ST. STEPHEN’S COMMUNITY HOUSE BRIGHTENS LIVES IN LINDEN
Community House. We are blessed

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By Rick Jeric

Bowie

I hope that everyone who read last week’s column will be able to support St. John’s Food Pantry. If you are able to come in person this Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, we would love to have you consider a donation to a great cause. You will be helping our brothers and sisters in need right here in our own community. Two guest bartenders for the evening at Double Comfort, one of the restaurants in the Short North, located at 35 N. High Street, Columbus Cultural Connection are welcome to stop in say “Hi” and make a donation. Please come after 5:30 p.m. The other guest bartender is Pete Beirne, and we will have a friendly competition throughout the evening to see who can raise the most in contributions. Help us make a difference for a great and necessary cause. For more information, please contact St. John’s Food Pantry to make a gift through PayPal. Thank you.

Few people have made a significant impact on my life, outside of Jesus Christ, my parents and my wife and family. Many have shown me an impact, but few with significance. One of them was David Bowie. I am not sure why his music attracted me at the time, but I latched onto it forever. He was my favorite artist since I was 13 years old. I relied on his music, lyrics and theatrics to help get me through many different situations and to businesses and non-profit organizations that depend on their experiences. However, child care

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

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ODU cuts price of summer courses in half

College students in central Ohio will have an additional reason and afford an option to keep their education on track during the summer of 2016. Ohio Domi-
nican University has expanded its summer course offerings and will offer them at a new reduced tuition. Courses for traditional undergraduate students will be available for $350 per credit hour, which is significantly less than last year’s price of $600 per credit hour.

More than 50 undergraduate course-
s will cover a wide range of fields, including art, science, business, history, languages, literature, and theology.

The courses will be available in a variety of flexible formats, including on-campus courses at ODU’s main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road in Columbus and online formats.

The spring summer courses range from two weeks long, with available start dates in May, June, and July. The deadlin for applications is two weeks prior to the start date. June 6 for the June start date, and July 6 for the July start date.

“We’ve lowered the tuition for our summer 2016 courses by nearly 50 percent for traditional undergraduate students, an option that is not available at other area institutions,” said Theresa Holleran, ODU vice presi-
dent for academic affairs. “This year ODU’s College Credit program, students in grades seven to 12 have an opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school by taking courses that are taught by qualified ad-

The Ohio Department of Education has awarded Ohio Dominican University a $450,000 grant to help teachers become qualified to teach college-level courses in their high schools.

“This grant will give high school teachers across the state enhanced ac-

cess to affordable online courses they need in order to offer college-level curriculum to their students,” said Theresa Holleran, ODU vice presi-
dent for academic affairs.

“Programs like these are critically important to help introduce students, particularly those in rural and underserved areas, to the rigor of post-

secondary study. We are grateful to the Ohio Department of Education for recognizing ODU’s commitment to providing opportunities through the tools they need to positively impact the lives of their students by setting them on a course toward lifelong learning,” Holleran said.

Grant funding is available to teachers in the form of scholarships to help pay for ODU’s graduate courses in English literature, as well as other associated fees.

Teachers have the option of either enrolling in ODU’s master’s degree program or completing 18 graduate units that they will then apply to their master’s degree in a different academic discipline.

A 2012 study funded by The James Irvine Foundation found that career-focused enrollment programs can benefit underserving students and those classes and courses.

The study found that students who participate in these programs are more likely to graduate from high school, enroll in four-year colleges, and stay in college.

Through Ohio Dominican’s Project Scholar program, students in grades seven to 12

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One of the prayers reads: “Compassionate God, soothe the hearts of these parents, and grant that through the prayers of Mary, who gave birth to the cross of her Son, you may enlighten their faith, give hope to their hearts and peace to their lives.”

Other prayers in that same ritual note the promise of eventual reunion with the miscarried child in heaven. "One says, "Comfort these parents with the love that one day we will all live with you, O happy companions, who now before the Lord as an intercessor on behalf of all parents who have lost a child, and with all who seek the mercy of God in the saving of the life of a child that has been lost after the birth of it, give back to parents who grieve the loss of their child.""

Another prayer is: "Blessed are the parents of the misbegotten child who now await the resurrection together. Amen."

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From the season’s first significant snow fall in January, Columbus Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen at the Logan St. John Church attended a prayer service for someone or dedicate a rosary for a truly worthy cause or person.

Remember, you are not alone. This should not be a scary experience, but one we embrace, with humility, reverence, and grace. It is in human nature to seek out the impossible, to try and find a high standard for ourselves so that we just cannot keep it. But Christ gives us an attainable journey, so that we may invite others to join us in our own search. You could also say a special prayer for someone who seems troubled and was shedding a tear. We talked for a while, and I found her husband was having some health problems and she was concerned he may not survive. I sat there with her, holding her hand, in complete silence. After a few minutes, I could see a smile appear in her eye. She thanked me for my time, and we both said a prayer for her husband and for our families.

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Promoting self-sufficiency in the Linden area

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

St. Stephen’s Community House in Columbus has brightened the lives of thousands of people and strengthened their families by providing many opportunities for personal growth.

“The center is a launching point for growth in a different sense by culti- vating new opportunities that are meant to benefit the community, especially in times of need,” said Michelle Mills, president and chief executive officer, and Latisha Addo, family and youth services director. “In essence, we are a community agency that is here to serve communities and families.”

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The center conducts several fundraisers throughout the year, including the annual Gingerbread Fantasy display of gingerbread houses at the Easton Town Center, the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Columbus have teamed up to host students from the University of Notre Dame during their winter break. It was far from being a break for the nine students who ventured from homeless camps to Catholic Charities and community agencies because we are committed to our mission. We drive change based on the needs of the people and our staff, which the canvass helps determine. “Our vision doesn’t come from what the leadership wants, but from the other direction. We aren’t here just to deliver a task every day, but to do what we know the people we serve are asking for. We listen to Linden.”

As we parked our van near a wooded area in the city, people came out—men, women, and, in one case, small children, in need of each of The Ten Essentials. In addition to food, they needed warm blankets, blankets, supplies, fire, repair kit and tools, nutrition, hygiene, and emergency supplies, including food. They included navigation, sun protection, insulin, illumination, first-aid supplies, fire, repair kit and tools, nutrition, hydration, and emergency supplies. In one case, it was food; in another, little strangely at first, but quickly realized how important these items are when visiting people in homeless camps.

University of Notre Dame students volunteering at the Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN) as part of their 48-hour urban plunge. Photo courtesy Larry Emsley

**Notre Dame Students Take the Plunge into the Inner City**

By Jerry Frewdoll

Diocesan Office of Social Concerns

“How do you keep warm?” said a young woman as we prepared to eat dinner. Not your typical conversation topic at the dinner table, but this table was the OSU Star House drop-in center for homeless young people. She had spent the previous frigid January night in a tent in a youth homeless camp in Columbus, hidden from view of daily commuters. I encountered her along the way as I led the annual Notre Dame Urban Plunge, a 48-hour intensive immersion program into the inner city.

Since the late 1970s, the diocesan Office of Social Concerns and the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Columbus have teamed up to host students from the University of Notre Dame during their winter break. But it was far from being a break for the nine students who ventured from homeless camps to Catholic Charities and community agencies to learn about inner-city poverty and various responses to alleviate it. The urban plunge is part of Notre Dame’s Leadership in Church and SocialAction Seminar, an experiential learning course that includes course work, immersion, and a paper. Yes, the students do receive college credit, and it’s been my chance to be a Notre Dame “professor” for the past 20 years.

This year, I started off journey by telling the students about The Ten Essentials as it comes to living in the backcountry. They include navigation, sun protection, insulin, illumination, first-aid supplies, fire, repair kit and tools, nutrition, hydration, and emergency supplies. In one case, it was food; in another, little strangely at first, but quickly realized how important these items are when visiting people in homeless camps.

We encountered a young homeless man with a head injury. Chunks of skin and blood oozed all over his face. He needed emergency medical attention. I offered to treat him using my first-aid kit, but he refused, with a sense of shock and despair in his eyes. We gave him food and prayed with him and off he went. He went away into the darkness.

Although there were tragic situations on our journey, we did experience joy and laughter as well. The students played with children at St. Stephen’s Community House’s day care center. Warm hearts and witty humor were evident in dedication to the work of the OSU and the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Center. They were able to see the face of Christ in the poor. Smiles were exchanged as 203 people at St. Lawrence House felt fed and alive. Life’s Alliance meals on wheels were delivered to senior citizens in 60 houses. It was almost a game as 2,000 toys, given away for the Three Kings Day to children in need, was exchanged as 203 people at St. Lawrence House felt fed and alive. Life’s Alliance meals on wheels were delivered to senior citizens in 60 houses. It was almost a game as 2,000 toys, given away for the Three Kings Day to children in need.
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The usual first-century synagogue service consisted of readings from and reflecting on the Law and the Prophets. It is in the reflection on Isaiah that Jesus addressed, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The reaction of the people will come in next week's Gospel.

They reflect on the parts of the body, each with its own function but each serving the needs of the whole, are compared to the parts of the church. We all have different roles to play, but are equipped with different gifts. Who should determine what roles should be the work of the Spirit?

Catholics urged to use social media, novena to share pro-life message

As the Jan. 22 anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision approaches, the archdiocese is calling for pro-life campaign activities urged everyone concerned for the dignity of human life to "be themselves to a "living view of life, and a vision that excludes no one." This is Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York also called on Catholics to participate in "New Days for Life" campaigns launched by the bishop's "outreach to pro-life activities.

The centerpiece of the campaign is a novena from Jan. 16 to 24 which has "as its overviewing intention the effort to descend to the depths of human existence to discover the reasons why the incentive to engage a new way of life... must always strive to be better messengers," Cardinal Dolan said.

The Catholic Weekly Readings

To redploy a phrase from President Ford, our “long national nightmare” – in this case, the semiprofessional presidential campaigns – will be over in 11 months, or at least suspended for a year or so. It’s not been an altogether edifying show to date; one may hope that, as the fields get winnowed down, a measure of the serious debate that belies a great re- public might emerge. With a view to encouraging that, here are two suggestions for what Catholics in America might do.

(1) The most important numbers to keep in mind between now and Election Day are “78,” “90,” and “83.” Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer will be 78 by November 8; Justices Antonin Scalia and Anthony Kennedy will be 80 by then, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be 83. If the actuarial tables mean anything, those numbers suggest that the next president of the United States is likely to get to two, or possibly three, and just possibly four nominations to the court.

This demographic reality creates an opportunity, unprecedented in post-war America, to make significant advances in rebuilding the structure of legal protection for human life in this century. It also affords the possibility of reversing more than a half-century’s jurisprudential malpractice in the matter of Church-state and reaffirming the truth that only the Holy See can determine who may “marry” whom, reconsidered as a matter of constitutional law, not public policy preference. It might just possibly be the case that the Supreme Court will now, at long last, and for the first time, do what it has so often refused to do in the past – nullify a law, and thereby put to an end destruction of life before it is truly

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The Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus, is honored to present “In Memory of an Artist: The Personal Collection and Artwork of Father Harry Schneider.” The exhibition, which runs through Saturday, Feb. 6, offers visitors a chance to view highlights from Father Harry’s art collection, as well as Father Harry’s own artwork – jewelry, ceramics, and works on paper.

Father Harry’s art collection includes a number of remarkable pieces, among them, a lithograph by American social-realist artist Ben Shahn, aquatints by French artist Georges Rouault, an etching of the Crucifixion by Baroque Dutch master Rembrandt van Rijn, silkscreens by Sister Mary Corita Kent, color lithographs of Dante’s Divine Comedy by Salvador Dali, a color lithograph by Joan Miro, and a color pencil drawing of a woman by Jean Cocteau.

Father Harold E. Schneider (1928–2015) graduated with a fine arts degree from The Ohio State University in 1952. Following graduation from Mount Saint Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood, he was ordained a priest by Bishop Clarence Isenman on May 26, 1962 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Father Harry retired in 1998, but remained active, assisting at a number of parishes, including Columbus St. Matthew and Columbus Holy Spirit.

Father Harry was a founding member and a past president of the Liturgical Art Guild of Ohio, and a board member of Ohio Designer Craftsmen and the Greater Columbus Arts Council. He studied interior design and ceramics at Ohio State, designed and executed mosaic architectural panels for his seminary, and worked in the studio of Sister Mary Corita in California. Serving as an assistant pastor in several Columbus churches, he advocated commissioning contemporary liturgical artists. As an art instructor at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, he established a program offering studio spaces to local professional artists in order to facilitate their communication with students. Active and well-respected in the Columbus art community, Father Harry supported artists by collecting prints, sculptures, and contemporary studio glass. He studied jewelry at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center and established a personal studio in the Jubilee Museum, where he designed and fabricated wonderful jewelry.

For more information please visit the museum’s website at www.jubileemuseum.org or call (614) 600-0054. A suggested donation of $10 per person is greatly appreciated.
SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FIND COMFORT IN HEALING RETREAT

As part of their continuing efforts to provide healing from the effects of human trafficking, the Dominican Sisters of Peace hosted a retreat at the beginning of the new year for 20 women who are trafficking survivors.

The women gathered at St. Therese’s Retreat Center in Columbus from California, Texas, Florida, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. They ranged in age from the early 20s to the 40s.

The retreat was organized by the sisters and Theresa Flores, founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). Flores, herself a human trafficking survivor, is nationally known as a speaker and writer about the subject.

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States and globally. Traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Each part of the retreat was designed to lift the spirits of the women attending and to provide them with positive images of themselves.

The retreat began with the washing of feet, led by Sister Carol Davis, OP, a substance abuse counselor and retreat leader from Niskayuna, New York. “I believe this retreat is important for healing,” she said. “Survivors can claim their voice, speak their truth, and connect with others who understand.”

Maria Durant, a Columbus television news reporter, offered tips on how to be interviewed, especially for survivors who want to tell their story.

Michigan State Highway Patrol Troopers Mary Capp and Tressa Duffin provided instruction in self-defense and nutrition. When the out-of-uniform troopers introduced themselves, some of the women initially reacted negatively. “I was often treated as a criminal by the police,” one woman said. “I’m so glad you two understand.”

Art therapists Mary Helen Fernandez Stewart and Lyndsey Archer guided the women in creating their LIFT books. LIFT stands for Listen and Know, Inspires, To Fly Free and Trust. The therapists work with the Hope and Liberation Coalition, which is dedicated to creating awareness and preventing human trafficking via the arts.

Sister Noreen Malone, OP, introduced the women to “the real woman at the well” in John’s Gospel. “From her, we learn that God is not in the mountain, but in our thirst. God is not in the temple, but in the stream of our desire,” Sister Noreen said.

Pastor Bonnie Laudeman, a chaplain with the Oakland County, Michigan, sheriff’s office, spoke about “the bad girls of the Bible.” “We don’t transform ourselves. God does,” she said. “We can’t forgive ourselves. God forgives us.”

Dr. Katerina Rosenblatt of Florida, founder of the There Is HOPE for Me foundation, talked about her experience of being trafficked as a teen. “Trafficking happens everywhere,” she said. “At first, I tried to understand how God could allow these terrible things to happen to me. Now I know that God uses my life to touch the lives of others.”

She recalled the subtle grooming process that prepared her to be trafficked. “I was looking for love, and instead I found manipulation,” she said. “I want the sisters to know how much this retreat means to me. This retreat is my freedom time. I am celebrating this new year as my time to be free from trafficking and abuse.”

Dr. Carolyn Hixson, a Columbus-area obstetrician-gynecologist, offered health consultations to the women. She also presented a session on “Dealing with my ‘Not-Enoughness,’” noting that everyone must learn to replace feelings of defeat and inadequacy with the truth.

Sister Maxine Shonk, OP, led the women in reflecting on the topic “What’s Your Song? Reclaiming Your Innocence.” This was followed by a drum circle.

Toward the end of the retreat, the attendees were asked what they had experienced. Words such as grace, hope, mercy, freedom, compassion, relief, and truth were repeated over and over.

The concluding session involved each woman writing a word or phrase describing a burden she carried. The women placed the papers into a bowl of water and watched it slowly dissolve away. Sisters then prayed with each woman individually.

As a sign of support and comfort, the attendees were gifted with prayer shawls made by volunteers who prayed as they knitted them. The women also received Bibles and personal care items.

The retreat was funded by a grant from the Conrad Hilton Fund for Sisters, as well as donations from individuals.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. For more information on trafficking, visit www.stopenslavement.org or read The Slave Across the Street by Theresa Flores or Stolen by Katerina Rosenblatt.

It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. The website www.MassTimes.org makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 nations or territories.

The service also is available by phone. The number is (1-858) 207-6277.