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NEW PHILADELPHIA SACRED HEART: PRAYING WELL, WORKING HARD

The Editor's Notebook

Being Adaptable

By David Garick, Editor

"Just do it my way." I don't know why the world can't seem to get that message straight. It seems like every day, I run into people who just won't cooperate and do what I think they should do. Sometimes they put up an argument. Most often, they just ignore me. Why can't they see that I am always right?

It took me quite a while to get that mindset out of my system. My wife would contend that I haven't gotten over it yet. At the heart of this is that old sin that goes back to the Garden of Eden ... pride. We humans are flawed to the core with the notion that we are possessed of the wisdom to choose the course of the universe. It didn't work out for Adam and Eve and it hasn't worked out for the countless generations since the fall of man. But inside each one of us there remains that tiny voice that whispers to us, "You're different. You really do know how things should run." Then we run into the wall.

God understands us ...each one of us ... even me ... better than we think. He realized that we needed a guide who could show us that God's ways work and lead to life while our ways, as good as they seem in our tiny minds, lead to death. He came to earth in the person of Jesus, showing us how life works and giving us directions.

In the Gospels, Christ says "Follow me." In fact, he makes that command 19 times during his earthly ministry. So he says to each of us, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." In doing that, we are forced to go against many of the concepts that are deepest in our own being. We must face our greatest fears, including the fear of not being in control, and



live the life that God is calling us to live. For each of us, it will be different. But through

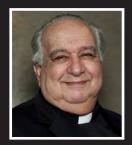
prayer, we will come to understand how God is calling us to serve through our lives or even in the face of death.

In following Christ, we learn to adapt ourselves to live as he modeled life for us -- not to mimic his actions, but to live our own lives in such a way as to follow the will of God. That is why all believers do not have a cookie-cutter existence. Each of us has a unique responsibility to carry out a life that reflects the will of God. If we put our own pride aside, we can come to understand what Christ meant in telling us, "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Or as St. Paul later explains, "If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him." While this command in some cases does relate to literal life and death, what we are being commanded to do in a broader sense is give up control of our own life in order to find true life in Christ.

We must adapt how we live our lives to reflect the example Christ made for us in dealing with the unique challenges that are placed before us in everyday life. This week's *Catholic Times* takes a look at how the people of New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church have responded to the call of Our Lord to make their parish an example of Christ's love at work for his people.

This is how we "carry our cross" and offer our life for the cause of Jesus, Our Lord.

FATHER CARMEN J. ARCURI PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 20, 2017



Funeral Mass for Father Carmen J. Arcuri, 82, who died Sunday, Aug. 20, while in palliative care at Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, was held Thursday, Aug. 24 at Worthington St. Michael Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1935 in Marion to the late Constantine and Elizabeth (Conti) Arcuri.

He was a graduate of Marion St. Mary elementary and high schools, and received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Columbus St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1957 and his theology degree from Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Norwood in 1961.

He was ordained on May 27, 1961 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Clarence Issenmann. He served as pastor of Mount Gilead St. Matthew, Cardington St. Joseph, Cardington Sacred Hearts, Columbus St. Thomas, Waverly St. Mary, and Sunbury St. John Neumann churches, and associate pastor at Worthington St. Michael, Coshocton Sacred Heart, Columbus St. Ladislas, and Columbus St. Leo churches, the cathedral, and Columbus St. Philip, Westerville St. Paul, and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene churches.

He also was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson and Father Wehrle high schools, was chaplain at the London Correctional Institution, and spent two years as a Navy chaplain at the Naval Chaplain School in Newport, Rhode Island, and the U.S. Navy base in Atsugi, Japan. He retired in February 2005 and resided at Worthington St. Michael Church for several years before taking up residence at the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gaitano, Basil, and John; and sister, Kathryn. Survivors include brothers, Ernest and Michael; and sisters, Marie Rowland, Carolyn Jarvis, and Victoria McKnight.



Front Page photo:

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, dedicated in 1928 to replace the original church building, which first served a German Reformed Church congregation. The parish was founded in 1895.

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Bishops ask for peace after white nationalist rally turns deadly

By Rhina Guidos

Catholic News Service

In the aftermath of a chaos- and hatefilled weekend in Virginia, Catholic bishops and groups throughout the nation called for peace after three people died and several others were injured following clashes between pacifists, protesters and white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 11 and 12.

A 32-year-old paralegal, Heather D. Heyer, was killed when a car plowed into a group in Charlottesville on Aug. 12. The driver was identified as James Alex Fields, who allegedly told his mother he was attending a rally for President Donald Trump. Reports say the car allegedly driven by Fields plowed into a crowd during a white nationalist rally and a counter-rally the afternoon of Aug. 12.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said early on Aug. 14 the "evil attack" meets the legal definition of domestic terrorism and suggested pending federal charges for Fields, who was arrested and was being held without bail. Fields was formally charged on Aug. 14 by a Charlottesville judge with second-degree murder, three counts of malicious wounding and failure to stop in an accident that resulted in death.

Outside the Charlottesville courthouse where Judge Robert Downer handed down the charges and Fields appeared via video link from jail, white supremacists and counter-protesters clashed, but there were no arrests. The same day, antiracism rallies were held in several cities.

The bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, was one of the first to call for peace following the violence in Charlottesville late Aug. 11, which only became worse the following day.

On the evening of Aug. 11, The Associated Press and other news outlets reported a rally of hundreds of men and women, identified as white nationalists, carrying lit torches on the campus of the University of Virginia. Counterprotesters also were present during the rally and clashes were reported.

The following day, at least 20 were injured and the mayor of Charlottesville confirmed Heyer's death later that afternoon via Twitter after the car allegedly driven by Fields rammed into the crowd of marchers. Two Virginia State Police troopers also died when a helicopter they were in crashed while trying to help with the violent events on the ground. CNN



A photograph of victim Heather Heyer is seen on Aug. 14 among flowers where the car attack on a group of white nationalist counter-protesters took place on Aug. 12 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Heyer was killed when a car was driven into the crowd.

CNS photo/Justin Ide, Reuters

reported that 19 others were injured and remained hospitalized on Aug. 14 but were listed in good condition.

"In the last 24 hours, hatred and violence have been on display in the city of Charlottesville," said Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo in a statement on the afternoon of Aug. 12. "I earnestly pray for peace."

Charlottesville is in Bishop DiLorenzo's diocese.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the

events "abhorrent acts of hatred" in an Aug. 12 statement. He said they were an "attack on the unity of our nation."

Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency on Aug. 12 when violence erupted during the "Unite the Right" white nationalist protest against the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. But the trouble already had started the night before with the lit torches and chants of anti-Semitic slogans on the grounds of the University of Virginia.

"Racism is evil," President Trump

said in an Aug. 14 statement. "And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans. ... As I said on Saturday (Aug. 12), we condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence. It has no place in America."

Other groups, including many faith groups, seeking to counter the white nationalist events showed up during both events. Authorities reported clashes at both instances.

"Only the light of Christ can quench the torches of hatred and violence. Let us pray for peace," said Bishop DiLorenzo in his statement. "I pray that those men and women on both sides can talk and seek solutions to their differences respectfully."

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, which covers Northern Virginia, tweeted on what was happening in Charlottesville and followed up with a lengthy statement, calling the events "saddening and disheartening."

"The more we read about the demonstration of racism, bigotry and self-proclaimed superiority made it seem as though we were living in a different time," said Bishop Burbidge, noting "much progress made" since the civil rights movement of the 1960s. "And yet, there are some who cling to misguided

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Catholic Times editor to retire

David Garick will be retiring as editor of the *Catholic Times*, effective Dec. 31.

Garick, 70, has been editor of the official newspaper of the Diocese of Columbus since May 2007. He also has been its advertising manager since 2014, when Deacon Steve De-Mers retired from that position for health reasons.

Deacon Tom Berg, chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus, said, "It has been a genuine privilege to work with Dave these past 10 years. We both have a background in the news field and have enjoyed discussing our profession and its evolution, especially in the 21st century. Dave has run the *Catholic Times* with consummate professionalism, a

commitment to creativity in the paper's story choices and design, and a dedication to his Catholic faith. We will miss his presence here and are deeply grateful for all he has done for the Church in our diocese."

Garick, a Newark native, is a 1969 graduate of Bowling Green State University with more than 35 years of experience in journalism and public relations.

He was a news editor and City Hall reporter at WOSU radio in Columbus from 1977 to 1985 and previously was a reporter at radio stations in Newark and in Falmouth, Massachusetts. While a captain in the Air Force, he was editor of the military newspaper at Otis Air force Base, Massachusetts.

He was communications director of the Ohio Republican Party from 1985 to 1989 and of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services from 1991 to 1999 and has operated his own public relations firm, Garick & Associates.

He and his wife, Barbara, live in Pickaway County and are members of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, where he is a lector and has served on the parish pastoral council. He also is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The diocese has begun searching for a successor to Garick at the *Times*. An advertisement seeking candidates for the position will be in an upcoming issue of the *Catholic Times*.

September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

A New Work of Mercy: Care for Our Common Home

By Julie Laudick

In the thirteenth century, Thomas Aquinas enumerated the traditional sets of seven spiritual and seven corporal works of mercy. On September 1, 2016, the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation, Pope Francis introduced a new work of mercy: care for our common home. Why does this generation require a new one? In his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si, Pope Francis exhorts us to confront what he calls the ecological crisis: "Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years" (LS 53).

What is merciful about caring for our common home? The Catechism sums up the works of mercy as "charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (CCC 2447). Shouldn't our neighbors, and not the earth, be the objects of our mercy? In the Gospel of Luke, an expert of the law asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" When Jesus responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan, he expanded the concept of neighbor to include anyone we might encounter, even those considered enemies.

Until the last few hundred years, most people had a local sphere of influence. It was sufficient to love your immediate neighbor as yourself. But in our globalized economy, we participate in systems that affect our brothers and sisters in the farthest reaches of the planet, most of whom we will never meet. Pope Francis points out the ecological debt between the global north and south caused by "the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries" (LS 51). In proposing care for our common home as a work of mercy, he is inviting us to expand our concept of neighbor yet again.

Furthermore, Pope Francis introduced this new work of mercy as a 'complement' to the traditional sets. This word comes from the Latin complere, which means to fill up, or to complete. In a sense, care for our common home is the seed-bearing fruit of the other works of mercy. The rest are incomplete without it. We cannot give drink to the thirsty if we pollute our water. We cannot welcome the stranger if our house is in disarray. We cannot counsel the doubtful among the next generation if by our wasteful lifestyles we leave them a damaged earth less able to reflect the glory of the Creator (Romans 1:20).

Finally, Pope Francis explained that care for our common home is not only corporal, but also spiritual in nature. Given that we started with fourteen, does this mean that we now have a total of fifteen, sixteen, or somehow still fourteen works of mercy?

Regardless of how you choose to enumerate them, there are many ways to practice this new work of mercy in daily life. By transforming our own homes, parishes, and cities into places of peace, we lay the groundwork for the other works of mercy to grow in the hearts of those who dwell there. For practical suggestions on caring for our common home in the diocese, take a look at the Laudato Si Creation Care Guide:

www.columbuscatholic.org/care-for-creation.

Julie Laudick is a parishioner of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church and a member of the diocesan Creation Care Team.

St. John Neumann prison mlnistry marks two years

The prison ministry of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church is celebrating its second anniversary this month.

The work began in August 2015, when parishioners Jack Bryant and Ed Kramer asked chaplain James Meacham of the Delaware County sheriff's office if they could offer a Catholic Bible study to county jail inmates. The jail already had several Bible studies, but none of them were Catholic in nature, and some prisoners had requested this.

Meacham agreed to the request and several parishioners volunteered immediately to help, with more following.

Although volunteers originally planned to go to the jail once a month, Meacham had other ideas. He scheduled volunteers to visit once a week, with women going on Monday evenings and men on Tuesdays.

The first sessions were on Aug. 17 and 18, 2015, and St. John Neumann volunteers have brought the Word of God to the prisoners every week since. Some parishioners also have gotten involved in re-entry

programs for people released from jail. The prisoners have expressed gratitude to the volunteers for listening to them, rather than judging or talking down.

The volunteers discuss Bible verses, explain Catholic teaching, and pray the rosary, but their main purpose is to let the inmates talk and to listen for opportunities to steer them toward Christ. It's also important to let the prisoners know they are not alone and someone cares about them. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has provided Bibles and other Catholic materials, and the parish rosary makers have donated hundreds of twine rosaries, which are the only kind of rosary permitted inside the jail. The inmates have eagerly accepted the rosaries.

Prison ministry is not for everyone, but if your heart is leading you in this direction, email Jack Bryant for more information at jbryant140@yahoo.com. People wishing to participate in this ministry also will need to pass a background check. New volunteers may be put on a waiting list, since the jail limits the number of volunteers.

K of C to host soccer challenge in Hilliard

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a soccer challenge at the Spindler Park fields on Spindler Road near Hilliard from 9:30 a.m.to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. This is a free event, open to all young people age 10 to 14 in the Diocese of Columbus. Individuals are encouraged to bring their favorite soccer ball(s).

The challenge is to score as many points as possible with a limited number of kicks. The soccer goal is divided into a series of five scoring zones, with a point value given to each zone. After the participant is given 15 penalty kicks, his or her total number of points will be awarded depending upon the scoring zones that were hit. Winners receive the opportunity to advance to higher competition. In recent years, many participants from the diocese have made it to and won the state finals.

Additional information may be found at http://kofc5801.org.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting

After its annual two-month vacation, the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will resume its monthly meeting schedule on Friday. Sept. 1.

The event at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will feature a talk by Ben Hartings of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church about his book *Return to the Altar, A Sacred Journey Through Grief*

and Joy, co-authored with his wife, Lynn.

Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and the talk until about 1 p.m. A \$10 donation covers the lunch and meeting.

For more information on the club, visit www.catholicmensministry. com/cmlc or contact club president Tim Merkle at htm@ejhlaw.com.

Stewardship Employment Ministry has placed 977 people in jobs

The Stewardship Employment Ministry (SEM) is nearing two significant milestones – being in existence for 10 years and placing 1,000 people in jobs.

SEM was established at Westerville St. Paul Church in 2008 by parishioner Tom Nann to provide a faithbased solution to guide job seekers through the hiring process. Nann said that as of early July, it had placed 977 people in gainful employment.

More than half of those placements have been made since 2012 through one-on-one contact initiated by Nann or SEM participants as a result of what they have learned through the ministry. Nann makes monthly visits to representatives of 13 large central Ohio companies to see what their employment needs are. This allows him to bring up-to-date information





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to help the people attending SEM's weekly meetings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the church's administration building, 313 N. State St.

The ministry has conducted similar meetings at other parishes in the Columbus area over the years, but Nann said financial limitations led to a decision to concentrate its efforts at St. Paul. Those limits also have prevented it from conducting the job fairs which it sponsored from 2008 to 2012 at the Westerville parish. Those events attracted an average of more than 30 companies and resulted in more than 400 job placements.

"We're starting to change the focus of our meetings," he said. "Besides talking about subjects directly related to a job search, we're taking a more intense look at how unemployment and underemployment affect families.

"Those 977 jobs represent 977 families. Feeding America, which represents food banks across the nation, says the most impoverished people in the United States are children under 13, with one in six going to bed hungry. That's unacceptable. Coming across these statistics deeply moved me and made me realize the broader impact of losing a job or being underemployed.

"And just because you may be working doesn't mean you're not affected by unemployment. I'm sure everyone knows someone who's unemployed or underemployed. Also, look at your paycheck. Some of that money is going for various programs to help the unemployed. You can't avoid it."

Nann himself is unemployed, having lost his job in November because of cutbacks by his employer. "That has made what I'm doing more personal than ever," he said. All his work with SEM has been on a volunteer basis.

To allow its programs to remain free of charge to any unemployed or underemployed individual, SEM relies heavily on contributions from parishes and individuals. Nann said a responsive grant from The Catholic Foundation and the backing provided by Father Charles Klinger, pastor of St. Paul Church, have been of considerable benefit to the organization.

"We've had unbelievable support from Father Klinger," he said. "His compassion and his love of Christ have strengthened my own faith, and I know it's done the same for others."

People wishing to help the ministry may now go to its website and donate by credit card. Nann said 89 percent of what is donated to SEM goes to programs directly related to the ministry's mission, with 11 percent for expenses.

The ministry also is sponsoring a golf outing on Monday, Sept. 11 at Blackhawk Golf Club, 8830 Dustin Road, Galena. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The \$80 fee will include a box lunch and a dinner at St. Paul Church.

For more on sponsorship packages for the tournament and other information about SEM, go to its website, www.stewardshipemploy.org, or call Nann at (614) 306-4487.

Season of Creation to be celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

When Pope Francis proclaimed Sept. 1, 2015 as the first World Day of Prayer for Creation, Catholics joined with other Christians who already had made Sept. 1 a day of prayer for everything God has created. This opened a Season of Creation that stretches from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of the environment.

Although there is no official liturgical season to honor our Creator, more than 55 nations conducted at least 300 events to honor creation during that time period in 2016.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, will host a series of events during that period this year.

The theme of "A Drop of Honey" has been chosen, with the goal of affirming some of the organizations who are dedicated to caring for creation.

The parish's Season of Creation events will include Morning Prayer at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1; a visit to a recycling plant and a landfill; petitions for creation during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass; and a blessing of the animals and creation on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

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 Mother.

Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of 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 power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother.

Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (repeat three times).

Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (repeat three times).

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me.

I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory.

Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. This Prayer is published after the favor has been granted.

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MORE NARROW GATE? REFUSE TO BAPTIZE?



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

O. At dinner recently with two Catholic priests, they happened to observe that it will be more difficult for them to reach heaven than for most people. I dismissed that opinion rather quickly until I read a passage from section 14 in *Lumen Gentium*.

Speaking of Catholics, it said: "He is not saved, however, who, though part of the body of the church, does not persevere in charity. He remains indeed in the bosom of the church, but, as it were, only in a 'bodily' manner and not 'in his heart.' ...

"All the church's children should remember that their exalted status is to be attributed not to their own merits but to the special grace of Christ. If they fail moreover to respond to that grace in thought, word and deed, not only shall they not be saved but they will be more severely judged."

Is the "gate of heaven," therefore, narrower for Catholics because more is given and expected? (Vacherie, Louisiana)

A. Let me say first that I have always believed that the vast majority of the people God created will wind up in heaven. Why would God have made all of us in the first place, if that experiment were destined largely to fail?

And I do not think that the gate is more narrow for Catholics; in fact, I think the opposite -- namely, that Catholics have a head start on eternal salvation. We Catholics have access to abundant graces through the seven sacraments that help us to live as God wants; and we have, from Christ, the guarantee of fundamental truth and of continual guidance in theological teaching.

What the Second Vatican Council was cautioning against (in your quote from *Lumen Gentium*) was the same kind of formalism Jesus had detected in the religious leaders of his day -- the conviction that merely by officially "belonging" to the church, righteousness and eternal salvation were certainties.

The council noted that salvation is worked out "on the ground," by sharing God's love with those we meet. (Didn't Jesus say the same thing in Matthew 25, when he suggested that the ultimate thing we'll judged on is whether we helped people when they

needed it?)

It is true that, as Luke's Gospel says (12:48), "much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." But that heavier responsibility can be balanced by the opportunities that life offers. (Priests, for example, have the daily Eucharist, the Divine Office and the frequent chance to minister directly with the compassion of Jesus.)

Can a priest refuse to christen a child born out of wedlock? (Mason Neck, Virginia)

A. The answer -- which may not be the one you were expecting or wanted -- is, "It depends." Simply that the child's parents are unmarried would not justify refusing a baptism, and I would call Pope Francis as my witness on this.

In 2014, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis was reported by the Italian press as having baptized the child of an unmarried couple in a ceremony in the Sistine Chapel. That would have squared with what Pope Francis, in 2009 while still a cardinal in Argentina, was quoted as telling the Italian magazine 30 Giorni: "The child has absolutely no responsibility for the state of the parents' marriage. And often a baptism can be a new start for the parents as well."

There may, however, be other circumstances that would warrant delaying a baptism. The church's *Code of Canon Law* requires that, for an infant to be baptized, "there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (No. 868.1.2).

Priests vary somewhat as to just what evidence is needed for that assurance, but pastoral sensitivity is always critical; I am personally inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to the parents.

Nearly all parishes require parents to attend a class or two of baptismal preparation, which can help to bring them back to regular church attendance and sometimes, if the circumstances permit, to have a marriage blessed in the church. (And even if there is virtually no likelihood that the parents will bring the child to Mass regularly, sometimes a grandparent is willing to step into that role.)

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

Knights of Columbus state soccer challenge winners



Rachel Thompson, representing Father Hohman Council 5253 of Reynoldsburg (girls age 11), and Oscar Marquez, representing Assumption Council 3727 of Columbus (boys age 13), were statewide winners in their respective categories of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. They previously won at the council, district, and regional levels. Each event involved taking 15 penalty kicks, with the competitor with the highest number of successful tries advancing to the next level. They were presented their awards by Allen Perk of St. Matthew Council 5801 in Gahanna (left), coordinator for the event, and Steve McClellan, district deputy of K of C District 47. Photo courtesy Steve McClellan

John Michael Talbot coming to Bucyrus

Grammy Award-winning Christian musician John Michael Talbot is bringing his "Lifetime of Music and Ministry" tour to Bucyrus. He will be in concert at Bucyrus Holy Trinity Church, 760 Tiffin St., at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. The event is being sponsored by Holy Trinity and Galion St. Joseph churches.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$50 for a VIP ticket which includes early admission during the sound check, preferred seating, and an autographed CD.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the parish offices, after weekend Masses at the parishes, by calling (419) 562-1346 or (419) 468-2884, or online at www.johnmichaeltalbotcom. For additional information, go to www.holytrinitybucyrus.org.

Talbot is one of the pioneering artists of contemporary Christian music. He is recognized as Catholic music's most popular artist, with multi-platinum record sales and compositions published in hymnals throughout the world.

The "Lifetime of Music and Ministry" concert tour will feature Talbot sharing songs which span more than fourth decades of music ministry. His 55th album, *The Inner Room*, was released in September 2016. His 29th book, *Monk Dynasty*, was published in February 2016. He has just completed three years as creator and host of the TV series *All Things Are Possible*.

Talbot leads his very active ministry from the Little Portion Hermitage in Arkansas and St. Clare Monastery in Texas, where he is the founder and minister general of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. His artistic and humanitarian efforts have been recognized with awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Gospel Music Association, the Mercy Corps, and the Mother Teresa Award.

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and evil beliefs about what makes American unique and remarkable."

He condemned "all forms of bigotry and hatred," denouncing "any form of hatred as a sin."

"We must find unity as a country. Unity does not mean we all believe the same things," Bishop Burbidge said. "We must be united by a shared interest in freedom, liberty and love for our neighbor. ... Without respect for each other, even when we adamantly disagree, we will see more violence and discord in this great nation."

Chicago's Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said on Aug. 12 via Twitter: "When it comes to racism, there is only one side: to stand against it."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Phil-

adelphia called racism the "poison of the soul," and said in a statement that it was the United States' "original sin" and one that "never fully healed."

He added that, "blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity."

On Aug. 13, Cardinal DiNardo, along with Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued a statement saying "We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured."

Pilgrim Fatima statue coming to Columbus

One of six pilgrim images of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis on Jan. 11 as part of the Fatima centennial celebration will be in Columbus this weekend.

The statue will be displayed for veneration from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road. The event will be sponsored by the Alliance of the Holy Family International.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

Noon – Welcoming procession;

imposition of scapular, rosary and re-coronation of Our Lady; consecration prayer of Pope St. John Paul!!.

12:30 p.m. – Talk on importance of consecration and the brown scapular; family consecration to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; brown scapular investiture.

1:30 p.m. – Rosary procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; silent Adoration.

<u>3 p.m.</u> – Divine Mercy Chaplet.

4 p.m. - Mass.

Custodian Opportunity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Grove City, is looking for a full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer custodian, who is responsible for performing general cleaning and upkeep of assigned areas within the Parish and School facilities.

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Please forward resume, references, and compensation requirements to David J. Frea, Parish Administrator, at

dFrea@OurLadyOfPerpetualHelp.net or call the parish office at 614-875-3322

Oliver North coming to Ohio in support of PDHC

Oliver North, former deputy director of the National Security Council, will speak in central Ohio next month at two life and liberty celebrations sponsored by the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. The events will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Fairfield Christian Church, 1965 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, and 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

PDHC is a nonprofit organization that empowers women and families to make healthy life choices, including parenting or adoption during an unexpected pregnancy. "It is our God-given duty to protect life, born and unborn," said North, a former Marine lieutenant colonel. "Protecting life is what supporters will do at these events."

"North has a powerful pro-life message," said PDHC founder Peggy Hartshorn, who will be master of ceremonies. "His presence will add so much to the evening and be an encouragement for all of us. I invite everyone who cares about the unborn to come and bring family and friends. More friends for Pregnancy Decision Health Centers means that we can serve even more mothers and save and change even more lives."

More than 100 volunteers make it possible for PDHC to have an average of 154 contacts each day through its intervention, prevention, extension, and recovery programs.

Thousands of women come to PDHC each year for intervention services. Eighty-five percent of the women who used PDHC's services last year reported incomes of less than \$30,000 per year, and 76 percent were single. PDHC empowers women and families by providing individualized consultations that include healthy pregnancy

and reproductive education, as well as no-cost pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and maternity items.

"We are excited to make a difference in the lives of women and families through these important events," said PDHC president Julie Moore. "People come to PDHC every day for help. Sometimes their situation is so difficult they feel hopeless. At PDHC, they receive hope that comes through compassionate support and practical resources. These events will enable us as a community to provide much-needed care."

PDHC cares for men and women through its extension services and recovery programs, which offer help that extends beyond pregnancy to assist parents after they choose life and their babies are born. PDHC's parenting classes are designed for new mothers and fathers, and its abortion recovery programs offer help to those who are hurting from the effects of a past abortion. The organization is dedicated to serving the whole person – body, mind, and soul.

The final component of PDHC's ministry is its prevention program. Last year, the in-school education program was presented to more than 8,000 students and teachers in more than 50 central Ohio middle schools and high schools. The program's instructors teach students about healthy relationships and setting life goals.

There is no charge to attend either of the life and liberty celebrations, thanks to generous underwriters. Guests will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to PDHC.

Those interested in attending must register by Friday, Sept. 15. For more information and to register, visit www. SupportPDHC.org.

Dominican Learning Center needs tutors

The Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, will host a tutor training workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Volunteer tutors are needed to teach adults seeking basic education skills, preparing to take their high-school equivalency test, or learning English as a second language. There is a special need for tutors to teach reading and writing in English on weekdays.

To register, email dlccolumbus@oppeace.org or call (614) 444-7330, or visit www.domlearningcenter.org.

Jonathan Beiter, Eagle Scout

Jonathan Beiter, a member of Lancaster St. Mary Church, has earned Eagle Scout rank, the highest honor a Boy Scout Can achieve. He belongs to Scout Troop 187 in Baltimore. His trail to Eagle included completing the requirements for 51 merit badges and being elected to the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of Scouting. For the service project required to become an Eagle, he designed and organized completion of new vinyl benches and signs for Otte Park and Pleasantville Park in Pleasantville.

Photo courtesy Beiter family



Andrew Welsh, Eagle Scout

Andrew Welsh, a member of Boy Scout **Troop 16 at Columbus Immaculate** Conception Church, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. For his Eagle project, he built 10 player equipment boxes for the baseball fields at Whetstone Park, with the help of many other Scouts and other adults. He was awarded his Eagle rank at a troop court of honor on Saturday, Aug. 19. He is a senior at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. The troop's scoutmaster is Nick Tippet and its spiritual adviser is Father Matt Hoover, pastor of the church.













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By our own plot of land

Harvest time. During this time of year, we begin to think of all the seeds we have sown and the things we have accomplished as a result of our physical and spiritual efforts. By our hand and our heart, we have toiled to produce. Through this growth, we sometimes see a particularly different outlook on life.

Very often, it is a simple touch or smell or sense of self that activates a memory of long ago thought to have been forgotten. We reminisce about the times we have shared and the happy or funny moments that made our life so meaningful. It is our constant reminder that things are not stagnant in this world and constantly will change. This is by God's design, so that we do not get too settled and forget why we were placed here in time or situation.

When we plant, it is just as important for the soil to be rich as to have a good foundation on which to grow. We also know that we need to give it the water and food it needs to survive. Jesus tells us this time and time again. Our actions cause a ripple effect that blends into the lives of so many others. Someone a continent away is being helped by the simple act of offering a meal or precious water to drink in a thirsty world.

It is so important to remember to also feed the soul. For without spiritual richness and a healthy prayer life, our efforts can stand on empty hands. We must grow and harvest the inner strength of every person so that they can provide the same bounty to another. Giving forward is not a concept alien to us. We are taught from an early age that one person can change the world if he or she just has the courage to be vulnerable to the experience.

And it does not matter where we begin. Some of us start from a vast, open field, while others begin life from a much different perspective. We are born into a life where work commands that we sacrifice. By growing into what we may become, we are allowing the Spirit to be alive and present, no matter what the circumstance.

To live a life of humility and respect is something that only God can grant. He instills the very nature of grace in our hearts and in the fulfillment of a promise kept. Some of the most powerful people began their vocations with the smallest amount of human belongings. I am reminded of St. Francis, who started his ministry with a little plot of land called



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Joseph Thomas

the Portiuncula and an ancient church, both of which were in need of his love and attention. The church, Our Lady of the Angels, grew into what some people say is one of the most beautiful churches in Italy.

Even with humble beginnings and surroundings, the smallest of us can be transformed into a moment of light to shine with us all. Be thankful for what you have planted. Save these seeds of growth to instill a perpetual harvest – one that can help a world in such desperate need of the very basics of life: food, clothing, and shelter for the body and for our very soul.

May God continue to bless the harvest, may He continue to shine on us all, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.

Baseball

My husband, Al, and I enjoy Cleveland Indians baseball. During the last few years, I've learned more about the rules and I have become a true fan, as we enjoy attending games once or twice a month each season.

Interestingly, many of the virtues and habits that are necessary for professional baseball players to excel on the field also are important in helping us on the road to sainthood.

Patience. Baseball games are long – typically around three hours. There may be rain delays, multiple coaching visits to the pitching mound, catcher-pitcher discussions, and extra innings. Fans and players need patience. On the road to holiness, we sometimes may feel as though there are a lot of extra innings when life, work, and family needs reach a crescendo. St. Francis de Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

Perseverance. In a game where you strike out more often than you hit, you can't give up. For example, players work on their ability to hit different types of pitches such as the curve, slider, sinker, and cutter to improve their odds of hitting. Perseverance is a key to the spiritual life as well. Even when it's tough to pray, we do it. Even when we don't feel God close, we trust

and keep loving, serving, and asking for God's grace to assist us in our endeavors.

Humility. When a player makes an error on the field, it is recorded and announced as an error – to the whole world. Even though they are the best at their sport, they make mistakes that impact the entire team, and they still have to get up and play the game again the next day, nearly every day for six months. Humility is a great teacher. As St. Teresa of Avila said, "There is more value in a little study of humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world."

Wisdom. There are a lot of decisions that need to be made in a split second in a baseball game. Experience, skill, luck, training habits, and physical and intellectual gifts contribute to the development of a player and his ability to make wise decisions, whether at bat or in the field. In the example of King Solomon, we can ask for wisdom. St. Augustine said, "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

Trust. The success of a team is dependent on everyone doing his job well. Trusting in each other's skills, supporting and encouraging each other is important. When a pitcher is struggling and the pitching coach walks out to the mound to check in,



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the infielders gather around the pitcher to show their trust in him. In our own lives, we have many ways to be encouraged and to trust on our spiritual journey as we build strong family bonds and holy friendships, frequent the holy Eucharist, grow close to our Blessed Mother, and share in the communion of saints.

Faith. I am always moved when a player goes up to the plate and makes the sign of the cross, kisses his Miraculous Medal or cross, and even occasionally bows his head in prayer. Our gifts, no matter what they may be, are given to us by God to share with others. It gives me hope to see million-dollar athletes honoring God in the public eye, even if only for a few seconds ... and even if it's a prayer for a hit.

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NEW PHILADELPHIA SACRED HEART CHURCH UNDERGOES CONTINUING TRANSFORMATION

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

An active parish is constantly being transformed through personnel changes and various forms of spiritual and physical renewal.

At New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, that transformation is taking place through the addition of a newly ordained deacon to the parish staff, significant growth in its ministry to those unable to come to Mass, and plans for a new social hall.

Deacon Ron Onslow has been serving the parish since late last year after being ordained on Nov. 26 by Bishop Frederick Campbell. He had been a longtime member of St. Joseph Church in neighboring Dover before being assigned to Sacred Heart, but the New Philadelphia church always held a special place in his heart because it is the home parish of his wife, Marge. The two were married there 32 years ago.

"I am happy to begin my second

"Being a deacon gives me a great rishioners, explaining to them what the diaconate is all about," he told the Catholic Times. "One of the most rewarding things I've found in my first few months serving the parish is that we are blessed with a great support system," which includes Kathy Hamilton, faith formation director; Beth Fragasse, music and liturgy director; and Chris Clore this," he said. "The parishioners of and Liz Breehl, office staff.

Father Jeff Coning, the parish's pastor for seven years, said he believes Deacon Onslow is the first deacon ever assigned to Sacred Heart. "He brings a unique perspective to the parish, that of someone who is married, a father and a grandfather, and knows what family life is all about," He said to Sacred Heart parishio- Father Coning said. "He's often parish outreach to the sick and the

ners in his first homily as a deacon, talked about how his two calls from God involved this parish. It's as vocation (the diaconate) in the same though God said to him 'We need church where I began my first (mar- you here at Sacred Heart.' We're delighted to have him."

homebound.

volved in it."

Father Coning also has been pasopportunity for catechesis with pa- tor of Zoar Holy Trinity Church since 2014 and Dennison Immaculate Conception Church since 2015. Fathers Jonathan Kathenge and Tyron Tomson are parochial vicars at Sacred Heart, but primarily serve as resident priests at Zoar and Dennison respectively.

> "I'm lucky to have the help of two very good priests in a situation like all three churches have responded positively to this change, which allows all of us to do the best we can to keep a strong spiritual life going at all three places and to help each other out as needed."

> Deacon Onslow's impact at Sacred Heart has been felt particularly through his involvement in the

"Probably the most important thing about expanding our outreach is the improved communication that has resulted with those members who can't come to church and among the parish as a whole," Deacon Onslow said. "It has strengthened all of us as a community and made parishioners who can't get to church know they're not forgotten."

Father Coning and Deacon Onslow

visit hospitalized parishioners, with

help from retired Deacon Ron Fon-

driest, who served at Dover St. Jo-

"Bringing the Eucharist is the most

important thing we do, but express-

ing the good wishes of the people of

the parish means so much to those

we serve," said parishioner Carolyn

seph for many years.

Brodzinski.

Deacon Onslow also is working on new programs related to the parish's ministry to engaged and married couples. "Our marriage preparation is based on the diocese's 'Joy-Filled Marriage' program," he said. "I'm hoping to strengthen our ministry to married couples by using the concept of building the domestic church, which Pope Francis has mentioned many times, and by looking at marriage in light of the pope's apostolic exhortation *Amoris* Laetitia (The Joy of Love).'

"Coincidentally, a recent issue of the Jesuits' America magazine featured a survey of married couples which said a large number of them felt a sense that the church was not there to support them after mar-

beyond marriage prep. I also want to strengthen our bonds with single-"For many years, that work had parent families and the divorced or been done primarily by two longseparated, so they continue to feel a time parishioners, Ray Schilz and communal spirit with other parish-Bill Monte, and Msgr. (George) Schlegel," his predecessor as pastor,

Father Coning said. "Deacon On-Sacred Heart has about 680 families slow organized a new group which and has been in existence since 1895. has taken up this mantle. We now The current church at 139 Third St. have about 12 people actively in-N.E. was dedicated in 1928. A grotto recently added alongside the church, built mostly with volunteer help, in-They visit residents of the six nurscludes statues of the Virgin Mary on ing homes in New Philadelphia and one side and Jesus and his Sacred Dover and people whose mobility Heart on the other. limits them mainly to their homes.

> The Marian statue was from a previous parish grotto, and the Sacred Heart statue came from the former parish school, which was torn down a few years ago. Elementary school students from New Philadelphia and Dover now attend Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary in the latter

> "We pray well and we work hard." Father Coning said. "I don't know of another parish where I've heard people say the Our Father as forcefully as they do here. We say it with great enthusiasm, and I think God is pleased when he hears us say it in this way, because he knows we believe the words we're saying."

He said a recent example of parishioners' work ethic involved last summer's recarpeting of the church. "This was an unexpected blessing," he said. "It started with a large gift from someone who wanted the money to be used for new carpeting. A provision of the gift was that we had to provide matching funds.

"We did that, but we also had to move all the pews so workers could get the carpet down. We had enough volunteer help that we were able to finish the job in two weeks. It was a tremendous effort, and it's one of many reasons I feel this is a great place to be a pastor – a real hidden gem which people sometimes tend to overlook because we're a twohour drive from Columbus."

"I can tell you from my personal experience what a welcoming parish this is," said parishioner Joyce riage. That shows how important it Belknap. "I was an inactive Catholic how important it is to get out of the three, which have their Parish for that Sunday morning Mass, and is to maintain a connection that goes who returned to the church two-and- your normal routine and for others School of Religion programs on a Resurrection choir for funerals. A





Left: Fourth-degree Knights of Columbus and Father Jeff Coning at the parish's new grotto, which has statues of the Sacred Heart, which came from the former school, on one side and the Virgin Mary, from a previous grotto, on the other. Right: Sacred Heart Church is decorated for Christmas. Photos courtesy Sacred Heart Church; CT photo by Tim Puet (bottom right)

back was the death of my mother. who was the first lay teacher at the parish school.

"I began sneaking into Mass. Before long, the number of people from the parish who called, sent cards, and spoke to me in places other than church and told me how glad they were to see me again made me realize what I had been missing."

Belknap is now part of the group involved in visiting the sick and the homebound. She recalled one particular visit: "I went to see a 97-yearold woman, and she told me, 'You know how I see Jesus? Not as a baby in a crib any more, but as an adult. He's dressed in white and black. He tells me what to do and what not to do. And I've told him I'm ready to see him face to face, but I recognize it has to be according to his timetable, not mine," Belknap said. "That really moved me."

"Jovce's work in that ministry inspired me to be part of it," Brodzinski said. "The one-on-one connections you make are so important. You realize in your heart that it just as easily could be you on the other end, and that it may be you some ing serves as pastor. This results in a traditional choir and a contempoday. Through visiting others, I've busy Sunday mornings during the rary choir which alternate at the 11 come to a greater appreciation of school year as she shuttles between a.m. Sunday Mass, an "8:30 choir"

a-half years ago. What brought me to know that people care about them schedule which enables her to visit and what they do."

> The parish is in the midst of an effort which has raised \$900,000 of the \$1.5 million needed to replace its current two-level basement social hall with a new hall, seating 300 people on one level, in a new building. The current hall will be used for storage and the gymnasium on the first floor of that building will remain. The new hall also will include a full preparatory and serving kitchen, flexible classrooms and meeting rooms, handicapped-accessible restrooms, and a canopy for auto passenger dropoff.

Even after the hall is completed, the parish fish fries on Lenten Friday evenings still will take place at nearby Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, also in New Philacrowds they attract and the availability of a large parking lot. Father Coning said at least 750 meals are served each week, "and that's on a slow night. That's quite a large number, especially for a parish our size."

Hamilton is faith formation director for all three parishes Father Con-

all of them. All three parishes have separate first Communion programs, which come together for a one-day retreat. The parishes also combine Confirmation classes, which meet at at the Christmas Eve Mass themed Sacred Heart.

The adult faith formation program and RCIA programs also are combined. Like most such activities, they are taking a summer break. Hamilton said Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players DVD series is being considered as a fall offering.

A new youth minister, Coleman Boring, will begin work in the fall and serve the three parishes and his home parish of Dover St. Joseph. This fall, Hamilton, who has served the parish since 2001, will be the Diocese of Columbus' representative in the theme park at the National delphia, because of the size of the Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The park includes displays from merchandise vendors and from religious orders and other spiritual organizations, as well as arts and crafts areas, and is where most conference participants go between sessions of the event.

The parish music program includes

choir of elementary school students sings three times a year, and a special choir of kindergarten and firstand second-grade students, supported by older students, is featured toward young children.

A new organ was built for the parish in 2012 by Charles Kegg of nearby Hartville and will be featured in concerts by the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus at 2 and 4:30 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018. Music to be presented includes Bach's St. Matthew Passion and other choral pieces of the baroque era, including selections from Handel's Messiah and Vivaldi's Gloria.

Besides the two Sunday Masses, there is a Sunday-obligation Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday. The rosary is prayed before most Masses except the one at 11 a.m. Sunday. On months when there are five Sundays, the Knights of Columbus lead the rosary before that Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is continuous from the end of the 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass to the start of the 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass. There also are weekly Monday evening prayer services during Advent and Lent.





Left: A monument and flagpole dedicated to New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church military veterans includes the cross which stood atop the former parish school. Right: A mosaic which has been at the rear of the church's sanctuary since 1966.

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Chillicothe Knights pray for people with addictions



Members of Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus in Chillicothe conducted a public recitation of the rosary at the bandstand of the Ross County Fair. The rosary was dedicated to people affected by addictions, especially those with drug addictions. The Glorious Mysteries were used, and reflections on addictions were included as part of the prayer. Photo courtesy K of C Council 15793

Dominican Studies lecture series

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will present a lecture series. "Behold the Inheritance of St. Dominic," during the 2017-18 academic year. The series will explore how the Dominican charism and legacy continues to unfold and manifest at the present time. Each of the eight lectures will be presented by a member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, ODU's founding congregation.

All the free presentations will take place on Wednesdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Catherine of Siena Room of Erskine Hall on ODU's campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Lunch will be provided.

Dates, topics and presenters are as follows: Sept, 13, "The Dominican Way," with Sister Diane Traffas, OP; Oct. 11,

"Where's the Bathroom?" with Sister Barbara Kane, OP; Nov. 8, "Mercy in the Streets," with Sister Nadine Buchanan, OP; Dec. 6, 13, and 20, "Advent - A Time of Joyful Anticipation," with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP; Jan. 10, 2018, "Mission Across the Miles," with Sister Doris Regan, OP; Feb. 7, "Welcome Into Courage," with Sister Rosemary Loomis, OP; Feb. 21 and 28 and March 7 and 21, "Lent – A Time to Focus Discipleship," with Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP; April 11, "Art – A Special Way to Preach," with Sister Thoma Swanson, OP.

Anyone with questions about the events may contact Sister Diane Traffas, director of the Center for Dominican Studies. at traffasd@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-4722.

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Two women's groups both meet once a month and serve the parish in different ways. The Altar Society meets on the first Monday for prayer, a meal, and a program. It provides candles, altar cloths, and other items mainly for parish use. It also takes care of funeral luncheons.

Sacred Heart is one of the few parishes in the diocese with a chapter of the Loyal Christian Benefit Association, formerly the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, a national organization with a history of more than 125 years. The LCBA is more oriented to activities outside the parish. These include donating clothes and funds to the Birthright organization, assisting the local homeless shelter and the Salvation Army, and providing financial aid to Tuscarawas Central Catholic students. Parishioner Andi Fox recently was chosen as the organization's member of the year.

Knights of Columbus Council 2372 has a history which goes back to the early 1920s and was renamed a few years ago in honor of Marine Lance Cpl. Peter Clore, who died in combat in 2011 in Afghanistan. It sponsored a chicken barbecue earlier this month and also conducts pancake breakfasts, takes part in the Knights' statewide Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled, and assists Father Coning as needed with other parish activities.

The Knights also purchased a monu-

ment remembering parish members who served in the military and a flagpole which stands next to it, both of which are in front of the church. The American flag atop the pole is lit at night. Standing on top of the monu-

ment is the cross which had been atop the school building.

Other parish organizations include a senior citizens group, which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Tuscarawas County Senior Center; a bereavement group, which gathers on the second Friday; and Busy Hands, Warm Hearts, which makes prayer shawls on the third Wednesday.

For more information about Sacred Heart, go to the parish website, www. sacredheartnewphila.org, or call (330) 343-6976.



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Camp teaches preteen girls about Dominican life

Girls age eight to 12 from throughout the Columbus area gathered at the Martin de Porres Center from July 17 to 20 for the Girls for Peace summer camp, a community outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

The girls spent the week interacting with each other and with sisters from the congregation. Through crafts, games, technology, and field trips, they practiced teamwork and conflict resolution, expanded their creativity, and learned presentation and public speaking skills. The camp also provided an environment for the girls to meet and interact with Catholic sisters in a way that explored and encouraged religious life.

The campers were exposed to global social justice issues through documentary videos, and were challenged to come up with solutions. Sisters helped moderate groups of girls as they created PowerPoint presentations to explain their ideas for creating a more just and peaceful world.

As a reflection of the congregation's commitment to ecological justice, camp participants traveled to Shepherd's Corner, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. This 160-acre farm offered a perfect setting for hands-on learning about farming and ecology.



Sisters from the Dominican Sisters of Peace are shown with girls age eight to 12 from central Ohio who attended the sisters' Girls for Peace camp at the Martin de Porres Center.

Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace

Throughout the camp's activities, Dominican Sisters of Peace acted as guides, helpers, and even dancing partners, with the goal of giving the campers a fun introduction to community life and the Dominican charism.

"We really consider this to be a vocation event," said Yahaira Rose, director of the Martin de Porres Center. "Many

girls never see a sister outside of a church setting. The Dominican Sisters of Peace wanted to give these girls the opportunity to experience life in the community and let them begin to see the consecrated life as an alternative from this very early age."

The Girls for Peace camp was funded by The Catholic Foundation as part of its ongoing efforts to encourage vocations in the diocese.

As a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the Martin de Porres Center is dedicated to serving others. The center partners with local agencies, churches, and other organizations to respond to the spiritual, social, and educational needs of God's people.

Women's silent retreat to take place Oct. 6-8

"The New Evangelization Touches Home" will be the topic of the next silent retreat sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. It will begin with registration at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 and will end at noon Sunday, Oct. 8.

Father Thomas Blau, OP, will be retreat master, presenting four talks which will combine the theory and practice of evangelization with how it can be lived at home. Currently stationed at Columbus St. Patrick Church, Father Blau is an itinerant preacher in the tradition of the founder of the Dominican order, St. Dominic de Guzman.

Before his ordination, he was a teacher, a letter carrier, and a co-owner of a drug store. As a missionary, he has lived in Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico. He was educated in public schools, including the University of Akron, before receiving degrees from Franciscan University of Steubenville,

the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California, and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. He has been involved in campus ministry at the University of Virginia and Providence College.

The fee for the retreat is \$140, which includes a private room for two nights and six meals. Financial assistance is available for those who need it. In addition to the four talks, the retreat will include Masses on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, all-night Eucharistic adoration on Saturday, two opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and quiet times for private prayer and meditation.

The Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League has been offering retreats for more than 50 years. It particularly invites women who never have made a silent retreat to come away and rest for a while in the beautiful setting of historic St. Therese's Retreat Center, letting its staff cook and care for you and letting the Lord fill you with his presence.

For more information, send an email message to retreatleague@gmail.com to receive a registration form, or call

Sharon Gehrlich at (614) 882-1946. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 8.

You are registered only when your deposit of \$50 is received. No phone or email registrations can be accepted.

St. Elizabeth to host Sept. 10 Healing Mass

Father John Vadakkettom, CFIC, will celebrate a Healing Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 in Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.

The Mass will be preceded by recitation of the rosary at 2:30, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a brief explanation of healing ministry. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and those present will be invited to come forward for healing prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who need it. The program will end with a potluck social.

"Father John" is known by many people in the Diocese of Columbus for

his hospital ministry. He is one of three priests of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception serving at St. Elizabeth Church. They are members of an order whose charism is to demonstrate the love of Christ for humanity by devoting their lives to care of the sick, education of the orphaned, and abandoned young people in need of assistance.

The event will be sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Inc., a lay organization under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through his appointed liaison, Father Dean Mathewson. For more information, go to http://www.ccrcolumbus.org.

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Peter is rewarded for recognizing who Jesus is



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Shebna's shame becomes Eliakim's exaltation in Sunday's reading from Isaiah. Shebna has been described in his role as "master of the palace" as being like a modern day prime minister. He probably was well-known to his contemporaries, much as people speak of palace intrigue in various governments today. Isaiah never spelled out what Shebna's offense was, but it was serious enough to remove him from his place at court. The power of the "key of the House of David" was a powerful one, since he controlled who would see the king and who would not.

Matthew borrows from Mark's account about the identity of Jesus, with some changes. Jesus asks the disciples who people think the *Son of Man* is. *Son of Man* is an image taken from Daniel 7:13. Gradually, the *Son of Man* came to be regarded as an "end-time" figure. By Matthew's time, the *Son of Man* was a common title used for Jesus and possibly by Jesus himself. In Luke's version, Jesus asks "Who do (people) say I am," rather than who the *Son of Man* is.

Matthew adds Jeremiah to the list of names of whom the *Son of Man* might be. It is uncertain why, although some have reasoned that Matthew saw the suffering which Jeremiah had to go through as an apt description of what Jesus soon would go through. The reason John the Baptist is included is because he had been killed by Herod, as described in Matthew 14:1-12.

Because of those who were aware of him had regarded John the Baptist as a great prophet, some thought that Jesus, who preached much the same message as John, was actually John returned from the dead. Some people also thought that maybe Elijah, the first of the great prophets, had returned. Traditional belief was that Elijah would return before the Messiah would come.

The first question was directed to the generic "people" and what they were saying about the *Son of Man*. Matthew phrases the second question directly to the disciples: "But you (second-person plural in Greek), who do you say that I am?" Matthew has switched from asking about a title (Son of Man) used for Jesus, to asking the disciples a direct question about Jesus' own identity. Matthew, Mark, and Luke use the same wording in Greek in asking the question of the disciples. Such literal repetition is rare in Gospel comparisons. Note the different answers given. Matthew wrote, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Mark wrote, "You are the Christ." Luke wrote, "You are the Christ of God." Such variety between evangelists is more often found than word-for-word agreement.

Matthew greatly expanded Peter's answer in Mark. Mark had answered, "You are the Christ." On the literary principle that the shorter text is more likely the original response, Mark's is probably the version which captured what Peter said. Matthew answers: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," thereby adding a further identity to Jesus. Luke simply tries to clarify the title by adding "of God."

Solely in Matthew is Peter rewarded by Jesus for having received the revelation that inspired his answer: "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Jesus then gives him a title by calling him "Peter," a name which means something like "Rocky" and all that name implies in English. Consider the people we know who go by that name. They have hearts of gold, they are well-intentioned, will do anything for anybody, but brightness is not necessarily one of their assets. Such is the one who receives "the keys to the kingdom of heaven." The power of binding and loosing allows him to exercise the role of chief spokesman for the group ("my church"). He has the power to make binding decisions, a power which will be shared with the rest of the Twelve in Matthew 18:18.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Corpus Christi Parish MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Parish of Corpus Christi is looking for a qualified individual to fill its recent Maintenance vacancy. This is a part time position requiring approximately 20 - 25 hours per week. The Maintenance position provides routine and preventative maintenance of equipment and interior and exterior structure of the building; performs custodial duties and other duties as assigned. A basic knowledge in mechanics, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, plastering and painting is necessary for this position. Other required skills include multi-tasking, establishing priorities, exhibiting initiative, responsibility, flexibility, cooperative interpersonal skills, and maintaining confidentiality. Work requirements also include being able to respond to critical calls and emergencies outside of regular scheduled hours. A minimum of one year prior experience is required. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send cover letter, resume, and references by, September 5, 2017 to Father Vince Nguyen, Administrator at:

parishccslcolumbus@gmail.com

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10 Psalm 149:1-6,9 Matthew 23:13-22

TUESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Psalm 139:1-6 Mark 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 139:7-12b Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Psalm 90:3-5,12-14,17 Matthew 24:42-51

FRIDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,10-12 Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Psalm 98:1,7-9 Matthew 25:14-30

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUG. 27, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com. Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery,

Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

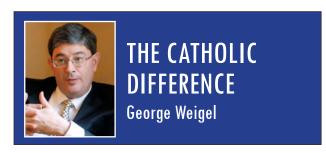
We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

It's a culture war, stupid

Those who persist in denying that the Church is engaged in a culture war, the combatants in which are aptly called the "culture of life" and the "culture of death," might ponder this June blog post by my summer pastor in rural Quebec, Father Tim Moyle:

"Tonight I am preparing to celebrate a funeral for someone (let's call him 'H' to protect his privacy) who, while suffering from cancer, was admitted to hospital with an unrelated problem, a bladder infection. H's family had him admitted to the hospital earlier in the week under the assumption that the doctors there would treat the infection and then he would be able to return home. To their shock and horror, they discovered that the attending physician had indeed made the decision NOT to treat the infection. When they demanded that he change his course of (in)action, he refused, stating that it would be better if H died of this infection now rather than let cancer take its course and kill him later. Despite their demands and pleadings, the doctor would not budge from his decision. In fact he deliberately hastened H's end by ordering large amounts of morphine 'to control pain' which resulted in him losing consciousness as his lungs filled up with fluid. In less than 24 hours, H was dead.

"Let me tell you a bit about H. He was 63 years old. He leaves behind a wife and two daughters who are both currently working in universities toward their undergraduate degrees. We are not talking here about someone who was advanced in years and rapidly failing due to the exigencies of old age. We are talking about a man who was undergoing



chemotherapy and radiation treatments. We are talking about a man who still held on to hope that perhaps he might defy the odds long enough to see his daughters graduate. Evidently and tragically, in the eyes of the physician tasked with providing the care needed to beat back the infection, that hope was not worth pursuing.

"Again, let me make this point abundantly clear: It was the express desire of both the patient and his spouse that the doctor treat the infection. This wish was ignored."

Canada's vulnerability to the culture of death is exacerbated by Canada's single-payer, i.e., state-funded and state-run, health care system. And the brutal fact is that it's more "cost effective" to euthanize patients than to treat secondary conditions that could turn lethal (like H's infection) or to provide palliative end-of-life care. Last year, when I asked a leading Canadian Catholic opponent of euthanasia why a rich country like the "True North strong and free" couldn't provide palliative end-of-life care for all those with terminal illnesses, relieving the fear of agonized and protracted dying that's one incentive

for euthanasia, he told me that only 30 percent of Canadians had access to such care. When I asked why the heck that was the case, he replied that, despite assurances from governments both conservative and liberal that they'd address this shameful situation, the financial calculus always won out – from a utilitarian point of view, euthanizing H and others like him was the sounder public policy.

But in Canada, a mature democracy, that utilitarian calculus among government bean-counters wouldn't survive for long if a similar, cold calculus was not at work in the souls of too many citizens. And that is one reason why the Church must engage the culture war, not only in Canada but in the United States and throughout the West: to warm chilled souls and rebuild a civil society committed to human dignity.

Then there is the civic reason. To reduce a human being to an object whose value is measured by "utility" is to destroy one of the building blocks of the democratic order – the moral truth that the American Declaration of Independence calls the "inalienable" right to "life." That right is "inalienable" – which means built-in, which means not a gift of the state – because it reflects something even more fundamental: the dignity of the human person.

When we lose sight of that, we are lost as a human community, and democracy is lost. So the culture war must be fought. And a Church that takes social justice seriously must fight it.

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

Conscience Protection Act

By Michelle Maskulinski

Imagine having to decide between your paycheck and your beliefs. This scenario has become a reality for some health care providers.

Congress needs to approve the Conscience Protection Act of 2017, also known as House Bill 644 and Senate Bill 301, to protect those individuals and health entities who morally and ethically oppose abortion and do not want to participate in, provide, or pay for an abortion. Passage of this act also will set a precedent for potential future moral dilemmas related to health care, such as providers being forced to participate in or pay for euthanasia. What about the rationing of health care services, as we are seeing with the case of Charlie Gard in the United Kingdom? Health care workers and providers should not be forced or coerced to perform any activities that are morally

objectionable to them.

When the U.S. Supreme Court issued its Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, it said health care providers would not be required to violate "personally held moral principles." Since that time, Congress has passed the Church Amendment of 1973 and the Hyde/ Weldon Amendment every year since 2004. These amendments affirm the freedom of health care workers and providers to not participate in, provide, or pay for abortion, but have limitations and loopholes that must be addressed. They provide no recourse through the court system for those who are discriminated against for their beliefs regarding the sanctity of life. When providers' moral principles are threatened or violated, their only option is to appeal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where cases can languish for years.

The Conscience Protection Act has been introduced every year since 2013. It currently has the support of 105 members of the House of Representatives and 24 senators. The American Civil Liberties Union opposes this bill, claiming it will impair a woman's access to abortion. The bill simply protects health care entities and providers who do not want to participate in abortion. If the bill is passed and a woman wishes to seek an abortion, she still will be able to go to an abortion provider, just as she can now.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supports this bill. Additional information may be accessed through the USCCB web page (http://www.us-ccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm). The page includes the story of Cathy DeCarlo, a nurse in New York who was forced to participate in an abortion pro-

cedure despite her moral objection. She was threatened with the loss of her job and nursing license. Within the Diocese of Columbus, U.S. Reps. Brad Wenstrup, Bill Johnson, Bob Gibbs, and Jim Jordan are supporting House Bill 644. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio is supporting Senate Bill 301.

This bill is about freedom to live and work while staying true to personal beliefs and values. If health care workers are bullied by employers or organizations, this bill will allow them recourse through the court system to fight for their rights. I urge readers to contact their legislators to support this bill and to thank the legislators who already support this measure, which would allow us to live out our faith in the workplace. It is time the Conscience Protection Act becomes law.

Michelle Maskulinski is a member of Circleville St. Joseph Church.

Pray for our dead

ADAMS, Claire M. (Belyea), 86, Aug. 15 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

BARKS, William R., 87, Aug. 10 St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

BELL, Frederick C., 70, Aug. 18 St. Catharine Church, Columbus

BEVERIDGE, Byron H. II, 65, Aug. 13 St. Mary Church, Lancaster

BOSETTI, Barbara (Ayers), 61, Aug. 1 Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

CASO, Carl M., 65, Aug. 14 St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

D'ANDREA, Dorothy M. (Hann), 92, Aug. 6 Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

DEAL, H. Carol (Dehl), 79, Aug. 15 St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

DINGLEDINE, **Betty (Feagans)**, **84**, **Aug**. **13** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

DUBLIN, Daniel J. III, 69, Aug. 12 St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FEILER, Robert J., 79, Aug. 16 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

FORKER, Cecilia M. (Buchana), 95, Aug. 14 St. Thomas Church, Columbus

GEMMA, Dr. Richard D., 76, Aug. 16Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

GINGRAS, Ann E. (Conway), 82, Aug. 7 St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus

GRASSELLI, Sandra (Penrod), 72, Aug. 2 St. Joseph Church, Dover

HAWK, Joyce A. (Krier), 71, July 27 St. Luke Church, Danville

HENNOSY, William A., 90, Aug. 8 St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

HOFMEISTER, Jeffrey, 64, Aug. 8 St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

HUFF, Linda (Lorenz), 71, Aug. 13 Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

KANE, Stacy A. (Smith), 46, Aug. 17 St. Catharine Church, Columbus

KELLY, Helen (Bigler), 96, Aug. 12 Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

KNAPP, Vivian E. "Evy" (Evans), 90, Aug. 6 St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

KOPEC, Al, 85, Aug. 14 St. Joseph Church, Dover KUSAN, Thomas M., 71, Aug. 11 St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

McENERY, Elizabeth A, "Betty," (Foerster), 89, Aug, 11

Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

McKEAG, Anna R. "Gram", 94, Aug. 15 St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

McNAMER, William M., 61, Aug. 18 St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

MEHLING, Barbara A. (Ashbridge), 62, of Marble Cliff, Aug. 11 St. Barbara Church, Massillon

MONGOLIER, Joseph R., 82, Aug. 10 St. Paul Church, Westerville

PAPAI, John L., 70, Aug. 11
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

PATTON, Richard L., 84, Aug. 16 St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

PFEIFER, Herbert J., 85, Aug. 6 Church of Our Lady, Columbus

PRATT, Thomas R., 86, Aug. 15 Christ the King Church, Columbus

ROHLER, James B., 69, Aug. 15 St. Mary Church, Marion

SCHMIDT, Clara E. (Snyder), 93, Aug. 12 St. Mark Church, Lancaster

SHERER, Ralph, 86, Aug. 5 Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

SHORT, Thomas C., 71, Aug. 11 St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SIVICK, Michael, 86, Aug. 12 St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

STEVENS, Helen "Suzy" (Johnson), 71, Aug. 8 St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

TARULLI, Timothy, 55, Aug. 5 St. Joseph Church, Dover

THEADO, Virginia H. (Manns), 93, Aug. 5Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

VOLPE, Beverly S. (Bice), 58, Aug. 13 St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

WAID, Paul B., 90, Aug. 12 St. James the Less Church, Columbus

WNEK, Billie J. (Thorp), 48, Aug. 12 St. Rose Church, New Lexington

YINGST, Mary K., 66, Aug. 12 St. Christopher Church, Columbus

ZANG, Arthur F. Jr., 77, Aug. 13 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

Deacon Kenneth L. Drummer

Funeral Mass for Deacon Kenneth L. Drummer, 63, a deacon of the Diocese of Columbus, who died Wednesday, Aug. 2, was held Saturday, Aug. 12 at St. Joseph Church in Lakeland, Florida.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1953 in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Richard and Mary (Jones) Drummer.

He received a bachelor's degree and a graduate degree in business from the University of Kentucky, was a banker and accountant with various financial institutions, and was working for IBM at the time of his death.

He was baptized and grew up as a Southern Baptist and became a member of the Catholic Church in 1973. He entered the Loyola University of New Orleans program for pastoral studies before being accepted as a diaconate candidate in 1996. The following year, he entered the Columbus Diocesan Diaconal School of Theology.

He was ordained a deacon on Feb. 3, 2001 by Bishop James Griffin in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and served in diaconal ministry at Columbus St. Agatha Church until 2004 and the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes in 2004 and 2005. His job then took him to Florida, and he served at St. Anthony Church in the Diocese of Orlando until 2010 and at the Lakeland parish until his death.

Survivors include his parents; wife, Suzanne (Shaw); daughter, Sarah; brother, Richard; sister, Kimberly; and two grandsons.

Sister Gladys Carmen Aragon, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Gladys Carmen Aragon, OP, 86, who died Monday, Aug. 14, was held Wednesday, Aug. 23 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in 1930 in Cienfuegos, Cuba, to the late Pedro Reginaldo Aragon and Mara Caridad Aloma. She entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de'Ricci, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace, in 1959.

She earned a liberal arts degree from Barry University in Miami and ministered on the retreat staff at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, Virginia, for more than 40 years. She also served on the retreat staff of the Dominican Retreat House in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She is survived by her sisters, Maria Teresa and Elsa.



HAPPENINGS

CLASSIFIED

The Diaper Dilemma

Tragically, 1 in 3 single mothers resorts to reusing soiled diapers on their baby because they cannot afford a propersupply of fresh, clean diapers.

To help provide diapers to single moms in need, visit

www.angelsand.org/diapers

AUGUST

24, 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.

'Into the Deep' Talk at Columbus St. Patrick

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly "Into the Deep" series on the Catholic faith continues with talk on "What Is The Bible? What Does It Show?"

25, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

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

614-866-4302

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

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

For more information,
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Mail to Catholic Times Happenings,
197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215
Fax to 614-241-2518

E-mail as text to tpuet@columbuscatholic.org

Reception for Ohio Dominican 'Chrysalis' Art Exhibit 5 to 7 p.m., Wehrle Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Opening reception for "Chrysalis" art exhibit featuring works by ODU art faculty

on the theme of the chrysalis and butterfly. 614-251-4453

26, 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.

Dominican Learning Center Tutor Training

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Training for volunteer tutors wishing to teach adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation, or English as a Second Language.

614-444-7330

Pilgrim Fatima Statue at Church of Our Lady

Noon to 5 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. One of six pilgrim statues of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis on Jan. 11 will be displayed for veneration. Noon, procession; 12:30, talk, family consecration, scapular investiture; 1:30, rosary procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 3, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 4, Mass. 614-861-1242

'Before the Flood' at Shepherd's Corner

1 to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Film "Before the Flood," narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, about how climate change affects the environment, followed by discussion led by Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Suggested donation \$5.

614-866-4302

27, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

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

Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame Mass, Induction

11:45 a.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 88 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Mass honoring eight newest members of school's athletic hall of fame, followed by brunch, with induction ceremony at 1 p.m. Tickets \$30 (\$210 for table of eight) for brunch and induction. 614-268-8671

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and fellowship. Visitors welcome. 614-895-7792

DCCW Mother Teresa Awards Dinner

4:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Annual Diocesan Council of Catholic women dinner, featuring presentation of inaugural Mother Teresa Awards of Charity, Compassion, and Service.

614-228-8601

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

614-237-0401

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

28, MONDAY

${\bf Catholic\ Singles\ Fellowship\ Mass,\ Dinner,\ Adoration}$

5:30 to 8 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Parish's Catholic singles fellowship group attends Mass, followed by dinner at a site to be determined, and

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 to 8. All diocesan Catholic singles welcome. **740-362-2246**

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157 Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

29. TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 7:30 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

31, 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.

SEPTEMBER

1. FRIDAY

Morning Prayer at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City.

Morning Prayer service for World Day of Prayer for Creation, beginning parish's Season of Creation events which continue through Oct. 4.

`614-875-3322

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Talk by Ben Hartings of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church about his book "Return to the Altar, A Sacred Journey Through Grief and Joy." Preceded by 11:45 a.m. Mass; \$10 donation requested.

No St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus will not be having its First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods this month. The sale resumes on Friday, Oct. 6.

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

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

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

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

2, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

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

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee

Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting.

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

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

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

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

614-221-1890

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

614-512-3731

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

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

3, SUNDAY

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

614-237-0401

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

4, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory

7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer and concluding with Mass.

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit

7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus, Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Mass for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

5, TUESDAY

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting For those who served three months, were honorably discharged, or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. 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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 7:30 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

6, WEDNESDAY

Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth

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

614-891-0150

Trio's pilgrimage marks St. Rose Philippine Duchesne's arrival in 1818



Ann Sabin, Roscoe Hill and Jim Adams sit together on a park bench on the grounds of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis after finishing their pilgrimage May 18. The pilgrims walked 335 miles in 25 days to experience the spirit of the journey of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who arrived in America in 1818 to establish schools in Missouri with her community, the Society of the Sacred Heart.



People applaud pilgrims Jim Adams, Ann Sabin and Roscoe Hill at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis after finishing their pilgrimage May 18. They walked 335 miles in 25 days to experience the spirit of the journey of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who arrived in America in 1818 to establish schools in Missouri with her community, the Society of the Sacred Heart.

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By Jennifer Brinker

Catholic News Service

Ann Sieben looks exactly like what you'd expect of a pilgrim.

Tanned skin and rosy cheeks are evidence of spending hours under the sun. If her boots could talk, they'd explain that the light coat of dust is from walking on a trail for weeks. Sieben's bright, big smile, though, is a tell-all of the energy and vibrancy it takes for a journey by foot to visit the places where an American saint once lived and worked.

Sieben and her friends, Roscoe Hill and Jim Adams, walked 335 miles in 25 days to experience the spirit of the journey of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who arrived in America in 1818 to establish schools in St. Louis with her community, the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The pilgrims started their journey in Mound City, Kansas, near where St. Rose Philippine prayed with the Potawatomi. They walked from Kansas into Missouri, eventually connecting with the western terminus of the Katy Trail in Clinton. Following the trail all the way to St. Charles, the pilgrimage ended May 18 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, where the saint taught and her final resting place.

The trio's pilgrimage highlights a number of events planned by the Society of

the Sacred Heart over the next several months to mark the bicentennial of the saint's arrival, including eucharistic celebrations, more pilgrimages, a spirituality forum and an online year of prayer that begins in November.

Sieben, 53, herself has planned two more pilgrimages for the spring and fall of 2018. She has made this her vocation as a consecrated layperson with the Society of Servant Pilgrims, but she had only heard of St. Rose Philippine a year ago.

"I'm from New Jersey," she said with a grin. But nevertheless, she recognized the historic importance of the anniversary of the saint's arrival and how she pioneered educating children in rough, frontier conditions.

"Part of the pilgrimage experience was really to connect with her experience," Sieben said. "The pilgrimage puts us in touch with the earth and the elements and what she was facing. We give up the comforts of home, and she had no comforts."

Saints and pilgrims go hand in hand, because of the journey that both experience, she explained.

"The saints are saints because they exercised heroic virtue in their lifetime," Sieben said. "They left examples for all of us of how they lived their day-to-day holy life. This is why saints and

pilgrims go together. We (get to visit) a destination where the saint did their work, where they walked, and did these heroic, virtuous things."

Sieben placed two small booklets on a table. One was a long piece of card stock folded in sixths. It was filled with signatures and stamps of the places they stopped along the route. The other was a small booklet, inserted with three pieces of paper that unfolded, revealing list of anticipated places where they could stop.

These were the group's lifelines. The card stock acted as a passport, filled with the signatures of people they stayed with or visited along the way. They could show it to those in the next town when vying for a place to stay. It's something that pilgrims have used for more than 1,000 years and was the precursor to the national passport, Sieben explained.

"It's a pilgrim's credential," she explained. "I can say, 'Look, we're certified by the archbishop of Denver, and we're signed by the archbishop of Kansas City."

With Google Maps, Sieben sketched a route starting from Mound City, and heading east to Clinton, where they picked up on the Katy Trail. In that first stretch of 81 miles, "I just had to figure out where to go on the dirt roads, farm roads, and find churches and walk from church to church," she said.

Sieben has had more than a decade of experience with this. As a mendicant pilgrim -- one who dedicates her life to walking on pilgrimages, often going solo and carrying nothing of value -- she started the Society of Servant Pilgrims under the approval of the Archdiocese of Denver. In 2016, the society became an official Association of the Christian Faithful under canon law.

The route didn't precisely follow St. Rose Philippine's steps, but the group stayed as authentically connected as possible by paralleling the Missouri River, and witnessing native prairie land as the saint would have seen it. They averaged about 13 miles a day. Sieben walked faster than the other two, so she would arrive at a town for the evening and look for someone to make arrangements to stay at a church for the night.

At several churches, the group found an image of Jesus knocking on a door -- a sign of welcome to pilgrims. "When someone knocks on the door, you should treat them as Jesus," Sieben said. "I think, 'How many doors were opened to us with this spirit?""

Three years ago, Sieben met Jim Ad-

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ams at a national pilgrims' gathering at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Adams, 75, who attends Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in University City, had been interested in El Camino de Santiago in Spain, but never got to walk along the famed pilgrimage route.

Last year at the same gathering in

Belleville, Adams told her about St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. He had been reading about the American saint -- one of 10 American saints, to be exact -- and the bicentennial celebration

Roscoe Hill, 80, met Sieben in Denver some years ago. He and his late wife, who about 10 years ago had walked El Camino de Santiago, were introduced to her through the friends sometime back and they kept in touch.

When he learned of her plans to go to Kansas and Missouri, he asked if he could come along.

The day they reached St. Charles, May 18, marked the 18-month anniversary since his wife had died.

Adams felt the benefits of doing a "Ninety percent of what we have to do with our brain is put out the other stuff," he said.

"When you're walking by yourself like this and there's no industrial sound, no mad rat race going on all around you, it just opens you up. You don't have to spend all your energy taking all the distractions away. When you get used to the blisters and other inconveniences, you get in a rhythm and it's very restful. It made me appreciate walking. I might do this again."

More information about upcoming bicentennial events, including how to make a similar pilgrimage, is





Ann Sabin shows off a scallop shell tattoo, an ancient symbol of a pilgrim, that she sports on her upper arm during a May 18 stop in St. Louis. Sieben and her friends, Roscoe Hill and Jim Adams, walked 335 miles in 25 days to experience the spirit of the journey taken by St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who arrived in America in 1818 to establish schools in Missouri with her community, the Society of the Sacred Heart.

available at rscj.org/bicentennial2018. *Information about the Society of* Servant Pilgrims is available at www. societyofservantpilgrims.com.

Brinker is a reporter at the St. Louis Review, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sister Maureen Glavin, a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and head of Academy of the Sacred Heart, signs a passport in St. Louis May 18 for a pilgrim who walked 335 miles in 25 days to experience the spirit of the journey of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who arrived in America in 1818. She established schools in Missouri with her community, the Society of the Sacred Heart.

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Dominican Learning Center partners with two parishes

Juana is a model student. She works hard, has excellent attendance, and often stays after school to be sure she understands everything from the lesson that day. She also works three jobs and is raising three children.

Juana is an adult learner in the adult English as a Second Language class sponsored by Columbus St. Mary Magdalene and St. Agnes churches. Thanks to her hard work and a partnership between the parishes and the Dominican Learning Center (DLC) of Columbus, her English skills have improved so dramatically that she has been offered a supervisory position at the fast-food restaurant where she works.

"That's the kind of outcome that we hope for with every one of our learners," said Sister Robin Richard, OP, assistant director of the DLC. "We believe that education improves lives, and Juana's story is a perfect example of how learning has improved the life of an entire family."

Juana and Sister Robin are part of the adult ESL program founded by the

Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The program combines the center's expertise with the good will of parish members to create an on-site adult ESL class at the two parishes.

What makes the program unique is the involvement of parish members. Instructional space was provided at St. Agnes, and parish volunteers offered their time to serve as tutors, while the center trained the tutors and provided instructional materials. This is a one-onone program, with tutors and learners meeting at a time of their convenience. The class has been in operation for about a year, with the help of a generous grant from The Catholic Foundation.

"More than 25 percent of all people who immigrate to Ohio make Franklin County their home," Sister Robin said. "As Christians and as supporters of justice, we need to provide these people with the help they need to succeed. We are so grateful to have been able to offer this instruction to 40 learners, helping them improve their lives and the lives of their families."



Parish volunteer tutor Carol Hinkle meets with English as a Second Language students at Columbus St. Agnes Church. Photo courtesy Dominican Learning Center

"Learning English is not just an academic exercise for our Latino parishioners. A better grasp of English will help them better manage their resources and protect themselves from unscrupulous employers and merchants," said Cindy Oddi, DLC liaison for the two parishes. "And the opportunity for members of our parishes to work so closely helps

us draw our parishioners closer together and strengthen our church."

The Dominican Learning Center also offers an adult ESL class in cooperation with Columbus Christ the King Church on the east side of the city, and will open a northwest location in cooperation with Columbus St. Peter Church later this year.

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