GRADUATION 2016
The Editor’s Notebook

Let Your Light Shine

By David Garick, Editor

Congratulations to the Class of 2016! Graduation is a big day. It is time to celebrate all of the hard work you have put into your education. The 1,014 of you receiving diplomas from our diocesan Catholic High Schools have received an excellent education over the past 12 years. Not only have you received academic schooling of the highest caliber, you also have received spiritual education that places knowledge into the context of moral responsibility.

You deserve this time of celebration. But your work is not over. For 97% of you, the formal education process will continue at college or other higher level institutions. Actually, the education never really ends. We all must continue the process of growing in knowledge and skill throughout our lives.

But the real work, the reason we get this education at all, is to take this knowledge and apply it to our lives in this world and to prepare us for the life that transcends this world into our eternal life in heaven. God has given you mental and physical potential from your very birth. Your parents, teachers and spiritual instructors have guided you in developing that potential. All of that is not an end itself, but rather a means by which you can carry out a purpose that God has for you in this world. Finding that purpose is one of the most exciting challenges in life. Using the gifts that God has given you with your own dedication and joyful effort is what brings meaning and fulfillment to life.

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16). This is what your education is all about. This world will be a better place because you are in it. The darkness that shrouds so many in this modern world can be lifted because your education has given you the means through whatever career path you follow to shine the Light of Christ on people who desperately need to see the way.

One scheduling note: the Catholic Times is now on its summer schedule. We will be publishing every other week from now until Labor Day. Your next issue of Catholic Times will be June 5.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. During June, July, and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just prior to:

June 5 & 19; July 3, 17 & 31; August 14 & 28

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

U.S. Supreme Court sends Zubik case back to lower courts

By Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service

The U.S. Supreme Court has sent the Zubik v. Burwell case, which challenges the Affordable Care Act’s contraceptive requirement for employers, back to the lower courts.

The justices’ unanimous decision, explained in a nine-page order issued Monday, May 16, was based on information submitted by both sides one week after oral arguments were heard 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 court made clear that it is not expressing an opinion on the merits of the cases that are challenging aspects of the federal government’s health legislation and that it was not ruling on the issue of a potential violation of religious freedom.

Because of the “gravity of the dispute and the substantial clarification and refinement in the positions of the parties,” the court stated that religious employers and the government should be “afforded an opportunity to arrive at an approach going forward that accommodates petitioners’ religious exercise while at the same time ensuring that women covered by petitioners’ health plans receive full and equal health coverage, including contraceptive coverage.”

The court stressed that this approach is “more suitable” than addressing the refined positions submitted by both sides. It added that “although there may still be areas of disagreement between the parties on issues of implementation, the importance of those areas of potential concern is uncertain, as is the necessity of this court’s involvement at this point to resolve them.”

“This is a game-changer,” said Mark Rienzi, lead attorney for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents the Little Sisters of the Poor, one of the groups challenging the federal contraceptive mandate.

He said the order reflects that the court has “accepted the government’s concession” that it can provide contraceptives to women “without using the Little Sisters.”

He also was pleased that the court was withholding the government “from fining the Little Sisters, even though they are refusing to bow to the government’s will. It is only a matter of time before the lower courts make this victory permanent,” he said.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, had a more nuanced look at the court’s order, saying he was pleased that it offered a path forward. He also acknowledged that “this struggle will continue.”
COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS

The commencement schedule for Columbus diocesan high schools:

**Portsmouth Notre Dame**
- Sunday, May 22, 1 p.m., school gymnasium.
- Salutatorian: Jada Corns. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 20, 7 p.m., Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church.

**Columbus St. Francis DeSales**
- Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m., Alumni Stadium.

**Columbus Bishop Watterson**
- Saturday, May 28, 9:30 a.m., school gymnasium.

**Columbus Bishop Ready**
- Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m., school gymnasium.
- Salutatorian: Courtney Hackney. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

**Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans**
- Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m., Secret Auditorium.

**Columbus Bishop Hartley**
- Sunday, May 29, 1 p.m., Celeste Center, State Fairgrounds.
- Graduating seniors: 172. Valedictorians: To be announced.
- Baccalaureate: Friday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

**New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic**
- Sunday, May 29, 1:30 p.m., school gymnasium.
- Salutatorian: Peter Tran. Baccalaureate: Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m., Dennison Immaculate Conception Church.

**Lancaster Fisher Catholic**
- Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m., school gymnasium.

**Newark Catholic**
- Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m., The Ohio State University-Newark.

**Columbus St. Charles**
- Friday, June 3, after baccalaureate, Walter Commons.
- Graduating seniors: 140. Valedictorian: None. Baccalaureate: Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., Walter Commons.

GRADUATION 2016

The 10 Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Columbus will graduate 1,014 seniors during the next two weeks, including 16 National Merit Scholarship finalists and 38 NMS commended scholars.

All the schools are graduating 100 percent of the seniors who are enrolled, except Lancaster Fisher Catholic, where the figure is 98 percent. Percentages of seniors at diocesan schools going on to four-year or two-year colleges, community colleges, or technical schools in the fall range from 100 percent at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans to 93 percent at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic. The overall figure for the diocese is 97 percent.

ACT test composite averages from those schools reporting them ranged from 23 at Newark Catholic and Tuscarawas Central to 28.4 at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory. SAT score averages ranged on the verbal portion from 530 at Columbus Bishop Ready to 616 at St. Charles, and on the math portion from 512 at Fisher Catholic to 640 at St. Charles.

As it has done for many years, St. Charles led the way in merit scholarship honors with 12 finalists and 16 commended students. Columbus St. Francis DeSales had two finalists and seven commended students; Columbus Bishop Watterson, one finalist and eight commended students; Columbus Bishop Hartley, one finalist and five commended students; and Newark Catholic, two commended students.

The first of the 10 graduations to take place will be Sunday, May 22, at Portsmouth Notre Dame. Most of the rest will be on the following weekend, with the latest being Friday, June 3 at St. Charles. Size of the graduating classes will range from 16 at Tuscarawas Central to 218 at Bishop Watterson.

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Fifty-eight teachers and administrators from Columbus diocesan schools who reached service milestones in 2015-16 received service awards from the diocesan Office of Education.

**Honored educators and their schools were:**

**40 YEARS**
- Lance Clarke, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Barbara Durbin, Columbus Our Lady of Peace
- Carolyn Sue Gardiner, Columbus St. Timothy
- Karen McElhaney, Zanesville Bishop Fenwick
- George Pritchard, Columbus Bishop Ready
- Sister Mary Riley, OP, Columbus St. Matthias
- Karen L. Young, Somerset Holy Trinity

**30 YEARS**
- Nancy beverage, Westerville St. Paul
- Margaret Ford, Westerville St. Paul
- Colleen Gomez, Westerville St. Paul
- Brenda Jenkins, Dover Tuscarawas Central Catholic
- Marcine Power, Westerville St. Paul
- Scott Power, principal, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School
- Mary Lynne Price, Westerville St. Paul
- Donna Reo, Columbus St. Andrew
- Mary Pat Simmons, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Ann Smith, Columbus Bishop Hartley
- William Steller Jr., Columbus St. Francis DeSales
- Thomas Tuohy, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Rodger Waite, Columbus Immaculate Conception
- Leon Weisenberger, Columbus St. Francis DeSales
- Walter Wellstead Jr., Lancaster Fisher Catholic
- Susan Williams, Columbus Trinity Catholic

**20 YEARS**
- Natasha Bowman, Newark St. Francis de Sales
- Gail Finck, New Lexington St. Rose
- Robert Grove II, Columbus Bishop Hartley
- Judeen Hartge, Gahanna St. Matthew
- Patricia Hulme, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Jim Lower, principal, Columbus St. Charles
- Raymond Maurer, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Kimber Moehrman, Columbus Trinity Catholic
- Mary K. Rosner-Baker, Hilliard St. Brendan
- John M. Salyer, Columbus St. Charles
- Barbara SchwabKlaco, Columbus Bishop Ready
- C. Renee Scurlock, Columbus St. Catharine
- Rebecca Sedears, Dover Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary

**10 YEARS**
- Kristen Babiak, Columbus St. Timothy
- David Bennett, Lancaster Fisher Catholic
- Ann Carroll, Columbus St. Agatha and St. Timothy
- Tracey Cullice, Hilliard St. Brendan
- Michelle Duffy, Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul
- Carrie Hill, Chillicothe Bishop Flaget
- Beth Hockett, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene
- Melissa J. Johnson, Columbus Immaculate Conception
- Therese Karmes, Logan St. John
- Heather Law, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Elizabeth Marvin, Columbus St. James the Less
- James McKenzie II, Portsmouth Notre Dame High School
- Dennis Moore, Newark Catholic
- Andrea Navar, Columbus St. Francis DeSales
- Rebecca Pollock, Gahanna St. Matthew
- Kerrie Ritchey, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Erin Schornack, principal, Lancaster St. Mary
- Barbara Schwab, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X
- Elizabeth Simmonds, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Abigail Teeters, Columbus Bishop Watterson
- Cassandra Thompson, Columbus St. Andrew
- Greg Zacharias, Columbus St. Francis DeSales
St. Brigid Students Portray Historical Figures

Seventh-grade students at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School took part in the school’s third annual wax museum presentation earlier this month. Each student chose an individual who made an impact on our society, prepared speeches about that person, and dressed as him or her. The rest of the school’s students, plus parents and visitors, were invited to walk through the gymnasium and learn about these people. At every station, students had pictures and artifacts about the person they were representing. Visitors pressed a button, and the students began their speeches. Pictured are (from left) Caroline Goodlives as Amelia Earhart, Brady West as Henry Ford, and Ben Auletta as Bill Gates. Students collected donations for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program at their stations, raising more than $500.  Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

Catholic Women’s Group Awards Seven Grants

The Catholic Foundation’s St. Martha Giving Circle is excited to announce this year’s grant recipients. Seven organizations were chosen to receive a total of $26,670. Members of the St. Martha Giving Circle, known as Marthas, nominated 14 organizations for consideration and narrowed the selection through a vote last month.

Grants were awarded to Back in His Arms Again; the Christ Child Society; the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Perry County; Hope Hollow of Columbus, which offers assistance to out-of-town cancer patients; the Dominican Learning Center; St. Vincent de Paul housing facilities in Newark; and the Women’s Care Center of Columbus.

The St. Martha Giving Circle is an initiative through The Catholic Foundation that is designed to bring Catholic women together to raise awareness and funds for charities in the Diocese of Columbus. The Marthas gather periodically to learn about organizations and their needs, to join together in service, and to decide together which projects to fund.

The St. Martha Giving Circle will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus, to present the awards to this year’s grantees. All interested women are invited to attend this evening of celebration and to learn more about the group. There is no charge to attend. Please RSVP to Betsy Sewell, the Foundation’s marketing director, at (614) 443-8893 or BSewell@catholic-foundation.org.

For additional information about the St. Martha Giving Circle, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Cavs

Did you focus on the Sequence at Mass on Pentecost last weekend? The great celebration of the Holy Spirit dwelling inside each of us is a wonderful feast and a tremendous way to “wrap up” the Easter season. The Sequence is one of those odd prayers that kind of distracts us, as it is out of the ordinary structure of the Mass. It can be difficult to pay close attention to it, because the wording and phrasing is awkward. This is another reason why Mass preparation is so important and so valuable to us, both spiritually and practically. If we dash into Mass right behind the priest, it is difficult to be in the proper frame of mind to participate as fully as we can. Even a few minutes of prayer and focus before Mass is great preparation. We can read the readings and Gospel ahead of time. Then we can listen to the proclaimed Word of God, without following in the book. It is a small thing, but try it next time. God’s Word is meant to be proclaimed and heard, not read and followed. With the Sequence – and other unique additions here and there, such as the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil – it can be greatly enriching to focus on it in advance, and then take full advantage of the spiritual grace and truth that is meant for our spirits.

This is one of the best times of the year for a sports fan, because the NBA and NHL playoffs are going on at the same time. While I am a huge NHL fan, I am also a Cleveland Cavaliers fan. I was in high school in Cleveland for the “Miracle of Richfield,” and will never forget that season of 1975-76. If Jim Chones would not have broken his foot… Back to reality. Who do you think of when you hear “the Big Three”? Like me these days, probably of LeBron James, Kyrie Irving, and Kevin Love. They are “the Big Three” of the Cavs. They have formed one of the most solid starting lineups in the NBA. Their leadership and energy definitely make that team go. They are great to watch, and they help to bring hope to the championship-starved city of Cleveland. I remember the Browns of 1964, the last Cleveland team to win a major championship. Believe me, it has been a long time, since then. So who do you think of when you hear of “the Big Three” at Mass this Sunday? It is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are “the Big Three” of the Church, of the world, of the universe, of our lives, of all that is. They have formed the most solid Triune Godhead, period. They are God -- three separate persons in one inseparable God. We need strong faith for that truth. Maybe even more faith than a Cleveland Cavs fan. Their leadership and energy definitely make us go. They give us whatever we need for the challenges in our journey, and they give us hope. While we may not feel championship-starved, we long for the unimaginable bliss of eternal life.

Our practical challenge these next two weeks is to slow down, pause, and prayerfully think about what we are saying, and what we acclaim as true, each time we make the sign of the cross. Pray it slowly: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” We pray it at our morning prayer, at grace before our meals, for a rosary when we can, at Sunday Mass, and as we enter and leave the church. Meditate on the truth of the Most Holy Trinity. This takes faith. Pray for the grace to uphold that truth and that faith. Pray an extra rosary this week; but instead of a Hail Mary on each bead, pray the “Glory Be” to the Trinity. Pray a Hail Mary between decades. Pray to our Triune God for mercy and love.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.
Principal will stay close to Watterson after retiring

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

Starting this fall, Marian Hutson won’t need to be at Columbus Bishop Watterson every day. But she anticipates being a continuing presence at the high school she has served as teacher and administrator for 39 years.

“I still love to teach, and I’m a certified instructor in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, use of a defibrillator, and first aid,” she said. “I want to continue to teach health classes in those subjects and to serve as a substitute teacher as needed.”

At various times during her career in education, which began at Columbus St. Matthias School in 1973 and has continued at Watterson since 1977, she has taught history, theology, physical education, government, sociology, and marriage and family life courses.

She became an administrator in 1982, assistant principal and academic dean in 1983, and principal in 2000. In the latter position, she replaced John Durant, who had been principal for 24 years. Whoever succeeds Hutson will be only the fifth principal in the school’s 62-year history. The others were Msgr. Edward Spiers (1954-71), Msgr. Kenneth Grimes (1971-76), and Durant.

Hutson won’t have far to go whenever she wants to visit Watterson. She has lived across the street from the school in the city’s Clintonville neighborhood since 1975, two years before she became a social studies teacher there. Her ties to Clintonville go back even longer. She lived in an apartment near her current residence from 1972-75.

Her main reason for retiring from full-time work as an educator is the anticipated birth of triplets in the fall to her daughter, Brittany Latoche, a Watterson graduate who lives with her husband, Jim, just down the street from Hutson. The couple already have a 20-month-old daughter. “Being the grandmother of one child has been a wonderful experience, and soon there will be four,” Hutson said. “After the triplets are born, I anticipate being very happy and very tired.”

Retirement also will allow her to spend more time with her mother-in-law, Mary Hutson, who is in her 90s.

Hutson, 64 (at right in picture), was born Marian Cirichi, and attended Columbus St. Matthias Church with a brother and a sister. She graduated from Westerville High School, earned a bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University in 1973, and received a master’s degree from OSU before coming to Watterson.

“I got into teaching because I liked working with young people. After 40-plus years, I enjoy it as much as when I started,” she said. “I don’t feel 64, thanks to being around young people and being part of their activities and their spirit.

“I came to Watterson at the request of Joe Boyle, who was assistant principal at the time and later became principal at Bishop Hartley and Grandview Heights high schools. I knew a little about the school because my sister and brother-and-law both went there and I already was a neighbor, plus the fact that St. Matthias is a feeder school for (St. Francis) DeSales (High School), so I was well aware of the athletic rivalry between Watterson and DeSales.”

After five years as a teacher, Durant asked Hutson if she would help him in administration. “John allowed me the freedom to do things I had passion for,” she said. “I was academic dean and got to work with kids on a one-on-one basis. I started the annual three-day senior class trip.

“One thing that’s been very close to my heart has been being in charge of the school’s mother’s club, which over the years has raised more than $250,000 for tuition aid and purchases of classroom items. This allowed me to have a different kind of relationship with the mothers of students – more as one mother to another than as principal to parent. It also gave me a better insight into students’ struggles and interests than you can get just as an administrator. Some of my best friends are the mothers I met through the club.

“Besides the relationships with the parents, I’ve been blessed in working with great faculty members. All of this strengthened my commitment to Watterson, and I never wanted to go anywhere else,” Hutson said. She said that besides Durant, other educators who have been particularly influential in her life include Lucia McQuaide, former diocesan schools superintendent, and Sisters Ursula Marie Wagner, OP; Irene Euman, OP; and Mary Hope Sieron, OP, all former or current members of the Watterson faculty.

Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate, started at Watterson as a theology teacher at the same time Hutson began teaching there. “Marian has been a tremendous gift to Bishop Watterson,” said Deacon Iannarino, who has been the school’s chaplain since 1994 and remains on its faculty. “I was very pleased when she was chosen as John Durant’s successor, because she has always been a very caring person who places the welfare of the student first. She has a great Catholic heart. It’s going to be very difficult next year without her.”

“What I’ll miss the most next year is the day-to-day contact with the people I’ve known for so long,” Hutson said. “But be-
Unrequested religious mailings; Duties of priest and deacon

QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I receive, on a daily basis, mailings from multiple religious organizations requesting monetary help. Often they include address labels, holy pictures, prayer cards, etc. I feel guilty just trashing them, so I collect them and when the pile gets big, I mail it to one of the organizations, hoping that they will know how to dispose of them. But this gets costly and, as a senior citizen, I have a limited income. Please let me know what I can do. (Cranbury, New Jersey)

A. I know exactly what you are talking about because I get these mailings myself -- dozens of them. What I do is this: Occasionally, if I like a particular prayer card, I pull it out and keep it for future reference. Once in a while, I send a small financial donation if I think the organization is particularly worthy. But most of the time, I simply throw the whole packet in the wastebasket.

Nearly always, the sponsoring organization is doing worthy work -- often missionary activity -- and this is one of the ways they have of raising funds. But you are certainly within your rights, both legally and morally, in disposing of the material. You never requested these items, and they are not blessed.

To expect the recipient, especially an elderly person of modest means, to bear the cost of returning them would be unreasonable and unfair. (One alternative, I suppose, would be to offer such items to your local parish for use in their catechetical program, but you are not bound to make that effort.)

What you might want to do is to write a quick note to each of the sending organizations, saying something like this: “I know that you do good work, and I appreciate it, but I no longer wish to receive mailings from your organization. Please remove my name from your address list.”

Q. Recently, I attended a youth Mass in another diocese, which was celebrated by an elderly priest, assisted by a deacon. The priest was evidently infirm, and at Communion time, the priest retired to a chair while the Eucharist was distributed by several of the students, as well as by the deacon.

The deacon, who was the only ordained minister, held the cup -- over toward one of the side aisles. My understanding is that, if both a priest and a deacon are distributing Communion, the priest is to offer the host, and the deacon the chalice. So in this case, with the priest incapacitated, it seemed to me that the only “ordinary” minister (the deacon) should have distributed the consecrated host -- and from the main aisle, the most prominent position. Am I being overly critical? (Albany, New York)

A. Your question is a good one, and I’m not sure there is a simple and certain answer. The guidelines of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for Masses with a deacon say -- as you point out -- that the deacon “assists the priest celebrant in distributing Communion, especially as minister of the precious blood,” and that “if Communion is given under both kinds, the deacon ministers the chalice.”

So it seems a logical extension -- in the situation you present -- that the deacon would distribute the host. But I’m not sure there is any firm rule to that effect.

In our parish -- where, at large weekend Masses, the priest is assisted by seven extraordinary ministers of holy Communion -- I occasionally choose to hold one of the chalices as a way of demonstrating that the precious blood is just as much the Eucharist as the host is.

By the way, your mention of students distributing Communion raises this point I find interesting: There is no universal church law on a minimum age for extraordinary ministers. Bishops are free to set their own guidelines, and dioceses in the U.S. vary widely -- with a minimum age for such ministers ranging from 15 to 25. All agree that these should be regularly practicing Catholics who are living a life consistent with Catholic moral values.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.
**Cristo Rey Honored with National Award for Historic Preservation**

Cristo Rey Columbus High School was one of seven historic building preservation projects nationwide which were honored as exemplary historic tax credit projects that are revitalizing the nation’s cities and small towns.

Named one of “Preservation’s Best of 2015,” Cristo Rey Columbus was recognized for its success in transforming a previously unoccupied, historically significant building into a reinvigorated community asset.

Jim Foley, president of Cristo Rey Columbus, accepted the award during the annual National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week’s congressional reception in Washington, hosted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Trust Community Investment Corp.

“Our investment not only allowed us to transform a notable historical building,” Foley said, “but also, it allows us to transform the lives of students who otherwise likely would not have the opportunity to go to college and choose professions that in turn may transform the lives of others.”

Cristo Rey Columbus High School is a Catholic, college-preparatory school for families in search of an affordable option for Catholic education. It is a part of the nationwide Cristo Rey network of schools known for their professional work-study program (PWSP), in which students work five full days per month at entry-level positions to gain experience and develop their professional work skills in the offices of businesses such as law firms, insurance companies, banks, hospitals, universities, public relations firms, utility and energy companies, government offices, and nonprofit organizations.

The high school, at 400 E. Town St. adjacent to the Columbus Topiary Park in the Downtown Discovery District, is on the National Registry of Historic Places and was built in 1899 as the home of the Ohio School for the Deaf. Before Cristo Rey purchased the 88,000-square-foot building, it sat vacant for about seven years.

Through $18 million in prudent renovations, supported by tax credits and other financing, Cristo Rey was able to blend the new and the old, balancing preserved hardwood floors and historic architecture with 21st-century state-of-the-art technology.

Schooley Caldwell Architects and Corina Kokosing Construction combined to make the award-winning renovation a reality. Cristo Rey’s decision to invest in the building has brought many benefits. The renovation allowed room for the school to add one grade level each year until it reaches its full operating size of 450 to 500 students this fall. Being next door to the main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library offers students first-class library services. Its location next to the topiary park offers an environment unique for an urban school. Perhaps most importantly, the school benefits from its centralized downtown location and easy access to public transportation.

To learn more about Cristo Rey, and how you can serve as a business sponsor hiring students for the work-study program, visit [www.cristoreycolumbus.org](http://www.cristoreycolumbus.org) or call the school at (614) 223-9261.

Photo: Cristo Rey Columbus High School President Jim Foley, Robert D. Veloza of Schooley Caldwell (second through fourth from left) accept an award in Washington honoring the school’s preservation of the former Ohio School for the Deaf. Others pictured are representatives of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Trust Community Investment Corp.
Claire DiOrio, a senior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, is the 2016 recipient of the Wendy O. Ward Foundation Memorial Scholarship.

Ward’s husband, Chris, a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, established the scholarship in 2015 in memory of his wife, a Hilliard resident, who died of breast cancer on May 18, 2012 after a 10-year career as a writer and public relations consultant.

The scholarship provides $5,000 for first-year expenses for a graduate of a Columbus diocesan high school who has been involved in school, community, and parish activities and demonstrated academic achievement, particularly in the field of language arts. The recipient is eligible to apply for a $1,000 renewal award for three subsequent years. The Ward foundation will pay the scholarship money directly to the institution the recipient plans to attend.

DiOrio attends Columbus St. Timothy Church. At Bishop Watterson, she was a National Merit Scholarship commended student, National Honor Society president, a member of Student Council and the National Business Honor Society, an advanced-placement scholar, recipient of the Sister Ursula Marie Wagner math award and the Honda-OSU math medal, captain of the cross country team and recipient of its sportsmanship award, a member of the track team, Italian Club president and part of the school’s Italian exchange program, a participant in Gospel Road and Cranks Creek youth programs, an altar server and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, a parish youth group member, a Parish School of Religion teacher, a math and science tutor, a choir member, and a volunteer at the Wesley Glen retirement community.

She will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall to pursue a double major in mathematics and Italian, and hopes to work as a mathematician after college.

Ward, a graduate of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and of the University of Dayton, was grateful for her Catholic education and always said she counted herself lucky to have the opportunity in her career to do something not all English majors can – to use her skills and write every day for her company, Constructive Communication, Inc., where she was vice president. Her husband and children, Caroline and Jack, hope the scholarship will help provide others with the same opportunity.

Fisher Catholic Signee

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School senior Parker Brady (third from left, first row) has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Ashland University. Pictured with him at the signing ceremony are (from left): first row, his brother, Carter Brady, and his parents, Beth and Mark Brady; second row, Fisher assistant coach Tony Vogel and head coach Paul Albanese.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

Claire DiOrio, Ward Scholarship Recipient

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The Warmup and Workout

People often ask me how to warm up, and if warming up is really necessary before exercising. The answer is a resounding “Yes” because it is important to stimulate and prepare the muscles before you challenge them to do intense work.

There are many ways to warm up, but generally, we prefer dynamic movement to get the entire body moving. Warmup also helps people tune in to how their body is feeling that day, thus helping prevent tightness and injuries.

Typically, warmup flows naturally into the workout. Sometimes, I am asked whether a movement is still part of warmup or if we’ve crossed into the workout. That makes me smile.

We lift the heaviest weight at the end of class, when we are really warm and have slowly increased how much weight we are lifting. People think they will be stronger when they are fresh at the beginning of the workout. Surprisingly, no. It is unsafe to attempt to lift heavy without a gentle progression of lifting heavier weights while listening to your body.

Warming up is also necessary for us as followers of Jesus Christ. I consider a spiritual warmup to be some form of prayer and study. Listening and asking in prayer and reading the Word of God can help prepare our hearts and minds to know how Jesus is calling us to serve others and to take action in our everyday lives.

I have found that without the spiritual warmup of prayer and study, it can be easy to get off course in our actions. Since God works so individually with us, there is no prescribed warmup. We can approach prayer and study by asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit, staying close to the Sacraments, and reading the Bible. We also may be inspired by other books, music, art, nature, and spending time with people who challenge us to be holy.

Warming up those spiritual muscles before taking action will hopefully increase our self-knowledge and direction. The spiritual warmup and workout should flow naturally in and out of each other with a balance of prayer, study, and action.

This cycle should never stop. Ideally, we exercise our physical and spiritual muscles on a regular basis. We warm up and work out to challenge our muscles to get stronger to support our health. We warm up spiritually with prayer and study to prepare us to move into action by serving others in our homes, churches, and communities.

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BISHOP HERRMANN SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

KATHLEEN COLVIN
School: Columbus Bishop Ready Parish: Hilliard St. Brendan
National Honor Society; Student Council; Wendy’s High School Heisman Award State Qualifier; Gifts of the Heart and Living the Gospel Message Awards; Girl Scout Gold Award; Cross Country; Indoor and Outdoor Track, Soccer, and CYO Basketball Teams; Little Kickers Summer Soccer Camp Coach; St. Brendan Soccer Referee; Columbus Zoo Aide; Beta Club; Chinese Club; School Ambassador; Environmental Club; Culture Club; Castle Crew; St. Brendan LifeTeen; Girl Scouts; 4-H Club; Franklin County Junior Fair Board; City of Hilliard Lifeguard and Swim Instructor; Face Forward Ambassador.

JOSEPH DEMATTIO
School: New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic Parish: Dover St. Joseph
National Honor Society; Eagle Scout; National Scout Youth Leadership Training Staff; Buckeye Boys State; Basketball, Soccer, Golf, and Track Teams; Prom Committee; Trumpet in the Land Outdoor Drama Usher and Conductor.

AUDRIANNA GRAF
School: Portsmouth Notre Dame Parish: Portsmouth St. Mary
Soccer: County Junior Fair Board; Scioto County Teen Leaders; County Fair Queen First Runner-Up; Girls Basketball and Tennis Teams; Ohio State Fair Clock Award for Cake Decorating; Ohio Model U.N. Leadership Award; 4-H Club Plate Award; School Canned Food Drive; Catholic Social Services Giving Tree and Food Baskets; STEM 4 Kids; Volunteer for Stur Workshop, Southern Ohio Medical Center, Hillview Retirement Center, Paint It Pink, Stadium Cleanup, Dancing With Our Stars, Jingle Bell Jog, Hoops for Hope, Diabetes Awareness, Bid Your Heart Out, Parish Pantry, and International Festival.

BISHOP HERRMANN SERVICE AWARD

The 10 winners of the diocese’s annual Bishop Herrmann Service Awards for high school students will receive the honor at their respective recognition or graduation ceremonies. Recipients of the $100 cash awards are chosen by school administrators and faculty members on the basis of demonstrated commitment to serving others. The award highlights the importance of the service dimension as an integrated facet of the student’s experience. It serves as a reminder of the late Bishop Edward Herrmann’s call for service on the part of the community. It also provides an opportunity for the recognition of students who have benefited from the effort to teach students of Catholic schools the need to serve, as described through the Gospels.

When he retired in 1982, Bishop Herrmann agreed to a testimonial dinner if its proceeds would be given to serve the community. A total of $22,000 was raised, with $10,400 going in Operation Feed and the rest set aside as a perpetual fund for the service awards.

Criteria for the selection are based on the theme outlined in Bishop Herrmann’s 1982 commencement address at Ohio Dominican College, when he said: “We have an obligation to be concerned with one another. … The concern is not just abstract consideration, but something put into action. … As we look all about us, we see problems with unemployment, war, hunger, injustice, social prejudice, racial discrimination, and others too well known. We must ask ourselves how we can work together for the advancement of our community, and, for that matter, of the whole world.”

When a person contributes in a way that demonstrates this concern, that person is worthy of the Bishop Herrmann Service Award.

The Bishop Herrmann Service Award is the highest recognition a student has the potential to achieve through service to others. It is a recognition that is given to the young people of the diocese who have made a significant impact on the lives of others through their service.

The award is not given for the number of hours served, but for the quality of the service provided. The selection process focuses on the impact of the service provided, the dedication of the recipient, and the demonstration of a commitment to serving others.

The Bishop Herrmann Service Award is a recognition of service, not a recognition of service. It is an award that is given to the students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving others.

The recipients of the Bishop Herrmann Service Award are chosen by school administrators and faculty members on the basis of demonstrated commitment to serving others. The award highlights the importance of the service dimension as an integrated facet of the student’s experience.

The award is given to the students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving others and who have made a significant impact on the lives of others through their service.
**ALL - DIOCESAN ACADEMIC HONOR TEAM MEMBERS**

**JAYLA BOWLING/ Portsmouth Notre Dame**
*Parish: Not listed*
National Honor Society; Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Foundation Ambassador; Wendy’s High School Heisman Finalist; Honda-OSU Math Medal; WSAZ-TV Best of the Class; Volleyball, Swimming, and Track Teams; Key Club; Drama Club; Spanish Club; Art Club; Mock Trial; Red, White, and Youth; Pep Club; Cornerstone Youth Group.

*Attending Shawnee State University.*

**JOSEPH CHURILLA/ Columbus St. Charles Preparatory**
*Parish: New Albany Church of the Resurrection*
National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist; National Honor Society; Eagle Scout; Scout High Adventure Triple Crown; Student Council; National Latin Exam Summa Cum Laude; Honda-OSU Math Medal; Louise Freedman Memorial Scholarship; Williams College Book Award; Robotics Team; Student Newspaper Editor; American Chemical Society; Concert Band; Service Trip to Guatemala; Ohio State University Lab Assistant; Riverside Methodist Hospital Volunteer; Ometek Inc. Mechanical Engineering Intern; Parish Youth Group; Westerville Youth Baseball League; Central Ohio Baseball League.

*Attending the University of Dayton.*

**TERESA CRUM/ Newark Catholic**
*Parish: Newark St. Francis de Sales*
National Merit Scholarship Commended Student; National Honor Society; Five Ohio University Scholarships; Energy Cooperative Scholarship; Newark-Heath Rotary Camp Enterprise Scholarship; Senior Class Vice President; Kairois Retreat Team; Dream Achievers 4-H Club; Latin Club; Chess Club; Choir; Orchestra; Key Club; In the Know Team; Newark-Granville Youth Symphony; Altar Server; East Central Ohio Beekeepers Association; Licking County Humane Society; Rosary Maker; Mid-Ohio Foodbank Produce Station Volunteer.

*Attending Ohio University.*

**CLAIRE DIORIO/ Columbus Bishop Watterson**
*Parish: Columbus St. Timothy*
National Merit Scholarship Commended Student; National Honor Society; National Business Honor Society; Student Council; Sister Ursula Wagner Math Scholarship; Northwest Kiwanis Scholarship; Honda-OSU Math Medal; Advanced Placement Scholar; Presidential Honor for Educational Excellence; NASA Liquids Research Project; Cross Country and Track Teams; Choir; School Musical; Italian Club; Italian Exchange Program; Parish Youth Group; Altar Server; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist; Cranks Creek and Gospel Road Mission Trips; Math and Science Tutor; Outreach Program.

*Attending the University of Notre Dame.*

**EMILY DOSCH/ Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans**
*Parish: Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas*
National Honor Society; Parish Festival; Bishop Fenwick Preschool; Volleyball, Halloween Dance, and Yard Sale Volunteer; Kiwanis Peanut Sale; School Bazaar; Science Fair Judge; Starlight School Volunteer; Second Place, Ohio Outdoor News Short Story Contest; Ducks Unlimited; Key Club; Quiz Team; Altar Server; House Captain; Campus Ministry; Zanesville City Master Plan Committee; Archery Award; Hunting Club; French Club; Tutoring; Yearbook; Robotics.

*Attending The University of Cincinnati.*

**NICHOLAS GONANO/ New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic**
*Parish: Dover St. Joseph*
National Honor Society; Art Teynor Scholarship; Father Dan McGinnis Scholarship; Dr. Joseph Brannon Scholarship; Ray Kroe Memorial Scholarship; Voice of Democracy District Winner; American Citizenship and Government Test District Winner; Buckeye Boys State; Senior Class Treasurer; Freshman and Sophomore Class Secretary; Football, Basketball, and Track Teams; Mock Trial; Choir; Musician for Masses; Lector; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist; Share-A-Christmas; School and Parish Festivals; Trumpet in the Land Outdoor Drama; Ohio High School Athletic Association Leadership Conference.

*Attending the University of Dayton.*

**COURTNEY HACKNEY/ Columbus Bishop Ready**
*Parish: Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona*
National Honor Society; Senior and Junior Class President; Otterbein University President’s Scholar; WOW Service Scholarship; Shannon Whyte Scholarship; Father Huber Scholarship; Extra Effort Award; Beta Club; School Ambassador; In the Know Team; Environmental Club; Softball Team; Future Business Leaders of America; Campus Ministry; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Mount Carmel West Volunteer; Vacation Bible School; Operation Christmas Child; Collections for Homeless; St. Lawrence Haven Sandwich Making; Catholic Youth Machine Coach-Pitch Program Coach and Umpire.

*Attending Otterbein University.*

**JONATHAN KLUCZYNSKI/ Columbus Bishop Hartley**
*Parish: Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton*
National Honor Society; House Captain; Mentor Group Captain; Honda-OSU Math Medal; Mother Teresa Service Award; President’s Volunteer Service Award; Swim Team; Greater Columbus Swim Team; Center for Autism Spectrum Swim Teacher; Special Olympics Volunteer; Nationwide Children’s Hospital Intern; Central Ohio USA Swimming Athlete Representative; National Student Leadership Conference in Medicine; Math Tutor; School Ambassador; School Newspaper Editor; Parish Volunteer; Junior Christian Leadership; Various STEM Programs; Wright State Forensic Science Program.

*Attending Georgetown University.*

**BRITTANY SHOOK/ Columbus St. Francis DeSales**
*Parish: Gahanna St. Matthew*
National Honor Society; Ohio State University Maximus Scholarship; John J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar; COACE Scholarship; Honda-Ohio State Math Medal; Peer Tutoring; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist; Dollenmayer Dance Studio Competition Dancer; School Dance Team; Marching Band; Student Ambassador; Environmental Club; Book Club; Stallions for Life; Math Club.

*Attending The Ohio State University.*

**AARON WOOD/ Lancaster Fisher Catholic**
*Parish: Lancaster St. Bernadette*
National Honor Society; Buckeye Boys State; Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Foundation Ambassador; Golf, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Cross Country, and Freshman Basketball Teams; Camp Muskingum Leadership Camp; President’s Award for Academic Excellence; National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude; Medusa Mythology Exam Silver Medal; Altar Server; Olivedale Senior Center Volunteer; Pro-Life Club; Volunteer for School Golf Outings; Parish Harvest Festival; Community Care Day; Academic Tutor; Server for School Fundraisers; School Youth Basketball Camp; Campus Cleanup.

*Attending The Ohio State University.*
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Brianna Mark, a senior at Chillicothe Paint Valley High School, has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Thomas L. Smith Memorial Scholarship.

The award provides $1,250 toward expenses related to the recipient’s first year in an institution of higher education. It is administered by The Catholic Foundation, assisted by the diocesan Schools Office, with the Foundation paying the money directly to the institution the recipient plans to attend.

The scholarship may be awarded to a graduating senior from a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus or a graduating senior from any high school who is an active member of either Chillicothe St. Peter or Chillicothe St. Mary Church.

The application form for the scholarship specifies that it is for a student facing financial challenges which may prevent him or her from attending a college, business school, or technical school. “The awardee should also demonstrate a strong work ethic by consistently achieving above-average grades or have achieved above-average grades through continual improvement,” the application says.

Mark is a member of Chillicothe St. Peter Church. She will attend Kent State University in the fall and major in special education.

At Paint Valley, she is president of the school’s chapter of the Family Career Community Leaders of America and has been a member of the Student Council, National Art Honor Society, Science Club, and Drama Club. She also has been an aide in Paint Valley Middle School special education classes.

Outside of school, she has been active in a dance program for 14 years and the Kountry Magic 4-H Club for 10 years, serving in various club offices and raising rabbits as a club project. In her parish, she has been involved in Vacation Bible School, bereavement dinners, visiting the elderly, and helping families in need at Christmas.

Funds to provide the scholarship, which was established in 2014, were donated by Dominique Smith in memory of her husband, Thomas, a lifelong resident of the Chillicothe area. Thomas Smith did not attend college and desired to help young people with limited finances who have demonstrated the ability to succeed in college.

Gertrude Kuehefuhs Music Scholarship
Elementary and Secondary Schools

Four students in diocesan schools have been awarded the annual Gertrude C. Kuehefuhs music scholarships.

Outstanding instrumental and choral music students receive the $250 awards to help them pay Catholic high school tuition or college tuition. Two scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, and the other two go to eighth-graders.

Kuehefuhs was a longtime member of the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir and a teacher of music at The Ohio State University. The awards are made possible from a gift received from her estate.

The winners are:

High School Instrumental Music
Sarah Bennett
Sarah Bennett, a senior at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, plays the clarinet in the school marching and concert bands. She also has been a member of the school’s symphonic and chamber choirs and has performed in school musicals.

At Lancaster St. Mary Church, she is a cantor, sings in the church choir, and sings for weddings. She served as an understudy for the lead role of Maria in the Ohio University-Lancaster Community Theater’s 2015 production of West Side Story. In Ohio Music Education Association competition, she has been part of a clarinet trio which received superior ratings for two years, and received a superior rating for a vocal solo.

She plans to attend The Ohio State University Newark Campus or Ohio Dominican University and hopes to pursue a double major in theater and either psychology or education.

High School Choral Music
Anna Ehret
Anna Ehret, a senior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, is a mezzo soprano and is president of her school’s concert choir. She also is a member of its auditioned a cappella choir and worship band and has been part of its handbell choir. She is a member of Columbus St. Timothy Church, serves as a cantor there and at Columbus St. Agatha Church, and occasionally sings with the St. Agatha adult choir. She has been taking voice lessons since seventh grade, and has been in every Bishop Watterson school musical for the past four years. She also took piano lessons and played in piano recitals from second grade through her freshman year. This year, she received a superior rating in the Ohio Music Education Association solo and ensemble contest.

She plans to attend Otterbein University to study music education.

Henry Brunton

Henry Brunton, an eighth-grade student at Worthington St. Michael School, has played the piano for nine years and the clarinet for two years. He has received superior ratings in the National Piano Guild Auditions and has participated in the Ohio Teachers of Music District Festival and The Ohio State University’s Pianorama. He is a member of his school’s band, and has performed in community theater productions for four years.

This fall, he will attend Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, where he hopes to participate in the theater and cross country programs. He plans to study broadcasting in college.

Isabel Koehler

Isabel Koehler is an eighth-grader at Columbus St. Timothy School. She is a soprano who has taken voice lessons since fifth grade and has been a cast member of musicals presented by St. Timothy and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare schools, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, Dublin Abbey Players, Vaud-Villities, and the Columbus Childhood League Center. She has received a superior rating at Ohio Music Education Association solo and ensemble competition, will participate in the Ohio Choral Directors Association youth honor choir this summer, and is a member of the Capriccio youth choir and a cantor at St. Timothy Church.

She will attend Bishop Watterson in the fall and plans to be involved in its choir program, worship band, and spring musical.
The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (Cycle B)
The Trinity is ultimately the mystery of God’s own self

May 22 -- Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Believing in the Trinity is central to our faith; understanding it is not. That is why we call it a “mystery of faith.” A mystery is something hidden and beyond our ability to know, unless it has been revealed. Even when revealed, it does not mean that we understand it, let alone grasp its full meaning. Such is the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

We can speak of it, we can pray in the name of it, we can even be comfortable in it, without being able to point to one specific place where it is revealed or defined. It is ultimately the mystery of God’s own self. If we get to the point that we say “Ah, yes, I understand now,” then it is not God that we have found, as St. Augustine has reminded us.

All talk of the Trinity emerges from reflecting on Christ and how Christ continues to be part of the world after his death and resurrection. Many of us learned to speak of the Trinity, using categories of philosophical thought which once may have been appropriate, but which do not suffice for all ages. Theologians continue to try using language and concepts which may better or more precisely explain things, but all language will ultimately fall short because of the natural limitations of language.

The Hebrew word hokmah is feminine and means “wisdom,” like the Greek word Sophia, which is also feminine. Some recent scholars have tried to broaden our understanding of God by the simple use of what is already in the text grammatically. Certainly, the New Testament made ample use of Proverbs and Sirach in the Gospels. Whether their efforts will bear fruit remains to be seen.

Proverbs highly regards wisdom as we would expect in wisdom literature. Still, Proverbs envisions the personified Wisdom playing before God, who delighted in Wisdom’s presence as creation was taking place. At the same time, Wisdom herself, like God, “found delight in the human race.” With the earth as Wisdom’s “playpen,” it was the human race, as opposed to other creatures, in which she particularly delighted.

The Romans reading makes a point Paul stresses frequently in his writings: that we are justified by faith (in Jesus Christ). Christians are proud enough to boast in what we hope for, which is the glory of God. Paul adds that Christians are also proud of the afflictions we suffer, convinced that after becoming aware of how we are justified by faith, that we experience the peace of God in such a way that nothing can disturb that peace. During difficult times, when doomsday predictions abound (and even when times are relatively good), Christians need to stay focused on the simplicity of thought that God has loved us and continues to love us through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel for this feast continues the farewell address of Jesus in John’s Gospel before his arrest and trial. He promises that “the Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth.” The verb “to guide” here contains the Greek word for “way.” Thus, the Spirit will direct us to Jesus, who is “the way, and the truth, and the life.” That the Spirit “will not speak on his own” may strike us as peculiar, but Jesus had said the same about himself in John 12:49 and John 14:10. The whole point of the instruction is to stress how intimately the Father and the Son are as one. The Spirit can only speak what comes from the Son, because the Son is the Word made flesh. Here we think of the opening of John’s Gospel: “In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.”

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yond that, I’ll miss trying to find ways to enhance our academic programs. I want us to always be on the cutting edge.”

During her tenure as principal, more than $14 million in construction projects doubled the physical size of the school, which now covers more than 100,000 square feet. One of the most recent additions to the school is a 3-D and 4-D virtual anatomy table which Hutson describes as the first device of its type in any high school in the nation. Once installation of the table is completed in the school’s health center classroom, students will be able to perform virtual surgeries and autopsies. Hutson said funding for the table came from a government grant.

“In many ways, students here haven’t changed in the last 40 years,” Hutson said. “They’ve always been service-oriented, kind, full of spirit, and academically driven, and want to develop their faith. Politically, their interests have mirrored those of the times, from the turmoil of the Vietnam era, to Sept. 11, and now to today’s world, where terrorism is on their minds.

“Technology has been the biggest change, especially in the way it provides immediate communication and access to information, not only among their peers, but with world events. I think today, students have become more conscious of social justice issues and realize that what they do does have an impact.”

Hutson has been at Watterson long enough to be part of anniversary reunions of many of her former students. “If I attend the 25th anniversary reunion for this year’s class, that means I’ll be 89,” she said. “I hope to be there, and if I am, I’m hoping the students who are there will say of me that as principal, she led the school with compassion and kindness.”

The Weekday Bible Readings

5/23-5/28

MONDAY
1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c
Mark 10:17-27

TUESDAY
1 Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1-4
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY
1 Peter 1:18-25
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Mark 10:32-45

THURSDAY
1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
Psalm 100:2-5
Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY
1 Peter 4:7-13
Psalm 96:10-13
Mark 11:11-26

SATURDAY
Jude 17-20b-25
Psalm 63:2-6
Mark 11:27-33

5/30-6/4

MONDAY
2 Peter 1:2-7
Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16
Mark 12:1-12

TUESDAY
Zechariah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah 12:2-3.4bc.5-6 (Ps)
Luke 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY
2 Timothy 1:1-3.6-12
Psalm 123:1-2
Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5b.6-10,14
Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY
Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 23:1-6
Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7

SATURDAY
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Psalm 71:8-9,14-15b,16-17,22
Luke 2:41-51

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKS OF MAY 22 AND 29, 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 Washing ton C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville];
8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Weeks IV and I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours
We have all probably heard of the phrase “six degrees of separation,” the idea that everyone and everything is six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in the world. This is especially timely in light of the Feast of Pentecost, which we just celebrated. All too often, we look at holy people, both living and dead, and we can’t seem to fathom that we could be just like them. This is a convenient way of rationalizing, rather than becoming the kind of people God calls us to be.

I thought about this when I read about Father Bernard Bendel, founder of the ALCP/OSS (Apostolic Life Community of Priests/Opus Spiritus Sancti) order, which is found worldwide but is most prominent in the southern African nation of Tanzania. My mother and Father Bendel come from the same small

Cum Christo Retreat

A one-day retreat titled “Blessed, Broken, and Scarred,” led by Catholic author and speaker Brian Pusateri and sponsored by the diocesan Cum Christo movement, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

The retreat will offer a Spirit-filled day of talks, music, group discussion, and fellowship. The focus will be on God’s abundant mercy and the urgent need for honest and open Christian friendships.

Pusateri, a resident of Hendersonville, North Carolina, said his life was impacted dramatically when he lost his eyesight because of multiple sclerosis in 2014. This health challenge has drawn him closer to God and bolstered the importance of his message.

Doughnuts and coffee will be available before the retreat, at 8:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served. A free-will offering will be taken to offset expenses. Those who wish to attend may register by calling Hodges at (614) 395-1739 or sending an email message to jphodges@aol.com.

Six Degrees of Holy Separation?

German town in the Rhineland region of Germany. She remembers him well, especially during the 1950s and early 1960s, when he would return from Tanzania and tell everyone about spreading the Gospel. Father Bendel was a classmate of my grandmother, and in a town of 600 people, that means there are only about five to 10 people your same age. He and my grandmother were good friends who stayed in contact through the years.

My mother often mentioned him, and so, a few years ago, I did an internet search for his name and was shocked at how prominent Father Bendel is among Tanzanians. He founded not only an order for priests (ALCP/OSS), but one for sisters (the Apostolic Life Community of Sisters), too. Recently, Pope Francis appointed the first bishop from the ALCP/OSS order. When my wife and I made a contribution to the order and mentioned that my mother knew Father Bendel, who died in 1980, we were personally contacted by the leaders of the order, not only to thank us, but in the hope we could come to Tanzania. They also wanted us to bring my mother and father, since there are only a few sisters or priests alive who knew Father Bendel. We hope to make that trip soon. The order’s response struck me as showing how special Father Bendel must have been.

The early Christians were surrounded by holy people who persevered in the faith at the cost of life and limb. Being holy, though it was hard times, literally became contagious. Living at the height of the Roman Empire’s power isn’t much different from living in today’s world. Both then and now, the pervasive thinking involved a belief that whatever you think is right is right. Sin, according to many of today’s secular thinkers, is a thing of the past. Holiness can be contagious, but so can today’s apathy and hedonism.

Father Bendel and his mentor from another nearby German town – Father Joseph Kentenich, founder of the Schoenstatt movement – lived and breathed holiness, even when jailed and threatened by the Nazis. The courage they possessed not only resonated among the German people who knew them, but spread to those of other nations who met them and admired their holiness.

We know of many holy people who worked together; for example, St. Benedict, father of the monastic rule and founder of what many call modern Western thought, and his scholarly sister, St. Scholastica. There are multitudes of similar stories related to future saints who worked with each other at times in the past when Catholicism was under attack from all sides. There also are modern examples. Pope St. John Paul, known at the time as Father Karol Wojtyla, met St. Padre Pio when the young Polish priest, while studying in Rome, decided to take a day trip and talk to his Italian counterpart at Padre Pio’s hospital and church at San Giovanni Rotondo.

If we were ever to meet a holy person or to know someone who was connected to such a person, would we try to take in all of the information, as we would if we met a famous music, sports, or film star? Would we try to understand the life of Christ lived through that holy person, or would we just view it as a curiosity? Sadly, the young people of the Rhineland seem to know little of Father Bendel. Yet the children of Tanzania, many of whom have no access to modern forms of communication such as the Internet, seem to know a great deal about him. The pursuit of holiness is up to us. It will benefit not only the lives of others, but our own souls as well.

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

BISHOP READY SIGNEES

Seven Columbus Bishop Ready High School seniors have accepted scholarships to continue to play their respective sports in college. They are (from left); Keegan Wolfe, basketball, Ohio Wesleyan; Dominic Lombardi, football, Baldwin-Wallace; Courtney Hackney, softball, Otterbein; Rachel Neff, soccer, Charleston; Delaney Cutteridge, basketball, Otterbein; Kathleen Colvin, track and cross country, Ohio Northern; and Christopher McCarty, bowling, Muskingum.

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Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School
Obama directive on transgender access to facilities ‘deeply disturbing’

By Catholic News Service

The Obama administration’s May 13 directive on transgender access to bathrooms “that treats ‘a student’s gender identity as the student’s sex’ is deeply disturbing,” said the chairman of two U.S. Catholic bishops’ committees.

“The guidance fails to address a number of important concerns and contradicts a basic understanding of human formation so well expressed by Pope Francis: that ‘the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created,’” the two bishops said in a statement on Monday, May 16.

The statement was issued by Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committee on lay, marriage, family life, and youth, and Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska, chairman of the USCCB’s committee on Catholic education.

The directive was issued by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education. The departments said it applies to all public schools and colleges and universities that receive federal funding. It “summarizes a school’s Title IX obligations regarding transgender students,” they said, and also explains how the Education and Justice departments will “evaluate a school’s compliance with these obligations.”

The federal Title IX statute prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs and activities, such as sports. The Associated Press reported that the Obama administration earlier had warned schools that denying transgender students access to the correct facilities and activities was illegal under its interpretation of federal sex discrimination laws.

The Obama directive on transgender access to facilities ‘deeply disturbing’

Year of Mercy retreat

At the request of members of the Catholic community at the Marion Correctional Institution, a retreat took place there recently. More than 60 people took part, including inmates and their mothers, fathers, wives, brothers, and sisters.

Because this is the Year of Mercy, as declared by Pope Francis, the inmates suggested a theme of “Mercy and Forgiveness.” Father Joseph Klee of Columbus Sacred Heart Church, one of the priests who took part in the retreat, said this was an appropriate theme.

“As might be imagined, many incarcerated men suffer rejection or alienation from family members, often being labeled as the ‘black sheep’ of their respective families. Hence, Catholic inmates reached out to their loved ones to mutually immerse themselves together in an experience of God’s supernatural attribute of mercy,” he said.

Msgr. Frank Lane, a former pastor in the Diocese of Columbus who now is on the faculty of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, was the keynote speaker and was celebrant and homilist at the Mass which was part of the retreat.

Margaret Beightler, a former warden at the prison and a parishioner at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, talked about the teachings and example of Pope Francis, especially as manifested in his recent visit to the United States.

All were touched by the witness of Rachel Muha, who resisted giving in to emotions of resentment, bitterness, and unforgiveness following the murder of her son in 1999, instead choosing to channel her sentiments into loving service to the disadvantaged through her founding of the Run the Race apostolate.

Members of the Columbus chapter of the Lay Missionaries of Charity served a lunch of pizza and pop, with homemade desserts. Other inspirational talks followed, interspersed with a praying of the rosary, and concluding with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mother Angelica pilgrimage

A pilgrimage in Canton, the hometown of EWTN network founder Mother Angelica, who died on March 27, will take place once a month on selected Tuesdays for the next five months. Dates are June 7, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, and Oct. 18.

The pilgrimages will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will begin with Mass at the St. Raphael Center, 4365 Fulton Drive N.W., Canton.

Participants will then board a bus for a journey through Mother Angelica’s early life as they visit St. Anthony/All Saints Church, the Rhoda Wise Shrine, McKinley High School, St. Peter Church, and the Sancta Clara Monastery. The program will include lunch and homemade desserts.

The cost for a tour with a group’s own bus is $25 per person. For a bus provided by the St. Raphael Center, it is $50 per person. A goodie bag and lunch are included in both prices.

For more information, call (800) 548-8270.

Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club

The next Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club session, on Friday, June 3, will feature a talk by Columbus police commander Mike Springer, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, about his experiences of sharing his faith in the workplace.

The event will take place following the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A $10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

For information on the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club, contact its president, Tim Merkle, at htm@ejhlaw.com.
HAPPENINGS

MAY

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

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

20, 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

DeSales Alumni Awards of Distinction Dinner
6:30 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Dinner honoring 10 recipients of school’s annual Alumni Awards of Distinction. Student artwork will be on display in gymnasium. 614-267-6822

21, 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.

Mass, Spring Breakfast for Women at St. Andrew
9 to 11:30 a.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Mass, followed by spring breakfast for women sponsored by Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference.

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.

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

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

23, MONDAY
NFP Class at Catholic Center
6 to 8 p.m., Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. First session free; cost $55 for couples that wish to continue. Other class dates: June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, 614-241-2560

Benedictus 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.

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

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

25, WEDNESDAY
St. Martha Circle Presents Grants
6 to 8 p.m., The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. Foundation’s St. Martha Giving Circle for women presents grants to seven organizations. 614-443-8893

Shepherd’s Corner Labyrinth Walk
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Sister Diane Kozlowski OP. Theme: “Time to Garden.” Suggested donation $5. Registration deadline May 23. 614-866-4302

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

28, 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.

29, SUNDAY
Brian Muha Foundation Walk and Run
St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Third annual Brian Muha Foundation Walk and Run, benefiting the Race Foundation for children on Columbus’ west side. Mile walk at 8:30 a.m.; 5-kilometer run at 9:45. Register at https://briannuh为基础基础上的racefoundationrun.com/register.

Columbus West Deenary Corpus Christi Celebration
11 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi, followed until 2 p.m. by Columbus West Deenary Celebration of the feast, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individual prayer with the sick, and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Concludes with readings, music, reflections, Benediction, and wine and cheese reception. 614-724-1121

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

Father Faustner’s 40th Anniversary at St. Timothy
11 a.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Mass, followed by buffet luncheon from 1 to 4 p.m. honoring the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Father William J. Faustner, parochial vicar. 614-451-2671

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

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JUNE

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

Holy Hour at Holy Family
6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4233

Matsiko World Orphan Choir Concert at St. Paul
7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Concert with the Matsiko World Orphan Choir of orphaned and at-risk children from Liberia, Peru, and India. 614-882-2109

3, FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:30 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday. Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

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. 614-221-4323

4, SATURDAY
Cathedral Men’s Luncheon Club
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting. Talk by Columbus police commander Mike Springer of Gahanna St. Matthew Church on sharing his faith in the workplace.

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5838 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of repurposed, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
All-night exposition begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 5 a.m. June 5.

Holy Cross Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.
**BOOK REVIEW**

**SAINT PETER**

Flawed, Forgiven, and Faithful

Stephen J. Binz

**By David Gibson**

Catholic News Service


Travelers planning to visit the Holy Land may want to read Stephen Binz’s *Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven, and Faithful*. In addition to being a Scripture scholarship, Binz conducts study trips and pilgrimages to the places most closely linked with Jesus and his first disciples.

The author obviously loves bringing the Holy Land’s geography to life for readers. They travel with Peter in these pages from Galilee to Rome.

It is enjoyable to hear Binz talk about the home where Peter hosted Jesus or the small church at the place on the Sea of Galilee’s shores where Jesus cooked fish for his disciples after his resurrection.

The author seems particularly insightful in his advice about the right starting point for a Holy Land tour. Pilgrims “often begin their Holy Land tour with the cities of the Mediterranean coast,” he said. But he prefers to visit these coastal sites at the end of the trip “because they are the places from which the Gospel was launched westward throughout the Roman Empire.”

He explains that “believers who left from this harbor to bring good news to the nations ... knew that (Jesus) called to Peter’s crucial role in the ancient church’s decision to baptize gentiles -- to welcome even those who were not Jews and did not follow Jewish dietary practices into the community of faith and, as a consequence, to begin to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

While “the apostolic mission to all parts of the world will soon be led by Paul,” Peter’s admission of the Roman centurion Cornelius to baptism in the Acts of the Apostles “makes it clear that Peter was the inaugurator of this mission,” Binz said.

*Saint Peter* exhibits a religious educational intent at numerous points. By this, I mean that the book is meant not only to highlight Holy Land events that occurred 2,000 years ago, but also to clarify what these long-ago incidents imply now for the lives of Christians.

Binz says the Gospel challenges Christians to become “open to what seems impossible”: things like “walking on water, feeding thousands with a few loaves, rising from the dead, forgiving an enemy, giving precious time to prayer, giving away hard-earned money, standing alone for what is just.”

He also comments that “the call of the risen Christ for us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth convinces us that now, every place can be a holy land.”

*Saint Peter* is not a scholarly tome overloaded with footnotes or discussions of technical points. On the other hand, some biblical scholars might quibble with a point or two here.

Binz does not appear to question the traditional view that the author of the Gospel of Mark is the John Mark who made an appearance in the Acts of the Apostles and went on to become a close associate of Peter. Thus, Gospel readers might well expect John Mark to introduce them in a highly significant way to Peter’s teaching.

“Although Mark had many sources for the material of his Gospel, Peter seems to be his most important and consistent source of information,” Binz writes. The *New American Bible* cautions, however, that “Petrine influence” in this Gospel should not “be exaggerated.”

What I think readers will enjoy most is the book’s description of Peter not as someone so perfect that they never could identify with him, but someone like them in important ways.

Binz explains that in the Gospels, “we are shown the flaws in Peter’s character -- the chips in the Rock.” However, “we are also shown, through praise and criticism of Peter throughout the Gospels, how God is working through the life of this great disciple.”

Jesus’ passion becomes a “point of crisis for Peter,” Binz comments. Peter insists to Jesus that “I will not deny you,” then denies Jesus three times.

“Peter’s bluster holds a lesson for all future disciples,” says Binz. “If we do not recognize our vulnerability, then we have set ourselves up for failure.” He suggests that it is wise “to place our confidence in a power beyond our own.”

Peter will become known later for preaching the good news and for his healing ministry. Binz underscores the resemblances between the healing acts of Jesus and those of Peter.

In light of this, Binz writes, “Peter’s ministry demonstrates that Jesus is still powerfully at work in his church.”

Gibson was the founding editor of Origins, Catholic News Service’s documentary service. He retired in 2007 after holding that post for 36 years.
New Crucifix at Newman Center

For the first time in the history of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, a crucifix hangs over the altar in the sanctuary space. The crucifix, a joint donation from two families, is a welcome addition to the worship space and faith community of the center, which is located at 64 W. Lane Ave. and surrounded by The Ohio State University’s campus.

The *corpus* for the crucifix was a gift from the family of noted sculptor Rudolph Torrini, who designed it in the 1990s as part of a series of sculptures for St. Vincent de Paul Church in Omaha, Nebraska. In honor of Torrini’s love of art for Catholic sacred spaces, the family believed the Newman Center would be a meaningful place for the *corpus* to be installed. Thanks to a donation from a Newman Center member, a cross was custom-designed to complement the artistic qualities of the *corpus*. The donor offered the gift in honor of her late husband and their deceased families. She, along with the majority of the center’s other student and resident community members, had long wished to see a crucifix in the sanctuary.

Father Joe Ciccone, CSP, director of the center (*pictured at right*), worked with a diverse collection of community members to plan for the dedication of the crucifix. They welcomed the crucifix as a principle symbol of Catholic identity and faith and as a reminder of the unending love, mercy, and peace of the Lord, starkly present in its depiction.

The crucifix was dedicated with a collective blessing at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1, following a homily in which Father Ciccone preached about Jesus’ parting discourse from John’s Gospel and the promise of his gift of the peace the world cannot give.

“If we go to our spiritual center, we will find the power of the indwelling Spirit, the legacy that is bequeathed to us … the Spirit that guides all individuals and the whole of the church into a kind of peace that can only come from God,” he said.

In the Prayer of Blessing, the cross was referred to as the Lord’s “royal throne, his altar of sacrifice and pulpit of truth.” The prayer ends by proclaiming that the cross of Christ is “our comfort in trouble, our refuge in danger, and our safeguard on life’s journey.”

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