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Church still supports Natural Family Planning

Back in the late 1970s, confusion reigned in the Catholic Church. If you lived through that period after the Second Vatican Council, you'll remember how murky the waters were on adherence to Church teaching, particularly regarding sexuality. Some will say that the Church is still trying to recover.

If you happened to be preparing for marriage around that time, the clergy, to be perfectly honest, might have provided misinformation about sexuality. In many cases, they seemed to be just as confused as the laity. Dissidents openly rejected Pope St. Paul VI's 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* that re-emphasized the Church did not approve of artificial birth control.

Chemical contraception had become socially acceptable in Western culture, and the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* decision in 1973 made abortion legal throughout the nation. More young people were going along with the mainstream and giving into the temptation of conjugal relations outside of marriage. Pregnancy prevention aids diminished the importance of openness to life at all times, abortions skyrocketed and family sizes consequently began to shrink.

Raise your hand if you attended a marriage prep program or received private instruction from the clergy and were not made aware of Natural Family Planning (NFP) or told that artificial contraception was not acceptable. NFP (natural methods to achieve and regulate pregnancy) wasn't as prevalent as it is today, and couples needed to be pretty savvy to either seek out a program or be blessed to find a class close to home. The internet didn't exist to provide information with the ease of a few clicks.

Many devoted Catholic couples started using "The Pill" because

they mistakenly thought the Church had relaxed its teaching on delaying or preventing pregnancy. A trusted source (parents, teachers, clergy) had told them it was OK. But when couples learned more about the Church's unchanging position on morality, they came to regret that decision. Thank you, Pope St. John Paul II, for making things clear with the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* and the Theology of the Body.

Unfortunately, many couples still see nothing wrong with artificial birth control.

Some will argue that the Church has no business telling people how to live their lives. They don't like rules. They don't believe the Church should determine family size or define that marriage is supposed to be between a man and a woman according to God's holy design. Artificial contraception and artificial means of creating children (surrogates, *in vitro* fertilization, etc.) have blurred the lines.

That's missing the point, though. Openness to children strengthens the marriage bond between a husband and wife. Couples who use NFP communicate better and grow in love for each other and for God. Countless studies prove those facts, which the Church points out in a particular way during National NFP Awareness Week from July 22 to July 27.

The Office for Marriage and Family Life provides valuable resources about NFP on the diocesan website. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops also offers a wealth of information at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning>.

Until the world recognizes that every single child, no matter the circumstances, is not a burden but a blessing, no one will be at peace. The Catholic Church must unwaveringly continue to shine as the beacon of light on life and marriage.

Week celebrates blessings of Natural Family Planning

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is celebrating its annual National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week from Sunday, July 21 to Saturday, July 27. The theme is "Cooperating With God's Design for Married Love."

The USCCB has set aside a week in late July to highlight NFP since 2002. It chose that period because July 25 is the anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which expresses Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love and responsible parenthood, and July 26 is the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Mother.

In marriage, when serious reasons arise, a husband and wife might need to limit the size of their family. An ever-present temptation is to use a form of contraception to limit or avoid having children. But by blocking fertility, contraception harms God's creation and rejects his gift of human life.

There are methods of authentic family planning that honor God's design by supporting the love-giving and life-giving nature of sexual intercourse, promoting openness to new life and the value of the child and helping enrich the bond between husband and wife.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an

umbrella term for such methods to either achieve or avoid pregnancy. NFP education teaches a husband and wife, or a couple soon to be married, about their fertile time (the time of the woman's ovulation, when an egg is released from the ovary).

These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact during the fertile phases of the woman's cycle. No drugs, devices or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

Mark and Leslie Wolf of Columbus St. Patrick Church have been practicing NFP since their marriage in September 2010. They have four children, ages 6, 4, 2 and 4 months. The couple learned about NFP during marriage preparation classes from Jennifer Fullin, NFP coordinator for the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office, and her husband, Frank, and now teach NFP classes themselves.

"Society in general says, 'You can have anything you want when you want it,' but NFP doesn't work that way," Mark Wolf said. "There's a lot

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Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. In July and August, we will be publishing every other week. Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just prior to **July 28 and Aug. 11 & 25**. We will return to weekly publication in September.

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SEMINARIANS VISIT STUDENTS
Students at Westerville St. Paul School line the building's hallways to greet diocesan seminarians during the seminarians' 2018 bicycle tour of the diocese. (Photo courtesy diocesan Vocations Office)



Hispanic ministry leaders share ideas at V Encuentro

The diocese's Latino Ministry office hosted a V Encuentro Diocesan Day for Hispanic/Latino Ministry on Saturday, June 29 at Pickerington Seton Parish. The event allowed Hispanic ministry leaders to pray together and discuss four key themes in parish ministry: faith formation, ministry to families, youth ministry and evangelization.

The day began with the rosary, followed by Mass with Bishop Robert Brennan as the principal celebrant. Bishop Brennan's homily encouraged the faithful to focus on Christ and not themselves in their work of evangelization. The bishop encouraged those in attendance to look to Sts. Peter and Paul as models for missionary discipleship, the center of the V Encuentro process.

The presence of Bishop Brennan and representatives of the diocesan offices of Religious Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministry showed that Hispanic ministry is a diocesan priority. Olandino de la Cruz and his wife, Maria, Columbus Christ the King parishioners and delegates for the V National Encuentro, were happy to see the diocesan leadership and several English-speaking leaders in attendance.

"The professional and human quality, plus the love and passion with which our sister Pamela Harris (di-

rector of the diocesan Office of Ethnic Ministries) works, made for a successful V Encuentro," Olandino de la Cruz said. "The spirit of Pentecost that occurred during this event is a result of hard work, dedication and the direction of the Ethnic Ministries Office of the Diocese of Columbus."

"It's inspiring to see the diocese take an active role and accompany the Hispanic/Latino community in the Encuentro process," said Marta Quiñones, a lay leader from Columbus St. Peter Church who was the day's mistress of ceremonies. "It also shows a willingness to empower and equip leaders in our diocese to be joyful missionaries for the whole Church."

Father David Schalk, pastor of Christ the King Church and diocesan vicar for Hispanic/Latino Ministry, said, "This (meeting) was a way of planting the seeds for future collaboration among parishes."

During the event's afternoon session, attendees sat with leaders from various parishes as they shared perspectives on the four key ministry themes.

"The commitment of the Hispanic leaders was evident by the passionate discussions and their animated shar-

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Líderes del Ministerio Hispano Comparten Ideas en el V Encuentro

La oficina del Ministerio Hispano/Latino de la Diócesis de Columbus patrocinó la reunión de V Encuentro, el sábado 29 de junio, en la parroquia St. Elizabeth Ann Seton en Pickerington. El propósito de esta reunión fue brindar una oportunidad para que los líderes del ministerio hispano se unieran en oración y conversación. Se habló de cuatro temas claves en el ministerio parroquial: la formación de la fe, el ministerio a las familias, el ministerio juvenil y la evangelización.

El día comenzó con un rosario seguido de la misa con el obispo Brennan como el principal celebrante. En su homilía del obispo Brennan animó a los fieles a centrarse en Cristo. Nos recordó que no somos nada sin Cristo. Es Cristo a quien llevamos al mundo y que debemos negarnos a centrarnos en nosotros mismos en nuestra obra de evangelización. Bishop nos animó a mirar a los santos Pedro y Pablo como modelos para el discipulado misionero que es el centro del proceso del V Encuentro.

La presencia del obispo Brennan junto con representantes de las oficinas diocesanas de Educación Religiosa y Ministerio de Juventud y Jóvenes Adultos, mostraron que el ministerio hispano es una prioridad en la Diócesis de Columbus. Olandino de la

Cruz y su esposa María se sorprendieron gratamente al ver a los líderes diocesanos y a varios angloparlantes presentes. "La calidad profesional y humana, además del amor y la pasión con que trabaja nuestra hermana Pamela Harris, hizo que esta actividad fuere un exitoso Encuentro. El espíritu de Pentecostés que ocurrió durante este evento es el resultado del arduo trabajo, la dedicación y la dirección de la Oficina de Ministerios Etnicos de la Diócesis de Columbus".

"Es inspirador ver a la diócesis tomar un papel activo y acompañar a la Comunidad Hispana/Latina en el proceso del Encuentro. También muestra la voluntad de empoderar y equipar a los líderes de nuestra diócesis para que sean misioneros gozosos para toda la Iglesia", comentó Marta Quiñones, una líder laico de San Pedro en Worthington. Ella fue nuestra maestra de ceremonias, facilitando las actividades durante todo el día. Su experiencia en la parroquia le proporciona una visión de las bendiciones y desafíos del ministerio hispano.

El P. David Schalk, Pastor, Cristo Rey y Vicario para el Ministerio Hispano/Latino, dijo: "Esta fue una

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Diocese's Hispanics have new vicar in Father Schalk



Father David A. Schalk has been appointed diocesan vicar for Hispanic ministry.

Father David A. Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, has been appointed diocesan vicar for Hispanic ministry by Bishop Robert J. Brennan.

Father Schalk will continue as pastor at Christ the King and will work directly with the bishop to oversee the spiritual and pastoral needs of the diocese's growing Hispanic community. Collaborating with Catholic Ethnic Ministries and other diocesan offices, he will play a critical leadership role in implementing diocesan initiatives, programs and outreach.

"Father Schalk has long been known as a fine priest, tireless in his work for all the faithful at Christ the King and throughout our diocese, and a clear and proven leader within the Hispanic community," Bishop Brennan said.

Father Schalk is bilingual and has spent most of his 11 years as a priest

serving Christ the King, where a majority of parishioners have a Latino heritage. He became parochial vicar there in 2010 and pastor the following year.

"This extensive experience, combined with the credibility and skills he has developed during his service, will make him an invaluable asset to everyone in the diocese as we all work together to address the unique and diverse needs of our Hispanic community and strengthen their presence and participation in the Church's work of building God's kingdom here in central and southern Ohio," the bishop said.

"I am humbled to be entrusted with this work," Father Schalk said. "Hispanic ministry has been a passion of mine as long as I have been a priest. There are many challenges ahead of us, but the priests and lay leaders of the diocese are up for those challenges.

"I hope to serve the bishop to the best of my ability and will rely on all the gifts and talents of the Hispanic community of the Columbus diocese. It's a privilege and a blessing to be working with Latino Catholics in Columbus."

Father Schalk, a Columbus native, earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and English literature from the Pontifical College Josephinum and bachelor of sacred theology and master of divinity degrees from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 2008, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Previously, Father Schalk served as parochial vicar at Delaware St. Mary Church and ministered to the Spanish-speaking community while in residence at Christ the King.

Solidarity with farmers and rural communities

It's time to show our solidarity with farmers and rural communities. This spring produced historic rainfalls in Ohio and throughout the Midwest. The constant wet weather and flooding has dashed the hopes of many farmers of planting corn or any crop this year. According to news reports, it is the worst planting season in several decades.

I grew up in rural northwest Ohio, surrounded by farm fields. I know the old adage when it comes to corn, "knee-high by the Fourth of July." Yet with modern varieties, corn is typically waist- to shoulder-high by July 4. Sadly, that's not what I observed this year. For farmers who were able to plant corn, many measured their crop at less than a foot high on Independence Day.

The perspective from the air is even more telling of the extent of the problem. On the first weekend of July, I flew into Omaha, Nebraska, to attend a conference at Creighton University. Ironically, it was a *Laudato Si'* conference convened by Catholic Climate Covenant. The aim of the conference was to determine ways the Catholic Church in the United States can better care for God's creation and address challenges to our environment.

As the jet flew into Omaha, I saw dramatic flooding of farms along the Missouri River. It was not just patches of flooding here and there, but entire fields, miles on end, with farmhouses and buildings engulfed in water on a massive scale. In some instances, only the barn roofs were exposed above the floodwater. It was a sobering sight.

As I looked out of the window while flying back to Columbus, I noticed large, sprawling Ohio fields of light brown where I grew up in Van Wert County. It is a foreign sight to me at this time of year because these fields are typically green. Either the fields were not planted or the corn and soybeans are in their infancy stages because of late planting.

Farmers are fully aware of the risks involved when it comes to their vocation. Farmers have good years and not

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so good years. Most large farms have crop insurance to weather the storms of the bad years. Farmers are resilient and adjust to conditions like planting soybeans if they are unable to plant corn. However, their troubles are compounded when houses or buildings are flooded.

Time will tell about the impact of this year's planting season. It is safe to say there will be a ripple effect. With less corn on the market, farmers with livestock will have to pay higher prices for feed. Consumers will pay higher prices for food and other products such as plastics and ethanol made from corn. This impacts not just the everyday consumer, but even more so the poor here and around the world.

You see, when we look at these issues from a wide perspective, there is an integral ecology about it, an interconnected natural ecology and human ecology. As Pope Francis says in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), "Everything is connected."

During these challenging times, keep farmers and agricultural workers in your prayers. For prayer suggestions and other resources, visit the website of Catholic Rural Life at www.catholicrurallife.org.

If you are able, offer support to members of our rural communities affected by recent flooding. If you are affected by the flooding and need assistance, contact Erin Cordle of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or socmailbox@columbus-catholic.org. Erin directs our diocesan disaster response efforts and can work with you to address your needs.

Finally, when you get the chance, please take a moment and thank a farmer. Express your gratitude for their livelihood. Be in solidarity with them and members of our rural communities. Show them that you care.

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ing," Quiñones said.

"It was great to meet with other parishioners of different churches of central Ohio and to discuss evangelization and formation in the Hispanic/Latino community," said Laura Kreber, a parishioner at Columbus St. Cecilia Church. "It was humbling to listen to their experiences. It emphasized the need to be intentional with meeting people where they are, to learn about our respective cultures and situation. We took away a couple of ideas that we can implement at our own parish."

Patricia Barajas Vazquez, a parishioner at Delaware St. Mary Church, was grateful to have Bishop Brennan not only attend, but also participate in the discussions. "For us, it was a great pleasure to be a part of this event," Vazquez said. "It was a day full of great blessings, as we had the opportunity to see and talk with the bishop about the needs of our churches. We shared ideas with other leaders. We left the event full of faith and more hope. We hope to be able to help our community more and look forward to attending the next meeting."

Throughout the event, musical group Agua Viva led participants in upbeat praise and worship songs.

More than 200 leaders attended the V Encuentro Diocesan Day for Hispanic/Latino Ministry, with 14 parishes represented.

The next diocesan V Encuentro will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road. The topic will be the final report of the V National Encuentro, a four-year process of ecclesial reflection and action in parishes across the United States. The document will provide a national and local summary of demographic, religious and social findings to equip pastoral leaders to better understand the communities they serve. Hosffman Ospino, professor of theology and religious education at Boston College and V Encuentro consultant, will be the facilitator.

To register for this event, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/cem or email catholiclatinoministry@columbuscatholic.org.

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Our Lady of Angels

Some people maintain that there is no such thing as a coincidence. I've heard coincidences called God-incidents and God-kisses, and I've always raised my eyebrows.

I'm sure there are many others who hesitate before not calling something a coincidence. On a footpath near Cartago, Costa Rica, a mulatto peasant named Juana Pereira experienced something she must have thought was just a fluke on Aug. 2, 1635. As she was gathering firewood on that date, the Feast of the Holy Angels, she saw an odd light coming from the trees by the path. She followed the light and there, tucked into a nook of a larger rock, was a stone statue of the Virgin Mary.

It was almost three inches high and completely black. The statue shows Mary carrying Jesus on her left arm, gathered into the folds of her mantle. He is reaching up, almost as though he's reaching for her face, and she's looking down, though not at him.

Juana took the statue home, probably thinking it a lovely accident that she found it that day. Although she was poor, I don't think she considered selling it. Maybe she took it as the sign she needed that day that God was at work in her life, despite her hardships. Perhaps she had plans to take it

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to her priest. Maybe she was going to enjoy having Mary in her hut.

What do you suppose Juana's first thought was on finding the statue missing? Did she panic? Had she told anyone about discovering it, and could they have stolen it?

As it turned out, the statue had not disappeared, but had returned to the rock where it had been found. When this happened again, Juana took the statue to her parish priest, who put it in the tabernacle of the church.

When the statue was found not just once more, but four more times at the original site after disappearing from cupboards and tabernacles and places of safekeeping, someone must have said "Oh! This isn't a coincidence!" It was interpreted as a sign that the Virgin Mary wanted a shrine built on the site where the statue had been found.

The shrine of Our Lady of Angels, or *La Negrita*, as she is fondly called by the Costa Ricans, became a destination for pilgrims, and especially for those who were poor or outcast, crippled or hurting. In 1926, the image was solemnly crowned, which means it was recognized as being holy and worthy of veneration.

In 1935, Pope Pius XI declared the shrine of Our Lady of Angels to be a basilica, showing the high respect and sacredness of the site and the title of Mary which it bears.

The Costa Rican image of Our Lady of Angels is humble. It's not sparkly and golden, though it's displayed in a large gold monstrance at the basilica. It's just a small piece of carved stone, with an inclination for showing up where it originally was found. It reminds me that I never know when I'll get the help I need.

Our Lady of Angels, the black madonna *La Negrita*, didn't appear to someone rich and learned. As she often does, Mary chose one of the lowly, someone who could embrace the miracle and bask in its beauty, despite the appearance of coincidence.

In my day-to-day life, covered as I am in rational thinking and left-brained activity, it's possible to ignore the existence of miracles. I could think of my alarm clock as a cheap piece of plastic and completely ignore the fact that every time I've forgotten to turn it on for that new wakeup time to get to Adoration, I've still been awake in time. It is, after all, just a coincidence.

Or is it?

Angels are the closest beings to God in heaven, and Mary is the queen of them. The title Our Lady of Angels shows a special fondness for God's plan, a particular respect for his ordering, a specific veneration for his mother. Instead of Mary with a gown of gold, we have Mary carved in black stone. She's nothing much to see and she's smaller than my daughter's favorite doll.

And yet within that simple stone statue, there's the possibility for healing and wholeness. As Mary holds her son, she looks down to the angels holding her. Can you imagine her passing him to one of them so that I could have a closer look? Do you think she would hesitate to share her baby with anyone who wanted to hold him? Could there be any better way to find the path to heaven?

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manera de plantar las semillas para la futura colaboración entre las parroquias". Durante la sesión de la tarde, los asistentes se sentaron con otros líderes de diferentes parroquias. Lo cual proporcionó una perspectiva más amplia sobre los cuatro temas claves en el ministerio parroquial, así como la oportunidad de conocer a otros en la comunidad parroquial. La oportunidad de hablar con otros líderes parroquiales fue uno de los aspectos más destacados para muchos de los presentes.

"El compromiso de los líderes hispanos fue evidente por las apasionadas discusiones y su animado intercambio en las mesas". Marta Quiñones.

"Fue grandioso reunimos con feligreses de diferentes iglesias del centro de Ohio para discutir la evangelización y la formación en la comunidad hispana/Latina; me invadió un sentimiento de humildad al escuchar sus experiencias. Se hizo hincapié en la necesidad de ser intencionales en

conocer a las personas donde están, de aprender sobre nuestras respectivas culturas y situaciones. Nos llevamos un par de ideas que podemos implementar en nuestra propia parroquia". Laura Kreber, feligresa, San Cecilia.

Patricia Barajas Vázquez, feligresa de Santa María Delaware, se sintió agradecida de que el obispo Brennan no sólo asistiera sino que participara en las discusiones. "Para nosotros, fue un gran placer ser parte de este evento. Fue un día lleno de grandes bendiciones donde tuvimos la oportunidad de ver y hablar con el obispo acerca de las necesidades de nuestras Iglesias. Compartimos ideas con otros líderes, salimos del evento llenos de fe y esperanza. Esperamos poder ayudar más a nuestra comunidad y esperamos con anticipación la próxima reunión".

Además de las animadas conversaciones a lo largo del día, y la maravillosa facilitadora que nos mantuvo en los temas, tuvimos el honor del grupo musical, "Agua Viva" para guiarnos

en canciones durante todo el día.

Su estilo alegre y animado de alabanza y adoración mantuvo a todos comprometidos, motivados y conscientes de la presencia del Espíritu Santo. "Agua Viva" hizo del evento mucho más alegre y enérgico.

Asistieron más de 200 líderes al día Diocesano del V Encuentro para el Ministerio Hispano/Latino, con catorce parroquias representadas.

Nuestra próxima reunión diocesana de V Encuentro será el sábado 17 de agosto, en Obispo Hartley High School de 8am-3pm, y esperamos una multitud aún mayor para analizar el informe final del V Encuentro Nacional. El Dr. Hosffiman Ospino, Ph.D., profesor de teología y educación religiosa en Boston College y consultor de V Encuentro, será el facilitador.

Invitamos a los fieles de la diócesis a unirse a nosotros para este importante acontecimiento. Es una oportunidad para acompañarnos unos a otros en el proceso del Encuentro. San Pedro

nos llama a ser de una sola mente, amándonos unos a otros (1 Pedro 3:8). San Pablo nos dice que aunque somos muchos, somos un solo cuerpo en Cristo (Romanos 12:4). ¡Dejémos inspirar por los esfuerzos e intercesiones de los santos Pedro y Pablo!

Regístrate para este próximo evento, visitando www.columbuscatholic.org/cem o por correo electrónico - catholiclatinoministry@columbuscatholic.org.

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Existence of purgatory; should some politicians be excommunicated?

QI am a cradle Catholic and have always believed in purgatory. Now I am hearing from some people (including from some priests) who deny its existence. Can you clarify this for me? (City and state of origin withheld)

AThe Catholic Church does indeed believe in the existence of purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this:

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect” (No. 1030-31).

This belief is reflected even in the Old Testament, where we read in the Second Book of Maccabees (12:46) that Judas Maccabeus “made atonement for the dead” that they might be freed from sin, which suggests a Jewish practice of offering prayers and sacrifice to cleanse the souls of the departed.

In the Gospel of Matthew (12:32), Jesus says that certain sins “will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come,” an indication that some purging of the soul may occur after death.

QUESTION & ANSWER

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Personally, I find comfort in the church’s teaching on purgatory. It is not a final destination; everyone there will wind up in heaven eventually. Nor do we know how our concept of time relates to eternity – the purification that takes place in purgatory could even be instantaneous.

I think that the confusion you speak of regarding the Catholic belief in purgatory may stem in part from the conflation in some people’s minds of purgatory and limbo – and on limbo, the church no longer holds fast to its existence.

In years past, it was the common belief of Catholics (although never defined dogmatically) that children who died without being baptized went, not to be with God in heaven, but to a state of natural happiness called limbo.

But that was theological speculation, not doctrine; and in 2007, the

church’s International Theological Commission, with the authorization of Pope Benedict XVI, published a document that concluded that “there are theological and liturgical reasons to hope that infants who die without baptism may be saved ... even if there is not an explicit teaching on this question found in revelation.”

QThe church’s *Code of Canon Law* (No. 1398) says that a person who procures an abortion incurs excommunication. Do Catholic politicians who vote to provide abortions incur this same penalty? (Woodbridge, Virginia)

ACatholic Church leaders differ as to the most effective strategies to employ with regard to legislators who vote to support abortion. In January 2019, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation expanding access to abortion, letting non-doctors perform them and allowing late-term abortions.

He also directed that certain buildings in the state, including One World Trade Center, be lighted in pink to celebrate the bill’s passage. Some Catho-

lics quickly called for the governor to be excommunicated.

A statement issued by New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan’s spokesman said in response that in general, “excommunication should not be used as a weapon” and that “notable canon lawyers have said that, under canon law, excommunication is not an appropriate response to a politician who supports or votes for legislation advancing abortion.”

Instead, the statement suggested, a more useful pastoral approach would be for church leaders to discuss the matter personally with an individual legislator.

Also from a strategic perspective, the statement continued, excommunication might not be an effective tool because “many politicians would welcome it as a sign of their refusal to be ‘bullied by the church,’ thinking it would give them a political advantage.”

In a somewhat different approach, in June 2019, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois, decreed that certain state legislative leaders should not be admitted to holy Communion within his diocese because “they have obstinately persisted in promoting the abominable crime and very grave sin of abortion” through their “repeated votes and obdurate public support” for abortion access.

Biking for Babies trek starts in Columbus, aids pro-life effort

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

By the time you read this story, five cyclists and two support crew members will be well on their way to, or will have reached, their final destination in, St. Louis after leaving Monday, July 8 from St. Therese’s Retreat Center in Columbus on the Biking for Babies national ride.

The group is one of four teams which began riding across the nation on that date as part of a pro-life outreach ministry now in its 10th year.

The four groups, with at least five riders each, started in Columbus; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Holly, Colorado; and Tylertown, Mississippi. Their routes formed a cross with the center in St. Louis, where they were scheduled to converge on Saturday, July 13 for a celebration of life at Tower Grove Park, an event featuring speakers, food, drink, live music, games and raffles.

The six-day trek was not for the casual rider. The participants, who

are a mix of Catholics and Christians from other faith traditions, prepared for the past seven months physically and spiritually for the grueling ride in the heat of July. Each of the Biking for Babies riders, known as missionaries, completed a formation period that included developing a pro-life testimony.

The group traveling from Columbus to St. Louis rode 733 miles on highways, country roads and trails, with the longest day trip covering 132 miles. The average for each of the



Biking for Babies riders (from left) Jonathan Simpson, Jessica Freund, Dirk Meyer, Joshua Geinert and Zachary Cooper line up at St. Therese’s Retreat Center before starting their journey to St. Louis.

four missionary teams was 120 miles per day at a pace of 15-20 mph. In the evenings, they rested and prepared for the next day in housing provided by host families or at a parish.

Bikers were expected to be able to handle not only the physical demands of cycling great distances, but also changing flat tires, safely navigating through traffic, praying along the way, raising funds for pregnancy resource centers and communicating pro-life truths. They also provided their own supplies and transportation to and from the ride while taking time off from work or school.

The Eastern missionaries, who left from Columbus, comprised a mix of working adults and college students. None of the seven riders and support personnel calls Ohio home, but all hail from Midwestern or Great Plains states. They include route leader Dirk Meyer of Rockford, Minnesota; Jonathan Simpson of Epworth, Iowa; Zachary Cooper of West York, Illinois; Jessica Freund of Wichita, Kansas; Joshua Geinert of rural Jamestown, North Dakota; Shoshana Mathias of

St. Louis Park, Minnesota; and Nancy Streu of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

There was one Columbus connection: Bicycle One, located at 82 Mill St. in Gahanna, provided free tuneups and bike repairs before the start of the journey.

Meyer explained that the shop helped two years ago when one of the bikes broke down. A relationship was formed.

“That was very generous of them,” Meyer said. “It’s very cool how we network as we ride and stay in contact for future years.”

Meyer rode for the third time this year, and Cooper was the veteran of the group, with four trips to his credit.

Meyer’s first ride came two years ago when the route started near the Ohio River in Toronto, Ohio, wound through the demanding hills of eastern Ohio through the rain, continued through Indiana and Illinois, and ended in St. Louis in four days.

A quote from Abby Johnson, the

Local news and events

Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools to sponsor supply drive

The diocesan Office of Catholic Schools is sponsoring its inaugural "Tools for Catholic Schools" program from Sunday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 11 to supply needed classroom items to parochial schools throughout the diocese.

These items include notebook paper; markers; black, blue or red pens; three- or five-subject notebooks; glue sticks; colored pencils; No. 2 pencils; backpacks; two- or three-inch binders; and index cards.

The supplies will be collected in boxes to be placed at parishes during the drive period. In addition, there will be a drive-by supply dropoff from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 11 at Generations Religious Gifts, 1095 Dublin Road, Columbus.

The schools office also is accepting cash or check donations. A \$10 gift will purchase a backpack filled with supplies. A \$300 gift will provide supplies for an entire classroom. Monetary donations will be accepted at Generations or at the schools office, located in the Catholic Center at 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215, or may be sent to the office at that address. Make out checks to the Diocese of Columbus, with "Tools for Catholic Schools" in the memo line.

For more information, call Kitty Quinn at the schools office at (614) 221-5829.

Bishop to attend cookout

Bishop Robert Brennan will attend the annual cookout sponsored by the Columbus Theology on Tap discussion group for young adults to begin its program year. It will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at a site to be announced.

Representatives of several young adult and young professionals groups also will be on hand to share information about their coming activities. There will be a \$5 cover charge at the door to help with the cost of food and drinks.

For more information, go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/theology-on-tap>.

Young adult retreat scheduled

The diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a "Spirit at Work" retreat for people in their 20s and 30s on Saturday, Aug. 10 at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center,

2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark.

This peer-led retreat will give young adults an opportunity to step back and reflect on how God and the Holy Spirit are at work in their lives. There will be elements of prayer, talks, personal reflection and small-group sharing, each considering God's presence in a person's life and how that forms the decision-making process.

The cost of the daylong retreat is \$25 per person, with an option to come out Friday evening to spend more time relaxing, reflecting and connecting with other young adults. For more information and to register, go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/young-adult-retreats>.

Father Vasko to speak

Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the holy Land, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Cradling Christianity dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Walter Student Commons of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

Father Vasko will travel to Columbus from Jerusalem to provide an update on the situation of Christians in the Holy Land. He is a leading expert and defender of the Christian community in the Holy Land, having been involved with the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land since 1981, after a career in marketing and public relations in New York.

Cradling Christianity was created by a group of Holy Land pilgrims from Columbus who wanted to do more to assist the struggling Christian community in the place where Christ planted his church. About 150,000 Christians remain in the Holy Land, as pressures from ongoing conflicts force many to emigrate from their ancestral lands.

Cradling Christianity raises funds that provide education, employment and housing assistance to these struggling Christians. This will be the 14th annual dinner for the organization, which has raised more than \$1 million in 13 years.

The program begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the school chapel, followed by a reception, dinner and program in the commons.

To make a reservation or for more information, contact Barb or Ron Rowland at rrowlan@columbus.rr.com.

Healing Mass set for July 22

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 22 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The healing service will follow the Mass and include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of relics of the True Cross of Christ, and an opportunity for everyone present to speak individually with a priest and have him say prayers of healing for what they seek. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited, especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

Secured parking is available off East Gay Street. There is a handicapped-accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street. Healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of every other month. Other Healing Masses at the cathedral this year will be on Sept. 16 and Nov. 18.

For more information, call the cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

Resurrection to host concert

A concert to benefit the local charity Reagan's Hope will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

The event will feature local entertainers, including several members of the parish's music ministry, performing songs from a variety of genres. Taking part will be the groups Serendipity and The Basement Band, individual performers Chris Bare and Robin Coolidge, and students from the Paula Trybus Voice Studio.

Pizza, pop, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$10 in advance for children ages five to 10, and free for

anyone five years old or younger. They may be purchased at www.wyandottewinery.com.

Reagan's Hope is named for seven-year-old Reagan McGee of New Albany, who just before her second birthday was diagnosed with Sanfilippo syndrome, a rare genetic disease that affects children and has no cure or treatment. A child with this disease develops typically in the first years of life, then slowly loses all skills, including the ability to talk, walk and even swallow, leading to increased behavioral complications and ultimately to death in the second decade of life.

To learn more about Reagan and Sanfilippo syndrome, go to www.reaganshope.org.

St. Catharine member honored

Columbus St. Catharine Church parishioner Paul Coleman has received the inaugural Nancy Jeffrey advocate award from the Community Shelter Board.

The award honors Jeffrey's activism on behalf of vulnerable people and is given for exemplary work among partner agencies of the board, which leads a coordinated community effort to make sure everyone in Columbus and central Ohio has a place to call home.

Coleman was chief of Maryhaven, central Ohio's oldest behavioral health center, from 1991 to 2016. Under his leadership, Maryhaven grew from a small ministry caring for 2,500 people a year to a robust public behavioral health center with 25 programs in six counties, caring for 10,000 people a year. He led Maryhaven to be a critical partner in serving the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.

During his tenure, Maryhaven opened a shelter for people experiencing alcohol and drug addiction, a street outreach program delivering integrated services and engagement to people living outdoors, and a supportive housing program for people who are disabled and have experienced long-term homelessness.

Before coming to Maryhaven, he was an attorney for two state agencies. In 1983, before the shelter board was created, he came to the defense of the only homeless shelter in Columbus at

Securing authentic children's rights

Children require extensive support and protection to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They are uniquely dependent on their parents because they are particularly vulnerable. Often they are unable to speak on their own behalf or effectively defend themselves from various forms of exploitation.

Considerations such as these provide the basis for acknowledging the reality of "children's rights." Providing an appropriate family environment, with the presence of both a mother and a father, long has been recognized as one of the paramount examples of fulfilling children's rights. A proper family environment offers essential safeguards for a child and helps assure the "full and harmonious development of his or her personality" – to borrow a phrase from the 1990 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Such "full and harmonious development," however, is becoming more difficult to secure for many children, in part because of a growing societal acceptance of powerful new assisted reproductive technologies that can isolate children and deprive them of critical parental and family supports during their childhood. Children brought into existence using anonymous donor sperm and artificial insemination, to consider one example, often struggle with a sense of violation as they end up spending years or even decades searching for information about their biological father, in the desperate hope of discovering his identity, meeting him in person

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Father Tad Pacholczyk

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.



and learning more about their own roots and identity. Katy Faust, founder of the children's rights organization Them Before Us, said children born from these techniques are "just like all other human children who long to be known and loved by the two people responsible for their existence."

Children entering the world through *in vitro* fertilization similarly struggle with the unnatural circumstances in which the hired services of a third-party contractor, rather than their parents' loving embrace, resulted in their coming into being. As they grow up in these situations, they also may face wrenching questions about how many other embryonic siblings were discarded, frozen, or otherwise lost through the complex laboratory manipulations that created them. Surrogate mothering gives rise to another approach that can fracture a child's sense of family connection. This technique frequently relies on multiple parental figures: one who provides

sperm, another eggs, and a third a womb for hire. An even greater number of parental figures may be involved in the production of so-called "three-parent embryos."

While many of these assisted reproductive technologies chip away at the stabilizing presence of maternal and paternal figures in a child's life, their growing use by same-sex couples to facilitate same-sex parenting raises further serious concerns about harming children and ignoring their best interests. Nobody denies that two men each might be able to be a good father, but neither can be a mom. It is part of natural biological filiation for children to flourish under the loving care of their own mom and dad. No same-sex couple can provide that. As Faust notes, "Until recently, our culture and laws have recognized that children have an innate right to their mother and father. When this right is violated, children become 'items' to be cut and pasted into any and every adult romantic relationship."

Additional "cutting and pasting" in children's lives occurs through the growing phenomenon of "triple-parenting." Because a same-sex couple (two lesbians, for instance) cannot have a child unless someone provides the missing ingredient of donor sperm, they must rope in a male for the project – perhaps an anonymous sperm

donor, a friend who agrees to donate his sperm, or an agreeable male friend willing to have sex with one of them. In any of these scenarios, a *de facto* relationship comes to exist between the same-sex couple and this third party individual, raising the prospect of triple-parenting.

California was one of the first states that tried to pass a law allowing children to have three legal parents. In some cases, the lesbians will entirely avoid interaction with any father/donor. In others, they will want their child to have an ongoing relationship with him. Some men may not care; others may be eager and push to get involved with their biological kids. The growing acceptance of same-sex parenting has created momentum for these kinds of triple-parenting situations to arise, bringing additional complications into the lives of the children caught in the middle and subjecting them to further ambiguity regarding their own identity and their relationship to their parents.

Notwithstanding rapidly changing social mores, a truly civilized society never will prioritize the desires of adults ahead of the innate rights of vulnerable children.

As Jennifer Roback Morse, a tireless advocate of marriage and family, concludes, "We are replacing the natural pre-political concept of biological parenthood with an artificial, government-created concept of parenthood that is entirely socially constructed. ... Triple-parenting and genderless marriage are destructive policies. They must be stopped."

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the time after it was sued because of zoning issues.

Coleman, a graduate of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and Ohio State University, is a lecturer at his parish and is part of the Lift Up Your Neighbor campaign cabinet, which has been formed to build the new Bishop Griffin Resource Center at Columbus Christ the King Church.

Serra Club welcomes new officers, members

Bishop Robert Brennan installed officers and new members of the Downtown Serra Club in June after celebrating Mass at St. Therese's Retreat Center.

Among them (in photo) are Virginia

Hardy, president; Tom Murphy, president-elect; Charles Kielkopf, secretary; John Swisher, treasurer; Michael Kreber, VP communications; Daniel Tarpy, VP programs; Carl Faehnle, VP membership; Mary Pardi, VP vocations; Marjo Angelo, trustee; Roger Baughman, trustee; Daniel Martin, trustee; Terry O'Loughlin, historian and Bob Borton, outstanding Serra Club member of the year. New club members are Mary Girard, Judith Levine and Jeanne Swisher. The Serra Club is a lay organization of Catholic men and women whose mission is to foster vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life through prayer, activities and programs.

The Downtown Serra Club, chartered in 1954, meets at Columbus St.

Charles Preparatory School's Cavello Center on the second and fourth Friday at noon. Meetings are open to visitors and new members are welcome.

For information, go to serracolumbus.org or email carl@faehnle.com.

(Photo courtesy Downtown Serra Club)



Millennials explore faith in Toltonite group

A chance meeting of four young people at Mass this year led to formation of a Columbus faith-sharing group for members of the millennial generation.

The group, known as the Toltonites, isn't a formal organization, but has attracted 15 to 20 people at events it has put together in the past five months and is planning more activities, said Devin

Jones of the diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries office.

Jones said the group began at a Mass at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, where he and Salvatore Reedus of the diocesan development and planning office struck up a conversation with WOSU-FM reporter Adora Namigadde and Ohio State University medical student Andrew Philip. All four are millennials – in their early 20s to mid-30s – and talked with one another about the Second Vatican Council and how the council has affected their generation.

“Three of us are African-Americans, Andrew is from India, and all four of us are young. These days, you don't find many people fitting those descriptions in a Catholic church,” Namigadde said. “We found ourselves looking at each other, then we got together after Mass and had a great conversation.”

Later the same day, the four found each other again – this time at the Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite of the Catholic Church that is celebrated periodically at Columbus Sacred Heart Church. “We resumed the conversation, and it

got pretty lively,” Jones said. “Other young people joined in, and we ended up with about eight to 10 taking part. Adora said we should make plans to get together for dinner and invited us to her house, and that's how things got started.”

Participants in the discussion after the Syro-Malabar Mass formed a chat group on the WhatsApp messaging service to plan the dinner, which ended up attracting about 25 people in April. “We knew we had something going, so during that dinner, we started planning another one,” Jones said. “This was a combined philosophy discussion and potluck at someone else's house. About 20 people came. At that point, we started thinking about what else we could do.”

Namigadde said Jones suggested that the group be called the Toltonites, in honor of Father Augustus Tolton, the first African-American diocesan priest in the United States. Father Tolton on June 11 was declared by Pope Francis to be “venerable,” the second of four steps toward sainthood. He was a Missouri native who served as a priest for

11 years in Illinois, mainly in Chicago, and died in 1897 at age 43.

“We're a very Spirit-led group,” Namigadde said. “It's Catholic in nature, with some committed Catholics, some people who are considering becoming Catholics and one atheist.”

Jones said, “Most in the group are minorities, but we're open to anyone interested in looking more deeply into the faith and in having a safe space to discuss church-related issues.”

In recent weeks, the group has talked about the process of becoming a saint and has attended a poetry reading. Last month, members gathered at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center to hear Father Stuart Wilson-Smith, CSP, speak about the history of black Catholicism in the United States. Jones said the Toltonites plan to begin regular Bible study and adult faith formation programs in the next few months and to host pizza parties for the homeless.

For more information about the Toltonites, contact Jones at (614) 221-4990 or djones@columbuscatholic.org, or Namigadde at (734) 968-3577.



Venerable Father Augustus Tolton.

LaNicca scholarship



Maggie Ratliff received the George M. LaNicca IV community service scholarship for her years of service to Columbus St. Andrew Church and the central Ohio community, using the corporal works of mercy as a guide. The \$500 award will be used for tuition at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. Maggie, a recent graduate of St. Andrew School, is pictured with Sandy and George M. LaNicca III, the parents of the late George LaNicca IV, who was a graduate of St. Andrew School and Watterson. (Photo courtesy Ratliff family)

St. Brendan expansion groundbreaking



Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church broke ground for its first major construction project in more than 20 years on Sunday, June 30. Participants included (from left): project architect Scott Harper; Bob Sisson of the diocesan facilities office; Father Ed Shikina, parochial vicar; Father Bob Penhallurick, pastor; Will Gruner, St. Brendan School principal; and Hilliard City Council members Les Carrier, Omar Tarazi and Pete Marsh. The ceremony marked the beginning of a multiphase expansion program. This phase will provide a new Adoration chapel, additional meeting spaces, renovations to the school, new utilities infrastructure and relocated administrative offices. When concluded, the project will have added more than 33,000 square feet of new and renovated space.

(Photo courtesy St. Brendan Church)

Answering God's Call

Priest from Tanzania spreads message of love

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

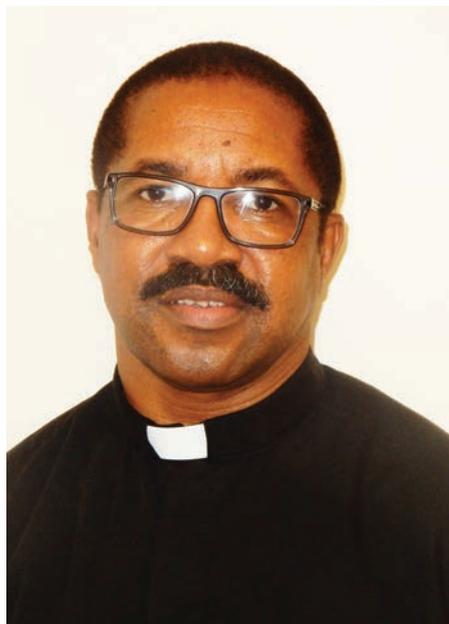
Father Milton Process Kiocha says he found his calling from God through the words of his parish priest in his home country of Tanzania.

"I come from a strong Catholic family, and I have been going to Mass every day since I was in third grade," he said. "Even in those early days of my childhood, I felt something stirring in me when our priest talked about love. I can't describe exactly what it was, but it touched me.

"When he spoke of love, I wanted to hear more and more about it. I began to ask myself how I could be a vessel of God's love and serve the Lord so I could bring some of that love to others – first as a human being, then as a Christian, now as a priest. This is what I continue to ask God for every day and what I try to do wherever I am, through the privilege I have of serving him in the priesthood."

Since November of last year, Father Kiocha, 50, has been parochial vicar of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. There, everyone calls him "Father Milton," and he has become involved in many aspects of parish life, such as training altar servers and joining the Knights of Columbus.

He is a member of the Apostles of Jesus, an order of priests formed in 1968 that is the first indigenous missionary congregation to be founded



Father Milton Process Kiocha

in Africa. The congregation has about 450 members, mostly in Africa, and has an extensive presence in the United States, with about 75 priests serving in 18 states and Puerto Rico.

Father Kiocha has been a priest for 18 years and has been in Ohio for most of that period, serving as chaplain at a convent in Canton for 3½ years and as a hospital chaplain in Akron for eight years. He is the fourth of seven children of Melchior and Maria Kiocha, and grew up in Moshi, Tanzania, a city of about 200,000 people at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.

"I started wanting to serve God in third grade, but lack of finances prevented me from being an altar server until grade five," he said. "My family also had to delay my entering first grade and (receiving) first Communion for financial reasons, but eventually I was enrolled as a server, and I have been serving the Lord at the altar ever since."

Father Kiocha said being an altar server was important not only because of his love of God, but also because it gave him priority when applying to begin training for the priesthood. His priestly formation took 15 years from the start of high school through college philosophy and theology studies, a novitiate and an internship. He was ordained at age 32 on July 14, 2001, by the late Bishop Amedeus Msarikie of Moshi.

His first assignment as a priest was as associate pastor of The Body and Blood of Christ Parish in Naibili, a community in the Diocese of Moshi. "That was a good assignment for a young priest because we started totally from scratch to build a parish," he said. "We had no running water, no electricity, no food, no rectory. We had to involve the people of the congregation in all of our actions so we could become self-reliant. This enabled the priests and the congregation to grow together."

After about a year-and-a-half at Naibili, he received an appointment as secretary general for his congregation's general council at its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. "This was a lot of administrative work," he said. "It involved things like attending all the council meetings, following up with

implementing the council's decisions and recommendations, writing letters to our priests all over the world and so forth. I was told I was appointed to the job because I had the type of skills needed for it. At first, I said I didn't want it, but I accepted the role because of my promise of priestly obedience."

The congregation's leadership decides where its priests are assigned and for how long. Father Kiocha's administrative assignment was for a three-year minimum. "After the third year, I requested a change," he said. "It took another year for a position to be offered to me, and that was the opportunity to become chaplain at the Sancta Clara Monastery in Canton. I accepted it, and this is what brought me to the United States."

The monastery serves as the convent for 10 members of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, a cloistered order of nuns who have been in Canton since 1946 and in the Diocese of Cleveland since 1921. They also had a convent in Portsmouth from 1956 to 2010. The best-known member of the order is the late Mother Angelica, founder of the EWTN radio and television networks, who was a Canton native and spent her first years as a nun at the Canton monastery.

"I had a wonderful period working with the sisters, and I quickly realized after coming to America what a blessed country this is," Father Kiocha said. "You have such an abundance of everything, and it's so organized – certainly when compared with the first parish I served – that it's easy for people to take this for granted."

Father Kiocha's service as chaplain, mainly at Akron General Hospital and occasionally at other Akron-area hospitals, began in fall 2010.

"People come to the hospital at what's usually a time of great pain, whether through personal injury or the loss of a loved one," he said. "A chaplain is able to bring the Lord's comfort, healing and peace when they need to receive it most, and that means everything to them. They come to the chaplain at a time when they're not pretending, their emotions are raw, and it is such a great opportunity to be able to bring the sacraments and God's love and to touch them as it has touched me."

Father Kiocha said he gained great

er empathy with those he served as a chaplain because of his own experience as a hospital patient during this time. He was hospitalized for a few days with pneumonia caused by dust that had entered his lungs during one of the periodic trips he makes to Africa to work with an association that helps educate orphans and provides small income-generating projects for the poor.

"It was a difficult, devastating and trying time when I was sick," he said. "It shook my faith and caused doubt and disbelief, but God revealed three things to me: that my sickness was not for weakness but for strength; it was to help me not take anything for granted at any time; and it was not to take anything away from me, but to make me more compassionate as God is.

"My sickness changed me and made me a better person for God and his people. For without being compassionate as our God is compassionate, I don't think we can love or serve one another as God has loved and served us."

Akron and Canton are in other dioceses but are near Tuscarawas County, which is part of the Diocese of Columbus. Father Kiocha said his friendship with three priests serving that county – Father Jimmy Hatfield of Dover St. Joseph Church and Fathers Jeff Coning and Jonathan Kathenge of Dover St. Joseph, Dennison Immaculate Conception and Zoar Holy Trinity churches – led him to his current position in Reynoldsburg.

"After eight years as a hospital chaplain, I felt I needed to get back to parish work," he said. "I knew from Father Jim and Father Jonathan and Father Jeff that Columbus needed priests, so I wrote about this to my order. They got in touch with Columbus, and now here I am in Reynoldsburg.

"Parish work brings me joy, just as I found joy ministering to people in hospitals and in my other work. My philosophy of happiness is that we will find happiness if we first work to bring happiness to others. It's a privilege to be with the people of this parish, celebrating Mass with them, listening to their problems and bringing God's healing.

"One of the things I especially en-

Josephinum seminarian killed in bus crash might have saved lives

A Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian killed in a bus crash in Colorado on Sunday, June 23 might have saved the lives of the vehicle's other passengers.

Jason Paul Marshall, 53, was one of two people who died when the bus hit an embankment under a bridge along Interstate 25 South near Pueblo, Colorado, said Colorado State Patrol Sgt. Blake White. Also killed was the bus



Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian Jason Marshall was killed in a bus crash.

driver, Anthony L. Padilla, 36.

The bus was carrying 10 students and five adults. All 13 survivors were injured and taken to local hospitals, including one person listed in critical condition.

"He saw the driver in distress, grabbed the wheel and prevented the bus from flipping. He tried to get the bus under control," Marshall's brother, Jeff, told the *Staten Island* (New York) *Advance* newspaper. Jason Marshall was a Staten Island native.

The bus was taking a youth group from the University of New Mexico's Aquinas Newman Center back to New Mexico from a conference that took place in Denver from June 21 to 23. The conference was one of several summer youth events sponsored nationwide annually by Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Marshall would have begun his second year of theology studies at the Josephinum. He was in formation to become a priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"He was a wonderful guy, one of the most calm, balanced, mature people I've ever met," said Josephinum seminarian Eugene Joseph, who is at

the New Albany Church of the Resurrection for the summer and anticipates being ordained to the diaconate on Sept. 14 and to the diocesan priesthood in May 2020.

"He was older than most seminarians, and his life experience was most helpful for us all. He was involved and engaged in a lot of things and knew how to encourage others. Jason genuinely wanted what was good for everybody. Even though he was a new guy when he came here last year, he was elected to the Student Senate because of the respect we developed for him."

"One thing has struck me since (the crash)," Josephinum seminarian Matthew Gubenski told Catholic News Agency. "I knew that he (Jason) was good at talking to people ... but I didn't realize how close everyone there felt with him. You hear stories about St. John Bosco, how every single kid in the oratory felt like they were his favorite. Jason was always ready to listen and really get you inspired and help you."

After graduating from college with a degree in environmental science and forestry, Marshall worked as a health

inspector. In a YouTube video posted by the vocations office of the Santa Fe archdiocese, he said he first felt a call to the priesthood while living in Denver.

"I was drinking some coffee and reading Scripture and got the sense that the Scriptures were speaking to me," he said. "At first I thought that was crazy at my age and that time in my life. But nothing's crazy for God. Nothing's too big for God."

He chose to pursue theological studies in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where his grandmother lived. He earned a divinity degree from the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio in 2017.

"We join (Santa Fe) Archbishop (John) Wester, Father John Trambley (archdiocesan vocations director) and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, as well as his family and friends, in mourning the loss of seminarian Jason Marshall. We are united in the unity of prayer for Jason for the consolation of his family and friends and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and offer our profound condolences," said Msgr. Christopher Schreck, former rector/president of the Josephinum.

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former Planned Parenthood center director who became a leading pro-life advocate, motivated Meyer to become more involved in the cause in 2017.

"She said it's not enough to say you're pro-life, but you should actually do something about it," he said. "So that was the inspiration for me to go out and find Biking for Babies."

Since Biking for Babies was launched in Illinois in 2009, more than \$500,000 has been raised for pregnancy resource centers to support expectant mothers.

"That's our mission: to help out the pregnancy centers and to help save lives," Meyer said.

More than 70 young adults (ages 18-39) have been involved in the national ride since its inception to form a pro-life mission community and grow deeper in their faith.

Prayers and donations are encouraged and accepted during or after the event. Contributions to pregnancy resource centers supported by Biking for Babies may be made at www.bikingforbabies.com/give.

Adjunct Teaching Position Available

The Pontifical College Josephinum is seeking applicants for an adjunct position to teach an introductory course in biology starting in the fall of 2019. This course is a required course for all undergraduate students. The Josephinum is a Roman Catholic Seminary located in Columbus, Ohio.

The position requires a person who is supportive of the Josephinum's mission, to prepare men to serve as Roman Catholic priests, and has earned at least a master's degree in biology or a comparable field. College-level teaching experience is preferred, but not required.

Applicants for this position should submit a CV and letter of interest to ddeleonardis@pcj.edu. The deadline for submissions is July 20. The Pontifical College Josephinum is an EEO employer.

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joy here at St. Pius after many years working mostly by myself is the teamwork among the parish staff and the sense of family throughout the parish, which is filled with many holy men

and women of God.

"One thing I can't emphasize enough is that what all of us do is not our work, our mission, but it is the work of the Holy Spirit," Father Kiocha said.



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Vocations director 'throws many nets' in looking for potential priests

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke say that when looking for his first disciples, Jesus had a simple recruiting pitch: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

In a culture where communication was mainly through word of mouth and fishing was a major industry, those were effective words, powerful enough to attract a core group of men whose belief in their leader and his message ultimately changed the world.

More than 2,000 years later, the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Columbus is searching for men who discern that God might be speaking those same words to them and calling them to become the disciples' successors as priests. Today's methods of communication are much more varied, but Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, said Jesus' fishing analogy remains an apt one.

"The goal of the vocations office is to meet with young men – and those not so young – who are interested in discerning a vocation to the priesthood, to assist them with the discernment process and to be a liaison between the bishop and the seminary in that process," said Father Noble, who has been vocations director since 2010 and also is pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.

"We do this by throwing as many nets as possible out there to see who

we can catch. We deal with men of different ages and interests and are ready and open to meet them where they are, moving ultimately toward the moment at their ordination when, as vocations director, I declare to the bishop that they are worthy of the priesthood."

The office's "nets" include two websites – Face Forward, www.faceforwardcolumbus.com, and SeekHoliness, www.seekholiness.com. The Face Forward site is the main portal to the office and contains links to related sites on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube and to a Face Forward blog.

It is regularly updated by MJ2 Marketing of Dublin with the most recent information from the office, including coming events and information about the discernment process and stories about some of the diocese's inspired young Catholics. The SeekHoliness site is a more stationary portal with basic vocations information.

One of the vocations office's principal annual events is its annual Quo Vadis program for young men in ninth through 12th grades, which will take place from Sunday, July 28 to Wednesday, July 31 at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark. The program, led by diocesan priests and seminarians, will mix talks on the priesthood, virtue and fatherhood with periods of prayer, recreation and relaxation.

The cost is \$40, and scholarships are available if needed. The registration

deadline is Tuesday, July 16. To register, go to www.faceforwardcolumbus.com/quo-vadis. For more information, contact Michael Haemmerle at columbusquovadis@gmail.com.

Last month, the office sponsored a Colorado wilderness trip by a group of young men considering the priesthood, led by Father Daniel Swartz, then-parochial vicar of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes in New Lexington, Crooksville, Conning and Junction City. On July 1, he began service as a U.S. Navy chaplain. While in the Navy, he remains a priest of the Columbus diocese, where he will return on completion of his tour of duty. A story on his Colorado trip can be found on Page 14 of this week's *Catholic Times*.

The vocations office also sponsors a monthly program known as the Melchizedek Project for young men who have graduated from high school and most likely are in college and are seeking to explore the discernment process and gain a deeper understanding of vocations. The group meets each month during the academic year at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and studies the book *To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood* by Father Brett Brannen. The program's schedule for 2019-20 is being planned.

In addition, the office sends material to parishes for the World Day of Prayer for vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter and for National Vocation Awareness Week, the first full



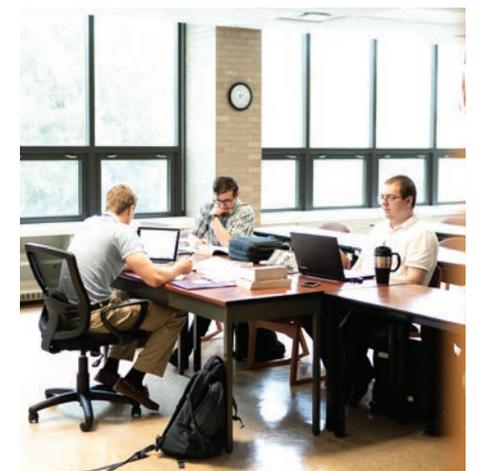
Bishop Robert Brennan (standing, left) visits Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians in March during their annual softball tournament. Msgr. Christopher Schreck, who stepped down as the seminary's rector/president on July 1, is standing at right.



Seminarians Jeremy Leganski (left) and Doug Hess spend time studying in the A.T. Wehrle Memorial Library of the Pontifical College Josephinum. The library's collection has more than 350,000 items. (Photos courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum)



Through study, Josephinum students assent to God's Word, grow in their spiritual life and prepare for pastoral ministry.



A study table in the Josephinum's College of Liberal Arts building, which includes living quarters, a chapel and classrooms.

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Seminarians participating in a bicycle tour of the diocese in the spring of 2018 pose in front of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. There was no tour this year, but it is hoped the tour will resume in 2020. (Photos courtesy diocesan Vocations Office)

week of November.

For the past several summers, the office has sponsored a three- or four-day summertime bicycle tour featuring stops throughout the diocese by diocesan seminarians attending the Pontifical College Josephinum. Father Noble said no tour was scheduled this year “because we just didn’t have enough riders and support people. They were too busy with other things.” He hopes the tour will resume in 2020.

During the academic year, the Josephinum sponsors live-in weekends in the fall and spring for high school juniors and seniors and college students interested in learning more about seminary life. These usually take place in conjunction with the seminary’s annual Mud Bowl intramural football game, a basketball tournament with other seminaries or an in-school softball tournament. The seminary also offers live-in programs on an individual basis, depending on interest and need.

The Josephinum offers as many as eight years of education leading to ordination – four years of liberal arts training and four years of theology. It also has a pre-theology program for college graduates who need additional course work before beginning a graduate theology program.

The diocese currently has 27 seminarians in various stages of formation at the Josephinum and one attending Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which specializes in educating men who discern a call to the priesthood after they

are 30 years old.

Four of the diocese’s seminarians – Deacons Frank Brown, Michael Fulton, Seth Keller and Gordon Mott – were ordained as deacons this past May and anticipate being ordained as Columbus diocesan priests on May 23, 2020. A fifth, Eugene Joseph, is to be ordained as a deacon on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral and also anticipates ordination as a priest next May.

Father Noble said that he usually talks with about 20 men per year who express an interest in the priesthood, with about eight applying to become seminarians after the initial discussion. “Before calling me, a candidate should talk with his own parish priest or another priest he knows. I will then meet with him to assess his level of readiness, in an age-appropriate way,” he said.

“That level is different for an 18-year-old than someone 25 or older. Whatever the age, I’m looking for a healthy, happy person with a stable personality, with no chronic illness or severe depression. It’s essential that a candidate for the priesthood be interested in living a chaste and prayerful life and have an interest in developing his own relationship and the relationship of others with Jesus Christ. Basically, a priest has to like people and have an interest in serving them.

“For someone who’s, say, a sophomore in high school, I can’t do anything more than talk to him,” Father Noble said. “If he’s of college age, I ask him to visit the seminary so he can realize it’s a real place with real peo-



Seminarians on their 2018 bicycle tour of the diocese are greeted by Columbus Immaculate Conception School students. The seminarians threw out wristbands to the students and shared stories about the tour and about discerning a possible call to the priesthood.

ple, not some sort of holy Disneyland experience of perfection. If someone is still interested, then I recommend that he go ahead with the dual application for sponsorship by the diocese and admission to the seminary.”

Sponsorship refers to the diocese’s long-standing policy of paying for all books, tuition and room and board costs for each of its seminarians. “We want all of them to be supported by the diocese because we’re not looking for Lone Rangers,” Father Noble said. “We don’t want anyone to feel that becoming a priest will be a financial burden.”

Funding for seminarian sponsorships and for the costs of operating the Vocations Office and the Office of the Permanent Diaconate comes from donations to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal (BAA). Those three programs, listed under the heading “Priest, Deacon and Seminarian Education,” account for 21 percent of the BAA’s expenditures – the largest percentage for any group of activities.

Besides the standard components of applying for admission to a college, the Josephinum requires applicants to undergo a criminal background check and to take nine psychological tests that require a full day to complete. “Psychological testing for seminary candidates has taken place for decades,” Father Noble said. “But as more specialties have developed, testing has expanded, and we have been better able to identify candidates for the priesthood who may be dangerous and eliminate them.”

One of the nine tests, known as the

Diana Screen, was developed in the late 2000s and is designed to identify people who fail to recognize sexual boundaries between adults and children – a subject that has caused great pain in this diocese and throughout the United States as past instances of abuse of minors by priests have become known.

“I don’t think the presence of abusers is evidence of a failure in the formation process,” Father Noble said. “There always will be that one abuser who may slip through, but once he is discovered, it’s up to us to take immediate action. If diocesan policies are followed, it makes it very difficult to abuse a child. For those who may think this policy doesn’t apply to them, the red flags should be up immediately. There’s no formation that can address the character of an abuser. Pedophilia is not something that can be cured, and it’s dangerous to think that it can.

Seminary formation isn’t just theological. It’s also designed to form men for healthy relations with their peers, with the opposite sex and with children.”

This year’s annual survey of newly ordained priests by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said that since the start of the 21st century, the average age for newly ordained priests in the United States has been in the mid-30s – much older that it had been in the last half of the 20th century. All four men ordained by Bishop Robert Brennan as diocesan priests in May are

Holy Wanderers explore Wyoming wilderness

By Father Daniel Swartz

J.R.R. Tolkien, Catholic author of the *Lord of the Rings* series, once wrote that “not all who wander are lost.” We know from the Gospels that our Lord spent a significant period of 40 days in the wilderness before beginning His ministry. Taking this as their motto and theme, a group of 12 young men set off in June for Wyoming’s Wind River Range.

With a bit of rock climbing interspersed, this band lived for a week backpacking through the wilds, having to cook their own meals and procure their water, making and breaking camp each day. They even at times lived well above the snow line past 10,000 feet. Armed with hefty hiking backpacks, snowshoes and rosaries, these 12 trekked up and around the mountains near the Wyoming Continental Divide.

Their purpose? To discern whether God is calling them to the Catholic priesthood.

This trip was part of a new program called *Sanctovagues*, a Latin phrase which translates in English to “Holy Wanderers.” Since 2016, Holy Wanderers has provided wilderness

immersions for young men, coupled with spiritual talks, personal prayer, daily Mass and discussions, all geared to promote an environment of vocational discernment to the priesthood. Priests accompany the trip, and this year’s chaplains were Father Peter Totleben, OP, a Dominican friar from Columbus St. Patrick Church and adjunct professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and Father Daniel Swartz, director of Holy Wanderers. The program is available to any unmarried man ages 18 to 30.

This year’s trip was a mix of returning Holy Wanderer veterans and men who were new to the program. Deacon Michael Fulton of the Diocese of Columbus who is preparing for his ordination to the priesthood next May, reflected on his first trip that “it was very different than what I expected; I thought it was a wilderness vacation, but then I had a very intense encounter with the Lord and the Church. On *Sanctovagues*, it was great experiencing the grit of the priesthood, so to speak, and meeting Our Lord in the wilderness.”

Mason, a young man from the Diocese of Columbus, went on the 2019 Wyoming expedition for his second Holy Wanderers trip. Asked about one

of his favorite experiences of the trip, he replied, “We woke up at 4 a.m. one morning to make a peak attempt in the Wind River Mountains. (It was) a moment of victory standing at the peak of a mountain, ascending to the top. It really was a symbol of life with its struggles giving way to the achievement of faith and ultimately Heaven.” Mason said his two discernment trips have been a “great opportunity to seek God’s will in an environment free from worldly distractions and busyness. It was an adventure into God’s creation with other men in a spirit and community of discernment.”

These expeditions are provided by trail guides from Catholic Outdoor Renewal Expeditions, who ensure proper gear and supervision is provided and give lessons in survival skills.

Holy Wanderers is looking for its next

destination for a 2020 expedition, as the location changes each year. Previous trips have gone to the Manitou Islands off the Lake Michigan coast and rafting down the Green River from Utah into Colorado. By tradition, participants from the previous year help to brainstorm and decide where the next trip will take place.

To learn more about the Holy Wanderers program, visit its website at Holywanderers.com.



Participants in this year’s diocesan Holy Wanderers wilderness adventure for young men discerning whether God is calling them to the priesthood spent a week in June exploring Wyoming’s Wind River Range. (Photo courtesy Father Daniel Swartz)

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Father Kyle Tennant, still a seminarian at the time, poses for a selfie at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School during the 2018 diocesan seminarians’ bicycle tour. Father Tennant was ordained to the priesthood on May 25. (Photo courtesy diocesan Vocations Office)

at least 30, with Father Brian Beal, a John XXIII graduate, the oldest at 41.

“The day of having a priest ordained in his mid-20s is pretty much gone,” Father Noble said. “I see it as part of the trend among young people to take longer in general to make major life decisions. The age for marriage also is increasing. It’s all part of a change in the whole maturity process. That’s not necessarily a bad thing, for it means men are having more life experiences before making a commitment to the priesthood, so they’re likely to be more well-adjusted.”

The number of priests has been declining nationally and locally for decades. In the Diocese of Columbus, that number is about half what it was 50 years ago. “This is a concern, but there also is a lack of awareness of what a unique period American Catholicism went through from about the 1870s to the 1970s,” Father Noble said. “During that time, there was a boom in the number of priests that

never was seen in the past and never will be repeated.

“It used to be that a priest had two or three experiences in different types of parishes and was an assistant pastor for 10 years or more before becoming a pastor. This year, some priests in our diocese received their first pastorate four years after ordination. But if they’re coming into the priesthood when they’re older, maybe it doesn’t make that much of a difference.”

Father Noble said that any man who thinks he might be called to the priesthood but feels hesitant about the discernment process should “keep in mind that we’re not asking you to become a priest today, but to enter the formation program to determine whether the priesthood is for you. If it’s not, it’s actually a sign the program is working, and we’re OK with that.”

“Take a deep breath, jump in and let the Spirit work,” he said, “and you should come out all right, one way or the other.”

Josephinum rector: Church turmoil, today's culture challenging

The new rector-president of the Pontifical College Josephinum says he faces two significant challenges in his new role.

The first is that of forming men to be priests at a time when the Catholic Church is continuing to deal with the impact of revelations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy, particularly bishops. The second involves dealing with the impact of postmodern culture and how it affects different generations in different ways.

"I'm in awe of the fact that men are still applying to be seminarians and continue to be enthusiastic about wanting to give their lives to the Church," said Father Steven P. Beseau, who became the Josephinum's rector on Monday, July 1. He succeeds Msgr. Christopher J. Schreck, who will return to his hometown of Savannah, Georgia, for a sabbatical period after seven years as rector of the Columbus seminary.

"Seminarians today face things we never had to face 30 years ago," said Father Beseau, 53, who has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, for 24 years and most recently was a professor of moral theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati.

"There have always been instances of grave sins committed by priests," he said. "But most Catholics are often able to say of the priest who has sinned, 'Well, that's not my priest.' Fewer Catholics know a bishop. When it's discovered that a bishop has been abusive, it creates a cloud of suspicion that impacts the whole process of priestly formation and makes it more challenging.

"Because of the awareness of past abuse, seminarians and those who are forming them have recommitted themselves to prayer and penance for the sins of those who have harmed the young and are determined to focus on the future and on being strong men of God and supernatural fathers."

Father Beseau said the second decade of the 21st century represents "a real change of era to a 'postmodern' world" in much the same way that the "modern" era of the late 1960s and early '70s was a dramatic change from the post-World War II period. "Today's young adults never lived in the 'modern' world," he said. "Their problems are not the problems of pre-

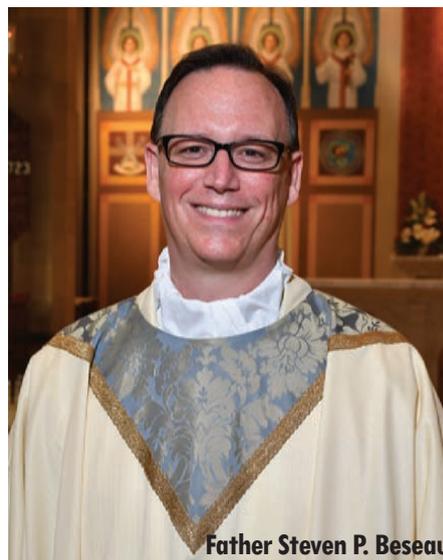
vious generations.

"There are two ways in which their reactions to cultural change have specifically impacted the Church. On the one hand, many of them have become 'nones' – that is, people who say they have no specific religious belief, though most would describe themselves as spiritual. At the same time, we have many young people who embrace the faith but are more open to what might be called 'pre-modern' traditions such as Eucharistic Adoration, novenas and other types of devotion, or wearing veils.

"There's a lot of tension between 'moderns' and 'postmoderns' related to their views of these practices," he said. "Older people see their re-emergence as a reversion to the past, but I consider them a move to the future in which younger Catholics want to retain some of the best of earlier generations.

"People of all generations want to give themselves to something great, but people in their 70s ask different questions than those in their 20s. I would like priests trained at the Josephinum to be a bridge between the generations and bring out what's best among all of them to form stronger parishes."

Father Beseau's appointment to a five-year term as the 17th rector in the Josephinum's 131-year history was announced by Bishop Frederick Campbell on March 19, 10 days before he retired as the spiritual shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus and was succeeded by Bishop Robert Brennan. The bishop of Columbus also serves as vice chancellor of the seminary. The Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United States is the Josephinum's chancellor because of the seminary's pontifical status. It is the only such institution located



outside of Italy.

Father Beseau learned that the position of rector was open when he received a letter from Bishop Campbell last October asking him to apply as a possible successor to Msgr. Schreck.

"The letter came totally out of the blue," he said. "Two weeks before receiving it, I was talking to another priest and telling him I was happy to be settled in Cincinnati and hoped to be at the Athenaeum for many years.

"In spite of its unexpected nature, when I got the letter from Bishop Campbell, I felt a great sense of peace

and of freedom. I didn't know how many other priests were asked to apply for the position, and still don't. I can think of 20 priests who would be better rectors than me, so after talking with (Kansas City) Archbishop (Joseph) Naumann and my spiritual director, I accepted the invitation to apply and expected that would be the end of it.

"In December, I was asked to come to the Josephinum a few days before Christmas and talk to Bishop Campbell and a few Josephinum board members. They asked me about my visions of the priesthood and of a seminary formation program, plus the usual questions about my background and previous experience," Father Beseau said. "Almost three months passed until one day in March, I saw something from the nuncio among my other mail. That turned out to be a copy of the decree from Cardinal (Beniamino) Stella, the cardinal prefect of the Congregation of Clergy in Rome, announcing I had been appointed rector of the Josephinum."

Father Beseau was at the seminary for the official announcement of his appointment and returned to Columbus several times between then and

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PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM RECTORS

DECEASED

- 1888-1899 – Msgr. John J. Jessing
- 1900-1919 – Msgr. John J. Soentgerath
- 1919-1932 – Msgr. Joseph Och
- 1932-1944 – Msgr. Henry J. Grimmelsman
- 1945-1952 – Msgr. Adrian F. Brandehoff
- 1952-1962 – Msgr. Paul A. Gieringer
- 1962-1967 – Msgr. Ralph A. Thompson
- 1967-1974 – Msgr. Thomas P. Campbell

STILL LIVING

- 1974-1984 – Msgr. Frank M. Mouch (retired, Diocese of Venice, Florida)
- 1986-1989 – Msgr. Dennis F. Sheehan (senior priest in residence, Sacred Heart-Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Consortium, Newton, Massachusetts)
- 1989-1997 – Cardinal Blase Cupich (Archbishop of Chicago)
- 1997-1999 – Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted (Bishop of Phoenix)
- 2000-2002 – Bishop Earl Boyea (Bishop of Lansing, Michigan)
- 2003-2009 – Msgr. Paul J. Langsfeld (retired, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)
- 2009-2012 – Father James A. Wehner (rector-president, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans)
- 2012-2019 – Msgr. Christopher Schreck (on sabbatical)
- 2019 – Father Steven Beseau

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Be a good neighbor

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Ps. 69:14, 17, 30-31,
33-34, 36, 37

or Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Father Timothy Hayes



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

Jesus affirms that loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves is the heart of the law. We hear from Moses concerning God's law: "It is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." After telling the story of the Samaritan loving his neighbor, Jesus exhorts: "Go and do likewise."

The Scriptures make it sound so simple. We must admit that it really is simple. Putting the Gospel into practice means loving our neighbor, and by "our neighbor," the Gospel means anyone who crosses our path.

Mercy is the quality of God that human beings can imitate. Reaching out to others, being willing to share what we have, going beyond the artificial limits that our world places on us: this is what it means to live the Gospel.

From above, you see the earth below as a patchwork quilt of fascinating designs – various shades of green and brown or other colors, circles and squares, mountains, hills and valleys, rivers, streams, lakes and oceans. But what is not at all visible is a border.

Where does one state or one country begin and another end? The same is true of human beings.

When we are born, we are all color-blind. We don't see white or black or red or yellow. We see people. We see friends and strangers. We notice that very often, strangers resemble folks we already know. The truth is that every friend we have ever known was first a stranger.

We are all brothers and sisters to one another. We belong to God and as members of God's family. We are destined to spend eternity with God and with all who belong to Him. Now is the time to begin to live as family.

We cannot change the whole world, but we can take a small step in the right direction. Either we don't pass on the violence and the grief, and that is something; or we give others room to see that they can be free to act differently, to make a choice about how to treat others. To be a neighbor in the kingdom is to treat others with mercy. The Good Samaritan did this. Let us go and do likewise.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Have a hospitable heart

Genesis 18:1-10a

Ps. 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

When you travel to the Holy Land, you discover that welcoming strangers and showing hospitality is one of the customs of the Middle East that stands out most. Ironically, this is forgotten as the world looks to the hostilities that are going on in those lands now.

Abraham finds shelter under a large tree – the terebinth at Mamre – and he shows hospitality to unexpected visitors. In that place, God makes known that the promise He has made will be fulfilled. Sarah will bear Abraham a son to continue the family line.

Jesus finds welcome in the home of Martha and Mary – and He is invit-

ed into their family squabbles. They do things differently. Mary welcomes with personal attention; Martha sets the table. Jesus invites Martha to make room for Mary.

St. Paul reveals that suffering, when willingly embraced, opens up the possibility of a real relationship with God not just for ourselves, but also for those who have not opened their own hearts to welcome Him.

The gift of faith in Jesus Christ is welcomed in personal, practical ways. It is a matter of "doing justice," giving each person his or her due. We will live in the presence of the Lord as we make room for Him in one another. The Scriptures promise that when we do right by one another, we discover that we are alive in the presence of the

THE WEEKDAY
BIBLE READINGS
7/15-7/20

MONDAY
Exodus 1:8-14,22
Psalm 124:1b-8
Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY
Exodus 2:1-15a
Psalm 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY
Exodus 3:1-6,9-12
Psalm 103:1b-4,6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY
Exodus 3:13-20
Psalm 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY
Exodus 11:10-12:14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-18
Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY
Exodus 12:37-42
Psalm 136:1,23-24,10-15
Matthew 12:14-21

THE WEEKDAY
BIBLE READINGS
7/22-7/27

MONDAY
Songs 3:1-4a or
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
John 20:1-2,11-18

TUESDAY
Exodus 14:21-15:1
Exodus 15:8-10,12,17 (Ps)
Matthew 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY
Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
Psalm 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

THURSDAY
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1b-6
Matthew 20:20-28

FRIDAY
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY
Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
Matthew 13:24-30

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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 Weeks III and IV, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

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

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God hospitality by the way we show welcome, acceptance and openness to others. We do this by cultivating an attitude of waiting. Centering ourselves on the "one thing necessary" through

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Icons on ammo boxes

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Geroge Weigel

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



Throughout the 20th century – the greatest period of martyrdom in history – persecuted Christians used the dross of this world to make religious artifacts.

Rosaries were constructed from bits and pieces of this-and-that. Crucifixes and Mass vessels were forged from scrap metal. Bibles and missals were handwritten on scraps of paper from memory.

Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan wore his pectoral cross suspended from a chain he made from the barbed wire of the Vietnamese communist concentration camp in which he was confined for years.

Many such relics are displayed at the Shrine of the New Martyrs in the Basilica of St. Bartholomew on Rome's Tiber Island – a place where the usual bustle and buzz of Roman churches is replaced by a hushed reverence, as if even the least well-catechized visitors realize that they're in the supernatural presence of great witnesses.

This deeply Catholic instinct for transforming what is dead or death-dealing into something life-affirming and life-giving continues to-

day in Ukraine through a remarkable project known as "The Icons on Ammo Boxes."

I discovered it in Philadelphia in early June while speaking at the celebrations marking the enthronement of my old friend Borys Gudziak as metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

During my remarks (which can be found in full at <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2019/06/eastern-catholics-and-the-universal-church>), I spoke of Eastern Catholicism's "gift of iconography" to the universal Church.

Whatever impact my words may have had, however, it was likely less than the thoughts and emotions stirred in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by an extraordinary display around the cathedral's perimeter: icons written (painted) on the wooden lids of ammunition boxes by a husband-and-wife team of two young Ukrainian artists – Sofia Atlantova and Oleksandr Klymenko.

Icons written on wood using various types of paint are nothing new, of course; many of the greatest icons in the history of Christian art were written that way.

Klymenko's brilliant idea was to use a different kind of wood: not a polished and treated panel, but the rough-hewn tops or bottoms of the boxes in which bullets, grenades and artillery shells were once stored.

The icons he and Atlantova wrote, and which were displayed in Philadelphia, included wood from ammo boxes dating back to Soviet times. But they also included newer wood panels recycled from the battlefield of eastern Ukraine, where a Russian-led and Russian-financed war has been underway since 2014, taking more than 10,000 lives, ruining the local economy and displacing hundreds of thousands of people.

The icons turn trash, redolent of death, into life-affirming art in several ways. First, by their very existence: for they transform materials that stored munitions intended to kill and maim into celebrations of faith and life.

Icons are not "representative" art in the western sense; an icon does not say, "This is what Christ looked like" the way Rembrandt's famous self-portrait says, "This is what I, Rembrandt, looked like." Rather, icons are one of those permeable bor-

ders or membranes between this world and the supernatural world; icons are intended to "make present" that which they depict. Icons are thus an invitation to leave the death-dealing world and enter the world of resurrected life, the world of divine life – and to do so through the medium of an ammunition box drives the point home in an especially powerful way.

Second, through the sale of Atlantova's and Klymenko's work, the "Icons in Ammo Boxes" project supports the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital, which brings medical professionals into the war zone of eastern Ukraine to treat wounded soldiers and civilians. Since its inception, the hospital has served some 50,000 patients, saving or repairing many lives broken by Russian aggression.

Archimandrite Cyril Hovorun, who teaches at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, has described the "Icons in Ammo Boxes" project as a kind of transfiguration: "The icons ... demonstrate how violence and pain can be transfigured to peace and relief, and actually contribute to this transformation through the work of doctors," he said.

That image strikes me as exactly right. As the transfigured glory of Jesus on Mount Tabor opens up a vision of human transformation in the Kingdom of God, where "death shall be no more ..." (Revelation 21:4), so these icons suggest the transformation of the lethal into the life-giving, even as they support healing here and now.

More about this remarkable mission, and the icons that support it, can be found at <http://www.medbat.org.ua/en/buy-icon-save-a-life>.

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In the marriage case styled ERIKA MIRANDA – HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, 2019-0029, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of MR. HECTOR RODRIGUEZ. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MR. JOHN CRERAND, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than – 29 July 2019 Phone 241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR. HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address.

Given this 26 JUNE 2019

REVEREND MR. JOHN CRERAND, JCL
Presiding Judge

Sue Ulmer
Notary

En el caso matrimonial con el nombre SRA ERIKA MIRANDA – SR HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, 2019-0029, el Tribunal de la Diócesis de Columbus, Ohio, en este momento no es consciente de la dirección actual de SR HECTOR RODRIGUEZ. El Tribunal adjunto avisa a ella/él de este caso y invita a ella/él a contactar REVEREND MR. JOHN CRERAND, JCL, el Juez Presidente y único, no más tarde que 29 JULIO 2019 -teléfono 241-2500 Extensión 3. Cualquiera que sepa el paradero actual de SR HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, adjunto pide que hacen saber a ella/él de esta citación o avisa al Tribunal de la dirección actual de ella/él.

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ABEL, Army Maj. (Ret.) Robert P. II, 75, June 25
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BRANCH, Mary V. "Gina" (Imwalle), 62, June 7
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

BUSH, Jennifer A., 59, June 26
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

CARNEY, Thelma A. (Wilson), 92, June 13
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

CARR, Randy L., 60, July 2
St. John Church, Logan

CARSON, Darrell W., 72, June 26
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

COGNION, William, 76, July 1
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

CROSBY, Julia A. (Holden), 68, July 3
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

EWING, Robert W., 80, June 28
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

FIELDS, Donna J. (Roberts), 79, June 28
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

FINELLI, Margherita A., 62, July 2
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

FISHER, Mary "Madge," 97, June 21
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

GIANNINI, Jean (Curley), 90, June 27
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

GREWELL, Sara V. (Cognion), 83, June 22
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

HARVEY, Mary F. (McCann), 93, June 26
St. Philip Church, Columbus

HAUSER, Barbara B. (Bidlack), 83, July 1
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

KAEPFNER, William, 71, June 19
St. John Church, Logan

KARPOWICZ, Florence H. (Wyzkiewicz), 93, July 5
St. Philip Church, Columbus

KAVANAGH, Brendan, 83, June 27
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

KNIGHT, Carole "Sue" (Pickerell), 74, June 30
St. Mary Church, Groveport

LUSIGNOLO, John A. Jr., 87, June 27
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MAYNARD, Ronald C., 75, July 4
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

McDERMOTT, Lois L. "GiGi" (Lab), 91, July 2
St. Leonard Church, Heath

McGREEVY, Joseph, 93, June 18
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

McNICHOLS, Thomas, 91, June 26
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

McWILLIAMS, Betty L. (Frey), 94, July 2
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MERKLE, Joan (Wallace), 87, July 4
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

MOORE, Gerard "Gerry," 72, June 23
St. Leo Church, Columbus

MUDRE, Pete, 85, June 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

ORNDORF, Mathias Jr., 70, July 1
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

PRITCHARD, Harvey, 81, July 3
St. Leonard Church, Heath

SCHIERMANN, Ann M. (Martin), 91, July 2
Christ the King Church, Columbus

SHAFER, Eugene M., 67, of Centerburg, June 23
Holy Cross Church, Glouster

SHARICK, Nancy A., 85, July 1
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

SHOUP, George E., 95, July 2
St. Mary Church, Marion

TALBOT (KANTAK), Joan (Altera), 89, June 29
St. Peter Church, Columbus

TRAVIS, Maureen M. (Moeller), 58, June 29
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

UTECHT, Nancy (Parlock), 86, June 23
St. John Church, Logan

VALENTINE, Joseph A., 77, June 22
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

WALSH, T. Joseph, 75, June 23
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WELCH, Alan R., 80, formerly of Columbus, June 30
Carmel Mission Basilica, Carmel, Calif.

ZACHER, Christian K., 78
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Saint Christopher Catholic Church is seeking a Director of Faith Formation to provide leadership in the design and implementation of faith formation for adults, youth, and children. The position is responsible for organizing and coordinating the sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, the RCIA and Youth Group. The Director of Faith Formation will work in conjunction with the Pastor to calendar events, secure volunteers, and work in collaboration with all parish ministries.

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Saturday, July 20 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

JULY

13, SATURDAY

Conference with Peter Herbeck at Grove City
8:30 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. "Call to Holiness, Call to Mission" conference with Catholic author, speaker and broadcaster Peter Herbeck, sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal. Begins with Mass. Includes Adoration, time with prayer teams, and lunch. Child care on request. Student discounts, scholarships available. Details at www.cccolumbus.org.

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

Frassati Society Cookout and Volleyball
Noon, Scioto Audubon Park, 400 W. Whittier St., Columbus. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults summer cookout and sand volleyball blitz. Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob provided; participants are encouraged to bring a side dish and a lawn chair or picnic blanket. Cost \$5. 614-224-9522

Wehrle 45th Anniversary Reunion
6 to 10 p.m., JP's Barbecue, 2000 Norton Road, Columbus. 45th anniversary reunion of Columbus Father Wehrle High School Class of 1974. \$40 per person; \$75 per couple.

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center,

987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by musician Barbara Hamilton. Theme: "The Stuff of Paradise." Suggested donation \$5. Minimum five participants. 614-866-4302

14, SUNDAY

Dominican Rite Mass at Zanesville St. Thomas
11 a.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville. Solemn High Mass in the Dominican Rite, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first Mass in Zanesville. 740-453-3301

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.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry
2 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Third meeting of six-week Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry support group for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact ksdroll@gmail.com or 614-582-8848

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

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

15, MONDAY

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

16, TUESDAY

Frassati Society Kickball at Commons
Columbus Commons, 160 S. High St., Columbus. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society kickball game. Minimum four men and four women needed. Maximum 10 total players for game. Cost \$5. 614-224-9522

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.

17, WEDNESDAY

Abortion Recovery Network Group
9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. 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

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

Young Catholic Professionals Speaker Series
7 to 9 p.m., The Vault, 35 E. Gay St., Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan speaks at Young Catholic Professionals organization monthly executive speaker series. Information at www.yccolumbus.org.

18, 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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour at St. John the Baptist
7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 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. 614-294-7702

Lancaster Theology on Tap
7 p.m., Bob's Backyard BBQ, 157 W. Main St., Lancaster. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap discussion group for anyone ages 18 to 39. Speaker: Michael Warner, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School campus ministry director, on "Living Catholic in a Secular World." Contact Cindy Goss at cynthia.goss@outlook.com.

Holy Hour at Holy Family
7 to 8 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

Columbus Symphony at Newark St. Francis
7 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. Concert featuring strings players of the Columbus Symphony, with works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Puccini, Grainger and Copland. 740-345-9874

19, FRIDAY

Love Thy Nature Film at Shepherd's Corner
1 to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. *Love Thy Nature*, a film exploring the beauty and intimacy of the relationship of humans with the natural world. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 16. 614-866-4302

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

20, 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.

ODU One-Stop Admission Day
10 a.m. to noon, Bishop Griffin Center, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. One-stop admission day, allowing students enrolling at or transferring to ODU to complete the admissions process and register for fall classes in as few as 60 minutes. 614-251-4453

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

Frassati Society Beach Day at Alum Creek
1 p.m., Alum Creek Beach, 3400 Lewis Center Road, Lewis Center. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society beach outing. 614-224-9522

21, SUNDAY

Holy Rosary-St. John Anniversary Mass
9:30 a.m., Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Parish's annual anniversary Mass, followed by reception in St. John Center's Campion Hall, with Mass celebrated by Father Michael Gribble, former pastor. 614-252-5926

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at St. Patrick
Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of

Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

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

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Polish Mass at Holy Family
2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish. 614-221-4323

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Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi
4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence and reflection. 614-512-3731

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22, MONDAY

Mass of Healing at Cathedral
6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction and veneration of relic of the True Cross. 614-224-1295

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

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday's readings.

23, TUESDAY

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Reagan's Hope Concert at Resurrection
6:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Concert featuring local entertainers, including several members of the parish's music ministry, to benefit Reagan's Hope, a charity supporting research into Sanfilippo syndrome, a genetic disease affecting children including local resident Reagan McGee. 614-204-8794

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of self-discipline required, and that's the most challenging thing about it. But it's also the most rewarding because it brings a sense of self-mastery and of freedom I didn't expect."

"With NFP, for five or six days a month, you have to say 'no' to your spouse, and at first, that's hard," said Erin Neal, a Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral parishioner. She and her husband, Jake, have children ages 5 and 2.

"But it gets easier after a while, and you find that it provides opportunities to love each other in other ways. Because we're both more involved in the reproductive process than we had been, our marriage feels more like a partnership."

The couple has been married for 11 years and have been practicing NFP for seven years. Erin said they began doing so after she attended the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference in 2012.

"Although it wasn't the central

message of the day, the theme I got from all the conference speakers was that birth control is wrong," she said. "I think that was the Holy Spirit's message to me that day, so Jake and I began NFP. It makes me feel good to work with God's plan for marriage and with the natural rhythms of my own body, rather than trying to control it in an artificial way."

"NFP is an entry point for a lot of couples to go deeper into their relationship with God and with each other," Mark Wolf said. "It's allowed us to listen more closely to him, to have him take hold of our lives and to realize the gift he has given us as couples to be able to create a new life." The Wolfs have been teaching NFP classes for six years and have taught the technique to about 125 couples.

Erin and Jake Neal talk about NFP at diocesan marriage preparation programs, encouraging couples in atten-

dance to take NFP classes. "The most common thing couples ask is whether both of our children were planned, and we're always happy to say 'yes,'" Erin said. "They want to know if NFP takes a lot of effort. We tell them that at first it does, because it's hard initially to read the signs that show you're in a fertile period, but after a few months, it's second nature."

"We've been pleasantly surprised by how most couples have reacted to the NFP talk," she said. "We know it's countercultural, but people seem to be much more open to the idea of not relying on 'The Pill.'"

In the section about NFP on its website, the USCCB says, "The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives be-

cause these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy."

There are several methods of practicing NFP. All have the same objective, but they differ in the methods in which fertility signs are observed and how they are charted. NFP classes may be offered one-on-one or in group sessions, taught by a married couple or by a health professional. While each NFP method has particular strengths, all can be used successfully with proper training and motivation.

In the Diocese of Columbus, NFP classes are conducted both at set dates and times and by appointment and take place in Columbus, Westerville, Dover, Millersburg, Chillicothe and Lancaster.

For more information, go to www.columbuscatholic.org/nfp-program and click on the link to "Printable Chart of All Class Options."

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July 1, including for the ordination of the diocese's latest class of deacons and priests, who were trained mostly at the Josephinum.

When he talked to *The Catholic Times* during his first day in his new position, he was in the midst of unpacking U-Haul boxes containing his belongings.

"My goal when leaving one position for another always has been to pack all of my stuff into one car, but it gets harder the longer you're a priest, especially as you add more books," he said. He used a small van to move his things from Cincinnati on Saturday, June 29.

Just before the late-afternoon interview, he had learned from the nuncio's office that his formal inauguration as rector-president will be at a Vespers service on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

"That's a wonderful date for me because it's the Memorial of St. Therese of Lisieux, and I have a great devotion to her," he said.

Father Beseau is the oldest of five children, one of whom died in an auto accident 12 years ago. He grew up in Shawnee, Kansas, attended Catholic elementary and secondary schools and is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

Among the things he plans to hang in his office is a banner saying "Kansas By Birth, A Jayhawk By the Grace of God."

Coming from a school with one of the nation's strongest basketball tradi-

tions, he's looking forward to his first chance to watch an Ohio State University football game.

He said he thought about the priesthood during his childhood, fell away from the faith for a time, and returned to it during college. "I began working for a law firm and was six weeks into law school when I felt a really strong call from God to become a priest," he said. "It was quite clear. I never felt pressure to answer the call and knew I could have said 'no,' but at the same time, I knew I'd never feel fulfilled unless I said 'yes.'"

Father Beseau holds a master's degree in divinity and a bachelor's degree in theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake's Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, and licentiate and doctoral degrees in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (*Angelicum*) in Rome. Until coming to Cincinnati in 2016, he served in his home diocese for 22 years as pastor of a rural and a suburban parish, chaplain of two high schools and, from 2009 to 2016, as director of the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at his college alma mater, the University of Kansas.

Because of its status as a pontifical institution, the Josephinum has students from the Diocese of Columbus and several other dioceses in the United States, and some students from other nations. Enrollment for the 2019-20 academic year won't be known until

classes start in mid-August.

"I'm excited about being at the Josephinum because it has a great history and is a seminary that's both national and uniquely connected to Rome," Father Beseau said. "There's a special spiritual bond we have with the pope that allows us to be both more explicit and more external about our connection." The "external" reference is to the pontifical Roman cassocks with red buttons and a red sash that Josephinum seminarians and their counterparts in Italian papal seminaries wear on Sundays and for special feast days.

Students can enter the Josephinum directly from high school, after graduating from college and at any point in between. It offers four years of college training leading to a liberal arts degree and four years of theology leading to ordination to the priesthood. It also has a pre-theology program for college graduates who need additional course work before beginning a graduate theology program.

"We're unique in that we're both a college and a theology school," Father Beseau said. "Students in the college are discerning a priestly vocation, and

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a living relationship with the Lord, attending to the present moment, we find in ourselves the peace we seek.

The Gospel we are to proclaim is shown to be truly human and real, about real life, liveable right where

the college program is focused on helping them become good and holy men of God and of the Church. That's also true for the theology school, but its purpose more directly involves preparation for the priesthood.

"Not every man is meant to be a priest, and men come here to discern whether that is their calling. If a man concludes that the priesthood is not his calling, he still leaves here with everything he needs for an outstanding prayer life, a life of virtue and the knowledge of what it means to be a man of God."

Asked what he hopes to accomplish during his five-year term at the Josephinum, Father Beseau referred to the late Penn State University football coach Joe Paterno's remark, "If you want to know which was my best class, ask me in 30 years."

"If men can leave here with good hearts, a zeal for the Lord, a desire to imitate Jesus Christ and to give themselves in service to the Church and its people," he said, "then I'll feel I have continued the legacy I've been entrusted with and perhaps added something to it."

we are. We are invited to be open to surprise visits from our maker. Our life together as a community, one in heart and mind, trusting in his promises, will serve to reveal the presence of God among us.

Two scholar-athletes honored

Andrew Davis of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Daniel Turner of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School received \$2,500 college scholarships from Motorists Insurance at the annual scholar-athlete awards banquet sponsored by *The Columbus Dispatch*.

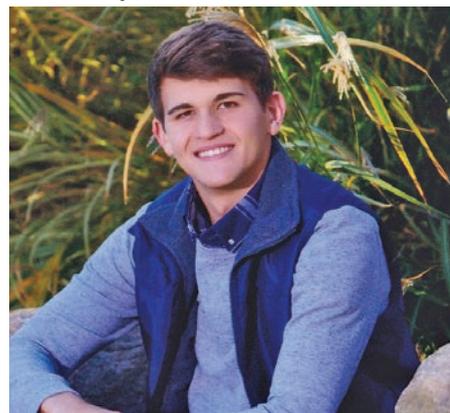
Davis played four years of football and basketball and two years of track and baseball and had a 3.82 grade-point average. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Business Honor Society and

was a first team All-Central District and third team all-state football player in his senior year. He plans to attend Columbia University and major in economics.

Turner had a 3.93 grade-point average and was a National Honor Society member. He played four years of baseball and three years of football, basketball and track. He was first team all-district in football, second team all-district in basketball and a state meet placer in track. He plans to major in physical therapy at Walsh University.



Andrew Davis, Bishop Watterson.



Daniel Turner, Fisher Catholic.



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Play Like a Champion honors Raines

Marty Raines, associate director of the Diocesan Recreation Association, received the Jack Mack Champions of Children Award from the University of Notre Dame's Play Like a Champion Today program for her commitment to parent education in athletics. She was honored on Friday, June 21 at the organization's sports leadership conference in South Bend, Indiana.

The award was established in honor of Jack Mack, who provided hours of dedicated service as a volunteer and helped develop Play Like a Champion's mission and vision. It was presented by his widow, Jacqueline, who is a member of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church.

Raines and the Diocese of Columbus are longtime partners with the Play Like a Champion program, investing countless hours working with the coaches and parents in Diocesan Recreation Association programs. Before each athletic season, local trainers provide workshops for coaches and parents designed to give them the tools to create a safe, caring and developmentally appropriate environment for Catholic youth sports.

"Marty is a gift to the children of Columbus and our Play Like a Champion community," said Kristin Sheehan, program director for Play Like a Champion. "Her dedication to educating parents and coaches should serve as an inspiration to leaders everywhere."

Raines accepted the award while



Marty Raines, associate director of the Diocesan Recreation Association (left), is presented the Play Like a Champion's Jack Mack Champions of Children Award by Jacqueline Mack. (Photo courtesy Diocesan Recreation Association)

taking part in this year's conference, serving as a voice in roundtable discussions with fellow partners.

The inscription on the award reads, "Marty has invested immeasurable time, special talent and sincere love in educating the sport parents in the Diocesan Recreation Association. This exemplary commitment means she sets the gold standard in creating a safe and nurturing sport environment for children in Columbus. Play Like a Champion applauds Marty's big-heartedness and we are proud to call her a partner and a friend."

The Macks were active in developing Play Like a Champion's mission of educating ethically responsible sports leaders and promoting a positive sports culture for all young people.

St. Pius X receives DRA award



Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School received this year's Joe Sestito-Kathryn Buckerfield Sportsmanship Award from the Diocesan Recreation Association at the Columbus Clippers' annual Catholic Family Night. The award includes a \$500 tuition scholarship. Sestito and Buckerfield were longtime coaches and directors in the DRA program, which serves more than 25 parochial schools in Columbus and surrounding counties and operates a high school CYO athletics program. Pictured are (from left): Darren Smith, St. Pius X School principal; Donald LeMay, the school's athletics director; Nathan Reiling, a St. Pius student who threw out the first pitch of the game; Marty Raines, DRA associate athletics director; and Julius Palazzo, DRA boys athletics commissioner.

(Photo courtesy Diocesan Recreation Association)

Two parishes celebrate first Communion



Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches celebrated first Communion for 10 students ages seven and eight. Before receiving the Eucharist for the first time, they studied for more than a year and created a banner expressing their anticipation and joy at taking this step in their faith lives. St. Dominic students (left photo) are (from left) Johnny Macayew, Eminah Muse, Kendell Chilton, Zalika Obayuwana, Rosalind Syverson, Zoe Clark and Zakiya Obayuwana, with Beverly Thompson, religious education director for the two parishes, standing in back. Holy Rosary-St. John students are (from left) Gia Holliman, Alexa White and Taitum Carter, pictured with Father Ramon Oweru, pastor of the two parishes. *(Photo courtesy St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches)*



New Lexington Corpus Christi procession

Parishioners of the Perry County Consortium conducted a procession through New Lexington on Sunday, June 23, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ), after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Rose Church. About 60 people took part, singing Eucharistic hymns and participating in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fourth-degree Knights of Columbus from the Bishop Fenwick Assembly provided an honor guard. The consortium consists of parishes in New Lexington, Corning, Crooksville and Junction City.

(Photo courtesy Perry County Consortium)

Bishop meets Dominican sisters



The Dominican Sisters of Peace welcomed Bishop Robert Brennan to their Columbus Motherhouse and congregational offices, where he celebrated Mass with sisters and priests living at the Mohun Health Care Center and had lunch with the residents. Afterward, he met with leaders of the congregation and directors and managers of the Dominican Learning Center, Rising Youth, the Martin de Porres Center and the Shepherd's Corner Ecological Center. He then joined the Motherhouse community for a dessert celebration with homemade cake and ice cream. Sister Maureen Flanagan, OP (pictured with the bishop), created a special cake with a representation of a bishop's miter and staff.

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St. John Paul II preschool accepting new students

St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center and Extended Care, 957 E. Broad St., Columbus, is accepting enrollment for children between three and five years old for the 2019-2020 school year.

The school, located just east of downtown and staffed by the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, offers a secure environment,

exciting educational opportunities and flexible full- and part-time schedules from Monday through Friday to meet the needs of working parents.

The center provides the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a program that seeks to help children grow in knowledge of God and develop a prayerful relationship with him. This is the foundation of the school's religious curriculum.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a scriptural and liturgical catechesis for children ages three and older.

It is rooted in the Montessori tradition and was developed in Rome in 1954 by Scripture scholar Sofia Cavalletti and Montessorian Gianna Gobbi.

This method of religious formation invites the child into a deeper relationship with God through presenting parables, doctrines of the Church, liturgy and sacred Scripture in a way small children can understand.

For more information on the school, email stjohnpaul2preschool@gmail.com, call (614) 728-0761 or (856) 874-6096 or visit stjohnpaul2preschool.com



A child looks at some of the materials that are part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at the St. John Paul II Center. (Photo/St. John Paul II Center)

Essay scholarship winners



McKenzi "Kenzi" Jones (left) and Eliana "Ellie" Pardi were awarded the Columbus St. Andrew Church Women's Club eighth-grade essay scholarships for 2019. Each student earned \$1,500 toward her tuition at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. The essay topic required a reflection upon individual beatitudes. Twenty eighth-grade students took part in the contest. Kenzi and Ellie both enjoy history and field hockey. Kenzi also has participated in softball and track and Ellie in swimming. Both young women are from families who have been St. Andrew parishioners for decades. Three generations of both families have supported the parish and have participated in women's club events.

(Photo courtesy Kenneth Jones)

JOIN service recognized



Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) staff members and volunteers were recognized for their service on Monday, June 24 at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and a reception at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Brennan said in his homily, "As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, we are reminded of his words just before he baptized Jesus, who until then was unknown to the world as the Son of God and the redeemer of mankind. St. John said 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' ... And just as Jesus, in his earthly ministry, met people where they were, so too do you, the staff and volunteers of the JOIN office, meet people in need where they are, helping to provide them with some of the basic necessities lacking in their lives. For this, you are sharing in the spiritual work of Our Lord. ... And so I want to sincerely thank you for helping us behold the Lamb of God through your tireless service to the community. May God bless you as you continue your precious work with the poor and downtrodden here in central Ohio." JOIN provides material needs for low-income families in Franklin County and works with community organizations that serve the less fortunate. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

Bishop to speak at YCP gathering

Bishop Robert Brennan will be featured at this month's Young Catholic Professionals speaker series program. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 at The Vault, 35 E. Gay St., Columbus. The bishop will speak at 8 p.m. People of all ages are welcome and there will be a cash bar.

Young Catholic Professionals brings together young adults in their

20s and 30s from across central Ohio for speaker events, panel discussions and networking to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire a call to action.

Go to www.ycpcolumbus.org or on social media to stay up to date on the group's future events. If you are interested in donating to or volunteering with the organization, send an email to info@ycpcolumbus.org.

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