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DANIEL OLVERA BECOMES A DEACON

The Editor's Notebook*The Holy Spirit and Power*

By David Garick, Editor



This week, *Catholic Times* examines vocations. What is this life all about, anyway? Are we, as the secularists would suggest, nothing more than randomly evolved creatures whose highest calling is to build a life directed by our own wants and needs? What a sad and pathetic existence that would be. We know that all of creation is part of the great design of God. We, as humans, are the greatest of his creation, created in his own image. The challenge of our life is to come to understand God's will for our lives and to claim the power to live it.

We humans are pretty dense. We don't get God's message very easily. Almighty God had to come to us in human form to give us the model of how to direct our lives. We need only listen to him and have the faith to follow.

Jesus says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep. ... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again." Here, Jesus talks about his own vocation. God the Father has given him the power to put aside his own life for the sake of the people entrusted to him. He also has the power to take that life up again, transformed and eternal. That's a lot of power.

Christ has called each of us to take up our cross and follow him. We are to do as he did. We are called to set aside our notions of a life randomly directed by our own desires and put our own lives down in order to take up new lives directed to serve the purpose God has for each of us individually. We do this in his name so that we also may serve others as Christ served us.

We have that power. That power comes in the form of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate this Sunday on Pentecost. Scripture tells us that when the Holy Spirit came to rest on the apostles, they were transformed and received the power to do things they never would have imagined. God had a will for their lives, and the Holy Spirit was with them to guide and empower them in that mission.

We also have received the Holy Spirit. He may call us to the vocation of marriage, to lay down our self-centered existence and pick up a new life of devotion to a spouse and children, building a new generation of believers. He may call us to consecrated life as a single person, putting aside the temptations of the material world to dedicate ourselves to lives of prayer and service. He may call us to Holy Orders, to share in his ministry to the people of God, bringing the power of the sacraments to people who hunger and thirst for the bread of life, the living water of salvation, and the healing balm of the remission of sins.

Just as God the Father gave Jesus the power to choose death and resurrection, he gave each of us the power to lay down our own notions of life and to take up a new eternal life as part of his plan. This issue of *Catholic Times* looks at some of the people who have taken up the power of the Holy Spirit and lived a vocation dedicated to God.

Like the prophet Elijah, we must look past the wind, earthquake, and fire that engulfs us in this world and listen for the still, small voice that will give us the power to fulfill our own destiny in God's creation.

EWTN News Anchor Raymond Arroyo to headline Cradling Christianity

Cradling Christianity is a Columbus organization dedicated to providing public and financial support to the marginalized Christians in the Holy Land.

This year, the organization's annual event will hear from a speaker who is very well versed on the struggles of Christians in the Middle East.



Raymond Arroyo (pictured), news director and anchor for the Eternal Word Television Network, is scheduled to make the keynote address at the organization's dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 6 in Msgr. Kennedy Hall at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road.

Arroyo is a highly respected international journalist and is the creator and host of the news magazine *The World Over Live*.

He is also a *New York Times* best-selling author who wrote the biography of Mother Angelica, the recently deceased Poor Clare sister who founded EWTN and who was one of his closest friends.

Cradling Christianity was founded 11 years ago by a local group of pilgrims who felt moved by the plight of the Christian community in the Middle East. Under pressure from both sides in the ongoing struggles in that region, the Christian population that once totaled 20 percent of the Holy Land has plummeted to barely two percent, in the very place where Christianity originated.

In the past decade, Cradling Christianity has raised more than \$750,000 in the Columbus area to aid Holy Land Christians.

The organization works with the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land to build public support for the Christian community and to provide housing, employment, and educational opportunity to stem the tide of Christians being forced to leave their homeland.

For more information on the event and to become sponsors or make reservations, contact Charles Mers at cmers@columbus.rr.com or call (614) 890-6996.

*Front Page photo:*

Daniel Olvera kneels before the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral altar just before his ordination to the diaconate by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, May 6.

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NEWEST DEACON IS FORMER MATH TEACHER

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

Deacon Daniel Olvera became the newest member of the diaconate for the Diocese of Columbus when Bishop Frederick Campbell ordained him on Friday, May 6 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

After serving this summer at Columbus St. Timothy Church, Deacon Olvera will return this fall to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary at Weston, Massachusetts, to complete one more year of study in anticipation of being ordained a priest of the diocese on May 27, 2017. Three other men who were ordained as deacons for the diocese by Bishop Campbell last year at this time in a similar ceremony will be ordained by him as priests on Saturday, May 28 at the cathedral.

In his homily at Deacon Olvera's ordination Mass, the bishop emphasized the importance of the promises of celibacy and obedience which the deacon made as part of his ordination. As is traditional at diaconal and priestly ordinations, Bishop Campbell spoke from the bishop's chair rather than from the pulpit, because the homily was addressed specifically to the deacon as an instruction.

"We must never look upon celibacy as simply to be regarded as an entrance requirement," the bishop said. "It is a charism. It is a gift given by God for our spiritual growth and for the good of the Church. It allows the ordained to devote themselves entirely to the ministry of the Church for the good of the people.

"But more than this, celibacy becomes a sign of the living Church, of the eternal kingdom to come. ... Celibacy can become a sign and a call for all people to train their hearts and their eyes toward the coming of that kingdom fully and for the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ," the bishop said.

"In that promise of celibacy, ... you find

yourself drawn into the nuptial relationship of Jesus, the bridegroom, and the Church, his bride, for in that sign, we see not only devotion and commitment, but profound fruitfulness. For after all, that coming of the kingdom, that call that we hear, is a kind of call to the wedding feast of the Lamb that lasts forever."

Because he is unmarried, Deacon Olvera's promise of perpetual celibacy upon being ordained to the diaconate is a permanent one. Married men also may be ordained as deacons, and most deacons of the diocese are married. If their wives precede them in death, they must be celibate afterward and need permission from the church should they wish to remarry.

Speaking of the promise of obedience to the bishop which is given by all deacons at their ordination, Bishop Campbell described it as "a promise to attain a virtue that is not a kind of cringing servility, but is rooted in a profound willingness to listen, with the grace of open ears and an open heart. With the prophets, we should say 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,' with the added intention that what we hear, we will do."

The Gospel for the Mass was Matthew's account of St. Joseph hearing the voice of an angel telling the Holy Family to flee to Egypt. The bishop had said at the beginning of the homily that although this may be a surprising choice to be read at an ordination Mass, "I think the example of St. Joseph provides a very powerful model for the life of the ordained minister, and I commend you in your diaconate to the patronage and intercession of St. Joseph."

In his reference later to obedience, Bishop Campbell said, "Joseph heard the voice of God through those angelic visitations, and you will notice that he spoke not a word, but simply responded." The bishop then quoted a Latin phrase about the saint, which translates into English as "He was silent, and he did it."

Deacon Olvera, 44, a member of Columbus Holy Family Church, is the son of Mary Ann and the late John Olvera, and has three brothers and three sisters. He grew up attending St. Christopher Church in the Columbus suburb of Grandview Heights, graduated from Grandview Heights High School in 1990, and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from The Ohio State University in 1995 and a master's degree in educational administration from OSU in 2005.

He taught middle-school mathematics in Jacksonville, Florida, for five years, then returned to central Ohio to teach the same subject at Heritage Middle School in Hilliard for 12 years. He also is licensed to be a school principal in Ohio.

He said his discernment process involved a gradual deepening of faith over many years, which included looking into the possibility of spending life as a member of a religious community. He said he felt his call to the diocesan priesthood during a Holy Hour in May 2012 at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. That fall, he entered St. John XXIII Seminary, which specializes in preparing men age 30 and older for the priesthood. He has served summer assignments at Columbus Christ the King and Worthington St. Michael churches.

Bishop Campbell's homily was preceded by a calling forward of Olvera (then still a candidate), a formal testimony by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, of his readiness for service, and the bishop's acceptance of that testimony.

It was followed by Olvera's declaration of readiness to become a deacon, his promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors, and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints by a cantor and the congregation as the deacon candidate lay face down. He then was formally consecrated through the



bishop's laying-on of hands and reading of the prayer of consecration.

This was followed by now-Deacon Olvera's investiture with the stole and dalmatic which are signs of the diaconal ministry, presentation of the Book of the Gospels, signifying his role as preacher, and the sign of peace from the bishop and fellow deacons.

His ordination means he has entered from the lay state of the church into the clerical state through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Many people may say he made *vows* to the bishop, but *promises* is the more accurate theological term because promises are made to a person – in this case, the bishop – while vows are made directly to God.

Unlike members of religious orders, members of the diocesan clergy, including transitional deacons, do not make a vow or a promise of poverty. However, they are expected to live in simplicity, without an excess of material goods.

As an ordained minister of the Catholic Church, Deacon Olvera can now baptize, assist the priest at Mass, proclaim the Gospel and give homilies, witness at marriages, preside at funeral vigils and graveside committal services, and give certain blessings. He cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions, or anoint the sick until he is ordained as a priest.

Top photo: Deacon Daniel Olvera listens to Bishop Frederick Campbell deliver the homily at his ordination Mass.

Far left: Deacon Olvera receives the Book of the Gospels from the bishop. Others are (from left): Deacon Timothy Lynch, seminarian Ryan Barnabi, and liturgist Paul Davis (standing).

Left: Deacon Olvera blesses Fathers Stanley Dailey (left) and Michael Lumpe with incense.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Sequence

Did you lift up your mothers in prayer last week? We are really not challenged to love and praise our mothers, especially on Mother's Day. But it may be more of a challenge to take the extra time to pray for them, and to consciously pray for them at Mass. We certainly want to give them a lift in any way we can, be it physically, emotionally, or spiritually. It is so important to take advantage of special days like this and let our mothers know how much we love them for all the countless lifts they gave us when growing up, and continue to give us now. I know they pray for us, whether living or deceased. Can a mother ever forget her child? In the same way, God never forgets us. And we have the love, support, and example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We took 15 minutes last week to pray a rosary in her honor. We take all these things to heart, just as she did, and we live as real examples of the living and loving Body of Christ – our Mother Church.

This Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost, a solemnity. We have just celebrated Easter for the past 50 days, and Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, thus initiating the great spread of Christianity and the Church beyond the fear and closed doors that held them back. The commission and challenge from Jesus Christ to teach all nations extends to each of us today and for all time. We celebrate the need for the strength of the Holy Spirit, and even recall the gifts of the same Spirit we received at our confirmation. At Mass this Sunday, there is a special prayer we will say or sing called the Sequence. I think it is worth the time to give it a good pray or read in advance. Maybe we can meditate and get something out of it at Mass, rather than wondering why it is happening. This is our practical challenge this week.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Yes, we want the grace of the Holy Spirit, and we need that strength each day! *From your bright and blissful home, rays of healing light impart.* Especially in this Year of Mercy, we seek God's healing Spirit. *Come, Father of the poor.* We all strive to be poor in spirit, through God the Father's Spirit. *Source of gifts that will endure.* We recall that we take nothing with us when we die, but the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit will be with us forever. *Light of every human heart.* We desire the Light of Christ in our hearts, so as to love one another. *You of all consolers best, of the soul most kindly guest, quickening courage do bestow.* The Holy Spirit dwells within each of us, consoles us when our faith is tested, and gives us the courage to never give up. *In hard labor you are rest, in the heat you refresh best, and solace give in our woe.* Next time our work seems overwhelming, or the heat of the day is just unbearable, or we find ourselves complaining, say a quick prayer to the Holy Spirit for patience and endurance. *O most blessed light divine, let your radiance in us shine, and our inmost being fill.* May our Triune God fill us with so much light and love that we cannot help but share it with others. *Cleanse our souls from sinful stain, lave our dryness with your rain, heal our wounds and mend our way.* We need the Holy Spirit in us to resist sin and heal us. His grace bathes our soul. *Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill, guide the steps that go astray.* This is one of the more straightforward parts of the prayer. I do not know about you, but this describes me rather accurately. *On the faithful who in you, trust with childlike piety, deign your sevenfold gift to send.* We seek the grace of the gifts of the Holy Spirit with pious humility. *Give them virtues rich increase, saving grace to die in peace, give them joys that never end.* What more could we ask for! Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful!

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



FATHER COTTON TO RETIRE

Father Charles E. Cotton, pastor of Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, celebrates his 70th birthday on Sunday, May 15 and will be retiring from active ministry on Monday, July 11 after 43 years as a priest. The church, located at 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., will host a retirement open house celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 12 in Pastors' Hall. The parish's Masses at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 and 9 and 11 a.m. June 12 will include within the liturgy a Mass of Gratitude.

Father Cotton was born in Columbus and was the third child of Charles and Dorothy (Sheridan) Cotton. He has three sisters, Shirley Jensen, Mary Lou DeFrancisco, and Debbie Clemens. His faith journey began as an altar server at his home parish, Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. He graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School in 1964; St. Charles College Seminary in Columbus in 1969 with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy



; and The Catholic University of America in Washington in 1973 with a bachelor of divinity degree.

He was ordained on May 26, 1973, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati. He has been the pastor of St. Elizabeth Church since July 2001.

He served as an associate pastor at Zanesville St.

Nicholas, Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, and Delaware St. Mary churches before becoming pastor at Columbus St. Thomas from 1982-86 and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene from 1989 until being assigned to St. Elizabeth.

He also taught religion at Zanesville Rosecrans High School, and served as chaplain for Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus from 1986-89 and for Knights of Columbus councils 2898 and 11193. He has been a spiritual adviser to the Cum Christo movement and served as dean for the diocese's Northland Deanery.

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ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCOUT CAMPOREE

All Catholic boys and girls in the Diocese of Columbus are invited to learn more about their faith and have fun through themed religious and recreational activities by taking part in the annual diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee.

The event is sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and is for Scouts and non-Scouts alike. It will take place from Friday, May 20, to Sunday, May 22, at

historic St. Joseph Church on State Route 383 in Somerset, “the cradle of the Catholic faith in Ohio,” where the state’s first Catholic church was founded in 1818. The camporee will be on the grounds of the current church, which was built in 1839.

There will be separate programs for boys and girls and accompanying adults in grades six to 12 and grades one to five. The program for the older youths will last from 7:30 p.m. May 20

(with registration beginning at 6:30) to 10 a.m. May 22. The younger group’s events will be from 9:30 a.m. (registration beginning at 9) to the conclusion of 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 21. The Mass, for all groups, will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

“The Universal Church” is the theme for this year’s camporee. All participants will be in groups with others of similar age. Food, music, discussions, campfires, craft sessions, and camp-wide games, led by youth staff, all will be part of the weekend activities, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. In addition, the weekend qualifies for the retreat requirement for the Ad Altare Dei medal.

A lay apostolate formation program will be available for adults. This program helps adults to be more comfortable with and better trust each

other. Through guided reflection and active participation, adults discern how they are called by Christ and his church to leadership, holiness, conversion, and worship. The process helps participants recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit within a small community of faith.

Fees are \$35 for older youths and accompanying adults and \$20 for the younger group. The fee includes a patch, meals, activities and crafts, and a camp cup. All participants will need to bring a water bottle, tent, and sleeping gear. Dining utensils will be supplied.

For more details, go to education.col-sdioc.org/YouthYoungAdult/CatholicScouting.aspx and click on the “Catholic Camporee” link. Information also is available from Kevin Miller at (614) 263-7832.

Workshop for Women at Corpus Christi

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, will be the site of a “balanced way” workshop for women from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

The workshop will be led by Mary-Anne Linder, a registered nurse, licensed massage therapist, and licensed master’s level acupuncturist. She will talk about self-acupressure, simple movements, breathing techniques, and centering practices – short, simple methods that fit into a busy lifestyle

and allow the body to use its innate wisdom for health and balance.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants and costs \$50 per person. If you wish to attend and need financial assistance, money is available. Those who would like to provide help for others to attend are invited to contribute to a scholarship fund.

To register, go to www.cccenterofpeace.org, send an email message to corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com, or call (614) 512-3731.

Cathedral 50 and Older Social Gathering

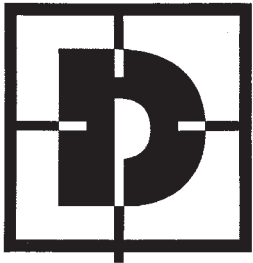
Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral has formed a new group for people 50 and older and invites anyone fitting that description to a social gathering at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 397 W. Broad St., Columbus.

The group meets in the undercroft of the cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., following the 12:30 p.m. Mass on the second Sunday of the month. It has hosted a

successful Lenten clothing drive, donating two vanloads of clothes to the Bishop Griffin Center on Columbus’ east side. Members also have toured the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center in Franklinton, the nation’s largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork.

Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP via email to ruth.holt1@gmail.com by Thursday, May 12.

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EXPLAINING INTERNAL FORUM; GREETINGS EN-ROUTE TO COMMUNION



QUESTION & ANSWER

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

Q. In a recent editorial in a Catholic newspaper, I read that, with regard to whether civilly remarried Catholics may receive holy Communion, Pope Francis is now encouraging people to talk to their priest “in the internal forum.” What does that mean? (From what I can understand, I think it means that the priest will help them to examine their individual conscience so they can decide for themselves whether they feel worthy to receive.) (Indiana)

A. Your understanding of the “internal forum” is correct. It refers to a private conversation between a Catholic and his or her confessor, which can help determine the degree of subjective responsibility for a particular action. In his apostolic exhortation “Amoris Laetitia,” issued in April 2016, Pope Francis recommends that divorced and civilly remarried Catholics discuss with a priest the specifics of their situation.

While the norm remains unchanged -- marriage is indissoluble and, generally speaking, without the benefit of a church annulment, a divorced and civilly remarried Catholic is not considered eligible to receive Communion -- the pope acknowledges that each situation is different. The degree of responsibility is not equal in all cases, circumstances can sometimes mitigate culpability, and “discernment can recognize that in a particular situation, no grave fault exists.”

The pastoral discernment Pope Francis encourages is far from an instantaneous and facile solution. Instead, it requires a fair amount of reflection

Right to Life Banquet

Greater Columbus Right to Life’s annual banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 13 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

The featured speaker will be Matt Walsh, a writer and blogger whose thoughts on life, faith, family, and the nation have been seen by millions of Americans. One of his commentaries was the most-shared opinion piece and one of the 10 most-shared overall Facebook posts of 2015. He also is a husband and the father of twins and has hosted radio shows and a podcast.

There is no fee to register or attend the event. An invitation to support the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life will be extended following the dinner. For more information, contact (614) 445-8508,

and prayer. The pontiff says it would be wrong to conclude that “any priest can quickly grant ‘exceptions.’” People, the pope explains, should ask themselves such questions as “How did they act towards their children when the conjugal union entered into crisis; whether or not they made attempts at reconciliation; what has become of the abandoned party. ...”

Such a thorough examination might help a person assess where he or she stands before God and to determine his or her worthiness to receive Communion. Whatever the decision with regard to Communion, divorced and civilly remarried Catholics should, the pope notes, always be welcome in Catholic parishes and supported in their efforts to raise their children in the Catholic faith.

Q. Something’s been going on for a while in our church. I’ve never said anything to anyone about it, but I do find it annoying. I was raised to believe that the moments right before, during, and after holy Communion are a sacred time because we encounter Christ in a special way.

There are a few ushers in our parish who shake hands with people in line to receive Communion. Often there is some laughter and small talk that accompany that greeting.

This has now evolved into a situation where some of these same parishioners, while walking up the aisle, tap friends on the shoulder who are kneeling and praying and greet them, too.

I have thought about speaking to our pastor in private about this, and maybe he can mention from the pulpit that Communion is a time for special focus and inner prayer and that such greetings are inappropriate. What do you think? Am I just being a grouch? (Newport News, Virginia)

A. You are not being a grouch at all. You are being respectful and reverent and reasonable. Holy Communion is, as you note, a special time -- and for the precise reason you mention: here we meet Jesus Christ in a very personal way, our most intimate contact with the divine this side of heaven.

There’s a story about St. Teresa of Avila, who heard someone say, “If only I had lived at the time of Jesus. ... If only I had seen him, talked with him.”

To which St. Teresa is said to have responded: “But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true, and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?”

You would be well-advised to speak to your pastor regarding your concern, or perhaps send him a note. Sometimes, it seems, we are more logical, more persuasive when we write things out.

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New ordinations give reason for hope, but need for priests still great

By Chaz Muth

Catholic News Service

It's ordination season, and Catholics have reason to be pleased with the numbers of priests who will serve the church well into the future.

In recent years, the numbers of priestly ordinations has given Catholic Church observers reason to believe there is not a global vocations crisis, but they acknowledge there is still a need for more priests.

"The good news is that the global number of priests stopped declining about five years ago," said Father Paul Sullins, associate professor of sociology at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

Since 2012, the total has been stable at about 415,000 priests worldwide – a number that is the net of new ordinations and retirements or deaths, Father Sullins told Catholic News Service.

"The church now has about the same number of priests that it had in 1970," he said. "The bad news, though it is not really bad news, is that the global population of Catholics has grown dramatically since then, so today, we have far fewer priests per Catholic."

Though the global numbers are strong and vocations are plentiful in some regions of the world, such as Africa and Asia, the quantity of priests is not as abundant in other continents, such as in parts of North America, Father Sullins said.

"We are importing priests from areas of the world where young vocations are booming, or at least more prevalent than in the U.S.," he said. "In 2014, almost a third of priests ordained in the U.S. were foreign-born, and that does not count foreign-ordained priests who serve in the U.S. on assignment."

The Diocese of Columbus currently has 34 seminarians training for the priesthood, said Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director. Thirty-one of them are students at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and three are studying at the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts.

Three Columbus seminarians – Deacons Timothy Lynch, Stephen Smith, and Daniel Swartz – are completing their fourth year of theological studies and are to be ordained as priests of the

diocese at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, May 28. Deacon Daniel Olvera was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Friday, May 6. He will return to John XXIII Seminary in the fall for his final year of theology.

Five men from the diocese are in their second year as theology students and seven are in first-year theology. In addition, six students are in their combined second year of pre-theology and fourth year of college; six more are combining their first year of pre-theology and third year of college; and three apiece are in their second or first year of college, Father Noble said.

"This is based on anecdotal more than scientific evidence, but I think that because of a general disappointment in the offerings of society as a whole, certain young men and women are looking for more fulfilling alternatives," he said.

"In general, the pursuit of what many people see as important is not satisfying to them. They realize there is an emptiness in merely striving for material things. They are looking for something more, and they are finding this in the religious life."

A number of U.S. dioceses are faced with a disparity in the number of new priests being ordained and the number who are retiring or leaving ministry.

"We have 18 men in formation at this time (and) over the years when they would be projected to be ordained, we will probably have about 54 priests who will be over the retirement age," Father Carl B. Fisette, vocations director for the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, told CNS. "So there will be quite a net decrease in the number of priests in active ministry over the next six to eight years."

These kinds of vocations trends are not unique to the New England states, said Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, who said many of his fellow bishops throughout the nation are faced with similar circumstances.

"It becomes a real challenge to ensure our parishes have enough priests to serve the people," Bishop Tobin told CNS.

Shrinking numbers of priests also coincide with declining numbers of Catholics attending Mass, Father Fisette said.

Though he described that fact as unfortunate, Father Fisette said this makes it easier to spread the wealth in terms of

priests serving Catholics.

"Mass attendance rates nationwide are down," he said. "If you have fewer people going to Mass, you don't need to have as many Masses in each parish."

This allows the diocese to assign priests to multiple parishes, Father Fisette said.

The church also has more than 18,000 permanent deacons who perform many functions, such as homilies, baptisms, and marriages, that were reserved to priests in the 1960s, when the church did not have a permanent diaconate in place, said Father Sullins, author of *Empty Pews and Empty Altars: A Reconsideration of the Catholic Priest Shortage*.

Though growing secularization and parish closings have allowed dioceses to deal with their shrinking numbers of priests with greater ease, Father Sullins argued that those cultural trends show there is a need for more priests to evangelize through their presence in society.

In its report "The Class of 2016: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood," the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate found that 51 percent of respondents indicated that they were discouraged

from considering the priesthood.

Parents can be an invaluable resource in increasing vocations simply by encouraging their sons to consider the priesthood, Father Sullins said.

"Many priests, including Pope Francis, relate that they first felt a call to priesthood from the example, devotion, and encouragement of their mother and father," he said. "A mother can consecrate her son to God's service, which doesn't necessarily compel him, but has a powerful influence on his choice of vocation and state of life."

Regardless of the numbers, it's still important to increase vocations, Father Sullins said.

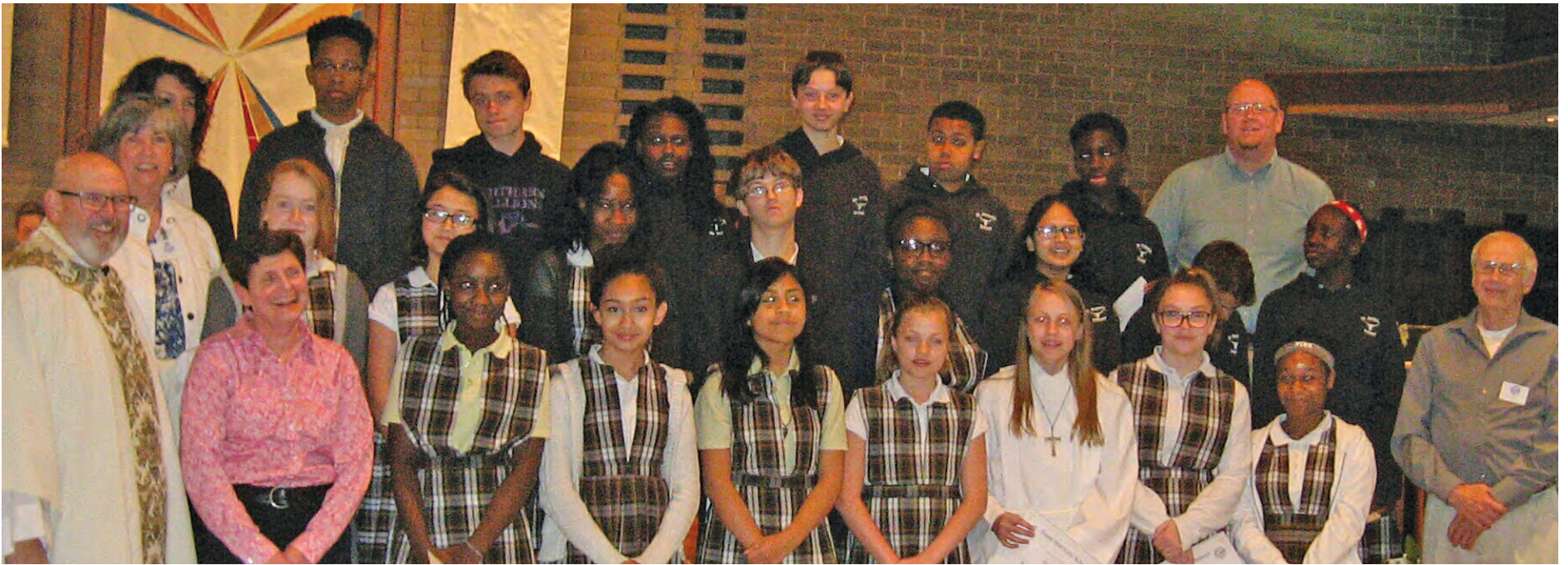
"We need more priests, not because we are in some numeric crisis, but because God is always renewing his church through calling faithful young men to serve as priests," he said. "To pray and work to (strengthen) new priestly vocations is the work of evangelization, in which all of us can contribute to the renewal and proclamation of the faith."

(Material from Catholic Times reporter Tim Puet was included in this story)

DR. REBECCA BOYD HONORED

Dr. Rebecca Boyd, a member of Columbus St. Dominic Church, received the 2016 Phenomenal Woman of the Year Award from Phenomenal Woman, Inc., a local nonprofit community service organization. She was recognized for her decades of community service work through the Shepard Community Association to improve and increase social, economic, and educational awareness among residents of the Shepard neighborhood of the city's east side. She initiated the Shepard Academy, which offered after-school and summer camp programs for young people, and helped establish the FEAT youth program, named for its boundaries of Fabron, Ellison, Acheson, and Twentieth streets. She was an educator for 40 years, including 30 years as a teacher at Columbus Mifflin High School. She is a board member of Black Catholic Ministries Columbus, serves in various ministries at her parish, and is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, St. Cyprian Court 298. (Photo courtesy Knights of Peter Claver Auxiliary, Court 298)





ST. ANTHONY YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group from Columbus St. Anthony School and Church were recognized during an all-school Mass for their year of service. The students are pictured with Father Thomas Petry and (clockwise from left), school principal Chris Iaconis, adult leader Sandy Strati, teachers Kelly Buzenski and Bob Keep, and adult leader Walt Ohm.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

National Handwriting Contest Winner



Anuel Barnum (third from left), a fifth-grade student at Westerville St. Paul School, was the state winner for his grade in the 25th annual National Handwriting Contest sponsored by Zaner-Bloser of Columbus. He is pictured with (from left) school principal Kathy Norris and teachers Liz Ryan and Kerinan Greene. He was awarded a medallion, Ryan received an etched diamond award, and the school was given a \$200 gift certificate. Barnum now goes on to national competition. He was among more than 270,000 entrants nationwide in the contest, which encourages legible handwriting by evaluating the handwriting abilities of students in grades kindergarten through eight whose schools use Zaner-Bloser handwriting criteria. Photo courtesy St. Paul School

Taste of America



Westerville St. Paul School fifth-grade students recently put on their annual "Taste of America" program, which is led by music teacher Jamie Kolp and combines elements from several subjects. Each student dressed up as a person, place, or thing from one of the 50 states and brought in a food from that state. The students also sang and played several patriotic songs and honored past and current members of the armed forces. In the left photo are Kathleen Protz as a Native American from the Nez Perce tribe and Cierci Yeager as a potato farmer, both representing Idaho. Their food was cheesy hash brown soup. The right photo shows Giovanni Delfino as popcorn and Kaden Vidra as Kool-Aid, which was their food representing Nebraska.

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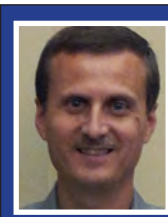


A Mother After My Own Heart

There are a thousand reasons for not doing something, but only one reason for actually trying it. Yet in spite of ourselves and of life's fallbacks, we tend to rush in where fools dare to tread. Did we not constantly get lectures from our parents about using our knowledge as a tool for good? Did they not teach us that wisdom comes only through our experiences and in our ability to learn from our mistakes?

The human memory is a rare breed. It can remind us of our past, and can also inhibit us in doing some otherwise wonderful things. My mom used to say that by changing what seems to be a small need, we change the world. Our touch has an impact that we may never feel, but someone far off in the distance, someone long forgotten by time, may be forever moved by it. She would say that the little things we do today, such as shaking a hand, giving a hug, or making someone laugh after a hard day, are what matters. They may not involve a trophy or accolades, but bring a warmth felt in our hearts long afterward.

This time of year is especially hard on those of us who have lost a loved one. Mother's Day and my mom's birthday this month are more somber celebrations. There is nothing we can experience that would take away the fact that she is not here with us physically. To humans, a mother's touch has an importance all its own. This tactile sensation is what we use to remember and to reflect.



Men by Faith
J. P. Leo Thomas

Mothers are people of sacrifice. Like Mary giving up her only son, it is something they do without hesitation. If it means a better life for her child, a mother would gladly sacrifice her own life. I could never imagine what it is like to experience giving life and accepting that this life is your responsibility throughout time and eternity. Mary shaped Jesus into becoming the man he was. I hope I have become what she and He want me to be and what my mom wanted me to be.

We often measure success by what we have won, but rarely look at the lighter side of life – that day you took a walk with your mother to the store, that time you brought her home some flowers, that day you just sat together quietly and held her hand, that day you opened the door for her. Remember that, for those of you who still have your mothers present. These events may not have seemed very exciting and important to you, but were all the more special, all the more relevant to her. To mothers, it is always about

being personal and traditional. This brings them joy. As our mothers' children and as children of God, it is up to us to pass on these feelings.

Pope St. John Paul II once said, "Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the mother's womb. The mother is filled with wonder at this mystery of life, and 'understands' with unique intuition what is happening inside her. In the light of the 'beginning,' the mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings – not only towards her own child, but every human being – which profoundly marks the woman's personality."

My mom never harbored ill will toward anyone. She lit up the room when she entered it and gave everyone a smile. She cared – so much more than I will ever understand. But maybe it is not for me to comprehend, but something all mothers share – a respect for others and for themselves.

May God bless you and keep you. May His light shine upon all mothers and their children, and may His peace be with you always.

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

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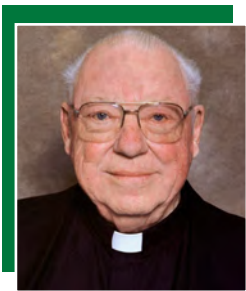
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15 LOCAL PRIESTS REACHING SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN 2016

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MSGR. ROBERT L. NOON

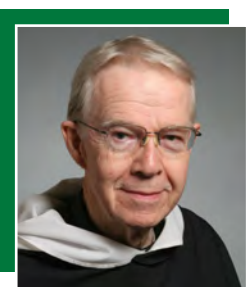
turns 93 on Sunday, May 15, and resides in the independent living unit at the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus. He was ordained on May 26, 1951, by Bishop Michael Ready at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, and is a native of Zanesville.

He served as pastor of Waverly St. Mary, Columbus St. Elizabeth, and Lancaster St. Bernadette churches. In the first 10 years following his retirement in 1993, he was administrator pro tem at the Crooksville Church of the Atonement, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton, Chillicothe St. Peter, Newark Blessed Sacrament, Lancaster St. Mary, Lancaster St. Bernadette, and Columbus St. Catharine.

He was an associate pastor at Columbus St. Peter, Marion St. Mary, Columbus St. Aloysius, Lancaster St. Mary, Coshocton Sacred Heart, Columbus Our Lady of Peace, and Columbus Holy Spirit.

He also was a teacher at Columbus St. Joseph Academy and Columbus Holy Family High School, priests' director for the Cursillo movement, liaison to the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and chairman of the diocesan liturgical commission, and spent three years in mission work in Peru.

He was appointed as a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992, and received the title protonotary apostolic in 1999.



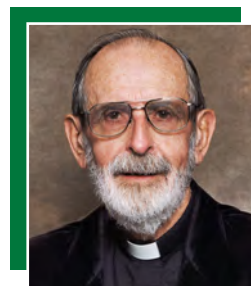
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FATHER JOHN M. EGAN, OP, 89,

has been at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus since 2013. He originally is from Detroit and was ordained as a priest of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) on June 8, 1956, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

At various times, he has been a pastor, teacher, preacher of parish missions, and military chaplain. He also served as a missionary in Peru for eight years. In Columbus, he was a teacher at the former St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1964-65 and chaplain at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) from 1973-75.

Other assignments took him to Providence and Newport, Rhode Island; Miami; Springfield, Kentucky; and Detroit. He served as assistant chaplain at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airman's Home in Washington for more than 20 years, beginning in 1988, until his health no longer permitted it.



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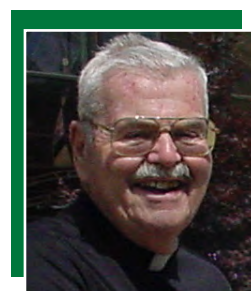
FATHER RICHARD F. ENGLE, 90,

is a resident of the Villas of St. Therese assisted living unit. He was born in Columbus and was ordained by Bishop Ready on May 26, 1956, at the cathedral.

He was pastor of Dresden St. Ann and its Mattingly Settlement and Wills Creek missions and of Columbus St. Philip and Dennison Immaculate Conception, and was in residence at Zaleski St. Sylvester after retiring in 1995. He also served as associate pastor at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer, Columbus St. Mary, and Columbus St. Christopher.

He taught at Columbus St. Mary, Columbus Bishop Ready, and Columbus Bishop Hartley high schools, was chaplain at Children's Hospital in Columbus with residence at Columbus St. John the Evangelist, was chaplain for the Regina Coeli circle of the Daughters of Isabella, was director of the diocesan Cursillo movement, and was a member of the Priests Senate for the Tuscarawas-Holmes Vicariate.

He served in the Army in Normandy in World War II and received the Purple Heart medal.



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FATHER DAVID W. O'BRIEN, CSP, 87,

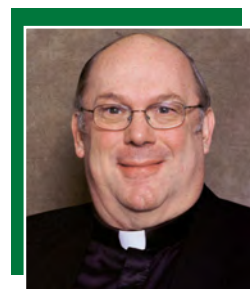
a Hartford, Connecticut, native, has lived at the Mohun center since 2010. He was ordained as a member of

the Paulist Fathers by Cardinal Francis Spellman, archbishop of New York, at the Church of St. Paul in New York City on May 3, 1956.

He served as director of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center and superior of the Paulist community in Columbus from 1995 to 2004.

He also was a campus minister at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Connecticut, the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the University of Colorado at Boulder, and was pastor of Paulist parishes and centers in Boulder, Austin, and Boston. In addition, at various times he was vice president, first consultor, and general council member for the Paulist order.

His anniversary will be honored at a 10 a.m. Mass, followed by a reception on Saturday, May 21 at the Newman Center.



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MSGR. GEORGE J. SCHLEGEL, 76,

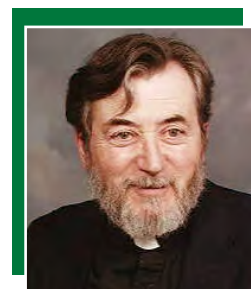
who lives in retirement in Columbus, the city of his birth, was ordained on May 28, 1966, at the cathedral by Bishop John Carberry.

He was pastor of Westerville St. Paul, Powell St. Joan of Arc, and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart before retiring in 2010, and was associate pastor at Newark St. Francis de Sales, Lancaster St. Mary, and Marion St. Mary.

He was on the faculty at Newark Catholic, Lancaster Bishop Fenwick, and Marion Catholic high schools, represented the Marion Vicariate on the Priests Senate, was vicar forane for the Northwest Columbus and Tuscarawas-Holmes-Coshocton vicariates, and was a member of the diocesan personnel board and college of consultors.

Pope St. John Paul II appointed him a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, in 1992.

GOD CALLED THEM TO SERVE



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FATHER JOHN E. STATTMILLER, 76,

has lived in Otway since retiring in 2010. He was born in Columbus, and was ordained by Bishop Carberry at the cathedral on May 28, 1966.

He was pastor of Otway Our Lady of Lourdes, West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows and its mission of Pond Creek Holy Trinity, Columbus St. Ladislav, and Columbus Corpus Christi. He served as associate pastor at Columbus Christ the King, Lancaster St. Mary, Delaware St. Mary, Columbus St. Stephen, and Columbus St. Ladislav.

He taught at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, was chaplain of Delaware Council 1056 of the Knights of Columbus, and was a member of the diocesan college of consultors.



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FATHER JAMES M. COLEMAN, 66,

is pastor of Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. He was ordained as a priest of the PIME missionary order at St. Mary Church in his hometown of Paw Paw, Michigan, by Bishop Paul Donovan of Kalamazoo, Michigan, on May 8, 1976.

He served in a variety of assignments with the PIME order before becoming a priest of the Diocese of Columbus on July 10, 2003.

He was associate pastor at Columbus St. Timothy and Worthington St. Michael, and was appointed to his current position in 2008.

Parishioners will mark his anniversary as part of the parish's volunteer recognition dinner on Saturday, May 14.

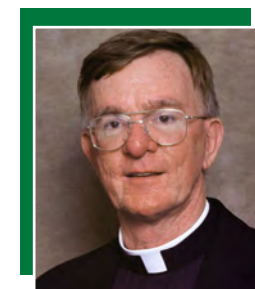


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FATHER WILLIAM J. FAUSTNER, 68,

has been in residence at Columbus St. Timothy Church, with full-time hospital ministry at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, since 2010. He was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was ordained at Columbus Corpus Christi Church by Bishop Edward Herrmann on May 26, 1976.

He served as pastor at Kenton Immaculate Conception and Newcomerstown St. Francis and associate pastor at Dennison Immaculate Conception, Westerville St. Paul, Worthington St. Michael, Columbus Our Lady of Peace, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, the cathedral, and Columbus Christ the King, and was administrator pro tem at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi. He also was a chaplain at The Ohio State University Hospitals and Grand Hospital in Columbus, and taught at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. His anniversary will be marked with a Mass at noon Sunday, May 29 in St. Timothy Church, followed by a buffet luncheon from 1 to 4 p.m. in the parish social hall.



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FATHER PETER M. GIDEON, 66,

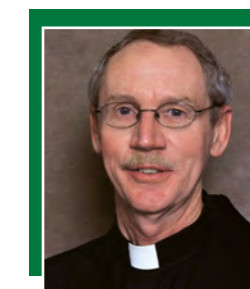
pastor of Lancaster St. Mark Church, is an Omaha, Nebraska, native. Bishop Herrmann ordained him on June 13, 1976, in Worthington St. Michael Church.

He was pastor at New Boston St. Monica and Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and has been at St. Mark since 2004. He has been an associate pastor at New Lexington St. Rose, Lancaster St. Mary, Newark St. Francis de Sales, and in residence at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi and Columbus St. Christopher.

He was a teacher at Lancaster Fisher Catholic and

Newark Catholic high schools, a chaplain at University Hospitals, a member of the Priests Senate and the diocesan presbyteral council, and vicar forane of the Scioto County Vicariate.

His anniversary Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, followed by a reception.



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FATHER JAMES A. KLIMA, 67,

pastor of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, was born in Cleveland and was ordained by Bishop Herrmann on May 15, 1976, at St. Charles Church in Parma.

He was assigned as administrator of Seton Parish in 2003 and became pastor a year later. He also has served Columbus St. Thomas and Marion St. Mary as pastor, and has been associate pastor at Delaware St. Mary, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, and Portsmouth St. Mary.

He has taught at Columbus Bishop Hartley and Portsmouth Notre Dame high schools, served as director of diocesan youth ministry, was an emergency relief chaplain at St. Anthony Medical Center in Columbus, and was chairman of the Priests Senate.

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FATHER DANIEL OCHS, 65,

pastor of Columbus St. Agatha Church, was ordained on May 27, 1976 by Bishop Herrmann in Columbus St. Thomas Church. He was born in Olney, Illinois.

Before being appointed to his current position in 2007, he was pastor at Delaware St. Mary and at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, where he previously had been associate pastor in his first assignment after ordination. He also was associate pastor at Columbus St. Anthony and in residence at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi, the cathedral, and Columbus Holy Cross.

He was chaplain at University Hospitals and the Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital and pastoral care director at Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, and served as chaplain at Ohio Wesleyan University and for Central Ohio Marriage Encounter.

He celebrated his anniversary Mass on Saturday, April 30 and was honored by parishioners at a reception afterward.



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FATHER THOMAS J. BUFFER, 54,

pastor of Marion St. Mary since 2013, a Chicago native, was ordained by Bishop James Griffin at the cathedral on June 22, 1991.

He also served as pastor at Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr and associate pastor at Grove City Our Lady

of Perpetual Help and Columbus St. Andrew.

In addition, he was in ministry at Columbus Bishop Ready High School, taught at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and was a member of the diocesan subcommission on sacred music.

Parishioners will honor him at a reception at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26.



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FATHER DENIS J. KIGOZI, 50,

pastor of Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church, was born in Nsambya, Uganda. He came to the United States to complete his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Bishop Griffin ordained him at the cathedral on Oct. 5, 1991.

He was pastor at Columbus St. Thomas and associate pastor at Marion St. Mary (where he was campus minister at Marion Catholic High School), Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton, and Lancaster St. Mary before being appointed to his current position in 2015.



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FATHER THEODORE F. MACHNIK, 52,

pastor of Circleville St. Joseph Church, grew up in Lorain and was ordained by Bishop Griffin on June

22, 1991, at the cathedral.

He has been in Circleville since 2011 and previously served as pastor at Portsmouth St. Mary and parochial vicar of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, Westerville St. Paul, and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X.

He will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, followed by a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in the hall of Knights of Columbus Council 5297. Those interested in attending the reception are asked to call the parish by Monday, June 13.



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FATHER JAN C.P. SULLIVAN, 55,

pastor of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church since 2012, is a Columbus native and was ordained by Bishop Griffin at the cathedral on June 22, 1991.

He also has been pastor of Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne and parochial vicar of Lancaster St. Mary, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, and Columbus St. Cecilia, and in residence at Columbus Holy Family. He is chaplain of the diocesan Ancient Order of Hibernians and has been chaplain at Lancaster Fisher Catholic Hospital and Children's Hospital in Columbus.

He will celebrate his anniversary Mass at noon Sunday, June 19, followed by a reception.

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Bishop Frederick Campbell presided at a special prayer service on Sunday, May 8, where the annual Serra Club Altar Server awards were presented. A total of 102 boys and girls who serve at the altar in diocesan parishes were on hand. CT photo by Ken Snow

OSU band director visits his former school



Christopher Hoch (right), director of marching and athletic bands at The Ohio State University, is a graduate of Westerville St. Paul School and recently visited the school, where he conducted the St. Paul band. Mike Porretta, band director at St. Paul, is the man pictured in the white shirt. Hoch was appointed as OSU's marching band director earlier this year after holding the position on an interim basis since May 2015. Photo courtesy St. Paul School

Healing Mass to be celebrated Monday at cathedral

A Mass of healing, followed by a healing service, will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 16 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

The healing service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of a relic of the True Cross of Christ, and an opportunity for each person present to talk to a priest about the condition for which he or she seeks

healing. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction.

All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with cancer and other physical infirmities, or who need emotional or spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

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Counting the readings from the Vigil of Pentecost, we have much to consider about the working of the Spirit. Pentecost Sunday offers two choices both for the second reading and the Gospel. The Vigil offers Genesis 11:1-9 (or Exodus 19, Ezekiel 37, or Joel 3), Romans 8:22-27, and John 7:37-39.

The Acts reading for Sunday is a reversal of the Genesis reading from the Vigil. In Genesis, God confuses people's languages so that no one can understand what another says. In the Acts reading, the Holy Spirit enables the disciples to speak in different tongues, but each person hears them speaking in his/her own language. All the various places scattered through the Mediterranean are mentioned as hearing in their own tongues "of the mighty acts of God."

Genesis says that one reason God confused the languages of people in Genesis was because they had determined on their own to build a tower with its top in the sky, and "so make a name for ourselves." That was understood by the author to be an act of abandoning God in order to brag about the people's own doings. The action of the Lord prevented them from finishing the city and the tower, and with it the people were scattered.

Of the two Romans readings, I prefer the reading from the Vigil. In it, Paul uses the labor pains that women suffer in childbirth to refer to all of creation groaning until now. We groan as we await the redemption of our bodies. Anyone older than 60 knows well how suddenly things start happening to the body. A person gets up one morning and immediately says, "Ouch! Where did that come from?" Paul says, "In hope we were saved." That means we still await its fulfillment and "We wait with endurance." The Spirit helps us to pray as we should.

The Romans reading for Sunday begins by saying "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." This is connected with an earlier verse (Romans 8:6) in which Paul had written, "The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the Spirit is life and peace." If we are focused on death, then we have not learned the lesson of resurrection. That is not what God is about. God is about life in its fullness. Therefore, those "in the flesh" (or afraid of death, or focused only on the world) cannot at the same time be "in the spirit." It does not mean that we ignore what's going on in the world, or that we do not grieve in the face of death, but that those "in the spirit" have a view to the future which allows them to rise above all the world's folly.

All three Gospel readings for the feast come from John's Gospel, and all have to do in some way with the Spirit. The Vigil's Gospel comes during the Feast of Booths, an autumn festival commemorating the journey through the desert which balances the springtime festival of Passover. Most questions involve verse 39, "There was of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified." Though to us it may seem to imply that the Spirit did not exist yet, John meant that while Jesus was present, there was no need for the Spirit. In Sunday's alternate Gospel reading, Jesus says that the Spirit "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Thus, the Spirit works in tandem with, but independently of Jesus, always referring us back to Jesus.

The first Gospel option is the traditional one for Pentecost, which John places "on the evening of that first day of the week," which is Easter evening. The Spirit is given as a gift of the risen Jesus, for the forgiveness of sins. What retaining sins means is not so clear.

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

Corpus Christi celebration

A celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi for the West Deanery of the Diocese of Columbus will take place Sunday, May 29 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave.

This celebration promotes devotion to Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist. It includes prayers for vocations, for the healing of the sick, and for the poor.

As in years past, it will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 11 a.m. Mass. The opportunity for private prayer will continue until 2 p.m. During this time, there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individual prayer with the sick, and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. A service at 2 p.m. will include readings, music, brief reflections, and Benediction. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the parish hall.

For more information, call the church at (614) 274-1121. St. Mary Magdalene Church is accessible to the disabled.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY

James 3:13-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Mark 9:14-29

TUESDAY

James 4:1-10
Psalm 55:7-11a,23
Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY

James 4:13-17
Psalm 49:2-3,6-11
Mark 9:38-40

THURSDAY

James 5:1-6
Psalm 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

FRIDAY

James 5:9-12
Psalm 103:1-4,8-9,11-12
Mark 10:1-12

SATURDAY

James 5:13-20
Psalm 141:1-3,8
Mark 10:13-16

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND
TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF MAY 15, 2016

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

DAILY MASS

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

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

YOUNG AT HEART

ANNUAL TREASURE SALE!
Church of the Resurrection

6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany, OH

May 15, from 9 am - 3 pm

Antiques, pewter pieces, wicker, Downton Abbey Tea Service, books, luncheon plates, beautiful porcelain Audubon mugs, pictures, assorted barware, small appliances, toys, jewelry, plants, candles, pottery, Jardiniere in earth tones and tons of other like new items. Donuts to eat, too!

Benefit parish senior programs

Good Catholics, good citizens

The Catholic love affair with the United States of America is heading into rough and uncharted waters – and not only in this 2016 election cycle, but for the foreseeable future.

U.S. Catholics have, in a sense, been there and done that, given that the history of the Church in this country includes fending off anti-Catholic bigots like the 18th-century Know Nothing Party (about which 99 percent of Catholics today know nothing) and the late-19th-century American Protective Association (another puzzler, these days, in Catholic *Jeopardy!*). But there's something different about today's turbulence. Identifying that difference, understanding it, and knowing how to respond to it are all imperative if we're to navigate these troubled waters in such a way as to advance the New Evangelization and give our country a new birth of freedom, rightly understood.

The difference today is that the assault on the Church by militant secularism and its allies in the federal government is a struggle over first principles. That wasn't so much the case in the past. The Know Nothings and the American Protective Association claimed to honor the Constitution; so did U.S. Catholics. The Know Nothings and the APA said we were lying, claiming that we owed our first allegiance to a foreign potentate (they meant the pope, not the Lord Jesus Christ); we proved that Catholicism and American patriotism weren't antinomies. Still, everyone in these battles affirmed the first principles inscribed in the Constitution and the self-evident moral truths, articulated in the Declaration of Independence, that the Constitution was crafted to embody. Today, precisely



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

those truths and those principles are being sharply contested.

That's the unprecedented situation, perilous and yet full of possibility, that a new book by my colleague Stephen White, *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* (Liguori), intends to clarify and address. In this brief, but incisive look at the issues of the day – and of the likely future – Steve White makes several important points:

(1) Our politics is often reduced to a tug of war between crude caricatures: the party of government and the party of the individual. When this happens, a humane accounting of the realities of social life becomes impossible and the fundamental purpose of politics – living well, together – gets overlooked. Most of our lives happen in the variegated social spaces between the individual and the government. We call this “civil society.” It is there – in the family, the parish, the school, the business, the local community, and so on – that the vast majority of our lives happen. It's in these spaces, not just in the voting booth, that most of the work of citizenship happens.

(2) The family, the cradle of new life and the font of

civil society, is in jeopardy in unprecedented ways, as our society increasingly disregards basic facts of human existence and tries to alter them by technologically empowered acts of willfulness. Each of us comes from a mother and a father. Each of us begins life in a state of utter dependence. Each of us needs to be educated, formed, and civilized. The defense of human life is intimately bound to the defense of marriage and family. These are not the only social issues of concern to Catholics, but they are priorities in the literal sense of the word. Without the begetting and rearing of new generations, and the defense of human life, there simply is no society, let alone a stable, flourishing, free society. “As the family goes,” said Pope John Paul II, “so goes the nation.” Pope Francis certainly would agree.

(3) Given the current state of affairs in these United States, it is important to remember that religious freedom is not something bestowed on individuals by a tolerant, benevolent state. No, the religious freedom of individuals and the liberty of the Church are necessary preconditions for a flourishing society. Religion is emphatically a public good, and one indispensable to limited government, as the Founders were constantly pointing out. The Church ought to be free to be herself for her sake, for the sake of the faithful, and for the sake of the common good.

Do read *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic*. Then get copies for your Catholic neighbors.

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

Year of Mercy Talk

Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns will be the next speaker in Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church's Year of Mercy series and will attempt to answer the question “*Laudato Si'*: What Does That Have to Do With Me?”

In the world of *Laudato Si'*, the pope's 2015 encyclical on the environment, there is no room for selfishness and indifference.

What the document is about is a change of heart. As the pope explained in paragraph 91 of the encyclical, “A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion, and concern for our fellow human beings.”

Freewalt's talk will be at noon Wednesday, May 18 in the basement at St. Mary Magdalene, 473 S. Roys Ave.

Bring lunch; soft drinks will be provided.

Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to Cindy Oddi at coddi@saintmarymag.org or call (614) 274-1121, extension 13.



K of C fills Chillicothe parish's food pantry

Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus, located at Chillicothe St. Peter Church, recently challenged parishioners to fill the shelves of the church's food pantry. Under the direction of council member Joe Zupi, families were asked during Lent to either donate 40 cans of nonperishable food or provide financial assistance to the pantry. More than 3,000 pounds of food and \$1,373 in cash donations were collected by Easter Sunday. Because of this effort, the Knights' supreme council in New Haven, Connecticut, donated an additional \$500 to the pantry.

Photo courtesy Knights of Columbus Council 15793

Pray for our dead

BALIJ, Wanda, 83, May 4
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

BLOWERS, John P., 54, May 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DONAHUE, Brian P., 79, May 1
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

GAINES, Frances E., 76, May 2
St. Mary Church, Marion

GIANFORCARO, Nicholas J., 85, May 3
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church,
Columbus

GOODWIN, Alexandria L., 20, May 5
St. Mary Church, Groveport

KUHN, Geraldine R., 82, May 5
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

MAURER, Victoria A., 87, May 4
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

MIGLIOZZI, Randy P., 63, May 4
St. Leonard Church, Heath

POPLAR, David D., 47, April 30
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

RADER, Lori C., 58, May 4
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

RANLY, David H., 90, May 2
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SCHAEFER, Pauline R., 76, May 3
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

SCHIMMOLLER, James A., 79, May 5
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SCHMELTZER, Diana P., 59, May 6
St. John Church, Logan

SMITH, Barbara J., 79, May 2
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove
City

WISSLER, Doris V., 97, May 2
St. Mary Church, Marion

ZANG, Helen M., 87, May 6
St. Philip Church, Columbus

Giovannia “Jennie” Biancone

Funeral Mass for Giovannia “Jennie” Biancone, 107, who died Tuesday, May 3, was held Saturday, May 7, at Columbus St. James the Less Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

Father Clarence Williams, CPpS, pastor of St. James the Less, said she was the oldest member of the parish, which she and her husband helped found in 1947, and died on the feast day of its patron. He described her as “the pride of the parish.”

She and her husband also were the founders of the Klens-O-Klean Bleach Co. in 1922. That company continues in existence, with its plant and business operations located in Galena.

Gertrude M. Love

Funeral Mass for Gertrude M. Love, 98, who died Sunday, May 1, was held Saturday, May 7, in the chapel at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, in Randolph, Ohio, to Louis and Clara (Wise) Eichler.

She was a member of Columbus St. James the Less Church, where she served as receptionist for many years.

She was preceded in death by her par-

ents; husband, Jack; brothers, Vincent (Marjorie) and Gilbert; and sisters, Sister Clementine Eichler, SND, Geneva (Edward) Fargo, Agnes (Clyde) Lamert, and Alma (Bill) Donahue.

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Without Holy Spirit, people risk being ‘armchair’ Christians, pope says

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Without letting the Holy Spirit lead his or her life, a person risks being just an “armchair Christian” who recites “a cold morality” without actually living out the Gospel, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass.

Do not keep the Holy Spirit a prisoner, locked inside your heart; rather let him “push” and “move” you to boldly bring Jesus to others and to be able to be patient under pressure, the pope said during his May 9 Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

The pope’s homily looked at the day’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (19:1-8), in which St. Paul meets a group of disciples who were baptized by John the Baptist and had never heard of the Holy Spirit. After Paul baptizes them in Jesus’ name and lays his hands on them, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and receive his gifts.

There are still many Christians today who are unaware of how the Holy Spirit “moves the church,” the pope said.

“He’s the one who works in the church, in our hearts, he is the one who makes each Christian” unique, but united together as one family of God, he said.

It’s the Holy Spirit who “opens the doors and invites us to bear witness to Jesus,” as well as inspiring people to pray and to see God as father, lib-

erating individuals from feeling like an “orphan,” which is what the devil would like to see, he said.

However, Christians risk reducing the faith to a code of ethics when they do not live out the mission of the Holy Spirit, the pope said.

He said Christians can’t limit themselves just to following the Ten Commandments “and nothing more,” because this leads to “casuistry and a cold morality.”

The Christian life “isn’t ethics. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ,” he said. And it’s the Holy Spirit who “brings me to this encounter with Jesus Christ.”

The pope asked people reflect on whether they are keeping the Holy Spirit, which they received at baptism, locked inside their hearts -- as in a “luxury” prison -- where he is not free to incite, inspire, and explain Jesus’ word to the outside world.

The Holy Spirit “does not know how to make one thing: armchair Christians,” the pope said.

“The Holy Spirit cannot make us ‘virtual’ Christians who are not virtuous. The Holy Spirit makes real Christians. The Spirit takes life as it is and prophetically reads the signs of the times pushing us forward,” he said.

The pope asked people reflect on how the Holy Spirit dwells in them and to pray for the grace to be “docile” to him.

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ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL Friday, May 20 - 5:30-8:30 pm All Saints Academy School 2855 E. Livingston Ave.

A number of food trucks, as well as music, entertainment, children's games, face-painting and other funactivities. Popcorn and a variety of tasty dessert treats will be on sale.

Great family fun for everyone!

MAY

12, THURSDAY

Regional Cenacle at Holy Name

5:30 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by regional Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests. 614-262-0390

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics tours museum, which holds the nation's largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork. BYOB and an appetizer to share. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

Catechism Uncorked in Delaware

7 p.m., Amato's Woodfired Pizza, 6 S. Sandusky St., Delaware. Catechism Uncorked social for 36- to 64-year-olds, sponsored by Delaware St. Mary Church adult faith formation program, featuring social time, questions

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

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

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

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for speaker Father David Sizemore, pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, and food for purchase. 740-513-3325

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

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

14, 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.

Mother-Daughter Tea at Sugar Grove

Noon, St. Joseph Church, 308 Elm St., Sugar Grove. Annual parish mother-daughter tea with local author, speaker, and radio host Elizabeth Ficocelli discussing "Spiritual Warfare in the Age of Mary." 740-746-8302

Catholic Record Society Meeting

12:30 p.m., Mozart's Restaurant, 4784 N. High St., Columbus. Catholic Record Society annual luncheon. Speaker: Timothy M. Walter, Catholic Press Association executive director. \$25; reservations required. 614-268-4166

30th Anniversary for Fathers Millisor, Colopy

7 p.m., Parish life center, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Celebration honoring 30th anniversary of ordinations of Father Daniel Millisor, pastor, and Father James Colopy, retired and in residence. There also will be anniversary receptions after Masses at 5 p.m. May 14 and 8 and 9:30 a.m. and noon May 15. 614-875-3322

15, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Mass for Those Who Recently Joined the Church

10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates annual diocesan Pentecost Mass for neophytes (those who recently joined the Catholic Church, mainly at the Easter Vigil), followed by reception. 614-221-4640

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick

Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

Note change in date for this month. 1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection. 614-512-3731

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

16, MONDAY

Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Cathedral

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available. 614-224-1295

17, 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

18, WEDNESDAY

Abortion Recovery Network Group

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. 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

St. Mary Magdalene Speaker Series

Noon, St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish Year of Mercy series continues with Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns speaking on "Care for Creation." Bring lunch; soft drinks provided. RSVP to 614-274-1121, extension 13.

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

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

20-21, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Marriage Preparation Program at St. Elizabeth

6 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. "The Joy-Filled Marriage," diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office marriage preparation program. \$175 fee per couple includes meals. 614-241-2560

20-22, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee

St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Annual camporee sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all Boy and Girl Scouts, Venture and Camp Fire members, and adults who work with young people. Theme: "The Universal Church." Weekend program for those in grades six to 12; Saturday program for first- through fifth-graders. Fulfills Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei award retreat requirements. 614-263-7832

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 and Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, with Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet speaking on "Our Friend Faustina: Lessons of Mercy for a Woman's Life." Cost \$20. Register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.

Women's Morning of Reflection at Sts. Peter and Paul

9 a.m. to noon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Women's morning of reflection, led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: "The Gift of Peace." Cost \$20, including continental breakfast. 740-928-4246

Balanced Way Workshop for Women at Corpus Christi

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Workshop on body awareness methods led by registered nurse, massage therapist, and acupuncturist MaryAnne Linder. Cost \$50. Maximum 20 participants. 614-512-3731

Father O'Brien's 60th Anniversary at Newman Center

10 a.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Mass, followed by reception honoring the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Father David O'Brien, CSP, former center director. 614-291-4674

Human Trafficking Workshop at de Porres Center

10 a.m. to noon, Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Workshop on human trafficking for high school students, parents, and teachers. 614-416-1910

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

Introduction to Centering Prayer at de Porres Center

1 to 5 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Introduction to centering prayer, led by Adele Sheffek of Contemplative Outreach Ltd. 614-416-1910

Stella Niagara Franciscan Sisters Gathering

2 p.m., The Boathouse at Confluence Park, 679 W. Spring St., Columbus. Gathering sponsors by Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity (Stella Niagara Franciscans) to celebrate their 142-year history in Columbus and explore the future. \$35 per person. 716-754-2193

21-22, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Young Adult Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. "For the Least" retreat for young adults, rooted in key themes of Catholic social justice teachings, sponsored by Charis Ignatian spirituality group. Includes community service time on Saturday. 614-241-2565



BOOK REVIEW

A Godly Humanism

Reviewed by Father C. John McCloskey

This book, written by the late Cardinal Francis George, former archbishop of Chicago, occupied his efforts until the final days of his life.

Cardinal George was both a deep thinker and a magnificent archbishop and cardinal of the challenging city of Chicago. Despite his scholarship and his ease in the intellectual world, the Catholic Church for Cardinal George was not in the end a movement built upon ideas, but a communion built around relationships.

A Godly Humanism is Cardinal George's final gift to the Church he served so well. In it, he brilliantly shares his understanding of the Church, its relationship to those who make up its members, and its relationship with the culture in which Catholics themselves live.

Cardinal George presents a model for how the spiritual and intellectual life of Christians can be integrated, exemplified in particular by St. Augustine's path to the truth, captured in his *Confessions*. As Cardinal George explains, though the brilliant Augustine spent years honing his own intellect on the thinking of the most brilliant minds he could find in a late-Roman culture still linked to a great intellectual tradition, he was not merely playing with ideas or indulging in mind games. He was searching to find and commit

to ultimate truth, which he finally located (by God's grace) in the Triune God, who is infinitely more than an intellectual proposition.

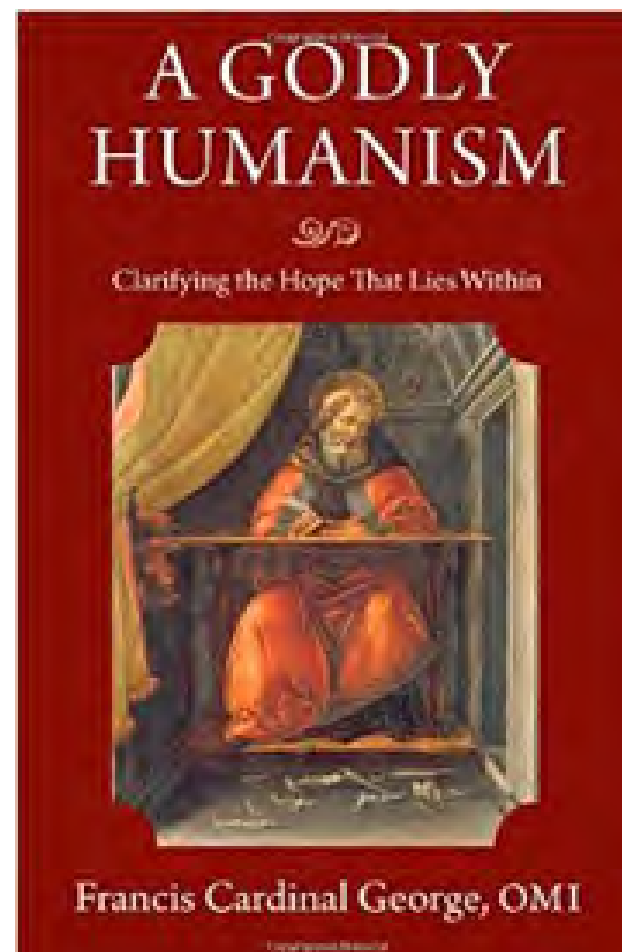
By sharing the milestones of his spiritual and intellectual journey, the cardinal invites us to view the Church's inner history in a way that goes beyond the categories of politics. In this history, what truly propels events is not independent human initiative, but God's loving and interested relationship with his creatures – his action in, with, and through human history.

A Godly Humanism is in one sense Cardinal George's unfolding of Divine Providence in his life and in the life of the Church, in a personal response of gratitude for the way of grace. He speaks of the saints in the Catholic intellectual life, and the importance of the integrated life, and grapples with questions about how education in our post-Christian society can best integrate culture and religion.

He also gives us some ideas on how to integrate the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

I highly recommend this book for Catholic readers and for non-Catholic readers, as we are all called to bring people to the Church – or to bring them back to the Church.

This book is a welcome final gift from a good and wise shepherd of the Church – someone who, particularly in his last years, suffered much and well for the



Church. I would not be surprised if his cause for sainthood were, in years to come, introduced; meanwhile, we all can profit from these final fruits of his great and balanced intellect.

Father C. John McCloskey is a Church historian and nonresident research fellow at the Faith and Reason Institute in Washington.

This review originally appeared in the National Catholic Register.

International Children's Choir to Perform in Westerville

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir has included the Diocese of Columbus in its 2016 tour of the United States. The choir, sponsored by the International Children's Network, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St. The choir is made up of 22 orphaned or at-risk children ages nine to 16 from Liberia, Peru, and India. They were selected from hundreds of children who auditioned in their home nations, and have come to the United States for one year. They create a show and tour the United States for 10 months while continuing their education with private tutors. The money they raise through donations and selling merchandise from their homelands supports the children's education through the sponsorship of universities and trade-level schools in their home nations. This "hand-up" approach attempts to address and break the cycle of poverty.

Photo courtesy Matsiko World Orphan Choir



ANNUAL RED MASS CELEBRATED FOR JUDGES, LAWYERS



Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated the annual Red Mass for judges, lawyers, and public officials on Wednesday, May 4, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. The homilist was Father Monte Hoyles, JCL, chancellor of the Diocese of Toledo. He spoke of how all law has at its root a conviction that truth exists, is intimately connected to Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and springs from faith in the Blessed Trinity.

“Guided by the Holy Spirit, the law can indeed lead us to truth, ... but only when we unite it to the Father’s mercy,” he said. Red vestments are worn for the Mass because it is a Mass of the Holy Spirit, and red is the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit.



The Red Mass is a European tradition marking the beginning of a judicial term. It was brought to the United States in 1928 and was revived in Columbus in 1985 under the leadership of the Thomas More Society, which brings together for prayer people of all faiths who are involved with the legal and judicial professions. For the 10th time in the 31 years it has sponsored the Mass, the society presented its Thomas More Award for distinguished service to the community and the organization. This year’s recipient was attorney Thomas Bonasera (pictured above at right), who received the honor from attorney Alphonse Cincione, the society’s president. Bonasera has been the society’s secretary for many years, is a former president of the Ohio State Bar Association, and is a frequent lecturer at bar association-sponsored programs.

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

At your Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus
Monday ~ May 30, 2016



Fr. Dan Dury
Pastor
St. Catharine Church

ST. JOSEPH

6440 S. High Street
(Route 23) South of I-270

11:00 A.M. MASS

IN OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL

614-491-2751

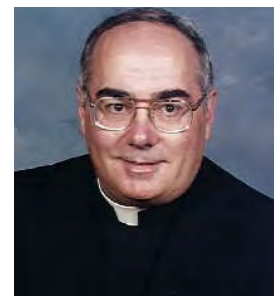
MT. CALVARY

581 Mt. Calvary Avenue
at West Mound Street

11:00 A.M. MASS

ON PRIEST'S CIRCLE

614-491-2751



Fr. Kevin Lutz
Pastor
St. Mary Church/German Village

RESURRECTION

9571 N. High Street
(Route 23) North of I-270

1:00 P.M. MASS

IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM

Military Flag Raising and Salute/12:00 Noon
V.F.W. Post #2398

614-888-1805

HOLY CROSS

11539 National Rd. S.W.
(Route 40) East of I-270

11:00 A.M. MASS

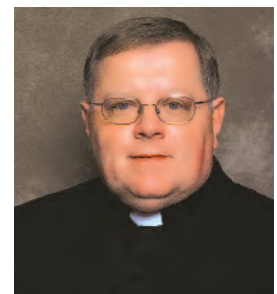
IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM

Military Service/10:30 A.M.
V.F.W. Post #9473

740-927-4442



Fr. Raymond Larussa
Pastor
St. Matthias Church



Msgr. David Funk
Pastor
St. Pius X Church

SPECIAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS

SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

MONDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Cemetery personnel will be available to answer questions and help locate family grave spaces

