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THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIED LOVE

Editor's reflections/By Doug Bean, Editor

Casting a wide net: Lent, fish fries, and marriage

This week's *Catholic Times* features two diverse topics: marriage and fish fries.

There's no real "marriage" between the two, other than that married couples and families often attend fish fries together. It's simply a coincidence of the 2018 calendar.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes Feb. 7-14 as the annual National Marriage Week. World Marriage Day is Sunday, Feb. 11, also the World Day of the Sick. This is traditionally when the *Times* publishes its annual marriage issue.

The following week is the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday this year will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14. And so, with fish fries beginning in earnest at parishes and schools on Friday, Feb. 16, the 2018 Fish Fry Guide is included in this edition. The pullout section can be found on Pages 11-14. We encourage you to save it and patronize local parish fish fries during the next six weeks.

You've probably heard by now that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day. If you can't remember that happening in your lifetime, many of you are not alone. Not since 1945 has this doubleheader occurred. But, strangely enough, the twin-bill will take place again in 2024 and 2029.

This daily double creates a bit of an Ash Wednesday vs. Valentine's Day conundrum.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting for Catholics from ages 14 through 59 who are able to do so. Valentine's Day is associated in a secular sense with indulging in chocolates or enjoying a special dinner.

What should we do?

Those Valentine expressions of love and affection are by no means a bad thing, but because V-Day and Ash Wednesday share the same calendar page, prudence suggests that diving into that box of chocolates or

enjoying a lovely meal might have to wait.

How about celebrating early on Valentine's Eve, which is also Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras? Does anyone make heart-shaped paczkis?

It's a small sacrifice to pay when you consider the holy season we're entering and the suffering Christ endured for the salvation of souls. Ash Wednesday gives us an opportunity to deepen our devotion not only for our loved ones, but for the one true God.

When you think about it, this week's issue is really about love. Love for Christ is reflected in abstinence during Lent (no meat on Fridays, hence the Fish Fry Guide) and love for spouses in marriage.

We hope you'll take time to read the stories in this issue about marriage and relationships that are intended to inform and hopefully to help anyone who might be struggling.

One of the inspirational stories recounts the 60-year marriage between Joseph and Dolores Siemer of Lancaster. Carol Spellacy, one of the couple's seven children, shared her observations on her parents' strong bond and the state of the sacrament today.

"The words 'commitment' and 'vow' have meanings much different than in the past," she said. "However, when one is bombarded with messages that suggest a life without virtues, values, or morals, it is easy to see how this could happen. Unfortunately, very few take the time to notice the message of those couples who value commitment and the vows they made."

USCCB resources to promote marriage as a lifelong union of one man and one woman may be found at ForYourMarriage.org, PortuMatrimonio.org, and MarriageUnique-ForARreason.org.



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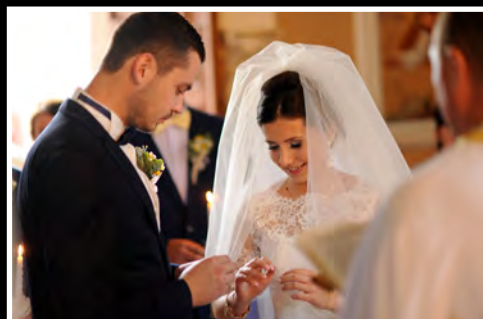
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Luncheon club honors Thomas Vollmer's work for church, community

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

Even as he was expressing his gratitude for receiving the 2018 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award, Thomas Vollmer said he hoped he was serving the Catholic Church and the community for the right reasons.

"Sometimes I have a problem when I do something for other people," he said. "I ask myself 'What am I doing it for? Am I doing it because Jesus said 'What you do for the least of my people, you do for me?' Or am I doing it for my own self-satisfaction? I constantly question myself on that because I truly don't know 100 percent the answer,

"I try to keep in mind that I am doing it for Jesus and for humanity. I try to keep my brain focused and my heart focused as best as I can."

Bishop Frederick Campbell presented the award to Vollmer, a Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church parishioner, at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's monthly meeting on Friday, Feb. 2, at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

Vollmer began his remarks after receiving the award by saying, "I'm not standing up here alone. I've got Jesus up here to remind me of what my purpose is in life. I am very humbled today that somebody thought I was worthy of this honor. There are so many people that I feel do so much more for their communities, so many people that are far more spiritual than I am. To just be in the company of all of you, it's overwhelming."

Vollmer grew up as a member of the Methodist Church and joined the Catholic Church in 2006, three years before moving to Reynoldsburg from the Toledo area to be closer to two of his four daughters. His wife of 48 years, Chris, is a lifelong Catholic.

Vollmer said that although he attended church with her, he was reluctant to become Catholic until one Sunday night when he went to Mass alone because she was on a mission trip.

He said he heard someone call his name three times while he was in church, and the third time, the unidentified voice added, "Why are you not Catholic?" He never found where the message was coming from, but "it was



Chris Vollmer and her husband, Tom, the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's 2018 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year, with Bishop Frederick Campbell. CT photo by Tim Puet

pretty loud and clear," he said. "The next day, I called about joining the RCIA program" at his parish.

Vollmer expressed appreciation to "the things and people I'm most grateful for," first mentioning the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus in the Eucharist and his conversion to Catholicism. He followed that with words of appreciation for former Bishop Robert Donnelly of Toledo and his brother, Father Martin Donnelly, and to his pastor at St. Pius, Msgr. David Funk. He urged those in attendance to thank their pastors because "I don't think they hear that often enough."

Vollmer also expressed appreciation to two former Catholic men of the year – the 2011 recipient, Lee Brock of St. Pius X, whom he described as his mentor, and Tom Wagner of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Church, who received the honor in 2012. Vollmer and Wagner have worked together on the Gospel Road summer youth service project for several years.

Msgr. Funk praised Vollmer for his lifetime of service, which included four years in the Air Force and more than a quarter-century both in the Air National Guard and as a Lucas County sheriff's deputy, where he spent much of his time counseling young offend-

ers. He also was a part-time instructor at Owens Technical College in Toledo for more than 10 years.

The pastor said he was particularly grateful for Vollmer's efforts as a member of the parish's Wondrous Works committee, which performs repairs as needed at the parish. These may seem to be minor things to some people, Msgr. Funk said, "but they are important. I'm edified by what Tom has done in his retirement (from the sheriff's department). I'm stepping into that role (of being retired) this summer, and maybe I'll have to take the lead from Tom on what to do in my own retirement."

John Beyer, St. Pius X assistant business manager, described Vollmer and his wife as "a couple who doesn't tell people what they do. They're just there. ... They are folks you can count on when there's a need, and you can cry on their shoulder" if needed, he said.

Vollmer's oldest daughter, Heather McKay of Gahanna, said her father was "always a man of honor and kindness, possessing a work ethic second to none." She said he provided an everyday example of two verses from the Book of Joshua: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (24:15), and "Sanctify yourselves, for the Lord will

perform wonders among you" (3:5).

Another daughter, Amy Ogden of Reynoldsburg, speaking of her father's becoming Catholic, said, "My dad always knew God (before his conversion), but I feel that he truly found God years later. Every day, he truly embraces the opportunity to live his life as a faithful servant." She said the proudest moments of her life occurred when two of her children were altar servers for the first time, because they were taught a server's duties by their grandfather, who is a frequent daily Mass server and assistant sacristan at St. Pius X.

The Vollmers have two younger daughters who live out of state, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Before presenting the award to Vollmer, Bishop Campbell thanked the club for its continuing observance of the first Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, noting that it was founded in the 1940s to promote the devotion. He said Vollmer "exemplifies the compassion of the Sacred Heart and its mercy and love for life, for others, and for God."

Vollmer was one of 10 men nominated for the award by members of their parishes. The others were: Patrick Shroyer and Joseph Cardimone, Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church; Eric Yang and Tom Prem, Columbus St. Peter Church; Frank Hartge, Gahanna St. Matthew Church; Frank Cichon, Coshocton Sacred Heart Church; Louis Schwartz, Columbus St. Anthony Church; Matt Palmer, Columbus St. Catharine Church; and Robert Brehm, Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church.

He was chosen for the award by a committee consisting of members of the Catholic Men's Retreat League, the Catholic Men's Ministry, the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the luncheon club. Father Michael Lumpe, rector of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, was its clergy adviser.

The luncheon club has presented the award each year since 1957. John Igoe of Columbus St. Agatha Church was the first recipient. The 2017 awardee, Josef Banks of Columbus St. Dominic Church, died on Aug. 30 of last year.

Faith in Action

By Mark Huddy

Only one more week of winter

There is something in our DNA that seeks expression in a ritualized way. Certainly, this is true for those of us who are formed in the Judeo-Christian tradition, where God's revelation helped prescribe the rituals in which we participate. But it is also true for our secular culture that, out of its unfulfilled need, has created its own rituals to celebrate. Today, as I write, Christians celebrate Feb. 2 as Candlemas Day, commemorating the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and Simeon's proclamation of Jesus as a light to reveal God to the nations. Traditionally, candles are blessed on this day, a foreshadowing of the paschal candle on the great feast of light, Easter. In the secular culture, today is Groundhog Day, the ritualized predictor of the onset of springtime.

The good news for us Catholics is that we know exactly when springtime begins. This year it falls on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. We know that springtime by another name – Lent. Lent is a time for us to reflect on living out our baptismal identity more fully. Though our penitential practices of fasting and sacrifice, we turn away from sin and selfishness. By our prayer and almsgiving, we turn toward God, trusting in His goodness and provision for us.

Lent is an excellent time to incorporate the Church's way of thinking, as expressed by the seven themes of Catholic social teaching, into our daily lives. Do we recognize the God-given dignity and inherent worth of every person in the way that we speak about them, in our actions toward them, even in our disagreements with them? Are we quick to uphold and defend the fundamental rights of others when they are ignored? Are we faithful to the personal and societal responsibilities intrinsic to our own possession of fundamental rights? Recognizing that our nature is both sacred and social, do we seek to mirror the relations of the Trinity in our own relationships within the family and in the larger community? Do we help people participate in the fullness of being human and living in society? Do we view work as a means of becoming more fully the image of God that we were created to be? Are the needs of the poor a factor in every decision we make? Do we work for the common good, the good of all and the good of each individual person following the example of our Savior? Are we conscious of our role as stewards of creation, holders in trust of God's property, intended for the benefit of all?

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a more detailed Examination of Conscience in Light of Catholic Social Teaching which can be a helpful practice in our own conversion, or turning toward God during Lent. It may be found at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>. May our Lent prepare all of us to more fully share the light of Christ in the world.

Mark Huddy is episcopal moderator of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

**Mount Carmel offering course in parish nursing**

The Mount Carmel Health system is sponsoring a two-month weekly course, combining online and in-person classes, targeted toward Catholic registered nurses interested in starting or expanding a health care ministry with a spiritual dimension in their parishes.

The course, titled Foundations of Faith Community Nursing (Parish Nursing) will begin Monday, March 12 and conclude Friday, May 11. It will include weekly sessions online and three classes at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road. Class dates are Friday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Friday, April 27 from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance for the entire program is required. It will include devotions prepared for and led by students.

The course is a nationally endorsed curriculum from the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing. Successful participants will receive a certificate of completion, and participating registered nurses will earn 38 contact hours.

The American Nursing Association recognizes faith community nursing as a specialty practice of professional nursing. The course will include modules on spirituality, professionalism,

holistic health, and community. A faith community nurse may serve as a paid or unpaid parish staff member while working within the parish to establish or sustain a health ministry.

With the intentional focus of spiritual health, a faith community nurse uses interventions of education, advocacy, referral, resources, and coordination to provide health promotion, health education, and disease prevention.

The course fee is \$295, with a reduced rate of \$250 for Catholic registered nurses living in the Diocese of Columbus. There will be a minimum of six and a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Besides a check made out to Mount Carmel Church Partnerships, a letter of intent is required and a letter of support from the pastor of the applicant's parish is recommended. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 28.

For more information, contact Kate Whitman, manager of Mount Carmel Church Partnerships, at (614) 546-4062 or kwhitman@mchs.com. A brochure about the program is available at <https://www.mountcarmelhealth.com/work-files/pdf/church-partnership-resources/faith-community-nursing-brochure.pdf>.

ODU offers free tax preparation assistance

For the 12th consecutive year, Ohio Dominican University accounting students and faculty will offer free income tax preparation services to qualified individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

VITA offers free tax help to people with low to moderate incomes (generally \$58,000 a year and below). Through this program, ODU accounting students offer assistance with special credits, including the earned income tax credit, child tax credit, and credit for the elderly.

The program will be offered Room 202 of Erskine Hall at ODU's main campus, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. It begins Saturday, Feb. 24. The schedule for this season is as follows: Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon (Feb. 24, March 3 and 24, and April 7), and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Feb. 28, March 7, 21, and 28, and April 4 and 11).

Appointments will be taken starting Saturday, Feb. 14. To make an appointment with an ODU VITA tax preparer, call HandsOn Central Ohio at 211 in Franklin County or (614) 221-2255, and ask to speak with the VITA scheduler.

Since first offering the VITA program in 2007, ODU faculty and students have helped prepare more than 2,700 tax returns. Last year, the program assisted 153 community members in completing returns.

The Internal Revenue Service certifies participating accounting students, usually juniors and seniors, as tax preparers. Under the supervision of faculty members who are certified public accountants, students prepare federal, state, school district, and city income tax returns. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, the program offers free electronic filing.



Seminarians admitted to candidacy for priesthood

A Mass on Saturday, Jan. 27 marked a defining moment in the priestly formation of five seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus who are attending the Pontifical College Josephinum, as Bishop Frederick Campbell admitted them to candidacy for the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Pictured are (from left); seminarians Michael Fulton, Gordon Mott, and Pushkar Baum; Bishop Campbell; Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Josephinum rector-president; and seminarians Frank Brown and Seth Keller. The rite of admission to candidacy is celebrated when a seminarian, usually in his second year of graduate study, has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and has demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination. In the presence of the bishop, he publicly expresses his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so that he will serve Christ and the Church faithfully.

Photo by Peter Stetson

Profession of faith



Bryant Haren, pictured with Msgr. Christopher Schreck, the college's rector-president, was one of four seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus in their third year of graduate studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum who made a profession of faith and took an oath of fidelity to the Catholic Church last month. The others are Paul Brandimarti, Kyle Tennant, and Christopher Yakkel. They and their classmates from around the nation made the pledges in preparation for their ordination to the diaconate later this year. The candidates for ordination promised to remain faithful to the teachings of the Church and to be faithful teachers of the Gospel.

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Religious Freedom Institute president to speak at Josephinum

Dr. Thomas Farr, president of the Religious Freedom Institute, will speak on "The Crisis of Religious Freedom in America and Abroad: How It Affects Us All" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 in the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St.

His talk will be the 14th annual lecture on world religions and interreligious relations sponsored by the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus.

The Religious Freedom Institute is committed to achieving broad acceptance of religious liberty as a fundamental human right, the cornerstone of a successful society, and a source of national and international security. Farr, a Roman Catholic, also is director of the religious freedom research project at Georgetown University's Berkley Center and associate professor of the practice of religion and world affairs at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service, and is a senior fellow at the Institute for Stud-

ies of Religion at Baylor University and the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, New Jersey.

He served for 28 years in the Army and the U.S. Foreign Service. In 1999, he became the first director of the State Department's office of international religious freedom. He subsequently directed the Witherspoon Institute's international religious freedom task force, was a member of the Chicago World Affairs Council's task force on religion and U.S. foreign policy, and served on the Secretary of State's IRF working group.

Farr trains American diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute, teaches at the National Defense University, and is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He serves on the boards of the Institute on Religion



and Democracy, Christian Solidarity Worldwide-USA, and St. John Paul the Great High School in Dumfries, Virginia, and is an adviser to the Alexander Hamilton Society and the

National Museum of American Religion.

The Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus includes the Josephinum, the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. It offers an annual lecture to highlight contemporary issues for the world's religions and interreligious relations.

For more information about the consortium, contact Dr. Paul Numrich of the Methodist Theological School at (740) 362-3443 or pnumrich@mtso.edu. For more information on the talk, call the Josephinum at (614) 985-2274.

Why Mass stipends? Marriage and consummation



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Why does the church solicit stipends for Mass requests? It seems that we haven't learned anything from the Protestant Reformation in 1517. I wish that the church would discontinue this practice. What do you think? (Little Rock, Arkansas)

A. I would not mind if the church were to discontinue the present practice of Mass stipends, but let me offer some background. First, the church's *Code of Canon Law* uses the word "offering," not "stipend" -- to highlight that this is a free-will gesture and not an obligation.

To require payment would be wrong, and in fact the code specifies that priests should "celebrate Mass for the intention of the Christian faithful, especially the needy, even if they have not received an offering" (945.2).

Next, in some developing countries, priests do not receive a regular salary but are totally dependent on Mass offerings to meet their living expenses.

Third, the code is especially concerned that "any appearance of trafficking or trading is to be excluded entirely from the offering for Masses" (947). There is no financial incentive for a priest to celebrate multiple Masses a day, since he is permitted to keep for himself the offering from only one Mass (951.1).

That having been said, I would still feel more com-

fortable if there were another way of doing things. I cannot count how many times in my 50-plus years of priesthood people have asked me "How much does a Mass cost?" I have to explain that there is no set fee, that the suggested offering is \$10, but if that's any problem, you can donate something less or nothing at all, and the Mass will still be offered for the intention you desire.

Practically speaking, if there were no Mass offerings at all, I suppose some people might submit pages of intentions regularly, while others might be embarrassed ever to ask. And I also think there is some merit in the present practice, when one makes a nominal financial sacrifice to request a Mass for a loved one. So I'm not sure what the ultimate solution is, and the floor is open for suggestions.

Q. I recently attended a bioethics seminar. During the portion concerning marriage, the leader explained how there could be no such thing as marriage between two men or two women because there could be no proper consummation. Fair enough.

One of the participants then asked, "If that is the case, could a paraplegic man not marry a woman, since such a union could not be consummated?" The leader, who is a member of a religious order, responded that such a marriage could not take place, that such a

couple could certainly be regarded as best friends but never man and wife. Is that, in fact, the case? (Richmond, Virginia)

A. I will leave aside the question of whether a paraplegic man is necessarily impotent. (I think this may not always be so.)

But to your basic question -- whether impotence is an impediment to a Catholic marriage -- the *Code of Canon Law* answers clearly: "Antecedent and perpetual impotence to have intercourse, whether on the part of the man or the woman ... nullifies marriage by its very nature" (1084.1).

So the church considers as essential to Christian marriage the mutual and exclusive right to the conjugal act -- i.e., to the total self-giving of the two spouses to one another.

It's important here to note the difference between impotence and sterility. Impotence -- which can be physical or psychological -- means the inability to perform the act of sexual intercourse; sterility (infertility) is the inability to conceive or to induce conception. Impotence is an impediment to marriage; sterility is not.

Also key is the fact that to be an impediment, the impotence must be both antecedent and perpetual; impotence that is correctable -- either by surgery or medication -- does not invalidate a marriage. Neither is impotence that develops later in marriage -- after surgery, for example, for prostate cancer.

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

Franks honored for service to wildlife council

Charles Franks of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church was honored by Gov. John Kasich and Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor on his retirement as a member of the Ohio Wildlife Council, where he had served as a member since 1989.



tion agency. Before and since his retirement as manager of the former B.F. Goodrich store in Newark in 1984, he has been a volunteer with more than a dozen community organizations, particularly

those dealing with chemical dependency.

The council is an eight-member board that approves all proposed regulations of the wildlife division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Appointed by the governor, no more than four members of the council may be of the same political party, and two members must represent agriculture. Each member is appointed for a four-year term.

Franks, 87, was appointed by Gov. Richard Celeste, a Democrat, and continued to serve on the council under Govs. George Voinovich and Nancy Hollister, Republicans; Ted Strickland, a Democrat; and Kasich, a Republican. He has been its vice chairman and secretary at various times.

In 2016, he received a lifetime achievement award from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Newark and was honored as community leader of the year by the LEADS community ac-

He continues to help many low-income elderly people, battered and abused women, the poor and vulnerable, and troubled teens. Licking County Common Pleas Judge Robert Hoover estimated in 2016 that Franks had worked for more than 66,000 hours since 1999 as a volunteer with at-risk male juvenile offenders.

He is a director of the Shepherd Hill Foundation and the Licking County Hospital Commission and has been on the boards of many other civic agencies over the years.

He served in the Marine Corps from 1948-57, then was in the Air Force Reserve, retiring with the rank of brevet major. He and his wife, Peggy, have been married for 65 years and have four children, including Father Don Franks, pastor of Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches.

Record Society Meeting

Dr. Tony Lisska, a philosophy professor at Denison University, will speak at the Catholic Record Society's quarterly meeting at 2 p.m. March 11 at the Columbus Historical Society, 717 W. Town St., Columbus.

He will discuss the most recent history of the Dominican Friars in the United States, *Father Fenwick's 'Little American Province'*, by Father John Vidmar, OP, which was published in 2005, and will compare it with earlier volumes on the same subject, which were pub-

lished in 1942, 1970, and 2001.

Lisska's talk will look at where the four texts fit together and where they differ and suggest what role Vidmar's text might play in the general narrative of the history of Catholicism in the United States.

The society's annual luncheon will take place Saturday, May 5 at the Westminster-Thurber Community. Details will be announced later.

For more information, contact Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com or (614) 268-4166.

“Fish fry guy” favorites from 2017

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

After five years, JK Mendenhall (*at right in picture*) has just about seen it all when it comes to fish fries at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus.

The *Catholic Times*' traveling fish connoisseur has visited nearly every parish that's listed in the *Times*' annual Lenten guide to fish fries to sample what's available at those events. He's done so every year since 2013, with the help for the past several years of David Drees of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish (*pictured, left*) and additional help last year from Maris and Nancy Frank of Columbus.

They've been able to take him to places beyond the reach of the Central Ohio Transit Authority's Mainstream service, which he relies on for most of his transportation because he's blind.

The only diocesan parishes with fish fries that he hasn't visited yet are New Philadelphia St. Joseph, Zoar Holy Trinity, Cardington Sacred Hearts, and Columbus Holy Spirit. “New Philadelphia and Zoar are 90 miles from Columbus,” Mendenhall said. “Dave and I went to Cardington last year, but they only have one fish fry a year and it turned out we were off by two weeks. Holy Spirit is somewhere I just haven't gotten to yet, because it didn't fit whatever schedule I had in a given week.

“We'll get to all those this year, as well as some old favorites like Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Stephen, and St. Cecilia, plus any other places Dave and Maris especially like. For the 2019 fish fry issue, I want to do a Top 10 list of all the fish fries in the diocese (there are more than 40 altogether) and talk about my favorites in various categories. Then I'll hang up my knife and fork” because of health issues. “I'm so close to completing

the circuit now that I'd like to finish it.”

The great fish fry trek began with a phone call in 2013 to the *Times* from Mendenhall, whose birth name is Terrence Lee Dorcy. He took on the JK Mendenhall identity years ago to honor his former wife (Joyce), her hometown (Kenton), and her last name.

After he told a *Times* reporter of how the newspaper's fish fry guide and the Mainstream service enabled him to attend multiple fish fries around Franklin County on each of the six Fridays of Lent before Good Friday, he was invited to share his thoughts on those meals with *Times* readers. He did so in the 2014 fish fry issue, and his yearly comments have been a pre-Lenten part of the newspaper ever since.

The first story about him mentioned his desire to attend fish fries outside the Columbus area if he could obtain transportation. This has resulted in responses from several people over the years. Drees has been his travel partner on at least one Friday in each of the last four years as Mendenhall tries to get to as many fish fries as he can during the three-hour time span when most of those events take place.

“Last year, I guess we were in a little too much of a hurry,” Drees said. “I got stopped by the Ohio State Highway Patrol in Delaware County on the way home from Mount Vernon. That was on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, but no Irish luck was working for me then. These fish fry trips can get expensive. Then two weeks later, we went to Cardington for their fish fry and found out we'd missed the date.”

Mendenhall met the Franks, his newest travel companions, at a Sunday-morning breakfast which was being served at the Clintonville Resource Center by the Columbus Mennonite Church in Clintonville, which the couple attends. “As luck

would unfortunately have it,” Maris Frank said, smiling, “JK told me about all these fish dinners he attends.

“We go to fish fries every year, too. We don't travel very much, but JK can be very persuasive, and a few weeks after we met, we were heading down to Wheelersburg,” nearly 100 miles from Columbus. “It was a very ecumenical trip, with a couple of Mennonites and JK, who's a Seventh-Day Adventist, trying to figure out where to find the Catholic fish fry in Wheelersburg and getting lost a couple times.”

That trip was the final one of the fish fry season for Mendenhall and his various travel partners. Because of the distance involved, he made only seven stops last year after hitting a dozen fish fries in 2015 and 2016 and even more in the previous two years. Here are his observations on his 2017 visits:

Marion St. Mary – “This was the first place I visited on March 3, the Friday after Ash Wednesday. I give them five stars on my five-star rating system, with a sixth star for the homemade desserts. The fish fry is in the Knights of Columbus hall, so go there, not the church. The fish was all-you-can-eat Alaskan pollock. French fries were fresh, not greasy. Coleslaw and a roll were part of the dinner. There were a lot of extras, including chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry ice cream. They also had beer, wine, and pop on sale, plus free orange drink. There was a 50-50 raffle, too. One thing that was a real nice touch was that those doing the serving were all young people. We stopped here twice last year. The second visit came on March 31 after we found we had the wrong date for Cardington.”

Delaware St. Mary – “Five stars. This was our other stop on March 3. The menu was laminated, which you don't see very often – or in my case, I don't see it, but I feel it – and



it added a little class. It was in the school cafeteria, and the Knights of Columbus give you lots of choices, including fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, fish tacos, or cheese pizza. The shrimp and the fish tacos were sold out by the time we got there. There also was clam chowder and lots of sides – fries, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, and hush puppies. They also were out of slaw and hush puppies by the time we arrived. You can tell by that how busy it was. From where I sat, I could hear the Knights in the kitchen, and they were cooking up a storm.”

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – “Five stars. It's in the community center next to the church, which is a great big room, and they need the space. They had fried and baked all-you-can-eat fish, slaw, fries, some wonderful rolls, apple sauce, mac and cheese, and cornmeal hush puppies which tasted great. Iced tea and desserts were free. Everything was perfect, including the portion size. We were there on March 10, the second Friday of Lent. I was told that on the first week of Lent, the Knights ordered 80 pounds of fish and ran out. The same thing happened when we were there. They have two refrigerators, but need a big commercial refrigerator to store more fish. After all, you don't want to run out of fish before you run out of customers. I'm told the local Rent A Center got word of

the situation and donated two refrigerators, to give them a total of four.”

“One of the special features of the Marysville fish fry was a display by a group of enthusiastic women known as the Happy Hookers,” Drees said. “They have turned their passion for crocheting into a mission to support the military personnel from the community who have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. They were selling a lovely variety of crocheted wall hangings and baby blankets in varied patterns, including many with a sports theme. Money raised from their sales has helped not only the military, but also the Wounded Warrior project, the family of a local resident who was significantly disabled by a stroke, and the building of a house for a child with special needs.”

Sunbury St. John Neumann – “Five stars, with a sixth for the desserts. This was run by the parish men's club. They had cod and pollock, baked and fried, and seasoned well. There was a choice of a baked potato or fries, plus veggie pizza with a homemade crust, as well as slaw, apple sauce, and a seven-bean soup that was unique. The Women's Club took care of the desserts, including an excellent brownie and cookies. And they used real silverware and paper napkins, which added a little elegance.”

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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



By: Rick Jeric

All you need is love

Amor, Ljubav, Laska, Kaerlighed, Liefde, Armastus, Pag-ibig, Rakkaus, L'amour, Liebe, Szerelem, Ast, Cinta, Gra, Amore, Kjaerlighet, Dragoste, Ljubezen, Upendo, Karlek, Ask, Cariad, and Love. This is how you say Love in 23 different languages. This is nothing new, and various

marketing campaigns over the years have tried to use this to encourage world peace and love of neighbor, no matter where people are or where they came from. Not to mention buying a particular product to remind you of that love. The universal language of love is certainly one that we all understand, no matter who we are. Love is found in print everywhere. Love is in poetry and song. It is on our lips constantly, and on our minds throughout each day of our lives. While a more specific definition may mean somewhat different things in different situations, we all get the basic meaning. We all have a grasp of what love is, how it is given, and how it is received. Love is focused upon throughout the Bible and other books of other religions throughout history and the world. Even The Beatles, who, according to John Lennon, were "more popular than Jesus," understood that love was pretty important. I wonder if Lennon ever was actually praying when he wrote one of his songs: "*Love, love, love. There's nothing you can do that can't be done. Nothing you can sing that can't be sung. Nothing you can say, but you can learn how to play the game. It's easy. Nothing you can make that can't be made. No one you can save that can't be saved. Nothing you can do, but you can learn how to be you in time. It's easy. All you need is love, all you need is love. All you need is love, love, love is all you need. There's nothing you can know that isn't known. Nothing you can see that isn't shown. There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be. It's easy. All you need is love, all you need is love. All you need is love, love, love is all you need.*"

God is pure love. Love is all about our God. In a way, love is all we need. If we pay attention just a little to the Gospel each Sunday, or, better yet, if we read the Gospels for meditation on our own time, we know how clearly Jesus made love the focus for everyone. We love God, we love ourselves, we love our neighbor, and we love our enemies. Did He miss anyone? Love does not pick and choose. Love does not play favorites and does not skip anyone. If we deliberately choose to not love someone, or even to hate them, then we have broken the promise to follow the same love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. How can we embrace the notion that we are somehow special and better than everyone else without forgiving and loving anyone and everyone, without condition? This year, Feb. 14 is both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. On the practical side, be sure you take your spouse, date, significant other, or friend out for a nice dinner the weekend before. No dispensation for Valentine's Day. Remember, it is one of only two days the whole year when we are asked to both fast and abstain. Yes, we can do it. The additional connection ties in with the rest of this column. Valentine's Day focuses on love. So does Ash Wednesday, but in a very different and humbling way. There is no greater example of love than the complete forgiveness of our sins by simply, sincerely asking in the Sacrament of Penance to be forgiven. Jesus said that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. The two are directly and permanently linked. Jesus did it for each and every one of us. All you need is love.

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Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – "Five stars. You may be beginning to sense a pattern, but as I've said many times before, to me there's no such thing as a bad fish fry, so it's rare that I don't give a high rating. We stopped here after going to Sunbury on March 17. Most places have the Knights of Columbus doing the cooking, but what I remember best was the three lovely ladies who cooked there – Barb Brenneman, Kate Richardson, and Heather McNamara. Pollock was \$8 with a choice of two sides, which include a baked potato (a dry Idaho), slaw, mac and cheese, vegetables in the California medley style, and something you don't find too often at fish fries – potato salad. There were homemade cookies, and since it was St. Patrick's Day, they were shamrock-shaped. All the money raised goes to the parish school and the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society's work helping the poor."

Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center – "Four stars, mostly because they had fried perch, but not baked. It was good, but I had to watch how much of it I ate because of dietary issues. Sides included fries and some outstanding mac and cheese which I understand was made by Father Steve Bell, one of the priests there (*the Paulist Fathers recently reassigned him*). The Newman Center fish fry isn't on the *Catholic Times* list because it's a ticketed, once-a-year event. It was on March 31 last year. It's mainly for students at Ohio State and people in the campus community the center serves.

You can't beat the price, which is \$5. I learned about it from a neighbor, Martina Whittaker."

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains – "Five stars. Tim, you kept telling me I didn't have to go down there because it's a two-plus-hour drive, but I wanted to, and it was worth the trip. The portions were extremely generous. You don't need seconds, and Father Joe Yokum, the pastor, and his people were wonderful. They had been told I was coming with Maris and Nancy, and they couldn't have been nicer. They had great hush puppies and fries, but no other potatoes. What I think I'll remember best is the apple pie, which was made by 91-year-old Eleanor Mary Elizabeth Flanagan. She's probably baked thousands of pies, and you can tell they were made with skill and love.

"I couldn't have made this particular trip without the Franks, and I give special thanks to them and to Dave for putting up with me all these years. Thanks also to the readers of the *Times*," Mendenhall said. "Now that I've been doing these fish fry reviews for so long, it's not unusual for people to greet me and say they recognize me. I am sort of hard to miss. They say they've gone to this or that fish fry because of what I've said, so it's nice to know my information has been useful, not to mention that this has been a lot of fun for me."

Anyone interested in providing transportation for Mendenhall on a Lenten Friday may contact him at (614) 400-8879 and leave a message.

Bishop Hartley to present 'Once on This Island'

The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present *Once on This Island*, a one-act musical with book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 15 to 17 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Shedd Theater of the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and students. Tickets may be reserved by emailing BishopHartleyTheatre@gmail.com.

The cast includes Abigail Allwein, Audrey Bailey, Greta Bedell, Olivia

Bobak, Shannon Carmon, Fiona Coblér, Braeden Craig, Christian Craig, Cassidy Davis, Nina Ekukole-Sone, Jenna Eramo, Marlee Franklin, Gabby Graham, Elizabeth Hudelson, Kiera Jones, Laten Jordan, Maggie Kelley, Liz Kessler, Sergio Mariscal, Emily Martin, Thomas Mayhan, Caitlin McCarthy, Lily McClung, Dominic Motter, Anna Nash, Diego Pantoja, Genevieve Pfister, Dominic Ratliff, David Rees, JD Robinson, Audrey Ryan, Jillian Savage, Joseph Sheridan, Matthew Sheridan, Ben Smallwood, Jordan Soltau, Lillah Tolbert, and Emily Valin.



Howard Thurman -- black theologian, mystic and mentor

The reading from Mark's gospel about the Gentile woman's request for Jesus to heal her daughter possessed by a demon is one of my favorites.

Jesus had slipped away from the crowds, but the woman found him and threw herself at his feet, asking for help. When Jesus answered that the children must be fed first (a reference to the Jews) and that it would not be right to throw their food to the dogs, she was undeterred. Her faith was more expansive than that, and she told Jesus so: "Even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps."

It seems her words hit home. Perhaps her faith helped Jesus understand the inclusivity of God's loving mercy and of Jesus' own mission. He sent her on her way with the assurance that her daughter was healed.

This reading is especially appropriate these days when the sense of entitlement, privilege, and exclusivity seems to be on the rise, or, at the least, more visible. When discrimination against people based on the color of their skin, their ethnicity, beliefs, or just being who they are becomes acceptable, we must respond.

February is Black History Month, and it's appropriate to celebrate people who have seen injustice and taken action. I would like to write about Howard Thurman. I first learned of him years ago from a friend studying at



Andover-Newton Theological School. More recently, I took advantage of the "Howard Thurman Retreat Day" offered online by the Shalem Institute. (You can access this retreat if you'd like by visiting <https://shalem.org>).

His name remains unfamiliar despite his wide influence as a contemplative, mystic, theologian, pastor, and professor. There are many ways to respond to oppression, and though he was not in the forefront of marches and demonstrations, Thurman was influential in the civil rights movement and served as a spiritual mentor to many of its leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Howard Thurman was born in 1899 and grew up in Daytona Beach, Florida. His grandmother, Nancy Ambrose, a former slave, helped raise him. She shared the deep faith that helped her survive enslavement, instilling in him a profound sense of identity as a child of God.

Thurman graduated as valedictorian from Morehouse College. He studied at Rochester Theological Seminary, and, upon graduation was ordained a minister. His first pastorate was at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Oberlin. There he met Quaker pacifist and mystic Rufus Jones, a professor at Oberlin College with whom he later would study.

Thurman taught at Morehouse and Spelman colleges and was a professor and dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University.

In 1935, along with his wife, Sue Bailey Thurman, and other African Americans, Thurman was invited to join a

six-month "Pilgrimage of Friendship" to India, Ceylon, and Burma. Before that trip, he and Mahatma Gandhi had corresponded. Shortly before returning home, they met. Gandhi was curious about the aftermath of slavery and the conditions of Black people in the United States. They talked about non-violence, civil disobedience, and the importance of maintaining spiritual vitality in order to preserve in their practice.

In 1944, Thurman and Dr. Alfred Fisk founded the Church for the Fellowship All Peoples in San Francisco, the nation's first intentional interracial, interfaith congregation, which continues its mission today.

Thurman published several books, his most famous being *Jesus and the Disinherited*, that looks at Jesus as a member of a minority class and sees in his life and teachings a guide for marginalized people responding to their oppression. This book greatly influenced Dr. King, who carried it with him whenever he marched.

Later in his career, Thurman became the first African American professor and dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University.

King was earning his PhD in theology at Boston University at that time and attended Thurman's sermons. Thurman became his spiritual mentor and shared the wisdom and conversations he had with Gandhi about nonviolent protest.

Thurman's understanding of the dehumanizing effects of oppression, of the effect of hate and anger on those who allow them into their hearts, of the necessity of gathering strength by spiritual practice, and of nonviolence have much to say to us today.

Many books have been published about him. You can read his works, and Boston University's listening room has an extensive library of recordings of Thurman's sermons, talks, and lectures (<http://hgar-srv3.bu.edu/web/howard-thurman/virtual-listening-room>).

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Joe, Dee, and God: A 60-year partnership

By Doug Bean, Times Editor

Through six decades of marriage, Dolores (Dee) Siemer says “there is only one thing that has come between me and Joe, and that is God.”

Siemer and her husband, Joseph (Joe), who are members of Lancaster St. Mary Church, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 15, a few days after World Marriage Day on Sunday, Feb. 11, and at the end of National Marriage Week USA.

The timing seems fitting. The couple’s enduring marriage is a testament to the Sacrament of Matrimony and the vows they took on Feb. 15, 1958, at Junction City St. Patrick Church.

The Siemers have raised seven children and are grandparents of 22 and great-grandparents of 18 – with one more baby on the way in the spring. “Be fruitful and multiply,” God told Adam and Eve in Genesis, and the Siemer family certainly has been open to life.

At the heart of their marriage are Christ, His Blessed Mother, and the Church.

“As clichéd as it may sound, my parents’ marriage is so strong because of love,” said Carol Spellacy, one of Joe and Dee’s six daughters. “The love my parents have makes them ‘one’ with God, who is part of that ‘one.’”

Joe and Dee were raised in strong Catholic families in southeast Ohio. Dee’s parents were very poor. They lived in a log house with no running water.

She considered becoming a nun as a teenager, but her father died and she had to go to work. Dee and Joe got together when he offered to take her to her high school prom.

She remembers when Joe came to visit her for the first time and saw where she lived. “I thought he’d never be back,” Dee laughed. “I think most boys would have run.”

“I went to St. Rose (Church in New Lexington) almost every day after work and asked that God would guide me in the right direction because I had never dated, I’d never had a boyfriend,” Dee recalled. “I was terrified about the whole thing. I prayed constantly.”

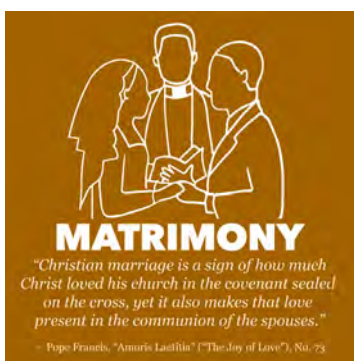
Her fears eventually were put to rest. “God sent him to me,” she said. “It just happened so easily.”

“I met her and I didn’t give it another thought,” Joe said. “I said to myself, ‘This is a gal for me.’”

It wasn’t long before Joe proposed.

“When she was looking for a job, I said ‘I’ve got a job for you ... to be my wife,’” Joe joked. “And I didn’t lie to her. She’s been working like a dog ever since.”

Like most young couples, they were in love at the be-



ginning. But that love has never wavered in 60 years.

“I think in the beginning of our marriage, our faith was very strong,” Dee said. “We’ll look at ourselves and say, ‘How did we do this? How could this have possibly ever happened?’ And we know. Mary is right here constantly.”

“I’m not saying there hasn’t been ups and downs. But in those down times, to be able to call upon God,

our faith, Mary. What do I do? Where do I go? Help me. Give me the strength, give me the graces I need to understand. I’m afraid that’s lost in so many relationships today. And relationships are hard. It’s work.”

The Siemers were blessed with five children in four years while Joe was getting the family business, Siemer Distributing, off the ground.

“I always thought, ‘I’m in heaven now with my family and a good wife,’” Joe said. “We had hard times, but we never did without. I wondered where the money came from sometimes.”

As the children grew, they worked for their father and developed a strong faith and work ethic through the example of both parents. Daily prayers, weekly Mass, and monthly confession were part of the family routine.

“As a child, their witness to our faith made me feel safe. I know that sounds strange, but I found great comfort in knowing that God loved (loves) me no matter what trouble I got into,” Spellacy said. “I truly believe my siblings felt the same.”

“When we were young, we received the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly,” she continued. “However, we often complained about going because it meant we had to stop playing early on a Saturday, since confessions were around 4 p.m. Dad told us that when he was little, he went to confession twice in the same day, so we should be happy that we only had to go once.”

Joe and Dee moved the family from Corning in Perry County to Lancaster in 1978. They’ve lived in the same house since then, just down the road from Fisher Catholic High School and St. Mary Church, where they attend daily Mass and remain active in the parish.

Joe and Dee deliver for Meals on Wheels once a week and take holy Communion to shut-ins. Joe also is involved with charitable work through the St. Vincent de Paul store and warehouse in Lancaster.

Their devotion to Christ and each other remains constant through the many changes in life.

“Those vows that we take, I’m not sure today (couples) pay much attention to all the sacrament entails. That’s where it all has to be,” Dee said. “No matter when times get a little rough, that’s where you go back and pray for graces. Use your sacrament again



and use the other sacraments to strengthen that, and then ask for understanding.

“We change constantly. He changes, I change. We have things all worked out and then something changes. That spouse has to cope then, try to understand then, and get on the same page again. Maybe if they don’t change, maybe you can change to understand or accept without causing problems, even if you don’t like it. It’s not that big of a deal.”

Joe has retired from the business, but two daughters, a son, and a son-in-law have taken over.

Most of the family lives in the Lancaster area and the children attend Catholic schools. Grandma and Grandpa’s house is a frequent stopping point. They’re the parents and grandparents that every kid would love to have.

“I am happy to say that my parents have set the bar so high when it comes to marriage,” Spellacy said. “It’s strange for one to be happy when the bar is high, but I could never hope to be as strong (more like perfect) in my marriage. I think my siblings would agree.”

“One thing I do know,” she continued, “is the legacy Mom and Dad have given us has shaped our hearts and those of our children. We all know and love God, serve others, and pray often. It would be great to be able to witness my parents’ message in the news, at the movies, and in our schools.”

A few years ago at one of their grandchildren’s weddings, Joe and Dee were asked the secret to a happy marriage. Joe answered, “The secret is there is no secret. You put God first and that’s all you have to worry about.”

2018 CATHOLIC TIMES LENTEN FISH FRY



GUIDE





Fridays are Fry-days during Lent. It's Fish Fry season. That means it's time for the annual Catholic Times Fish Fry section.

The dates and times for the various parish and school fish fries and pasta dinners are packed into these pages for your convenience. Use this guide to plan your Fish Fry and pasta dinner pilgrimages this year.

With six Fridays after Ash Wednesday and before Good Friday, there are ample opportunities to visit one or more of these dinners at your own parish or school, or at a neighboring church or school. Enjoy good food, fun and fellowship, and support the various charitable causes in your faith community.

Let's give a shout-out to the Knights of Columbus and other parish groups that offer their time and talent to make these meals happen. Your dedication and hard work is much appreciated. The fruits of your labor make Lenten sacrifice a little more palatable for those who enjoy the good food. And it gives some of us a night off from cooking.

Several parishes also offer Stations of the Cross on Friday nights during Lent. Why not combine faith and food as part of your Lenten experience?

Pray for the success of these events this year. Hope to see you there.

Doug Bean, Editor



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- **ST. LADISLAS CHURCH**
277 Reeb Ave, Columbus (Huber Hall)
Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, 3/11 • Noon-5 PM

NORTHWEST

- **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH**
386 Buttles Ave, Columbus
Lenten Soup Suppers
Wednesdays • After 6 PM Mass
- **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**
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- **ST. ANDREW CHURCH**
1899 McCoy Rd, Upper Arlington
Friday, 3/16 • 4:30-7 PM
- **ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH**
10700 Liberty Rd, Powell
Fridays; 2/16-3/23 • 5-7:30 PM

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7179 Avery Rd, Dublin
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1420 Grandview Ave, Columbus
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- **ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA**
1600 N Hague Ave, Columbus
Fridays; 2/16-3/23 • 4:30-7:30 PM

NORTH HIGH

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Fridays; 2/16-3/23 • 5-7:30 PM
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Fridays; 2/16-3/23 • 5-8 PM

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New Albany (Ministry Center)
Fridays; 2/16-3/23 • 5-7:30 PM

- **ST. ANTHONY CHURCH**
1300 Urban Dr, Columbus
Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, 2/25 • Noon-6:30 PM

- **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**
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Men and women were created out of love and for love

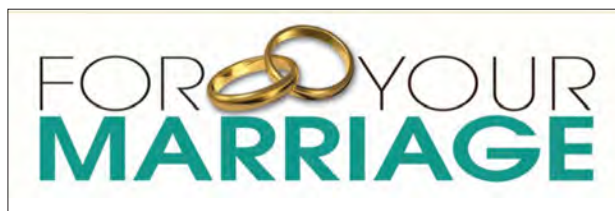
By Stephanie Rapp

Recently, my sister-in-law became engaged to be married. She and her fiancé are planning their wedding, which has included asking my two young children to be in the ceremony. My toddler doesn't know what he was signed up to do, yet my preschool-aged daughter is ecstatic to be a flower girl. She is now more enamored with marriage and weddings than she was before.

She has even begun to plan her own wedding, deciding that she is going to one day wear a purple wedding dress! Her interest in marriage has led to some thought-provoking conversations as her young and innocent mind tries to grasp the idea of what takes place at a wedding ceremony. Something about marriage has made an impression on her. In fact, she recently told me, "I hope God wants me to get married."

Watching my daughter fall in love with the idea of love, and at such a young age, points to the reality that we, as humans, are made to be in relationships with others. We are born with the desire to be in communion with other people and to give ourselves to another. This makes sense, as we are made in the image and likeness of God, who Himself is a communion of persons in the Holy Trinity and gave Himself completely for us.

God created us male and female, different, yet equal in dignity and worth, and made to complement each other. Sacred Scripture proclaims this in Genesis when, after creating man, God says, "It is not good that man be alone, I will make a helper suited to him" (Genesis 2:18).



Men and women were created out of love, for love, and "their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1603). Therefore, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy not only created us, but also established marriage. And it is within marriage that men and woman love each other in a way that points to God's love – which is free, total, faithful, and fruitful.

To love in a way that is total requires husbands and wives to gift their whole being to each other – body, mind, and spirit. They share themselves completely, without reservation, withholding nothing. This includes everything from sharing their home, finances, and time to sharing their very own bodies and sexuality. Through marriage, they commit to a shared mission of making a gift of their entire selves to their beloved and helping each other get to heaven.

I've often heard it said that marriage is not a 50-50 relationship, but rather a 100-100 relationship, requiring spouses to give their all to the other so that they may become one. Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*, affirmed this belief, stating that married love is "an act of free will, whose trust is such that it is meant not only to survive the joys and sorrows of daily life, but also to grow, so that husband



and wife become in a way one heart and one soul, and together attain their human fulfillment."

On this World Marriage Day, I pray that all married couples continue to grow and demonstrate to those watching, like my daughter, the beauty of God's plan for married love.

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Faithfulness is your mission

By Catherine Suprenant

In my 20-something crowd, the hot topic of conversation is marriage and family. On many of these occasions, my friends bring up a fear about the commitment of marriage. "Will I be able to love this person no matter what happens? What if I marry the 'wrong person'?" These fears, while understandable, also are promoted by our culture. In a world flooded with endless options, what makes my choice of one man and my words of promise to him forever binding?

I have come to appreciate the clarity the Church provides about these most pressing questions of our lives. The recent popes in particular have articulated marriage in beautiful detail in *Humanae Vitae* and *Theology of the Body*.

I have noticed that these writings speak hope into the anxiety about marriage floating around us. Both documents actually define marriage with the same four words: free, total, *faithful*, and fruitful.

Faithfulness is essential to marriage because the marriage vows form a covenant. Covenant love is a gift of the whole person, without conditions or a time limit, and thus enduring.

Think about the other serious formal commitments people make. Joining the military, taking a government position, or becoming a citizen, for instance, all require oaths. This is because we consider the mission to be so crucial that it requires a solemn commitment and accountability to faithfulness. Marriage vows are even *more* binding. These do not promise a service or a course of action, but a gift of self. "Till death," not "for the next four years." The mission is important enough to require the commitment of a vow binding us to it.

If marriage isn't this covenant commitment, but merely an association of two human beings, love ends up being the sum of our changing impulses ... which will fade.

The good news is that true love – a gift of self – is possible. Jesus knows the difficulties we have with sin in our lives and marriages, making faithfulness difficult. So He came to restore us as new people. By renewing our relationship with Him, He elevates our marriages, giving them a share in His covenant with us. In the face of such a gift, we are invited to deeper faithfulness to God and to our marriages.

This faithfulness is about more than avoiding divorce; it is an invitation to live the mission of marriage as God has laid it out. *Humanae Vitae* says, "Let Christian husbands and wives be mindful of their vocation to the Christian life, a vocation which, deriving from their Baptism, has been confirmed anew and made more explicit by the Sacrament of Matrimony. For by this sacrament they are strengthened and, one might almost say, consecrated to the faithful fulfillment of their duties" (*HV* 25).

Marriage concretely fuses your daily life with your call to holiness. You are sent from the altar to your family and friends as a living icon of God's reliable love. And God is also faithful to your vows by continuing to bless your marriage. When I experience couples living out this reliance on God's faithfulness to their marriage, it renews my confidence in God's relentless grace for married couples.

This is the Good News about marriage that our world needs to hear.

Catherine Suprenant is marriage preparation coordinator for the diocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life.

Living God's design for marital love

By Jennifer Fullin

Married love offers a matchless privilege to a husband and wife. After promising committed love in their wedding vows, spouses give themselves fully to each other in a bodily expression of total love. Through this "one-flesh" union of two persons, husband and wife are powerfully bound together. So potent is this love that nine months later, they give it a name!

In the image of the love of God, the love of husband and wife is intended to be free, total, faithful, and *fruitful*. With God's grace, the married love of a man and a woman is multiplied and overflows beyond each other – bringing forth new life.

In his encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*, Blessed Pope Paul VI writes that God entrusts to spouses the *mission* of transmitting human life (HV 1). Husband and wife are invited to cooperate with God in responsible parenthood, which prudently considers their duties to God, themselves, and to children they already may have. Couples shouldn't make arbitrary decisions about becoming parents, but should prayerfully seek God's wisdom (HV 10).

Interwoven in responsible parenthood is the understanding that the love-giving and life-giving aspects of the marital act never should be separated. Spouses who use contraception and sterilization, even for a short period of time, reject God's gift of fertility and harm their unity. They cannot give themselves fully to each other in total love if they are withholding an essential part of themselves. Couples with good reason to avoid having a child at the time may instead practice natural family planning (NFP), choosing to refrain from sexual union during the woman's fertile time rather than distort the twofold meaning of the marital act.

When a couple marries, they promise to receive children lovingly into their family. However, their spousal mission to transmit life doesn't demand that they have a certain number of children or that they leave their family size to chance. Natural family planning can be used effectively for postponing pregnancy when a couple discerns a need to avoid having a baby for a while or even for an indefinite period. Natural family planning also can assist couples who desire to have a child. Couples ex-



periencing infertility can turn to natural procreative technology (NaPro Technology) for morally sound and effective surgical and medical means to diagnose and treat underlying causes.

It is a marvelous thing to be able to give life to a unique being, yet spouses not gifted with children also can have a married life full of love and meaning. Some couples may be called to adopt a child, while others may have a vocation that does not involve raising children. Their love is complete and fruitful when it is open to others, to the needs of their community, and to the needs of the world.

Living God's design for marital love is a beautiful and challenging task. God offers married couples His grace, given through the Sacrament of Matrimony, to strengthen them so that they may joyfully fulfill their mission to transmit the gift of God's fruitful love through their union.

For information about natural family planning and NaPro Technology, contact the diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office at familylife@columbuscatholic.org or (614) 241-2560.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Making good marriages better

By Clint and Mary Ann Lingel

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church

Three years ago, we attended our first Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend after hearing about it through a school posting several months earlier. Since then, our continued involvement in the program has renewed and improved our love for each other and brought us greater appreciation of our own marriage and the Sacrament of Marriage as a whole.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the world's largest pro-marriage organization and promotes weekend experiences for couples who want to make their marriages even better. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that will be useful for the rest of their lives. The weekend provides a chance to look deeply into a couple's relationship with each other and with God. Priests also are welcome, and a weekend can enrich their relationship with the Church and with the married couples a priest serves.

The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter weekend is communication between husbands and wives. The weekend provides time for couples to be together, away from the distractions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on communicating. It is not a marriage clinic, group sensitivity training, or a substitute for counseling. It is a unique approach to revitalize marriage. It truly is a marriage enrichment program. Worldwide Marriage Encounter teaches a communication tool through a series of presentations given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest.

We had been married for 15 years at the time of our initial Marriage Encounter weekend experience in February 2015. Some of our friends and family frequently attended marriage retreats through their churches, and we had talked about trying one out to see what it was all about. This was not because of a desire to find help or to improve anything in our marriage; rather, it gave us a chance to get away from the stresses of daily life for a weekend and spend time focusing on each other.

The experience was fun, enjoyable, and educational, and it significantly changed our lives. We learned a new way to communicate that we use to this day. Since our weekend, we have begun discussing our differences in a more loving and understanding way. It also improved our understanding of what a Catholic marriage should be.

This weekend experience is a valuable resource for married couples. Although it is based on Catholic teachings, it is not just for Catholic couples. It had a positive effect on us and will have a positive effect on your marriage, too. We invite married couples and priests to attend a weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in central Ohio for which spaces are available are July 13-15 at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany (no overnight stay) and Sept. 14-16 at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus. The weekends begin at 8 p.m. Friday and go through 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Marriage: The love of Christ made visible

By John S. Grabowski
Catholic News Service

“What’s love got to do with it?” Tina Turner sang in her famous song by the same name. If her question is about the Catholic understanding of marriage, then the answer is both “not much” and “virtually everything.”



tion, kindness, forgiveness, physical touch, working through conflict or crises in nondestructive ways, and sharing their lives of faith. These various kinds of intimacy form the backdrop and context for passion and sexual expression in marriage (Nos. 142-52).

The first answer is especially true if you understand love as Turner’s song described it -- an emotional response based on physical attraction. Marriage, as the church understands it, does not require these kinds of feelings of love.

Instead, marital consent is based on a free decision of the will on the part of a man and a woman to give themselves irrevocably to another.

A couple promises sexual fidelity and openness to the gift of children before God and (typically) human witnesses. This brings into being the covenant of marriage. Sacramental and even nonsacramental marriages are characterized by unity (which Scripture describes as being “one flesh” -- Genesis 2:24) and indissolubility.

In biblical times and in some cultures today, families might help to arrange a marriage between individuals who do not know one another well -- let alone experience being “in love” with each other.

For such a marriage to be valid, the couple must give their free consent -- to give themselves to each other in the way specified by the goods of faithfulness and children. Feelings of love are not a legal or theological requirement.

Certainly, over time, as such couples come to know each other and live together, they come to recognize love at the heart of their relationship.

Think of Tevye and Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*, confronted with their daughters falling in love, one after the other, asking each other, “Do you love me?” after 25 years of marriage. Their love is deeper than mere attraction or emotion -- it is a love embodied in lives of mutual service and care.

Like Tevye and Golde’s daughters, it is more common in our current Western culture for people to marry for love. Pope Francis acknowledges this in his apostolic exhortation on the joy of love, *Amoris Laetitia* (Nos. 131-32).

But this love is more than feelings of emotional closeness or attraction that wax and wane over time. This is one reason why Pope Francis goes on to recommend in the document that couples must work to protect their marriage from dangers such as busyness, resentments, jealousy or infidelity.

This deeper love is fostered by communica-

All of this is equally true of the marriage covenant, whether it is found in a natural or a sacramental marriage. The church understands that a merely natural marriage cannot exist between two baptized persons. They can only have a sacramental marriage (see the *Code of Canon Law*, Canon 1055.2).

In the understanding of the Western (Latin) church, it is the couple themselves who act as ministers and confer the sacrament on one another (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1623). The presence of a bishop, priest, or deacon (required for Catholics) is necessary to have an official witness on behalf of the church.

When a couple exchanges valid consent that is properly witnessed and sexually consummates their marriage, it is absolutely indissoluble. No human power -- whether of the church or the state -- can dissolve or nullify it.

The sacrament creates a bond between the couple, which serves as an ongoing source of grace. It is not as if they simply receive a one time “injection” of grace on their wedding day.

The bond gives them power throughout the whole of their lives to love, serve, forgive, and care for each other and to welcome and form their children. This stream of grace is continually strengthened and refreshed in the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist -- the “source and summit” of their Christian life and love, as the catechism states (No. 1324).

Christian marriage takes all of the human dimensions of attraction, emotion, friendship and sacrificial service spoken by the couple in their daily life together and makes them a language that communicates the nuptial love of Christ for the church (Ephesians 5:32).

This “language of the body,” first spoken in the couple’s vows, becomes a prophecy of the whole of their life together. In this sense, marriage is “the sacrament of love” and a Christian couple is its icon in the world.

So, “what’s love got to do with it”? Everything!

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Marriage podcast

Catholic News Agency

Made for Love is a new podcast that aims to convey the truth about marriage and families by helping Catholics tell stories of God’s work in their lives.



Hosted by Sara Perla, a program specialist for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Made for Love is under the aegis of Marriage: Unique for a Reason, an initiative of the bishops’ conference.

One of the future episodes will feature Stephanie Rapp, director of the Marriage and Family Life Office for the Diocese of Columbus, and her husband Craig.

While the podcast is focused on people “living out the call to love,” it is not afraid to explore the less-rosy forms of “love” in the world. During the show, Perla speaks with guests about each episode’s theme, while also narrating a framework of what the episode is about.

In the series’ first three episodes, Perla discusses the relatively unique phenomenon of a priest who is able to baptize his own parents; a woman who had to care for her terminally ill spouse during the majority of their marriage; and a woman who sought a declaration of nullity for her marriage.

While these topics may seem dicey, or even dark, Perla told Catholic News Agency she thought it important to share these stories, and she thinks her listeners can be helped by hearing what others have gone through.

“I do think it’s important to get real about the challenges that people face, and that we all benefit from seeing how other people get through hard times,” Perla said. She continued, saying that when people have suffered through a trying situation, they can use what they’ve learned to help others.

“When you’ve suffered in a dramatic way, had time to process that, and come to a place where you are ready to speak about it, others can benefit from the lessons that the Lord taught you through that experience,” she said.

Perla hopes the podcast is able to reach Catholics who may feel alone in their faith or who might need encouragement. She also hopes that she’s able to reach non-Catholics with the podcast, and is able to convey successfully the beauty of the faith.

“If I do my job well, the podcast will inform people of the ‘whys’ of Catholic teaching and expose them to resources they may not have known were out there,” Perla said. “I think it could be a useful tool for teachers and catechists as well.”

Perla hopes to publish at least two episodes a month. Upcoming episodes will be coordinated with various awareness weeks, such as National Marriage Week.

Made for Love also can be streamed on iTunes.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

A leper is cleansed, followed by a stern warning



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46;

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;

Mark 1:40-45

What appears in the Leviticus reading as leprosy is not what we know as Hansen's disease, which attacks nerves, skin, eyes, and noses, eventually leading to the loss of digits and limbs if left untreated for long periods. Casual contact with people so infected does not cause one to become infected. That disease is also treatable. The biblical references to "leprosy" were to any of a number of rashes and other skin ailments which likely originated in nomadic living, where an entire camp could be infected, which led to such people being isolated.

The priests were not healers, but because of their own need to be ritually clean, they acted as judges to determine whether a person had something considered to be contagious. If so, they were declared unclean and were required to be excluded from others. When declared to be unclean, such people had to tear their garments and make it clear to all who came near them that they risked becoming unclean themselves through contact with the unclean person. Dwelling outside the camp was a stigma to be endured until such a person could be declared free of the cause of the uncleanness.

In some cases, the skin of such "outcasts" turned white, which to Semitic people, whose skin is usually darker, was a sign of some kind of affliction. It is an irony of history that lily-white-skinned people often cast aspersions at darker-skinned people for the color of their skin. Biblically speaking, it is the other way around. People with whitened skin were the ones rendered unclean and

therefore required to live outside the camp. Modern studies suggest that any kind of skin affliction which turned the skin scaly or raised eruptions on the skin fell into the category of leprosy. That would include cases of acne, psoriasis, and many other skin issues. Obviously, the stigma attached to these afflictions carried over into the New Testament period.

This is the Old Testament background for the Gospel for Sunday. Generally, a leper would not approach people, given the requirement to live away from people. This leper approaches Jesus, kneeling and laying before Jesus in what is as much of a dare as a request: "If you want, you are able to cleanse me." Jesus is moved to his innards, stretches out his hand and touches the man, and says to him, "I do will it, be cleansed!" Immediately, the leprosy leaves the man and he is cleansed.

After the cleansing, Jesus, warning him sternly, dismisses the man at once. The verb for "warning him sternly" is rare in the New Testament. It is used twice in Mark, once in Matthew, and twice in John. Both occurrences in John are in the highly emotional scene of Jesus dealing with the death of his friend Lazarus. The sternness referred to in this scene in Mark is probably because there is need for the leper, now cleansed, to have to show himself to the priest. A religious system which would penalize people for such illnesses may have been what upset Jesus, as demonstrated by his final line: "That should be a proof for them." All we can say for certain is that Mark used a very strong word here (*embrimaomai*, in Greek) which contains strong emotion in its usage.

Here, again, Jesus warns someone not to tell anyone what he has done. This is likely part of Mark's dramatic style, preserving the identity of Jesus until he is ready to reveal it totally, which comes only with his death and resurrection. Instead, in compliance with Leviticus, Jesus sends the man to the priest to be declared clean and to offer what is prescribed for the cleansing.

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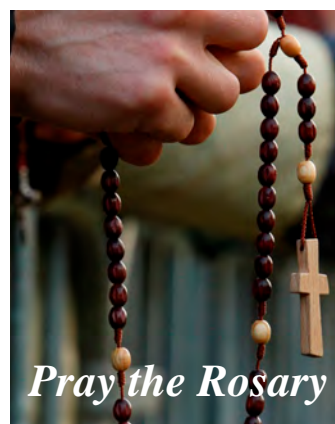
Grief support group forming at St. Matthew

A GriefShare support group will be forming at Gahanna St. Matthew Church and will meet for 11 weeks from Sunday, Feb. 25 to Sunday, May 20. There will be no meetings on Palm Sunday, March 25, or Easter Sunday, April 1. The group will gather in the church's St. Raphael Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk along-

side each other through one of life's most difficult experiences, the loss of a loved one. The group will be led by people who understand what participants are going through and want to help.

There is a one-time charge of \$30, which includes the workbook. For more information or to register, contact Mary Lager at mary0613@hotmail.com.



Pray the Rosary

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
James 1:1-11
Psalm 119:67-68,71-75-76
Mark 8:11-13

TUESDAY
James 1:12-18
Psalm 94:12-15,18-19
Mark 8:14-21

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

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

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

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

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at

7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

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

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

Men without conviction; churches without people

Europe's wholesale abandonment of its Christian faith is often explained as the inevitable by-product of modern social, economic, and political life. But there is far more to the story of Euro-secularization than that, as three ecclesiastics – a Presbyterian minister and two Italian priests – demonstrated this past Christmas.

The minister in question was the moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Derek Browning. In his Yuletide message to his disappearing flock, Dr. Browning confessed that in his “darker moments,” he sometimes wondered whether “... the world would have been a better place without (Jesus). If there was no Jesus, and therefore no Christianity, would there have been no Crusades? Would there have been no Spanish Inquisition?” (Dr. Browning didn't contemplate the possibility that, without Jesus, there would have been no iconoclastic destruction of Scotland's ancient and beautiful Catholic churches, or no mass burnings of “witches” by his forebears in the kirk; but that, perhaps, would have been cutting a bit too close to the bone.)

Then there was Father Fredo Olivero of the Church of San Rocco di Torino in the Archdiocese of Turin. At Christmas midnight Mass, Don Fredo substituted the syrupy Italian pop-religious tune, *Dolce Sentire*, for the Creed, explaining, “Do you know why I do not say the Creed? Because I do not believe it. ... after many years I understood that it was something I did not understand and that I could not accept. So let's sing something else that says the essential things of life.”

Which, evidently, do not include the confession of faith that Jesus is Lord and Savior.

Not to be outdone by those uppity Piedmontese in Turin, a priest of Genoa, Father Paolo Farinella, announced in the leftist Italian newspaper, *La Repub-*



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blica, that he had canceled his parish Masses for Jan. 1 (the Octave of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) and Jan. 6 (the Epiphany). Why? Because, according to Don Paolo, Christmas is now “a fairy tale from the nativity scene with lullabies and bagpipes, the exclusive support of a capitalist and consumerist economy, transforming the whole of Christianity into civil religion.”

So there. No Mass.

These three episodes illustrate a larger point: “secularization” is not something that just happened to western Europe, like the Black Death. The radical secularization that has transformed Christianity's heartland into the most religiously arid half-continent on the planet has at least as much to do with the craven surrender of ministers of the Gospel to theological and political fads, and their consequent loss of faith, as it does with the impact of urbanization, mass education, and the industrial revolution on Europeans' understanding of themselves.

If the Gospel is not preached with conviction – the convictions that humanity is in need of salvation and that Jesus is the Savior who liberates us into the fullness of our humanity and gives us eternal life – then the Gospel will not be believed.

If ministers of the Gospel indulge in gratuitous virtue-signaling by promoting the worst of black legends, as if the sum total of Christianity's impact on world history is embodied by “the Crusades and the Spanish Inquisition,” why would anyone come to their churches or listen to whatever's being offered there by way of I'm-OK-You're-OK therapeutic balm?

If ministers of the Gospel cannot challenge the world's distortions of the Gospel with the truth of the Gospel, but fall back instead on penny-ante pseudo-Marxist clichés, is it any wonder that their church pews are empty?

Christianity is dying in western Europe. There are many reasons for that, including the complicity of many churchmen in the ideological awfulness that turned mid-20th century Europe into a slaughterhouse. But the Gospel has power, and those who believe that, and preach it in the conviction that it can transform and ennoble lives, can still get a hearing. Indeed, as post-modernity decomposes into ever more bizarre forms of irrationality, the cleansing, liberating truth of the Gospel and the vision of life well-lived found in the Beatitudes ought to be a compelling offer.

But the offer must be made. And it won't be made by churchmen who wonder aloud whether the world wouldn't have been better off without Jesus, or who substitute treacle for the Creed, or who throw public hissy-fits rather than celebrating the Eucharist.

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

English, Spanish missions at St. James the Less

Columbus St. James the Less Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., will have Lenten parish missions in both English and Spanish this year.

The Spanish mission, at 7 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, Feb. 19 to 21, will be titled “*Dios Esta Aqui – Caminamos Hacia La Pasuca Como Familia y Comunidad* (God Is Here – Walking Together Toward Easter With Family and

Community).” It will be led by Sister Doris Regan, OP, and Sister Germaine Conroy, OP.

The mission in English will be led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and Sister Shirley Bodisch, OP, at 7 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, Feb. 27 to March 1. Its theme will be “God's Presence Within the Human Family: What Makes a Family Holy?”

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BAUMEISTER, John, 84, Jan. 27
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

BEEMILLER, John J., 77, of Canal Winchester, Jan. 27
St. Mary Church, Chardon

BLAKE, Richard M., 84, Jan. 30
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CARR, Suzanne (Ramey), 90, Feb. 2
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

CHEESEMAN, Dominic, 24, Feb. 1
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

COSS, Elaine C. (Bayly), 62, Feb. 1
Christ the King Church, Columbus

DAVIS, Jeannine S. (Koch), 89, Feb. 2
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

DAVIS, Joan M. (Finnegan), 77, Jan. 28
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

DELEWESE, Lilda M., 100, Feb. 2
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

DONAHUE, William J. "Bookie," 95, Feb. 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

FOX, Lawrence L., 68, Jan. 28
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

GALLO, Francis T. "Bo," 97, Feb. 1
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

GESNER, John O., 59, Jan. 24
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HARPER, Edward P., 24, Jan. 25
Holy Family Church, Columbus

HOLLERN, M. Carole (Mohney), 74, Feb. 2
St. Mary Church, Delaware

HULL, Carmen A. (Thompson), 84, Jan. 30
St. Leonard Church, Heath

KUBAT, Laurence J., 79, Feb. 1
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

MANN, Ada G. (Zari), 95, Jan. 30
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

McMAHON, Barry, 63, Feb. 1
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

MILLER, Patricia (Callanan), 83, Jan. 27
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PARKER, Ann R. (Franklin), 99, Feb. 3
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RICE, Ruth H. (Webb), 84, Jan. 21
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

ROBINSON, Marvin D., 77, Feb. 2
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

SCHWAB, Rudy H., 78, Jan. 26
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SEVIGNY, Leon, 87, Jan. 29
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

STEINER, Albert III, 73, Jan. 22
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FEBRUARY

8, THURSDAY

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Back in His Arms Again Dinner

6:45 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Annual dinner benefiting Back in His Arms Again ministry for people dealing with the loss of a child. Tickets \$40. **614-906-3115**

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics, with Matt Palmer of The Joseph Group capital management organization speaking on "Living Our Faith in the Workplace." RSVP to cbustheologyon-tap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart

7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments. **614-372-5249**

'Theology of the Common Good' Talk at ODU

7 p.m., Community Room, Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Talk on "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" with Father Gregory Boyle, SJ. **614-251-4453**

9, FRIDAY

Downtown Columbus Serra Club Meeting

Noon, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Downtown Columbus Serra club meeting.

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

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Peace Concert at Ohio Dominican

7 to 8 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Concert to pray for peace, with E. Louis Canter and Jim Hughes, music directors from the Diocese of Orlando, Florida. **614-251-4563**

9-11, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Weekend Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and Dominican Associates Mary Reichley and Anita Davidson. Theme: "All Will Be Well -- No Matter What." **614-866-1611**

10, 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.

Citywide Prayer Gathering at Church of Our Lady

9 a.m. to noon, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Citywide prayer gathering sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, with Mass celebrated by Father James Coleman, followed by breakfast, Reconciliation, adoration with worship music led by Living Stones, prayer ministry, and teaching on "Awe and Wonder" by Patrick Shroyer. Babysitting available; bring a breakfast dish to share. **614-582-1721**

'Last Things' Workshop at Columbus St. Patrick

9 a.m., Social hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. "Into the Light: A Workshop Designed to Illuminate Your Approach Toward Last Things," with Father Thomas More Garrett, OP, and specialists in various fields related to end-of-life issues. **614-224-9522**

'Renewal' Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

2 to 3:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by musician Barbara Hamilton. Theme: "Renewal." Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Feb. 8. **614-866-4302**

Family Honor Anniversary Dinner

6 to 9 p.m., Patrick Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Dinner honoring 30th anniversary of Family Honor chastity education group and 15th anniversary of its Columbus affiliate. Speakers: Dr. Michael Fagge, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School theology teacher, and Greg Schutte of Marriage Works! Ohio. Cost \$10 individual, \$15 couples, \$50 for table of six. **614-406-3507**

11, SUNDAY

Order of Malta Mass for Anointing of the Sick

9:30 a.m., Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Order of Malta Columbus Region's annual Mass for Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available. Followed by reception and talk in parish hall with Christian James speaking of his experience with the order's pilgrimage to Lourdes.

St. Agatha Adult Education

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. "The Gospel According to Matthew," part 2 of four-part series on the Gospels with Father Edmund Hussey. **614-488-6149**

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

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

World Marriage Day Program at Seton Parish

2 p.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North, Pickerington. World Marriage Day program sponsored by

diocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life. Speaker: Dr. Perry Cahall, dean of the Pontifical College Josephinum school of theology. Subject: "The Vocation of Marriage: A Supernatural Calling." **614-241-2560**

Ohio Trombone Quartet Concert at Marysville

3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Ohio Trombone Quartet concert. **937-644-6020**

'Awaken!' Series at St. Michael

4:30 to 5:45 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Second talk in five-part "Awaken!" series focused on empowering parents to a renewed personal relationship with the Trinity and equipping them with the tools to spread the Good News. Topic: "Who Is Jesus?" with lay missionary Monica Richards. **614-888-5384**

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. **614-237-0401**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

12, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

13, TUESDAY

Calix Society Meeting

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

Mass, Palm Burning at Dover St. Joseph

6 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Mass, followed by palm burning prayer service. **330-364-6661**

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

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

14, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

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

15, 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.

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. **614-221-4323**

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart

7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments. **614-372-5249**

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. **614-721-2100**

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Mass and a Meal" monthly event. Bring side dishes, desserts, or beverages. **614-224-9522**

National Security Talk at Ohio Dominican

7 p.m., Rooms 258-260, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Talk on "National Security in the Age of Trump" with Lawrence Wilkerson, former chief of staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell. **614-251-4453**

15-18, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Hartley Presents 'Once on This Island'

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Shedd Theater, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Bishop Hartley High School drama department presents "Once on This Island," a one-act musical. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students. **614-237-5421**

16, FRIDAY

Soup Supper at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes

5 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 222 E. Highland Ave., Ada. Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6. **419-634-2626**

Soup Supper at Corpus Christi

5:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7. **614-443-2828**

Soup Supper at Groveport St. Mary

6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 5684 Groveport Road, Groveport. Lenten soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7. **614-497-1324**

Soup Supper at Holy Redeemer

6:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St., Portsmouth. Lenten soup supper, preceded by Stations of the Cross at 6. **740-354-2716**

17, SATURDAY

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

8 a.m., Cardinal Building, State Fairgrounds, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus. 11th annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, with talks by Lisa Hendey, Obianuju Ekeocha, and Matt and Kristin Laboda. Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell, Adoration, Benediction, and lunch. **614-398-2292**

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.

18, SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. "The Gospel According to Luke," part 3 of four-part series on the Gospels with Father Edmund Hussey. **614-488-6149**



BOOK REVIEW

Real Love is for Real

By **Doug Bean**, *Catholic Times* Editor

“Real Love is ‘for Real’” by Pam Heil. Balboa Press
Bloomington, Indiana, 2017). 155 pages, \$13.99.

For a long time, Pam Heil has spoken to and counseled young people and parents about the true meaning of love and sexuality through her Empowered to Love ministry.

Heil is a national speaker and a former campus minister at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and youth minister at Dublin St. Brig of Kildare Church.

So it seemed only natural that she would compile all of the wisdom she has imparted through the years in her presentations and put it into a book.

The result is *Real Love is ‘for Real’*, published in November by Balboa Press. Her hope is that the book will help foster conversations among families about the meaning of true love in a world saturated with misconceptions, misunderstandings, and misinformation about feelings.

The ultimate object, she writes in the introduction, is to “empower teens to choose chastity, formulating a morality based on love, not sex.”

She sets the stage before launching into Chapter 1 with a scripture passage from 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 that’s popular at weddings:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

The book is divided into three sections: the Ideal (what love should be), the Struggle (the obstacles to genuine love in today’s culture), and the Plan (how to get there).

“My focus is on the ideal because if we don’t have the ideal, how can we strive for anything?” Heil said in an interview with *Catholic Times*. “You’ve got to believe in something before it happens.

“The struggle is a lot of the stories. I was thinking when I was writing that teenagers and young adults would benefit from the book and the whole discernment process between sex and love and the morals they choose, whether it’s going to be recreation or committal.”

The short chapters are easy to read. Each one ends with two questions to ponder. Those are meant to be conversation starters to prompt dialogue about topics that sometimes are difficult to discuss, particularly between teens and parents.

“You can say things like ‘Is this what you’re experiencing?’ Or ‘Do you believe this? Is this what you’re hearing?’ Just take one or two questions in a chapter and talk about it with your middle school kid or high school kid,” she suggested.

“They have a means to communicate about sex, which is a difficult conversation for a lot of people. But it’s not a difficult conversation if you do it within the context of love. The need is there to open dialogue within the family on healthy dating relationships, sexuality, and love. Taking any of those things about of a connection with God is not truthful, it’s not fulfilling. It’s awkward, uneasy, and ineffective.”

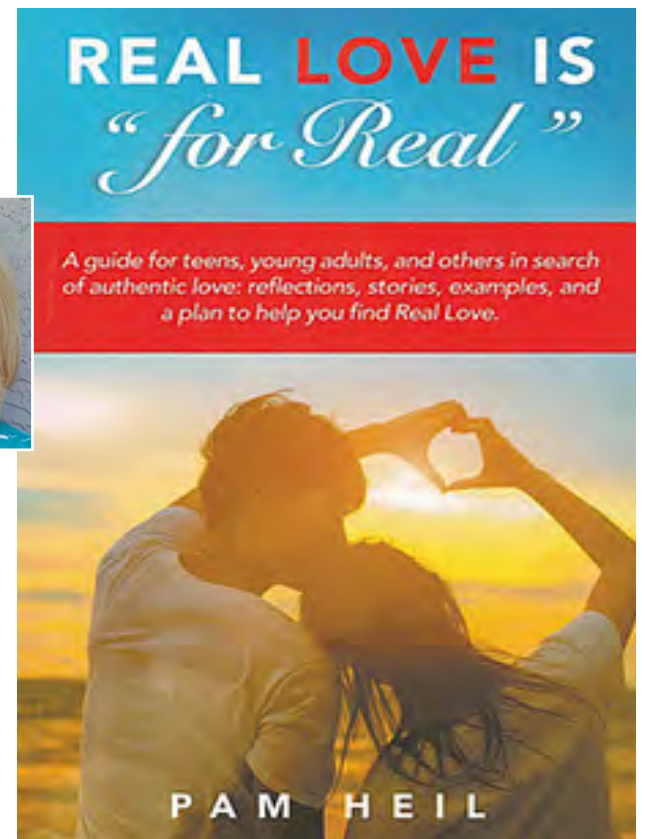
Heil effectively intersperses examples and shares relatable anecdotes from her years of working with young adults to bring real-world situations into focus. Even teens who don’t like to read books will find it easy to identify with the stories that are part of their world.

“It was written that a high school kid could sit and read it and get a whole lot out of it,” Heil said. “Middle school kids and elementary kids. (Parents can) use each little snippet and read it with your kids, ask questions. Say we’re going to read it together and we’re going to talk about it together. I think that’s how it’s going to end up as a viable tool.”

Some of the stories are sad. Others have happy endings. Whatever the results, Heil finds a way to convey a positive outcome.

“If a kid reads it from beginning to end, I know that it will impact them,” Heil said. “I know from the kids that have read it from beginning to end that it impacts them. The problem is that many kids don’t read books. But mothers (who read the book) are getting a viewpoint by which they can address sexuality with their kids.”

In today’s media culture, young people are exposed to information about sex and pornography in their elementary school years. By the time they reach junior high and high school, there face a hookup culture that puts pressure on teens to engage in sexual relationships in which love or morality doesn’t enter into their thought process.



After some of Heil’s talks, teens will approach her and say they wish they had heard her message before going too far in a casual relationship.

“Even good kids are sexting each other routinely,” Heil said. “They just think it’s part of growing up. They have no connection between love and sex.

“I’ve learned in the last five years of my ministry how separate love is from sex. It doesn’t even enter the realm of connection. It’s like this is what we do, we want to get it over with. When are you going to do it, how old are you going to do it? You’ve just got to do it. That breaks my heart.”

Heil also shared her concern about sex education programs for teens because they fail to mention love.

“Kids are being exposed to stuff and they don’t know what to do with it unless we empower parents and churches to basically communicate where basically we are presenting an ideal and helping kids understand what they have to gain and what they have to lose,” she said. “That the core of who we are and the whole need for basic existence is to love and to be loved.

“You hear those stories of kids and the heartbreak and the emptiness, and they’re really just searching for love, except the kids that are just searching for sex. Most kids aren’t connecting the two. We’ve got to make the connection that our bodies are sacred and worthy of respect. That’s my whole purpose.”

The final section offers practical steps for healthy dating and relationships and finding the right person to marry.

She ends with simple advice: Love God, practice your faith, ask for help, believe in and love yourself, set goals, work hard, and be responsible.

Study suggests teenage girls don't have tools to navigate pressure for sexting

Catholic News Agency

In a recent study, teenage girls were found to feel powerless when asked for a nude image of themselves from young men, most often feeling trapped, bombarded, coerced, and confused when confronted with "sexting" requests.

Perhaps even more alarming is that most of the young women in the study reported that the pressure to take part in sexting was normal and that they accepted boys' aggressive behavior as acceptable. Even more, the only negative language the girls used was not against their male counterparts, but instead to describe themselves or other girls.

The study, *What Should I Do?: Young Women's Reported Dilemmas With Nude Photographs*, was conducted by Sara E. Thomas, a doctoral student at Northwestern University, and was published by **Springer Science and Business Media** in December 2017. It study looked at 7,000 stories from girls who posted their experience on the online platform A Thin Line.

Among the 7,000 experiences, Thomas



focused on 462 stories in which girls reported sexting, sending nude photos, and related experiences from the years 2010-2016. The average age of the girls was 15.

Thomas noted the study's limitations, saying that the shared experiences were published on an anonymous online platform which neglected to include important information such as the girls' demographic backgrounds and may not be indicative of all young women's experiences. Most of the girls were adolescents and there was no information given about the male counterparts who reportedly pressured the girls into sexting.

However, the study was able to highlight a number of adolescent girls' struggles when faced with requests for nude photos. Most of them reported that they did not want to send the images. Also noteworthy was the most common reaction among the girls when asked for photos: "What should I do?"

"Teenage girls know the potential risks and are disinclined to (sext), yet they continue to share their images anyway. They struggle to say 'No,'" Thomas said in an interview with *Northwestern Now*.

Thomas also noted that the girls seemed to be ill-equipped with the resources and tools necessary to face pressured requests from young men.

Of the girls who sent nude photos, "more than 90 percent ... engaged in what could be considered unwanted but consensual sexting to either prove their affections or avoid reproach or conflict with their partners," the study reported.

The study also noted that none of the girls who sent nude photos felt relieved or good about their choice. In addition, 40 percent said their nude photos were sent to unintended audiences. One girl reported that her nude image ended up on the personal phones of more than 300 people.

"It appears that a desire for status, love or pressure from boys to be 'good girlfriends,' threats, anger or relational consequences compel them to consider sending photographs," the study said of the girls who were asked to send nude images.

Of the girls who refused, 31 percent said there were repercussions for not engaging in sexting or sending nude images, such as "having the boy get angry, break up with them, or make more requests despite their refusal."

In addition, a number of the girls expressed a level of normalcy in being asked to provide nude images or engage in sexting. They also did not describe their male counterparts as blameworthy, but instead described themselves as "weak," "pathetic," having "ridiculously low self-esteem," or a "horrible person."

When not describing themselves, the girls sometimes used negative language against other girls, calling those who did not send nude images "pruders."

Thomas concluded that her study was "not meant to suggest that all young women struggle with immediate day to day pressures, to represent all young women as victims of coercive tactics, or to represent all young men as coercive or threatening."

"Rather, it is the aim of this study to explore the struggles young women experience and to elaborate on our current understanding of young women's dilemmas as they develop romantic and sexual relationships in this digital era."

Thomas also added that young women need support and information on how to navigate pressuring situations from males, while there is also an overwhelming need for males to act with respect and boundary acceptance.



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"My objective is to help people be better at living the greatest commandment -- basically loving God with their whole mind, body, soul, and strength and loving your neighbor as yourself," Heil said.

Heil has been a frequent speaker at the

National Catholic Youth Conference, Theology on Tap, Newman centers, Gospel Road, youth rallies, youth conferences, mom's groups, and parenting seminars.

She has been involved with confirmation retreats and faculty retreats and will

be conducting this year's Christ Child retreats. Her talks with eighth-graders preparing for confirmation and their parents are popular presentations at many parishes, and she was recently a presenter at the St. Brigid of Kildare Church men's retreat.

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The secret of the ages was first revealed to a five-time divorcee

By **Leandro M. Tapay**

Diocesan Missions Director

She had been married to five men. Her life was a mess until she encountered Jesus.

On a particular day, she went to her town's well at noon. Why did she not go in the morning? Maybe she did, and just needed extra water that day.

Or maybe she wanted to avoid other women. Walking under the hot summer sun was a small price to pay to escape their sharp tongues.

So she came to the well at noon. She expected silence and solitude. Instead, she found Jesus.

Jesus asked her for water. But she was too streetwise to think that all Jesus wanted was a drink. "Since when does a Jew like you ask a woman like me for water?" she asked. She wanted to know what Jesus really had in mind. She was right: Jesus was interested in more than water. Jesus was interested in her heart.

They talked. She could not remember the last time a man had spoken to her with respect. Jesus told her about a spring of water that would quench the thirst not of the throat, but of the soul.

That intrigued her. "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water," she said. "Go call your husband and come back," Jesus told her.

Her heart must have sank. Here was a man with a gentleness she never had seen before. And now He was asking her about her husband. Anything but that.

Maybe she considered lying or changing the subject. Perhaps she wanted to leave – but she stayed and told the truth.

"I have no husband," she said. Kindness has a way of inviting honesty. You know the rest of the story.

The woman must have wondered what Jesus would do next. She must have wondered



if Jesus' kindness would cease when the truth was revealed. She must have wondered "Will He be angry? Will He leave? Will He think I am worthless?"

If you have the same anxieties, pay attention.

"You are right. You don't have any husband. The man you are living with now is not your husband," Jesus said.

No criticism. No anger. No "what-kind-of-mess-have-you-made-of-your-life" lecture. No. It was not perfection that Jesus was seeking. It was honesty.

The woman was amazed. "There is something different about you. Do you mind if I ask you something?" she said.

Then she asked the question that revealed the big hole in her soul: "Where is God? My people say He is on the mountain. Your people say He is in Jerusalem. I do not know where He is."

Can you imagine the expression on Jesus' face when He heard the question? Of all the places to find a hungry heart – Samaria. Of all the Samaritans searching for God – a woman. Of all women hungry for God – a five-time divorcee.

And of all the people chosen to personally receive the secret of the ages – an outcast among outcasts, the most insignificant person in the region.

Jesus did not reveal the secret to King Herod. He did not reveal it to the Sanhedrin. It was not in the colonnades of a Roman court that He announced His identity.

No. He revealed it in the shade of a well in a rejected land to an ostracized woman. Jesus' eyes must have danced as He whispered the secret: "I am the Messiah!"

Can divorced Catholics become lost sheep?

By **Keith F. Luscher**

It is good news that Catholics experience a lower divorce rate in the United States than others (the rate is 28 percent, according to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate). That said, divorce remains significant, for the nation has approximately 11 million divorced Catholics.

To say it is difficult and painful to go through the end of a marriage, especially one of many years with children involved, is a great understatement. Anyone who has experienced this situation, whether it occurred 10 days or 10 years ago, will tell you it is a trauma that cannot be imagined and is never forgotten.

While it is painful to go through any divorce; it is often even more painful to endure it *as a Catholic*. This is because the Church holds marriage on a level much higher than does the rest of the culture, including our Protestant Christian brothers and sisters.

In our culture, marriage is a contract; in the Church, it is a *covenant*. What's the difference? I was taught in school that there is a very significant difference between the two: a contract says "I will do my part, if you do yours," while a covenant says "I will do my part, *whether or not* you do yours."

That is the example Christ gave us. He does His part lovingly and willingly, even when we fail to do ours. We are called to model that level of love and commitment when we enter into a marriage covenant with another, and with God as a third partner. When that covenant is not valid, or when a valid marriage fails, it makes for an even heavier cross to bear.

Divorce is one of the most significant factors that drive Catholics away from the Church. Many Catholics don't fully understand what the Church really teaches about love, sex, marriage, divorce, annulment, or remarriage. Many myths and misunderstandings about the Church's teachings can cause frustration, anger, and, sometimes, a profound sense of abandonment from the Church. As a result, people without a clear knowledge of the authentic Catholic position on these matters leave the Church. They become "lost sheep."

As Catholics, it is our job to model Christ's example of divine mercy; go and

find these people, and lead them back to the flock.

To this end, several years ago, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church began offering a 12-week support program titled *Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family*. This program was created by Rose Sweet, a nationally known Catholic educator and author on the topics of divorce, annulment, and remarriage. She herself has been civilly divorced.

In 2015, other central Ohio Catholics joined with those at Our Lady of Perpetual Help to create an apostolate designed to promote and foster the *Surviving Divorce* program at other parishes. This pastoral community of Catholic men and women, lay leaders and clergy, known as Non Solum Columbus (Latin for "not alone"), also aims to provide other means of support, love, and encouragement for Catholics experiencing marital separation and/or divorce. This includes guidance on seeking annulments for those Catholics who are civilly divorced.

In addition to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the program is being offered at Columbus St. Catharine, Powell St. Joan of Arc, Worthington St. Michael, Chillicothe St. Peter, and Zanesville St. Nicholas churches.

The Church is the messenger of truth, revealed to us by God. Sometimes that truth is difficult to hear, and sometimes we don't want to hear it. But Christ intended for us to speak that truth with love and mercy. We hope that Non Solum Columbus will foster emotional and spiritual healing and bring the "lost sheep" closer to Christ, His Church, and the truth it delivers.

Anyone who would like updates on *Surviving Divorce* program offerings may visit the apostolate's website. Non Solum also offers a free downloadable report titled *Thirteen Myths of Marriage, Divorce & Annulments in The Catholic Church*. Both may be found online at Divorced-CatholicColumbus.org.

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