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WHEN AND WHERE TO GO FOR PARISH FESTIVALS

Father Dailey to become Josephinum vice rector

Editor's note: A list of new clergy assignments will be published in the June 19 issue of The Catholic Times. Some parishes and priests have already announced moves.

Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, will leave that position this summer to become vice rector of formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He will retain his role as diocesan vicar for religious orders of priests, sisters and brothers, a position through which he estimated he has helped members of 15 orders come to the diocese.

"I will serve mainly as a formator – a position similar to that of a counselor or adviser – rather than as a teacher at the Josephinum," he said. "My main responsibility will be to walk with and accompany young men during their formation for the priesthood.

"This is unlike anything I've done before. It was a surprise to me because I always thought my primary task would be in parish life. I have always been open to anything the Church has asked me to do, and this is what God is calling me to do now."

Father Dailey learned of the appointment in a meeting on Monday, April 25 with Father Steven Beseau, Josephinum rector/president. It was announced to the Josephinum community two days later and to Holy Family parishioners on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1.

Father Dailey said the appointment had the approval of Columbus Bishop-elect Earl Fernandes; his predecessor, Bishop Robert Brennan; and Msgr. Stephan Moloney, who is serving as diocesan administrator until the bishop-elect's ordination on Tuesday, May 31.

"Father Beseau said Bishop Brennan had wanted me to become involved in seminary formation at some point," Father Dailey said.

"I am very much humbled and very much intimidated by this assignment," he wrote to parishioners in the Holy Family bulletin for April 30 and May 1. "I have been filled with dreams about how to serve all of the people at Holy Family, and many of those dreams have come to life as a result of Divine Providence."

He said both his work at Holy Family and his new position called to mind a quote from one of his patrons, St. Anthony of Padua: "We are called to plant the seeds of trees under whose shade we will never sit."

"Our young men who want to be priests are in need of someone to walk with them," he said. "I am not convinced I'm the right one to do it, but it is what the Lord has made clear I am to do. Please pray for our seminarians, the men who are our future priests, and pray for the priests who have the privilege of walking with them as they learn from the Divine Master."

Father Dailey officially will begin

his new assignment when the Josephinum's academic year starts in August. He will leave Holy Family sometime before then. "I will remain available to the Mercedarian Friars who will assume pastoral care and responsibility of Holy Family," he said. "The continuity of stability and support for the people (of Holy Family) is of the utmost importance."

Two Mercedarians – Father Michael Donovan, O de M, and Father Joseph Eddy, O de M – have been stationed at Holy Family since early January. Father Dailey said more would be coming to the parish in future months. The order also will be establishing a house at Holy Family for the residency of its student brothers, who will be studying at the Josephinum for the priesthood.

The Mercedarians – the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy – were established in Barcelona, Spain, by St. Peter Nolasco in 1218. Today, there are Mercedarians in 17 nations including the United States, where they serve in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and New York.

Father Dailey said all of the nation's Mercedarians, numbering about 25, would be coming to Holy Family from Monday to Thursday, June 27 to 30, for their annual national conference.

Father Dailey was ordained as a priest in 2008 and has served at Holy Family for the past nine years – four as administrator and five as pastor.

JUNE 5 'CATHOLIC TIMES' WILL BE DELAYED TO INCLUDE NEW BISHOP COVERAGE

In order to provide coverage of the installation and ordination of Bishop-elect Earl Fernandes in a timely manner, the June 5 issue of The Catholic Times will go to press two days beyond its regularly scheduled day and will arrive a day or two later than normal.

It's anticipated that print copies will begin arriving in homes no earlier than Friday, June 3 or Saturday, June 4, depending on the expediency of the postal service.

This special edition will include photos and stories from Solemn Vespers on Monday, May 30 at Columbus St. Andrew Church and the installation and ordination on Tuesday, May 31 from Westerville St. Paul Church, a number of features on the Diocese of Columbus' new shepherd, and welcome messages from parishes, schools, organizations in the Columbus diocese and from dioceses throughout the United States.

A copy of this issue will be posted online at catholictimescolumbus.org on Wednesday, June 1, and some of the articles will be accessible on the website before the ordination and installation. Anyone interested in obtaining extra print copies of this edition should contact Editor Doug Bean at dbean@columbuscatholic.org. There is no charge for individual copies, but donations are requested for multiple copies to cover mailing expenses.

Unwavering pro-life vigilance remains important

Our world seems inundated with distressing news: Russia waging war against neighboring Ukraine. Escalating gas prices. Mounting inflation. Murders in our streets. Drug overdose deaths. Political battles. Secularism.

One piece of good news could be coming soon, and that is the possibility of the U.S. Supreme Court at long last overturning the tragic 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that has led to more than 60 million unborn lives lost in the country during the past 49 years.

On May 2, a leaked draft was published of a majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, which addresses the state of Mississippi's abortion ban after 15 weeks of pregnancy. According to the draft, the high court would return decisions on abortions to the states, and the national right to abortion would end.

So many people have prayed in their homes and churches and chapels and outside abortion centers for so long that Roe would be struck down. It seemed like

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that day would never arrive. If it does, it's truly a miracle.

At the same time, celebrating should be muted because abortion is not going away. As it stands, more than 20 states have laws in place that would ban abortion once Roe falls, but more than a dozen states and the District of Columbia have enacted legislation that would continue to make abortions legal.

Some governors have brazenly touted their states as havens for abortion and invited women to take advantage of their liberal policies on killing the unborn even up until birth. Many major corporations have announced that they would assist their employees in procuring an abortion in another state if it's not possible where they live.

Sadly, and predictably, the reaction to the news of an impending decision has drawn a firestorm of protests throughout the country.

Protesters have demonstrated in front of the homes of justices whom they believe to have concurred with the draft majority decision in the Dobbs case. Alito and his family were moved to a safe location for their protection.

The news has exacerbated the great divide between politicians on both sides. What's really hard to watch are the so-called Catholic politicians who want to do everything in their power to enshrine abortion as the law of the land.

You know their names. They should be ashamed.

All Catholics who support abortion need to examine their consciences. It's time to understand that the lack of respect for life at its most vulnerable point leads to an acceptance of killing and abuse at every stage,

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FESTIVAL LIST
Worthington St. Michael Church's festival, which takes place on Labor Day weekend and always attracts large crowds, is one of a number of parish festivals around the diocese included in The Catholic Times' annual list.

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Bishop's ordination will take place during Mass

Any major event in the life of the Catholic Church, including installation of a bishop, takes place within the context of the Mass. Representatives of the Diocese of Columbus and the universal Church will gather at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31 in Westerville St. Paul Church to welcome Bishop-elect Earl Fernandes for a Mass during which he will be ordained as spiritual shepherd of the diocese.

Such an event usually takes place in the cathedral of a diocese. But because the bishop-elect is an Ohio native – born in the Diocese of Toledo and serving until now as a priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati – he has friends throughout the state. A decision was made to move the ceremony to the Columbus diocese's largest church to handle the anticipated crowd. The church seats about 1,500 people.

Such events highlight the Church's worldwide nature. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio – Pope Francis' representative to the United States and for whom Bishop-elect Fernandes once worked – will be present, along with bishops from Ohio and throughout the United States, in addition to the Fernandes family and friends.

Also present will be diocesan clergy, religious, representatives of lay organizations and ethnic groups, and civic and



**Bishop-elect
Earl Fernandes**



**Archbishop
Dennis Schnurr**



**Archbishop
Christophe Pierre**



**Bishop
Robert Brennan**

ecumenical leaders representing a variety of faith traditions.

There will be various processions preceding the ordination Mass. The final procession will include the bishop-elect; Bishops Robert Brennan, James Griffin and Frederick Campbell, all of whom preceded him as bishop of Columbus; Archbishop Pierre; and Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati.

Archbishop Schnurr will be the principal consecrator, and Archbishop Pierre and Bishop Brennan will serve with Archbishop Schnurr as co-consecrators for Bishop-elect Fernandes. Three bishops are required to consecrate a new one. Other bishops in attendance also will concelebrate the Mass.

The bishop-elect will be accompanied

by two priests he has chosen to assist him. They are Msgr. Frank Lane of the Diocese of Columbus, who is retired, lives in Cincinnati and served with Father Fernandes on the faculty of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, and Msgr. Richard Marchese, who worked with the bishop-elect in the nuncio's office. Also accompanying him will be his brother, Deacon Trevor Fernandes of Toledo, a deacon of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Parma.

As in the ordination Mass for a priest, the ordination of the bishop-elect will take place before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Following the Gospel reading, after the congregation sings Come Holy Ghost, Msgr. Stephan Moloney, who has been serving as apostolic administrator

of the diocese in the absence of a bishop, will make a ritual presentation of the new bishop to Archbishop Schnurr.

The Cincinnati archbishop has a key role in the ceremony because he is the metropolitan archbishop for the ecclesiastical province of Cincinnati. All six of Ohio's Catholic dioceses are part of the province, which is based in that city because the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the "mother diocese" from which the state's other dioceses were formed.

The nuncio will read the letter from Pope Francis appointing the new bishop. The letter will be shown to the congregation and presented to the diocesan chancellor, Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., and members of the Diocesan College of Consultors, a group of priests who serve as advisers to the bishop.

Archbishop Schnurr will deliver a homily, and the bishop-elect will make promises to serve Christ and the Church, then will lie face-down as the Litany of the Saints is sung by all in attendance.

He will kneel as Archbishop Schnurr and the two co-consecrators lay hands on him. All bishops present then will also briefly lay hands on him.

Archbishop Schnurr will complete

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Bishop's coat of arms includes family, diocesan symbols

Coats of arms date to the late 11th century in Europe. Their first use was on the battlefield so warriors could tell their comrades. The same insignia were used on seals to authenticate documents.

The Catholic Church also identified the authenticity and ownership of documents and buildings with seals. These originally depicted the likeness of a specific person, but as secular seals began to depict only shields, clerical seals did the same.

Personal seals of bishops and abbots continued to be used after their deaths and gradually became the impersonal seals of dioceses. Clergy tended to replace images of war with clerical devices. The shield was retained, but helmets and coronets were replaced by ecclesiastical hats.

Today, a bishop's episcopal heraldic achievement – a more formal term for a coat of arms – includes charges (symbols) with personal significance to him as well as symbols of his diocese.

The symbols are displayed on a shield, which is the central and most important feature of any heraldic device. On Columbus Bishop-elect Earl Fernandes' coat of arms and those of many bishops, the shield is divided in half, by a technique known as impaling, along the pale or central vertical line.

Below the shield is the bishop's motto – usually a passage from Scrip-



ture – on a scroll. Bishop-elect Fernandes' episcopal motto will be *Veni Per Mariam* – Latin for "Come Through Mary." These words are taken from a famous short prayer of Servant of God Msgr. Luigi Giussani, the founder of the lay ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation, with which the bishop-elect is close.

The shield is surrounded by ornamentation that consists of a gold processional cross in back of and extending above and below the shield, and a pontifical hat called a galero, with six tassels in identical rows of one, two and three on either side of the shield, all in green. These heraldic insignia signify the rank

of bishop.

On Bishop-elect Fernandes' coat of arms, the symbols of the diocese appear on the dexter side – the side of the shield to the viewer's left, which would cover the right side (in Latin, *dextera*) of the person carrying the shield. The arms of the bishop are on the sinister side – the bearer's left, the viewer's right.

The diocesan half of the shield consists of a blue field or surface with wavy bars, the heraldic symbols of water, in the base. Water is a key symbol of baptism, and its presence is a reminder that the bishop is the primary sacramental minister in his diocese. The blue and white colors also recall Bishop-elect Fernandes' close association with the Missionaries of Charity, founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta.

The ancient sailing ship in silver (white) with the letter "M" in red on its sail represents the Santa Maria, the largest of the three ships that brought Christopher Columbus to the New World. Ohio's capital city, the seat of the Columbus diocese, was named for the explorer when it was founded in 1812. The ship's mast is topped by a gold cross.

The other side of the shield includes the bishop-elect's personal coat of arms. On a golden field, there is a red chevron with three golden scallop shells and, at the base of the shield, a red plow.

The chevron is a heraldic device resembling an inverted "V" and is one of the oldest figures in heraldry. Frequently, in Church heraldry, it signifies the rafter that holds the roof of the church, signifying protection. The scallop shells, which also appear on the Fernandes family crest, symbolize the pilgrimage of the Church on earth. There are three to recall the Holy Trinity and baptism into the life of the Trinity.

The bishop-elect is the son of immigrants from India, a nation renowned for its tradition of peace and non-violence. He was a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The red plow appears on the coat of arms of the archdiocese. It recalls the Roman hero Cincinnatus, who lived from about 519 to 430 B.C. and was asked by Rome's senators to abandon the field he was plowing to lead the Roman soldiers against invaders. Besides this, the plow symbolizes peace, serenity and good works amid the beauty of creation.

Red is the color of charity and of blood, a symbol of the infinite love of the Father who sent His Son to shed His blood for our redemption and for the forgiveness of sins. Gold is the first among the "noble" metals (those resistant to corrosion) and is a symbol of the first virtue, faith, which helps us to understand the mystery of salvation.

Elders, it's time to step up and be an Eleazar!

It's nearly June, that time of year when we celebrate the gifts and contributions of the seniors in our diocese with the Senior Citizen Day Mass and luncheon.

All my life, I have looked up to my elders with respect and, many times, awe (an early lesson taught to us by our parents). These icons showed me how to live a good, decent, humble, giving, serving life. It is now in awe that I realize I am an elder, and I wonder what legacy I will leave.

I believe that the current world situations (war, COVID, hunger, etc.), not just my aging self, has added challenges and temptations I could not have envisioned. I want peaceful coexistence, I want children fed, I want an inner sense of security. I so want to make a difference.

At times because of COVID, I have felt disconnected with my faith community. Zoom just doesn't provide the warmth of actually being with people in 3D. Lent was a terrific time for me to assess where I was heading (and why I felt I was in a hand basket).

With distance and isolation, I realized I was allowing myself to turn inwardly to my feelings and my needs (which actually were pretty miniscule). What kind of legacy would this leave?

Then I thought about Eleazar, who lived at the time of the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes (2 Maccabees 6:18-31). Jews were being forced by a king's decree to eat meat sacrificed to idols. Out of respect and

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to keep the old Eleazar from being tortured and killed, the king's officials advised him to pretend to eat the meat without actually doing so. A small indiscretion, a tiny hypocrisy.

I believe that, in the past couple of years, I saw my seemingly small lapses of faith – pretending to eat but not eating – as just little indiscretions. Eleazar would see them differently. When challenged, he responded by saying that dishonoring the faith in old age to gain a handful of days cannot be compared with the legacy it must leave to the young for generations to come. Well done Eleazar! I want to be an Eleazar!

This old man, who lived his faith for his whole lifetime, would not condemn the new generation to thinking that our whole faith is just some inner reality whose outer covering can be put on or cast off at will. That kind of thinking, that kind of faith, would be a sham.

In our current society and culture, the practice of faith suffers from a negative portrayal, sometimes in the form of cultural irony, sometimes with covert marginalization. We elders need to step up.

Pope Francis said it best during a weekly Wednesday audience this month.

"Faith deserves respect and honor to the very end: It has changed our lives, it has purified our minds, it has taught us the worship of God and the love of our neighbor. It is a blessing for all! But the faith as a whole, not just a part of it.

"Like Eleazar, we will not barter our faith for a handful of quiet days. ... It's a matter of life. Believe in the Holy Spirit, who makes all things new, and He will gladly help us. ... Please look at the young people: They are watching us. ... Our consistency can open up a beautiful path of life for them. Hypocrisy, on the other hand, will do so much harm."

Eleazar died leaving a model of nobility and an unforgettable example of virtue not only for the young but also for the whole nation. I want to be that example: living my faith every day and in every way. I am more focused on truth, not spin. I want no doubt on where I stand with the Church and Jesus Christ. Join me.

We all can be an Eleazar!

The Senior Citizen Day Mass and luncheon is Tuesday, June 7 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Mass is at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon to follow. For details and to register, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org, and check *The Catholic Times*.

Justice guides proper relations with your neighbor

In my previous column, I wrote how St. Thomas views prudence as the queen of virtues, orchestrating the other cardinal virtues (justice, fortitude and temperance). For one to be prudent, he or she must properly exercise the other cardinal virtues. In this column, I will address justice.

St. Thomas in his *Summa Theologiae* devotes 66 questions to justice compared to 16 for faith, six for hope and 24 for charity. In justice, St. Thomas includes teachings on political and legal matters.

St. Thomas approaches justice through what he believes about the human person, who is by nature a social and political "animal." This means a person is part of some natural society, such as a family, or some created society, such as a union or political party. Another participatory society is the one created by God, which is the Church. The person is always a part, living in relation to another.

Justice as defined by St. Thomas (and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*) is the virtue that consists of a constant and firm will to give God and neighbor their due. Where fortitude and temperance guide and per-

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fect one's action in relation to oneself, justice guides and perfects one's actions in relation to others. Justice establishes right relations with others.

What is "due?" Due is that to which someone has a legitimate right or claim. Some claims are established by nature, such as right to life. Other claims are established by law, such as right to vote.

Note that it is an act of the will. It is the concrete rendering to the other his due. The just one doesn't always have to agree with what the law rightly establishes as just. He simply must do it.

According to St. Thomas, there are three expressions of justice. First, there is general or legal justice. This is an individual's rendering to what is owed to the political community. Next, there is distributive justice, which is the political community rendering what it owes to the individual. Finally, there is commutative justice, or an individual's rendering what is owed to another individual. Note there is goodness and wholeness in each of these expressions.

Failures or "sins" against justice also (usually) garner wide and loud attention. For most of us, though, we will sin against justice and likely not even realize it. Sins against distributive justice, for example, include disrespect of persons by an authority distributing some communal good to individuals, not accord-

ing to right but some other "personal" criteria.

Sins against commutative justice in action (deed) are probably the most commonly identifiable. These can include murder and theft. Examples through speech, which we might not consider as sins, include reviling, backbiting, gossip, derision and cursing.

Whatever its type, every sin against justice requires that restitution be made to the one injured with compensation also required in cases where strict restitution cannot be paid or fails to restore what has been unjustly taken. This is why a good, proper examination of conscience is necessary before partaking of the sacrament of penance.

Where is God in this? Just as the gift of counsel through the Holy Spirit elevates and perfects prudence, the gift of piety elevates and perfects justice. It is a Spirit-taught reverence for God. It includes for the Christian to offer easily and joyfully the worship and obedience due to the Father.

St. Thomas notes that this piety perfects the whole of justice, for the one ordered justly toward God is then oriented properly to his or her neighbor.

St. Thomas also says that justice when perfected by piety manifests itself in the meekness spoken of by Christ in the Beatitudes. He says, "The Spirit renders a man meek by removing from him all possible obstacles to justice and piety. The meek one remains ever ready to act in the pursuit of justice. Meekness is the mark of a man who has been justified by God."

Reconciling justice and mercy, St. Thomas writes, "God acts mercifully not ... by going against His justice but by doing something more than justice. ... (For example,) the case with one who pardons an offence committed against him, for in remitting it he may be said to bestow a gift. Hence the Apostle calls remission a forgiving: Forgive one another, as Christ has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32). Hence it is clear that mercy does not destroy justice but in a sense is the fullness thereof. And thus it is said: Mercy exalteth itself above judgment (James 2:13)."

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Living as Apostles, with Mary in the Spirit

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The Spirit of God reveals beauty, truth and goodness in every encounter without fail. This is one reason the Apostles so deeply desired the accompaniment of Mary as they waited in the Upper Room.

Mary, filled with the Spirit, had a quiet attraction that drew them, interiorly, closer to God. They gathered around her for strength and insight as they pondered the full impact of Jesus' resurrection.

The first disciples knew, intuitively, that Mary dispels darkness and confusion by her presence. She brings those around her to the Lord and to the Spirit of the Father.

As Pope St. John Paul II said, Mary "does not compete with the role of the Holy Spirit" but "is called by the same Spirit to co-operate in a maternal way with him." The Holy Spirit "continually revives the Church's memory of Jesus' words to the beloved disciple: 'Behold, your mother!' and invites believers to love Mary as Christ loved her." (Dec. 9, 1998)

The Holy Spirit invites us to gaze upon Mary, to know her and to love her. Those are powerful words. Surely, in some way, this drawing near to Mary was also part of setting the stage for Pentecost in the lives of the Apostles.

As John Paul II said, "As the bond with Mary grows deeper, so the action



Pentecost artwork at Worthington St. Michael School by The Monastic Family of Bethlehem of the Assumption of the Virgin and of St. Bruno

of the Spirit in the life of the Church becomes more fruitful." (Dec. 9, 1998)

Mary not only leads us to a Christian way of life that bears fruit, but she also models for us a continual reliance on the Holy Spirit for the carrying out of our personal mission.

Mary, even though she is full of grace, also received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

John Paul II writes: "Without doubt, she was present at the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The Spirit who already dwelt in Mary, working marvels of grace in her, now comes down again into her heart, communicating the gifts and charisms necessary for the exercise of her spiritual motherhood." (Dec. 9, 1998)

Even Mary had more room for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost! How much more do we need to make room for the Holy Spirit?

In an address from a Wednesday audience, John Paul II recounts how Mary's "new motherhood" brought a mission that "demanded a renewed gift of the Spirit." It is worth recounting here:

"Having already had a unique experience of the effectiveness of such a gift, the Blessed Virgin was in a condition to appreciate it more than anyone; indeed, she owed her motherhood to the mysterious intervention of the Spirit, who had made her the way by which the Saviour came into the world.

"Unlike those in the Upper Room who were waiting in fearful expectation, she, fully aware of the importance of her Son's promise to the disciples (cf. John 14:16), helped the community to be well disposed to the coming of the 'Paraclete.'

"Thus, while her unique experience made her ardently long for the Spirit's coming, it also involved her in preparing the minds and hearts of those around her.

"During that prayer in the Upper Room, in an attitude of deep communion with the Apostles, with some women and with Jesus' 'brethren,' the Mother of the Lord prays for the gift of the Spirit for herself and for the community.

"It was appropriate that the first outpouring of the Spirit upon her, which had happened in view of her divine motherhood, should be repeated and reinforced. Indeed, at the foot of the Cross Mary was entrusted with a new motherhood, which concerned Jesus' disciples. It was precisely this mission that demanded a renewed gift of the Spirit. The Blessed Virgin therefore wanted it for the fruitfulness of her spiritual motherhood." (May 28, 1997)

In sum, if Mary needed the Holy Spirit to carry out her personal mission, how much more do we?

Mary gave welcome to God, physically and spiritually. This is a task for Christians – to give God welcome. We give God welcome by reading His word, receiving His sacraments and by living a life of charity as a gift of self for others. We welcome God in our neighbor through works of mercy.

We especially give God welcome by asking for the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, come through Mary.

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Use what you have to prepare for what's next

It's spring cleaning time in the Eberhard home, and that means everything from windows to deep freezers. Spring seems more of a natural New Year's resolution time for me than January. The rebirth of nature is timed so well with the resurrection of Our Lord that I feel it timely to list my goals for the upcoming year.

As I read through the plethora of ideas, a message was placed upon my heart: What if you used what you have?

Living in a culture of consumption, this is a radical thought. However, as I began to pray into it, the realization that within the walls of my home, I have the materials necessary to accomplish most of my goals was obvious and inspiring. There were no reasons not to begin right away.

My overarching goal stems from the desire to be ready for anything the Lord asks of me, physical, mental or spiritual. Based on the fluidity of my days currently, that could be anything from answering deep spiritual questions from my children to carrying medical equipment up and down flights of stairs, lifting heavy teenagers for their daily care, taking a quick business trip with my husband, changing meal plans based on a medical diagnosis, completing daily therapies and follow-up appointments for my family and/or being asked to join a yoga class with my teenage daughter who is far more limber than 45-year-old me. I want to be the best servant possible for the work the

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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Lord asks of me. I want my "yes" to be ready.

In our home, we have been gifted a weight bench and weights and a treadmill. There are yoga mats, therapy bands and a subscription to a streaming service where you can watch myriad workout videos. I am also blessed to have a pair of sneakers, yoga pants and a sweatshirt to go for walks outside. Clearly, we can use what we have to keep our bodies physically prepared for any task the Father might ask of us.

Each week as I grocery shop, I try to create a rainbow of fresh fruit and vegetables in my cart. I have, however, then found myself buying a salad for lunch when all the fixings are in my fridge. This had to stop. I have had fun lately challenging myself to use those vegetables and fruits to create meals as I also use up my pantry staples.

Our deep freezer as well has been a treasure trove of unused meal possibilities. I sat with my older children and wrote down what is available in the freezers, fridge and pantry. We made lists and created meals, snacks and desserts. How blessed we are to have these

supplies.

The goal of continuing to educate myself comes from a love of education. This gratitude for the gift of education filled my heart when, as a young married college student, my husband and I worked our way through the last years of my education. Sharing knowledge over fireside chats became a common occurrence and quickly became a hallmark of our hospitality and home.

This love of learning continues to follow me through educating my children as well as teaching others. I strive to grow my mind by reading and taking advantage of online lectures, free classes and visiting speakers. My husband has different interests than I do, and I love hearing him share his thoughts and observations. As I look around my home, I see piles of books that I have collected from library sales, book sales, birthdays, etc., and I am reminded again to use what I have.

It is easy to look to what others have or to make excuses as to why we are held back from becoming our best selves. However, many of us need only look within the walls of our own home to prepare ourselves for what the Lord might ask of us.

May we begin today to honor Him with our efforts. May our hearts be true and focused as we seek to gladden His heart with our ready spirits. What is in your home to help you prepare for what God might ask of you tomorrow?

Building a strong spiritual core through Eucharist, prayer

One of the most important things we can do to increase physical strength and to prevent injury is to develop a strong core. We refer to the core as the entire torso – front, back and sides.

When we learn to brace the core and engage our muscles more fully in our movements, we get stronger, and this helps prevent other joints from overdoing it. When we aren't using our core properly, back, shoulder, knee and other joint issues can develop because they overcompensate for our core weakness.

I was thinking about how we can build a strong core in our spiritual life. First, we are called to be faithful to the Sunday Eucharist. We are strengthened by the Eucharist in a supernatural way. We know this from John 6:53 when Jesus says, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

Receiving the Eucharist is essential to becoming fully alive in Christ; it is at the core of who we are as Catholics who believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Ignatius of Antioch said, "I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ ...; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love."

Having a daily prayer life is also a must for a strong spiritual core. This can include reading and reflecting

HOLY AND HEALTHY

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on Scripture, the Mass readings and the Gospel, praying the prayers of the Church and personal meditative prayer.

Daily prayer helps us develop a relationship with Jesus, learn how God is calling us and grow in holiness. We are called to love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit more than any person or thing in our earthly lives, and we can't do that if we don't get to know the Trinity through prayer.

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi said, "Prayer ought to be humble, fervent, resigned, persevering and accompanied with great reverence. One should consider that he stands in the presence of a God, and speaks with a Lord before whom the angels tremble from awe and fear."

In physical training, having a strong core allows us to move, lift, bend, run, walk, reach and carry things in daily life with more ability to do so with grace and

ease.

In the spiritual life, when we receive the Eucharist and pray regularly, we are trained and more ready to serve others with grace and ease when God calls us to do so. That strong core allows us to have confidence in our strength and ability to give love to others from the love that we've received.

Our commitment to the Eucharist and to a prayer life helps God equip us to, for example, bring Jesus to others, to be a comfort to those who are suffering and encourage those who have lost hope.

If we feel called by God, and our vocation allows, we can do even more to grow closer to Jesus. We can continue to strengthen our spiritual core, for example, by going on retreats, attending Catholic conferences, reading good spiritual books and giving our time and talent to organizations that can benefit from our God-given gifts.

We can also do the "hidden" things in daily life, such as making a meal for someone, praying for others or remaining silent rather than having the last word.

In my experience, there is no containing Catholics who have strong spiritual cores; they are ready to rock the world with their love for God and their desire to bring others to Him. I pray that this describes both you and me!

Dobbs hysteria and Russian disinformation

There are striking parallels between the Russian disinformation campaign that continues to foul the global communications space in the third month of the war on Ukraine and the hysterical screeds of pro-abortion American politicians after a draft Supreme Court decision in the *Dobbs* case leaked. In both instances, those who've lost an argument — or who had no argument to begin with — resort to creating an alternative reality through euphemisms that are the functional equivalent of lies.

President Joe Biden's contribution to alternative reality was to declare that *Roe v. Wade* (which created the world's most libertine abortion law) "says what all basic mainstream religions have historically concluded, that the existence of a human life and being is a question." Buried within that muddled syntax was the pernicious claim that the question of when human life begins is religious, not empirical. It is not; it never has been; and it never will be. That human life begins at conception is a scientific *fact*, once known to high school sophomores from biology class.

And isn't there an ominous parallel between President Biden's nonsensical assertion that there's no settled answer to when life begins and President Vladimir Putin's equally nonsensical claim that Ukraine is neither a real nation nor a sovereign state, but rather an integral part of the "Russian world" that must be restored to its proper place within that "world"? Both claims bespeak an alternative reality to, well, reality.

Then there is the mantra

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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invoked by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others, that the *Roe v. Wade* regime of abortion-on-demand is essential to "reproductive health care." The corruption of language here is staggering — and finds its parallel in Putin's insistence that his invasion of Ukraine was a "special military operation," not an act of war.

In a seminal 1946 essay, "Politics and the English Language," George Orwell argued that "ugly and inaccurate" language in politics "is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind." This is what Pelosi and Putin do when they refuse to call things by their right names, when they deploy euphemisms to mask the reality of something brutal and repulsive, and when, in doing so, they deceive the publics they claim to lead. Many Americans are rightly aghast at the levels of Russian popular support for Putin's murderous aggression, which is partially the result of the Russian people being fed a steady diet of lies by state-controlled media. But isn't that lethal diet of euphemisms and falsehoods analogous to tarting up abortion as "reproductive health care" essential to

"women's empowerment"?

President Biden and Speaker Pelosi have cut through the smog of Putin's propaganda and told the truth about Russia and Ukraine. That they cannot or will not see that they are deploying Putinesque tactics in their support of the constitutionally indefensible *Roe v. Wade* tells us just how debased, even grotesque, the defense of abortion-on-demand has become.

Distorting the things of God for political purposes is yet another tactic in the creation of an alternative reality.

On May 3, the president of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, decried pro-lifers' efforts to "exercise theocratic control" over others and declared that, "As Episcopalians, we have a particular obligation to stand against Christians who seek to destroy our multicultural democracy and recast the United States as an idol to the cruel and distorted Christianity they advocate." Thus, she concluded, "we must make our Christian witness to the dignity of every human being by insisting that we support the right to safe and legal reproductive health care because our faith in a compassionate God requires us to do so."

Query to the Rev. Jennings: Does our "compassionate God" have nothing to say about the tens of millions of innocents killed *in vitro* by "safe and legal reproductive health care"?

The Rev. Jennings' May 3 summons to the pro-abortion barricades will have struck orthodox Christian ears as bizarre, even heretical. But was it materially different from a sermon preached that same day in the Kremlin's Archangel Cathedral? There, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus' declared that "Russia has never attacked anyone. It is amazing that a great and powerful country never attacked anyone — it only defended its borders. God grant that...our country [will continue to] be like this — strong and powerful and at the same time loved by God."

Jennings and Kirill betray the Gospel by embracing two forms of the culture of death. No humane society can be built on that lethal foundation.



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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

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

Bishop's clothing displays tradition, symbolism

A bishop's ceremonial dress varies with the occasion, although he always wears a ring and a pectoral cross.

The pontifical ring, usually set with a stone, is presented to a bishop at his ordination. It is a symbol of authority and is worn on the right hand on all occasions, even when the bishop is wearing street clothes. Because the bishop's office is compared to the union of Christ the bridegroom with the Church, his bride, the bishop receives the ring to signify his sacramental espousal to his diocese.

The pectoral cross is worn on a bishop's breast (*pectus* in Latin). Suspended from a cord or chain and worn over his vestments, it is made of precious metal, usually gold, and sometimes contains precious jewels or saints' relics. Most bishops, when wearing street clothes, wear a small pectoral cross and chain between the vest and suit coat.

Choir dress is worn by the bishop when

he presides at a ceremony. This outfit consists of a purple cassock, *mozzetta* (short cape) and *zucchetto* (skullcap) and a white *rochet* (vestment). Purple is the color used in the ceremonial dress of prelates of the Western Church with the exception of abbots, who wear black; cardinals, who wear red; and the pope, who wears white.

The cassock, a close-fitted outer gown with purple sleeves, is purple for ceremonial occasions; otherwise, it is black piped in purple or red. Its name originally was given to the dress of soldiers and horsemen but survives today in ecclesiastical use only.

The *mozzetta* is made of silk or wool, reaches to the elbows and buttons down the front. It is worn over the *rochet* and is used in the bishop's own diocese as a sign of his jurisdiction.

The *rochet* is like a shortened alb or an elongated surplice. It is made of linen or cotton, reaching to the knees, with tight-fitted sleeves. It often is adorned

with lace. The *rochet* is worn under the *mozzetta*.

The *zucchetto* is a small, round skullcap worn by ecclesiastics of various ranks. The bishop's *zucchetto* is purple.

When a bishop celebrates Mass, he wears traditional Mass vestments. In addition, he wears a miter – the ancient headdress of a bishop – over his *zucchetto*, carries a crosier – a symbolic shepherd's staff – and is adorned with a pectoral cross and episcopal ring.

The miter, the liturgical headdress of bishops of the Latin rite, is worn as a sign of their special dignity. Made of linen, cloth-of-gold or silk, it is often ornamented. The front and back are stiffened, and each comes to a peak. It has two lappets – strips of cloth – hanging down the back.

While the miter's origins are unclear, it might have developed from the *came-laucum*, a helmet-shaped hat worn by authorities of the late Roman Empire.

Constantine, the first emperor to recognize Christianity as a religion, allowed bishops to wear the distinctive headpiece in recognition of the role he assigned them in the imperial hierarchy.

Worn during various liturgical actions, the miter is always put aside when the bishop prays.

The crosier is a staff conferred on bishops at their ordination. It is a symbol of authority and is carried by the bishop mainly in his diocese; he may use it elsewhere only with special authorization.

Among the most ancient symbols of leadership, the crosier first served as a pilgrim's staff or an itinerant preacher's walking stick. Later, it became the sign of the high priest. In Christian times, it became hooked like a shepherd's staff because of the command to “watch over the flock” the bishop receives when the crosier is presented to him.

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the act of ordination with a prayer of ordination as two deacons hold an open Book of the Gospels above the new bishop's head. This represents his submission to the Gospel.

The archbishop will anoint Bishop Fernandes' head with holy oil and present him with the Book of the Gospels and the insignia of his office – a ring, a miter, a crosier and a pectoral cross.

(The significance of these symbols is described in another story in this week's *Catholic Times*.) The crosier belonged to Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the first bishop of Columbus, and dates to 1868, when the diocese was established.

Bishop Fernandes then will be escorted by Archbishops Schnurr and Pierre to the cathedra, the bishop's chair. He will be seated on the cathedra and at that

point will officially become the 13th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus.

After this, he will rise and go to the foot of the sanctuary to receive representatives of the community who will welcome him. Once he receives their greetings, he will return to the cathedra, and the Mass will continue in its usual form.

The first Scripture reading, in Span-

ish, will be proclaimed by Miguel Buckenmayer, with the second reading by Sister Maria Juan Anderson, RSM. Both readers are friends of the Fernandes family. Deacon Fernandes will be the Gospel reader. Family members will present the offertory gifts. Servers will be the 18 men of the diocese studying for the priesthood.

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Pro-life Ohioans, now is our time

By Beth Vanderkooi

By now, everyone has heard about the leaked first-draft copy of the Supreme Court's decision in the *Dobbs* case. While the text has been authenticated, it is not the final or published decision, and it is subject to change (and may have been changed before the draft was leaked). There is much speculation on the leak, but to date nothing substantial. The draft opinion is extremely well-written. It says that there is no national Constitutional right to abortion and clarifies that states can set policies for the protection of unborn children, the regulation of abortion and abortion clinics, and enact full abolition of abortion. While some may wish that the decision had gone further in declaring the personhood status of the child, that question was not before the court.

It will be tempting, given the situation and the circumstances of this leak, to give way to excitement over a victory, fret about procedure and efforts to influence the Court, decry the decision as not going far enough, or spend hours reacting to public sentiment via social or conventional media. My encouragement, however, is that while each of these things has a place in our response, we should continue to always pray and never give up, never lose heart, and never grow weary in our efforts, because

Pro-Life Ohioans: now is our time.

Now is our time to redouble efforts to support vulnerable women, children, and families in need. Returning abortion regulation to the states will not immediately amend the brokenness of our culture and its detrimental impact on families and openness to life. Instead, let us take up the mandate to put our hearts where our mouths have been and to use them to proclaim the absolute dignity of human life with our every word, action and effort. Let us be vocal advocates that while government programs may have a place, it is also our responsibility to engage and act at an individual level.

Now is our time to respond with compassion and mercy to the generations of women and men who are scared, hurt and angry because they believe that the success and equality of women can only be bought by blood – and not the blood of the Lamb, but by the blood of their own children. For those who believe that the path of success is paved with the remains of aborted children, we have an opportunity to show that this is a lie. Abortion is often an attempt to respond to very real problems faced by women and families. Instead of mocking them, inciting tensions or amplifying their rage, let us work to end injustice and inequality by tearing down the structures that deny women and families flexibility and accommodation. Abortion props up a system that pits women against their unborn children and often makes them choose between their babies' lives and their educations, jobs, and overall chances at success.

Now is our time to speak and act with clear-headedness, truth and gentleness at the misguided notion that abortion is the compassionate answer to crimes like rape and incest. Rape is without a doubt a violent assault, and we do not turn a blind eye to its severity and consequences. However, pregnancy is not a punishment for women who engage in sexual activi-

ty without "permission" of the culture. To say that a woman who is the victim of rape deserves an abortion but the woman who is the victim of domestic violence or who engaged in a one-night stand ignores the absolute humanity of the child. It fails to consider that most victims of rape are assaulted by someone they know. Especially in the case of minors, victims of offenses like incest and human trafficking abortion can be used to cover up repeated crimes. Even today, women who report sexual assault have abortions in roughly the same percentages as women who have abortions for other types of unplanned pregnancy: pushing abortion exceptions and calling for abortion for women who have been sexually assaulted does not consider their actual feelings, emotions and needs after violence. It perpetuates the lie that women need only "put behind them" violence to heal from it. It is more likely to subject women who chose life and the children conceived in rape or incest to judgment, ridicule and dehumanization. Instead of diminishing the egregious nature of violence and sexual assault, let us come together to demand justice for victims of sexual assault, access to healing and support for those who struggle.

Now is the time to speak out against the ableism that says children with possible or likely medical needs have lives that are not worth living. Let us reject the idea that the parental instinct to protect a child is best met by euthanizing that child. Instead, let us have honest conversations about prenatal hospice and maternal care and recognize the sorrow families feel at miscarriage rather than place the emotional burden of taking direct action to end the life of a child on the parents' shoulders. Let's put an end to the increasingly prevalent idea that children and adults with profound health and medical needs have lives that are not worth living and extend compassion and humanity to those who are aged, infirm

and otherwise vulnerable.

Now is the time to recognize that the American church its greatest challenge and opportunity to engage in the new evangelism persisting in the loving truth that we are stewards and not owners of the lives God has entrusted to us. Let us proclaim that everyone who has ever been or will ever be was known, beloved and made in the image of God; that Jesus Christ has conquered all death and sin because of that love; and that we may not understand all of the trials and sufferings that have entered into this world and we may not know that time or the place or the way that it will happen, but that God has and will overcome all of the sufferings of this world. Let us speak clearly that our concern for the unborn child comes from a genuine regard for the dignity of the human person.

When I look at the pro-life movement, I see people who are worn and weary from five decades of activism. I see new faces full of ideas and enthusiasm. I see people of diverse backgrounds and faiths and of no faith whatsoever. I see people who want to join us, but who are afraid that their gender or their beliefs disqualify them. I hear from people repulsed by abortion but who believe it is the only compassionate position. I see the walking wounded hurting from past abortions. Let us unite in the churches and in the public square and recruit others to our cause.

Now is our time, pro-life Ohioans, to acknowledge that while we want nothing more than this fight to be over it is time to lovingly persist. In the words of the inimitable Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, "we know the justice of our cause, we trust in the faithfulness of his promise, and therefore we shall not weary, we shall not rest."

Beth Vanderkooi is the executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life. If you are feeling called to engage more deeply in our pro-life mission, get in touch at gctrl.org/volunteer.

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whether it's through war, murder or euthanasia.

The "choice" side has successfully implemented one of the most effective marketing campaigns in history. They have masterfully spun the debate as a "women's right to choose," discounting the fact that the baby has no right to decide his or her fate, and the secular media eagerly promotes that argument.

In the weeks and months to come, the mainstream media will continue to be a willing partner in shaping favorable coverage of abortion backers. If you are pro-life, you will be cast by the media as a villain and a person on the fringe of society who is out of touch with reality.

You will see tremendous pressure on the Catholic Church to downplay its support for the unborn. The Church has already experienced virulent, vile and vindictive reactions with the desecration of churches, stolen tabernacles and more.

Church leaders have spoken out this month with hopeful words regarding the potential end of Roe.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a strong statement. The bishops of New York published a long letter defending life and calling out politicians in a state that permits unlimited access to abortion.

A local priest in a recent Sunday homily spoke more demonstrably than we're accustomed to hearing from the pulpit about the evils of abortion. He said it's time for the Church to hold public officeholders accountable.

He's absolutely right. After all, what does it say about the Church's credibility that two of the country's most prominent and powerful politicians proudly and repeatedly flout one of its basic teachings?

Now is the time to redouble our efforts in the Church to defend all human life. Fortunately, Ohioans live in a state that already has put abortion restrictions in place, but faithful witness, in addition to providing support for mothers and their babies, remains crucial.

Relic of St. Bernadette to visit diocese in early June

A relic of St. Bernadette Soubirous, to whom the Virgin Mary appeared in 1858 at Lourdes, France, is touring the United States and will be displayed for veneration at two parishes of the Diocese of Columbus in June.

The relic will be at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 E. Highland Ave., from Thursday, June 2 to Saturday, June 4, when it will be transferred to Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, 1343 Wheeling Road, for veneration until Monday, June 6, the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

A plenary indulgence, which fully removes all punishment for sin, will be granted to everyone who visits the relic and fulfills all other conditions required for the indulgence, which include being in the state of grace, having an interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, making a sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist within a reasonable period of time, and praying for the pope's intentions.

Mary appeared to St. Bernadette, a 14-year-old peasant girl, 18 times at a grotto in Lourdes between Feb. 11 and July 16, 1858, identifying herself for the first time as the Immaculate Conception during the 16th appearance.

Mary asked that a church be built in her honor at the grotto, which has been a place of pilgrimage ever since. It has

been the site of many physical healings, including 70 recognized as miracles by the Catholic Church, and countless instances of spiritual healing. Following the apparitions, St. Bernadette became a member of the Sisters of Charity and died in 1879.

The relic is a fragment of one of St. Bernadette's ribs, displayed in a reliquary. The Sanctuary of Lourdes, which supervises the saint's relics, has permitted its display from April 7 to Aug. 4 at 41 sites throughout the United States.

Its other stops in Ohio will be in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at St. Bernadette Church in Amelia on Wednesday and Thursday, June 8 and 9 and Cincinnati Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Friday, June 10.

The schedule for the relic display in Ada and Lancaster is:

Thursday, June 2 (Ada): 8:30 a.m., veneration begins; 9 a.m., rite of welcome; 9:15 a.m., Mass including sprinkling rite with Lourdes water; 6 to 8 p.m., Lourdes virtual pilgrimage experience; 8 p.m., candlelight rosary procession; 8:45 to 9:30 p.m., confessions; 10 p.m., church closes.

Friday, June 3 (Ada): 8 a.m., church opens; noon, Mass with Columbus Bishop Earl Fernandes as principal celebrant, including sprinkling rite and

concluding with anointing of the sick for those eligible; 3 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of St. Bernadette; 6 to 8 p.m., virtual pilgrimage experience; 8 p.m., candlelight rosary procession; 8:45 to 9:30 p.m., confessions; 10 p.m., church closes.

Saturday, June 4 (Ada and Lancaster): 8 a.m., church opens; 9 a.m., First Saturday Mass including sprinkling rite; 11:30 a.m., farewell celebration and sending of relic to Lancaster; 4 p.m., Vigil Mass of Pentecost with solemn reception of relic in Lancaster; 5 p.m., veneration begins; 9 p.m., church closes.

Sunday, June 5 (Lancaster): 9 a.m., church opens; 10 a.m., Mass of Pentecost and sacrament of confirmation with Bishop Fernandes; 2 p.m., spiritual conference on the life of St. Bernadette, confessions available; 3 p.m., virtual pilgrimage, Lourdes water and rock from the Lourdes grotto; 7:30 p.m., music for Mary; 8:30 p.m., chanted Litany of Loretto, candlelight rosary, procession to grotto.

Monday, June 6 (Lancaster): 8:20 a.m., Mass; 9 a.m., veneration begins; 10 a.m., virtual pilgrimage; noon, pilgrims' Mass; 3 p.m., rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers for the nation; 9 p.m., solemn closing of veneration.



A reliquary containing a fragment of one of St. Bernadette's ribs is displayed earlier this month in the Eternal World Television Network chapel in Irondale, Alabama.

Photo courtesy Facebook

Mass for nurses at Holy Name



Nurses and health care providers gathered at Columbus Holy Name Church on Friday, April 29 for a Mass and blessing of hands by Father Antonio Carvalho, the parish's pastor. The Catholic Nurses Columbus Council, which is part of the National Association of Catholic Nurses, USA, was approved on Nov. 21, 2019 by former Columbus Bishop Robert Brennan. The objective is to bring together nurses from different backgrounds but with the same Catholic values to promote moral principles within the Catholic context in nursing and to stimulate a desire for professional development. National Nurses Week was observed from May 6 to May 12. Among the participants were (in no order) Jan Gillespie, MA; Gina Hinterschied, RN; Fran Toussaint, RN; Lori McKenzie, RN; Dr. Teresa Sipos, RN; and Michele Faehnle, RN. The altar server was Dr. Will Turek, MD.

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“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

- Luke 10:2



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Parish festivals begin in June

After the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc with festivals and gatherings over the past two years, a few more parishes are restarting summer events in 2022. Others continue to be on hiatus.

Columbus St. Andrew Church will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its festival in August. Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona's festival in July will coincide with the parish's 100 anniversary and Columbus St. Christopher Church is observing the parish's 75th anniversary in June.

Attending a festival is a great way to support for churches, schools and groups in their efforts to raise funds.

Keep the festival list as a reference throughout spring, summer and fall. It's a good idea to check with the parish for any changes in schedules or postponements because of inclement weather.

The following is a list of festivals reported to *The Catholic Times* as of May 13.

JUNE

June 9-11

St. Catharine of Siena

500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus
5-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

June 17-18

St. John Neumann

9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury
6-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

June 24-25

St. Christopher

1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus
6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

June 26

Ss. Augustine & Gabriel

1550 E. Hudson St., Columbus
Friends and Family Day Mass at 10 a.m. followed by potluck

JULY

July 15-16

St. Timothy

1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus
6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

July 14-16

St. Matthew the Apostle

807 Havens Corners Rd., Gahanna
6-11 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-midnight
Friday and Saturday

July 15-16

St. Joseph

613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

July 16

St. Luke

307 S. Market St., Danville
5-10 p.m.

July 22-23

Immaculate Conception

100 Sherman St., Dennison

6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

July 29-30

Immaculate Conception

414 E. North Broadway, Columbus
6-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

July 29-30

St. Margaret of Cortona

1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus
5 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

AUGUST

Aug. 5-6

St. Stephen the Martyr

4131 Clime Rd., Columbus
6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

Aug. 5-6

Our Lady of Victory

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus
6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Aug. 5-6

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

3730 Broadway, Grove City
5 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Aug. 5-6

St. Nicholas

Bishop Fenwick School
1030 E. Main St., Zanesville
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Aug. 8

Immaculate Conception

215 E. North St., Kenton
Noon-7 p.m.

Aug. 12-14

Elizabeth Ann Seton

600 Hill Road N., Pickerington
5-11 p.m. Friday, 2-11 p.m. Saturday,
noon-4 p.m. Sunday

Aug. 12-14

Holy Spirit

4383 E. Broad St., Columbus
6-11 p.m. Thursday, 6-midnight Friday,
5-midnight Saturday

Aug. 12-13

St. Brendan

4475 Dublin Rd., Hilliard
Check with parish for times each day

Aug. 12-13

St. Cecilia

434 Norton Rd., Columbus
5 p.m.-midnight Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight
Saturday

Aug. 12-13

St. Mary, Mother of God (German Village)

684 S. 3rd St., Columbus

5 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Aug. 13

St. Ann/St. Mary

405 Chestnut St., Dresden
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Aug. 14

Immaculate Conception

215 E. North St., Kenton
Noon-7 p.m.

Aug. 17

Blessed Sacrament

394 E. Main St., Newark
5 p.m.-11 p.m.

Aug. 19-20

St. Andrew

1899 McCoy Road, Columbus
5 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

Aug. 20

St. Elizabeth

6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus
Noon-midnight

Aug. 25-27

St. Joan of Arc

10700 Liberty Rd., Powell
6 p.m.-11 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday, after Saturday Vigil Mass
approximately 6:30 p.m.-midnight

Aug. 27

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1051 S. Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg
Time TBD

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2-4

St. Michael

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7-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday
and Sunday

Sept. 17-19

St. Mary of the Annunciation

524 6th St., Portsmouth
5-9 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday,
11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

OCTOBER

Oct. 7-9

St. John the Baptist

Hamlet and Lincoln Sts., Columbus
Italian Festival
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Downtown procession honors Our Lady of Fatima on feast day



Priests and religious pray the rosary during the procession on East Broad Street.



Members of the Order of Malta and altar boys from Columbus St. Patrick Church lead a procession past the Ohio Statehouse in downtown Columbus with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, May 13.



Lay faithful unite in prayer to Our Lady of Fatima during the procession from Columbus Holy Family Church to St. Patrick Church.



Religious sisters and priests join in prayer with the lay faithful inside St. Patrick Church for a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction to conclude the evening devotions to Our Lady of Fatima on her feast day. The procession starting at Columbus Holy Family Church and continuing through downtown Columbus has become an annual event.



The statue of Our Lady of Fatima



Altar boys stop in front of St. Joseph Cathedral with the Fatima statue.

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The procession continues past the Cathedral on the way to St. Patrick Church for adoration and benediction.



Altar boys and Father Stash Dailey (far left) kneel in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on the altar at St. Patrick Church.

Dominicans experience growth in vocations

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

For the first time since 2002, and only the second time in 110 years, the Diocese of Columbus will not ordain a priest this year.

It's no secret that vocations to the priesthood have declined since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. The latest figures show that the number of priests in the United States has gone from a peak of 59,000 in 1970 to approximately 35,000 in 2020.

Several religious orders are bucking the trend, though, and one of those is the Order of Preachers, more commonly known as the Dominicans, and more specifically its St. Joseph Province that encompasses Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New York and the New England states.

The Dominicans' St. Joseph Province has experienced steady growth over the past 20-plus years. So much so that its House of Studies in Washington, D.C., expanded in 2008 to accommodate the number of student brothers.

The order's roots are firmly planted in Ohio. Father Edward Fenwick, a Dominican who later became the bishop of Cincinnati, celebrated the first Mass in Ohio in 1808 near Somerset, where the Dominicans maintain a presence today, more than 200 years later, at St. Joseph Church, where the first Catholic church in the state was built in 1818.

For more than 135 years, the Dominicans have staffed St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Some of the priests who worked at St. Patrick through the years also taught at Aquinas High School, which closed in 1965. The school building remains in use by Columbus State Community College.

Hundreds of Dominicans have spent time at St. Patrick through the years, and at least two student brothers (the equivalent of diocesan seminarians) are sent to the parish during the summer as part of their formation.

There's no shortage of student brother candidates who want to come to St. Patrick each summer. And there's no shortage of candidates to assign here.

The St. Joseph Province completed the 2021-22 academic year with 41 student brothers at various levels of formation. Ten were ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Another 14 are novice brothers spending a year in Cincinnati discerning their call to Holy Orders before making first vows this summer and then moving on to the House of Studies, the Dominican equivalent of a diocesan seminary. The order also accepts what it calls cooperator brothers, who do not seek ordination but want to serve the church in various



Dominican novices from St. Gertrude Church in Cincinnati sing during the Roe Remembrance gathering at the Ohio Statehouse in January. Novices spend a year in community discerning their call to the priesthood in the order. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

capacities.

The combined 55 student brothers and novices this year is a representative average for the number of men in formation for the order over the past 20 years.

The men who enter the novitiate have graduated from college, which is a requirement to be considered a candidate to pursue the Dominican priesthood. Most of them have attended prestigious schools such as Yale, Brown, Vanderbilt, Duke, Providence, Villanova, Catholic University of America, Franciscan University of Steubenville and Christendom College. Their undergraduate degrees range from liberal arts to engineering to molecular biology.

Somewhere along the way in the discernment process, many of the men studied philosophy or encountered a Dominican through campus ministry, retreats, online searches or recommendations from a priest or someone familiar with the order.

"I think perhaps most foremost is that our Lord calls men to the order, and it's not so much what we're doing as what our Lord is doing," said Father Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, OP, the province's vocations director since 2018.

"Obviously, there has to be a cooperation, but as far as fidelity, orthodoxy, those kinds of things, broadly speaking, are things that are attractive. It's as simple as the Lord might be calling them to give their life and service to Him and to His church, and they want to do so in a way that's not half-hearted and that encompasses the entirety of their life.

"Men are drawn to an academic life, and it's part and parcel of being a Dominican to study, so if somebody is already kind of intellectually inclined, it's an easy fit."

The House of Studies also houses the Thomistic Institute, named after the great Dominican philosopher and doc-

tor of the church St. Thomas Aquinas, which is open to students outside the order who are pursuing advanced degrees. In addition, the Dominicans operate Providence College in Rhode Island.

"The work of the Thomistic Institute has helped nourish the intellectual life of the province," Father Janczyk said, "and because we also run Providence College, there are a lot of men who come to us who are so interested in being academics but being teachers and professors at an undergraduate level, especially because of their experience on a college campus and coming to know the Lord and their time in college.

"So because of that, because of Providence College, because of the Dominican House of Studies, we've obligated ourselves to carry on an intellectual and academic tradition and formation in the provinces to sustain those ministries."

Why are the Dominicans so successful in attracting vocations when other orders and dioceses struggle?

"It is a desire for Christ," Father Janczyk said. "And I think the Dominican track record of 800 years and a great host of saints kind of proves itself, and there's holiness and how a man wants to pursue that.

"Our big thing is community life, and that's very important and central to our way of living, to that fosters our daily routine and our daily rhythm but also the way we pray together. Our prayers are prayed communally, which is a unique kind of reality to Dominican life.

"Then I would say this, and I think these go hand in hand, are study and preaching. Our community life is marked in our prayer, by our study — all ordered to a life of preaching or the mission of preaching — and a desire for devotion to sacred truth, not simply to have knowledge but to know Christ."

The St. Joseph Province, one of four

U.S. Dominican provinces (South, Midwest, West), also is known for embracing sound doctrine and authentic Catholic teaching. The order's three main areas of focus in each region are parish work, campus ministry and academics.

"If you look across the board at religious communities that are attracting vocations, it often has to do with the sort of fidelity, or at least the attempted fidelity, to their founder and their charism," Father Janczyk said.

"So, for us, I think that's the case. We have a desire to live Dominican life in its various components and aspects, from the smaller things like wearing a religious habit and praying together, taking our meals together, but also the bigger things of our preaching mission and our desire to preach the Gospel with conviction."

After an aspirant makes initial contact with the vocations director, Father Janczyk said, there's a period of getting to know one another and learning more about St. Dominic, the order and the province.

Interested candidates are encouraged to spend a weekend at the House of Studies. If men are interested in moving forward, an application and interview process begins. Anyone who is accepted enters the novitiate that lasts one year and one week at St. Gertrude Church in Cincinnati starting on Aug. 8, the feast of St. Dominic.

Temporary vows are made on Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when they receive the white Dominican habit and their religious name.

"The novitiate is also a very important time for continued discernment, living the life and trying it out to see if there's a good fit there," Father Janczyk said. "The highest attrition is certainly in the novitiate. That's how the process is designed, that men would have sort of a trial year with kind of no strings attached."

Father Janczyk's own vocations story resembles those of his colleagues. He grew up in Connecticut, went to college in New York and entered the order as a novice in 2010. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2017, spent one year as the assistant chaplain at Dartmouth College and then was appointed vocations director in 2018.

His duties give him some insight on how dioceses might encourage more vocations. The Diocese of Columbus had 18 seminarians in various stages of formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum during the academic year that ended this month.

"I think it's sort of a holistic approach," he said. "I don't know if that's the best word, but I don't think growth in vocations comes from simply trying to have better vocation promotion from the diocese or from the vocation office.

Dominican brother at St. Patrick is ordained a priest

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Parishioners at Columbus St. Patrick Church might slip up in the next month or so and refer to Father Paul Marich, OP, as Brother Paul.

That would be understandable. He spent the past year at St. Patrick as a transitional deacon serving as the director of liturgy and liturgical ministries, and Dominicans refer to men in formation who have yet to be ordained to the priesthood as brother.

On Saturday, May 21, Brother Paul became Father Paul Marich after he was ordained to the priesthood along with nine other Dominican friars at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The massive basilica is across the street from the Dominican House of Studies, where the student brothers (the diocesan equivalent of seminarians) in the order's St. Joseph Province receive their spiritual and academic formation.

The newly ordained friar was informed this month that he would stay on at St. Patrick Church for his first priestly assignment as a parochial vicar, which is akin to an assistant pastor. Father Marich and the priests who serve at St. Patrick Church are part of St. Patrick Priory, a community of eight friars who reside and serve the Dominican order in various ministries that include mission preaching.

Father Marich, 36, will replace Father Charles Shonk, OP, a Lancaster native and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate who has been assigned to St. Patrick since 2016. Father Shonk is to begin doctoral studies in theology in the fall in Rome.

A Youngstown native, Father Marich is no stranger to Ohio and the Dominicans. He graduated in 2004 from Ursuline High School and first came in contact with the order at St. Dominic Church, which is staffed in the Diocese of Youngstown by the Dominicans.

"My dad's not Catholic. My mom is Catholic. In my childhood I was going between churches (evangelical and Catholic)," he explained. "And it was really in my freshman year of high school that I had a big conversion experience and came to embrace my Catholic faith. I think it was the graces from receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Soon after that, I started thinking about a vocation to the priesthood."

He was not sure what form that call would take. He ended up at the Pontifical College Josephinum after high school with the thought of studying for the diocesan priesthood. After his first year of formation at the Josephinum, he transferred to the Franciscan University



Father Paul Marich, OP
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of Steubenville, where he studied political science and philosophy, completing his undergraduate studies in 2008.

"It was really during that time I started to think more and more about the friars and looking at a Dominican vocation," he said. "A question I get is, 'You became a Dominican and didn't look at the Franciscans,' but I had already met the Dominicans."

"And we have a number of friars from our province who came out of Franciscan. Father (Stephen) Alcott (St. Patrick's pastor) was a student there, and Father (Thomas) Blau (a mission preacher living at St. Patrick Priory) did his master's there."

"There's just an overall sense of support for vocations there. It's not like high school, where you might be the only person thinking about a vocation to the priesthood."

Though it was 14 years after he graduated from Franciscan, one of the first congratulatory cards he received after announcing his ordination was from Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, the current university president. "He said he wasn't able to come to the ordination, but to have one of the first messages come from him means a lot," Father Marich said.

Father Marich's Dominican journey started as a novice at St. Gertrude Church in Cincinnati on Aug. 8, 2008,

the feast of its patron, St. Dominic, three months after his college graduation.

After his novitiate year in Cincinnati, he spent the next 2 ½ years at the House of Studies in Washington preparing for the priesthood. During that period, he came to St. Patrick parish for the first time during his summer assignment in 2011.

At that point, he experienced uncertainty about a priestly vocation. He decided he wasn't ready to take the order's final vows or continue his studies, and so he went off to teach high school theology, social studies and bioethics in south Texas for one year and northern Virginia for five.

While in Virginia, he encountered the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (known as the Nashville Dominicans), who were teaching at the same high school, and it was there that he decided to return to his studies for ordained ministry in 2017.

"I love teaching, and it was a really good experience, both professionally and just helping me mature and finding something that I love," he recalled. "But God kept nudging my heart with a vocation, and having the sisters nearby still kept me close to the Dominicans."

"When I told some co-workers that I had been accepted back into the order and was going to be leaving the school to pursue a vocation, I remember one dear friend was like, 'Oh, thank God, we've been waiting.' Because, she said, 'We see you up there serving (at daily Mass) all the time.'"

Over the next four years, he completed his studies for the priesthood. He made the solemn vows that Dominicans take in August 2021 and was ordained as a transitional deacon in September before coming to St. Patrick Church.

Great preaching and respectful liturgy, both hallmarks of the St. Joseph Province, were among the aspects of Dominican life that attracted Father Marich to the order. Also, the brotherhood and camaraderie of the community made an impact on him.

"There's a commitment to solid Catholic teaching and to study the Catholic faith, especially from a Thomistic perspective, and the common prayer and the liturgy in the formation houses is very beautiful," he said. "Having that time for praying the church's liturgy, whether it's the Divine Office or the Mass, is a big draw."

During Father Marich's year at St. Patrick, he has experienced firsthand that the church's reverent liturgies bring family from across central Ohio to the parish.

"As director of liturgy, I inherited a gold mine," he said. "What a great program we have here."

In that role, he is in charge of train-

ing and scheduling 70 altar boys. Altar serving has proved to be a seedbed for vocations at St. Patrick, with four of the Diocese of Columbus' 18 seminarians currently studying for the diocesan priesthood from the parish.

"They get to know the liturgy," he said. "Some that come to daily Mass with their families will jump in to serve."

"That was the same for me when I was in high school. After my conversion, I started going to daily Mass. Soon after, I would serve daily Mass, and so I think that was a very important part in my vocational discernment because it was giving me that exposure on the altar. Even when I was later teaching in high schools, I would jump in to serve when there wasn't a kid there."

Getting young men to consider a vocation to the priesthood has proved difficult in today's culture because of a multitude of career options available, Father Marich said, and often the first challenge is "making sure they're coming to church and they're willing to be open to the Lord's call, maybe for something more, for a vocation and a personal call of the Lord that's not just a job."

"Working with the altar boys here, I've just been so impressed with a number of them — just their holiness of life, that they love serving, but there's a holiness and a virtue to them. I try to encourage that so that whether they become a priest or not, it's a time to form them as good, holy men. Just knowing some of the servers we have now, I do think there are a few vocations in there."

Life as a Dominican includes two aspects. There are the priestly duties as a pastor who administers the sacraments, but there's also the common life that the friars share when they come together, particularly in the morning and evening for community prayer as part of the Divine Office.

"There's that call to common life that definitely structures the day," he said. "The demands of the parish are many, but your common prayer life is always there."

"I'm definitely drawn to parish life and parochial ministry."

Father Marich's parents and an older sister attended the ordination in Washington. He is scheduled to return to Youngstown for Masses of thanksgiving at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 28 at St. Dominic Church and at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 29 at St. Brendan Church, his home parish.

On Tuesday, May 31, he's planning to celebrate at the installation and ordination Mass for Bishop-elect Earl Fernandes at Westerville St. Paul Church. Father Marich's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick is set for noon on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

Josephinum celebrates 123rd commencement

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 123rd commencement exercises on Saturday, May 7, included graduates from the Diocese of Columbus.

Other dioceses or archdioceses with seminarian graduates included Birmingham, Alabama; Lugazi, Uganda; Ogdensburg, New York; Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the religious order of the Fathers of Mercy.

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees were conferred upon the seminarians by Father Steven P. Beseau, the Josephinum's rector/president.

The Josephinum, in affiliation with the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, offers a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology degree that was awarded to two graduating transitional deacons.

Thirteen permanent deacons and lay persons from the Dioceses of Columbus, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and St. Augustine Florida, were announced as recipients of a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from The Josephinum Diaconate Institute (JDI).

Founded in 2007, the JDI offers educational programs through distance learning – in both English and Spanish – to diaconal aspirants and candidates, permanent deacons and their spouses, and lay ministers serving or preparing to serve the people of God through ministry in the Church.

College of Liberal Arts graduate Tyler Fitzgerald of the Diocese of Ogdensburg delivered commencement remarks on behalf of the Class of 2022.

"Today we celebrate the hard work we have undertaken here at the Josephinum, immersing ourselves in the grand academic tradition of this seminary," he said, "but we walk this stage today not for the sole pursuit of a degree, award, or honor — but of the priesthood. Being in formation to the priesthood not only means study and research, but is a time of zeal and falling in love with God and the Truth we learn in the classroom."



Two Diocese of Columbus seminarians received degrees from the Pontifical College Josephinum in May. Shane Gerrity (left) graduated magna cum laude from the College of Liberal Arts with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Honors Philosophy & Humanities) and Zachary Goodchild completed the Pre-Theology Program and received a Bachelor of Philosophy (BPIL) degree.
Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

Fitzgerald also received the Pinter Scholar Award. The Monsignor Pinter Honor Society was established in 1975 to recognize seminarians for high academic achievement. Named in honor of Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Pinter, Ph.D., professor of classical languages from 1902 to 1957, the award distinguishes the College seminarian who has excelled in academic formation in preparation for service to the Church.

In closing remarks, Father Beseau spoke about the great gifts of being part of a seminary community. "All four dimensions of formation – human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral – are important in forming the intellect and the heart," he said. "Here, combining love of the intellectual life with love of God, the Church, and of the seminarians creates something very special. It is a blessing for us to be here today to celebrate these men as they go forward from the Josephinum."

Commencement marked a defining moment in the vocational journey of the seminarians who received degrees. A majority of College and Pre-Theology graduates will continue their priestly discernment in graduate theological study.

School of Theology graduates return to their dioceses for priestly ordination. The Ordination Class of 2022 will join nearly 1,200 ordained alumni who serve the Church in nearly every U.S. state and in 18 countries around the world.

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"That's part of it, but it has to be more of a, what would I say, an all-encompassing effort from within families, within campuses, that vocations to the priesthood, to religious life, is seen more as something that is not strange but that it's the Lord who calls men and women to serve Him in these sorts of ways.

"And I think it needs to be nurtured at an ecclesial level as a whole rather than simply having vocation directors do this sort of work simply because it's the job of a vocation director. It's something that is fostered within the family and the campus and parishes."

For more information on the Dominicans' St. Joseph Province or vocations to the order, visit opeast.org/vocations.



Deacon Michael French, CMP, is a former member of Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

Photo courtesy French family

Fathers of Mercy Order to ordain Columbus native

Deacon Michael French, CPM, will be ordained as a priest of the Fathers of Mercy, a religious institute of consecrated life based in Auburn, Kentucky, at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4 at the Chapel of Divine Mercy. Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, will be the ordaining bishop for Deacon French and Deacon Joseph Morgan, who also will become a Fathers of Mercy priest.

Deacon French is the son of Howard and Judy French of Columbus and has two younger sisters. He graduated from Ohio State University in 2008 with a degree in aerospace engineering, a field in which he worked in Florida for seven years before entering Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati.

"Discerning a call to the priesthood and, subsequently, religious life ever since the end of high school, while living in Florida I received graces of conversion and conviction to finally follow God's call," he said.

"I entered the Fathers of Mercy in 2015 and am thankful for the blessings of God's mercy in all my life and consider it a privilege for the opportunity to serve the Church in the priesthood of Jesus Christ."

The Fathers of Mercy is a congregation whose primary apostolate is preaching parish missions and retreats in the United States, Canada and Australia.

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Deacon candidate says Bishop Campbell was key in his call

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri's call to the diaconate came from God, but he credits Columbus Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell with giving him the final push he needed.

Kiviiri, 38, will enter his final year of study for the priesthood of the Diocese of Columbus this fall at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. He is to be ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Campbell at 7 p.m. Friday, May 27 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Kiviiri's path to becoming a deacon began in his homeland of Uganda, where he graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in social and philosophical studies from Uganda Martyrs University Major Seminary. His academic performance there enabled him to receive a scholarship to St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, which he attended from 2006 to 2008.

At that point, he began doubting whether he was being called to be a priest and decided not to continue his seminary formation. In 2010, he moved to Ohio, where a cousin and his family live, because the cost of living was lower here than in California.

He took a job with the Express Scripts online pharmacy and, as he put it, "for eight years, for one out of three Americans, I was the person responsible for their medicines leaving the pharmacy." In 2015, he received a Master of Science degree in marketing and sales from Franklin University.

He also was volunteering with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and taking part in activities at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, living a fulfilling life but sensing that perhaps his ultimate calling was to the priesthood.

That's where Bishop Campbell entered the picture. Kiviiri attended the 2018 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference at the state fairgrounds. Bishop Campbell, as was his tradition before retiring as bishop for age reasons the following year, was celebrant at the conference's closing Mass.

"Before the final blessing, Bishop Campbell called upon young men to consider the call to priesthood and religious life," Kiviiri said. "I thought I was too old to resume studying to be a priest, so I didn't really pay much attention to what he said.

"During the procession at the end of Mass, the bishop reached out to say hello to my cousin and I and immediately asked both of us if we heard his message considering the call to the priesthood.

"My cousin told him that he is mar-



Seminarian PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri (left) says he was influenced by Bishop Frederick Campbell to consider the priesthood.

Photo courtesy Peter Claver Kasasa Kiviiri

ried and introduced his two boys to the bishop. He then turned his eyes to me, and I told the bishop that I wasn't married but was above the age for priestly studies," Kiviiri said.

"He kindly requested if I could wait on him as he took off his vestments, then got back to me. He gave me a lot of time and asked about my family and educational background and my profession.

"Eventually, we took a picture, and he directed me to Father Paul Noble, the diocesan vocations director at the time. Father Noble set up an appointment at St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury, where he was pastor. Father Noble asked me one question, and that was the game-changer.

"He said, 'PeterClaver, Mother Church would like to know, do you have any criminal record you are aware of?' My immediate honest response was, 'PeterClaver is as clean as snow. No criminal record whatsoever.' A background check confirmed this, and my journey to the priesthood began anew.

"I'm greatly indebted to Bishop Campbell," Kiviiri said. "Thank you for being God's messenger. Thank you for stopping by and delivering the good news that has made me who I am today. What a blessing and what a coincidence that Bishop Campbell is going to ordain me a deacon!"

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary was set up in 1964 as the nation's first seminary specializing in helping men age 30 and older discern whether they are being called to the priesthood. It has about 50 students, including 14 who are to be ordained to the priesthood this year and six, including Kiviiri, who anticipate being ordained as deacons

this year and priests in 2023.

Kiviiri said he was named by his grandmother, who told him the Virgin Mary and St. Peter Claver always have been her advocates. St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest who spent 40 years in the 17th century ministering to slaves in what is now the South American nation of Colombia.

Kiviiri said his surname of Kasasa Kiviiri means "the torrent of joy" in his clan's language. He is the third child in a family of three boys and five girls who grew up on farmland near Uganda's capital city of Kampala and were educated in Catholic schools.

During his summer assignments in the Columbus diocese, he has worked at the cathedral, Columbus Holy Cross Church and Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church and with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs and the St. Lawrence Haven food pantry. This summer, he will be at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.

"The time I spent in the professional world equipped me with the skills, knowledge and the wisdom to work and relate with people of all walks of life," Kiviiri said. "I can confess that I'm more mature than I was 15 years ago. I can communicate and understand well some of the challenges parishioners go through because I have experienced many of them as a former layman. In other words, I add something that is particularly mine through life experience.

"Jesus called fishermen, tax collectors, Pharisees and others to leave behind their former way of life in order to follow Him. He continues to do the same today. Across the dioceses in the United States, including Columbus,



PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri will be ordained a transitional deacon on May 27.

there are priests serving in our parishes who once had careers as police officers, accountants, firefighters, doctors, attorneys, architects, investment bankers, teachers, entrepreneurs and a host of other professions.

"It is so important that we are all open to hear our calling, no matter the age, or whether it is to become a priest, sister or lay minister," Kiviiri said. "Our Lord is always calling us to make a difference. He calls the single, the retired, the married and the busy executives. We just have to put Him first, and when we do, we see that nothing is impossible with God.

"As I look forward to my diaconate year and as a future priest, it is my prayer that I do my best to bring people to Christ and bring Christ to the people through the celebration of the sacraments, enhancing the spirit of communion, and my presence to all people of God in good times and in challenging times," he said.

"When a challenge shows up, there is always a way to deal with it – first, through prayer, calling on Mother Mary and St. Peter Claver to intercede for me to Jesus Christ. Secondly, I have and will continue to seek help, advice and guidance from my spiritual and formation advisers."



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Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 14:23-29 or John 17:20-26

There are different options for this weekend's readings based on the local custom for celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In some dioceses, the celebration of the Ascension takes place on the Thursday following the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and then the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost is called the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

In many dioceses, the Ascension has been moved from Thursday to Sunday in place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. For this reason, the Second Reading and Gospel on the Sixth Sunday may make use of the readings planned for the Seventh Sunday that would not otherwise be heard. The "grand finale" of the Feast of Pentecost wraps up the Season of Easter, and then we plunge back into the cycle of Ordinary Time.

Whatever readings are chosen, all of them are "high points" in the New Testament. The first reading takes us into the heart of the Christian community as it wrestles with the question of how to incorporate Gentiles who have not converted first to Judaic practices into the Church.

The Second Reading comes from the Book of Revelation in its grand moments of conclusion, showing the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven or hearing the promise of the Parousia, the second coming of Jesus as the Alpha and the Omega.

The Gospel brings us back to the Last Supper, with John's account of the last words of Jesus to His followers on the night before He died. The promise of the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, or the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus, calling on His Father to share with His disciples and with "those who will believe in Me through their word" unity is experienced in the heart of the Trinity. Thus, we are drawn

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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into the very flow of Trinitarian life.

When we struggle in the practice of our faith in a world that resists the truth we have to offer, we can look to the first generation of Christians and realize that they also experienced many challenges. The promise of the Holy Spirit to them and to us is the encouragement we need to persevere. Pope Francis has often spoken of the greatest difficulty of our time. We live not in a time of change, but in a change of era. That is, something is happening all around us, and in us, that is bigger than all of us.

Couples who are in love with each other often say that their love and the relationship they share are "bigger than both of us." The whole is always greater than the sum of the parts. God is working in us through the power of His Spirit to bring about a greater receptivity to the truth of the Gospel. The same Spirit that led the first disciples to address the problems they faced is at work among us and will see us through to the fulfillment of God's plan to bring all nations together in praise of His Name.

Some difficulties that the first generation of Christians faced have been overcome. It has been centuries since folks worried about eating meat sacrificed to idols and how to work with different sensibilities concerning dietary laws. We do, of course, still argue about what we eat and what we are to wear, but that is often a question of generational ideas.

Some difficulties continue to plague us, such as the fulfillment of Christ's teachings on marriage and relationships. We have discovered many new questions that come from the great diversity of life-

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

5/23-5/28

MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15
 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b
 John 15:26—16:4a

TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34
 Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
 John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15,22—18:1
 Psalm 148:1-2,11-14
 John 16:12-15

THURSDAY

Acts 18:1-8
 Psalm 98:1-4
 John 16:16-20

FRIDAY

Acts 18:9-18
 Psalm 47:2-7
 John 16:20-23

SATURDAY

Acts 18:23-28
 Psalm 47:2-3,8-10
 John 16:23b-28

5/30-6/4

MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8
 Psalm 68:2-3b,4-5abcd,6-7b
 John 16:29-33

TUESDAY

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 or Romans 12:9-16
 Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 (Ps)

Luke 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY

Acts 20:28-38
 Psalm 68:29-30,33-36b
 John 17:11b-19

THURSDAY

Acts 22:30:23-6-11
 Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
 John 17:20-26

FRIDAY

Acts 25:13b-21
 Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b
 John 21:15-19

SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20,30-31
 Psalm 11:4-5,7
 John 21:20-25

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF MAY 22 AND MAY 29, 2022

SUNDAY MASS

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

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7

p.m., and midnight).

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

(AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray Weeks II and III of the Liturgy of the Hours.

styles and cultures that are part of a global Church. Nonetheless, we do have the promise of the Spirit of Unity, Who will take all that belongs to Christ and form it in us, if we are open to the action of grace. Pentecost will come, and the Spirit of the Living God will bring us to the new world that God wants to establish among us. If

we keep our eyes fixed on the heavenly Jerusalem and live in expectation of the coming of the Lord, we will accomplish the responsibilities that flow from our relationship with God and His Church.

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Ascension Year C

When Jesus ascends into heaven, it opens door to the Spirit

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

Many often ask: "Why do we celebrate Ascension Thursday on Sunday?" Some see this move as a mere accommodation to secular culture. There is a more positive way to see it.

Even before the Second Vatican Council that developed the new approach to the liturgical calendar, it was evident that many did not understand the unity of the

Mysteries of Christ. Feasts and holy days were celebrated as if they were distinct realities rather than a "flow" of divine life.

Celebrating the Ascension on a Sunday gives many who have not come to Mass on a Thursday (by choice, impossibility due to work obligations or, more often, by simple forgetfulness) the opportunity to hear a homily on this mystery.

The Glorious Mysteries of the rosary are one way to gather the Mysteries of Christ into one "glance" that helps us to understand their richness. The Paschal Mystery includes Christ's suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension into

glory.

The fruit of this mystery flows into us in a powerful way through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and our destiny as people plunged into the Paschal Mystery is made clear in the Assumption and Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The author of the Acts of the Apostles writes to his friend Theophilus, whose name means "Lover of God," that in his first book (the Gospel of Luke) he "dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen."

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promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension is the “transition moment” between the Resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Just as the Incarnation brought divinity into human nature in the person of Jesus, taking flesh, becoming incarnate of the Virgin Mary through the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit, so now, the risen, glorified humanity that has been given back to Jesus, the Crucified One, is “taken” into the very reality of divine life in its fullness.

This glorification of the human nature of Jesus renders humanity capable of receiving the Holy Spirit.

“Wait for it” is the final commandment of the Lord to His disciples: “He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for ‘the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

Thus the time between Ascension and Pentecost is a time of intense

prayer, with the witnesses to the Resurrection awaiting the coming of the Spirit to free them to make their proclamation.

Through the Ascension, Jesus reenters heavenly glory. He is revealed as the True Son of God, Who is God, as the antiphon of the Responsorial Psalm expresses it: “God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”

We wait with joyful expectation for the outpouring of the Spirit of the living God to enable us to continue the work of proclamation. God wills for us to share the very life of the Trinity. The Ascension lifts our own minds to an understanding of this awesome reality.

The risen Lord speaks to us, just as He spoke to the “men of Galilee” who saw Him ascend to His glory: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.”

Veni, Sancte Spiritus!
“Come, Holy Spirit!”

Employment Opportunity
SETON PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH
600 Hill Road North, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
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Position: Coordinator of Religious Education, Grades K-6
Status: Exempt (Salary), Full-Time or Part-Time, depending on qualifications
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Seton Parish Catholic Church, Pickerington, Ohio, seeks qualified candidates for the position of Coordinator of Religious Education, Grades K-6. The Coordinator of Religious Education, Grades K-6 will work in collaboration with the Director of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship.

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Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course. Salary and benefits are offered based on experience.

Please forward a cover letter, resume, and references to Barbara Serrano, Director of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship at bserrano@setonparish.com.

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Practicing Catholic: Required

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“The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’”

We join together, believing in Jesus on account of the word spoken to us by His first disciples and by every generation of those faithful

to Him, and we commit to the Unity that will see us through the days of trouble ahead. We cry out, “O God, let all the nations praise you!”

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BATTOCLETTI, Martha R. (Hassey), 88, May 3
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BROWN, Marianne (Lehman), 81, April 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

DELANEY, Helen Barbara, 93, May 4
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DROTOVICK, Joanne M. (Pauline), 90, May 2
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GERARDI, John E., 72, May 2
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

KEFELI, Joan Marie, 86, May 11
St. Leonard Church, Heath

KENDALL, Lawrence A., 82, April 8
Resurrection Chapel, Lewis Center

LYNCH, Constance J. (Sailus), 93, May 6
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MacKINNON, Kathleen M. (McGinty), 72, April 7
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

MATUSKA, Diane M. "Dee" (Faessel), 74, May 2
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

McMULLEN, Freda M. (Welch), 92, May 8
St. Mary Church, Groveport

McNAMEE, Victoria H., 81, May 10
St. John Church, Logan

MIELY, Dr. William D., 97, May 2
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MILYIORI, Janis (Jerome), 79, May 7
St. Joseph Church, Dover

OVERBY, Mary L. "Molly," 75, May 8
St. Leonard Church, Heath

PINKERMAN, Brenda M., 64, May 5
St. Paul Church, Westerville

PINNIX NIXON, Catherine E., 78, April 23
St. Peter Church, Chillicothe

ROBERTS, David A., 59, April 20
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

STARKS, Rose M. (Childers), 84, May 6
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

VAN CULIN, Amy, (Graeff), 35, May 6
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

ZAG, Andrew J., 90, April 26
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

Mary J. Voris Clark

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date in Saginaw, Michigan for Mary J. Voris Clark, 92, who died Friday, May 6.

She was born in Vinton County on Sept. 30, 1929 and, after moving to Columbus in 1974, served as cook at St. Leo Church for several years.

She also was employed at Blosser's Restaurant in Logan and Reeb's Restau-

rant in Columbus and was manager of Omar bakery stores in Logan and Columbus and the Volunteers of America store in Columbus.

She is survived by sons, Father Francis Voris, OFM Cap, of Saginaw and Mark Voris, music director of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church, and two granddaughters.

Richard J. Metzger

Funeral Mass for Richard J. Metzger, 68, who died Wednesday, April 13, was celebrated Monday, May 2 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, with a memorial Mass that same day at Dennison Immaculate Conception Church. Inurnment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Dennison.

He was born May 2, 1954 in Dennison to the late Harry and Rita (Ortenzo)

Metzger.

He graduated from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School in 1972 and was a retired member of the Southern Nevada Carpenters Union.

Survivors include two brothers, Father William A. Metzger, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, and Bruce, and a niece and a nephew.

Mary T. Parsons

Funeral Mass for Mary T. Parsons, 84, who died Thursday, May 5, was celebrated Tuesday, May 10 at West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, West Jefferson.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1937 in Plattsburg, Ohio to Myrtle and Lawrence Thompson.

She was a member of the Ss. Simon and Jude parish council, served as a school room mother and Parent-Teacher Organi-

zation president and delivered Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, William; and sisters, Phyllis Colley, Sue Wolf and Jeanne Suplizio. Survivors include her husband, retired Deacon Ralph "Sonny" Parsons II; son, Ralph III (Meschelle); daughters, Janet Lohr and Julie (Harold) Walker; brother, Lawrence; five grandsons; three granddaughters and 22 great-grandchildren.

Sister Helen Marie Schumacher, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Helen Marie Schumacher, OSF, 90, who died Thursday, May 5, was celebrated Tuesday, May 10 in the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was at the sisters' cemetery.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1931 in Buffalo, New York to Gerard and Mary Louise (Seereiter) Schumacher.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1958 from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York and a Master of Education degree in 1967 from Ohio University.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan congregation on Aug. 4, 1950, made her first profession of vows on Aug. 18, 1953, taking the name Sister Mary Aquinas, and made her final profession on the same date in 1956.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher (1956-1957) and principal (1964-

1968) at Columbus St. Leo School, an administrator (1980-1981) at Columbus Pope John XXIII School and a teacher (1986-1988) at Columbus St. Catharine School.

She also was a teacher in the Diocese of Steubenville, in New York, New Jersey and West Virginia and at the St. Francis International School in Rome.

From 1988 until her death, she was mainly at the Stella Niagara Health Center, serving as its director from 1997 to 2003 and becoming a resident there after her retirement in 2005. She also was a pastoral minister for two years in West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Gerard; and sisters, Mary Lou Gerold, Antoinette Herman and Virginia Wendel. Survivors include brothers, Joseph and William; sisters, Barbara Klocke and Margaret McManus; 37 nieces and nephews, 59 great-nieces and nephews and 11 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Sister Margaret Ann Zimmerman

Funeral Mass for Sister Margaret Ann Zimmerman, OSF, 101, who died Thursday, April 28 at the Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet, Illinois, was celebrated Wednesday, May 4 in the chapel of Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois, followed by burial.

She was born in Hammond, Indiana, to Albert and Mary Margaret (Frye) Zimmerman.

She graduated from Catholic Central High School in Hammond, Indiana and earned a Bachelor's degree in biology and music and a Master of Arts degree in Franciscan theology from the College of St. Francis in Joliet.

She served as organist, choir director and liturgist at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church from 1961-1985. She also spent seven years as an instructor and supervisor at Marybrook Academy for at-risk young women in Maumee, Illinois, and nearly 20 years at Joliet Catholic Academy as a health officer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Father Albert Zimmerman of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana; Father Thomas Zimmerman, CSC, a missionary in Bangladesh, and James; and a sister, Jane. She is survived by a sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.



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Local news and events

Early diocesan newspaper files to be digitized

Files for most of the years between 1875 and 1924 of The Catholic Columbian, a weekly newspaper owned by laymen which reported on diocesan activities for nearly 70 years, soon will be made available to the public by the Catholic Research Resources Archive (CRRA), with support from Ohio Dominican University (ODU) and the Catholic Record Society (CRS).

The digitized papers will be added to existing resources at thecatholicnewsarchive.org. On this site, anyone interested will be able to search for key words of all issues, a group of issues or a single issue at one time.

The years 1875 to 1900 will be digitized from microfilm at ODU (except 1884, which will be from CRS microfilm, and 1877 and 1883, which never were microfilmed). The university is paying for this part of the project.

The years 1901 through November 1924 will be digitized using microfilms which were given to the CRS several years ago by The Catholic Times. The current Times editor, Doug Bean, has actively supported the project, which will cost the society about \$8,400. The project will stop at 1924 because of copyright issues related to subsequent years. Availability of digitized issues will be announced as the work progresses.

Sister turns 100

Sister Barbara Holtzinger, OSF, celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday, May 12 at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus.

This year, she also is celebrating her 80th anniversary of profession of her vows as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity of Stella Niagara, New York.

She was born in Columbus, where she attended St. Leo Grade School and St. Mary High School. She graduated from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York. Most of her professional life was spent as a teacher and principal at elementary schools in several states.

Her teaching career ended at St. Leo School and she transitioned to St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus, where she served in the pastoral care department until her retirement. Before her move to the Mohun center, she lived with family members and tended to two older siblings. She was an organist at several churches and loved to crochet afghans. She usually has a puzzle book handy and faces life with a cheerful smile.

Father Dailey to conclude series

Father Stash Dailey will conclude his four-part series of talks on "Rebuild-

ing a Christian Culture" at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting on Friday, June 3.

The club will meet following the 11:45 a.m. Mass on that day at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. No reservations are necessary. A \$12 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting. Free parking is available on the Columbus State Community College lot across from the church.

Father Dailey will speak on "Frequent Encounters with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Scripture. Eucharistic Adoration and the Holy Mass."

The previous three talks, on St. Joseph, the Scriptures and the Virgin Mary, are available on the club's website www.catholicmensministry.com.

The entire series is sponsored by the Nos Lumine and Atollo organizations for Catholics in business, AM 820 St. Gabriel Radio, the Egan-Ryan Funeral Service and the Bottoms Up diaper drive.

Father Dailey is diocesan vicar for religious and pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church. He will be leaving Holy Family this summer to become vice rector of formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

The club will be taking its annual summer break in July and August. Its next meeting will be Friday, Sept. 2.

Faith community for ex-inmates to establish residence

The Serenelli Project, an apostolate whose goal is to provide a strong Catholic community for men who are re-entering society after being imprisoned or who have a criminal history, has closed on purchasing a home in Cincinnati. It hopes to have residents living there by the end of the year.

The home in the city's Sedamsville neighborhood will not be a halfway house, but a permanent residence designed to provide stability and a communal life of prayer, work and discernment for those living there. The Serenelli Project is assisting the men in their journey back to the workforce by partnering with construction companies to get them certified in various skilled trades.

The ministry, which was founded in 2020, also hopes to purchase the nearby former Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and its rectory at auction from the city of Cincinnati shortly and use the men's labor skills to restore the building to its former glory.

The ministry is named for Alessandro Serenelli, an Italian man who attacked



Hilliard St. Brendan School sixth-grader Addison Reeves participates in a launch to fund a new STEM center built by the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School

11-year-old Maria Goretti in 1902 after she refused his advances. She forgave him before she died the next day. Serenelli was imprisoned after the attack, repented in prison after a dream affirming her forgiveness, became a lay brother and was present at her canonization as a saint in 1950. He died 20 years later at age 88.

To find out more about the Serenelli Project, visit www.serenelliproject.org. Anyone wishing to support its mission can donate at www.serenelliproject.org/support-us.

St. Brendan student takes part in STEM center launch

Addison Reeves, a sixth-grade student at Hilliard St. Brendan School, took part in the launch of a campaign for a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) leadership center to be built by the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council at its Camp Ken-Jockey in western Franklin County.

The center is designed to attract more women to STEM careers and is part of the Girl Scouts' national goal of putting 2.5 million girls in the STEM pipeline by 2025.

About \$9.45 million of the \$16 million needed for the project has been raised. The proposed facility would have science and technology labs and a space to learn trades such as welding, mechanics and carpentry. It also would include a greenhouse for gardening

programs and a commercial kitchen for farm-to-table programming. In addition, buildings and outdoor learning spaces at the camp would be renovated.

Work on the project is expected to start by the end of the year and groundbreaking for the new STEM center is to take place in the spring of 2023, with a projected opening date of fall 2024. Its use won't be limited to the Girl Scouts. Central Ohio school districts will be able to use it for field trips.

St. John Center to host mental health workshops

The St. John Learning Center at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 640 S. Ohio Ave., will host two workshops on mental health and wellness with the theme "Stop the Stigma."

A program titled "What Is Mental Health?" will take place at noon Thursday, May 19. "Dealing With Feelings of Anger" will be the theme of a workshop on Thursday, June 16 at noon.

The stigmas of fear, shame or rejection from family, friends and society are the most common reasons why people fail to seek mental health services. The two roundtable discussions are designed to help individuals overcome those stigmas holding them back, educate them on the benefits of mental health services and create a path to wellness.

The informational part of the roundtables also will be available on Zoom. A link will be sent after registration for those who wish to view it on Zoom. Licensed professional counselor

Velecia Luckette is working with the St. John center to present the series.

For more information, email sjlc.coodinator@gmail.com or call (614) 547-2171. To register, go to the St. John Learning Center Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-john-learning-center-22982702594>.

Pentecost weekend retreat set at Maria Stein

A Pentecost weekend retreat titled "Let the Fire Fall" will take place from Friday to Sunday, June 3 to 5 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein.

Father William Marquis, OP, of Providence (Rhode Island) College will be the speaker and deliver talks on the Holy Spirit and the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary devotion. Mass will be celebrated Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, and Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament

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of Reconciliation will be available.

The cost of \$250 for married couples or \$185 for individuals covers overnight accommodations for two nights, Friday night food and snacks, three meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday.

To register, RSVP to Roxy Rubinic at (614) 323-8811 or roxy@cathletix.com by Wednesday, May 25. Mail checks, payable to Laity for Mercy, to her at 5125 Collins Way, Grove City OH 43123. If you have any questions, either Rubinic or Jenny McAndrew at (614) 832-3862 or jennymc4life@yahoo.com.

McCrorry memory care unit tour planned

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm invite the community to tour the new memory care assisted living unit at Mother Angeline McCrorry Manor, 5199 E. Broad St., Columbus, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26. Staff members will be available at this time to answer any questions about the unit.

Memory care is a form of senior living that provides intensive, specialized care for people with memory issues. It is designed to provide a safe, structured environment with set routines to lower stress for people with forms of demen-

tia.

McCrorry Manor provides minimal to moderate support with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, medication management, and escort services to meals and activities. Living accommodations can be in a studio apartment or a one-bedroom suite. Meals three times a day and snacks are provided.

Comfortable living areas are furnished for socializing, family gatherings and activities, with a secure and easily accessible outdoor patio available. A chapel provides daily Mass and an opportunity for personal prayer and devotion. The Mass also is available in individual rooms via an in-house TV channel.

For more information, call (614) 751-5700.

Former abortion doctor to speak at RTL banquet

Dr. Steve Hammond of Jackson, Tennessee, who performed 700 abortions, then had a radical conversion to the pro-life cause, will be the featured speaker at Greater Columbus Right to Life's annual banquet at 6 p.m. Monday, June 13 in Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

Hammond, a physician for 40 years, has delivered more than 4,000 babies. He ceased taking part in abortions when, during what he thought would be a routine abortion, he started to realize that there was nothing typical about the procedure and then the baby fought back, kicking him.

Registration is complimentary, although an opportunity to support the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life will be extended at the end of the evening. Advance registration is required at www.gcrtl.org/banquet, or by calling (614) 445-8508.

Delaware St. Mary students donate change to project



Delaware St. Mary Parish School of Religion (PSR) and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students participated in the Lenten Jar for Change and collected \$1,500 that was donated to the Sarah Moore Home, a retirement community across the street from the church, that will be used to erect a canopy to cover a courtyard that currently has no shade.

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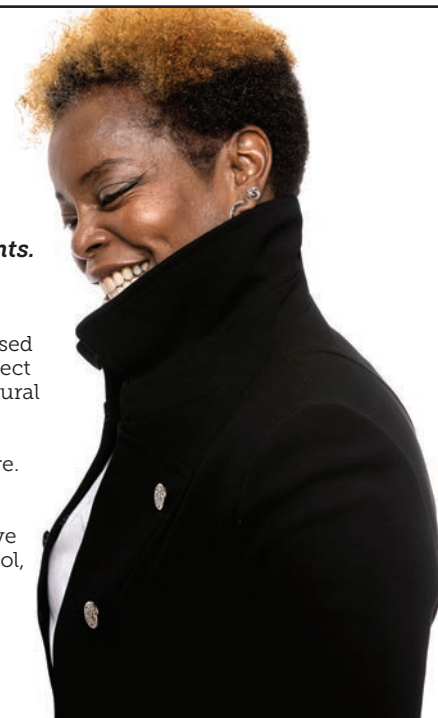
Director of the Foster Grandparent program.

The program works in schools providing tutors for at-risk students.

Foster Grandparents help students experiencing barriers to education, caused by poverty, familial discord, abuse, neglect and exploitation, racial, ethnic, and cultural differences that prevent youth from achieving the educational benchmarks necessary to succeed well into the future.

Today, she discovered the family of one of her students was using their stove for heat. After reporting this to the school, the child and their family got the help they needed.

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DeSales student-athletes celebrate college choices



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School held a spring signing day celebration on May 4 at the high school. The following student-athletes will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level: (front row from left) Nathaniel Wallace-Dilling (football, Ohio State University), Braden Jehn (football, Capital University), Jackson Gantz (football & lacrosse, Capital University), Jalen Carpenter (football, Marist College), Alexander Shaffer (soccer, Ohio Northern University), David Chintala (lacrosse, Kenyon College), Scott Armstrong (golf, Ashland University), William Jordan (lacrosse, Cleveland State), Ava Vendetti (lacrosse, Capital University) and Abby Reagan (lacrosse, University of Mount Union); (second row from left) Kylie Hast (soccer, Otterbein University), Libby Ruff (swimming, DePauw University), Jessica Melvin (softball, Marietta College), Madison Wehrman (softball, Rhodes College), Abby Groff (soccer, Washington and Lee University), Rechee Smith (football, Marist College), Christian Hopp (baseball, Penn State University Dubois), Jacob Grube (lacrosse, Marietta College), Hayden Bucher (baseball, Ashland University) and Isabella Gagliardi (soccer, Belmont Abbey College).

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Order of Malta holds retreat, investiture



Members of the Columbus Region of the Order of Malta gathered for an annual day of reflection and a Solemn Liturgy of Investiture last month at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Pictured (from left) are Teresa Kenney, DM; Dr. Brian Kenney, KM; Marilyn Dono, DM; Dr. William Miely, KM; Kay Gibbons, DM; Len Barbe, KM, Columbus Region Hospitaller; Don Miller, KM; Jason Thomas, KM; Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP; John Reiner, KM; Charles Mifsud, KM; Fra' Thomas Mulligan; Jeff Kaman, KM; Dr. Richard Mena, KM; Dr. Joseph Fiala, KM and 2022 candidate for the Columbus Region of the Order, James Powell. Fra' Mulligan, a consecrated brother of the Order of Malta from Chicago, led morning prayer and Father Hayes presented a conference talk titled "Enrobed by Christ and our Holy Religion." Members then recited the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary followed by Father Hayes' second conference talk, "Invested in Purpose and Mission Beneath the Spirit's Bright Cloud." The Solemn Liturgy of Investiture was held in St. Rose of Lima Chapel. Miller was unable to attend the Federal Association's annual investiture last fall in Washington, D.C., and the Columbus Region hosted a special investiture for him with Fra' Mulligan, president of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta, performing the Rite of Investiture during Mass. He was assisted by Mifsud, who served as Chancellor during Mass.

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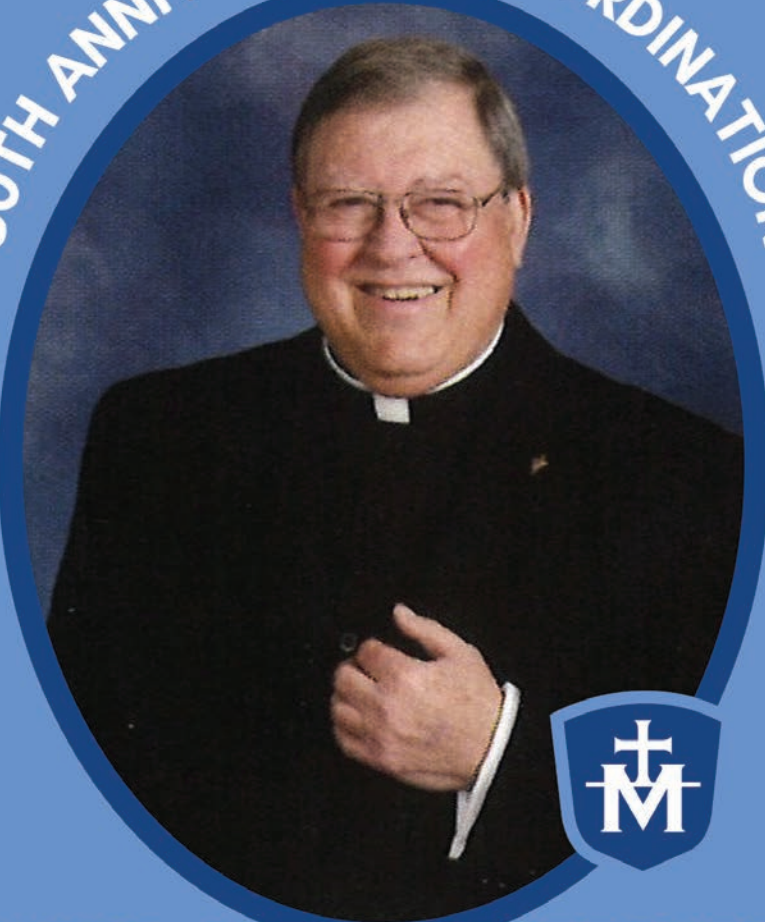
Immaculate Conception honors Our Lady



Sophia Reing-Hurley places a crown on the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the grotto located on the grounds of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church during a May crowning ceremony on Sunday, May 8. Also pictured are pre-K students at the grotto.

Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception Church

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Congratulations from the people of Immaculate Conception, Columbus

Student collects items for St. Francis Outreach

Jesse Skaggs had an assignment. Like most of the 50 seniors at Green High School in Franklin Furnace, he had to perform a community service project that involved at least 20 hours of his time.

Jesse is also an active parishioner at Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains Church where for the past decade he has been an altar server at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

"I spent several weeks thinking," Jesse said. "I thought about several years ago when our youth group from St. Peter, (New Boston) St. Monica and (Pond Creek) Holy Trinity led by Carol (Boll) had come down to St. Francis Center and we put food in bags (for the center's clients). I remembered it fondly and wanted to do something for St. Francis."

St. Francis Outreach has been in Portsmouth since 2014.

The outreach is housed in what used to be St. Joseph Monastery, which was built for the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration. The six remaining nuns had moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2010.

After the nuns left Portsmouth, the site was converted to a center that brought together a variety of services from throughout the county. The center is run by Catholic Social Services, which provides intervention education programs, a food pantry, financial emergency assistance, a resale store and support for families.

Jesse was required to have a mentor for his service project, and he chose fellow parishioner Becky Schwamburger.

"She is an important and influential person at St. Peter," Jesse said. "She is in charge of the Ladies' Guild. I had worked with her during their yard sale over the years. She is a wonderful person and a semi-honorary grandma." And, he added quickly, "Though she is not quite old enough for that."

The two approached Donna Montavon, who has worked at Catholic Social Services for 30 years. She knew exactly what was needed.

St. Francis Outreach serves an average of 1,000 clients a month. The center's main operating funds come from the Columbus diocese, local churches, grants and individual donations.

The food pantry buys food from the Cincinnati Freestore Foodbank at a reduced charge. They get diapers from the Bottoms Up Diaper Bank of Lancaster, run by Jo and Tim Welsh.

"Things got much worse during COVID," Montavon said. "Many of the area food pantries shut down as the volunteers who ran them were not comfortable working with the risk of exposure."

The center never shut down, even as the needs became greater.

While food stamps help with food for the needy, many necessary taxable items cannot be bought with the stamps. With cash assistance running out after 36 months, many families struggle to buy personal hygiene and cleaning supplies.

"Those type of items are just so ex-



Jesse Skaggs, a senior at Green High School in Franklin Furnace, stands with a few of the items he collected for St. Francis Outreach Center in Portsmouth. Donna Montavon (middle) of Catholic Social Services and Becky Schwamburger, Jesse's mentor for his service project, are also pictured. Photo courtesy Ruth Boll

pensive now," Montavon said.

Jesse, Schwamburger and Montavon came up with a plan. Jesse would organize a St. Francis Tree for Christmas and Easter. Tags were placed on an evergreen tree during Advent and a bare-branch tree during Lent. Each tag listed two items needed and a number requested for each. Some parishioners also donated money to the project.

In Advent, Jesse collected and delivered more than 2,000 items including canned food and personal hygiene products such as deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

During Lent, the items requested included toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap and facial tissues. More than 1,200 items were collected, including eight fleece blankets made by the Jackson youth group.

"Being able to provide personal items – soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc – has meant so much," Montavon said. "Our clients are very grateful. We are one of the few food pantries that gives out personal items."

The pantry is open twice a month but fills other needs upon request.

"Yesterday, a client came in and asked for just laundry detergent, so you know she really needed it," Montavon said. "I offered her food, too, but all she wanted was the detergent. It was so nice to be able to give it to her."

The next phase of the plan is to request school supplies in August with the hope to make the collections annual events. There are plans to involve the other parishes in the Scioto Catholic Consortium if volunteers can be found.

"People are very much willing to help as long as you are willing to ask," Jesse said. "Even the simplest donation of \$5 or \$10 goes a long way to helping others."

Montavon agreed. "The needs in this county are great, but the generosity in this county is great also. I see it every day."

Longtime Serra Club member honored

The Serra Club of North Columbus recently recognized Elynn Dekker for her avid support of priestly and religious vocations.

In her youth, Dekker attended Toledo Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. She was educated by Ursuline Sisters, along with diocesan and religious order priests, at St. Angela Merici elementary school, St. Ursula Academy high school and Mary Manse College in Toledo.

Her parents were active at church and in the Catholic schools and often hosted priests in their home. Through their witness, Dekker developed a love and respect for the priesthood and religious vocations as the foundation of preserving the Church.

Dekker, who joined the Serra Club of North Columbus in 1998, shortly after its inception, served as the second president of the chapter.

Under Dekker's leadership, the chapter began work on a signature project. With advice from Msgr. Frank Lane, Dekker and club members were able to "get their foot in the door" of Catholic high schools with an event that would help students discern their vocational call from God.

With club board approval, and with encouragement and support from club chaplain Father Jeff Rimelspach, the Life Awareness Youth Luncheons (now called Vocations Luncheons) were started in the



Elynn Dekker is honored for her service to the Serra Club by Tom Rhatican, chapter president of the Serra Club of North Columbus.

Columbus area.

Also at that time, the Serra Club of Columbus chapter invited the North chapter to help with an event for religious sisters in the diocese. Eventually, the North chapter organized and presented this event for religious sisters independently, and the tradition continues to this day.

Dekker said, "My life has been blessed with the work of the Serra Club. Working with like-minded Catholics to help, encourage and support our priests and religious vocations is an important part of my mission to live my faith with action."

Schools participate in diaper drive



Students (clockwise from upper left) from Lancaster St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, Lancaster St. Bernadette and Logan St. John schools collected more than 16,000 diapers as part of the Bottoms Up organization's World's Largest Diaper Drive. Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School



SAVE THE DATE

An invitation to tour - Come and Visit

Date: Thursday, May 26th **Time:** 2:00pm - 5:30pm
Place: The Villas at Mother Angeline Memory Care Assisted Living
 5199 East Broad Street - Columbus, Ohio

The Carmelite Sisters and Staff are planning a community wide open tour of The Villas at Mother Angeline Memory Care Assisted Living Neighborhood on Thursday, May 26th from 2:00pm - 5:30pm. Staff will be available to answer questions you may have relative to this program.



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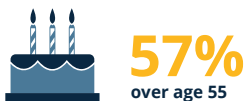
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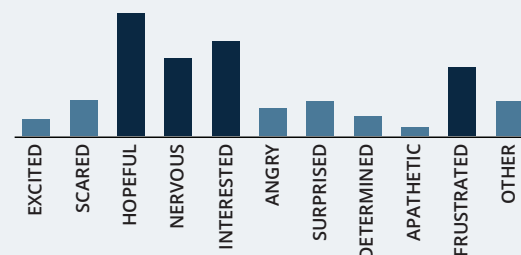


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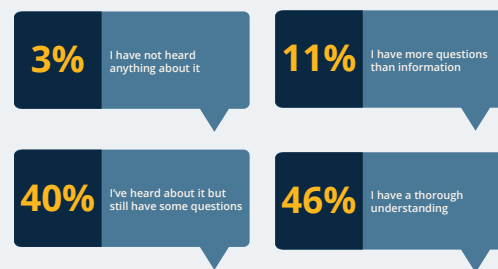
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