourselves: "For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

We know that each of us must accept Christ as his or her personal Savior. We have a very direct and special relationship to him. But Christ does not call us to worship in solitude. He calls us to community. In all his teaching, Jesus emphasized that to truly live his love is to share it with others in a community of believers.

Paul tells us that "all parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in Spirit we were all baptized into one body." That one body is the Church ... the assembly of the baptized ... the reality of Christ's body in the world. That singular body is energized through the regular sharing of the true body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist and expressed through the gifts

of the Holy Spirit emanating from every one of its members. It is not just what we call ourselves, but how we live every aspect of our lives.

The members of Christ's body, the Church, are indeed diverse, and so are the gifts of the Spirit distributed to those members. To truly be Christian, we must acknowledge our unique gifts and abilities and use them for the building up of the Body of Christ. Those gifts can be expressed in many ways. It may be through ability to express the teachings of Christ through speech or writing or art in bringing people to the faith, or through the nurture and raising of children, or through actions of physical and spiritual healing for those who are suffering, or through reaching out to assist those who are in poverty, hunger, or loneliness. It may be through the gift of prayer that a person contributes to the overall strength of the Church. Or perhaps the person is called to serve the church as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother. All these gifts are important, and everyone who has received the Holy Spirit must use his or her gift to truly be part of the Body of Christ. We do not do any of these things on our own. We do them as part of a glorious community.

This week's edition of *Catholic Times* provides a wonderful perspective of how the many and varied gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested in the worship and service to mankind that takes place within the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist in the inner city of Columbus. These truly are Catholic Christians in word, in action, and in spirit.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment

Father Peter Asantebwana, from ministry in the Tuscarawas-Holmes-Coshocton Deanery and residence at St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown, to Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Church, Gahanna, effective Aug. 9.

Father Steve Bell, CSP, from Associate Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, to service outside the diocese, effective July 1.

Father Cyrus M. Haddad, from Parochial Vicar, Perry County Consortium of Churches (St. Rose Church, New Lexington; St. Bernard Church, Corning; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; and Church of the Atonement, Crooksville), to Administrator, Perry County Consortium of Churches, effective July 11.

Father Daniel J. Swartz, from Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Church, Gahanna, to Associate Administrator, Perry County Consortium of Churches (St. Rose Church, New Lexington; St. Bernard Church, Corning; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; and Church of the Atonement, Crooksville), effective Aug. 9.

Father Stuart Wilson-Smith, CSP, to Associate Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, effective July 1, upon nomination from Father Eric Andrews, CSP, Provincial of the Paulist Fathers.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. During June, July and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to **July 16 & 30; August 13 & 27**

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

Correction - An advertisement in the June 18 *Catholic Times* listed the price of a Sept. 1-10 pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes as \$2,795. The actual price is \$2,495. For more information, contact Garrett at (773) 790-3164 or Mark at (330) 432-0817.



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The sanctuary of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, originally St. John the Evangelist Church. It was built in 1898 and 1899.

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Diocese introduces its new Internet home for Catholic information

The Diocese of Columbus and the Catholic Times have a brand new website – www.columbuscatholic.org!

The new site, hosted by eCatholic, one of the nation's largest website providers for Catholic parishes and dioceses, will provide easy, one-stop access to a wealth of information and news about the Catholic Church in Columbus and around the world.

The new service went active last week. The front page provides important information about things going on in the diocese. Dropdown menus will connect you to diocesan offices, programs, and ministries. Here you also can access the diocesan directory, with contact information for all diocesan offices and ministries. The "parishes" section will give you contact information for all of our parishes, and a new mapping feature from Goggle Maps will show the location of each church and driving directions.

Also on the front page will be news briefs from the *Catholic Times* and the Catholic News Service. For more Catholic news, click the *Catholic Times* icon and go to the *Catholic Times* page, where you can read full-screen stories from the current edition of the *Times*. On the left side of the page is a commentary section with all the columns you enjoy in the *Catholic Times*.

You also will see an image of the front page of the current issue. From there, you can open the *Times* e-edition, which will bring you the entire print edition to read. In coming weeks, an archive feature will be added that will allow you to read all the *Times* issues that have been published during the last decade. The *Catholic Times* page also features the latest Catholic news from the Vatican and around the world from Catholic News Service.

Another important feature of the new website is the addition of a translator that will allow the reader to see all the web pages in any of a dozen languages commonly used in the Diocese of Columbus.

Because people will be accessing the site from many different types of computers, tablets, and mobile devices, the diocesan website is designed to automatically reformat the page to fit the screen on which it is being viewed.

Even though the site is up and running, it remains a work in progress. New features will be added in the weeks ahead, and the page will be constantly changing to reflect the ongoing vitality of Catholic life in the diocese.

So bookmark www.columbuscatholic.org in your computer, tablet, or smartphone. It is your new gateway to everything Catholic in central, southern, and eastern Ohio.

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IMAGE: CNS photo/Shawn Thew, EPA By Mark Pattison WASHINGTON (CNS) – The Senate's Better Care Reconciliation Act contains "many of the fundamental defects" that appeared in the...

Under the radar: South Sudan needs media attention, immediate action

IMAGE: CNS photo/Carol Glatz By Carol Glatz VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis is first of all a shepherd who makes seeking out the lost and forgotten his top priority. But he also knows that...

Scorsese says a boyhood of church and movies continues to inspire him

Dr. Robert A. Gervasi begins tenure as Ohio Dominican president

Dr. Robert A. Gervasi's tenure as Ohio Dominican University's 16th president began on Monday, June 26. University trustees announced on March 3 that Gervasi would be ODU's next president. He succeeds Dr. Peter Cimboric, who retired after seven years in the position.

Gervasi has spent the last nine years serving as president of Quincy (Illinois) University, a private Catholic Franciscan liberal arts university with approximately 1,300 undergraduate and graduate students.

During his tenure as president, Quincy experienced growth and improvement in many areas, including enrollment. In the fall of 2016, the university wel-

comed its largest class on record. In the past nine years, enrollment in its honors program has increased from 33 to 202 students. Quincy also became a more diverse campus under his leadership, with approximately 17 percent of the university's student population made up of minority students.

Before joining Quincy, Gervasi served as president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Study Abroad in Indianapolis. There, he served more than 3,000 American students annually at 80 universities worldwide. Prior to that, he was dean of Kentucky campuses and of external programs for McKendree University at its Louisville campus. In these

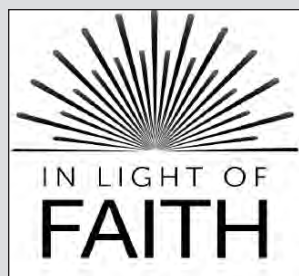
positions, he had responsibility for all executive functions such as strategic planning, faculty development, marketing, fundraising, and recruitment.

Gervasi has taught at the University of Louisville, McKendree University, Chatfield College in St. Martin, Ohio, Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Xavier University in Cincinnati, the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and The Ohio State University. He also lectured as senior Fulbright scholar in classics at the University of Zimbabwe. In addition to his work in higher education, he has worked in public relations, marketing, and publishing for companies such as

Bristol-Myers and Procter and Gamble.

He serves on many boards and in several community service and professional organizations, including on the executive committee of the Council of Independent Colleges; peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; board member for the Great River Economic Development Foundation; and as a member of the Rotary Club of Quincy. He previously was on the executive committee of the Associated Colleges of Illinois.

His wife, Jen, is a former executive in the home fashion industry and arts organizations.



By Christopher White
Catholic News Service

ATTENDING MASS LED TO MY CONVERSION TO CATHOLICISM

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman once wrote that “to be deep in history is to cease to be Protestant.” Cardinal Newman, a notable convert to the faith, was commenting on the essential role the Catholic Church has played throughout civilization -- and his belief that to take history seriously, one has to wrestle with the truth claims of the church.

As a former Protestant, much of Cardinal Newman’s sentiments ring true to my experience. In some respects, my introduction to the Fathers of the Church first steered me in the direction of Catholicism. But almost a decade later, I also can attest to the fact that the seeds of conversion require more than a mere history lesson.

In the spring semester of my sophomore year of college, I found myself studying abroad in Paris. Frustrated by the divisions within Protestantism and exploring the history and tradition of the Catholic faith, I decided to spend my Sundays in Paris bouncing to different Catholic parishes.

It was a convenient way to feed my love of art and architecture, but it also served as an unexpected introduction to another kind of beauty -- the liturgy.

Attending my first Mass at the age of 19 was a peculiar experience. The bells and smells were new to me, as were the collective prayers. But most striking were two other facets of the Mass: the centrality of the sacraments and the reverence in which the Mass was celebrated.

In Protestant churches, the peak of the service is the homily (or the sermon, as most Protestants refer to it). And let’s be clear: Good preaching matters when it comes to spiritual nourishment. But as I soon discovered, the pinnacle of the Mass is the consecration and reception of holy Communion.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, the Eucharist allows us to “unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.” The discovery of ordinary things becoming extraordinary things forever shifted the way I thought about what it meant to attend a church.

Then there was the beauty of the reverence of the Mass. The rituals and rhythms of the liturgy served as a guide to enter into deeper communion with God. Outside, the streets were noisy and my life was unfocused. Inside, the liturgy channeled my focus on higher things.

For that reason, the preparatory document for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on “young people, faith, and vocational discernment” reminds us that “in an increasingly noisy society that offers a plethora of stimuli, one fundamental objective in the pastoral care of young people is to provide the young with opportunities to enjoy the value of silence and contemplation and to receive formation in understanding one’s experiences and to listen to one’s conscience.”

After that semester in Paris, it would be another three years before I finally entered into full communion with the church. The history books and theology all mattered and were certainly formative in my experience. But I’ll always remain most grateful for the discovery of the beauty of the Mass, where, in the company of saints and sinners alike, I could focus on what mattered most.

Join the conversation. Email: inlightoffaith@catholicnews.com

White is director of Catholic Voices USA.

St. Patrick “Into the Deep” talks continue

Christianity from a Bird’s-Eye View will be the subject of the next talk in the series titled “Into the Deep: Diving Into the Divine Mysteries of the Faith,” presented by the Dominican Friars of Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The talk will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, in Aquinas Hall. The talks, featuring Father Boniface Endorf, OP, will continue at the same time on

the second Thursday of each month through December.

If you can’t attend the talks live, video recordings will be available on the parish website. The talks also will be featured on St. Gabriel Radio’s *Faith Alive* program weekdays at 4 p.m.

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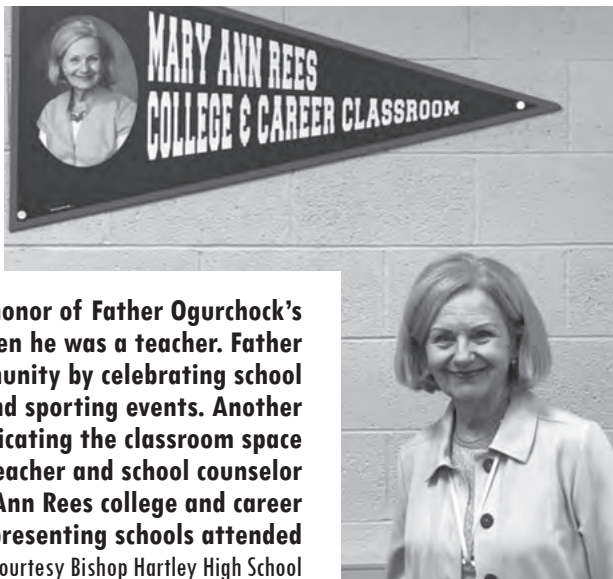
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Hartley honors Father Ogurchock and Mary Ann Rees

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School celebrated the 60th anniversary of the school's dedication at a Founder's Day Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell. After Mass, the bishop dedicated and blessed the Father James A. Ogurchock conference room in the school. The

"Father O Room," as it now is called, is dedicated in honor of Father Ogurchock's service to the school, beginning in its early days when he was a teacher. Father Ogurchock continues to be part of the Hartley community by celebrating school Masses and being on the sidelines for many activities and sporting events. Another Founder's Day event was the unveiling of a pennant dedicating the classroom space in the counseling office to Mary Ann Rees, a longtime teacher and school counselor who has retired. The room is now officially the Mary Ann Rees college and career classroom. The pennant in her honor joins pennants representing schools attended by Hartley graduates. Photos courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



Delaware St. Mary student receives scholarship

Delaware St. Mary School student Andrew Somodi was awarded the inaugural Ron Sabatino Family Scholarship by the Delaware County Foundation. The scholarship is available to any St. Mary School eighth-grader going to a Catholic high school. The scholarship recipient is awarded



\$5,000 per year toward tuition. Somodi will be attending Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in the fall. Photo courtesy St. Mary School



Chillicothe Knights present awards
John Albright (right) received the Knight of the Year award from Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus at Chillicothe St. Peter Church. He is pictured with Pat Corcoran, the council's grand knight. Noah Hiles was selected as Youth of the Year and Danny and Judy Harness as Family of the Year.

Photo courtesy K of C Council 15793

Former Watterson staff members help cancer patients

Two longtime Columbus Bishop Watterson High School staff members are helping raise awareness of a local nonprofit organization which assists cancer patients and their family members who come to Columbus from out of town for treatment. Marian Hutson, who retired from Watterson in 2016 after 39 years there, including 24 as principal, is co-hosting a garden-party fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 15 at 376 Partridge Road in Powell for Hope Hollow, which was founded by Jane Jacquemin-Clark and her husband, Kevin.

Jacquemin-Clark recently retired after a long career as a religion teacher and counselor at Watterson. Hope Hollow provides families of out-of-town cancer patients with complimentary lodging, either in a 4,600-square-foot home near The Ohio State University's medical campus and Riverside Methodist Hospital, or in a hotel, and offers many other services to meet the families' basic needs. For more information on the fundraiser, go to www.hopehollow.org.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Recently a reader complained about irreverent behavior in church prior to Mass, including cellphone use. As part of your response, you stated that cellphone use is always inappropriate. Judging behavior is also ugly behavior, at least as repugnant as irreverence.

I use my cellphone prior to Mass while seated in church. I read the day's Scriptures along with meditations on those readings from several sources. (I particularly like the daily reflections from the University of Notre Dame and from the Jesuit community.) I will continue this practice despite anyone's misplaced judgments. (City of origin withheld)

Q. I take issue with your recent comments on cellphone usage in church, as appeared in your column in *Our Sunday Visitor*. I fully agree with the inappropriateness of talking or texting before, during or even after the service is over.

However, using the *Laudate* app, I read the daily Scriptures, the Loreto Litany (after saying the rosary) and a number of other prayers before Mass. It never really occurred to me that what I do quietly on my cellphone is offensive to others. (Lawrenceville, Illinois)

A. The letters above are indicative of those that arrive each week in response to this column. (Did you notice -- as I did -- a slight difference in tone between the

two letters?) Such letters are valuable, serving to fill out my own answers and offering observations that cannot be included in a few short paragraphs.

The original question had complained about people talking and laughing on cellphones -- or texting -- before Mass (in fact, during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). I did offer my own view that "the use of cellphones is never proper in church -- whether to speak or to text."

I neglected to mention that there are some legitimate and laudable uses that involve neither speaking nor texting -- most notably, to reflect on the Scriptures or to read prayers in preparation for the Eucharist. So, a *mea culpa* from me and a thank-you to those who responded.

Q. Can priests baptize someone if they are in the state of mortal sin? My daughter was baptized by our parish priest in the 1980s. A few months later, he committed suicide. The reason given was that he was being accused of sexual abuse.

If that was true, was he allowed to baptize? And is my daughter legitimately baptized, or does she need a new baptism? (Manassas, Virginia)

A. The church has always taught that the validity of a sacrament does not depend on the state of soul of the human minister. (The technical theological language is that the sacra-

ments act "*ex opere operato*" -- i.e., from the very fact of the action's having been performed.) With every sacrament, Jesus Christ is the principal actor, even when the minister is unworthy.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* expresses it this way: "From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister" (No. 1128).

That having been said, a priest of course must strive always to remain in the state of grace so that he may be a worthy representative of Christ, in whose person he acts in conferring a sacrament.

So, to answer your question: Your daughter was validly baptized and no "re-baptism" needs to take place. What you could do, though, is to offer a prayer or two for the priest who baptized her.

Had the priest been guilty of sexual abuse, it could be that he had confessed the sin and been forgiven long before he baptized your daughter. Still, though, he was deeply troubled -- as the suicide would indicate -- and could profit from your prayers.

(I should mention, too, that -- in contrast to the practice a generation or two back -- the church now celebrates a funeral Mass in church for someone who takes his own life; the thinking is that the person may well have been so disturbed as to mitigate somewhat his own moral responsibility.)

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.

Franciscan University of Steubenville launches institute of catechetics

One of the biggest challenges facing the Catholic Church in the United States is how to bring a new evangelization to an increasingly secularized, fragmented culture.

Parish mergers, shrinking budgets, and a shortage of priests and catechists to instruct the laity compound the challenge.

Against this backdrop, Franciscan University of Steubenville announces the launching of the Franciscan University Institute of Catechetics.

"The institute's overriding desire is to reach into parishes, families, and communities to support the strengthening of Catholic culture and the handing on of the treasure of faith in every possible place and situation," said Dr. Petroc Willey, the institute's director.

Through conferences, new catechetical resources, and especially online courses, the institute will seek "to serve all those who form others in the faith," Willey said. This includes priests, parish catechists of all types, Catholic school teachers, and parents, the primary educators of their children.

The cornerstone of the institute's work is an online library of one-hour workshops that eventually will total more than 650 videos.

The workshops will be available in a dozen certification tracks, including priestly catechetical renewal; ministry of parenting; catechist; parish catechetical leader; culture of life; Catholic schools; youth ministry; campus ministry; pastoral accompaniment; first proclamation; music ministry; and more.

The videos will be presented by faculty teaching in Franciscan University's renowned catechetics program and will incorporate art, innovative

media, music, and other creative elements that also communicate the faith.

All presentations are rooted in sacred Scripture and are loyal to the magisterium and guided by the Catholic Church's most foundational documents on catechesis and evangelization.

The workshops, in 10- to 15-minute segments filmed in front of a live audience, will touch on almost every aspect of catechesis, ranging from catechetical theory and Christology to basic evangelization skills, public speaking, and vocational discernment.

Unique to existing online formation programs, the catechetical institute doesn't replace diocesan services with distant experts. Rather, it will work with dioceses to establish local, on-the-ground mentoring programs connecting participants to veteran catechists living and working in their dioceses. These mentors will provide feedback and personal encouragement to participants.

"We do not want the lack of resources in any particular place ever to be an obstacle to these rich resources," Willey said. For partner dioceses, a token yearly subscription paid by the parish or other parochial institution grants full access to the institute's video library. Individuals also may take any workshop for enrichment for a nominal monthly fee.

Full details on the program are available at catechetics.com, the official website of the catechetical institute. The site also includes information on the institute's annual St. John Bosco Conference in July and its Oct. 13-15 conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.



St. Andrew students earn scholarship awards

Columbus St. Andrew School principal Joel Wichtman presented scholarships to Columbus Bishop Waterson High School to Elena Latshaw (left) and Clare Mackin. Both students received \$1,500 to apply to their tuition at Watterson for their prize-winning essays on the Beatitudes. Mackin also was selected to receive the \$500 George LaNicca Community Service Award. Both awards are sponsored in part by the St. Andrew Church Women's Club. Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Dominican Learning Center receives literacy grant

The Dominican Learning Center in Columbus has been awarded a \$7,550 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support adult literacy. The grant is part of more than \$7.5 million in awards to nearly 900 schools, non-profits, and organizations across the 44 states where there are Dollar General stores. Dollar General has more than 20 stores in the Columbus area.

"The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has given us a lasting gift," said Sister Barbara Kane, OP, the center's director. "This donation will allow us to implement Aztec Online Learning, a powerful online tool that will help our learners take advantage of quality instruction wherever they can access a phone, tablet, or computer."

Sister Barbara tells the story of a learner who came to the DLC to try to improve his life, but was part of an ongoing legal investigation and could not leave his home to meet with a tutor. The center has helped him continue to study and learn by using the Aztec system and working with the center via phone.

"This program is useful for those who have trouble getting to us, of course, but I believe it will benefit all of our learners. We expect that it will enrich the educational experience and speed the learning curve for our basic education or GED prep learners," Sister Barbara said.

The Dominican Learning Center, located in Columbus' south side, offers personalized, one-on-one education for adults with a wide variety of educational needs. Learners can improve their math or literacy skills, work toward a GED, learn English to prepare for citizenship, and sharpen computer skills. Center staff members and 184 volunteer tutors meet with adult learners at libraries and other public locations convenient to the learner's home or work.

The center was founded in 1994 by the Dominican Sisters of Peace and has more than 275 adult learners from 49 nations enrolled in its programs. One of its goals is to promote peace and nonviolence among immigrant communities in central Ohio.

CAN I DONATE MY BODY TO SCIENCE?



MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Some people may wish to "donate their body to science" after they die. Such a gift of self can be objectively good and praiseworthy, provided that their body would contribute to meaningful research or study and that it would not be used in a disrespectful or otherwise inappropriate manner.

A number of potentially laudable projects can benefit from a person's decision to donate his or her body to science. A human cadaver can be useful for anatomical studies, helping train medical students to save lives later. It can be of assistance in carrying out basic biomedical research or in developing new medical instruments. It can be used as a forensic tool to help solve crimes through the study of advanced states of bodily decay. It can assist with the training of surgeons, and even can help with the development of various types of safety or protective gear, including helmets, automobile airbags, and bulletproof vests.

In 1956, Pope Pius XII noted that consenting to "damage to the integrity of the corpse, in the interest of those who are suffering, is no violation of the reverence due to the dead." Pope St. John Paul II wrote in a 1995 encyclical that one way of nurturing a genuine culture of life "is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" ("Evangelium Vitae" 86). The Catholic bishops of the United States have given similar guidance in their policy document titled "The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services": "Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death" (No. 63).

Although there are not any fundamental moral objections to donating our bodies to science, certain details of how the donation is carried out are important.

First, bodily remains should be interred properly in the earth at the conclusion of their use. The body should not be surrendered to researchers, then merely "left in limbo." Often a university or research institution will oversee and pay for cremation of the body after the research is completed, so the family can be given the ashes. This may be specified in the agreement signed by the individual ahead of time. Assuring appropriate respect and reverence for the body thus would include arranging for burial in con-

secrated ground afterward.

A second consideration of importance for Catholics involves the offering of prayers, particularly the sacrifice of the Mass, on behalf of the deceased. Father Edward McNamara, a well-known writer and liturgy professor in Rome, offers some practical guidance in this regard: "Since it is usually impossible to have a funeral with the remains shortly after death, as this would render the body unsuitable for research purposes, a memorial Mass without the body can be celebrated so as to entrust the soul of the deceased to God and offer the family the opportunity of mourning together. When the remains are released to the family, another Mass may be offered."

A third potential area of concern involves the possibility that certain cells or tissues derived from the human body may be used inappropriately in research. To consider one instance, it is possible to harvest sex cells or their progenitor cells from corpses a few hours following death. Some researchers might be tempted to use these cells, for example, to create human embryos in the laboratory for biomedical research. Although such practices are uncommon, an individual who believes that his or her cells are likely to be used in this unethical way by a research institution should not agree to donate his or her body after death.

Those contemplating the possibility of donating their bodies to science should weigh a fourth consideration as well; namely, whether others in their family are open to their body being utilized in this way. They should find out whether their spouse, children, or others close to them would have any objections or concerns. At the end of the day, there may be some family members who, in the words of one commentator, can't quite get past the idea "that you will be dissected over a period of months in anatomy class, or cut up and divided among different programs (brain to an Alzheimer's study, joints to orthopedic surgery training)." Careful vetting of the details ahead of time helps avoid resentment, pain, and surprises after a loved one passes on.

With these caveats and considerations in mind, donating a body to science can indeed allow someone to "give back" or "contribute to society" after death.

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Cathedral hosts Circleville Confirmation

Through the generosity of Bishop Frederick Campbell, Father Michael Lumpe, cathedral rector, and the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral staff, Circleville St. Joseph Church was able to have its Confirmation service in the cathedral on Thursday, May 25 for 26 young men and women. The Circleville church began an extensive renovation project on May 1 and currently has no pews, altar of sacrifice, organ pipes, and other church furnishings. Masses are being celebrated in the parish hall. The renovation is expected to be completed by Dec. 1. Father Ted Machnik, pastor of the Circleville church, is pictured at far right in the second row.

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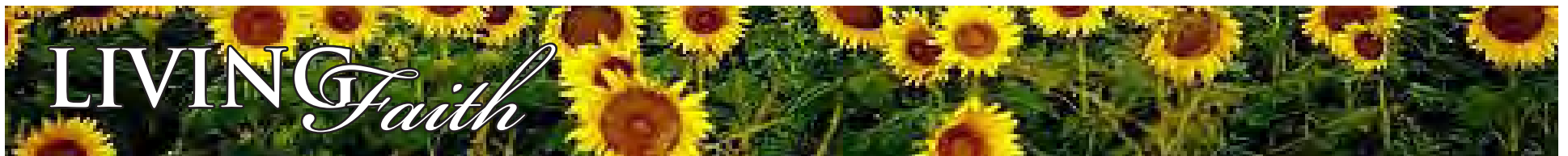

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Turning to Our Lady of Covadonga with trust

The story of Our Lady of Covadonga started long ago, in 711, when Islam was on the rise in Asia Minor and North Africa. The Moors turned their attention to Spain, and because the Visigothic kingdom was weak, the troops landed easily in the area of present-day Gibraltar.

The Moors and the Visigoths were duking it out — one group defending its homeland, the other seeking to conquer and rule. The Visigoths lost the battle and King Rodrigo was killed. He obviously was a hero to his people, though, because legends immediately cropped up that, on the one hand, he had not died, but had become a hermit, and, on the other hand, that if he had not died, he appeared in another form to strengthen his people.

What was left of King Rodrigo's Visigoth army panicked, separating to many different places. Don Pelayo, a relative of King Rodrigo, remained undaunted by the defeat. I picture him as a fierce man, forced to live in the mazelike caves in the hills and mountains of Asturia. He was certainly unhappy about it, but I have a picture of him as a hero, a tough guy who loved his country so fiercely he wasn't going to give up and let the Moors have an easy victory.

When you're in hiding with an army, there's not a lot of room for discord. Shortly after arriving at the hiding place in the caves near Covadonga, Don Pelayo was going to discipline a member who had fled the group and been marked as disruptive. Just as Don Pelayo was going to take him prisoner, a hermit appeared before

him and informed him that the cave before him should be honored as a sanctuary and that the fleeing offender should be granted asylum. The hermit told him, "If you pardon the culprit now, you will find haven one day at the same spot and thus remake the Empire."

Was Don Pelayo startled by the hermit's insistence and obvious holiness? Could he recognize the truth in the hermit's prophecy? Was the dream of remaking the Empire more than he could ignore?

Don Pelayo would have been aware that the cave the hermit referred to had been considered a sanctuary of Mary for as long as anyone could remember, drawing hermits and others to venerate an image that was there. Whatever the reason, Don Pelayo pardoned the man, though I imagine there was a warning attached.

It took seven years of hiding in the caves and hills for Don Pelayo's rebels to prepare for their attack. In 718, the Moors had enough of the rumors of an army building in the hills, and they sent an entire army into Asturia with instructions to get rid of the hiding Visigoths once and for all.

Even though Don Pelayo was a brave leader, I'm sure there was a little bit of sweat under his armpits when he heard an entire army was coming his way. He did the wisest thing he could: he went to the cave where he had met the hermit and prayed there.

The image of Don Pelayo's band meeting the immense Arab army is the stuff Hollywood loves. I can hear deep music and smell the tension in the wind. More than one of Don Pelayo's men must have offered up a desperate



Finding Faith in
Everyday Life
Sarah Reinhard

plea to heaven, and perhaps it was this desperation, this sense that they had nothing to lose, that gave them a glint in their eyes.

The Moors must have chuckled to themselves when they saw how much they outnumbered Don Pelayo's group. Did they laugh? Did they jeer before they started shooting arrows? Were they certain of their victory?

As the arrows blackened the sky and lances and darts were thrown, things looked bleak for the Visigoths. How would they survive this onslaught? Then, probably with a feeling of confusion, the attacking Moors realized their weapons weren't reaching the band of soldiers in the hills. Everything was bouncing off the rocks. How could that be?

Don Pelayo's party must have been felt a surge of hope, and it must have been just what they needed. I can just see them laughing and then attacking the Moors. The Moors were confused, unsure of what was happening, and, in that confusion, they fled, pursued by the small Visigoth army. As they headed for the safety of the Mount Auceva plains, a huge thunderstorm erupted, causing the Deva River to overflow its banks and a landslide to form, crushing the fleeing army.

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Interior focus

One of the aspects of strength training that I really enjoy is executing a heavy barbell or kettlebell lift with careful, thoughtful, methodical precision. You are interiorly focused, especially if the weight you are lifting is near your maximum effort. You are not talking or laughing or thinking about what you have to do later that day. For that moment, you are laser-focused on the lift. You apply patient perseverance and trust your body to make a go at cracking the bar off the floor or heaving weight overhead.

Thinking, feeling, and moving mindfully and with perfect technique can be challenging, especially if you haven't developed an interior focus. New students often comment that the hardest part of lifting weights is the ability to think, feel, and concentrate without distraction.

It can be like that in our prayer life as well. We might not be used to sitting in silence, interiorly focused and waiting patiently for God to speak to us in our hearts. If we are able to quiet the mind and ease out distractions, speaking and listening to God can be a transformative

time of prayer.

Yet for many of us, that silent interior focus can be elusive.

So when I heard that Cardinal Robert Sarah and Nicolas Diat had written a book about silence, I felt drawn to it immediately. While I seek silence to pray, I often fight restlessness, so I looked for inspiration and insight from Cardinal Sarah's book, *The Power of Silence*.

"Without the moorings of silence, life is a depressing movement, a puny little boat, ceaselessly tossed by the violence of the waves. Silence is the outer wall that we must build in order to protect an interior edifice," he writes in the book.

This topic of silence and deeper interior focus is critical to a strong contemplative prayer life which will enable us to grow closer to Our Lord and illuminate God's will for our lives.

You probably agree that spending time in silence is countercultural; more than ever, it can be challenging to find silence, even in our own homes. Cardinal Sarah



HOLY AND HEALTHY
Lori Crock

refers to this as the dictatorship of noise.

Back to our lifting example: When we lift heavy weights, the muscle fibers in our bodies change and grow and, over time, we become physically stronger. We may not see the changes right away, but we know it's happening as we progress to heavier weights.

Similarly, our time in prayerful silence transforms our hearts, even when we don't immediately see changes or feel any different. We trust that God's grace is at work in us and that over time, a strong interior prayer life will yield sweet fruit in our lives.

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HOLY ROSARY-ST. JOHN TO HONOR ITS HISTORY AND COMMUNITY PRESENCE ON JULY 16

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Members of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church decided earlier this year that it was time to have an anniversary event celebrating the parish's continuing presence in the Old Oaks district of the city's near east side and honoring the heritage of the two parishes from which it was formed.

There wasn't a specific milestone, such as a 50th or 100th anniversary, to be noted this year, but that didn't matter. Because of the desire among parishioners and school alumni for such an event, Holy Rosary-St. John will host an anniversary celebration during its 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 16, followed by refreshments at Campion Hall in the St. John Community Center next door.

Everyone in the diocese is invited, particularly those with a connection to the current parish or its predecessors, Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist churches, or those parishes' schools. Those who attend are encouraged to bring class or parish photos and other memorabilia for display at the reception.

"Why wait until you reach a point like 100 years to let everyone know how proud you are of what your parish does?" said parishioner Mary Roberts.

Father Joshua Wagner, the parish's pastor for the past seven years, said its last anniversary celebration occurred in 2005 to mark the 100th anniversary of Holy Rosary Church. A similar event took place in 1998 for the 100th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Church.

"People started to ask us recently when we were going to have a church anniversary celebration again," he said when announcing the event. "Even though it is not a 'special' year (although really, isn't every year we are able to serve God special?), we decided we would go ahead and host another event. It is something we will be happy to do more often if people are interested."

The two churches were combined in 1979 into one parish, based at the St. John the Evangelist site at 648 S. Ohio Ave. A Baptist church bought the former Holy Rosary building and grounds at East Main Street and Seymour Avenue and restored them for its own use.

From 1970 to 1983, Holy Rosary, St. John, and Columbus St. Dominic churches combined their elementary schools into one unit known as Pope John XXIII School, which eventually was located at the former St. John School building next to the church. That building, now the St. John Community Center, houses a food pantry, an adult education area known as the St. John Learning Center, and the Community Kitchen, a separate nonprofit agency. A medical clinic is set to open there this month.

Karen Feasel, who attended second and third grade from 1972 to 1974 in the building, said she had fond memories of celebrating Christmas there. "I was asked if I would like to read the Christmas story to the entire school," she said. "I agreed, and the teachers liked my reading so well that they asked me to do it again the next year. I think this began the love of reading I still have."

"One of the Stella Niagara Franciscan sisters, usually Sister Elaine, would dress up as a scary creature, bringing coal and switches to the bad children first. That usually gave us children an attitude that we had better be on our best behavior. Then a priest would dress as St. Nicholas, bringing us candy and telling stories," said Feasel, who remains involved with Holy Rosary-St. John today as a lector.

"I was baptized and confirmed at St. John and have fond memories of Msgr. (Frederick) Burkhardt, its longtime pastor (from 1932 until his death in 1965)," said Marti Doersam Foster, who graduated from St. John School in 1952 and the former Rosary High School in 1956. "I am so appreciative of the education and learning experience given to us by the dedicated mem-

bers of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity."

Foster and her husband, Edwin, also a Rosary High graduate, are members of Columbus St. Peter Church but volunteered for many years at Holy Rosary-St. John, with Edwin Foster serving as a tutor at the St. John Learning Center.

Both Holy Rosary-St. John and nearby Columbus St. Dominic Church, which Father Wagner also serves as pastor, have memberships of about 200 families each, most of them African American.

"Holy Rosary-St. John Church holds a very special place in a very special neighborhood," the pastor said. "St. John the Evangelist Church started as a predominantly German parish. As time went on, people grew up, married, moved away, had children, and moved to other parishes, so the parish has evolved and grown and changed through the years."

"It is now a mainly African American parish, and retains that missionary zeal and Catholic culture the founders of the parish had in mind when they established it. This parish was built to serve this neighborhood in 1898. It still stands in direct service to the neighborhood in 2017, fueled by the zeal of its members and the dedication of its partners."

Despite all that goes on at the parish, almost all its staff members are part-time employees to save on costs. Part-time staff members include Deidre Ector, Father Wagner's assistant for both parishes; Violet Jackson, volunteer coordinator; and Rhonda Hamilton, RCIA coordinator. The parish also has a maintenance person and a bookkeeper. Much of the rest of the parish's work is handled by volunteers.

"We're a small parish and there's so much we try to do for the community, but none of it could be done without volunteers," said Jackson, who has been the parish's volunteer coordinator for about a year. "Everyone is pleased that things are always up and going here. They've been going on for so long that they may be taken

for granted, but without volunteers, everything would stop in a hurry. People say 'I don't have time,' but you do have time. Even if it's just 30 minutes, we have something you can do."

Jackson said volunteers are needed for the parish's One Day Fun Day event for first- to sixth-graders in the neighborhood, scheduled Friday, July 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. "This event is in lieu of a Vacation Bible School," she said. "The first half will involve teaching, highlighting one or two faith-related themes for each of the various grade levels. The second half will include crafts, lunch, and snacks."

A week or two later, the parish will sponsor its annual school supply distribution, in cooperation with Westerville St. Paul Church. "This is always hectic, but fun," she said. "People from the two parishes donate backpacks for schoolchildren from our neighborhood, many of whom wouldn't be able to afford them otherwise. They fill the backpacks with pens, pencils, erasers, notebook paper, binders, glue, scissors, crayons, rulers, and so forth. It's all done by grade level. Last year, we filled almost 300 backpacks and ended up having two distributions."

Each year during the Advent season, Holy Rosary-St. John families in need benefit from a Giving Tree program which is sponsored by the high-school youth group and confirmation classes at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church and provides Christmas gifts for those families.

The hub of activity at the parish is the St. John Community Center, where something is going on nearly every day involving The Community Kitchen, Inc., the parish food pantry, or the St. John Learning Center.

The Community Kitchen is a separate nonprofit agency which had its beginnings in 1979 as a soup kitchen the parish operated. In 38 years, it has served millions of meals, and the numbers keep growing. Its operations director, MJ Muldrow, said it served more than 101,000 meals in 2016,

mostly at the center or at a satellite location at St. Dominic Church. Breakfast and lunch are served at the center every day except Sunday, with lunch at St. Dominic's five days a week.

The food pantry is open on most Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. It was founded in 1978 by the Ladies of St. Peter Claver service organization, and is directed by volunteers Rose and John Moses, who have been involved with it for about 15 years.

"When we started, we had about 10 families coming in per day," Rose Moses said. "Now the number is about 35 on average, and can go as high as 50, the maximum the pantry can serve. During the busiest months, we get about 250 altogether, and our yearly average is about 2,500 families – approximately 7,500 individuals. Residents of the 43205, 06, or 07 ZIP codes can come a maximum of two times a month. Most are referred from HandsOn Central Ohio or the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, but we are starting to accept walk-ins as well."

Moses said the pantry's biggest problem is finding volunteers willing to visit the homes of people who are unable to come to the center because they don't have transportation, particularly in the 43207 ZIP code, which covers a large area of south Columbus and Obetz.

"People are surprised at the size of the parcels they receive from us," she said. "They weigh more than 30 pounds each and include at least five pounds of meat, plus fresh produce, fruit, and dairy products, in addition to canned goods and nonperishable items." Most of the food comes from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, which pantry volunteers visit two or three times a week to ensure they are providing fresh meat, fruit, produce and milk.

"The one thing we've always been in need of lately has been peanut butter and jelly, because those two items have become so expensive, so we're especially grateful for any PB&J donations," Moses said.

Several diocesan parishes assist

the St. John pantry, especially during Lent and Advent. Moses said Columbus St. Catharine Church donates 400 to 500 bags of food annually during Lent and Westerville St. Paul Church provides about 60 Thanksgiving turkeys for the pantry and additional turkeys for the Community Kitchen. Generous donations are provided regularly by the Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church St. Vincent de Paul Society and Columbus St. Peter Church. Moses also expressed her gratitude to the former Double Comfort restaurant in Columbus for donating two new freezers. Before it went out of business earlier this year, the restaurant had a regular policy of donating to pantries.

Some food for the pantry and the kitchen comes from a garden on the church grounds. This year, the garden has four plots and is growing snap beans, Swiss chard, onions, mint, and kale for consumption and flowers for visual beauty.

Garden coordinator Ciara Ball said about 20 people turned out for a planting day in May, including church members, students from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, and a mentoring group for girls. The parish has obtained grants from the United Way and The Columbus Foundation/City of Columbus for a greenhouse, which will be assembled later this summer. Volunteers will be needed to help with the assembly once the greenhouse materials are purchased.

The St. John Learning Center this year is celebrating its 30th anniversary of encouraging literacy through adult education by providing high-school equivalency diploma courses and classes in computer skills and other subjects. Classes are on a summer break and will resume in the fall.

Beginning this month, basic medical care will be offered at the center at a clinic which is being established by the Order of Malta, frequently referred to as the Knights of Malta.

The order's regional hospitaler, Charles Mifsud, said the Order of Malta Center of Care will reflect

a tradition which goes back to the order's founding more than 900 years ago in the Holy Land. "Our main charism has been care of the poor of the sick," he said. "We have clinics around the world, and now have sufficient membership in central Ohio to establish a clinic here."

"It's something we've been dreaming about for the last six or seven years and have been planning seriously for about a year. We considered various sites and realized the St. John Community Center is a perfect location because, like many of our clinics, it serves an area where there is a high level of infant mortality and poverty."

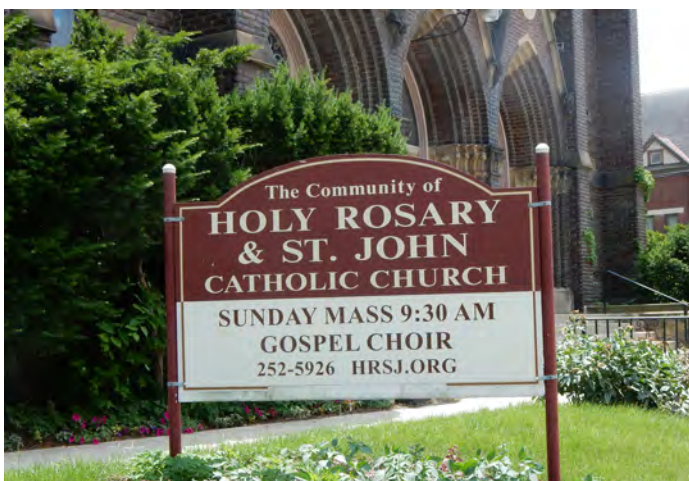
The clinic will take up half of the building's second floor and will open this coming Thursday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. "We're letting the neighborhood know we're going to be here. In the beginning, we'll probably be open one or two days a week as we see what the response is," Mifsud said. Volunteers from the Columbus guild of the Catholic Medical Association will provide volunteer

staff for the clinic, which will offer health screenings and general first aid and will refer people to places where they can get additional help. "Our initial goal is to reach the level where we can provide urgent care," Mifsud said.

Masses at Holy Rosary-St. John are at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday and feature the parish's Gospel choir, led by longtime director Vernon Hairston, which has become known throughout the city for its lively presentation of Catholic liturgical music in the American Gospel tradition.

The church also has hosted an annual Martin Luther King Day celebration for all 31 years the holiday has been officially celebrated in the United States and has an annual Black History Month event, featuring poetry and music, in February.

For more information about Holy Rosary-St. John Church, go to www.hrsj.org or www.facebook.com/hrsjchurch, email hrsjevents@gmail.com, or call (614) 252-5926, extension 7.



Above: Holy Rosary-St. John RCIA coordinator Rhonda Hamilton (left) and volunteer coordinator Violet Jackson in front of a wall painting inside the St. John Community Center (pictured at bottom). Below: Food pantry volunteers (from left) Don Randall, Sylvia Holland, Mary Roberts, and Kevin Shirley. CT photos by Tim Puet



Above: The parish's garden, which supplies some of the food for the pantry (below), where volunteers fill bags with meat, vegetables, fruit, and canned goods.



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Loving Jesus takes precedence over everything else



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

**July 2 -- 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a;
Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42**

Elisha was the successor to Elijah, the first of the classical prophets. The “woman of influence” whom he meets in Shunem, located in the general region of southern Galilee, had no name, nor did her husband. It became a favorite stopping place for Elisha during his activity as a prophet to Israel. Offering hospitality to a stranger, especially one who was a “holy man,” was a blessing for them. So they arranged a place for him on the roof of their house (think mud-brick house with a flat roof), and furnished it with basic necessities.

It was an offer Elisha could not refuse, so he came there often when he was in the area. Eventually, Elisha learned that the woman and her husband were childless. As happens so frequently throughout the Old Testament, the woman was advanced in age, and being childless was considered a great shame. So Elisha, with his confidence in the Lord’s ability to act, promises the woman that she will have a baby (and a son at that!) in a year’s time. That is not where the story ends in 2 Kings, but readers will have to turn there to find out the ending. The *Lectionary* uses this as a companion to the Gospel to show the truth of a saying in Sunday’s Gospel that “whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward.”

That Gospel saying is one of a string of sayings in Matthew having to do with the real meaning of discipleship. Loving Jesus takes precedence over all other loves, including that of father or mother or son or daughter. Those who refuse the cross of Christ are not worthy of

him. Those who want to find their lives must lose them for the sake of Christ.

There are rewards available for those who risk ostracism from family members because of their loyalty to Jesus. Thus, those who receive you, receive me and the One who sent me (the Father). Receive a prophet and get a prophet’s reward. Receive a righteous person and get a righteous person’s reward. Even if it’s only a cup of cool water given to one of these “little ones” (disciples) because they are disciples of Jesus, the giver will be rewarded.

Paul’s words to the Romans often are used at funerals. Though they probably go unheard by mourners in their grief, they remain instructive for us about how baptism is linked with the death of Christ. Paul says we were baptized into the death of Christ Jesus. But he doesn’t let it rest there. We also were buried with him “through baptism into his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.” This is symbolized by going down into the water and coming up again.

The symbol is best preserved in those who physically go down into the water, only to rise up out of the water again. In most older Catholic churches, this rich symbolism is lost by the pouring of water over the head of an infant or an adult. It obviously is preserved in some Protestant traditions. If death no longer has power over Christ and we who have been baptized share this with Christ, then we, too, are dead to sin “and living for God in Christ Jesus.”

Having just emerged from the Easter celebrations, these should be very fresh and worthwhile reflections for all those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil and for all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus. “We are dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus” or should be!

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Cathedral Healing Mass and service to take place July 17

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 17 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

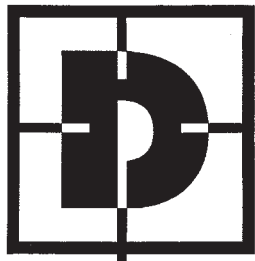
The healing service will follow the Mass and an opportunity for everyone present to speak individually with a priest and have him say prayers of healing for what they seek. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

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The Weekday Bible Readings

7/3-7/8

MONDAY
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 117:1b-2
John 20:24-29

TUESDAY
Genesis 19:15-29
Psalm 26:2-3,9-12
Matthew 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY
Genesis 21:5,8-20a
Psalm 34:7-8,10-13
Matthew 8:28-34

THURSDAY
Genesis 22:1b-19
Psalm 115:1-6,8-9
Matthew 9:1-8

FRIDAY
Genesis 23:1-4
Psalm 106:1-5
Matthew 9:9-13

SATURDAY
Genesis 27:1-5,15-29
Psalm 135:1b-6
Matthew 9:14-17

7/10-7/15

MONDAY
Genesis 28:10-22a
Psalm 91:1-4,14-15
Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY
Genesis 32:23-33
Psalm 17:1-3,6-8,15
Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY
Genesis 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a
Psalm 33:2-3,10-11,18-19
Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY
Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY
Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
Psalm 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40
Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY
Genesis 49:29-32;50:15-26a
Psalm 105:1-4,6-7
Matthew 10:24-33

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JULY 2 AND 9, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

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. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner 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).

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 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Weeks I and II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

It's Howdy Doody Time!

Three or four times each month, Father X (as I'll call him here) celebrates the noontime daily Mass I regularly attend. I'm grateful for his homilies, which are almost always thoughtful. Thus in a recent commentary on Jesus's debate with the Sadducees over the resurrection of the dead, Father X gave a lucid and moving explanation of the "communion of saints" and how it functions in our Christian lives.

The problem is not Father X's preaching. The problem is – if you'll permit me an AmChurch neologism – Father X's "presidential style." And then, boys and girls, it's *Howdy Doody Time* all over again.

In his liturgical formation, Father X evidently didn't get the short memo that reads, "Do the red and say the black": that is, follow the rubrics in the *Missal* and don't mess around with the liturgical texts. Or perhaps Father X imagines himself a better stylist than those who translated the third edition of the *Roman Missal* into English. But whatever the causality, Father X can't seem to help himself – the temptation to jolly things up is an itch that has to be scratched.

Thus the Gospel is always announced by "A read-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

ing from the Good News as proclaimed by St. --." At the consecration, the institution narrative is changed so that the Lord passes the bread and wine rather than gives it. "The Lord be with you" is frequently prefaced by a "My sisters and brothers," with an emphasis on the "with" that rings up – you guessed it – the *Howdy Doody Show* and its opening jingle.

But Father X doesn't limit his rhetorical and stylistic assaults on the liturgy to Fifties' TV re-runs. His invitation to "Lift up your HEARTS!" (the last word zoomed so that it's almost shouted) calls to mind an ecstatic radio announcer informing his Bay Area listeners that Steph Curry has won the game again by draining a buzzer-beater from six feet behind the three-point line.

The Mass is the Mass, and we may thank God for the settled theological principle of *ex opera operato*, which assures us that God's grace acts through earthen vessels, even priests who defy the rubrics and the proprieties. But Father X's insistence on turning parts of the Mass into the children's hour bespeaks several problems.

In the first instance, it suggests that the priest-

celebrant is the master of the divine liturgy rather than its servant. In this case, that mastery too often turns Father X into a kind of ringmaster whose verbal antics, presumably intended to make the Mass more user-friendly, are a distraction from that toward which the Church's worship aims, according to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council: "The liturgy daily builds up those who are in the Church, making of them a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling-place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 2). *Howdy Doody* and Christian maturity do not go together.

Secondly, the jolly-up-by-dumbing-down of the liturgy bespeaks a clericalism that doesn't trust the lay faithful to "get it" without bells and whistles. I'm sorry, but that lack of trust is offensive. The "full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations ... to which the Christian people, 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Peter 2.9, 4-5) have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 14) is not advanced when those Christian people are treated as if they were dimwits, or five-year olds with short attention spans.

There has been considerable progress made in the reform of the liturgical reform, not least by the restoration of sacral language to the *Missal*. As Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship, reminds us, recovering a sense of the liturgy's kingdom-dimension, its anticipation of the Lord's return in glory, is the next important step. Taking that step requires celebrating the liturgy as if it really were a foretaste of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb described in Revelation 19, not a knock-off of the *Howdy Doody Show*.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

ANGELO, Frank, 87, June 17
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BAHNSON, Anne M. (Mazzolini), 81, June 2
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

BARKOW, Carolyn A. (Farrell), 65, June 19
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

BASS, Eileen E., 88, June 19
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake

BENSON, Robert H., 82, June 9
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BRECKLER, Wendelin M., 80, June 17
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

BURTON, William R. "Bob," 60, June 10
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

CAIN, Robert E., 80, June 15
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

CROMWELL, Alice (Dues), June 18
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DAVENA, Charles A., 97, June 13
St. Mary Church, Waverly

DAVIES, Maria T. (Sarisky), 51, June 17
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

DeMAGGIO, Deborah (McQuay), 59, May 1
St. Mary Church, Waverly

DITTMAR, Jeanne L. (Powell), 90, June 17
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

DORIA, Rosaline (Manzo), 96, June 17
St. Mary Church, Marion

FAGAN, Mary V. "Ginny" (Hooker), 94, June 15
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

FRONK, Daniel A., 81, June 18
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

GILCHRIST, Isabel A. (McCabe), 97, June 19
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

GIORGIONE, Janice R. (Fry), 69, June 8
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

HAUSFELD, Norm, 88, June 11
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

HENSON, Scott A., 50, June 17
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HICKEY, Dennis J., 76, June 14
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

HOLLEYOAK, Susie (Oberholzer), 97, June 12
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

HUELSKAMP, Donald A., 90, May 31
Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington

IACONIS, Emma M. "Maggie" (Kershaw), 93, June 21
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KRAMER, Richard D., 93, June 15
Holy Family Church, Columbus

LANG, Christina A., 33, June 21
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

LARSON, Joy E. (Glass), 70, June 21
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

LELONEK, Eleanor, 84, June 17
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

LOMBARDI, Edith L. (Antonelli), 90, June 11
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

NAZIONALE, Joseph, 98, June 16
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

ORTMAN, David L., 60, June 13
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

PATTERSON, John E., 94, June 22
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

PLOTTS, Matthew, 60, June 15
St. Joseph Church, Dover

RAPHAEL, Thomas A. "Bubba," 60, June 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

ROWLEY, Patricia L. (Davis), 79, June 17
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

SCHWENDIMAN, Theresa (Tedesco), 64, June 13
St. Joseph Church, Dover

SMITH, Bernard J., 41, June 17
St. Mary Church, Marion

SPEZIALETTI, Louis L. Jr., 80, June 16
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

STEPHENS, Letta "Jayne" (Mowrey), 76, June 18
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

SWALDO, Wilma (Alonso), 86, June 17
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

VEELEY, George E., 87, June 14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

WALKER, Juanita E. (Webb), 94, June 16
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

WALKER, Robert P., 68, June 19
St. Philip Church, Columbus

WOOLEY, Heidi E. (Leonhard), 78, June 17
St. Mary Church, Columbus

ZMUDA, Susan, 66, May 31
St. Mary Church, Waverly

William Gleich

Funeral Mass for William Gleich, 88, who died Thursday, June 22, was held Monday, June 26, at Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was a graduate of Columbus Immaculate Conception School and Columbus Aquinas College High School and The Ohio State University's business school, served in the Army during the Korean War, and was employed by Western Electric and the Foxfire Golf Club.

For more than 30 years, he was director of boys and girls athletics at

Christ the King School. He also was president of the Central Ohio Baseball League, coached baseball at Ohio Dominican College, and was a mentor for Junior Achievement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Irene (Woodward); and a sister, Mary (Ed) Salser. Survivors include his wife, Dolores; sons, Bill, Jim (Angie), and Gary, daughters, Patricia (Craig) Clemans, Jeanne (Dave) Gleich-Anthony, and Deborah (John) Gleich-Bope; six grandsons; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

Newark center to host retreat for women

"Retreat and Refresh: A Day of Renewal for a Woman's Soul" will be the theme of a retreat which will take place Sunday and Monday, July 16 and 17 at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Participants may arrive on Sunday evening and stay overnight or come for the Monday program only.

Registration opens at 6 p.m. Sunday, and the retreat will begin at 6:30 with an evening of activities related to contemplative prayer. Overnight lodging will be available.

Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, followed by recital of the rosary at 9 and a short reflection. Columbus-based author and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli will present talks at 9:30 and 10:45. She will speak about her conversion to Catholicism and discuss the life of St. Therese of Lisieux.

Lunch will be at noon. Two facilitators of the Walking With Purpose Scripture study program for women will be on hand for two afternoon breakout sessions with anyone interested in being a facilitator for the program. For those not interested in taking part in the sessions, retreat director Glenda Reynolds will present Dr. Edward Sri's video *A Walk With the Blessed Mother*. The afternoon also will include a crafts program. It will conclude around 4 p.m.

The cost for those arriving on Sunday will be \$95 with a private room or \$75 with a semiprivate room. It will be \$50 for the Monday events only. Breakfast and lunch are included in the price.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Reynolds at (740) 974-7568 or g.reynolds15@yahoo.com. The registration deadline is Monday, July 3.

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29, 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 Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. 614-224-9522

JULY

1, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30. 614-240-5910

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. 614-221-1890

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-891-0150

2, SUNDAY

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. 614-237-0401

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

4, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

5, WEDNESDAY

Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth

7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Ramon Ower, CFIC. 614-891-0150

6, THURSDAY

Order of Malta Center of Care Opens

9 a.m. to noon, St. John Center, Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Opening of Order of Malta Center of Care, which will provide basic medical care and health screenings.

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.

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

7, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

DeSales All-Class Reunion

5:30 p.m., Gabby's, 1887 Tamarack Circle N., Columbus. Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School all-class reunion, with proceeds benefiting alumni legacy scholarship fund. Free pizza with admission wristband from 6 to 8, door prizes, 50-50 raffle. Admission \$5. 614-267-7808

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

8, SATURDAY

Dick Davis Alumni Softball Tournament at DeSales

9 a.m., Alumni Stadium, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's annual Dick Davis Memorial Alumni Softball Tournament. 614-267-7808

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.

'Meet the Farm Animals' at Shepherd's Corner

10 to 11:30 a.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Family program giving participants a chance to get up close to farm animals, led by Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP, and volunteer Miranda Land. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 3. 614-866-4302

9, SUNDAY

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

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Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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9-13, SUNDAY-THURSDAY

Gospel Road Mission Camp in Licking County

Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry sponsors Gospel Road Mission Camp, for youths in grades nine through 12 from throughout the diocese. Particip-

pants will be based at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark, Reynoldsburg, work throughout Licking County during the day, and take part in recreational and spiritual activities in the evening.

10, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the 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 Scripture readings.

11, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Father Michael Watson, pastor, Delaware St. Mary Church. Reservations required.

Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m. Mass. 614-299-5781

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan ministry dedicated to families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. EnCourage respects the dignity of every person, promotes the truth of God's plan for each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. 614-296-7404

12, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. 614-416-1910

13, THURSDAY

Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available on-site. 614-512-3371

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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.

'Into the Deep' Talk at Columbus St. Patrick

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly "Into the Deep" series on the Catholic faith continues with talk on "What Has God Told Us?" 614-224-9522

14, FRIDAY

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BOOK REVIEW

How a Saint and a President Defeated Communism
By Joseph Pronechen/*National Catholic Register*

A Pope and a President

A Pope and a President: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century is the latest book from *New York Times* best-selling author and *Register* contributor Paul Kengor. A political historian and Reagan biographer, Kengor tells the story of the providential partnership and shared vision of Pope St. John Paul II and Reagan to meet and challenge communism head-on.

The new book hit stores on May 1. The *Register* recently interviewed Kengor via email.

Q: What prompted you to write *A Pope and a President*?

A: I've been writing this book for years. I've written literally over a dozen books since I started the research for this one. I started filing FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests to declassify documents related to the Reagan-John Paul II relationship back in 2000.

I went through countless documents at the Reagan Library and in various archives, such as the Soviet Comintern and Central Committee archives. I read through numerous letters, transcripts, cables, editions of *Pravda*, *Izvestia*, and on and on. This is the longest book I've written because the story is so deep.

The vicious war on the Church by atheistic communism is so horrific and massive that I didn't know where to stop exposing it.

I think readers will encounter the same struggle I had in writing this book: You can't pull yourself away because of the characters involved and the battle of good versus evil involved.

To that end, a warning to readers: Just as you'll be heartened by what you read, you'll also be sickened. The heartening part is the great good done by John Paul II and Ronald Reagan. The sickening part is the colossal evil perpetrated by malicious atheistic communism. These two men waged battle against the beast. They carried the cross.

Q: Why do you see it as the "extraordinary untold story of the 20th century?"

A: The story of the 20th century was the battle against atheistic communism that began in Bolshevik Russia in October 1917 and was warned about by Our Lady in Fatima. That was an epic struggle running from 1917 until about 1989-91, far outlasting the shorter-term fight against Nazism, in which both Karol Wojtyla and Ronald Reagan also engaged. When that century-long conflict was finally won — peacefully — it was done so by Pope John Paul II and Ronald Reagan. They fought that monster their entire adult lives. The way they did so, including as partners, and everything that happened amid the long road in between is truly the extraordinary untold story of the 20th century.

Q: St. John Paul II would attribute his survival to the miraculous intervention of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima. Was there any spiritual bond between him and Reagan?

A: Both men survived assassination attempts mere weeks apart in March and May 1981. When they finally came together in June 1982, they spoke of the "miraculous" fact that they both survived. Both understood that they should

have bled to death on their respective routes to the hospital. They both believed — and said to one another — that God had spared them for a special purpose. The purpose was to work together to bring down atheistic Soviet communism and free people behind the Iron Curtain.

Q: Did you find Reagan having any interest in Fatima?

A: That's one of the most intriguing things I found. That's one of two aspects of this book that will most surprise Catholics.

The first, for the record, is that I confirmed that the Soviets did order the shooting of the Holy Father and (this is totally new) that Ronald Reagan and his top advisers — most notably, two devout Irish Catholics, Bill Casey and Bill Clark — all along suspected the Soviet role and would privately conclude that Moscow was involved. That conclusion was based on a super-secret CIA report that has never been made public.

My book doesn't present the actual report, but it does disclose for the first time the existence of such a report/investigation and of its confirmation of a Soviet hand. The conclusion was that Moscow, working not through the Soviet KGB, but through the Soviet GRU (military intelligence), ordered the attempted assassination: The Soviet communists, ladies and gentlemen, tried to murder a pope.

As for John Paul II, he always suspected a Soviet hand, especially in July 1981, upon reading the third secret of Fatima after recovering from his wounds — atop the fascinating reality that he was shot on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. When he read the third secret, which had predicted an attack on a future pope among the "errors" of Russian communism, it essentially affirmed for him that the Soviets were involved. Any doubts were wiped away when he opened the envelope. The second aspect of the book that will most surprise Catholics was Ronald Reagan's intense interest in Fatima. No one knows about this. I was fascinated by it. I detail it at great length.

Q: How did you learn about it?

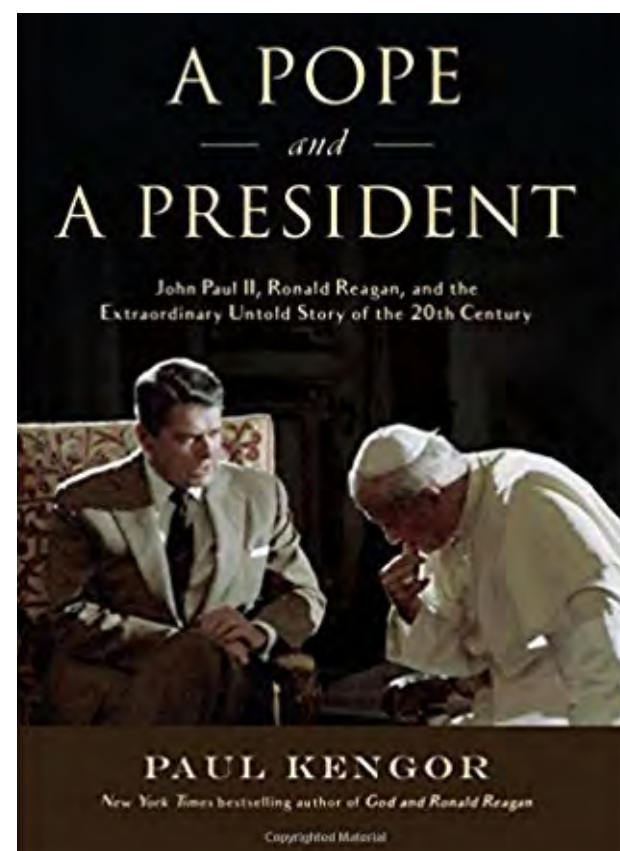
A: I learned about it via a ton of research and interviews with people who worked directly with Reagan, including a person who briefed him on Fatima prior to his second one-on-one meeting with John Paul II in Rome in June 1987.

Q: When Reagan went to Portugal in 1985, did he bring out any connections to Fatima and to John Paul II?

A: He did. And I'm amazed that we Catholics don't know about this. Of course, it got absolutely no publicity, so our ignorance is understandable.

Ronald Reagan gave a speech in Portugal in May 1985 where he openly mentioned Mary and the children of Fatima. He spoke of the "great religious shrine" at Fatima and said that when he met Pope John Paul II he "dared to suggest to him that, in the example of men like himself and in the prayers of simple people everywhere, simple people like the children of Fatima, there resides more power than in all the great armies and statesmen of the world."

That's just the start of what I mention in this book about



Reagan and Fatima and the Blessed Mother.

Here's another shocker for Catholics: Reagan was intrigued by the reported appearances of Mary in Medjugorje. I was taken aback when *Ave Maria* was sung at Reagan's memorial service in the Washington Cathedral in June 2004. That was the last hymn I expected to hear at his funeral. Mrs. Reagan told me that Ronald Reagan himself had chosen *Ave Maria* to be sung at that funeral, years before Alzheimer's had taken him.

Now, looking back in retrospect, I'm not surprised.

Q: Did you find any other fascinating Fatima connections to these events that you detail in the book?

A: Fatima is the thread throughout the book, from start to finish. I open with the shooting of John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. That's the prologue. Then, in Chapter 1, I bounce back to May 13, 1917, when Mary first appeared to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. That starts the narrative. Thereafter, the book is a story, a chronological narrative, that winds through the rise of Bolshevism and the Soviet war on religion — as the Lady had predicted — and then the births and rise of Ronald Reagan and Karol Wojtyla.

Amid their rise, the narrative is interspersed with painful examples of communist persecution of the faithful, done to the likes of Cardinals Mindszenty and Stepinac, to popes Pius XII and John Paul II.

I even take into account the communist ideology behind the assassins of leading American Catholic politicians such as John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. Throughout that sad saga, I incorporate the brilliant insights of the most influential American Catholic of the 20th century, Fulton Sheen. Sheen may be the most prominent figure in this book after Reagan, John Paul II, and the Blessed Mother.

What a prophet Sheen was. And he just happened to have been raised just down the road from Ronald Reagan. The book considers many intriguing Reagan-Sheen parallels. That's yet another of so many rich Reagan-Catholic connections that will stun and please Catholics.

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CSS president receives leadership award

Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services, is one of 12 recipients of this year's Women WELDing the Way award from Columbus-based Women for Economic and Leadership Development.



Services to help poor and vulnerable seniors and families reach their potential. Everyone has potential, but not everyone has opportunity. This is especially true for women. I am honored to be recognized by an organization that is helping create those opportunities

The 12 are high-impact leaders within their organizations, support the leadership development of other women, give time, talent, and resources to their community, and invest in the growth of women-owned businesses. They will be recognized at a reception in the Statehouse Atrium on Thursday, Nov. 2.

for women of all backgrounds, and I hope to continue to partner with them in that mission," Lustig said

"In countless ways, these women are reaching back and lifting up our future leaders. They inspire others by living WELD's mission to develop and advance women's leadership to strengthen the economic prosperity of the communities we serve," said Barb Smoot, WELD president and CEO.

Sabree Akinyele, CSS vice president of programs, said Lustig is "the embodiment of the mission of Catholic Social Services. She works tirelessly to improve the lives of our clients, and particularly women in our community. She is a servant leader, and she leads by example and operates from her faith. She has brought strength and direction to CSS, and, through her leadership, we have been able to empower those we serve, as well as the women of our organization."

"It is the mission of Catholic Social

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Don Pelayo's victory was decisive, though the majority of Spain still was under Moorish control. He became the king of Asturia and saw to it that the remaining Visigoths joined with the Hispano-Roman tribes, shaping the beginning of historic Spain. The Virgin of Covadonga has been one of the landmark symbols of the Spanish nation, and the cave at Covadonga is revered as a holy sanctuary.

questioning of our values and ethics. Yet Mary reminds us, as Our Lady of Covadonga, that though we seem to be outnumbered and overwhelmed without a shot at victory, that we aren't alone.

Our Lady of Covadonga took the efforts of the soldiers and multiplied them. There they stood on the cliffs and hills, with a mighty force before them. Are we so different? Before us lie the temptations of the world, the attacks of consumerism and greed, the constant

We don't have to solve all of our problems – or the world's problems, either – by ourselves. It's easy to think a case is hopeless, whether it's the cleanliness of our house or the salvation of our souls.

Before we give up, though, let's turn to Mary, Our Lady of Covadonga. Let's stand on the mountain and watch the arrows bounce off the rocks around us.

In Our Lady of Covadonga, I see hope for myself and hope for the world. In the rich history of the title, I enjoy an adventure that holds a lesson for me. Though the enemy is fierce, though the battle is long, though I am weary, I'm not alone.

Sarah Reinhard is the author of many books, including her latest, "The Catholic Mother's Prayer Companion." She's online at SnoringScholar.com.



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Ohio students helping young British Catholics experience joys of faith

By **Simon Caldwell**
Catholic News Service

A group of American students has embarked on a mission to England in the hope of helping young Catholics grow more excited about their faith.

The six theology students from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio (pictured) will spend two months in the Diocese of Shrewsbury at the invitation of Bishop Mark Davies.

The bishop has dedicated 2017 as a "Year for Mission" within the diocese. The students' visit is part of the activities for the period.

Bishop Davies visited Steubenville in 2016. He said he was deeply impressed by the commitment to faith of the students there.

The students raised their own funds to pay for air travel across the Atlantic.

"We are very happy to welcome this witness of young Catholics from the United States," Bishop Davies said in a statement on June 5.

"At the Franciscan University at Steubenville, you see a springtime of Catholic faith and commitment among the young in the USA, which bears fruit in a desire for mission," he said. "I was very moved by the request of the students to help to serve the English mission in Shrewsbury Diocese."

The bishop hopes the students will help English young people kindle a desire to make the faith a greater part of their daily lives.

The Steubenville students will visit parishes and schools, lead holy hours of intercessory prayer, and give personal testimonies to groups of young people.



The American group includes Joshua Cordes, 29, and his brother, Daniel, 22, both of Yucca Valley, California.

In an interview in Shrewsbury with Catholic News Service, Joshua Cordes said, "One of the things that Bishop Mark was keen on was personal encounter, one-on-one, listening to people and not just having doctrines thrown at them."

"The main goal is to get them excited about the resources here, the sacraments, the priests, the places they can go to have their questions answered," he said.

"They have all the stuff they need already, but we are just trying to reintroduce that. We are not offering anything new. We are just showing them what they have," Cordes added.

Rebecca McCue, 28, of St Paul, Minnesota, said she believed the church in the United States had much it could share with its English counterpart.

She said that many young American

Catholics were enthusiastic about their faith and that when they were able to deepen their relationship with God, there was "growth in vocations," including "holy marriages."

"I could easily name five people I know who are in religious life or the priesthood," McCue said.

The youngest person in the group is

Susan Nussman, 21, of Cincinnati, who said she was eager to serve on the mission.

"This is an opportunity to be of service and an opportunity to love," she said.

The group also includes Emmanuel Ambrose, 23, of New York City, who is making his first trip abroad, and Charis Willey, 25, who is from the Diocese of Shrewsbury but is studying in Steubenville.

They soon will be joined by a seventh member, Steven Diaz, 27, of New York City. The group will stay in the diocese until July 29.

Among their first activities was leading a holy hour for the success of the newly created Shrewsbury Youth Mission. The first gathering was on June 7.

Ambrose said he was anxious to share his faith with people in the diocese.

He said that if he can help a single young person grow in love for God, his visit to England will be worthwhile. "Just one is enough," he said.

CWV decorates veterans' graves

Ron Janning of the Catholic War Veterans helps Juliana Dzikowski place a flag at the gravesite of a veteran at St. Joseph Cemetery in Columbus. About 80 people from several organizations decorated about 1,400 veterans' graves at the cemetery this year.

Photo courtesy Catholic War Veterans



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