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## Fewer really believing in Eucharist's Real Presence needs to be addressed

The Catholic Church faces a foundational problem that's as big as the social ills that dominate many headlines

these days.

That problem is an apparent lack of belief in Christ's Real Presence as his true body and blood in the consecrated holy Eucharist.

In early August, a Pew Research Center study found that only 31 percent of polled individuals who identify as Roman Catholics said they accepted the Church's most fundamental teaching that the bread and wine, through a process called transubstantiation, are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus during the consecration at Mass.

That means more than two-thirds of Catholics either don't understand or reject the Church's infallible dogma that's confirmed through the Scriptures and tradition.

The survey indicated that 69 percent of the respondents – and a

majority across all age groups – believe the bread and wine are merely symbolic. Forty-three percent believe the Church's position is that the holy Eucharist is a symbol, and 22 percent claim that they're aware of Catholic teaching on transubstantiation and reject it.

How can this be when the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes Christ's Real Presence perfectly clear in paragraph 1374? *"In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.' ... it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."*

"On the one hand, I am very saddened by the findings of the Pew research, but on the other hand, I am not surprised," said Father Adam Streitenberger, coordinator for evangelization in the Diocese of Columbus. "Other studies over the last few decades have pointed to similar findings.

"In my experience as a priest,

pastor and practicing Catholic, I have witnessed the diminished belief in the Real Presence. The decrease in belief in the Real Presence reflects the distancing of God from our lives in the modern and postmodern world. Belief in a personal God, in the Incarnation, in the sacraments, in a divinely instituted Church, these are all diminishing, even among Mass-attending Catholics. Our culture and personal priorities block out an awareness that Christ is present and at work in our lives and in our world."

As a result, Father Streitenberger points out, Pope Paul VI and his successors have called for a New Evangelization, a re-evangelization of all the baptized.

"This task is enabled by the proclamation of the Faith to this age and by solid catechetical formation for disciples," he said. "It is also enhanced by an emphasis on Christ's Real Presence by simple liturgical practices and the addressing of liturgical abuses. The placement of the tabernacle in the center of the church's sanctuary, more frequent Eucharistic exposition and

adoration, emphasis on the transcendent beauty of the sacred liturgy, instruction on greater reverence in the reception of Communion, and the reminder of the need to genuflect before the tabernacle – all aid in emphasizing the Real Presence.

"The Pew Research Center study definitively reminds us that what we have been doing with the liturgy is not effectively communicating the truth and essence of what the liturgy is, and, I would add, what is at the heart of Christianity: The risen Christ remains present in history and in His Church, physically in the Eucharist."

Bishop Daniel Jenky of Peoria, Illinois, recently lamented that "sometimes our churches may seem more like hotel lobbies than an awesome house of God."

Our Catholic schools, priests, religious, teachers, parents and parishes absolutely must redouble their efforts in religious education programs, classrooms and adult faith formation to make sure everyone – everyone – knows that the true body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus is right here among us.

## Pro-life conference to feature keynote by Bishop Brennan

Greater Columbus Right to Life and the diocesan offices for Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life will sponsor the Building a Culture of Life Conference on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with Mass. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m., and the program will commence at 9 a.m. with a series of speakers and workshops including breakout sessions for students, respect life coordinators and those new to pro-life

activism.

"We joined forces last year on this conference, and the feedback was phenomenal," said Jerry Freewalt, director of the Office for Social Concerns. "This year should be even better. It was remarkable how our brainstorming led us to a program that closely follows the program put forward by the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) for this year, and we are incredibly excited that Bishop Brennan will be joining us for the

keynote."

Bishop Brennan's talk is titled "Christ Is Our Hope in Every Season of Life." He will be joined at the conference by noted speakers such as Catherine Glenn Foster of Americans United for Life (AUL), which has been involved in every major piece of pro-life litigation in American history. Foster, AUL president and CEO, will look at the history of the political and legal debate surrounding abortion, lessons for effective advocacy and

messaging and the legal, policy and cultural changes happening today.

Freewalt also will give an overview of current public policy initiatives in Ohio, particularly in the legislative arena. Later, he will lead a session for respect life leaders and aspiring leaders.

In describing the conference offerings, Beth Vanderkooi, executive di-

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Clergy Assignment

Confirming the nomination of the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Father Michael Ciccone, OP, from service outside the diocese to Parochial Vicar, St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective immediately.

Father Vincent Nguyen, from administrator, Corpus Christi Church and St. Ladislav Church, Columbus to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Corpus Christi Church and St. Ladislav Church, Columbus, effective Oct. 4.



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**SISTERS  
PRAY FOR LIFE**  
Members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary take part in a pro-life prayer rally in front of the Ross County Courthouse in Chillicothe. Photo courtesy Chillicothe St. Peter Church

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## Sisters of Life mother superior: Respect for self kindles respect for life

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

As a clinical psychologist and the superior general for the Sisters of Life in New York City, Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV, is uniquely qualified to address the human person as a Christian disciple in the mission field.

That was her topic on Wednesday, Sept. 18, as the Pontifical College Josephinum kicked off its 2019-20 “Building Spiritual Bridges to the Community” public lecture series. Bishop Robert Brennan, a native New Yorker, attended the talk, along with faculty members and seminarians from the seminary and other religious sisters and laity from the diocese.

Mother Agnes Mary entered the Sisters of Life when the order was founded in 1991 by the late Cardinal John O’Connor and became its superior general in 1993. Before pursuing her religious vocation, she received a doctorate in psychology from the University of North Carolina and was a faculty member and professor of psychology at Columbia University and the College of William and Mary.

As an academic and clinical psychologist, she specialized in family intervention, mother/child relationships and children with special needs. As the Sisters of Life’s mother superior, she is tasked with guiding the order’s charism and holiness while sharing a message of reverence for human life.

To form the foundation for respecting the sacred dignity of every human life, she told the audience at the Josephinum’s Jessing Center that each person must come to understand that he or she is uniquely created in the image and likeness of God, that every human being is called to a communion of love, and that all are called and sent to spread God’s truths.

“Here’s the wild truth: In every human heart – in your heart and mine – there is a hunger to be chosen, to be looked at with love,” she said. “This desire is written in our hearts, and it means something important: We’re actually made to be chosen, cherished and delighted in.”

Human life is a gift entrusted to all as a sacred treasure and it is eternal, she explained. But the value of every life in today’s society often is marginalized through abortion, divorce, euthanasia and other ways.

“It is commonly understood that direct abortion is an attack upon the faith in a Creator in whose very image every human person is made,”



**Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV, of the New York-based Sisters of Life was the featured speaker at the Pontifical College Josephinum’s “Building Spiritual Bridges to the Community” lecture series on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum**

Mother Agnes Mary said. “So also attacks upon the ‘communion of persons’ found in marriage and within the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, are in essence attacks upon a Triune God in whose likeness we grow through the purifying love of living human community life. ...

“The attack on marital love – the closest human analogy to the love and the life of God – was the first and is the oldest of the evil one’s strategies. It’s as old as Genesis, as old as Adam and Eve, a strategy used by the enemy, now codified in law and normalized by social practice in our culture, to destroy man’s faith in the gift of human love and, ultimately, in a God who is love.”

Mother Agnes Mary said the human person is called to communion in the sense that there’s an inborn capacity to turn toward another and be with someone and that relationships are central to one’s identity and self-knowledge.

“We know God’s desire for communion because we know our own desire. Inscribed into our hearts at the moment of conception is a longing for this intimate communion,” she said. “His love is inscribed in the depths of our being, and we deeply yearn to love and to be loved in the way He loves: limitless, complete, total. Our need for this kind of love is insatiable and only God can satisfy it.”

While God created everyone to love without limits, Mother Agnes Mary explained that original sin and personal sin impinge upon the total fulfillment of that love.

“If original sin were not enough to contend with, we live in a culture which codifies in law and upholds in

social life all that separates and divides persons from each other,” she said.

Allowing one’s self to be moved by love should precede charitable acts made on behalf of another, she emphasized.

“This is so critically important because otherwise the other person is likely to get the impression that we love them only because we are good, or because we must since we are a parent, teacher, coach or nun, and not because of any goodness within them that is moving us. Without this, we will, in our efforts to love the other, literally diminish them because they will feel that it is out of their deficits that we are doing something good for them,” she said.

One of the Sisters of Life’s ministries is to help women who suffer after having an abortion and seek spiritual healing. The sisters have a tradition during their hope and healing retreats in which women take a rock from a pile and write on it the burdens they’re carrying. Usually after going to confession, the women’s burdens are lifted and the rocks are placed under a large crucifix in the convent chapel and later thrown into a nearby body of water.

Mother Agnes Mary recounted one occasion when the sisters went to throw the rocks into a pond. They encountered two women, one of whom, they learned later, was contemplating an abortion. Several years later, they learned that the woman, whose sister and father were Protestant ministers, decided to have the baby and named him Peter, which means “rock.”

“Nearly all of us have not always

made choices that are good and beautiful, and on our own we don’t have the strength to,” Mother Agnes Mary said. “But we always have the choice to trust Jesus with our weakness so that he can love us and lift us up again. Going to confession relieves us of burdens we weren’t meant to carry.”

She pointed out that living in a culture that accepts abortion and euthanasia should not lead to discouragement or lack of action.

“During every era of history, evil in some form has stood in the way of good and asked an unspoken question: ‘What’s it worth to you?’” she said. “The mainstream ignores the seriousness of this question. The voices of normalcy, popularity and comfort deter a response our hearts wish to make, and then there are those who stand up.

“All of us here tonight who value and cherish our Catholic faith – and you seminarians, in a very special way who are called to the priesthood of Jesus Christ at a crucial moment in our Church’s history – carry the grace to know the truth about God, the truth of the dignity of the human person and the truth about the importance of the call to Christian communion in marriage and family life, parish life, religious life, community life, as a place of God’s presence among us.

“Never, never, never let those truths be extinguished in your heart by discouragement, by doubt, by despair, or by what may appear to be a lack of success, for the world desperately needs your light,” she said.

After the presentation, Mother Agnes Mary answered questions that included one about euthanasia, which is currently legal in Canada, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont and Washington, and will be legal in Maine in 2020.

“If logic allows us to kill the most vulnerable among us, logic allows us to kill for any reason,” she said. “Define a group by the fact they have white hair, or define a group by race, and we are allowed by logic to actually kill. I don’t think it should come as a surprise to any of us. It was abortion that opened the door to euthanasia because it’s the same kind of logic.”

She also addressed the permissive attitudes in Hollywood regarding abortion and how some actresses actually boast about having one or more abortions.

“From a psychological perspective,

## Ohio Catholic charities agencies engage with governor

Gov. Mike DeWine invited directors of Catholic charities agencies from throughout Ohio to his home for lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Nine leaders representing the six dioceses in Ohio were present, including Rachel Lustig of Catholic Social Services, Susan Lewis-Kaylor of St. Vincent Family Center and Marilyn Mehaffie of St. Stephen's Community House from the Diocese of Columbus.

The agency leaders shared with the governor the impact and challenges of their ministries of caring for poor and vulnerable people. Their agencies serve more than 400,000 people each year, providing a range of services that help children unleash their potential, families stabilize and thrive, and seniors age with grace and dignity.

The services they offer include housing, assistance with physical health and behavioral health, feeding the hungry, case management, education and workforce development, and transportation services. They serve population groups including refugees, other immigrants, veterans, and disabled individuals.

The leaders talked to the governor about the characteristics of Catholic agencies that make it possible to serve the community in critical and unique ways. Their values of compassion, impact and quality, grounded in the Catholic faith and in partnership with one another and the Church, make it possible for them to lead important initiatives.

Examples mentioned included how Catholic Charities in Cleveland has

responded to the opioid crisis with prevention services and how Miami Valley Catholic Social Services in Dayton has provided hope and healing after the Memorial Day tornadoes in the area and the mass shooting that killed 10 people in August in Dayton's Oregon district.

"Catholic charities and social services agencies across Ohio are an important provider of assistance to Ohio's most vulnerable populations, including children, senior citizens, young mothers and those suffering from substance abuse disorders," the governor said after the meeting. "My administration will continue to meet with Catholic charities to discuss how we can all better serve Ohioans in need."

"I got to share with Gov. DeWine how we drive solutions to the real challenges of poverty by sharing Catholic Social Services' launch of the Stay the Course program," said Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services in Columbus. "Stay the Course is a case management program designed to increase retention and graduation rates among low-income community college students by helping students respond to the non-academic, pover-



**Leaders of Ohio Catholic charities agencies met with Gov. Mike DeWine on Sept. 18. Pictured are (from left): first row, Marilyn Mehaffie, St. Stephen's Community House; Gov. DeWine; Rachel Lustig, Catholic Social Services; Rachel Hrbolich, Diocese of Youngstown; Laura Roesch, Archdiocese of Cincinnati; and Sister Katherine Caldwell, TOR, Diocese of Steubenville; second row, Ted Bergh, Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Susan Lewis-Kaylor, St. Vincent Family Center; Rodney Schuster, Diocese of Toledo; and Pat Gareau, Diocese of Cleveland.**  
Photo courtesy Catholic Social Services

ty related issues that prevent students from pursuing their education goals."

"I shared that Catholic Social Services was one of three organizations nationwide selected by Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, Texas, to replicate this program and investigate its impact," Lustig said. "This example shows the collaborative nature of Catholic social service agencies across the country to help low-income

people transform their lives through innovative solutions to poverty's complex and interrelated challenges.

"We shared the human service priorities of the Catholic Conference of Ohio and talked specifically about our concerns about issues related to pro-life activities, immigration, jobs, children and rural communities. We also echoed the governor's concern for vulnerable seniors."

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rector of Greater Columbus Right to Life, said, "For the second year in a row, we've identified the issues we hear about the most and the questions we most often are asked, and we've brought together a phenomenal program that will tie it all in together as we work to truly build a culture of life here in our community.

"I am especially looking forward to hearing from Pamela Harris of the Office for Ethnic Ministries," Vanderkooi said. "So often, when we talk about pro-life values and racism, we begin the conversation with the legacy of Margaret Sanger and we end with the reality that abortion clinics tend to be located in areas with a higher population of minorities, but we are going to go beyond that and tackle some of

the underlying issues."

Harris' talk will deal with the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, which describes racism as a sin because it fails to respect the dignity of the human person. She also will take a close look at how people respond to racism and how that affects the dignity of the person and respect for all life.

Vanderkooi will lead a breakout session on pro-life apologetics and present a session with Peggy Wolock, a local pro-life advocate, on the new Pro-Life at the End of Life initiative.

Pro-Life at the End of Life is a program that Greater Columbus Right to Life has been working on for two years. The objective is to make available a booklet that walks the pro-life

faithful through difficult conversations related to end of life care and advanced medical directives and provide a model health care power of attorney that conforms to pro-life and Catholic values, fulfills the requirements of Ohio law and can be executed with or without an attorney. Vanderkooi hopes that the booklet will be available by the conference date.

The last breakout session of the day will be a youth track with Bryan Kemper of Priests for Life.

"In just a few months, we will send thousands of young people to the March for Life (in Washington)," said Stephanie Rapp, director of the Marriage and Family Life Office, "Our program will not only prepare them for what they may face at large events

like the march, but also help them to lovingly and effectively respond to the everyday situations they run into in their schools, online and even in their families – where their influence is much greater than many of them understand."

The conference will conclude at 3 p.m. Tickets, \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, include a light breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available if cost is a concern. Registration – including discount ticket packages, sponsorships and opportunities to fund scholarships – and the conference schedule are available at [www.bclc2019.eventbrite.com](http://www.bclc2019.eventbrite.com). To register by phone, or to register with a scholarship, call the Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540.

## Local news and events

## St. Paul's Outreach to host banquet at Ohio Union in October

The Columbus chapter of St. Paul's Outreach, a group of young adults dedicated to evangelizing their peers on college campuses, will host its annual banquet on Thursday, Oct. 24 in the Archie Griffin Ballroom of the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7.

Chapter members will talk about building a Christian culture at Ohio State and Ohio Dominican universities, impacting the lives of students on campus and beyond and forming faithful lifelong disciples through the values of community on mission; brotherhood and sisterhood; relational evangelization; renewal in the Holy Spirit; wholehearted worship; and formation to Christian maturity.

Tickets are \$150. Sponsorship packages are available. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 11. For information, go to [www.spo.org/ohioanquet](http://www.spo.org/ohioanquet).

## Bishop to celebrate White Mass

The annual diocesan White Mass for health care professionals, sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) of Central Ohio, will be celebrated on the feast of St. Luke, Friday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. in Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road.

Bishop Robert Brennan will be the celebrant and Father Steven Beseau, rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, will be the homilist. The Mass is given its name because the priests wear white vestments.

A reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres will follow. The cost for the reception is \$25 per person; there will be no charge for students of the health professions. If you plan to attend the reception, go to [www.cmacbus.com](http://www.cmacbus.com) or send the number attending to [jp-2cmacolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:jp-2cmacolumbus@gmail.com). More information is available from Marian Schuda at (614) 769-5150.

The CMA of Central Ohio is part of the national CMA organization, whose president this year is Dr. Michael Parker, a Columbus obstetrician/gynecologist. Dr. William Perez, a cardiac anesthesiologist at Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, is on the national CMA board.

## Josephinum tour day is Oct. 19

The annual fall tour day at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, will be Saturday, Oct. 19 from noon to 2 p.m.

Participants will explore the buildings, chapels and grounds of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy.

The 45-minute tours will begin every half-hour and will be followed by refreshments. Admission is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a spot, go to [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu). More information is available from Meghan



**Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, finishes the Friends of the Josephinum Family Fun Run on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Glacier Ridge Metro Park in Dublin. A record number of 26 sponsors and more than 600 runners and walkers showed their support for the seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Bishop Robert Brennan offered a blessing before the race.** Photo courtesy Friends of the Josephinum

Henschen at (614) 985-2234.

## Serra Club praying for priests

The Serra Club of Columbus will be taking part in a prayer vigil for Bishop Robert Brennan and the priests of the diocese from 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 to noon Thursday, Oct. 3 while they are gathered in a convocation.

Club members are asking anyone interested to keep vigil and pray in front of a tabernacle for an hour or more during this time. Parishes in the diocese that offer 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration are asked to invite adorers to participate so that the late night and early morning hours will be covered.

Anyone interested in taking part in the vigil is asked to go to the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D48ACAF2AA2FA7-pray>.

Anyone interested in joining the Serra Club, which encourages vocations to the religious life, is asked to indicate that interest when signing up for a prayer slot. To find priests' names so you can pray for them by name, go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/priests>.

## Joseph's Coat sets fundraiser

The Joseph's Coat clothing and furniture ministry is sponsoring its annual fundraiser from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 in the family center of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church,

as a partnership of St. Pius X and other Reynoldsburg-area churches and now includes St. Pius, Gahanna St. Matthew, Columbus Holy Spirit and six other churches. More than 100,000 items are distributed at no cost each year.

## Priests to lead Holy Land trip

Father Don Franks, pastor of Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches, and Father Tom Gardner, parochial vicar of New Philadelphia Sacred Heart and Dennison Immaculate Conception churches, will lead a pilgrimage to Israel in October 2020. Projected dates are Oct. 19-28.

Stops will include Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, Mount Tabor, the Dead Sea and Masada. The final 3½ days will concentrate on Jerusalem, with short trips to Bethany and Bethlehem. Mass will be celebrated each day.

For more information, contact Katy Wyatt at (614) 501-6714 or [kwyatt@jerusalem tours.com](mailto:kwyatt@jerusalem tours.com) or Jerusalem Tours at (888) 373-8687.

## 40 Days for Life is underway

The 40 Days for Life campaign coordinated by Greater Columbus Right to Life began Wednesday, Sept. 25 and will continue from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Sunday, Nov. 3 in front of the Founder's Women's Health Center, an abortion clinic at 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus.

40 Days for Life is a nationwide pro-life campaign that began in 2007. Participants stand witness and maintain a peaceful and educational presence outside abortion clinics.

Spring campaigns take place from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. Fall campaigns are from the last Wednesday in September until the first Sunday in November.

Participants are asked to spend an hour in vigil when they take part. Several parishes and groups have committed to providing participants for specific days or hours, and there is room for many more.

For more information or to sign up, go to [www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life.html](http://www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life.html) or call (614) 445-8508.

1051 S. Waggoner Road.

It will be a casino-style event in which all "gambling" is paid for with the \$75 cost of a ticket in advance. The only additional cost would be for the cash bar. In addition to games of chance, there will be a 50-50 raffle, silent auction, door prizes, a DJ and heavy hors d'oeuvres from Mustard Seed Catering.

Tickets are available online at <https://josephscoatcasinonight2019.eventbright.com>. If you wish to pay with a check, mail it to: Treasurer, Joseph's Coat, 240 Outerbelt St. #5, Columbus OH 43213. If you have questions, contact Pat Lutz at (614) 395-2057 or send an email to [palutz108@gmail.com](mailto:palutz108@gmail.com).

Joseph's Coat provides clothing, furniture and household goods to those in need. It was founded in 2004

## Voting for pro-abortion candidate; stand or kneel for Communion?

Q My family have all been cradle Catholics, but currently we are at odds. How can any Catholic vote for a Democrat who professes to be pro-abortion? How can Catholics look forward to someday meeting their Maker when they have voted into office those who will kill innocent human beings? (Pleasantville, Iowa)

Q During a local retreat, I was given a guide for the sacrament of penance. Under the Fifth Commandment, it stated that voting for a pro-choice candidate is a mortal sin. Is this actually so? And what would happen if both candidates were pro-abortion? (Virginia Beach, Virginia)

A I have addressed this issue before in this column. But the two questions above are samples of those that arrive regularly – indicating to me that the topic is one of perennial concern.

Let's take the second inquiry first. It is simply wrong to say that a Catholic who votes for a pro-choice candidate is necessarily committing a mortal sin.

The guiding document on this is called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which the U.S. bishops refine and publish every four years prior to a presidential election and which addresses various moral issues that Catholics should consider before voting – e.g., defending the sanctity of human life, racism, promoting religious freedom, defending marriage, feeding the hungry, housing the

### QUESTION & ANSWER

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homeless, welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment.

The document says clearly that a Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy that promotes an intrinsically evil act such as abortion “if the voter’s intent is to support that position” (No. 34). But the same document goes on to say, “There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate’s unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons” (No. 35).

As to what to do when both candidates support abortion, the bishops’ statement says that a voter may take the “extraordinary step” of choosing not to vote for any candidate – or “after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic hu-

man goods” (No. 36).

Q When receiving holy Communion, some at our parish church stand and some kneel. Is there a “right way” to receive? (Atlanta)

A It is left to national conferences of bishops to recommend the posture for receiving holy Communion. In the United States, that suggested posture is standing.

As the current *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, “The norm established for the dioceses of the United States of America is that holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling” (No. 160).

The answer to your question, then, is that there is no required “right way.”

Between the editions of the general instruction published in 2003 and the current one (2011), there was an interesting modification in this regard. The 2003 version said “Communicants should not be denied holy Communion because they kneel. Rather, such instances should be addressed pastorally, by providing the faithful with proper catechesis on the reasons for this norm.”

The current version, though, drops this note about “catechesis” and simply leaves individuals free to make the choice. My own pastoral inclination is to say “Why should it matter?”

## Brian Muha Foundation to celebrate 20th anniversary

The Brian Muha Foundation will celebrate 20 years of serving children through its Run the Race Center and other programs at a dinner and auction on Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Walter Commons of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St. Cocktails and a silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a live auction at 7.

Brian Muha’s brother, Christopher, an attorney in Washington, D.C., will be the featured speaker.

Brian Muha, a Franciscan University of Steubenville student who was a St. Charles graduate, and his roommate were killed when two assailants entered their off-campus apartment on May 31, 1999, took them to a nearby area in Pennsylvania and murdered them. The two are serving life sentences in prison.

Muha’s mother, Rachel, was determined that her son’s death should result in a positive outcome, so she began a foundation in his name to help children who are growing up in circumstances similar to those of his killers. Its scriptural motto is “Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21).

Run the Race, which was founded in 2005, provides programs that promote

personal and educational achievement for young people living in inner-city areas of Columbus, primarily the Hilltop area of the west side.

Its ministry started with one little girl showing up at a small room in Columbus Holy Family Church. It expanded first to the Holton Recreation Center in Columbus, then moved to its current location, a former elementary school at 880 S. Wayne Ave. on the west side. The club also offers seasonal activities at a farm in Galloway, where fruits and vegetables are grown.

It goes into the Hilltop community by making weekly deliveries of food to residents, sponsoring 56 basketball teams and providing uniforms, coaches and practice time for them, and offering job help, business setups, group mentoring and public speakers.

A healthy snack and meal is provided whenever a child visits the Run the Race Center, ensuring that at least 50 children a day are not going to bed hungry. The center offers Bible study, tutoring, homework help, a food pantry, a clothes closet, open gym, a chess club, a book club, board games, a salon, and art, computer, library, music and tumbling rooms. It also provides clothing, furniture, appliances and

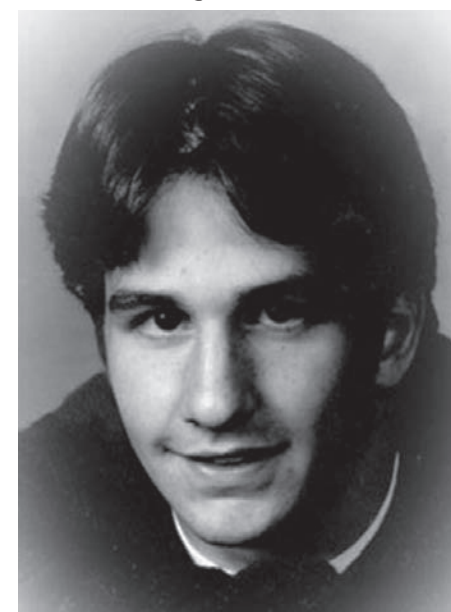
other items to children and their families when the need arises.

Young people have made about 156,000 visits to the center at its various locations. They have received more than 160,000 hot meals, with 55,000 food bags being sent home with them. The center has provided furniture to 468 families and been involved with 19 home makeovers. It has given away 12.6 tons of clothing and provided 2,500 hours of tutoring.

Hundreds of volunteers, including youth groups from various schools and parishes, as well as students from the Pontifical College Josephinum, have performed more than 59,000 hours of service, providing support for the Racers at the center and the farm.

Donations to the foundation have allowed it to provide more than 40 scholarships to Franciscan and 40 scholarships to St. Charles, as well as tuition assistance for 18 students in private schools.

Not long after Muha’s slaying, the foundation purchased the house in Steubenville where he and his roommate resided. More than 60 student priests and missionaries have lived there free of charge, praying and evangelizing the surrounding neigh-



**Brian Muha, namesake of a local foundation for children. Photo/Muha Foundation**

borhood.

Tickets for the 20th anniversary event are \$100 per person and are available at [www.bidpal.net/brianmuhafoundation](http://www.bidpal.net/brianmuhafoundation). Sponsorship packages also are available. For more information about the foundation or Run the Race, go to [www.brianmuhafoundation.org](http://www.brianmuhafoundation.org).

## How can loneliness be described?

By Tim Welsh

Loneliness is a state that is hard to describe, but easy to recognize. It's a space that can shrink and expand, a space that is full and empty at the same time. Loneliness cannot be dwelled upon, nor can it be ignored. It can't be touched, but you can feel it. It's just there.

Loneliness lingers while life marches on. It can last for a few minutes or a few years. It's completely unpredictable. And even in a crowded room, one can feel abject loneliness.

Sometimes we tend to impose loneliness on ourselves by engaging in a sort of psychological hocus-pocus that has us believing something is there when it really isn't.

We essentially talk ourselves into a variety of self-view scenarios that inhibit our ability to see clearly, such as "I'm not likable" or "I feel like a fifth wheel" or "I'm different than anyone else in this room."

When loneliness is com-

pounded by guilt or confusion or even anger, it can be particularly devastating and can create an emptiness that is much harder to overcome. Such is the case with women who are suffering through the regret and sorrow of a past abortion experience. These women have been the victims of a physical invasion into the most private and sacred part of their bodies. Just as important, they have been victims of an invasion into their emotional and psychological being, into their very womanhood.

The empty loneliness associated with post-abortion stress is so profound as to be existential.

Women who have experienced post-abortion stress also are persuaded by the culture that abortion is an elixir that can cure all sexual ills. They are led to believe that there are no psychological consequences to their "choice," and the result is that they internalize the emotions that they feel and hide them.

Because they have been convinced that there's nothing wrong with having an abortion and that there are no ill effects of the "choice," they begin to believe there's something wrong with them, hence the profound loneliness and the disenfranchised emotions that many women feel after an abortion experience. They have nowhere to turn, no one to talk to, so they think.

In a word, they're lonely.

To compensate for the loneliness, they build walls. One by one, they stack the bricks of shame, confusion, anger, despair and sorrow held together by the mortar of guilt. Row by row, day in and day out, they stack one brick atop another until they are encased in a silo of loneliness that is nearly impossible to escape without help. Their confinement complete, they begin to find a bizarre comfort in their imprisonment; they bond with their captor. Loneliness actually becomes their contentment. They bond with the trauma that has hounded them

for years.

And the loneliness of those suffering through the guilt from a past abortion experience permeates their whole being. Its odor wafts through their lives and the emotional echo of the experience reverberates into their relationships and their self-view.

For some, there will come a moment of clarity when they realize that their imprisonment is not a life sentence and that, with help, they can dismantle the silo they have built around themselves. And so they begin.

Many go to confession. Some find help in other ways, through family or friends. Others seek professional counseling. Still others find comfort with the help of organizations such as Bethesda Healing Ministry.

Whatever path they choose, and just as in any other type of recovery program, disassembling the walls they have erected will take time, and the walls can only be taken down one brick at a time. With the

help of a priest, a skilled professional, a caring friend or a ministry, they can start to chip away at the mortar and dislodge bricks from their wall.

Usually, the first brick to come down is forgiveness. This is the capstone of all recovery. Knowing that God can forgive any sin and that His forgiveness allows us to forgive ourselves is a liberating notion and makes the rest of the wall easier to tear down.

As the silo comes down, the odor or guilt disappears, the stench of blame is swept away by the wind of grace, and the darkness of regret is replaced by the warm glow of a youthful daylight.

The past never goes away and should not be forgotten. Neither should it get in the way of bright hope for the future.

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## St. Elizabeth Pastoral Council responding to changes

Columbus St. Elizabeth Church is changing, and members of the parish Pastoral Council are responding positively to those changes as the parish enters its second 50 years.

In the past 15 years, six parishioners have taken courses from the Institute for School and Parish Development (ISPD) through the University of Dayton. The council has restructured itself, revised its charter and written a parish master charter, reworked the parish's 30-year-old mission statement, written the parish's first vision statement and formed a parish development ministry.

Council members conducted a survey with a 36 percent response rate – much higher than the typical return rate for such documents. The survey resulted in four major recommendations which are being put into effect: a new involvement/commitment Sunday, intended to increase commitment to prayer, ministries and offerings; a visitor welcoming ministry; a testimo-

nial program for parish organizations; and an update in parish software systems to improve online communication with the congregation.

In 2018, council members began exploring ways of being more responsive to parish needs. They attended seminars, took ISPD courses on parish development, and learned that their goals should be greater input from and engagement with parishioners, full transparency, and continued development of those processes.

A statement from the council says members felt improvements were needed because "for the past quarter-century, St Elizabeth Church has grown comfortable for the parishioners. We have built onto the facilities to support our needs. We are a very stable community. Our finances are good. We have a large crowd of older volunteers involved in our ministries. We just celebrated 50 years of existence and we have a very warm and welcoming environment. But things

are changing around us.

"The neighborhood is transitioning into a large, diverse community. We have switched from a diocesan priest as pastor to having priests from the Sons of the Immaculate Conception administering the parish, and we have begun to see many new faces in the church, but fewer of the old crowd.

"We realized the congregation was aging. In fact, the majority of our parish is over 60 years old. We have been losing members to the next phase of life. Yes, we have been comfortable, but we must evolve with the times if we are going to be able to celebrate another half-century of sustainable service to the commu-



**Columbus St. Elizabeth Church's pastoral council**

*Photo courtesy St. Elizabeth Church*

nity."

Feedback from longtime parish members has been encouraging to the council, which believes it is going in the right direction and that St. Elizabeth will remain a warm, welcoming parish while continuing to search for ways to recognize and adapt to its community's changing needs.

## Education vital to keeping Christian youth in Holy Land, priest says

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Christians have been leaving the Holy Land for decades because the political tensions there between Jews and Arabs leave them feeling trapped in the middle.

Father Peter Vasko, OFM, who has been living in the Holy Land for nearly 40 years, says one thing could slow or stop the migration – the chance for a secure future through education.

“Young people in the Holy Land tell me this over and over: ‘If we could have a college education so we can secure a job, we would stay. We are leaving because we don’t see a future here,’” he said.

The families of most of the region’s Christian youths can’t afford to pay for a college education, even though tuition for higher education in the Holy Land is only about 15 percent of what it would be at a college in the United States.

But through donations to the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL), mainly from people in the United States, Father Vasko has found a way to keep more than 800 young people in the Holy Land and feel encouraged about their future.

Father Vasko is president of the FFHL, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Since its founding, it has provided free four-year scholarships to pay the college costs of about 475 students, including 42 chosen as recipients this year.

In addition, the FFHL has paid for the education of about 280 students in Holy Land trade and technical schools and 80 in schools for music and the arts. A scholarship recipient agrees to remain in the Holy Land for at least four years after graduation.

“The surest way of ensuring the future of Christianity in the Holy Land is through keeping young people in the region so they can bring up the next generation,” Father Vasko said.

“College scholarships are a great way to do that, but you’re also going to always need plumbers, welders, construction workers, people in the culinary arts, not to mention those with a talent to bring beauty through music and art.

“People tend to overlook those

branches of education, but the Franciscan Foundation doesn’t.”

Father Vasko visits the United States for eight weeks twice a year to raise funds for the FFHL, which, in addition to the scholarships, gives grants to children so they can afford a Catholic education, provides employment opportunities, and offers subsidized housing and renovations and other services to the poor.

Since 2006, a Columbus-based organization known as Cradling Christianity has sponsored a dinner to support the FFHL. Those events have raised more than \$1 million in the past 13 years.

This year’s event with Father Vasko took place at the Walter Student Commons of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School on Wednesday, Sept. 18. He also spoke the following afternoon at a luncheon at The Catholic Foundation.

He began his talks by reviewing the modern history of turmoil in the Holy Land of Israel and Palestine, where Jesus taught and preached.

That history begins with the Balfour Declaration of 1917, which announced Britain’s support of a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine, a land then controlled by the former Turkish empire and having a small Jewish population.

Events continued with creation of Israel as a Jewish state in 1948, the Six-Day War of 1967 and the ongoing conflict in the years since between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, particularly in contested areas such as the Gaza Strip.

“Both sides feel history has been confiscated,” Father Vasko said. “They feel they have a history in the Holy Land, and the land belongs to them. This attitude of ownership on both sides, coupled with decades of hatred and mistrust of each other, has become encoded in the DNA of both sides.

“Within this equation are the indigenous Christians of the Holy Land, who share a history of salvation and have lived in this land for centuries. Jews look on the Christians as being sympathetic to the Arabs and on Palestine as the enemy. Arabs think of the Christians as being pro-West and traitors to the Islamic cause.

“In this atmosphere, an exodus of Christians has steadily continued. If



**Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, spoke to supporters of the organization in Columbus on Sept. 18 and 19. Franciscans have been present in the Holy Land for more than 800 years and have been custodians of the holy sites where Jesus preached and taught since 1342. The foundation awards scholarships and provides other help for Christians in that region.**  
*CT photo by Ken Snow*

nothing is done to stem it, Christianity will disappear in 60 years from the place where it was founded. All that will be left will be museums and monuments.”

Father Vasko said that about 170,000 of the 11 million residents of the Holy Land – less than 2 percent – are Christians. That compares with 18 percent in 1948, when Israel was founded.

“Fifty years ago, the population of the city of Bethlehem was 88 percent Christian and 12 percent Muslim. Now those figures have been reversed,” he said.

Father Vasko was critical of the Israeli government’s use of a military presence to close certain territories, and particularly of the 480-mile barrier built around Israel’s border with the Gaza Strip. “Israel calls it a security wall, and the Arabs call it an apartheid wall,” he said.

“Walls are important in some places, but this wall diverts from the ‘Green Line’ both sides traditionally accepted as a border.

“It seeps into privately owned Christian and Arab land while enclosing illegal settlements built there and splitting the heart of the Palestinian world.

“Will there be peace in the Holy Land? I don’t know,” Father Vasko said.

“Military victories don’t bring security. Only a peace built on justice and human rights will result in security. And with all the foreign aid we give to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, that money is not going to Christians in the region.

“There is no world government or organization aiding them. Through your help, you become God’s instrument in keeping Christians in the land where Christ lived.”

During the Cradling Christianity dinner, Father Vasko presented Judy and Gene Alfonsi, who are among the 12 founding members of the organization, with an award for their ongoing support of the Franciscan Foundation.

Franciscans have provided a significant presence in the Holy Land for more than 800 years.

St. Francis of Assisi founded a province of his order there in 1217, two years before his famous meeting with the caliph of Egypt. That encounter created a respect between both men that led to peaceful relations between Christians and Muslims in the area for centuries, providing a basis for hope that an atmosphere of cooperation can return.

In 1342, Pope Clement VI appointed the Franciscans as custodians of the holy places where Jesus lived, taught and preached. They have fulfilled that role ever since.



## Ex-Swiss Guard: John Paul II was model for leadership

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

A former Swiss Guard who served Pope St. John Paul II at the Vatican says the Catholic Church and society at large are suffering from a leadership crisis.

Mario Enzler, a former soldier and a conductor of the Swiss Guard band for a total of three years, made his observations during a presentation on authentic Christian leadership to the Columbus chapter of Legatus on Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Pontifical College Josephinum's Jessing Center.

Legatus is an international organization based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, that includes more than 5,000 Catholic business leaders and their spouses who are dedicated to supporting the teachings of the Church. The Columbus group, one of more than 90 chapters worldwide, meets monthly for confession, rosary, Mass, fellowship, dinner and a guest speaker.

Enzler's 50-minute talk focused on the qualities that make good leaders and was interspersed with anecdotes from his life's journey, highlighted by the impact his supervisor in the Swiss Guard and the late pontiff made on his personal formation.

Enzler said that the sexual-abuse scandal in the Catholic Church that has dominated the headlines can be traced to a "crisis in authentic leadership."

"They're trying to narrow down the crisis into very specific problems," he said. "You've probably heard many people talking about clericalism, and the other people are saying the discipline of celibacy. Then there's the tragic problem of pedophilia.

"The current crisis in the Church, first and foremost, is an intellectual problem. It's an intellectual problem because there is a lack of ideas. And when you have a lack of ideas in any enterprise, in the army or anywhere, you have a shortage of leadership."

Enzler currently lives in New Hampshire, where he is the headmaster at New England Classical Academy, a private, nonprofit school in the Catholic tradition that he helped establish in 2009.

"Many students have been asking me for the past several years, 'Where have all the good leaders gone?'" he said. "Leaders are, first and foremost, those who take full responsibility for their baptismal commitment. They are ready to cooperate with the mission of the Church. ... We're not talking about



**Former Swiss Guard Mario Enzler (second from right) is pictured with board members of the Columbus chapter of Legatus (from left): Tom Harris, Amy Knapke, Marian Schuda, Mary DiOrio, chapter president Grady Campbell and Mark Landes, at the Pontifical College Josephinum's Jessing Center on Sept. 19.**  
CT photo by Doug Bean

a juicy 401(k) account. We're talking about those who strive for consistency between faith and real life."

He suggested that good leaders performing at their best must do four things: model, inspire, challenge and enable others to act.

"I witnessed this for 3 1/2 years as a Swiss Guard," Enzler said.

Acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to formulate his insights on leadership took some time.

Born in Sotto il Monte, the same town in northern Italy as Pope St. John XXIII, Enzler was rather rambunctious as a child, but was extremely intelligent and left home to receive his education. During graduate school in Milan, he sported long blond hair in a ponytail and made money as a fashion model. He counted Cindy Crawford and Elle Macpherson among his friends.

Upon finishing his graduate degree, Enzler was told by his father that he needed structure in his life, and he would get that by joining the army. He had the option to choose the army in Italy or Switzerland and decided on the Swiss, mainly because officers' training took much less time.

Enzler was taken to a base in the mountains, and not long after arriving, he told someone he was Catholic and needed to go to Mass. He thought it would be a good way to disappear in the town, but instead ended up being told by a priest that he should consider joining the Swiss Guard, which has served the Vatican and the popes since 1506.

And so he went off to Rome to serve for 40 months during the pontificate of John Paul II. Enzler recounted several interactions that made a profound impact on him.

The first came while he was passing a small chapel carrying some documents at the pope's summer home in Castel Gandolfo. John Paul II was kneeling in the middle of the chapel on the marble floor, with his hands grabbing the altar and his forehead resting against his hands. It looked as though he was posing for a picture.

"When I took a step, there was absolutely no one else in the chapel," Enzler said. "I felt the bone marrow moving in my spine. And then I stepped back and walked to the dining room to put the binders on the table."

Five hours later, he was told the pope wanted to go for a walk. Enzler said he was walking in front of John Paul with other guards when the Holy Father suddenly turned and started walking toward him.

"It was a moment of panic. Where is he going?" Enzler recalled. "He looks at me, and all of a sudden he grabs my left wrist, and he pulled. And when he pulled, I wasn't expecting that, and I almost lost my balance. I put my ear right in front of his mouth. When I got there, he held me and said, 'Mario, why don't you join me next time?' Then he let go of my wrist, and he looked at me and turned and started walking again. It took a moment for me to connect that he was referring to the moment I had witnessed.

"There were no cameras in the chapel. I didn't make any noise. How the heck did he know I saw him? I was very confused, and so I went back and decided to go to confession."

The priest in the confessional "told me that he felt the Lord wanted me to hear from him that I was to become a leader that others could follow, like my boss. (And) the first person I should

lead is me.

"Many times as leaders we want to change people," he cautioned, "but don't try to change someone else until you change yourself first, because as a leader you are the picture, you are the model. People don't buy into your vision. They buy into who you are. It came to me that I needed help. So I went to Jesus' father. That's where I found help."

A second encounter with Pope John Paul II came when he walked past a line of the Swiss Guards.

"I closed my eyes for maybe a second, standing at attention, and when I opened my eyes, he was in front of me," Enzler recalled. "I did not hear him walking back, and certainly he didn't jump back. He was right in front of me and looking at me with the intensity of his blue eyes, an intensity I've not seen in any other human person. He would look at you and not say a word for 15, 18, 20 seconds. That's a long time.

"All of a sudden, he puts his hands in the pocket of his cassock and he pulls beads out. And he keeps them between his first and second finger, and he looks at me and he says – I will never forget it – 'Mario, the rosary is my favorite prayer. Marvelous in its simplicity and its profundity. Take my beads.' And he put them in my hands, and he said, 'Make them your most powerful weapon.'"

Enzler came to understand that leaders, through God's assistance, have the ability to transform people and change their minds, hearts and actions.

He said leaders take risks and learn from mistakes, they lead from the front and not the back, and sometimes they need to challenge the process, which is often not easy to do.

"It is rare to find a person who is ready to accept the challenge of true Christian leadership," he said.

He pointed to Jesus as the greatest leader of all time, even though "it just happened" and he was not elected.

"An expression John Paul II used to say all the time: 'Be more,'" Enzler emphasized. "He never said 'Do more, write more, walk more.' Be more.

"Remember that no gift is given for one's self, but for the good of the Church and her mission. The contribution that you as leaders should make is not to today's bottom line, but to the long-term development of people and society and institutions that will prosper and will grow.

"May all come to understand leadership the same way John Paul II showed me."

# Since 1830, sisters have served diocese in many roles

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

Women who have professed religious vows to serve the Church have been part of the Diocese of Columbus since 1830, when a group of Dominican sisters from St. Catharine, Kentucky, came to Somerset. There, they joined the pioneer Dominican priests who had celebrated the first Mass in Ohio in 1808 in the Perry County community and established the state's first Catholic parish in that village 10 years later.

Today, 209 sisters representing 17 religious orders serve throughout the diocese. For more than a century, beginning in the 1850s, they provided the vast majority of teachers for parochial schools in central Ohio and throughout the nation. Following the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, the number of sisters began to decline, with laypeople replacing them as teachers for the most part. Today, sisters serve in a variety of roles involving pastoral ministry, health care, evangelization and hospitality.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, congregational descendants of the Dominicans who came to Somerset 189 years ago, are the diocese's most prominent order, with 146 sisters living in various locations. They are the only congregation of women religious with a motherhouse and congregational headquarters in the diocese. They recently opened a house of welcome in Columbus for women discerning whether God is calling them to the religious life.

The sisters who settled in Perry County moved to Columbus in 1868 after a fire destroyed an academy they had founded in Somerset. They established a new academy on donated land that included several natural springs and adopted the name of the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs. That congregation united with seven other Dominican congregations on Easter 2009 to form the Dominican Sisters of Peace, with another congregation joining them three years later.

The academy was closed in 1966, but the sisters in 1911 had founded a college known today as Ohio Dominican University (ODU) on the same land. ODU is the diocese's only Catholic institution of higher learning for those not studying for the priesthood or the nursing profession.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace today operate several institutions in

Columbus. These include the Mohun Health Care Center for retired priests and religious; the Dominican Learning Center, which provides adult education programs; the Martin de Porres Center for spirituality, education and the arts; and Shepherd's Corner, a 160-acre farm and garden area dedicated to care for creation in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home).

The diocese has two other Dominican congregations of religious. All are dedicated to the spirituality promoted by St. Dominic de Guzman, who lived in the 12th and 13th centuries and founded the religious order that unofficially bears his name. The letters "OP" listed after the names of Dominican sisters and priests represent the Order of Preachers, the order's official name.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, founded in 1997 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, came to the Diocese of Columbus in 2011 to teach at Worthington St. Michael School. The congregation has five members in the diocese, including three who are teachers at the school and one who is its principal.

Sisters from the Dominican Congregation of the Immaculate Conception, which is based in Poland, arrived in the diocese in 2013. Three members of the congregation live in a convent on Columbus' east side. They serve at Columbus St. Patrick and Gahanna St. Matthew churches and the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Columbus.

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm came to Columbus in 1948 to operate the former St. Raphael's and St. Rita's homes for the aged and have been in the diocese ever since. The sisters closed those facilities about 20 years ago and replaced them with the Villas at St. Therese, which include areas for assisted living and independent living. The sisters also operate Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, a skilled nursing care facility adjacent to the villas.

The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, who this year celebrated their 150th anniversary as a congregation, have served in the Diocese of Colum-

bus since 1893 and have been associated with the Genesis HealthCare System in Zanesville and its predecessors since 1900. Four congregation members currently serve with the system. The sisters are known as the Manitowoc Franciscans for the location of their motherhouse in Wisconsin.

Many orders of sisters who formerly taught in diocesan schools have members still living in the diocese. These include 15 members of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, most of them retired, who live in the St. Leo Convent on Columbus' south



**Sisters of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget of Sweden are also known as the Bridgettines. CT photo/Doug Bean**

side. That congregation is commonly known as the Stella Niagara Franciscans in honor of the name of its motherhouse near Niagara Falls, New York.

Other orders with a longtime presence in the diocese include the Sisters of St. Agnes; the Sisters of the Holy Cross; the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, known as the Joliet Franciscans for the location of their motherhouse in Illinois; the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky; and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Each of these orders has one to three sisters living in the diocese.

In 2009, sisters from the Missionary Servants of the Word, based in Mexico, came to Columbus at the invitation of now-retired Bishop Frederick Campbell to serve Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church on the city's west side, an area where a large Latino population had settled. Priests from the same order joined them at St. Stephen in 2013.

Similar population shifts had occurred at Christ the King Church on Columbus' east side, where the sisters established a convent in 2013. Today, there are two sisters from the order in each of the two parishes.

The Missionary Servants were the first of seven orders that have established convents in the diocese in the past 10 years. Others include the two Dominican congregations mentioned earlier; the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, based in India, with four members serving parishes in Chillicothe and Waverly; the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, based in Poland, with four members serving in the recently opened St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center in Columbus and at Columbus Holy Family Church and its soup kitchen; and the Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget of Sweden (the Bridgettines), who have three members living near Holy Family Church and are establishing a convent and house of hospitality.

Sisters from all those orders came to the diocese at the invitation of Bishop Campbell and with the assistance of Holy Family's pastor, Father Stash Dailey, who recently was appointed diocesan vicar for religious.

Another order established in the diocese in the past few years is the Nigerian-based Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy. One of its members, Sister Laboure Okoroafor, DMMM, has been in Columbus since 2013 as a physician for Mount Carmel Health. Another sister from her order is a social worker who attends classes at Walsh University in North Canton during the week and returns to Columbus on weekends.

Besides Father Dailey as vicar for religious, the sisters of the diocese have an advisory body, the Council for Religious, which meets twice a year and has 11 members elected for one-year terms.

Its current president is Sister Maureen Anne Shepard, OSF, of the Manitowoc Franciscans. She said the council hosts a picnic each August at Dominican Acres, adjacent to the Shepherd's Corner center; provides hospitality for the annual Marian Dinner in September for young women considering a religious life; and sponsors an evening of reflection in the spring at St. Therese's Retreat Center and the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries for Religious in June at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church.

# Congregations of sisters in the Diocese of Columbus

## DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

**Diocesan location:** Throughout diocese

**Sisters in the diocese:** 146

**Ministries in diocese:** Multiple ministries, including Ohio Dominican University, Mohun Health Care Center, Martin de Porres Center, Dominican Learning Center, Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center

**Motherhouse:** 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, (614) 416-1092

**Sisters in order:** 435

**Charisms:** Preaching the Gospel through prayer, community life, common study and service to the people of God

**Vocations contact:** Sister Bea Tiboldi, (614) 416-1092; btiboldi@oppeace.org

**Vocations retreat:** March 13-15, Columbus

**Website:** www.oppeace.org

## CARMELITE SISTERS FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM

**Diocesan location:** 5199 E. Broad St., Columbus, (614) 751-5700

**Sisters in the diocese:** 7

**Ministries in diocese:** Serving the sick and the elderly at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor and the Villas of St. Therese

**Motherhouse:** Germantown, New York

**Sisters in order:** 200

**Charisms:** Sanctity of life, hospitality, shared commitment, compassion

**Vocations contact:** Sister Mary O'Donovan, OCarm, (845) 768-2303; srmayod@stmhcs.org

**Vocations retreat:** Oct. 11-13, Motherhouse

**Website:** www.carmelitesisters.com

## CONGREGATION OF SISTERS OF ST. AGNES

**Diocesan location:** Circleville

**Sister in the diocese:** Sister Monica Justinger, CSA, retired

**Motherhouse:** Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

**Sisters in order:** 180

**Charisms:** Education, health care, pastoral ministry, social service

**Vocations contact:** (920) 907-2325; vocations@csasisters.org

**Website:** www.csasisters.org

## CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS

### OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Diocesan location:** 266 McNaughten Road, Columbus, (614) 866-9397

**Sisters in the diocese:** Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president for mission services, Mount Carmel Health System; Sister Jean Ann Smith, CSC, retired

**Motherhouse:** Notre Dame, Indiana

**Sisters in order:** 490

**Charism:** To participate in the prophetic mission of Jesus to witness God's love for all creation

**Vocations contact:** Sister Rita Godhino, CSC, (323) 732-5662; rgodhino@cscsisters.org

**Website:** www.cscsisters.org

## SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF MARY IMMACULATE

**Diocesan location:** Columbus

**Sisters in the diocese:** Sister Margaret Hoffman, OSF, teacher at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School; Sister Marie Miller, OSF, retired, volunteer at Holy Family Soup Kitchen, tutor for elementary and high school children and adults; Sister Lauren Wiegman, OSF, retired, tutor for elementary and high school children and adults

**Motherhouse:** Joliet, Illinois

**Sisters in order:** 180

**Charisms:** Education, campus ministry, health care, home care, prison ministry, social service

**Vocations contact:** Sister Peggy Quinn, OSF, (815) 725-8735; pquinn@jolietfranciscans.org

**Website:** www.jolietfranciscans.org

## DAUGHTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

**Diocesan location:** 5242 Lilac Ave., Grove City

**Sisters in the diocese:** Sister Laboure Okoroafor, DMMM, family physician for Mount Carmel Health; Sister Vianney Nnabuihe, DMMM, social worker attending Walsh University in North Canton

**Motherhouses:** South Ozone Park, Queens, New York (U.S.); Umuahia, Nigeria (worldwide)

**Sisters in order:** More than 900

**Charisms:** Charity, humility, prayer, penance, abandonment to the will of God

**Vocations contact:** (954) 397-1270; welcome@dmmmsisters-usa.org

**Website:** www.dmmmsisters-usa.org

## DOMINICAN SISTERS, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE

**Diocesan location:** 2575 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, (614) 826-1619

**Sisters in the diocese:** Sister Leonarda Zielinska, OP, Columbus St. Patrick Church; Sister Paulina Porczynska, OP, Gahanna St. Matthew Church; Sister Wenancja Disterheft, OP, Holy Family Soup Kitchen

**Motherhouses:** Justice, Illinois (U.S.); Cracow, Poland (worldwide)

**Sisters in order:** 360

**Charisms:** Education, evangelization, health care

**Vocations contact:** Sister Maria Vianney Kysely, OP, (708) 458-3040; vocations@sistersop.com

**Vocations retreat:** Oct. 25-27, U.S.

**Motherhouse**

**Website:** www.sistersop.com

## DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

**Diocesan location:** 5694 N. High St., Worthington, (614) 846-6420

**Sisters in the diocese:** 5

**Ministry in diocese:** Teaching at Worthington St. Michael School

**Motherhouse:** Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Sisters in order:** 138

**Charisms:** Dominican spirituality; Eucharistic Adoration; Marian devotion and total consecration; contemplative prayer; the New Evangelization; spiritual motherhood; the Gospel of Life

**Vocations contact:** Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP, (734) 994-7437

**Vocations retreat:** Nov. 9-10, Motherhouse

**Website:** www.sistersofmary.org

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

**Diocesan location:** 2654 W. Ridgewood Circle, Zanesville, (740) 455-8511

**Sisters in the diocese:** 4

**Ministry in diocese:** Genesis HealthCare System, Zanesville

**Motherhouse:** Manitowoc, Wisconsin

**Sisters in order:** 216

**Charisms:** Joyful acceptance of poverty, love for the Church, selfless dedication to serving others, simplicity

**Vocations contact:** Sister Julie Ann, OSF, (920) 323-9632; sjulieann@fsc-calledtobe.org

**Vocations retreats:** Oct. 18-20 and Nov. 15-17, Manitowoc; Nov. 30, St. Louis

**Website:** www.fsc-calledtobe.org

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**Diocesan location:** 126 Church St., Chillicothe, (740) 774-0474

**Sisters in the diocese:** 4

**Ministries in diocese:** Chillicothe St. Peter Church, Waverly St. Mary Church, Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School and surrounding communities

**Motherhouses:** Greenwood, Indiana (U.S.); Kollam, India (worldwide)

**Sisters in order:** 530

**Charisms:** Outreach to the marginalized, spiritual leadership, teaching the faith

**Vocations contact:** Sister Ushatta Mary, FIH, (317) 203-0224; srushatta@gmail.com

**Website:** www.fhsisters.com

## LITTLE SERVANT SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Diocesan location:** 957 E. Broad St., Columbus

**Sisters in the diocese:** 4

**Ministries in diocese:** St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center, Columbus Holy Family Church, Holy Family Soup Kitchen

**Motherhouses:** Cherry Hill, New Jersey (U.S.); Stara Wies, Poland (worldwide)

**Sisters in order:** 1,330

**Charisms:** Prayer and service to those most in need of help, especially children, the poor and the sick

**Vocations contact:** Sister Bozena Tyborowska (856) 874-6096; sr.bozena73@gmail.com

**Website:** www.lsic.us

## MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE WORD

**Diocesan locations:** 2744 Dover Road, Columbus, (614) 884-0637; 4082 Clime Road, Columbus, (614) 272-2644

**Sisters in the diocese:** 4

**Ministries in diocese:** Columbus Christ the King and St. Stephen churches

**Motherhouses:** Providence, Rhode Island (U.S.); Mexico City (worldwide)

**Sisters in order:** 400

**Charisms:** Evangelizing the laity to evangelize with the laity

**Vocations contact:** Call sisters at convents


**Website:** www.campomisio.org.mx

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Sister Paulina Porczynska, OP, of the Dominican Congregation of the Immaculate Conception with children at Gahanna St. Matthew School. Photo/Dominican Congregation




The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist came to Worthington St. Michael School in 2011. Photo courtesy St. Michael School



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**Diocesan location:** 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

**Sisters in the diocese:** 3

**Ministries in diocese:** Welcoming those who seek to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, providing hospitality to travelers

**Motherhouses:** Darien, Connecticut (U.S.); Rome (worldwide)

**Sisters in order:** 500

**Charisms:** To seek Christian unity through a deeply Eucharistic-centered spirituality and way of life, following the teachings given by Jesus to St. Bridget of Sweden

**Vocations contact:** Mother Renzi (203) 655-1068; conventsb@optonline.net

**Website:** www.brigidine.org

### SISTERS OF CHARITY OF CINCINNATI

**Diocesan location:** Mount Vernon

**Sister in the diocese:** Sister Jean Welling, SC, retired

**Ministries in diocese:** Visiting the sick, doing RCIA work at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church

**Motherhouse:** Cincinnati

**Sisters in order:** 550

**Charisms:** Teaching, health care, social work

**Vocations contact:** Sister Monica Gundler, SC, (513) 347-5210; monica.gundler@srcharitycinti.org

**Website:** www.srcharitycinti.org

### SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NAZARETH

**Diocesan locations:** Columbus, New Lexington

**Sisters in the diocese:** Sister Rose Mary Gerlica, SCN, volunteers at Columbus St. Matthias Church and School and visits the sick and homebound; Sister Dorothy Gerlica, SCN, attends Corning St. Bernard Church and volunteers with helping low-income families

**Motherhouse:** Nazareth, Kentucky

**Sisters in order:** 523

**Charisms:** Promoting the dignity and equality of women and the oppressed

**Vocations contact:** Sister Chris Kunze, SCN, (502) 348-1525; ckunze@scnky.org

**Website:** www.scnfamily.org

### SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

**Diocesan location:** Columbus

**Sisters in the diocese:** Sister Elaine



Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP, with children at the Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center. Photo/Dominican Sisters of Peace

Ballmann, SNDdeN, St. Therese's Retreat Center; Sister AnneMary Miller, SNDdeN, Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs; Sister Patricia Pieper, SNDdeN, retired

**Motherhouse:** Cincinnati

**Sisters in order:** 1,173

**Charisms:** Making known God's goodness, educating for life

**Vocations contact:** Sister Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN, (240) 863-1916; Kristin.matthes@sndden.org

**Website:** www.sndohio.org

### SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF PENANCE AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY

**Diocesan location:** 213 Hanford St., Columbus, (614) 444-1733

**Sisters in the diocese:** 15, mostly retired

**Ministries in diocese:** Columbus Bishop Ready High School, Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church food pantry, Dominican Learning Center

**Motherhouse:** Stella Niagara, New York

**Sisters in order:** 96

**Charisms:** Trusting God's goodness and providence, living the Gospel in our time with gentle courtesy toward all, education

**Vocations contact:** Sister Nancy Zelma, OSF, (716) 754-4312, extension 9777#; nzelma@stellaosf.org

**Website:** www.stellaosf.org

## St. Therese's Retreat Center to celebrate patron's feast

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, will be honoring its patron, St. Therese of Lisieux, with a celebration on her feast day, Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The program will begin with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by light refreshments, brief reflections on the saint's autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, and the showing of a biographical film, *Therese: The True Story of St. Therese of Lisieux*.

St. Therese died at age 24 and spent her last 10 years in a convent, but she is among the best-known and most popular of saints, and her life has affected millions, mainly through her autobiography and her "little way" of prayer.

The Society of the Little Flower, which promotes devotion to St. Therese, describes the "little way" as "an image that tries to capture her understanding of being a disciple of Jesus Christ, of seeking holiness of life in the ordinary and the everyday, St. Therese based her 'little way' on two fundamental convictions: God shows love by mercy and forgiveness, and she could not be perfect in following

the Lord. ... It is called a little way precisely by being simple, direct, yet calling for amazing fortitude and commitment."

St. Therese was born on Jan. 2, 1873, in Alencon, France, the youngest child of Louis and Zelig Martin, who became, on Oct. 18, 2015, the first married couple with children to be jointly canonized. Therese's two brothers and two of her seven sisters died in early childhood, and her older sisters all became nuns – four of them at the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, France.

Therese had a powerful spiritual experience on Christmas Eve 1886 that she said ended her interest in selfish pleasures and made her want to give her life to God.

She joined two of her sisters in the Lisieux convent in 1888 at age 15. (A third sister entered the convent after the death of their father in 1894. Their mother had died in 1877.)

The Carmelite authorities didn't want her to enter the convent at such a young age, but she was so determined that on a trip to Rome, she petitioned Pope Leo XIII for assistance. He ad-

vised her to listen to her superiors, but his final words to her, spoken very slowly, were, "You will enter if God wills it."

Her determination so impressed the prioress of the convent that she waived the normal age requirements. Two years after entering the convent, Therese took her final vows on Sept. 8, 1890.

The incident with the pope indicates that Therese was a strong-willed person, and stories in her autobiography show that she wasn't always saintly, often struggling with her temper and the difficulties of living constantly with the same group of people, even though they were nuns who shared her devotion to God.

Therese also admitted in her autobiography that she was embarrassed because she often fell asleep while praying in chapel with her community. "I think how little children please their parents just as much when they are asleep as when they are awake," she wrote. "I think how doctors put patients to sleep in order to do operations. And finally, I think how the Lord sees our weakness; he remembers that we are dust."

Part of St. Therese's popularity comes from these admissions of human weakness with which many people readily can identify.

During the last 18 months of her life, St. Therese fought both tuberculosis and the type of "dark night of the soul" that St. Teresa of Calcutta described many years later, in which she felt Jesus was absent and she questioned the existence of God. Her last words when she died on Sept. 30, 1897 were "My God, I love you." Her autobiography was published one year to the day after her death.

Release of the book quickly spread devotion to her. When she was canonized on May 17, 1925, Pope Pius XI described her as "the greatest saint of modern times." She was given one of the Church's highest honors when Pope St. John Paul II on Oct. 19, 1997 proclaimed her a doctor of the Church, one of 36 saints – four of them women – to receive the title. The other three women are Sts. Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena and Hildegard of Bingen.

St. Therese loved flowers and said, "My mission – to make God loved –



**A photo taken of St. Therese of Lisieux by her sister, Celine. She was one of the first saints to be photographed.**

will begin after my death. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been her signature, and she is popularly known as "The Little Flower."

Columbus Bishop James Hartley established a retreat center named for St. Therese in 1931, six years after her canonization, on land in eastern Franklin County that was a remote area at the time and now is passed by thousands of cars daily and is next to a large medical center.

Even though the area around it has lost its rural character, the center remains what Bishop Hartley described as "a quiet place where people may come and rest for a while." Although the center is near busy East Broad Street and Interstate 270, the traffic noise fades away on the center's grounds, which offer an oasis of serenity with quiet paths, benches for prayer, a Marian grotto and outdoor Stations of the Cross. Its small stone chapel is filled with the presence of God and is familiar to thousands who have come there for retreats or a brief time of quiet contemplation.

Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, is one of many people in the Diocese of Columbus with a strong devotion to St. Therese. "She had a great impact over the course of my life, especially when I



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## 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Be not complacent; help change the world

**Amos 6:1a,4-7**  
**Psalm 146:7-10**  
**1 Timothy 6:11-16**  
**Luke 16:19-31**

Father Timothy Hayes



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

One who takes the Gospel seriously has to be ready to rock the boat and to stir up controversy.

A preacher is to *comfort the afflicted* AND to *afflict the comfortable*.

“*Woe to the complacent in Zion!*” is not a call just to be settled and enjoy life. It is never easy to speak such words. Yet if we take seriously who we are called to be, we must allow them to strike at our hearts.

God is stirring up a movement among us, calling us here and now to open our eyes to what is going on in our world. We must accept responsibility for our own actions and take steps to invite others to be with us in the project of cooperating with God in His action of transforming the world in Christ. We can “rise from the dead” if we hear the Gospel and choose to act.

First, we must put God and His Church at the center of our vision for our own lives. If God has a place, but is not first, it is almost worse than not having God at all, because we have succeeded in “taming God” and shaping Him to our own image. “*My will be God’s will*” is our prayer, rather than “*Thy will be done.*”

Next, we must respond to the call of the prophetic voice of God. The prophet Amos says not to be complacent. The Church has been speaking of justice in the world with a particular clarity since the time of Pope Leo XIII – the 1890s! So for more than a century, we have been members of a Church that speaks to the world’s current situation. Recent Church teachings have intensified our awareness of the urgency of a response. Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and now Pope Francis have kept this vision before us, calling us to put out into the deep, to combat the complacency of the world, and to go to the margins and the peripheries to proclaim the Gospel.

The body of teaching that guides us here is called the Church’s social teaching. Simply put, it is the Church’s wisdom concerning how to live the Gospel concretely now, in the

world as it is. The primary principles of social teaching are the dignity and worth of every human being, the rights that flow from that dignity, and the Church’s “preferential option for the poor”; that is, her recognition that she must speak for those who do not have a voice.

We must take responsibility for our own actions and realize that each choice we make can make a difference. We must fight for justice, not as the world sees it, but as God sees it. We must ensure that everyone benefits from the riches entrusted to us, both material and spiritual. And we must be willing to get involved in the wider culture to promote true harmony among peoples and nations.

Here is an updated translation of the text of Amos:

*Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in the Church of Columbus! Sitting in their box seats, standing at their tailgaters, or on their couches in the family den, or in gyms or on fields of their own design, they eat burgers and brats or pizzas and subs. Listening to their modern technical gadgets, shouting out their delight at the victories on the field, they drink their local brews and dress up in their scarlet and gray; yet they are not made ill by struggles of those who are unemployed and left out of the public sphere, or who have rejected the ways of faith due to their negligence in witness! Therefore, now they shall be the first to experience the emptiness of this world’s promises, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.*

Perhaps St. Paul is easier to hear: *But you, man of God and woman of God, who are proud to be members of the Church of Columbus, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Compete well for the faith.*

Let us hear the prophetic call and give witness so that the glory of God may be seen by all.

## THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

**MONDAY**  
 Zechariah 8:1-8  
 Psalm 102: 16-23,29  
 Luke 9:46-50

**TUESDAY**  
 Zechariah 8:20-23  
 Psalm 87:1b-7  
 Luke 9:51-56

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Nehemiah 2:1-8  
 Psalm 137:1-6  
 Matthew 18:1-5,10

**THURSDAY**  
 Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12  
 Psalm 19:8-11  
 Luke 10:1-12

**FRIDAY**  
 Baruch 1:15-22  
 Psalm 79:1b-5,8-9  
 Luke 10:13-16

**SATURDAY**  
 Baruch 4:5-12,27-29  
 Psalm 69:33-37  
 Luke 10:17-24

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF SEPT. 29, 2019

## SUNDAY MASS

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

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8

a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

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

## DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week II, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

## PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

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

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# Balderdash on the Tiber: What does this word salad mean anyway?

Today's first reading is from an explication of the academic program of the reconfigured Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences by Msgr. Pierangelo Sequeri, the institute's rector (translation provided by the institute):

*The recomposition of the thought and practice of faith with the global covenant of man and woman is now, with all evidence, a planetary theological space for the epochal remodeling of the Christian form; and for the reconciliation of the human creature with the beauty of faith. To put it in the simplest terms, by overcoming every intellectualistic separation between theology and pastoral care, spirituality and life, knowledge and love, this evidence must be rendered convincing for all: the knowledge of faith cares about the men and women of our time.*

Say what?

The Catholic blogosphere was in an uproar about these two sentences for days, with the word "gnostic" appearing with some frequency. One commentator of a literary cast of mind compared Msgr. Sequeri's discourse to the speech patterns of the agents of NICE in C.S. Lewis' novel *That Hideous Strength*. My own thoughts turned to H.L. Mencken and the memorable autopsy he performed on President Warren G. Harding's inaugural address of March 4, 1921:

*Setting aside a college professor or two and half a*

## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Geroge Weigel

*George Weigel is the Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.*



*dozen dipsomaniacal newspaper reporters, (Harding) takes the first place in my Valhalla of literati. That is to say, he writes the worst English I have ever encountered. It reminds me of a string of wet sponges; it reminds me of tattered washing on the line. It reminds me of stale bean-soup, of college yells, of dogs barking idiotically through endless nights. It is so bad that a sort of grandeur creeps into it. It drags itself out of the dark abysm (I was about to write abscess!) of pish, and crawls insanelly up to the topmost pinnacle of posh. It is rumble and bumble. It is flap and doodle. It is balder and dash.*

(Some might imagine, in charity, that Msgr. Sequeri's word salad made more sense in the original Italian. Alas, it is equally bizarre when rendered in the good monsignor's native tongue.)

The John Paul II Institute was founded in 1982 to help reform Catholic moral theology. Over three decades, the institute has trained a new generation of Catholic scholars committed to the Gospel conviction that the truth sets us free in the deepest mean-

ing of human freedom. Moreover, the institute's scholars, following the lead of their now-canonized patron, have helped put Catholic moral theology on a more firm foundation through a searching philosophical reflection on the nature of the human person, created male and female and made for communion in sharing the divine gift of life.

On the occasions when I had the honor of lecturing at the institute (which is based at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome), I found both faculty and students intellectually inquisitive and pastorally sensitive.

They were fully aware of the difficulties of proposing the Church's ethic of human love in cultures dominated by a concept of the human person as a twitching bundle of desires, the satisfaction of which is a "human right." Yet they were also determined to make the Church's proposal in a winsome way, for they were persuaded that truth makes for happiness, that happiness leads to beatitude, and that beatitude is the point of the moral life.

Now the John Paul II Institute has been hijacked by a new pack of Vandals conducting a new sack of Rome. The new Vandals march under the banner of pastoral "accompaniment." But it has been clear for some time that their primary purpose is deconstructing John Paul II's encyclical on moral theology, *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of Truth), and its teaching that some acts are simply wrong, period, such that no calculus of intentions and consequences can give them moral value. In aid of that destructive program, the Vandals have now fired tenured professors at the institute, remade the curriculum, and hired faculty whose grip on Catholic doctrine is tenuous at best. Now they attempt to justify this vandalism with gobbledygook about the "planetary theological space for the epochal remodeling of the Christian form."

This is nonsense on steroids. It has nothing to do with either the New Evangelization or compassionate pastoral care, and everything to do with a craven surrender to the spirit of the age.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

**BROWN, Lynn J. (Boggs), 83, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 18**  
St. Mary of the Snows Church, Mansfield

**CAMPO, Barbara (Yosick), 84, Aug. 21**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**CAUTELA, Colombo, 95, Aug. 31**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**CESTA, Domenico G., 82, Sept. 19**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**CORRA, Robert, 85, Sept. 14**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**CROSBY, Marie L. (Brofman), 64, Sept. 16**  
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

**DAVIS, Dola A. (Coleman), 83, Aug. 7**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**DEMOPOULOS, Karen K., 73, Sept. 13**  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

**EXLINE, Nancy, 100, Sept. 12**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**FABIANO, Jim, 66, Sept. 21**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**FORD, Paul J. Jr., 73, Aug. 30**  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

**FOSTER, Floyd "Skip," 74, Aug. 21**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**HUFF, Deborah (Kaylor), 64, Sept. 17**  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

**HUNTER, Martha A., 85, Sept. 19**  
Mother Angeline McCrory Manor Chapel, Columbus

**KALEC, Mary (Spittle), 85, Aug. 24**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**KASSON, Michael C., 81, Sept. 18**  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**MARCHIONE, Joanne, 86, Sept. 6**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**MENAPACE, Rose (Richards), 98, Sept. 13**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**MESSINA, Evelyn A., 101, Sept. 19**  
St. Mary Church, Delaware

**MOSURE, M. Rita (Mooney), 84, Sept. 2**  
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

**PISONY, Virginia (Reichman), 85, Aug. 25**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**RENICKER, Mary (Bearducci), 76, Aug. 10**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**RICKLIC, Patricia (Kelly), 89, Aug. 25**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**RZANSKI, Stella (Getchen), 93, Sept. 23**  
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

**SKLENAR, Arthur W. "Bill," 90, Sept. 19**  
St. Philip Church, Columbus

**SIEMBIEDA, Edna J. (Smith), 88, Sept. 16**  
St. Leonard Church, Heath

**STUTTLE, Sandra (Reedy), 73, Sept. 19**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**TAKACS, Louise A. (Bodnar), 92, Sept. 15**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**TAMBORINI, Ida, 90, Sept. 15**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

## Father Giulio Mariani, PIME

Funeral Mass for Father Giulio Mariani, PIME, 86, who died on Wednesday, Sept. 18, will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 30 in the home for retired priests of the PIME missionary order at Rancio di Lecco, Italy. Burial will be in his hometown of Vedano di Lambro, Italy.

He was born in Vedano on Jan. 30, 1933 and came to the United States in 1954 to complete his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He made his first vows to become a PIME member in 1954 and his final vows in 1957 and was ordained a priest on April 26, 1958 at the former PIME seminary (now

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center) in Newark.

He was a teacher at the seminary and served as its vice rector from 1958-61 and rector from 1966-74. He also served at PIME institutions in Detroit and Oakland, New Jersey before going back to Italy in 1974.

He was rector of the PIME seminary in Monza, Italy, from 1976-84, then served in the Philippines as a missionary from 1985-2001. He was called back to Rome to serve as PIME's secretary general from 2001-07, then spent four more years in the Philippines until returning to Italy for health reasons.

## Mary K. Gallen

Funeral Mass for Mary K. Gallen, 70, who died Saturday, Sept. 21, will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 27 at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Cemetery, Somerset.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1948, in Zanesville to the late Skip and Jeanne Russell. She graduated from Somerset Holy Trinity School and New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy and earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Ohio Dominican College (now Ohio Dominican University).

She was a teacher for 32 years in diocesan schools, then taught English as a Second Language for families of Honda employees and later for students in kindergarten through fifth grade in the Olentangy Local School District, retiring there in 2014 after nine years.

Survivors include a daughter, Colleen (Brian) Gallen-Johnson; brothers, Tom (Betty), Jimbo (Nancy) and Tim (Anita); sister, Anne (Gregg) Wilson; and two granddaughters.

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what I think about it is, it's massive denial," Mother Agnes Mary said. "The denial isn't just about the abortion, it's about who she is. If we distance ourselves – and that's part of what this whole contraceptive culture does – oral contraceptives distance the woman from her own body, and so she becomes unfamiliar with herself.

"The culture allows a person to not be attentive to that which is natural and native to who they are. And, if we do that, if we push ourselves in ways that are unnatural to ourselves and to begin to create our own life in a certain sense, abortion is not a surprise. The fact that a person denies any real emotional experience or any real experience of the dissonance that should create in the heart and mind of a person, I don't think it's a tremendous surprise."

Mother Agnes Mary and the Sisters of Life's 97 professed women, 11 novices and eight postulants work and live in the dioceses of New York; Bridgeport, Connecticut; Washing-

ton, D.C.; Denver; Philadelphia; and Toronto. The consecrated women in the order take vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and the protection of the sacredness of human life.

The sisters form a contemplative/apostolic community that spends nearly half of every day in Eucharistic, contemplative prayer. Among their apostolic works are welcoming pregnant guests to live with them in the convent; assisting women who are pregnant and in crisis by providing material and emotional support to choose life; providing hope and healing retreats for men and women who have suffered from abortion; hosting mission retreats at Villa Maria Guadalupe Retreat Centre in Stamford, Connecticut, for those dedicated to building a culture of life; evangelizing college students on campuses in Colorado; and directing the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of New York.

For more information about the order, visit [sistersoflife.org](http://sistersoflife.org).

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started feeling, in first or second grade, that God might be calling me to the priesthood," he said. "I always had the distinct impression that she was present and praying for my vocation.

"Her love for the foreign missions always spoke strongly to me as a diocesan priest attached to the local church. It inspired me to visit and establish connections with parishes in Jamaica and Croatia and to help several communities of sisters from other nations establish themselves in the Diocese of Columbus. It has provided an example of how all of us are called to be involved in, supportive of and invested in the Church throughout the world."

Pope Francis also feels an attachment to the saint. The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate say that in his early days as pope, they often saw him slip into their church in Rome, pray in front of a statue of St. Therese and kiss it.

During a 2015 flight to the Philippines, a journalist gave the pope a medallion with St. Therese's image. He told journalists on the plane that he had been praying to the saint for his trip. "I asked for this trip that she'd take it in hand and that she would send me a rose," he said. "But instead of a rose, she came herself to greet me."



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## SEPTEMBER

### 27, FRIDAY

#### Holy Hour at St. Matthew

7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens  
Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers  
for reparation, purification and sanctification of the  
universal Church. **614-471-0212**

### 28, SATURDAY

#### Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave.,  
Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed  
by rosary and confession.

**St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk**  
9 a.m. to noon, St. Francis DeSales High School,  
4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual one-mile  
Friends of the Poor Walk benefiting diocesan  
St. Vincent de Paul Society. Register at [www.svdpcolumbus.org](http://www.svdpcolumbus.org) or **614-221-3554**

#### Frassati Society Horseback Riding

2 to 8 p.m., Meet at St. Patrick Church, 280 N.  
Grant Ave., Columbus. Columbus. Columbus  
St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young  
adults goes horseback riding from about 3 to  
5:30 at Marmon Valley Farm in Zanesfield (near  
Bellefontaine), followed by food at Firehouse Pizza  
and Subs in Zanesfield. Cost for horseback riding:  
\$27. **614-224-9522**

### 29, SUNDAY

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School,  
1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "A Local  
Witness," a discussion by Deacon Tom Rowlands  
of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church on  
the joy of an arms-length faith and a near horizon.

#### Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus.  
Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music.  
**614-861-1242**

#### Reception for Franciscan Sisters in Zanesville

Noon to 2 p.m., Social hall, St. Nicholas Church,  
955 E. Main St., Zanesville. Reception for the  
Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in honor

of the congregation's 150th anniversary, hosted  
by Daughters of Isabella Circle 586. Light  
refreshments will be served. **740-453-0597**

#### Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

2 to 4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St.,  
Worthington. Third meeting of six-week Seasons  
of Hope bereavement ministry support group for  
those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by  
North High Deanery. **614-565-0795**

#### Community Supper at St. Aloysius

2 to 4 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church,  
2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free community  
supper, open to all. Parish plans to continue the  
suppers on the last Sunday of each month. **614-  
875-5669**

#### Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

#### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

5 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road,  
Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions in  
Spanish from 4 to 4:50. **614-294-7702**

#### Catechesis at the Cathedral

6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad  
St., Columbus. Fourth of weekly series of  
sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger through  
December on the *Catechism of the Catholic  
Church*. **614-224-1295**

### 30, MONDAY

#### Rosary at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner  
Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick  
of the parish and all who are ill. **614-866-2859**

## OCTOBER

### 1, TUESDAY

#### North Columbus Serra Girls Vocation Lunch

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College  
Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Annual  
vocation luncheon for girls in eighth to 12th  
grades, sponsored by the Serra Club of North  
Columbus. Speaker: Sister Bozena Tyborowska,  
director of the St. John Paul II Early Childhood  
Education Center in Columbus. Followed by tour of  
the Josephinum. **614-507-2037**

#### Our Lady of Good Success Study Group

Noon to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet  
St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Our Lady of  
Good Success study group. Social period, followed  
by remedial catechesis study and discussion.  
**614-294-7702**

#### Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux Celebration

6 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E.  
Broad St., Columbus. Mass for the Feast of St.  
Therese of Lisieux, followed by refreshments,  
reflections on St. Therese's autobiography and  
a movie about her life. Suggested donation \$20.  
**614-866-1611**

#### 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.

### 2, WEDNESDAY

#### Bottoms Up Diaper Drive Fundraiser

4 p.m., Combustion Brewery and Taproom, 80  
W. Church St., Pickerington. Fundraiser featuring  
food, drinks, music and raffles to support Bottoms  
Up diaper drive, which distributes donated diapers  
to families and mothers in need, in partnership with  
food pantries and child care centers. **740-808-  
6131**

#### Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner  
Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy. **614-866-2859**

#### 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  
Owera. **614-891-0150**

### 3, 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.

#### Transitus at St. Francis of Assisi

7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles  
Ave., Columbus. Transitus, a special celebration  
by Franciscans marking St. Francis of Assisi's  
passage to eternal life. Sponsored by Secular  
Franciscan Fraternity of St. Catherine of Bologna.  
Refreshments follow. **614-895-7792**

### 4, 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.

#### Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter

9 a.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky  
Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic  
Adoration in day chapel.

#### First Friday Masses at Holy Family

9 a.m., 12:15 and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church,  
584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday  
Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.  
**614-221-4323**

#### 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.

#### Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant  
Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club  
meeting, with Bishop Robert Brennan speaking to  
the club for the first time.

#### Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30  
p.m. Mass, with floral offering for Rosary Month,  
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
with various prayers, ending with Benediction  
around 11. Reconciliation will be available.

### 4-6, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

#### Italian Festival at St. John the Baptist

5 to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday  
and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, St. John the Baptist  
Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. 40th annual  
Columbus Italian Festival, featuring Italian food,  
music, games, cooking demonstrations, children's  
events, and sports, including a bocce tournament.  
Includes parade and high school band competition  
at 1 p.m. Sunday.

#### Women's Silent Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St.,  
Columbus. Silent retreat for women, sponsored  
by Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, with  
Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP. Theme:  
"The Sacraments That Make Us Holy: Baptism,  
Confession and Holy Eucharist." Cost \$140. **614-  
595-1972**

### 5, 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**

#### First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty  
Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in  
reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
concluding with Fatima prayers.

#### Ohio Dominican Preview Day

9 a.m. to noon, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio  
Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road,  
Columbus. Preview day for prospective students,  
featuring campus tours and discussion on courses,  
activities and financial aid. **614-251-4500**

#### Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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.

#### 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. **614-221-4323, extension 329**

#### Centering Prayer Group Meeting

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.

### 6, SUNDAY

#### Talk on the Modern Papacy at St. Agatha

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam  
Road, Columbus. First of four talks by Father  
Edmund Hussey on the modern papacy. Topic:  
"Who Was the First Pope?" **614-488-6149**

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School,  
1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "What Does  
It Mean to Respect Life?" with Jerry Freewalt,  
director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

#### Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

2 to 4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St.,  
Worthington. Fourth meeting of six-week Seasons  
of Hope bereavement ministry support group for  
those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by  
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#### Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew

3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners  
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the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and  
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Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions in  
Spanish from 4 to 4:50. **614-294-7702**

#### Diocesan Mass of Inclusion at St. Catharine

5 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road,  
Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan celebrates  
diocesan Mass of Inclusion for those with physical  
and mental disabilities and their caregivers,  
sponsored by SPICE (Special People in Catholic  
Education). Includes American Sign Language  
interpretation, wheelchair accessibility, low-gluten  
hosts. Followed by reception. **614-231-4509**

# Bishop Hartley field hockey coach, players carry on Ryan's name, spirit

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

There's no last name more synonymous with Columbus Bishop Hartley High School than Ryan.

The legendary Jack Ryan, whose Hall of Fame coaching career started at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in 1937 and spanned six decades, made an indelible impression on thousands of students and those who came in contact with him. He's so respected at Bishop Hartley that the school's athletic complex was named in his honor in 1989, the year he retired. St. Charles' fitness and training facility also bears his name.

So every time Bridget Ebenhack walks through the gate that bears Ryan's name and onto the athletic field, the school's third-year varsity field hockey coach is reminded that she carries on the family legacy. Ryan, who passed away in 1996, was her grandfather.

"It was pretty emotional the first time I walked out onto Jack Ryan Field as a coach," she said. "I definitely felt that energy. You're trying to keep that name alive in what you're doing."

"The name is there. You walk in and you see it. For me, certainly, I get a reminder of what we're about when we're out there."

But the family connection doesn't end with this year's field hockey team. Ebenhack coaches two players who are her nieces and Ryan's great-granddaughters.

Aubrey Ryan is a senior in her fourth season on the team. She's joined this year by sister Jenna, a freshman. They also have a younger brother, Jack.

The two girls never met their great-grandfather, but they're well aware of what he meant to so many coaches, students and athletes at the two Catholic high schools on the east side of Columbus.

"It's definitely humbling," Aubrey said. "When you think about it, a lot of coaches in a lot of different sports have come through Hartley, and for my great-grandfather to have the field named after him, it makes you realize how much time and dedication that he put into being not only a good role model, but a good coach for that many years."

"It gives you some pride," Jenna said. "You know that someone you were related to was able to make such a profound impact on this school that the field was named after him. It's not that I'm just reminded of that when I see his name. Every now and then I'll meet someone new at Hartley, and

coaching at Hartley, she has taught science at Hilliard Darby High School for nearly 20 years.

"I kind of felt drawn to coaching and teaching," she said. "I really enjoy working with the kids. I think that's something my grandfather was exceptional at – building those relationships

he's given them or a piece of advice he's given them," Audrey said. "Hearing that, you realize he tried to make a personal connection with everyone he met. He was never above talking to anyone, never above listening to you, giving you attention or remembering your name."

"I've heard that he was really well loved and someone who people listened to and respected. So you can kind of guess his players felt that way about him, too."

The girls' teammates don't necessarily make the family connection unless someone brings it up. But their parents and grandparents from Catholic families who graduated from Hartley or have lived on the east side of Columbus are more aware of the Ryan name.

"Coach Burchfield would come over and say, 'You know who's on that field? That's her great-grandfather,'" Audrey said. "You'd kind of feel like, well, guilty. When someone else brings it up, they're like, 'Oh, that makes sense.'"

Burchfield, who has passed Ryan as the second-winningest football coach in Hartley history, sees the Ryans and Ebenhack on the practice field the football and field hockey teams share and how they represent the family name.

"I think I can best encapsulate it through Bridget," he said. "She embodies what a Catholic school coach should be: very high standards, of both professionalism of herself as well as the standards for the program, yet she never makes the kids feel unworthy or demeaned. I think that is a rare quality, but one that we all should strive for."

"On the plaque to enter Jack Ryan Field, there is a quote that references (that) a great coach gives criticism without causing dissension, and you can tell that is what she believes. ... (And) it's really exciting to watch the kids make their own unique yet impactful path in the school that their great-grandfather put on the map in Ohio."

Ebenhack and Audrey Ryan have been on the ground floor of elevating the quality of play at Hartley, which doesn't have the advantage of junior high feeder programs. Many of the



**Three members of legendary coach Jack Ryan's family are part of the Bishop Hartley field hockey team this year. Standing in front of the entrance to the field that bears his name are great-granddaughters Audrey (left) and Jenna Ryan (right) and granddaughter Bridget Ebenhack, the girls' aunt, who is the head coach. Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley**

(football) coach (Brad) Burchfield will be introducing me to somebody, and he's like, 'Oh, she's a Ryan,' and automatically their face will brighten up and they'll say, 'Oh, she's a Ryan.' That's so cool."

Jack Ryan began coaching at St. Charles in 1937, served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1941 to 1943 during World War II and returned to St. Charles before moving to Hartley in 1963, where he continued to work until his retirement in 1989. He was the only person to be named to the Ohio high school coaching halls of fame in football, basketball and baseball until his Hartley predecessor, Dick Geyer, later received the same distinction.

The father of nine, Ryan inspired several members of his family to follow him into teaching and coaching, including Ebenhack. In addition to

and making everybody feel included, and that's something I certainly try to emulate."

She doesn't remember much about watching her grandfather's teams as a child, but she has seen the aftereffects.

"We couldn't go anywhere in Columbus where he hadn't interacted with someone in such a positive way," she said. "I think that really struck me as a powerful way to work with and connect with people on that level."

Audrey experienced her great-grandfather's enduring legacy while she was a middle-school student in Bexley. One of her substitute teachers was a Bishop Hartley graduate who had had Jack Ryan as a teacher and still remembered the nickname he gave to her.

"Every time I've talked to someone about my great-grandfather, they have a story about him, about a nickname

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girls on the team never picked up a field hockey stick until high school.

“We’ve seen so much success,” Ebenhack said, “but it hasn’t always corresponded with the wins. This year, we’re starting to see some wins go on the board.”

The Hawks entered a game on Wednesday against Columbus Academy with a 4-8 record. Audrey had accounted for six goals and three assists through 10 games. She was the team’s second-leading scorer as a sophomore with five goals and two assists and the leading scorer as a junior with four goals.

“Audrey is an extremely competitive player and pushes us as a group,” Ebenhack said. “She is a large part of our offensive production and really energizes us.”

Jenna has two assists and “offers great consistency. ... As a freshman, Jenna is very well respected as a player.”

Having an aunt as their coach hasn’t proved to be an issue with the girls.

“I’ve not really experienced, ‘Oh, I wish I could yell at her but I can’t because she’s my coach,’” Audrey joked. “It’s been a really positive experience. I’ve liked having her here as

a coach because she’s a good coach and not because she’s my aunt. We had a chance to address it as a team.”

They try not to let field hockey dominate the conversation when they’re not on the field.

“We’ve had to put restrictions on it,” Ebenhack said. “Sometimes before dinner somebody will say, ‘We’re not going to talk about field hockey tonight.’”

“It’s definitely in our blood. I’ll get messages from all of the (family members) who have been raised by the great coach himself. Everybody wants to see success. It’s really fun.”

The team embodies a family spirit that no doubt would make the old coach proud.

“I think our Catholic faith has strongly influenced the way we interact with each other,” Ebenhack said. “There is a real emphasis of team and community, and we have created a strong field hockey ‘family.’ ... We are mindful of the blessings we have and keep a strong awareness of the greater good through prayer before games. Plus, it never hurts to call upon Our Lady of Victory.”

## STEM racing at St. Andrew School



**Eighth graders at Columbus St. Andrew School are learning about industrial efficiency. Science teacher Patricia Lubanovic challenged her students to design and build K’nex cars with a limited amount of supplies. The cars were tested on a ramp, and speed and distance were recorded through multiple trials. Cars that performed well with fewer parts earned higher marks, requiring the students to be cost-effective in their engineering.**

*Photo courtesy St. Andrew School*

## Eucharistic Adoration at St. Charles



**The new academic year at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School included a revival of the tradition of Eucharistic Adoration, which takes place in the school’s Holy Angels Chapel from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. each first Friday of the month when school is in session. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to take some time during the day to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation usually is offered from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Some schedule changes may occur during Lent or on holy days of obligation.**

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

# ON AM 820

Date	Game of the Week Schedule
August 30	St. Charles @ Dublin Scioto
September 6	West Jefferson vs. Bishop Ready @ Obetz
September 13	Gahanna @ Bishop Hartley
September 20	Newark Catholic @ Watkins Memorial
September 27	Clinton Massie @ Bishop Hartley
October 4	Bishop Watterson @ St. Francis DeSales
October 11	Harvest Prep vs. Bishop Ready @ Obetz
October 18	Bishop Hartley @ Bishop Watterson
October 25	Stuebenville @ St. Francis DeSales
November 1	Bishop Watterson @ St. Charles

<b>6PM</b>	Catholic High School <b>PREVIEW SHOW</b>
<b>7PM</b>	Catholic High School <b>GAME-OF-THE-WEEK</b>
<b>9:30 PM</b>	<b>CITY-WIDE SCOREBOARD SHOW</b> presented by ThisWeekSports.com

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## ARNOLD 5K

### March 8th Columbus

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### Jeff McGowan Memorial 5K

Columbus—August 9th

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# FAMILY Rosary Day

A TIME FOR DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2019, 3 P.M.**  
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL  
212 E. BROAD ST., COLUMBUS OH 43215

**PRESIDER/HOMILIST**  
The Most Reverend  
Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Columbus



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**