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The Editor's Notebook

We must obey God rather than men

By David Garick, Editor



These weeks after Easter are always exciting because the Mass readings include passages from the Acts of the Apostles. I am always inspired by the way the fathers of our Church were seized by the power of the Holy Spirit and set out to evangelize in the name of Christ. It is wonderful to hear of their daily efforts to bring healing and redemption to all with whom they came in contact, through knowledge of the love and grace available through Jesus Christ.

This Sunday's reading is especially compelling for me. It is the story of the incident in which the Sanhedrin ordered Peter and the apostles to stop teaching in the name of Jesus. When they persisted, the high priest had them brought before before the Sanhedrin to answer for their disobedience. But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin had the apostles flogged, ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of Jesus' name. And all day long, at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming about him.

Sadly, the world still seeks to silence the Word of God. Our government, through the HHS mandate, seeks to force Christians to directly subsidize the use of abortion-inducing drugs and sterilization, though it is against our religious convictions. Children in public schools are prohibited from celebrating Christian holidays and discouraged from speaking of their faith. Medical professionals are pressured to participate

in abortions. Catholic adoption agencies are forced out of business, despite generations of excellent work in placing children in loving homes, because they will not participate in giving children to same-sex couples. Christians in all parts of society are being forced to accept same-sex unions as if they were real marriages. Believers are being pressured from all sides to accept the reality of a totally secular society, devoid of God and devoted only to the notion that everyone is his or her own God.

Just like the apostles of old, we know better, and we know that we must stand up and speak in Jesus name, no matter the cost in disapproval and punishment from our government, our social circle, and even our own family members who have aligned themselves against God.

We should take inspiration from a modern-day apostle who suffered and was martyred for his dedication to the law of God. Dr. Martin Luther King wrote in his *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*: "I would agree with Saint Augustine that 'An unjust law is no law at all.' Now what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law."

We must obey God, rather than man. It was true in first-century Palestine, it was true in the persecutions of the Middle Ages, it was true during the scourge of Fascism and in the dark days of slavery and segregation, and it is true today. May we all be worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of Christ.



Court's order in contraceptive case could be way to avoid tie decision

By Carol Zimmermann /Catholic News Service

Immediately after the Supreme Court on March 23 heard oral arguments in the *Zubik v. Burwell* case which challenged the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive requirement, the second-guessing began about how the court would rule.

The 108-page transcript of the arguments was gleaned for clues, and court watchers predicted a 4-4 decision from the court, which is down to eight members because of Justice Antonin Scalia's death.

And then less than a week later, that prediction became cloudy.

On March 29, the court issued an unusual order requesting additional briefs from the plaintiffs and the federal government about how and if contraceptive insurance coverage could be obtained by employees through their insurance companies, without directly involving religious employers who object to this coverage.

The two-page order was given a positive spin by both sides and was seen by many as a clear indication that the court was taking extra steps to avoid an evenly split decision that would uphold the lower courts' rulings, meaning the contraceptive mandate for religious groups would be interpreted differently in different parts of the nation.

The case argued before the court involves the Little Sisters of the Poor (pictured), Priests for Life, the Pennsylvania dioceses of Pittsburgh and Erie, the Archdiocese of Washington, and other religious groups challenging the Affordable Care Act's mandate that most religious and other employers must cover contraceptives, sterilization and abortifacients through employer-provided health insurance.

These groups, who do not fit the narrow exemption to the contraceptive mandate given to churches, argue that providing contraceptive coverage even indirectly through a third party, as the Obama administration allows through what it describes as an accommodation, still violates their religious beliefs.

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Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, dedicated in 1844. The Dominican Order has served the parish and its predecessors in the city since 1819.

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CULTURE PROJECT BRINGS POSITIVE MESSAGE



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Five “twenty-somethings” who are part of a nationwide project bringing a message of sexual integrity and individual dignity to young people have gone to the Cincinnati area to continue their work after spending the last two months speaking to junior high and high school students throughout the Diocese of Columbus.

The five are among about 30 people, most of them recent college graduates or still attending college, who are part of The Culture Project, a two-year-old organization which has set out, as its mission statement says, “to restore culture through the experience of virtue.”

Participants in the project have taken at least a year out of their lives to deliver presentations in schools, conferences, and parishes to youths who could be their younger brothers and sisters. Those presentations center on the importance of chastity and of the significance of each human life in an effort to combat the false messages spread by modern secular culture in connection with those subjects.

“We respond to the culture and the negative messages it often brings with a message that appeals to the instinctive desire of young people, and of everyone, for love, beauty, and greatness,” said participant Lindsay Fay, 23, of Huntington Beach, California, a recent graduate of Santa Clara University. “I was fortunate with my Catholic background to learn this at a young age, and I want to give this knowledge to other young people as a gift.”

“When I was in junior high and high school, I struggled a lot with issues related to my own value and worth,” said University of Texas graduate Alyssa Sanchez, 24, of Plainview, Texas. “It seemed I was always being told I wasn’t smart enough or attractive enough or popular enough to be worthwhile.”

“Becoming involved with the Culture Project allowed me to meet other young people going through the same struggle and to realize all these things I was being told were lies. This is my second year with the project, and it’s



Culture Project participants who were in the diocese for the past two months (from left): Jimmy Duffy, Alyssa Sanchez, Lindsay Fay, Becky Frybarger, and Nathan Maurer. CT/Tim Puet

been a great privilege to share what I’ve learned with students who are at the age where hearing this can make a big impact on their future.”

Fay and Sanchez, along with Franciscan University of Steubenville graduates Nathan Maurer, 25, of Granville and Becky Frybarger, 26, of Reno, Nevada, and Jimmy Duffy, 21, of Bexley, who will be resuming classes at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in the fall, spent February and March in the diocese giving formal talks and evangelizing in informal settings, using St. Therese’s Retreat Center as their home away from home.

The team visited Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, and St. Francis DeSales high schools, St. Charles Preparatory School, St. Mary School, and St. Patrick, St. Peter, and St. Timothy churches, all in Columbus; Fisher Catholic High School and St. Mary Church in Lancaster; Gahanna St. Matthew Church and School; New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School; and Ada Our Lady of Lourdes, Chillicothe St. Peter, Granville St. Edward, Hilliard St. Brendan, Powell St. Joan of Arc, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne, and Worthington St. Michael churches; and had a booth at the diocesan women’s and men’s conferences at the State Fairgrounds.

“One of the things all of us on the team realized quickly when we got out and began talking is how conditioned young people are to certain ways of thinking

Students at a diocesan school listen to a Culture Project presentation. Photo/Culture Project

Our Sunday Visitor

up to me, just started crying, and said, ‘I don’t know what I need to do exactly, but I need to change my way of living. I’m tired of the broken relationships and the confusion I feel from trying to conform to a standard I don’t like.’ I pray for her and hope we inspired her to stay strong.”

Maurer and Sanchez have been part of The Culture Project since it was formed in 2014 by Christina Barba, who was inspired to start the organization through her work with other chastity and pro-life groups.

The other three members of their team were trained this summer at the organization’s base at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in suburban Philadelphia. Before coming to Columbus, the team spent time in Dallas, Miami, and Toledo in the fall of 2015 and January of this year. From Cincinnati, it will travel to Youngstown and Nashville before the school year ends.

“We’ve lived in community in all these places, and I find that community life is making me more of a sacrificial person,” Maurer said. “Sacrifice for the benefit of others isn’t a negative thing, despite what the culture might think. I feel it’s strengthened my own sense of what it really means to be a man, and it’s made me grow a lot, especially in how I treat and respect women.”

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Egyptian

Have you prayed for mercy this past week? Have you granted mercy to anyone in need of it? While we may not often have the direct opportunity to forgive someone, there are plenty of those opportunities over the years. We can make a commitment to show mercy and forgive anyone and everyone, whether they have asked for it or not. Just as our Lord and God continues to forgive us whenever we ask, our attitude and practice in our lives must be the same. How can we sincerely ask forgiveness when we reject anyone else who asks for the same? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a great source of strength and faith for us, as it is not easy to forgive those who have seriously wronged us. When we pray "Have mercy on us and on the whole world," we mean it and we believe it. Otherwise, the words are hollow and meaningless. As good and faithful stewards, we confidently love, forgive, and show mercy in all situations. God does the same for us.

I just heard an old, familiar song on the radio, and it made me stop and think. It was the Bangles' "Walk Like an Egyptian." It is a more-or-less goofy song, and maybe a bit on the politically incorrect side, so I began to wonder how an Egyptian walks. Does an Egyptian walk like the old characters painted on many art forms from ancient Egypt? Does he walk like Yul Brynner in "The Ten Commandments"? Does he look like the poor workers who slaved under great oppression to build the Suez Canal in the 1800s? Does he fall like Anwar Sadat when he was assassinated for signing a peace treaty with Menachem Begin and Israel in 1979? Or does he walk more like my family's pediatrician who cared for the health of our children years ago, Dr. Naguib Khalil? Regardless, my thoughts turned to thinking about what it might mean to walk like a Christian. It even rhymes a little. Do we walk like a Christian? Aside from clichés like "walk the walk," the Easter season is the perfect time to focus on how we walk. Christians walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. We know that. But when we retrace those steps sometimes, the trail may not always be as Christian as it could. Liturgically, our Easter joy lasts for 50 days. Hopefully, it also lasts for a lifetime. Those with whom we live, work, and socialize should notice a difference because of the new life and Light of Christ within us. Hopefully, there is much more love and faith in our walk, and not just tanned skin from a spring break trip. Celebration and good times in the spring are wonderful. As long as our Christianity remains a top priority, that light will shine forth, even in the brightest sunshine. So as the song goes, just as the cops are singing and dancing at the doughnut shop and walking like Egyptians, let us sing and dance this spring and proudly walk like Christians.

Our practical challenge this week is to consider how we might show our Catholic Christian faith to others simply by how we walk through our typical, daily lives. No need to become vocal or brazen. Our humility and infectious love should always be there. Maybe one or two subtle, but noticeable things can make a difference in a day, or even in a week. A smile instead of a frown. Encouragement instead of criticism. Foot off the accelerator and patience instead of aggressive speed and anger. A family/spouse hug instead of mundane indifference. Let us both walk and act like Christians.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



Sesquicentennial celebration in London

London St. Patrick Church kicked off its 150th anniversary celebration on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, with Mass, entertainment, and a complimentary buffet of Irish food.

About 150 parishioners and guests feasted on corned beef, cabbage, and stew following Mass.

Most came dressed for the occasion in various shades of green, gold, and white. Tables in the parish center (pictured) were equally well-dressed, with shamrock centerpieces and specially designed placemats that featured historic photos of the parish and school.

Deacon Dan Hann welcomed the crowd with a prayer. He noted the attendance number matched the church's age.

"There's one person in the room for each year," he said.

Parishoner Jane Widen and her daughter, Linda Kauffer, presented a 30-minute slide show of Widen's 2012 trip to Ireland.

A sing-along of Irish melodies such as *McNamara's Band* and *Galway Bay* followed an instrumental solo of *Danny Boy* by student Noah Hopkins.

Father Mark Ghiloni told Mass attendees that he is the 19th priest to serve the church full-time. The first pastor was Father John Mary Conway in 1864. The parish was then part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Early members donated the site of the current church at the corner of Second and Union streets in 1865. A reported 1,500 people attended the dedication a year later.

Additional anniversary events in coming months include a parish-sponsored trip to Ireland this month, a reunion of St. Patrick School alumni on Saturday, Aug. 6, and an ecumenical concert at an as-yet-undetermined date.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 30, to conclude the anniversary year.

Holy Name to host consecration talk

Father Hugh Gillespie, SMM, will be at Columbus Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., on Tuesday, April 12 to speak on total consecration to Jesus through Mary.

He will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and his talk.

Father Gillespie is a member of the Company of Mary, a religious order

founded by St. Louis de Montfort, who established the practice of total consecration in the early 18th century. Father Gillespie is the author of a book on preparation for the consecration.

His talk will give all who already are consecrated the chance to go deeper into their consecration, and will allow those who may not know about the consecration to learn about it. It will be followed by refreshments in the church undercroft.

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Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish

Positions

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, a 4,100 family Catholic community located in Westerville, Ohio (Columbus) is in search to fill two positions.

Director of Youth Ministry

The Director of Youth Ministry is a full-time member of the Parish Staff, reporting directly to the Pastor.

The Youth Minister provides vision and coordination for parish efforts in ministry to young people from 6th through 12th grades, and in collaboration with other staff, works with other young adults in the parish.

The Youth Minister is responsible for developing, organizing and administering the youth ministry programs and activities as based on the model outlined in the USCCB document: *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*.

The qualified individual will be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, hold Bachelor's degree in theology, religious education or related field (MA preferred), have youth ministry or equivalent experience in a Catholic parish, be familiar with the process of human growth and faith development, possess excellent listening, organizational, and administrative skills and be in compliance with diocesan procedures for working with young people.

Compensation is commensurate with candidate's education and experience.

Pastoral Associate

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, a 4,100 family Catholic community located in Westerville, Ohio (Columbus) is in search of a Pastoral Associate. The Pastoral Associate is responsible for developing, organizing, and administering two or more areas of pastoral care to parishioners in the parish. This is a full time, salaried position with benefits. The role is accountable for:

Facilitation and support of our vibrant Small Church Communities

Leadership of our parish ministry to the sick and homebound

Recruitment, selection, and training of volunteers for these programs

The qualified individual will be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, able to share and develop faith with others, have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree with some graduate course work in pastoral ministry preferred, a minimum of two years' experience as a volunteer in parish ministry, and current in church theology with proven ability to develop and lead programs.

Compensation is commensurate with candidate's education and experience.

Job offers are contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course.

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Dean Racine, Director of Parish Administration

614.882.2109

Résumés may be sent with a cover letter to: deanr@stpacc.org

Pro-Life Legislative Day

Rallies and meetings with legislators will be the centerpiece of Legislative Day at the Ohio Statehouse on Tuesday, April 12. Ohio Right to Life is sponsoring its legislative day that morning. Participants will gather at the Renaissance Hotel at 8:30 a.m. for a legislative briefing, then go to the Statehouse for rallies and meetings with legislative leaders. One of the items they will be emphasizing is the proposed Down

Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act. This legislation would make Ohio the first state to protect babies with Down syndrome from abortion.

Throughout the day, representatives of Ohioans to Stop Executions will lend their voice to urge legislators to stop the use of the death penalty. Another focus of the day will be the enactment of a bill ending executions for people diagnosed with serious mental illness.

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In oral arguments, the discussion centered on health exchanges, grandfathered clauses and exemptions, and ways to provide seamless health care coverage. But the allotted time seemed to have left unanswered questions about other possibilities, which the court's subsequent order is now seeking.

Mark Rienzi, lead attorney for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represented the Little Sisters of the Poor, called the court's order "an excellent development."

He said it shows the court "understood the sisters' concern that the government's current scheme forces them to violate their religion." In a March 29 statement, he also said the attorneys "look forward to offering alternatives that protect the Little Sisters' religious liberty while allowing the government to meet its stated goals."

Priests for Life also reacted confidently, calling the decision a positive development. "The court appears to be looking for a least restrictive alternative that would not burden our religious beliefs, which will ultimately mean that the government did not satisfy its burden under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act," the group said.

On the other side, some groups that filed *amicus* briefs on behalf of the Justice Department, which is representing the Obama administration, also viewed the court's action in a positive light.

Brigitte Amiri, senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union, described the court's order as a twist she hadn't expected. She said the request for more information could be interpreted as a recognition that "taking contraception out of health plans is harmful."

Greg Lipper, senior counsel at Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said in a blog post that "it's foolish to read tea leaves" in the court's order, but he would do so anyway.

He called it "a decent sign for the gov-

ernment," which he said signaled that at least five justices seemed to think the challengers' proposed alternatives to the government's accommodation would "harm women by preventing them from receiving seamless and convenient coverage."

"If the court thought that those other alternatives were sufficient, then it wouldn't be looking for a way to ensure that women retained accommodation-style seamless coverage," he added.

Vivian Hamilton, a law professor at William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia, told Catholic News Service that although she would be careful about "reading too much into the justices' request for more information," it seemed to suggest that they are "considering whether an accommodation might be crafted that would both permit the government to meet its compelling interest in ensuring that women have the ability to obtain contraceptive health coverage, yet also respect religious employers' objection to participating -- even indirectly -- in the provision of such coverage."

Another interpretation, from legal analyst Lyle Denniston, who writes for www.scotusblog.com, a blog on the Supreme Court, said the specific wording of the court's order makes it seem that the justices have accepted, even if tentatively, the views of both sides.

If lawyers representing religious employers and the government do not come up with satisfactory answers to the order, Denniston said the justices will have to make their decision based on the oral arguments.

If that's the case, the decision could hinge on the word "hijack," which was used seven times in the 94 minutes of oral arguments to refer to the plaintiffs' arguments that the government was "hijacking" insurance plans to make religious groups provide contraceptive coverage against their will.

Extraordinary ministers; Advance notice for wedding



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**
Catholic News Service

Q. During Lent, more people than usual attend daily Mass in our parish. We have two assigned priests. For some reason, when the pastor celebrates Mass, the associate doesn't concelebrate, but sits in a pew with the congregation. Then, when it is time for Holy Communion, a lay minister helps the pastor distribute, and the associate walks up in the regular Communion line.

I always thought that lay ministers were supposed to be "extraordinary," i.e., used only when priests were unavailable. The associate is healthy and very capable, so I am confused. (Upstate New York)

A. Let me say first that your parish is blessed to have two priests. These days, in most of upstate New York -- which is where I also am from -- the situation is reversed: A single priest is scrambling to cover an entire slate of Masses.

As to the associate who attends daily Mass rather than concelebrates, I can understand. His presence on the altar is not required, and he probably feels that sitting instead in the pews highlights the "priesthood of the laity" and reminds the congregation that all worshippers are privileged to share in offering the eucharistic sacrifice.

As for the distribution of Communion, though, you are correct. Canon 910 of the church's *Code of Canon Law* states that the ordinary minister of Communion is a bishop, priest, or deacon, and Canon 230 specifies that members of the laity may be asked to assist "when the need of the church warrants it and ministers are lacking."

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the "rule book" for liturgical celebration) is even clearer: "In the distribution of Communion, the priest may be assisted by other priests who happen to be present. If such priests are not present and there is a truly large number of communicants, the priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to as-

sist him" (No. 162).

The reality is that in some parishes in the U.S., one or more of the laity assist in distributing Communion at every Mass -- even at daily Masses attended by a handful of people. That technically is a violation of the guidelines -- although it surely does not affect the validity of the Eucharist that is received.

Q. Our diocesan regulations require that a couple give a parish nine months notice before a marriage ceremony. Is this an ironclad Catholic Church rule? I am an 80-year-old widower planning on marrying an 81-year-old widow. We don't see the need for any premarital counseling, etc., since we have both been there before. (City of origin withheld)

A. No, it is not an ironclad and universal rule of the church. In 2005, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops undertook a study of marriage preparation programs in the more than 100 dioceses across the nation.

It found that most dioceses had a six-month guideline for the initial meeting with a priest before the wedding date itself. A few were shorter (three or four months), and several were longer (eight to 12 months).

The guideline was designed to accommodate not only the course of marriage preparation (traditionally called pre-Cana), but also the collection of necessary paperwork (baptismal certificates, etc., and, in your own case, documentation from previous marriages and death certificates of your first spouses).

Of course, the requirement for advance notice is a guideline, not a law, and it admits of reasonable exceptions in particular circumstances such as your own.

Why not simply talk to a local priest and see what he would recommend? There might still be a pre-Cana course, but it could well be abbreviated, and some dioceses offer a specific informational program for second marriages.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

The fifth annual ultimate Frisbee tournament for diocesan youth groups will take place Sunday, June 26, at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

The event will begin with team sign-ins at 5:30 p.m. and conclude with prayer and awards at 9:30.

The cost of \$2 per youth participant will cover the cost of ice cream. There is no charge for adults.

Groups attending may bring their own additional snacks or drinks.

A consent form for all youth participants is required.

Participating teams are asked to send their numbers and team T-shirt color by Friday, June 24 to Holly Jo Monnier at (614) 390-8653 or hollyjo.monnier@gmail.com.

In the marriage case styled BROWN - DOWNING, 2015/0289, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of MR TERRANCE GERMAINE DOWNING. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MR JOHN CRERAND JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 12 APRIL 2016. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR TERRANCE GERMAINE DOWNING is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 29th day of MARCH 2016. REVEREND MR JOHN CRERAND JCL, Presiding Judge.

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Pope Francis' Vision for the Renewal of the Church

Symposium to Address Challenging Questions

Pope Francis challenges Catholics across the world, and while many people applaud him for his servantlike actions and attitudes, he also makes many uncomfortable. Seeking to explore his multifaceted message, Franciscan University of Steubenville will host a symposium titled "Pope Francis' Vision for the Renewal of the Church."

The symposium, from Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 10 to 12, aims to address Pope Francis' fresh approach to evangelization as he builds up the Church and reaches out to Catholics and non-Catholics.

Dr. Alan Schreck, Franciscan University theology professor and chair of the Franciscan Institute for Ecclesial Renewal, says this symposium "is for anyone who wants to understand the vision of Pope Francis and to receive good, accurate, and insightful teaching on what he is really doing and saying.

"At Franciscan University, we have always been loyal to and interested in the magisterium and teachings of the pope. Now that we have a pope who has chosen the name of Francis, it is

most appropriate that we explore his vision, and perhaps discover similarities between his vision for renewal and that of St. Francis of Assisi," he said.

The symposium will feature free lectures by prominent national speakers.

Philadelphia's Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap, will deliver the keynote address. Archbishop Chaput hosted Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families last fall. He serves as chair of the subcommittee on Native American Catholics of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and is a member of the USCCB ad hoc committee for religious liberty. In 2014, he was appointed to the Pontifical Council for the Laity by Pope Francis.

Father Robert J. Spitzer, president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith and the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, will speak on "Jesuitical Hermeneutic of Pope Francis: 'Go in Their Door So They Will Come Out Yours.'" Father Spitzer, a former president of Gonzaga University, is the author of five books and has published many articles in philosophical magazines.

Dr. Ralph Martin, director of graduate programs in the New Evangelization at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, will speak on Pope Francis' approach to the New Evangelization. Martin is president of Renewal Ministries and host of the Catholic television series *The Choices We Face*. In December 2011, Pope Benedict appointed him to a five-year term as a consultant for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. He also was appointed as an "expert" for the World Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization.

Dr. Eduardo J. Echeverria, professor of philosophy and systematic theology at the Graduate School of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will address "Unity and Diversity in Post-Vatican II Theology: Pope Francis' Perspective." Before returning to the Catholic Church, he spent time as a Calvinist, Anglican, and Evangelical. He is the author of *Pope Francis: The Legacy of Vatican II*.

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, associate professor of pastoral and systematic theology at the St. Augustine Seminary

in Scarborough, Ontario, will speak on what it means to live in mercy as seen through Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis.

Dr. Schreck will speak on the parallels between Pope Francis and St. Francis' vision for renewal of the Church. He is chair of the Franciscan Institute for Ecclesial Renewal and is a professor of theology at Franciscan University. He is the author of many books, including *St. Francis and Pope Francis: Prayer, Poverty, and Joy in Jesus*.

During the symposium, other scholars will present papers on topics related to Pope Francis in concurrent sessions. A panel discussion will close the symposium. There is a \$35 registration fee to attend the concurrent sessions.

The symposium is being sponsored by the Franciscan Institute for Ecclesial Renewal, the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Franciscan University, and The Henkel's Family Foundation.

For a schedule and registration information, go to www.franciscan.edu/henkels/pope-francis-symposium or email Joan McGlone at jmcglone@franciscan.edu.



MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School had 23 students participating in the district science fair in March. Earning ratings of superior, which allows them to compete in the state science fair in May, were Aeryn Walters, Hayden Lingel, Alexandra Costache, Marisol Ausec, Mary Thomas, Catherine Day, Morgan Spearman, Sophia Percy, Bryan Sabula, Zach Hajjar, and Owen Gabel. Lingel and Costache received special awards, and Day, Spearman, and Claire Duffy were given \$100 scholarships for science camp at The College of Wooster. District science fair participants are (from left): first row, Ryan Stewart, Zach Hajjar, Owen Gabel, Bryan Sabula, Alexandra Costache, Sophia Percy, Marisol Ausec, Nathan Lubera, Donielle Ruza, and Cameron Miller; second row, Ethan Wendt, Hayden Lingel, Chloe Richardson, Morgan Spearman, Sarah Davis, Mary Thomas, Emma Buehrer, Luke Whitacre, and Catherine Day. Not pictured are Aeryn Walters, Lily Stuller, Claire Duffy, and Camille Fuller.

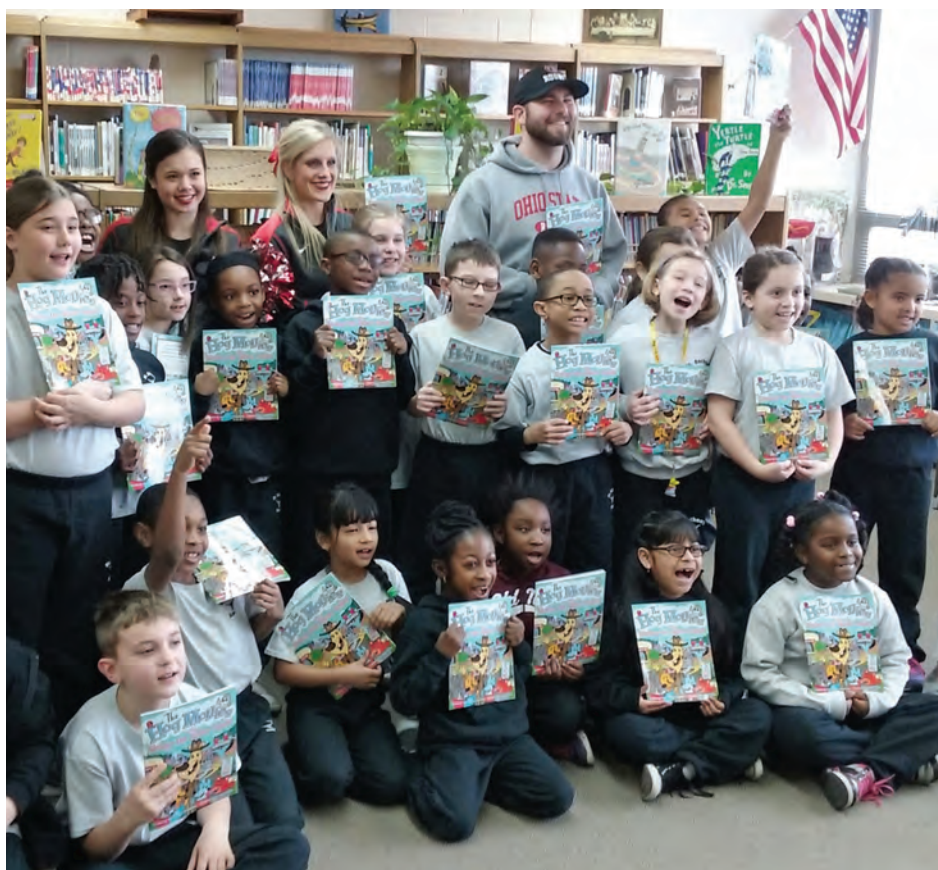
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MT. CARMEL MEETING

Two Mount Carmel Health System officials -- Sean McKibben, president of Mount Carmel West, and Jill Wallace, clinical project liaison for Mount Carmel Grove City -- will speak about Mount Carmel's expansion in the Grove City area from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway.

Last year, Mount Carmel announced a significant commitment to redefining health care in central Ohio, including a \$355 million investment to expand the Mount Carmel Grove City campus from a free-standing emergency department and medical office building to an in-patient hospital. Construction is well under way, and McKibben and Wallace will discuss the latest construction updates, Mount Carmel's vision for health care in Grove City, and what the campus will look like in 2018.

For additional information and to reserve a seat, contact the parish office at (614) 875-3322, or email info@OurLadyOfPerpetualHelp.net.



OSU athletes visit St. Anthony students

Columbus St. Anthony School second- and third-grade classes were visited by the 2nd-and-7 Foundation, along with two cheerleaders and one rugby player from The Ohio State University. The foundation sends OSU student-athletes to elementary schools to read to the students. The foundation's mission is to promote reading by providing free books and positive role models to children in need while encouraging young athletes to "pay it forward."

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

St. Andrew club assembles bags for shelter



The Columbus St. Andrew School Youth to Youth Club donated and assembled 145 Easter candy bags for the YWCA Family Shelter in Columbus. Each bag contained candy and an Easter prayer card. Club members are committed to living a life free of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, to helping the community by donating to the YWCA shelter, and to being community leaders.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

STUDENT RETURNS LIBRARY BOOK 49 YEARS LATE

A former University of Dayton student has returned a library book he checked out 49 years ago.

James Phillips of Minnesota mailed the book, along with this note, to the Roesch Library: "Please accept my apologies for the absence of the enclosed book, *History of the Crusades*. I apparently checked it out when I was a freshman student and somehow it got misplaced all these years."

When contacted, Phillips explained he borrowed the book in 1967, either for a history class or his general interest, but left school and joined the Marine Corps.

He believes someone gathered his belongings from his dorm room and sent them to his parents' house, where they stayed until his parents died — his father in 1994 and his mother in 2002. The items then were mistakenly sent to his younger brother.

"He eventually realized the error and, to my great surprise, I received a box of goods from him. Lo and behold!

Among those items in the box was the *History of the Crusades* book."

"I apologize for my oversight in not returning the book before I left the University of Dayton, but I feel much relieved knowing now that it has finally made its way home to where it belongs," he said.

Katy Kelly, communications and outreach librarian at the university, said there was no record the book was missing.

"It was interesting to see a book that had no evidence of our modern technology returned. It still has the old borrowing card stamped with dates back to 1950," she said. "It was very thoughtful of him to do this because not everyone would choose to return it after so long."

The policy in 1967 allowed students to keep items for 14 days and face a fine of two cents a day after that. Of course, the library will not be charging a late fee — which, in this case, would amount to about \$290.

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Yet There Is Hope

A few weeks ago in Barnes & Noble, while browsing through the bookstore looking for an old book they didn't have, I wandered into the poetry section and picked up a slim, hardback volume with the title *Felicity* and the name "Mary Oliver" writ large in white across the soft, gray sky on the cover.

I stood and read a poem about St. Augustine. "Take heart," it said to me. Augustine didn't become himself overnight. Another memorable poem was about a cricket finding its way into a house in the fall.

I've been on a Mary Oliver jag ever since, pulling out books I already own, ordering *Felicity* and the second volume of *New and Selected Poems*. She's a master of attention and mindful living. Her poems are prayer, savoring the Sacred in our midst, perhaps in an armful of peonies or a heron's flight: "I want to make poems while thinking of/the bread of heaven and the/cup of astonishment. ... (from "Roses")."

There is something about the grace of her poetry that anchors me when reports of violence, hatred, and fear threaten to overwhelm. The news we hear most often is bad, and while my daughter assures me that we live in a world with less, not more, violence than in centuries past (she says we just hear about more of it), some days this planet seems a dangerous place careening toward disaster.

Yet in this same time and place, there is hope. There is goodness and love that refuse to give in to despair. There is mercy and forgiveness. There are people who, little by little, replace darkness with light by simply living as

best they can, showing kindness and compassion along the way. They speak the truth they know and go about the ordinary tasks of life. There is Spirit, shared with each of us, who draws us to goodness if we allow, and empowers us to make life's journey as partners with the One who is transforming the world.

Poets express in words (and the spaces between them) something of this mystery and their experience of it, inviting readers to participate. I suppose, now and again, a line or two, or even a complete poem moves quickly and effortlessly from heart to word, but that is a rare mercy—the inbreaking of Spirit to a practiced soul, aware and open to such things.

Poets I've known, and my attempts at writing verse, have taught me that writing poetry is work. Ted Kooser, U.S. poet laureate from 2004-06, once surprised my adult GED students by sharing his routine (up early every morning for 50 years, writing an hour and a half before leaving the house) and the revelation that he had revised one of their favorite very short poems 50 times.

The same daughter who assures me the human condition is actually improving can't imagine why anyone would want to write. For her, it's agony. But as poet Maya Angelou's quote on a postage stamp says, "A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."

Poets write because that is what they are made to do, and they are faithful. A poem in *Felicity* moved me to remember that we all are made to be a particular reflection of God in the world and that we, the world,



GRACE IN THE MOMENT
Mary van Balen

and the cosmos are better off when we're faithful to it. Jesus is the perfect example of such authentic living. He is God's own life, and he shares it with us.

The poem is "Roses." Oliver writes of the quest to answer life's "big questions" and decides to ask the wild roses if they know the answers and might share them with her. They don't seem to have time for that. As they say, "... we are just now entirely busy being roses."

How glorious if all humanity could know themselves as honestly and be themselves as genuinely as those roses. But we are wounded, and there is evil, and taking time to be still and listen to the Spirit within is difficult in the busyness of daily life.

The universe suffers from this disconnect. We see that in the eyes of the poor, marginalized, and war-weary. We see it in eyes reflecting anger, hatred, and fear that fuel violence. We hear it in the groaning of our planet with melting icecaps and water and air that poison its creatures

April is National Poetry Month. What better time to listen to the poets among us, past and present, who speak their truth and encourage us to do the same.

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In Christ's resurrection, death has become a doorway that leads to home

By Leandro M. Tapay

Diocesan Missions Office Director

Easter is a reality, the truth that death, the greatest and last enemy, has been forever defeated. Death has been robbed of its sting and power. It no longer has the last word in my life, or yours, or in the lives of those we love. All because Jesus has risen from the dead! And because Jesus has risen from the dead, so, too, all of us will rise – bodily – from the dead. Jesus has forever transformed death from being a prison out of which no one can escape to a doorway that leads to home.

Before Jesus died, He cried out from the cross, "It is finished!" which means "It is accomplished." What is finished? What is accomplished? The mission the Father has sent Him to do. And that mission was to reconcile the world forever to God. Jesus has done that by His death

and resurrection.

Because of Christ's death and resurrection – though it may not seem like it right now, given some of the things that are going on in the world or in our personal lives – everything is going to be made new. Everything is going to be made perfect. And this is not some utopian dream. It is really going to happen!

So long as I stay close to Jesus, I am really going to rise from the dead – not just in spirit, but bodily. I am going to live forever with God and with others in heaven – a place where there is no war, no fear, no disappointment, no getting let down, no abuse, no sickness, no unemployment, no sadness, and no death. That's the difference Jesus' rising from the dead makes.

Because Jesus has risen from the dead, there is mercy and forgiveness for me, for

you, and for all of us. It means I can begin all over again – no matter what is in my past. It means there is hope for all of us.

Paul says that if Jesus had not risen from the dead, then we still would be dead in our sins and there would be no hope for us. But Christ has risen! From the cross before He died, Jesus cried out, "Father, forgive them! They don't know what they are doing." Because of Christ's death and resurrection, I can begin anew. That's the difference Christ's resurrection makes.

The folks at the empty tomb and the apostles in the Upper Room were witnesses of Jesus risen from the dead. In seeing Jesus, in talking with Jesus, in eating with Jesus, they came to realize and understand they had a friend who cannot die.

And because of that, they were no longer afraid of death, because Jesus told them

(and us) that He was not going to let them stay dead. In seeing Jesus, they came to realize and understand that there was forgiveness for them and that they could start over, no longer defined by what was in their past – no matter how frequent or how horrible their denials or betrayals.

At Mass, you and I are at the empty tomb and in the Upper Room. At Mass, you and I are witnesses of Jesus, risen from the dead. At Mass, we hear God's Word proclaimed and we feast on Christ's Body and Blood. Like the folks at the empty tomb and the apostles in the Upper Room, we leave Mass eager and anxious to tell the world about the One Who died and rose so we all could live forever, about the One Whose love and mercy are beyond anything we could have hoped for. Every time we leave Mass, may we all be eager to tell the world about the difference Jesus makes.

ZANESVILLE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH: PARISH'S DOMINICAN LEGACY GOES BACK TO 1819

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Parishioners of Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church are in the midst of one celebration this year and are starting to make plans for another a few years from now.

The parish has been served throughout its history by the Order of Preachers – familiarly known as the Dominican Order



in honor of its founder, St. Dominic de Guzman. The Order dates its beginnings from 1216, when it received papal approval, and is celebrating its 800th anniversary through Jan. 20, 2017.

St. Thomas Aquinas and the two Dominican parishes in nearby Somerset are marking the occasion with a series of programs on the feast days of notable Dominican saints. They conducted a Vespers service, followed by refreshments, on Thursday, Jan. 28, the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, are planning a meal to mark the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena on Friday, April 29, and are working on other activities to be announced later in the year.

Priests and parishioners from St. Thomas Aquinas also are taking part in the statewide celebration of the Dominicans' anniversary which included a Votive Mass last Nov. 14 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, also a Dominican parish, and a month-long display in the Ohio Statehouse last November honoring the Dominicans' history of service in Ohio. That legacy goes back to 1808, when Dominican Father (later Bishop) Edward Fenwick, OP, the state's first priest, arrived at Somerset.

His nephew, Father Nicholas Young, OP, joined him a few years later. Father Young celebrated the first Mass in Zanesville, at an inn at Fifth and Main streets, in 1819, which means 2019 will be the 200th anniversary year for the Catholic Church in Zanesville.

Later in 1819, another Mass was celebrated at a hotel in the Putnam district across the Muskingum River from downtown. One year later, a brick warehouse at Fifth Street and Locust Alley was purchased and converted into a chapel known as Trinity Church, which was dedicated in early 1821.

Father Young traveled the approximately 20 miles from Somerset to Zanesville twice a month to celebrate Mass until 1823, when Father Stephen Montgomery, OP, became the church's first resident pastor. Dominicans have served in Zanesville ever since. A church three times the

size of the chapel, known as St. John Church, was dedicated in 1825 by Bishop Fenwick, by then bishop of the Diocese of Cincinnati, which at the time included what now is the Columbus diocese.

By 1842, the Catholic Church had flourished in Zanesville to the extent that a second parish was formed by the city's German-speaking Catholics. They dedicated St. Nicholas Church in December of that year, nine months after the cornerstone of the current St. Thomas Aquinas Church, located at 144 N. 5th St., was laid. The church was dedicated two years later and has undergone several renovations over the years. The current St. Nicholas Church, on a rise overlooking downtown, was dedicated in 1899.

Zanesville's first Catholic cemetery was built behind St. John Church, with most of the bodies there ultimately being moved to a larger plot of land east of downtown along a section of U.S. 40 known as Greenwood Avenue. That cemetery is still cared for, but is no longer a burial site. Land on the city's west side for a still larger Catholic cemetery, which remains in active use, was purchased in 1881. That cemetery is also along U.S. 40, which is known as West Main Street in that part of town.

To mark the upcoming bicentennial of Catholicism in Zanesville, the St. Thomas Aquinas chapter of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic is raising money for new fencing for the Greenwood Avenue cemetery.

The chapter is making cards and blankets displaying the St. Thomas parish shield. The shield's bottom half consists of a blue field and the *fleur-de-lis*, both symbols of the Virgin Mary, and a carpenter's square symbolizing St. Joseph, all of which are found in the shield of the Dominican Order. The top half of the shield is red and includes a golden sun symbolizing St. Thomas Aquinas and the light of learning he brought to the Catholic Church. A mosaic of this shield is located on the floor just in front of the altar at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

The Lay Dominicans hope this and other fundraising activities will provide for the estimated \$110,000 cost of the fencing by the time the bicentennial period of 2019-2021 is reached. Plans for additional events related to the bicentennial are beginning to be considered and will be an-

nounced as they develop.

Today, St. Thomas Aquinas Church is served by Father Peter Fegan, OP, who has been pastor for two-and-a-half years, and parochial vicars Father Stephen Hayes, OP; Father Chris Saliga, OP; and Father Luke Tancrell, OP. Masses are at 8 a.m. and noon weekdays and 9 a.m. Saturday, with a Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday Masses at 7, 9, and, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Father Fegan said the parish has about 900 to 1,000 families, a figure that has remained stable for a few years after declining because of job losses. Parishioner Kathy Johnson said the recent boom in oil and natural gas exploration in eastern Ohio has benefited the parish by bringing in several new families with young children.

St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Nicholas churches both have about the same number of parishioners and are not designated as serving particular areas of Zanesville and southern Muskingum County. People attend one parish or the other depending on things such as family tradition or the convenience of Mass times, or, for some who attend St. Thomas Aquinas, because aspects of Dominican spirituality appeal to them.

"I grew up and went to school in this parish, and I've found through my experiences elsewhere that there's something the Dominicans intrinsically formed in me that keeps calling me back to the faith and to my roots," said Melanie Von Gunten, parish religious education director. Her extensive study of the parish's history has been a part of its Sunday bulletins for several months and will become a book.

"I learned about Dominican saints like St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Catharine and about the Dominicans' traditions, such as Candlemas Day, their devotion to the Eucharist and the rosary, and how these were accepted by the wider church, and have come to appreciate what's special about the Order," she said.

"I came to this area from St. Gertrude's, the Dominican parish in Cincinnati," said parishioner Ruth Ann Lynn. "I'm a convert, and I appreciated the solemnity with which the Dominicans approach the liturgy, their excellent preaching, and their use of music, so it was an excellent surprise to find a Dominican parish here in a smaller community."



The sanctuary of Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, built from 1842 to 1844. St. Thomas Aquinas Church dates its origins to two earlier churches served by the Dominican Fathers, who celebrated the first Mass in Zanesville in 1819 at an inn near the current church. (CT photos by Tim Puet)

Catholic education in Zanesville dates to 1830, when classes began in the basement of the old St. John Church. Both of the city's parishes had separate elementary and high schools at one time. The high schools joined to form Bishop Rosecrans High School in 1950, and the elementary schools merged in 2006, taking the name Bishop Fenwick School.

Fenwick students currently attend the school building on Fifth Street, across from St. Thomas Aquinas Church, for kindergarten through third grade, and go to the building on Main Street, across from St. Nicholas, for pre-kindergarten and grades four through eight. Next year, pre-kindergarten will be moved to the Fifth Street campus and kindergarten through eighth-grade students all will attend classes at the Main Street campus. Unused classrooms in the Fifth Street building will be converted for use by St. Thomas parish organizations.

The two Zanesville parishes, along with Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches, will have a joint Confirmation service with Bishop Frederick Campbell this coming Saturday, April

9, at St. Thomas Aquinas. The Confirmation site alternates each year between the Zanesville churches.

Other joint parish activities include pilgrimages twice yearly to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey; a procession between the two churches on the Feast of Corpus Christi; a youth group serving both parishes; Faith on Tap, a monthly social fellowship event for Catholic young adults which generally has a guest speaker; and the Muskingum Valley Right to Life organization.

One of the best examples of cooperation between the two parishes involves their summer festivals. Both events have many of the same workers, who come from both parishes, and both benefit Bishop Fenwick School. The St. Thomas festival will take place from Thursday to Saturday, June 9-11, with the St. Nicholas festival scheduled from Wednesday to Saturday, Aug. 3-6.

"One of the great Dominican traditions is good food, and you'll find plenty of that at our festival," Von Gunten said. "It's one parish event that brings all generations together. It's also a place where parents don't have to feel concerned about

taking their eyes off their children for a moment, because they know everyone there is watching out for each other. That makes for a relaxing time for everyone." Von Gunten said her research into parish history shows the festival dates back at least to the 1950s.

Lynn said a combined meeting of the parish council and finance committee at the beginning of the year resulted in creation of a recruitment program which has resulted in an increase in the number of parishioners serving as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, lectors, greeters, servers of funeral lunches, and participants in other bereavement activities.

One of the parish's oldest organizations is the Rosary Altar Society, which provides the substances used in Eucharistic bread and wine. Its principal fundraising event is an auction which takes place each November and December. The parish also has a women's group which, in cooperation with women from St. Nicholas, has sponsored a conference titled "The Beauty of the Feminine" each year since



Top: Statue of St. Thomas Aquinas at the Zanesville church bearing his name, and mosaic of the parish crest. Bottom: Parishioners (from left): Joan McLaughlin, Hannah Johnson, Father Peter Fegan, OP, pastor; Kathy Johnson, Melanie Von Gunten, Ruth Ann Lynn, and Jerry Lynn. (CNS photo/Michael Appeton, Reuters)

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2012 on the first Saturday in October.

Von Gunten said women's groups have a tradition of raising funds for the parish which goes back to its beginnings. She said some of the women's most notable fundraising efforts came in 1912, after a cyclone toppled the church's steeple and destroyed its organ, and 1913, after flooding did extensive damage and ruined the replacement organ.

The year 1912 also marked the founding of the parish's Lay Dominican group, which has met steadily for more than a century. It continues to gather on the fourth Thursday of each month for prayer and Scripture study, and now is raising money for the cemetery fence.

The Parish School of Religion meets on Sundays between the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Von Gunten said about 75 students in the elementary grades attend. She said this year, the classes are making a special effort to involve the whole family in activities and in explaining Catholic traditions such as the Advent wreath, May crownings,



Left: Visiting Dominican Father James Sullivan, OP (left), Mary Ann Ewart, and Father Peter Fegan, OP, pastor, at the parish festival. Right: A Vacation Bible School scene. Adults are Brother Humbert Kilanowski, OP, now assigned elsewhere, and Wendy Vann. Photos/St. Thomas Aquinas

the Feast of Corpus Christi, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

She also said this year's RCIA class was one of the parish's largest in recent years, with nine adults baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

The parish has a new music director, Ross Williams, who leads a traditional

choir at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and smaller groups from the choir at the 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday Masses. A Resurrection Choir for funerals also has been formed. It is led by Debbie Lovensheimer, music director at the Dresden and Mattingly Settlement parishes.

Other spiritual activities at St. Thomas

Aquinas include Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from the end of the noon Mass until Benediction at 7 p.m., a charismatic prayer group which meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, and Rosary for Life devotions at 6 p.m. Mondays.

For more information about the parish, go to its website at www.aquinaszanesville.org or call (740) 453-3301.



Dennison St. Mary Children's Service Project

The children at Dennison St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) School's preschool and pre-kindergarten classes may be small, but they have big hearts. As part of their Lenten and Easter service project, they decided they wanted to help other children who were in the hospital. Their teacher, Ronna Coventry, sent an email to The Cleveland Clinic and asked if the clinic would take donations of coloring books for the children in its cancer wing. The response was a very exciting and appreciative one.

After the children heard the message from the clinic, they talked about how children feel when they are sick, and about things they like to do when they can't go outside to play. Soon, the coloring books started pouring in, and parents and others asked if there were other items they could donate. The classes reached out to the clinic once again and received a list of items the children there enjoy having available while they are undergoing treatment. The people who help the patients in the cancer wing like to give those children something when they are finished with a treatment or a procedure.

By the start of Holy Week, the Dennison children had collected more than 230 coloring books, more than 100 boxes of crayons, 25 bottles of bubbles, paint sets, Hot Wheels, fun pads, journals, word-search books, bracelets, and craft items, and the list goes on. The children sort the items into boxes and know where to place new donations as they arrive. They also have been making "get well," "thinking of you," and "just say hi" cards and notes, which will be placed inside the coloring books and boxes sent to the clinic.

The collection of items (pictured) will continue through early April, when they will be boxed up and delivered to the clinic.

Lent often is thought of as a time when people should give something up. It also is a time to think about



others, to help others, and to try to be a better person. It is sometimes hard to get small children to understand the idea of sacrifice, but they do understand the idea and importance of helping others and of compassion. This

project helped the Dennison children appreciate those virtues and got them talking about the children in the hospital, how they must feel, and how the seemingly small things sent to them may put a smile on their faces.

ST. JOAN OF ARC PROVIDES “STREAMS OF LIVING WATER IN A DRY LAND”

It started with a story.

The story titled *Drop by Drop*, was written by the department of justice, peace, and human development of the U.S. bishops' conference to make children aware that as disciples of Jesus, they are called to help others and to end human suffering around the world.

Drop by Drop is about a girl named Sylvie and how her village needed clean, accessible water.

She and most of the girls in her village were unable to go to school because it took them many hours to walk and gather water for their families' daily needs.

During the Year of Mercy, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church's PSR students are learning about the corporal works of mercy. Each month, they are educated on one of the works of mercy and are introduced to a saint who emulates that practice.

When the students were introduced to “giving drink to the thirsty,” they listened to *Drop by Drop*. They were sur-

prised to learn there are children in the world who can't go to school because they are required to collect their families' water every day.

The story shares that through a water project, a well was built to provide water for Sylvie's village. This not only allowed the village to have safe drinking water, but also enabled its children to go to school.

To reinforce the lesson, the PSR staff created a Lenten service project with the theme “Streams of Living Water in a Dry Land.”

The project offered opportunities for the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday, a *Lectio Divina* prayer booklet with six water-themed meditations was distributed to parishioners.

For years, St. Joan of Arc's PSR program has supported the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. CRS offers a “gift” catalog which allows water stations to be purchased for villages around the world where clean, accessible water is unavailable. Each



At St. Joan of Arc Church's “garden well” are (from left): Father James Black, pastor; Conor McHugh, Brooke McHugh, and Father Brian O'Connor, parochial vicar. Photo/St. Joan of Arc Church

water station costs \$1,300. The Rice Bowl program was opened to the entire parish. To promote Lenten sacrificial giving practices, a “garden well” was placed in the narthex. The well became a visual reminder that many of God's people do not have water readily available. It also served as a collection station for Rice Bowl donations, which were earmarked for water stations.

Parishioners were challenged to donate \$5 to their rice bowls each week during Lent. To help them reach that goal, Lenten sacrifices were suggested each week in the parish bulletin.

Some of the examples were: turn off your water while brushing your teeth

and place \$1 in your rice bowl each week during Lent; abstain from purchasing bottled water; give up two premium coffee drinks; and every time you feel thirsty, place 25 cents in your rice bowl.

It was hoped that the donations would generate enough money to purchase twelve water stations. So far, funds have been raised for 10 stations.

The parish will accept rice bowls through the end of April. If you would like to give to this Lenten service project, send checks, made payable to St. Joan of Arc Church, to the church's address at 10700 Liberty Road South, Powell OH 43065.



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Westerville St. Paul School seventh-grade students make and serve soup at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Columbus.

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The apostles ignore warnings and continue teaching



Father
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**Acts 5:27-32,40b-41;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19**

Acts continues to develop post-Pentecost stories of the Jerusalem Church. The apostles had been arrested by the policing arm of the Sanhedrin for teaching in the name of Jesus. During the night, they had been released by an angel of the Lord, who told them to keep on teaching. So they were hard at it the next day when they were brought before the Sanhedrin again.

The decision to keep teaching in the name of Jesus came in spite of the orders not to do it which the civil authorities had given them. Peter responded for them all: "We must obey God rather than men." They lay the blame for the death of Jesus at the feet of the Sanhedrin: "... You killed him by hanging him on a tree."

An intervention by one of the Sanhedrin's own members argued, "... if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them." So the apostles again were warned not to preach in the name of Jesus, but again they resumed teaching immediately upon their release.

The reading from Revelation continues to report what John saw and heard. Here, he hears the voices of many angels (too numerous to count), who surround the throne upon which sits the Lamb. The Lamb represents Christ Jesus, who had been slain, but who is now seated on his glorious throne. They sing a hymn to honor the Lamb. John does not say what their voices sound like, but their shout in honor of the Lamb acknowledges his power and riches, his wisdom and strength, and his glory and blessing. John then switches to hear every creature in heaven,

Mount Carmel Partners With Top Neurosurgeons

Mount Carmel Health System recently announced an exclusive partnership with three top neurosurgeons in central Ohio who will collaborate solely with the health system. Drs. Robert J. Gewirtz, Bradford B. Mullin, and William R. Zerick will see patients at the system's new practice, Mount Carmel Central Ohio Neurological Surgeons, and will perform surgeries exclusively at Mount Carmel.

"To offer the exclusive services of Dr. Gewirtz, Dr. Mullin, and Dr. Zerick is an incredible opportunity for Mount Carmel and our patients," said Aaron Whittaker, vice president and chief operating officer of the Mount Carmel Medical Group. "By working exclusively with these three top neurosurgeons, we are building on Mount Carmel's outstanding neurosurgery program and expanding our commitment to providing high-quality, comprehensive neurosurgery to our patients."

on earth, and under the earth cry out. These encompass the whole of creation. All creatures join the angels in praise of the Lamb on its throne. In similar language to the angels, they praise the Lamb possessing blessing, honor, and glory forever. The "four living creatures and the elders" were mentioned in Chapter 4.

The Gospel is John's post-resurrection account of Jesus' encounter with the disciples back in Galilee. There are only seven disciples present for this "breakfast on the beach" meeting with the risen Jesus. It is clearly related to Luke 5, where there, too, the disciples had been fishing all night but had caught nothing. Jesus tells them where to put their nets, and a huge catch of fish results. At first, only "the disciple whom Jesus loved" recognizes Jesus.

We can only speculate about the mention of 153 large fish. Scholars propose many theories, but none suffices. For all we know, John simply may have meant 153 were caught. Yet John rarely uses random numbers, so 153 remains puzzling. By now, all of the disciples recognize that it is Jesus.

After breakfast, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him and Peter responds three times, "Yes, Lord." Each time after Peter says "Yes," the Lord orders him to "feed (or tend) my sheep." By the third time, Peter is "distressed." Most commentators explain that this is Peter's threefold opportunity to atone for his threefold denial of Jesus during his arrest. Peter has this magnificently short memory of his own behavior, and the picture of him is fairly consistent in the Gospels. That is what makes him such a sympathetic figure.

Peter represents all of in a way as the one who wants to do the Lord's bidding, but tends to forget how often he has failed. His misdeeds are not enough for the Lord to be done with him. Jesus says to him in spite of it all: "Follow me." May the Lord never be done with us in bidding us to follow!

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmary-chillicothe.com.

The team of three neurosurgeons, along with two certified physician assistants and a nurse practitioner, will provide the latest advances in medical technology for treatment of diseases and injuries of the brain and spine, including cerebrovascular surgery, endoscopic brain surgery, cervical and lumbar fusion, and minimally invasive spine surgery, among other specialties.

Gewirtz, Mullin, and Zerick are certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and hold fellowships from Stanford University Medical Center, The Ohio State University Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, and Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, respectively.

Mount Carmel Central Ohio Neurological Surgeons will have offices in Coshocton, Lancaster, Marysville, Marietta, Newark, and Springfield. These neurosurgeons also will have privileges at Mount Carmel East, Mount Carmel New Albany, and Mount Carmel St. Ann's hospitals.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 6:8-15
Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
John 6:22-29

TUESDAY
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab
John 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY
Acts 8:1b-8
Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a
John 6:35-40

THURSDAY
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
John 6:44-51

FRIDAY
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 117:1bc.2
John 6:52-59

SATURDAY
Acts 9:31-42
Psalm 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2016

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

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

Celebrating the Joys of the Easter Season Despite Hardships

The Easter season ends on Pentecost, which isn't until Sunday, May 15. All too often, we think that times never have been so bad for Christians. However, in this joyous season, we must remember the many times in history when things were far worse and the faithful persevered in their faith.

I just returned from another trip out west to see how our faithful friends in Hollywood were doing. I was working on some projects and pleasantly surprised to hear some more good news. With the "out of the blue" success of movies such as *God's Not Dead* and the just-released *God's Not Dead 2*, written by devout Catholics Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, there is cause for hope.

I was able to hear about it firsthand when those two men invited me to a premiere party for their new film. While attending the event, I spoke to many Christian film writers and directors, several of whom are faithful Catholics who begin the day with Mass and pray over their projects.

Many "doubting Thomases" will say that the evil one and his minions have all the bells and whistles when it comes to control of communications media. While the dark side does seem to have an endless supply of weapons, the time-honored pattern of the Church delivering society from the precipice never has begun with a huge march forward. It usually begins with a few steps forward, followed by a few more, then another few, until you have a good old



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM

David Hartline

Catholic-style procession.

We can't let ourselves be defined by the lying, murderous deceiver (to use Jesus' words). We must use our time-honored principles to hold fast to the teachings we were given (in the words of St. Paul). In the realms of warfare and team sports, the smartest participants are those who don't fall for the enemy's psychology. Once we understand what we are up against, the literal smoke and mirrors of the dark side should not alarm us.

Take the example of St. Teresa of Avila. She became so used to Satan's attacks of every vile sort that she often would say to him, "You again! Your tricks are old and they won't work with me." There is something to be said for dealing with your fears and asking for God's help when you know your limitations. Only a fool would implore the evil one to bring more challenges and temptations. God will help us, but we have to ask.

Isn't it amazing that a loved one will search the ends of the earth for the right doctor, especially if a loved

one is suffering from a rare disease? Yet, many of us ignore the gifts of Confession and prayer. It is important to remember that the first thing Jesus did when he returned to the apostles on Easter Sunday night was to establish the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus told his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive will be forgiven, whose you retain will be retained" (John 20:21-23).

In one week's time, Jesus gave the world three sacraments: the Eucharist, Holy Orders, and Reconciliation. He did all this even while knowing some of his own followers were scheming to have him arrested. Yet Jesus poured out his love, truth, mercy, redemption, and hope, even as most who followed him ran away at the first sign of trouble. In our world, too many people have lost the art of perseverance. It seems only some sports teams and bands openly talk of "no pain, no gain" any more.

Before the party on Easter Sunday could start, the despair, cowardice, and hopelessness of Jesus' followers had to be sorted out. We might want to remember that the next time we think we are smarter than those early Christians who ran away and felt shameful about it. Doubting Thomas traveled farther to spread the Gospel than any other apostle, being martyred in India. He persevered, and so must we.

Hartline is the author of "The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

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Culture Project participants are asked to commit to a "dating fast" during their first year of mission. This does not mean they have to end relationships they already may have with someone of the opposite sex, but they are asked to refrain from taking the step forward into engagement during that year if a relationship is a serious one.

"It's a challenge, and for some, it's a cross," Maurer said. "There's no question that for some of us who have been in relationships, it feels like a big struggle. But there's a reason for it. That first year of mission is an intense time, and you need to really dive into it and to commit yourself totally for maximum spiritual and emotional growth."

He said other Catholic evangelism organizations for young people, such as St. Paul's Outreach, which is active in the Columbus area, have similar first-year dating restrictions. Maurer noted that in one case so far, a friendship a young man and woman developed through The Culture Project has led to marriage, and that some other project participants are in formation for religious life as a result of their experience.

Before being sent on active missionary work, project participants must raise enough money among family, friends, and acquaintances in their community to cover expenses of a minimum of \$500 a month, or "as much as is necessary to live a healthy lifestyle," as the project's website puts it.

"For many of us, raising money is the hardest part of what we do," Fay said. "I know it was that way for me. But having to do this changed my attitude, not to mention preparing me to go out and speak to large groups of people I don't know.

"After a while, I began to realize that I was asking people not just for money, but for an investment in something worthwhile, something that would result in a better future for young people by spreading the positive message the Catholic Church teaches about human dignity and sexuality."

The Culture Project came to the Diocese of Columbus with the help of a \$20,000 grant from the *Our Sunday Visitor* Institute to the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life.

"It is our hope that this visit successfully demonstrated the need for a permanent chapter of The Culture Project in the Diocese of Columbus," said the office's director, Dan Thimons. "We are very grateful to the local donors who have already committed to help fund a portion of the \$120,000 annual cost of a local chapter.

"Anyone interested in contributing to this exciting movement of young people working to restore culture is asked to contact the marriage and family life office at (614) 241-2560 or The Catholic Foundation at (614) 443-8893, or to visit www.restoreculture.com."

Catholic Record Society Meeting

Timothy M. Walter, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, will be the speaker for the annual luncheon meeting of the Catholic Record Society at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in Mozart's Cafe, 4784 N. High St.

He will talk about the history of the CPA and its connections to Columbus, as well as its current activities in promoting Catholic publishing. The association was organized in 1911 at a meeting in the Chittenden Hotel in Columbus, attended by about 60 delegates from 37 Catholic publications in the United States and Canada.

Walter has led the CPA since 2008. Before that, he was advertising and marketing manager for the *Catholic Herald* of Milwaukee for 19 years and an elementary school math and music teacher for seven years.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 3. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com or (614) 268-4166.

Pray for our dead

BENNETT, John W., 91, April 2
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

BRADFORD, John W., 94, March 29
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

CADA, Kenneth S., 70, March 30
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

CAMERON, Kevin H., 61, March 18
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

CLARK, Susan M., 77, March 28
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

FIORE, Richard J., 70, March 26
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

GUMMER, Lillian A., 98, March 30
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

HARMAN, Margaret K. "Peggy," 91, formerly of Columbus, March 29
Sacred Heart Church, Bluefield, W.Va.

HART, Bonnie S., 70, March 29
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

HITCHENS, Harold W., 84, March 25
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

HOFBAUER, Joseph G.V., 79, March 29
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

HUGHES, Peggy A., 73, March 27
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

HUMPHREYS, Wanda J., 77, March 30
Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

JOHNSON, Mary C., 93, March 30
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

McCRACKEN, Vaughn, 90, March 31
St. Joseph Church, Dover

MOUHANNA, Antonie "Tony," 80, March 30
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

MUGURUZA, Francisco J., 69, March 29
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

MULHOLAND, Thomas J., 52, March 31
St. Philip Church, Columbus

O'DONNELL, Carol, 77, March 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SCHNEIDER, Ellen F., 67, March 31
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SUDIMACK, Dr. Joseph Jr., 87, March 30
St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus

THOMAS, Clyde E. "Ted," 87, March 28
St. Mary Church, Delaware

WESTON, Joan, 84, March 25
Church of Our Lady, Columbus

WIEWALL, Leo, 88, March 29
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

Sister Matilda Vaitekaitis, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Matilda Vaitekaitis, OP, 97, who died Thursday, March 31, was held Tuesday, April 5, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born March 30, 1919, in Worcester, Massachusetts, to Bartholomew and Anna (Antanas) Vaitekaitis.

She served in the Navy before entering the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1950 and professing her vows as a Dominican in 1951, taking the name Sister Raphael. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Siena College in Loudonville, New York, in 1963, and became a member of the Dominican congregation of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1972.

In Columbus, she was a secretary at

Ohio Dominican College (1970-71), the Catholic Conference of Ohio (1971-74), and the Mohun Health Care Center (1974-76); administrator at the Immaculate Conception Residence for the Elderly (1976-77); a chaplaincy intern at the Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital (1977-78); a volunteer at the Mount Carmel Hospice (1989-93); an aide at the St. Mary of the Springs Montessori School (1993-94); chaplain at the Heart of Ohio Hospice (1994-95); coordinator of Peruvian sales for the congregation (1995-96); a staff member of the Spirituality Network (1996-98); and in prayer and service with the congregation (1998-2012). She also was pastoral care minister at Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville (1978-88). She had lived at the Mohun center since 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ernest Schnider; and sister, Julia Gibson.

Sister Henrietta Schwagler, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Henrietta Schwagler, OSF, who died Monday, March 28, was held Friday, April 1, at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Mary Ann Schwagler on Aug. 29, 1918, in Buffalo, New York, to the late Frank and Helen (Karis) Schwagler. She graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Buffalo in 1936 and the Stella Niagara Normal School in 1941 and received a bachelor of science degree in education in 1947 and a master of arts degree in 1959 from Mount St. Joseph Teachers College in Buffalo.

She made her first profession of vows as a Stella Niagara Franciscan on Aug.

17, 1938 and her final profession on the same day three years later.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Sacred Heart School (1941-43) and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School (1967-68), and principal at Columbus Holy Rosary School (1952-55). She served at the St. Luke Convalescent Center in Columbus as a receptionist (1972-73), admissions director (1973-78), and health care personnel director (1978-83), and was medical librarian at St. Anne's Hospital in Westerville (1984-98). She also was a teacher and principal in the Diocese of Buffalo.

She lived in retirement in Columbus until 2008, when she became a resident of the Stella Niagara Health Center. She is survived by several cousins.

Carol Batina

A funeral service for Carol Batina, 70, who died Saturday, March 26, was held Wednesday, March 30, at the Roberts Funeral Home in Logan. Burial was at Stukey Cemetery in Berne Township, Fairfield County.

She was born Feb. 28, 1946, in Niagara Falls, New York, to the late John and Ida (Gyori) Batina.

She was a member of Logan St. John

Church, where she had been playing the organ for more than 30 years and currently was music director. She and another parishioner also worked together in handling the parish's ministry scheduling. She had been employed as a secretary by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Logan for 25 years.

She is survived by a brother, Robert (Beverly).



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7, THURSDAY

Lecture on St. Catherine of Siena at Ohio Dominican
3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Lecture on "Catherine of Siena and the Jubilee Year of Mercy" with Sister Mary Ann Fatula, OP. Sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies.

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

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

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

For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

7-9, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick-Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Un-sold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

8, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

Night Hike at Shepherd's Corner

7:30 to 9 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Hike, featuring the sounds of nocturnal and diurnal animals, led by AmeriCorps volunteer Kate Lowry. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars if you like. Cost \$5. 614-866-4302

9, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Mystagogy Program for New Catholics at St. Peter

9 to 11 a.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. "What Is Mystagogy?" program for those who entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, with Father Mark Summers. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Divine Worship. Cost \$5. 614-221-4640

St. Mary Magdalene Speaker Series

9:45 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish Year of Mercy series continues with Erin Cordle of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns speaking on "Fiber Ministry." Includes simple breakfast. RSVP to 614-274-1121, extension 13.

Creighton Model NFP Introductory Session

10 a.m. to noon, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Introductory session for Creighton Model Natural Family Planning classes. Information at www.freedomfertilitycare.com.

Open House at Ohio Dominican

10 a.m. to noon, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students to meet professors, tour the campus, and discuss financial aid, with complimentary meal. Register at www.ohiodominican.edu/OpenHouse.

10, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Why Enthroned An Image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in My Home?" with Bill and Mary Beth Hinger.

Talk on History at Columbus Immaculate Conception

12:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Msgr. George Schlegel speaks about

parish and diocesan history, followed by a talk about the church's stained-glass windows, as part of parish 100th anniversary celebration. 614-267-9241

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

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

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

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

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

11, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

12, TUESDAY

Emerging Adults Workshop at St. Elizabeth

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Workshop sponsored by Vibrant Faith Ministries for catechists and others interested in doing effective faith formation for young, midlife, mature, and older adults. 614-891-0150

'Barriers to Bridges' at Christ the King

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. "Barriers to Bridges: A Poverty Summit Connecting Businesses, the Faith Community, and the Formerly Incarcerated." Keynote speaker: Dr. Jonathan Reyes, executive director, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops department of justice, peace, and human development. Cost \$10, including lunch. 740-965-1358

Program on Total Consecration at Holy Name

5:30 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, Benediction, and talk by Father Hugh Gillespie, SMM, on total consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis de Monfort. 614-262-0390

Open House at Ohio Dominican

6 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students in university's adult and continuing education programs. 614-251-7400

Calix Society Meeting

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

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

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

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan ministry dedicated to families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. EnCourage respects the dignity of every person, promotes the truth of God's plan for

each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. 614-296-7404

Relevant Young Adult Ministry

7 to 8:30 p.m., Wyandotte Winery, 4640 Wyandotte Drive, Columbus. Monthly meeting of Relevant ministry for people 21 to 35, sponsored by New Albany Church of the Resurrection. Cost \$5. Light appetizers; wine extra. 614-855-1400

Meeting on Mount Carmel Grove City Expansion

7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Sean McKibben, president of Mount Carmel West, and Jill Wallace, clinical project liaison for Mount Carmel Grove City, discuss Mount Carmel Health's Grove City expansion project. 614-875-3322

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. 740-654-6928

13, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

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

Delaware St. Mary Theology on Tap

7 p.m., Restoration Brewery, 25 N. Sandusky St., Delaware. Meeting of Delaware St. Mary Church Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Speaker: Father James Black, pastor, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. 740-513-3325

14, THURSDAY

Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available on-site. 614-512-3731

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Benefit Dinner

5:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual benefit dinner sponsored by Bethesda Healing Ministry. Speaker: Father Joseph Yokum, pastor of New Boston St. Monica and Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains churches, chaplain of Bethesda's Scioto County program. No cost for meal; fundraising appeal will be made. 614-309-7958

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception at de Porres Center

6:30 to 8 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Opening reception for "Rojo/Red," an art exhibit by Columbus artist Elena Osterwalder which will be displayed through May 27. Those unable to attend the reception may call to schedule a viewing. 614-416-1910

Talk on Pope Francis with BBC Vatican Correspondent

7 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. David Willey, British Broadcasting Corp. Vatican correspondent, speaks on "Francis at the Vatican: A Pope for Our Times." Sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. 614-251-4722

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Speaker: State Rep. Mike Curtin, former Columbus Dispatch editor, on "Politics and Catholicism." RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page. **Catechism Uncorked in Delaware**



BOOK REVIEW

The Abbey: A Story of Discovery

By David Gibson
Catholic News Service

Anne, a divorced 40-year-old woman who essentially remains Catholic in name only, arrives almost by happenstance one evening at the Trappist Abbey of Sts. Philip and James in *The Abbey*, Jesuit Father James Martin's recently published first novel.

Three years earlier, a car had struck and killed Anne's only child, 13-year-old Jeremiah. She wishes she "could stop obsessing" over Jeremiah's death, but certainly does not want to forget him. She is confused about how she feels and how she is "supposed to be feeling."

Anne screamed words of hatred at God when Jeremiah died. She thinks God is not "close to her."

When Anne's car breaks down at work, she phones Mark, a neighbor, to ask if he might pick her up after his work and drive her home from the repair shop where her car was towed. Mark, "an experienced carpenter, not to mention an architect," is the abbey's handyman.

When Mark arrives, he suddenly realizes he left his cellphone behind at the abbey. So he and Anne drive there together to retrieve it.

The Abbey is subtitled "A Story of Discovery." Anne's story is its central focus, but Father Martin also carefully weaves Mark's story -- that of a still-young man hoping to find a direction for his life, careerwise and otherwise -- into the narrative.

Anne's story really gets under way as she waits in an abbey hallway for Mark to return with his cellphone. When he returns, he finds Father Paul, the abbot, chatting with Anne.

Anne, Mark, and Father Paul each play key roles in this story of discovery. But a fourth presence also figures powerfully into the novel -- an icon of an olive-skinned Mary, whose "inscrutable expression" captures Anne's attention, causing her to wonder whether Mary ever knew that her own son would be killed.

During a second visit to the abbey, Anne senses that the Mary in the portrait is not "looking at the child in her arms" but is looking right "at her."

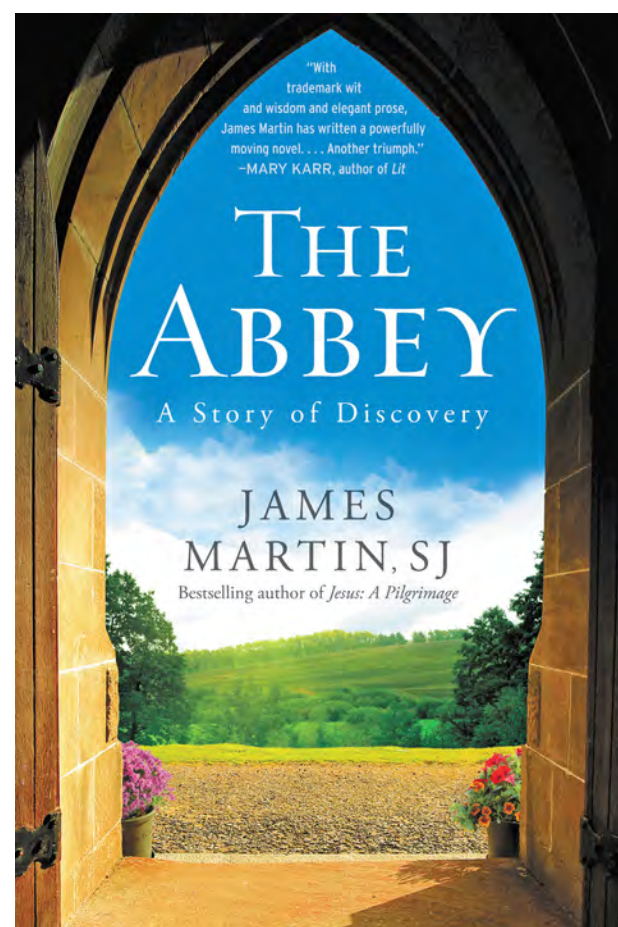
This icon will serve as a catalyst for a series of remarkable conversations with Father Paul that Anne, whose journey of discovery proceeds haltingly and with considerable resistance on her part, finds most challenging.

Father Martin is widely known as the author of books such as *Between Heaven and Mirth* and *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. He is familiar to many as a frequent TV commentator on Catholic events and issues.

Clearly, Father Martin has done his share of spiritual counseling. He acknowledges in an author's note that this novel's conversations are grounded in his experiences "as a spiritual director and as someone who has received spiritual direction."

He wants readers to know that "Anne's experiences, struggles and questions are common in the spiritual life."

It may be all to the good that elements of spiritual direction are accorded an important role in *The Abbey*. Often enough, religious educators go in search of a novel or short story to help illustrate the workings of faith in real-life contexts and facilitate reflection in groups or classes.



I can readily imagine a parish group or retreat group employing *The Abbey* as a resource to spark discussion, particularly when addressing the skewed images of God that often hold participants back in their own journeys of discovery.

With its accent on a compassionate, merciful God who works quietly but actively in people's lives, *The Abbey* seems very much a novel of the Pope Francis era.

Father Paul's fond hope is that Anne will reach a point of allowing God to speak to her "in whatever way God wants." The priest says to her, "Let it be God, not Anne's God, not your old images of God, but 'God.'"

The abbot has high hopes for Mark, too. What "we try to do here" at the abbey, Father Paul tells him, is to "strip things away so that we can be who we're called to be. It's like stripping off an old coat of paint from a table, so you can see the original wood."

The journeys of discovery at this novel's heart seem true to life. Anne and Mark indeed advance toward new, more satisfying points in their lives, but do so gradually and tentatively.

It seems clear in the end, and this undoubtedly is to Father Martin's credit, that their journeys remain works in progress and, one can imagine, will yet unfold in quite surprising ways. Might *The Abbey* be followed in due time, then, by a sequel?

"The Abbey: A Story of Discovery" by Father James Martin, SJ. Harper Collins (New York, 2015). 212 pages, \$24.99.

Gibson was the founding editor of Origins, Catholic News Service's documentary service. He retired in 2007 after holding that post for 36 years.

MUSICAL

Blame It On The Movies!

Ohio Dominican University's student theater organization, the Panther Players, will perform "Blame It on the Movies!" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15; Saturday, April 16; Thursday, April 21; and Friday, April 22 and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 23 in the Sister Mary Andrew Matesich, OP Theater in Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. General admission is \$8. Children under five years old will be admitted free. Admission also is free for students who show their university ID. Free parking is available in the Gold Lot, west of Sunbury Road.

The sound of movies is saluted in this cheerful musical cavalcade of songs and themes from the world's favorite films. Fresh and fast-paced, "Blame It on the Movies!" is a nostalgic treat that features dozens of songs from popular movies including "Footloose," "Gone with the Wind," and "The Pink Panther." The musical selections will offer you thrills, excitement, and nostalgia.



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Michael P. Warsaw, chairman and chief executive officer of the Eternal Word Television Network (center), pays final respects at the casket of Mother Angelica before her April 1 funeral Mass at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Mother Angelica, who founded EWTN and turned it into one of the world's largest religious media operations, died on March 27 at age 92. CNS photo/Jeffrey Bruno, EWTN

The Divine Mercy image of Jesus is seen as Pope Francis leads a prayer service on the eve of the Feast of Divine Mercy in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 2. CNS photo/Paul Haring



People line up to venerate a reliquary containing bone fragments of St. Faustina Kowalska following a Divine Mercy Sunday vigil Mass on April 2 at the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City. The Catholic Church's devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina, a young Polish nun and mystic, who had visions of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Seven students in seventh and eighth grades at Lancaster St. Mary School who competed in their district science fair earned superior ratings for their projects, allowing them to advance to State Science Day on Saturday, May 14, at The Ohio State University. Pictured are (from left): first row, Katie Maynard and Emma Albert; second row, Emma Martin, Collin Rimlus, Bryson Vogel, Sam Maynard, and Anna Vanderbilt. Their teacher is Anita Yaple. Albert's project had a perfect score, and the students combined to earn \$475 in prize money and four subscriptions to The Ohio Journal of Science.

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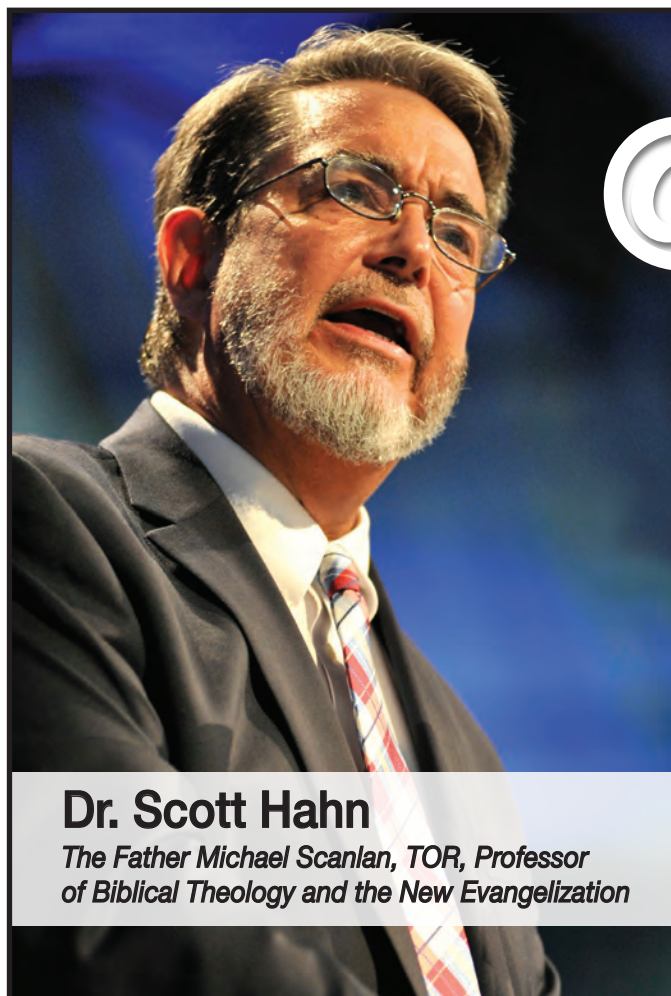
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