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The Editor's Notebook

The Quest for Knowledge

“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.” Proverbs 18:15

Education, if it is to be of any value, needs to prepare the whole student with the knowledge and wisdom required to live the life God intends for him or her. Knowledge divorced from God's divine revelation is like a ship without a compass. It may make progress, but there is no telling where it will end up. There is a real difference between a Catholic education and a generic secular education.

Sadly, our public schools have lost the ability to bring real spiritual values into the education process. Students are presented with factual knowledge, but not with the spiritual direction to apply that knowledge. Too many young people come out of schools without a moral dimension to their education and that leads them into lives disconnected from the love of God. We now have scientists who blindly follow any new technology simply because they have the ability to do it without regard to the moral implications of their actions. We have doctors and nurses who confuse the thwarting of natural human functions such as reproduction as normal health care and who have no qualms about ending inconvenient lives in the form of unwanted babies and burdensome, unproductive elderly. We have civic leaders who use their knowledge to create structures and laws where everyone decides their own right and wrong and society devolves into chaos. We have business leaders who lack an understanding of the moral responsibilities of their actions as they affect their customers, their employees, the environment and the broader community.

But that is not the case in our Catholic

By David Garick, Editor Schools. As you will read in this issue, the new school year will bring wonderful opportunities for our young people to receive a rich blend of academic and spiritual nourishment. Students come out of our schools not only with knowledge but with wisdom and spirituality that will enable them to build lives full of meaning and purpose. This comes from a curriculum that includes the highest level of academic excellence paired with the spiritual context that allows them to apply that knowledge in a meaningful way. Equally important is the careful tending these students receive from our caring teachers, pastors, parishes and, most importantly, actively involved parents.

This is Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Columbus. Many of our schools will be holding special events to highlight their superior programs and educational opportunities. Too many parents feel that there is no alternative to the public schools which increasingly fail to meet the need to provide an education that is fully rounded and spiritually grounded. There is a better way. Parents can make a commitment to their children's future by enrolling them in a Catholic school. The rest of us can also play a role by providing financial support to Catholic education to help provide tuition assistance and other aid for students seeking a Catholic Education.

Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do.” You will never hear that in a public school. But students learn to live it in our Catholic Schools.

**VISIT FROM ROME**

The Superior General of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Michael Angelo, CFIC (center-left), made his first-ever visit to the United States to meet with Bishop Campbell (center-right) and two priests of the Congregation serving in Columbus: Fr. Ramon Owera, CFIC (far left) and Fr. John Vadakketton, CFIC (far right).

Priests of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception have been serving in hospital ministry for several years in our diocese, while in residence at Holy Cross Church in downtown Columbus.

Earlier this year Bishop Campbell, working with the Congregation's North American Delegate Superior, Fr. Ugo Sturabotti, CFIC, appointed Fr. Ramon and Fr. John to serve as administrator and associate administrator, respectively, of St. Elizabeth Parish (Columbus) while continuing their important hospital ministry in the Columbus area.

A third member of their congregation is expected to arrive in Columbus later this year. While in Columbus Fr. Michael Angelo celebrated Mass twice at St. Elizabeth parish and had the opportunity to meet and get to know parish staff and parishioners. Fr. Ramon said “Fr. Michael was glad to meet with the Bishop and the people of St. Elizabeth's, and is very pleased for us to be serving in Columbus. He is very happy, as are Fr. John and I, to be at St. Elizabeth's. We cannot thank the Lord enough for this wonderful opportunity.”



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Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Columbus, with the theme “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service” is being celebrated from Sept. 25-Oct. 1.

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FROM THE DESK OF

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DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



The Diocese of Columbus celebrates Catholic Schools Week (CSW) this year from Sunday, Sept. 25 to Saturday, Oct. 1. During this week, our schools plan celebrations and Masses for their students, families, and parishioners, and welcome members from the community. Again this year, the theme for the national Catholic Schools Week is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” CSW gives me the opportunity to talk about the purpose for Catholic education, renewing our commitment to Catholic schools, and sharing some statistics from our amazing diocesan schools.

The Purpose for Catholic Education

Many definitions about the purpose for Catholic schools come from documents such as *Divini Illius Magistri* (Pope Pius XI’s encyclical on Christian education); *Gravissimum Educationis* (Blessed Pope Paul VI’s declaration on Christian education); *To Teach As Jesus Did*, by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; *Lay Catholics in Schools: Witness to Faith*, by the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, and more. I have listed below what I believe are some of the main purposes for a Catholic education. Our schools:

- perfect in students all dimensions of God to help them reach the kingdom of heaven;

- are places to encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist;

- are places to carry out the salvific mission of the Church;

- develop students to become disciples who live fully the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints;

- provide a holistic approach to education by teaching students our Catholic values and morals, while challenging them to excel spiritually, intellectually, physical, and socially; and

- integrate our Catholic worldview into the curriculum.

Renewing our Commitment to Catholic Schools

CSW provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to Catholic education. The Office of Catholic Schools is renewing its commitment to our schools in the following areas:

Catholic Mission

- Training for pastors of parishes with Catholic schools

- New pastor and administrator training

- Pastoral advisory committee

- Committee to look at sports and the sacredness of the Sabbath

Academic Excellence

- Summer learning academy for teachers and administrators

- Research-based teaching methodologies: problem-based learning, blended learning, STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics)

- Resident Educator program

- Professional development for principals

- Pilot partnership with Catholic Social Service’s foster grandparent program that brings in adults age 55 and older to mentor and tutor students, especially in the area of reading, to help schools achieve educational goals

Leadership

- New teacher orientation

- Training for aspiring leaders

- Training for first- and second-year administrators

- Training for pastors of schools

- Leadership training for administrators

- Training schools about the principal selection process

Financial Viability

- Taking advantage of Ohio Department of Education scholarship programs (Ohio EdChoice and its expansion, Autism, Jon Peterson, and Early Childhood Development)

- Bishop’s elementary school planning commission that meets annually to review the financial viability of all elementary schools

- Diocesan Catholic schools advisory commission researching funding models and operational viability

- Participation in state grant program to remove high levels of lead in water coming from sinks, water fountains, and plumbing (\$15,000 maximum per school)

- Facility management

Governance

- School advisory committee training

- Interparochial school advisory training

- Board of trustees training

- Review and implementation of new governance models for schools

Advocacy

- \$100,000, three-year grant from The Catholic Foundation to promote our schools at the diocesan and local levels through branding and communication

- Re-establishing annual fund drives at some high schools

- Participating in selection of development directors at some high schools

- Long-term sustainability training

- School planning in cases where a new charter is required.

Statistics About Our Schools

The Diocese of Columbus has 42 elementary schools and 11 high schools, located in 15 of its 23 counties. Enrollment remains steady. The first-day enrollment total for the 2016-2017 school year for all our elementary schools was 10,825, which represents a one percent increase from the last school year. High-school enrollment (4,682) also was up one percent. Overall enrollment was 15,507 students.

EdChoice Scholarships

Results from our first day of school enrollment included a count of the number of students whose parents wanted to provide their son or daughter with a Catholic education, but would have been unable to do so without the help of EdChoice and EdChoice expansion scholarships.

The Ohio Department of Education’s Educational Choice scholarship (EdChoice) program provides students from underperforming public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools. It provides the same opportunity to low-income students entering kindergarten through third grade. The program offers a maximum of 60,000 EdChoice scholarships to eligible students throughout the state. The scholarship amount is currently \$4,650 for grades kindergarten to eight and \$6,000 for grades nine to 12. EdChoice will pay either the scholarship amount or the private school’s actual tuition amount, whichever is less.

Some diocesan elementary schools do not have any students with these scholarships, while one school has 95 percent of students receiving scholarships. The average percentage of students with EdChoice scholarships is 23 percent. Only one of our 11 high schools does not have any EdChoice scholarship students. The highest percentage for one school is 67 percent. The average percentage for all high schools is 17.3 percent, while the total for all elementary and high schools is 21 percent.

Standardized Test Scores

At the elementary school level, our students take the TerraNova test from third through eighth grades. The TerraNova is a series of standardized achievement tests used in the United States and designed to assess student achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, vocabulary, spelling, and other areas. Looking only at reading and math, our students perform 20 to 30 percentage points above the national average.

Our juniors in high school take the ACT, which is a standardized test designed to show colleges how prepared students are for higher education by measuring their reading comprehension, knowledge of writing conventions, and computational skills and comparing them with the rest of the students who take it. It essentially serves as a nationwide college admission test (though it’s far from the only factor schools consider). Our students score well above the national average on all the tests (English, reading, mathematics, science, and the composite average of all test scores).

General Information

The mean (average) percentage of Catholics attending our schools is 78 percent, with 22 percent non-Catholic. Fifty-one percent are males and 49 percent are females. The high-school graduation rate for all our schools is 99 percent, while for the state of Ohio, it is 82 percent. The percentage of our high school graduates continuing

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

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Did you think about the things that keep you well-grounded this past week? We have family, spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren, and other close relatives who make up a large part of who we are. Their love, attention, and example have a major impact on us. Of course, we all do stupid things, make bad decisions, and sin as human beings. But we remain well-grounded, in part because our well-rounded family members have been so good to us over the years. We also have good friends and co-workers. I am blessed with many friends who are excellent role models as good, solid, loving Christian people. I try to learn from them as I go. And my co-workers right now are among the best with whom I have ever worked. Not only do they take great pride in their work, but they are wonderful, spiritual, good Christian people themselves.

Finally, at the top of the list is the Eucharist. It is the basis of all that is our Catholic faith. It is the basis for our hope. It is the basis of love, and is love itself. The Eucharist is the real presence of our God in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We know that Eucharist means thanksgiving, and for what could we be more thankful than the grace, love, and mercy that is Jesus Christ in the Eucharist? Our parents, spouse, and family keep us grounded in a difficult and challenging world today. Our God keeps us grounded in that same world, but prepares us well for the next world that is eternal.

I watch very little television, but one show that I enjoy on a regular basis is "Shark Tank." Normal, regular people make their entrepreneurial pitch to a panel of five millionaires and even a billionaire or two. They seek a significant investment of capital in their business or idea, in the hope that it will really take off. The goal is always eternal wealth and income. I had an interesting dream the other night. I was a contestant on "Shark Tank," but the panel was very different than the television show. And instead of promoting or selling an idea, I was selling my soul. Usually, we hear the term, "selling my soul" in a very negative and devilish way. But in this dream, I had a panel of recently canonized saints who sincerely wanted my soul to be with them for eternity.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton reminded me of my years of Catholic education, and how pleased she was to know that my children had experienced the same. Most important, she reminded me and all of us about the incredible importance of teaching our faith at home first. St. Padre Pio gently reminded me of how important it is to pray and take care of one another, no matter what the risk.

Pope St. John XXIII encouraged me to stay the course and remain faithful to the Sunday Liturgy and worship, while focusing on the importance of our universal liturgy as Catholics. Pope St. John Paul II challenged me to do more through evangelization. I have plenty of family members, friends, and neighbors who are waiting for an invitation to come back. St. Mother Teresa simply smiled with a genuine love and humility and reminded me that I am the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus today.

Our practical challenge this week is to accept the offers from each of these five sharks/saints. Their challenges and loving examples speak for themselves. Contemplate and focus on each of their saintly lives of example and faith in action. Pray for the grace and motivation to live in these ways. Think about selling your soul in a way that achieves eternal life with these saints and our loving God.

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



Terrina Fahnstock named outstanding educator

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School math teacher Terrina Fahnstock has been recognized by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics as a 2016 outstanding educator.

Fahnstock teaches math and algebra to students in grades five to eight.

School principal Laura Corcoran said she nominated Fahnstock for the award because of her ability to reach students at all levels.

"She goes from teaching fifth-graders in one period to Algebra 1 the next. She is always willing to help students at all levels understand math concepts. She realizes that it is crucial that students understand the underlying concepts and



real-world application in order to grow in their understanding of mathematics," Corcoran said.

Last year, all of her algebra students passed the state test in algebra.

Fahnstock is a graduate of Flaget and Chillicothe High School and has received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a master's degree at the University of Cincinnati.

She taught high-school mathematics for five years in the Sciotoville Community Schools before coming to Flaget in 2014. She has presented at the National Best Practices Showcase several times. She also serves as STEM coordinator at Flaget.

Meeting for parents of special-needs children

A meeting for parents of children with special needs who desire that their child have a Catholic education or who have a child with special needs in a Catholic school or religious education program will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 in the Cavello Center at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Columbus St. Catherine School SPICE (Special People In Catholic Education) program.

It will include parents whose special-needs children have attended or are attending Catholic schools, as well as principals of Catholic schools who support the philosophy that inclusion is good for everyone.

There will be a brief look at the Church's teachings on including individuals with special needs, a talk by a Catholic Conference of Ohio representative on resources available to parents, schools, and parishes, and a question-and-answer period.

Men's Luncheon Club

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting on Friday, Oct. 7 will feature Bishop Frederick Campbell's annual talk to the club on matters of current interest related to the Diocese of Columbus and the Catholic Church as a whole.

The meeting will follow the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., and will

end no later than 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A donation of \$10 is requested to cover lunch and meeting costs.

For information on Catholic men's luncheons, visit www.Columbus-CatholicMen.com or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC president, at htm@ejhlaw.com.

PDHC Open House

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers are sponsoring an open house at their west Columbus caring center, 4111 W. Broad St., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

Light refreshments will be served and tours of the center will be available. The open house is open to prospective

volunteers at all PDHC locations and to anyone interested in learning more about PDHC, its services, and how it is helping rebuild a culture of life in the community and the world.

For more information, contact Sara at (614) 888-8774, extension 6115, or stop by on Oct. 6.

RESIDENT EDUCATOR PROGRAM HELPS NEW TEACHERS

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

It's easy to forget that teachers are learners, too – especially if they are just starting as educators.

“Beginning teachers are asked to demonstrate skills they do not have and can only attain through beginning to do what they do not yet understand,” wrote Sharon Feiman-Namser, a professor at Brandeis University who has spent more than 20 years studying how teachers learn to teach, in 2012.

“New teachers need to learn how to think on their feet, size up situations and decide what to do, study the effects of their practice, and use what they learn to inform their planning and teaching. ... (They) also have to learn to teach in a particular context,” she said. “By most accounts, new teachers need three or four years to achieve competence and several more to reach proficiency.”

Until recent years, newly licensed teachers in Ohio and throughout the nation entered their formative years as educators facing what was described as “a ‘sink-or-swim’ situation” by Susan Streitenberger, associate director of high school curriculum, instruction, and assessment for the Schools Office of the Diocese of Columbus.

“They had to discover what worked for them in the classroom and often had little or no mentorship support from other teachers to help them better understand the art and science of teaching,” she said. “This lack of support caused many teachers with great potential to leave the profession during those first three

or four years, a time when a little guidance from experienced colleagues could have helped them overcome their difficulties and discover what approach to teaching works best for them.

“We want good teachers in our classrooms. Through its Resident Educator program, the Ohio Department of Education has come to recognize the support teachers need in their formative years and that teaching is a profession with its own learning curve,” Streitenberger said.

The state began the program, the first of its kind in the nation, in 2011. Since then, participation in it has been a requirement for everyone who receives a state license to teach in Ohio public and nonpublic schools.

“It’s designed along the lines of residency programs in the medical profession,” Streitenberger said. “Teacher development starts with the pre-service preparation that allows a teacher to earn his or her degree in education and be licensed by the state. The Resident Educator program is the next step, lasting four years and allowing a teacher to develop his or skills with the help of a mentor.

“It’s anticipated that support from the mentor and from other teachers working in the same building will lead to improved classroom teaching practice and a stronger commitment to the profession by the new teacher, which in turn will have a positive impact on student achievement.”

All new Ohio teachers receive a four-year Resident Educator license from the state. For the first two years, they are assigned a mentor who has completed a training workshop sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education and works in the same school building. New teachers meet weekly with the mentor, observe other teachers, develop growth goals, and learn how to assess their own teaching efforts. In the Diocese of Columbus, they submit a report to the Office of Catholic Schools at the end of both years.

In their third year, all Ohio teachers must take the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA), a four-part test which demonstrates their ability to design and implement instruction that engages students in complex thinking.

Teachers have two years to successfully complete all four parts. After their first attempt, they have two

additional tries to retake any deficient portions of the assessment during that period or, as an alternative, to participate in at least one meaningful leadership activity determined in collaboration with their school. They complete the four years of their residency by submitting a final report to the Office of Catholic Schools.

Successful completion of the Resident Educator program allows them to qualify for a five-year professional license from the state. Teachers must go back for more training if they are unsuccessful in fulfilling the program’s requirements.

Most teachers taking the RESA pass it on their first try. State figures for the 2015-16 school year show that about 5,800 of 8,500 RESA candidates passed the test. Of that number, only 237 were taking it for a third time.

“The diocesan schools have always done very well on the assessment,” Streitenberger said. “We offer support programs for teachers getting ready to take it that are similar to ACT or SAT preparations for high-school students. We’ve found that most new teachers are pleased with the program and the support they receive from their mentors.”

That satisfaction is reflected in a report on the program’s first four years, conducted for the state Education Department by an evaluation team from Miami, Cincinnati, and Ohio universities. It found that in that period, more than 23,000 Resident Educators were assisted by more than 13,000 mentors.

More than 90 percent of first-year teachers reported that their mentors provided them with emotional support and positively influenced their teaching, with that influence increasing in subsequent years. More than 95 percent of Resident Educators said they felt effective in their teaching at the end of each school year. Since 2012, only one percent reported plans to leave the profession following their first year of teaching. By the end of their third year, only three percent reported that intention.

The report concluded that “Ohio’s districts and schools have focused attention and considerable resources on implementing local Resident Educator programs with quality, achieving positive results and laying the foundation for sustainable, effective local programs.”

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IS DIALYSIS REQUIRED? SCRUFFY CHARACTER IN CHURCH



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. My dad is almost 89 years old. In 1987, he had a double bypass. Right now, he has slow-growing prostate cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. He is also suffering from depression (my mom passed away in 2010), and he looks forward to dying.

He found out recently that he has only 35 percent kidney function. If dialysis is prescribed, from a Catholic point of view, would he have to undergo it? (Knox, Indiana)

A. The short and simple answer is "No." In your father's circumstances, he would be under no ethical obligation to start dialysis. Catholic moral teaching does not require us to use every possible treatment to preserve and prolong life.

Dialysis, in this case, could surely be judged an "extraordinary" or "disproportionate" means in terms of the benefit it might offer.

This moral principle is most clearly expressed in the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, published in 2009 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which state: "A person may forgo extraordinary or disproportionate means of preserving life. Disproportionate means are those that in the patient's judgment do not offer a reasonable hope of benefit or entail an ex-

cessive burden, or impose excessive expense on the family or the community" (No. 57).

Your father can legitimately opt instead for what is sometimes termed "medical management without dialysis," involving palliative care to keep him as comfortable as possible.

Any moral decision depends, of course, on the attendant circumstances. If, on the other hand, your father were 30 years younger, with no life-threatening diseases, and dialysis were likely to offer him many more years of life -- and if, while in the throes of depression, he were motivated chiefly by a desire to end his life -- then the moral calculus might well produce a different result, and dialysis would be the proper moral choice.

I'm looking at your father's situation from afar and based on the information supplied. For your father's peace of mind, he might want to discuss his individual situation with a priest, Catholic ethicist or chaplain -- who, I am confident, would offer him this same comforting advice.

Q. A couple of weeks ago, a clean but scruffy fellow came into Mass and sat on the floor in the back of our church. When it came time for the sign of peace, he came forward to shake hands and

people were a little put off. Then, when Communion came, he approached the altar before anyone else had left their pews.

A church usher quickly got behind him, gave him a "look" and then followed him to the back of the church. I thought this was un-Christian and felt sorry about the treatment he received. What if it were Jesus? (Wisconsin)

A. Within any group setting, there is a natural awkwardness when someone's appearance or behavior departs from the ordinary. As you rightly indicate, though, the Christian community is not about appearances. The man should not have been judged for his "scruffiness," and when he came up for the sign of peace, he should have been greeted warmly and with acceptance.

But the fact that he sat on the floor and that he approached the altar prematurely did create a natural concern. Perhaps the usher feared that the man posed a threat to the priest-celebrant -- although the "look" was clearly out of place.

The response of the worshipping community was, I hope, generally one of sympathy for the man with a desire to offer him assistance should he need it. I hope, too, that the usher, having followed the man to the back of church, engaged him in conversation to help determine his needs and to assure him that he was welcome.

Questions may be sent to Father Doyle at ask-fatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.

ODU Board of Trustees Has Four New Members

Ohio Dominican University has appointed Loren Brown, Grady Campbell, Sister Gemma Doll, OP, and Robert Gorman to its board of trustees for terms of three years each.

"These four individuals are passionate and dedicated advocates for Ohio Dominican University, its mission, and the quality Catholic education it provides for its students," said board chairman Tom Mueller. "They are exceptional individuals who will serve as strong advocates for the university in its efforts to grow and prosper in the years ahead while remaining true to its mission as a Catholic Dominican university."

Brown is the president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation, where he stewards its charitable gifts for educational, social, vocational, and parish needs of the Diocese of Columbus. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Toledo and a master of business administration degree from the University of Notre Dame. Brown is a member of the Knights of Columbus and board chair for the Columbus chapter of Legatus, a group of Catholic business executives.

Campbell is a senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Motorists Insurance Group in Columbus. He has more than 27 years of experience in marketing and management with property and casualty insurance companies. Campbell earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Cleveland State University. He also serves as vice president for the Le-

gatus Columbus chapter's board and is on the board of trustees for St. Stephen's Community House.

Sister Gemma serves on the leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, ODU's founding congregation. She attended the Dominican Sisters Prep School and joined the Dominican community in Great Bend, Kansas. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Marymount College of Salina, Kansas, and worked in pediatric nursing before traveling to Nigeria to teach nursing. After returning to the United States, she earned a master of science degree in nursing and taught as a nurse practitioner. Sister Gemma served as assistant prioress and prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend congregation before it joined with several other congregations to form the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

Gorman has 30 years of experience in tax consulting. His experience includes managing the Deloitte Columbus tax practice, serving as Deloitte's Ohio Valley regional real estate leader and as a member of its real estate national leadership team, as well as managing the Central Region's tax resources in Hyderabad, India. He previously was chairman of the boards of The Catholic Foundation, the Columbus district council of the Urban Land Institute, and BalletMet. Gorman received an associate degree in business from the University of Chicago, a master of art degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a master of taxation degree from the Capital University Law School.

Ready Graduates Named AP Scholars

The College Board recently announced that 12 members of the Columbus Bishop Ready High School Class of 2016 received its Advanced Placement Scholar awards for the 2015-16 academic year.

Holly Guggenmiller, Cortney Hackney, Andres Walliser-Wejebe, and Benjamin Young were AP scholars with distinction, having received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams they took and scores of 3 or higher on five or

more of these exams.

Named AP scholars with honor, having received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams, were Nicole Naporano, Ryann Scarberry, and Henry Tokar Young.

Emily Cline, Abby Ellis, Frances Reategui, Claire Sapp, and Mebius Sun were AP scholars, having received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS GET STATE AID

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

Thirteen diocesan schools have received a total of \$740,000 from the Ohio Department of Education to expand their Early Childhood Education programs.

The money will enable the schools to provide pre-school services to 185 economically disadvantaged children whose families want them to obtain the benefits of a Catholic education as early as possible, but who would not be able to afford it without such assistance.

The money is part of \$10 million in additional pre-school funding the Ohio Legislature has provided to public and nonpublic schools across the state for fiscal 2017. This increased the state's investment in high-quality preschool programs to \$75 million annually through Early Childhood Education grants. Based on an allocation of \$4,000 per child, the \$10 million will provide funding for about 2,500 children, increasing the number aided by the grants to approximately 18,750.

The purpose of the grant is to maximize a child's educational experiences before kindergarten and provide quality early learning services to eligible four-year-old children.

The grants are for children from low-income families who attend existing high-quality early learning programs in high-need school districts. Such districts have a high percentage of economically disadvantaged children and have performed poorly in the state's kindergarten readiness and third-grade reading tests. High-quality programs are those which have an existing site, use the state's early learning assessment, maintain a three- to five-star rating in the state's Step Up to Quality program, and serve children for at least 12.5 hours per week for a minimum of 455 hours during the year.

Children whose early learning programs and school districts fit these criteria are eligible for the grants if their family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Money for the grants has been divided among 12 geographic regions of the state. The amount allocated per region is based on the proportion of economically disadvantaged kindergarten children within the region relative to those within Ohio. Because of its 23-county geographic area, the largest of any diocese



in the state, the Diocese of Columbus has schools in seven of the 12 regions.

Maria Phillips of the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools said 17 diocesan schools were eligible for the grants, and 13 applied and were awarded grants. When nonpublic schools first became eligible for the program four years ago, just three schools – Columbus St. Cecilia, Coshocton Sacred Heart, and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – were grant recipients.

This year's recipients from the diocese, and the number of grants they will receive, are:

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget, 15; Columbus All Saints, nine; Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem, five; Columbus St. Catharine, four; Columbus St. Cecilia, five; Columbus St. Mary, 52; Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, 20; Coshocton Sacred Heart, 25; Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 10; Lancaster St. Mary, eight; Marion St. Mary, three; Newark St. Francis de Sales, four; and Portsmouth Notre Dame, 25.

Phillips said the Early Childhood Education grants combine with Ohio's EdChoice programs to benefit economically disadvantaged families.

EdChoice provides as many as 60,000 state-funded scholarships for grades kindergarten through 12 to students who otherwise would be attending low-performing public schools. Scholarship amounts are \$4,650 for grades kindergarten through eight and \$6,000 for grades nine through 12.

In addition, the EdChoice program has been expanded this year to include all Ohio students in kindergarten through third grade whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and who want to attend a nonpublic school, whether or not their public school falls under EdChoice guidelines. This expansion will continue by one grade each year.

"The big picture when it comes to the Early Childhood Education grants is that they allow parents who wish to do so to send their children to a Catholic school and learn our values from the earliest possible point. With the EdChoice grants, this assistance can continue all the way to high school graduation," Phillips said.

"The preschool year which the Early Childhood grants cover is especially important for students who

are economically disadvantaged or English-language learners. It gives them an extra year to catch up, a year that's paid for in which they can strengthen their math and language skills, making it easier for them to be successful at the elementary level."

Mary Stenner, principal of Coshocton Sacred Heart School, said she would use this year's Early Childhood grants for tuition for eligible students and for upgrading the two basement rooms in the school building that serve as preschool space.

"Last year, we had 42 preschoolers, and 75 percent of them are returning for kindergarten," she said. That's a significant number in a school which last year had 113 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. "It's a real boost for the school."

She said expansion of the EdChoice program also had a big effect on her school. "Two years ago, we had eight EdChoice students, last year, 20; and this year, 25," Stenner said. "EdChoice funds help pay teachers and aides and are used to provide us with the kind of supplies, SMART boards, and computers that allow us to match anything public schools can offer."

Ann Kempf, principal of Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary School, said the \$100,000 her school will receive in state ECE grant money will help it prepare for a Step Up to Quality program evaluation which is being mandated for all state-funded early childhood programs, beginning this fall.

When she received the letter announcing the grant. "I opened it up and I was like 'Oh my gosh, you've got to be kidding me.'" I counted the zeroes and I was just amazed," Kempf said.

"Now begins the process of paperwork and getting our building ready. Once that happens, the state will send an evaluator and we will get our Step Up to Quality rating."

Step Up to Quality, which has a history in Ohio going back to the mid-2000s, promotes consistency of standards in learning and development, staff qualifications and professional development, administrative and leadership practices, and family and community partnerships on a statewide basis. It's based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.

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BOOK BUDDIES

For many years, Lancaster St. Bernadette School has fostered the relationships children build among their peers and those in other grades. These relationships encourage patience, role modeling, and self-discipline.

Fourth-graders are paired with first-graders as “book buddies” who work together to nurture the love of reading and writing. Students are matched fifth-grade-to-kindergarten and second-to-third-grade (as well as fourth-to-first) as “Mass buddies.” The older grades assist the younger grades in getting excited about and understanding the Mass, as well as modeling good behavior during Mass.

Fourth-grade teacher Robin Sanders tells new parents that she treasures conversations with seniors at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School who say they still “look out for their book buddies” when the younger students arrive at Fisher as eager, sometimes nervous, new freshmen.

September is National Literacy Month, and St. Bernadette marked the occasion by introducing new literacy groups that stretch beyond the classroom and helping students build a literacy chain. This new approach focuses on high-quality instructional activities that ensure learning to read. Every day at the same time, the entire school is taking part in a literacy block, with every student focusing on literacy and language arts.

Children whose literacy skills are above grade level have been moved to a more advanced reading group within the school, while those who are struggling have been grouped in a way that enables teachers to give them more in-



dividualized instruction. Previously, children were challenged by their grade level teacher. This new method gives all students the ability to grow exponentially. Teachers are eager to see the benefits of these groups, coupled with the Orthon-Gillingham methodology of reading instruction, which was introduced several years ago across all grade levels at the school.

This month, students have a different literacy challenge to complete each day. They are being asked to read to a family member, a pet, or a favorite stuffed animal. On some days, they will read with a hat on or on a beach towel at school with all their friends. Wednesday is always “No TV Day,” which encourages students to pick up a book of their choice and read instead.

With the completion of three challenges, each student earns a literacy link that will become part of a chain to be displayed at a family lunch period on Friday, Sept. 30.

Photo: Lancaster St. Bernadette School teachers Heather Malley (left) and Betsy Loy work with second- and third-graders during literacy block time. Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

SCHOOL-BUS SAFETY

Logan St. John School students and staff members practiced evacuating the bus in case of an emergency as part of the school’s annual bus safety program. Carol Lehman, safety director for the Logan-Hocking School District, explained that during an evacuation, two people are needed to help students out of the bus and two more tell the students where to go so they are out of danger. She encouraged older students to step up to this responsibility, if needed.



A mock bus activity took place with the students and bus driver Angela Belcher. While “picking up” students on the route, one student put his feet in the aisle. Belcher had to take her eyes off the road to tell the student to keep the aisle clear and place his feet back into the seat area. When the driver has to take his or her eyes off of the road, it can create many hazards and dangerous situations, not only for the passengers, but also for those walking and driving in the area.

After Lehman explained the importance of bus safety to the students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade and reviewed bus rules, the students went out to the bus and practiced the proper way to get on and off. They also learned what the danger zone was and why it was important to avoid that area. When Lehman placed student Braxton Nye in the danger zone, the students could see that the driver could not see him and how near he was to the bus.

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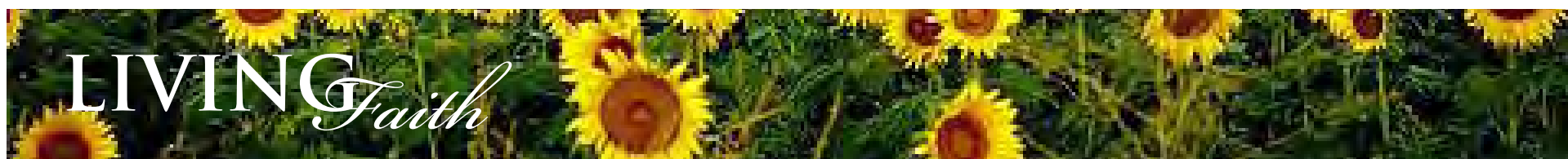
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I attended two beautiful weddings recently and this reminded me of the importance of our community of loved ones, both family and friends, who care, guide, challenge, and support us through the everyday joys and challenges of life. Our community of loved ones is our front line, our village that is ready to do whatever we need whenever we need it.

It might seem like an odd comparison, but people join a gym to be part of a community, too. They depend on the coach and other exercise enthusiasts with similar goals to guide, care, challenge, and support them on their journey to improved health and strength. Some might have started out doing it on their own at home, then discovered it can be more fun and rewarding to learn, practice, and train in a group that pushes them to levels they might not explore or achieve on their own.

It's the same with our spiritual lives. Our brothers and sisters in Christ guide, care, challenge, and support us in different ways as we seek to grow closer to Jesus and to know him better. Those who know us best and love us the most are often those through whom God speaks to us about the direction and priorities in our lives.

In my own life, my husband, Al, often has been one who can help me discern whether something is my will or God's will. It's a gift to have those people in our lives who help us to stay on the road to holiness. The fewer detours, the better!

Because we generally are social creatures, we may gravitate toward groups almost naturally in different areas of our lives — especially our spiritual lives. Sometimes it might be tempting to stay safely enfolded in prayer in the quiet of our homes, even when we know that praying in community, authentically sharing our spiritual struggles with others, learning from one another on retreats, and serving in ministry can be special opportunities for spiritual growth.

Perhaps no one was more aware of our need for each other than St. Teresa of Calcutta. She enjoyed the company of her Sisters immensely. She spent private time in prayer daily before the Blessed Sacrament. She gave her life to public ministry. Words such as the following from her remind us that we're all called to care for others, wherever we are in our lives, and it can be as simple as offering a smile and kind words:



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Take a moment today to pray in gratitude for the communities you are part of and how they guide, care, challenge, support, and love you.

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CRISTO REY PREPARES TO GRADUATE FIRST CLASS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The 2016-17 academic year promises to be a time of fulfillment for Columbus Cristo Rey High School.

Entry of this year's freshman class of 130 students makes it a four-year high school for the first time and brings total enrollment to 380. School president Jim Foley and principal Cathy Thomas said future classes are anticipated to include 130 to 140 students.

The school will award its first diplomas on June 11, 2017 at the Columbus Athenaeum to an anticipated graduating class which includes 50 of the 85 young men and women who became its first students on Aug. 5, 2013, when classes began in the former Diocesan Child Guidance Center.

That building was a temporary home for the school, which moved the following year to its permanent location in the former Ohio School for the Deaf at 400 E. Town St., next door to the newly renovated main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

"It certainly doesn't seem like four years since classes began," said Foley, who became the school's first employee in 2011, three years after a group of local business executives, former diocesan school Superintendent Lucia McQuaide, and Bishop Frederick Campbell began looking at other Cristo Rey schools nationwide and considering whether one should be located in Columbus.

"Time has flown by so quickly. The school has moved to this magnificent building, which has been beautifully restored so that it looks as fresh as it did when it opened in 1899, with all of today's technology added. But as dramatic as the physical changes have been, what's most significant is what has happened to that first group of students in four years," Foley said.

"They have really blossomed. You can see how much more mature and self-confident they are. The contrast is pretty amazing. With them, it's more than just the

natural growing-up process. What they've learned from our staff and from the mentors they've had in the businesses that are part of Cristo Rey's unique work-study cooperative shows in their demeanor, both with each other and with the adults who are part of their school and work lives.

"They've persevered," Thomas said. "Coming from economically disadvantaged families, they've withstood and overcome adversity through hard work and dedication. This year, they'll see this begin to pay off as they are accepted to colleges and get ready for graduation. This is a stressful time for them and there will be some disappointment, but you can sense the excitement among them and the bonds they've formed with each other."

"I feel a real sense of connection among our class," said Cristo Rey senior Alex Green. "We're all concerned with each other and want to be there to help each other as much as possible. You can see that even in little things like how somebody fixed my tie before I came up here" for an interview with the *Catholic Times*.

Green has been a work-study intern at Mount Carmel Medical Center and COSI Columbus. At the latter location, he conducted science cart demonstrations "for everyone from kindergarten students to corporate CEOs. One executive said I spoke so well that he'd feel comfortable about having me as an intern for his company if I were older," he said. Green plans to attend college somewhere in California and major in early childhood education, science education, or biochemistry.

"One thing I've appreciated here is that the teachers and staff have taken the time to listen to the students," said Grace Shultz, who plans to major in communications and hopes to have a career in public relations or advertising. "My input has been valued by both the school administration and the people I've worked with in business. I've been told I'm a unifier. This is really significant when you hear that from an adult." Shultz is returning this year to a

work-study internship with Village Communities, a Westerville condominium developer.

Arturo Vallejo spend his first three years at Panacea Products of Columbus, which makes a variety of garden and craft items and was the first of Columbus Cristo Rey's original 20 business sponsors. "The work-study program allowed me to learn and do a lot of things I wouldn't have been offered at another school. I've gotten involved with production, development, and finance and seen how the business world really works," he said. Vallejo is deciding whether he wants to major in business or in one of the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects. He anticipates attending The Ohio State University, but also has applied to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his "dream" school.

"The most important thing I'm going to be taking away from Cristo Rey is the bonds I've formed," said Vanesa Mora, who plans to major in engineering or social anthropology at OSU, Loyola of Chicago, or Notre Dame. "There are the bonds with my classmates, bonds with the teachers who care about me and who have come to me before and after classes to make sure I understand certain concepts, and bonds with the supervisors I've had at Nationwide Children's Hospital. They've mentored me, given me good advice about the professional world, and made me realize the importance of combining creativity with attention to detail."

The Cristo Rey network, which began in 1996 with a school founded by priests of the Jesuit order in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, now has 32 schools in 21 states and the District of Columbia. Other Ohio Cristo Rey schools are in Cincinnati and Cleveland. The schools provide a quality Catholic college preparatory education to more than 10,000 students from economically disadvantaged families who live in urban communities with limited educational options.

Cristo Rey's unique work-study model has students usually going

to classes covering all aspects of the diocesan course of studies four days a week and spending one day working at a business or nonprofit organization. This enables them to gain the type of business experience they might not otherwise be able to obtain as high-school students. Four students work as a team at each employer to fill one full-time position. The money they earn goes to the school to help reduce tuition. Their families pay a nominal amount for tuition, depending on their ability to pay. The largest amount of funding comes from employers, who pay \$27,500 for each position they make available.

This year, the school has 107 work-study partners, including 35 to 40 new sponsors. That number has increased every year as the number of students has grown with each new class, and is likely to level out at 125 to 130 now that Cristo Rey has reached its goal of being a four-year institution.

"We started in 2013 with one student and now we have four, with students coming here each weekday," said Noreen Mulcahy of the health sciences library on the Franklinton campus of Mount Carmel Health. "Every year, I am impressed by the level of commitment these students have to learning how to work in a fast-paced professional setting. This year, we have three new students and one returning - Mariel Dillon, a junior who picked up right where she left off in June with her pleasant attitude and shining smile. Jacob Bullard has only been here for three weeks and is already asking to learn more, such as how to answer phones and field questions from callers."

"We've retained more than 90 percent of our work-study sponsors in each of the school's first three years," Foley said. "That indicates the students are fitting in very well."

"It's important that students understand this is a college prep school and that, besides coming from families which are within our income guidelines, they're willing to do the work needed to make them employable as 14-year-olds," he added. "They have to compose themselves

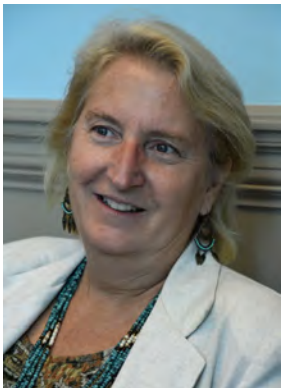
to a certain degree because they represent us to the community.

"We always lose some students from year to year as families get to understand what the school is about and decide whether it's a good fit. That was especially true in our first two years, but there's a better understanding now of what we do," Foley said. "We're unquestionably

The school also has purchased two vans for transporting students to job sites, field trips, and sports events. Cristo Rey added athletics last year and this year is fielding teams in



Jim Foley, president



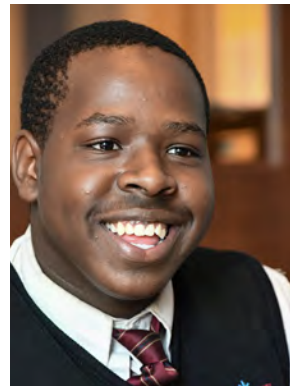
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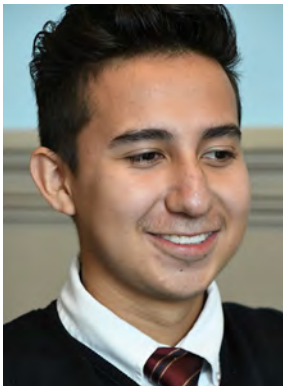
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Arturo Vallejo

better-known now that we have a track record of success, and that makes it easier to tell our story in the community." He said that in the last academic year, Cristo Rey representatives visited 31 public and private schools, spoke at 48 Masses, and visited several churches of other denominations.

The growth in the number of students has been matched by an increase in staff. The school now has 25 teachers, five work-study coordinators, four counselors, and 11 other people in various administrative and development roles, for a total of 45 staff members. Ten new faculty members, a work-study coordinator, and a counselor were added this year. Three teachers - Julianne Corroto, chemistry; Carolyn Rogers, technology; and George Rooney, math - have been there from the start.

Most of the remodeling necessary to turn the building into a school again after it served other purposes, then sat idle for seven years, was completed by the start of the 2015-16 academic year. Perhaps the most notable improvement this year for students is the restoration of the school's access to the city's main library, which reopened in June after its own 16-month renovation.

boys and girls cross country, soccer, basketball, and track and field and girls volleyball. It is a provisional member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and will start competing in state tournaments in 2017-18. In addition, a choir program has added and the school is considering starting a band.

Development director Christine Donovan said the school needs to raise about \$1 million from donors this year. Last year, it received about \$1.1 million. Its annual garden party, the school's largest fundraising event, took place earlier this month, attracting about 400 people and raising about \$215,000.

"Graduating our first class of students means our foundation is essentially done. Now we can build on it," Foley said.

Thomas said she hopes to add more service opportunities as part of the school's extracurricular program in this and subsequent years as a way for students to extend their involvement with the community.

"Many schools talk about growing their STEM programs, but we're aiming for growth in all disciplines," Foley said. "As a Catholic school, our mission is to educate the entire person - body, mind, and soul."



New Watterson Principal

Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated the first Mass of the 2016-17 school year at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School on Friday, Aug. 26, and formally commissioned Deacon Chris Campbell, a member of the Watterson Class of 1977, as principal. The two are not related. Deacon Campbell is the first deacon to serve as principal at a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus. Joining in the celebration were priests, deacons and principals who are Watterson alumni or who are assigned to parishes that feed into the school. Pictured are (from left) Deacon Frank Iannarino, Deacon Tom Berg Jr., Father Bob Penhallurick, Deacon Bill Demidovich, Msgr. Anthony Missimi, Deacon Jim Rouse, Father Michael Watson, Deacon Don Poirier, Deacon Bill Andrews, Bishop Campbell, Deacon Campbell, Deacon Tom Barford, Msgr. John Cody, Father Matt Hoover, Deacon Tony Bonacci, Deacon Klaus Fricke, Father Dan Swartz, and Deacon Jeff Fortkamp.



Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Portsmouth Notre Dame High School students are helping in the community



Students at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School play with children at Notre Dame Elementary School. Senior students at Notre Dame spend two or more hours per week on site at a local nursing home; at STAR, a school for developmentally disabled students; at the Southern Ohio Medical Center; or at the elementary school.

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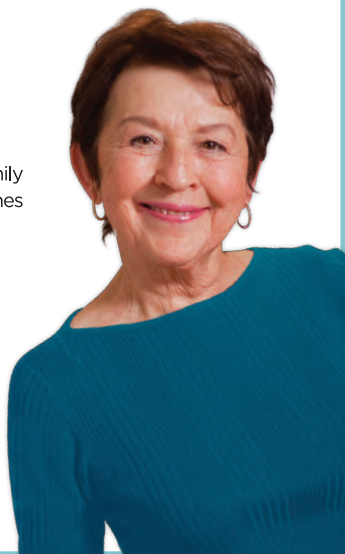
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DISTANCE LEARNING THRIVES AT BISHOP READY

One of the purposes of a solid education is to provide opportunities for students. Columbus Bishop Ready High School's distance learning program gives students at Ready and other area middle schools and high schools the chance to study subjects not readily available at a particular school, allowing them to expand their learning base and to sample subjects not always found on the traditional curriculum.

When the program was instituted in 2009, Ready students were able to take a law class taught off-campus by a practicing lawyer, and students in Ready's elementary partner schools were offered an Algebra I course. Since then, additional courses in languages have been added, as well as a study skills program for seventh- and eighth-grade students.

This year, students from Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Columbus St. Cecilia, London St. Patrick, Columbus Trinity, and Chillicothe Bishop Flaget schools, as well as New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Catholic Junior High School and Columbus

Bishop Watterson High School, are participating in the program. Courses include algebra, Mandarin levels 1 through 4, and Spanish.

Ready principal Celene Seamen, who instituted the distance learning program, said, "The program fits in with the Ready concept of education, bringing new subjects and qualified professionals in an outreach program that benefits the students and gives them an opportunity to expand their possibilities.

"While the program begins in the elementary schools, it can have positive repercussions even beyond Ready. As one example, a recent Ready graduate, Joey Smith of the Class of 2015, began studying Mandarin in the sixth grade at Trinity. He has been, and still is, competing in national Chinese language competitions, placing in each competition. In his second year at The Ohio State University, he has decided to add Chinese to his major, along with ecological engineering."

"The distance learning program not only opens students' minds to a wider world of education, but it also can in-



Dr. Terri Rehner, chair of Columbus Bishop Ready High School's math department, conducts a math class in the school's distance learning classroom.
Photo by John Tupper

fluence their future decisions," Seamen said. "I'm particularly pleased with our study skills program, which empowers middle-school students to excel in class by learning the tools essential for success. This course, in conjunction with our various academic courses, gives students the option to expand their capabilities and consider options in addition to those they have at their respective schools."

The study skills program, directed by Dan DeCrane, a member of the Ready social studies faculty and director of Partner School Outreach, teaches skills which students can apply to help them reach success in their academic, spiritual, family, social, and extracurricular life.

Its intent is to prepare students for high school life and for their adult future. Topics include time management, organizational skills, communication and interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, preparing for tests and assessments, and leadership, among others.

"As a teacher, I am particularly gratified that middle school students are able to take classes which, without our distance learning program, they would not be able to take," said Dr. Teresa Rehner, chair of Ready's mathematics department. "Whether it's my own subject of mathematics or other subjects, such as Spanish or Mandarin, I think it's a real plus for these young students to be able to explore a different subject and challenge themselves to learn in a differ-

ent environment."

Ready freshman Katie Smith, younger sister of Joey Smith, provides one example of the benefits of the math distance learning program. She took algebra through distance learning while a student at Trinity and was able to receive credit at Ready for the course and to begin her high-school math studies with geometry.

Perhaps the most popular distance learning subject is the Mandarin language. Taught by Feifei Yu, Mandarin is offered on all levels from beginner to advanced and includes students from other high schools.

For the students who continue their education at Ready, the Mandarin courses provide a seamless entry into more advanced levels of the subject. This has allowed several Ready students to participate and place in international language competitions.

Today, it no longer seems out of the ordinary to be learning from a distance. As people have become more familiar with Facetime and Skype, it seems quite natural to have students physically in one classroom and the teacher in another, several miles away.

The possibility always exists for additional subjects to be added to the program's curriculum and for additional subjects to be offered to Ready distance learning students. For now, it continues to allow students off campus to have the benefits of a Ready education, at least in sample form.

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**Amos 6:1a,4-7;
1 Timothy 6:11-16;
Luke 16:19-31**

We get a second portion of Amos this week to go with last week's. It should help deepen our understanding of life in Israel and Judah in the eighth century BC. At the same time, it should make us rethink our own relationship with the world in which we live.

The sole addressees are "the complacent in Zion." The pronouncement of "woe" was a prophetic warning to those addressed. They lie in comfortable beds (of ivory) and sit on "comfortable couches." They eat either "lambs from the flock" or "calves from the stall" (the kind that are milk-fed and tender). The warning about improvising music and devising their own accompaniment is thought to be the amusement of the idle rich. Drinking wine from bowls was the ancient equivalent of using crystal wine glasses. They use the finest smells available ("anoint themselves with the best oils").

The problem is that they do all this as Joseph collapses. Their sin is not in enjoying the good things in life, but in forgetting about their poorer relatives and friends and being unaware of how these things have been purchased by the blood, sweat, and tears of the poor and oppressed. The "collapse of Joseph" refers to something that was going on at the time: the destruction of some of the northern tribes. The entire north would fall to Assyria in 722 BC. A true historical picture of these times is impossible to trace, but it seems that some of the smaller tribes which settled in the north were battling constantly for their survival. Thus, Amos warns the larger, more complacent tribes to be aware that their sins eventually will lead them

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their education is 97 percent. The National Merit Scholarship (a not-for-profit organization offering scholarship assistance) program honored 19 finalists and 38 commended scholars among our 2016 high-school graduates. Finally, our 2016 graduates were offered more than \$91 million in college scholarships.

Summary

It is a time to celebrate and advocate for our schools. Many definitions for Catholic education exist, and you were provided with a list from me. In renewing our commitment for our schools, this article de-

into exile themselves. Indeed, the well-off will be the first to go.

When we turn to the Gospel, it is like going from the frying pan into the fire. Who can remain unmoved by this powerful story of Lazarus and the rich man? The tale is unique to Luke's material, and had it been known to the other evangelists, it surely would have been used. It is useless to ask where Luke's sources came from, but it is evident that he had unique sources just from reading his Gospel.

Stories about the change of fortunes of people in the afterlife are not limited to the Gospels, but the contrast in this reversal could not be more pronounced. The rich man "dressed in purple garments," much as we would say today that he had to have designer's labels for everything. Every meal for this guy was a feast, while Lazarus was covered with sores and "would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." This implies that he did not actually eat any of those scraps, while "dogs even used to come and lick his sores."

Lazarus dies and is carried straight to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also dies, and cries out when he sees Lazarus in Abraham's presence. He thinks he can use Abraham to force Lazarus to bring him a drop of water. Abraham tells him there's no going from us to you or from you to us. He who had everything while he was alive (except a name!) still thinks he can use Lazarus to warn his brothers, lest they suffer a similar fate. Abraham says they have the prophets to listen to, but the rich man insists that it would take somebody like Lazarus going back to them from the dead to get them to repent. Abraham concludes that they would not listen, even if someone should rise from the dead.

Whether this remark is meant to contrast the crucifixion of Jesus with his later resurrection and translation to the right hand of the Father is possible, but not expressed.

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

lineates some of the initiatives the Office of Catholic Schools has been working on to advance its mission.

None of this is possible without parents entering into a partnership with the administrators, faculty, and staff at our schools. We know parents make financial sacrifices to send their students to our schools. Thank you, parents, for entrusting us with your children's Catholic education. Additional thanks go out to all the religious and lay persons who give of their time, talent, and treasure to make our schools a success.

I hope you enjoy the many CSW celebrations!

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY

Job 1:6-22
Psalm 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7
Luke 9:46-50

TUESDAY

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23
Psalm 88:2-8
Luke 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY

Job 9:1-12,14-16
Psalm 88:10b-15
Luke 9:57-62

THURSDAY

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or
Revelation 12:7-12a
Psalm 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

FRIDAY

Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5
Psalm 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b
Luke 10:13-16

SATURDAY

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
Psalm 119:66,71,75,91,125,130
Luke 10:17-24

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 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 II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

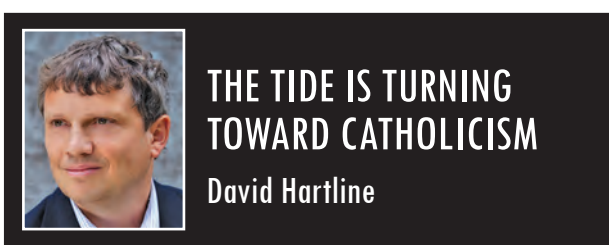
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The measure of a person, Part II

In my previous article I wrote of The Measure of a Person looking at the field of sports. In today's installment, I would like to concentrate on the field of arts, architecture, music and cinema. We can serve God in many ways. In athletics we see that grit, determination, training and preparation are necessary for victory. This is synonymous with a faithful life, where we in the course of a lifetime face many ups and downs. In the arts, creativity and imagination are key ingredients in helping us understand the Gospel message.

For example Barcelona, Spain's favorite son, the late Antoni Gaudi the man behind Barcelona's unique surrealistic architecture highlighted by the almost complete Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Church. Gaudi unlike many of his modern friends was a devout Catholic and is currently being considered for sainthood. Pablo Picasso could never understand why Gaudi was so enmeshed in his Sagrada Familia project, which combines Gothic architecture with modern surrealism. While his contemporaries often dabbled in excess, Gaudi saw his artistic gift in holy terms, drawing up plans for beautiful buildings and beautiful churches.

In my visits to Family Theater in Hollywood to speak with young actors and actresses, I found the modern equivalent in Hollywood. These young mean women are living their faith in Hollywood, using creative means to share the Gospel. It is not an easy task but like their late mentor Father Patrick Peyton (the Rosary Priest,) they keep pushing on.



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM

David Hartline

On one of my visits I met a roadie who has worked with some of the biggest names in rock n roll. He told me that he sees his mission as telling bands and others in the music business that the backstage excesses and all night parties some aspire to are only a mirage. He told me that if alcohol and drug excess along with the sexual free for all some bands are known for is suppose to make you happy, he has seen no evidence of it. As a matter of fact, he told me those bands indulging in that excess were some of the most miserable people he ever met.

To him it is all one big lie, he tries to tell other bands in his own unique way what he saw, sometimes people listen, often times they don't. However, no one can accuse him of not giving them the facts. This is exactly what the faithful are suppose to do, let others know of the truths of the Gospel without hitting them over the head with it. God gives everyone free will, but like all things in life, there are consequences for our actions.

Sometime we are called to make sacrifices. I met an

aspiring actor and musician out in Hollywood, who seemed set for stardom. After years of eking out a living he had finally made his way into the company of a prestigious group of producers and directors. The problem was their projects increasingly crossed the lines and were heading past R rated films closing in something short of X. His conscience told him to leave and while it would be nice to say that he was amply rewarded for doing the right thing, sometimes our reward isn't until heaven.

The interesting thing is the aspiring actor recently told me that one of those big time producers saw him and told him that he did the right thing. While these moguls had homes in Malibu and the Hollywood Hills, their lives weren't happy. The man told him, "Kid you did the right thing; our lives are all a wreck, one woman after another, pills, booze, shrinks, we are all a mess."

While one could justifiably say that these producers and directors are making men, women and children a mess with some of their material, we are obliged to pray for them just as we are called to pray for those young faithful actors and actresses at Family Theater. While it is easy to point out all of the bad in the world, we do need to pray for those who are trying to lift up our culture as well as those who are trying to tear it down.

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

Columbus Montessori school's alternative educational program

Photo/Right: All the students and staff members at Columbus St. Joseph Montessori School came together at the school's "peace pole" to pray for peace.

Photo/Below: While Pope Francis pushed open the doors of St. Peter's Basilica in 2015 and proclaimed it a Year of Mercy, the students of Columbus St. Joseph Montessori School shared in the joy by creating a set of golden doors. Pictured with some of

the students is Father Anthony Lonzo, assistant administrator of Columbus Sacred Heart Church.

The school, located in the former Sacred Heart School in Italian Village, offers an alternative educational program for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade from families throughout

Franklin County and the six counties which border it. The multisensory approach of the Montessori method enables our teachers to work equally with students across the learning spectrum

and to meet a wide range of student needs. All students work at their own level and are scored on their own individual progress.

Photo courtesy St. Joseph Montessori School



Pray for our dead

ADAMS, Jack, 89, Sept. 3
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

ALBEE, Rita V. (Stephens), 87, Sept. 11
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

AMOROSE, Alice M. (Fitzpatrick), 70, Sept. 13
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

BARRACO, James D., 64, Sept. 10
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

CONNAIR, Cecilia (McClelland), 59, Sept. 14
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

CICCONETTI, Art, 90, Sept. 1
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DeROBERTS, Darlene, 82, Sept. 15
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

DILLON, Bob, 87, Sept. 5
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HAMILTON, Margaret M. (Huber), 93, Sept. 9
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

HEDGES, Mary E. (Gemzer), 85, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 8
Holy Spirit Church, Stamford, Conn.

IANNELLI, Jeanne (Stewart), 86, Sept. 8
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

KAUFMAN, Ed, 78, Sept. 3
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

LANDIS, Ronald J., 61, Sept. 16
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MACCE, Elizabeth J., 54, Sept. 16
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

MELARAGNO, Rita (Pannella), 83, Sept. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MUNDEE-MORRIS, Beverly, 58, Sept. 14
St. Joan of Arc, Powell

MYERS, Andrew H., 61, Sept. 13
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

ORTHMEYER, Lawrence H., 98, Sept. 10
St. Mary Church, Marion

SCHIRTZINGER, Theresa L., 51, Sept. 9
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SCHRECK, Margaret L. (Trapp), 98, Sept. 14
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

SHEARN, John J. "Joe," 74, Sept. 6
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SQUASHIC, Michael J., 59, Sept. 15
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

WACHINGER, Virginia (Finocchi), 75, Sept. 16
St. Peter Church, Columbus

William G. Klee

Funeral Mass for William G. Klee, 93, who died Saturday, Sept. 10, was held Friday, Sept. 16, at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was born Sept. 1, 1923, in Rochester, New York, to Arthur and Louise Klee, was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and served in the Army in the Pacific theater in World War II.

After his service, he discerned a call to the priesthood and entered the novitiate of the Holy Cross Fathers before additional discernment indicated his

call was elsewhere. He was a Third Order Franciscan for 70 years and was active in pro-life efforts.

He worked in radio and television production, published short stories, and was employed by the Internal Revenue Service, retiring in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; a brother, Father Robert Klee; and a sister, Joan.

Survivors include sons, Father Joseph Klee, in residence at Columbus Sacred Heart Church, and John; daughters, Mary and Anne (John) Kasper; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

Mary L. Fichtelman

Funeral Mass for Mary L. Fichtelman, 92, who died Monday, Sept. 12, was held Thursday, Sept. 15 at Columbus St. Catharine Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in Somerset to Frank and Janet (Darst) Scanlon and was a graduate of St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University).

She was employed by the Diocese

of Columbus from 1967-84, serving as secretary at the diocesan Chancery for Bishops Clarence Elwell, Edward Herrmann, and James Griffin. She also was a founding member of the Daughters of Erin and belonged to her parish's Golden Age Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Warren. Survivors include a daughter, Ann; a son, Jim; a sister, Eileen Gallen; and a grandson.

Send obituaries to:
tpuet@columbuscatholic.org

Adopt-A-Classroom Event

Hank Martensen and Don Bradley, both members of Columbus Bishop Ready High School's inaugural graduating class, hosted a dinner event which kicked off the school's Adopt-A-Classroom program and drew 200 guests.

"Because of the generosity of those attending, Bishop Ready High School can begin the process of updating its classrooms and make the changes that will continue to keep it on the cutting edge of Catholic education," they said.

The program is an outgrowth of the recently renovated Cacchio Library, made possible through the generosity of Drs. Chad and Stacey Cacchio and named for Chad Cacchio's grandparents, and the Wisser Innovation Center, named after Dennis and Karen Wisser for their continuing contributions to

the school.

School principal Celene Seamen said Ready's former industrial tech room will be converted into a communications center. "At Bishop Ready, we emphasize skill development, content mastery, and project-based learning," she said. "Students learn best by doing, not just by listening and taking notes. Our classrooms should reflect a design that enables the students to think and to do."

The center will house a broadcast journalism studio, video production studio, space for technology classes which will build a 3-D printer, space for a robotics center, and space for classes such as design essentials, media production, photography, and yearbook.



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SEPTEMBER

22, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Holy Hour 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

22-24, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

23, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

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

24, 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.

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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Friends of the Poor Walk at DeSales

9 a.m. to noon. St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual Friends of the Poor walk of approximately one mile, benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Participants may walk the route as many times as they like. 614-824-1289

Presentation on Missal of the Book of Divine Worship

9 a.m. to noon. St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Diocesan Office of Divine Worship presentation on the Missal of the Book of Divine Worship, the Catholic Church's liturgy for communities of former Anglicans who have become Catholic, with Father W. Becket Soule, OP, canon law professor at the Pontifical College Worship, followed by Mass according to the Missal. Cost \$10. 614-221-4640

St. Mary Magdalene Speaker Series

10 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish Year of Mercy series continues with talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and administering of the sacrament by Father Josh Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. `RSVP to 614-274-1121, extension 13.

DeSales Class of 1976 Reunion

6 to 10 p.m., Giammarco's restaurant, 6030 Chandler Court, Westerville. Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 1976 40th anniversary reunion. Cost \$55 per person. 614-895-8890

Joseph's Coat 'Stepping Stones' Dinner

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Haaf Hall, Grange Insurance building, 671 S. High St., Columbus. Inaugural "Stepping Stones" dinner sponsored by Joseph's Coat, an ecumenical clothing and furniture ministry serving eastern Franklin County and sponsored by Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, Gahanna St. Matthew, and churches of other denominations. Master of ceremonies: Former WCMH-TV news anchor Cabot Rea. No charge; free-will offering will be taken. 614-395-2057

25, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Reflections on the Psalms" with Catholic author John Fink.

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

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

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

'Wild Goose' Video Series at Christ the King

5 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Parish prayer group and Columbus Catholic Renewal present Week 1 of seven-week "The Wild Goose" video series about the Holy Spirit, with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR. 614-861-1242

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

26, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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

Cybersecurity Program at de Porres Center

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Cybersecurity: The Digital Child" workshop for parents and professionals who engage with students. \$10 suggested donation. 614-416-1910

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

27, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319

Discovery Night at DeSales

7 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Discovery Night program for prospective students and their parents. RSVP to jubarber@cdeeducation.org.

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

28, WEDNESDAY

'Friends in the Courtyard' at DeSales

6:30 to 11 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's annual "Friends in the Courtyard" event, with samplings of wine and local craft beer, "heavy" hors d'oeuvres, and live and silent auctions. 614-267-7808

29, THURSDAY

ODU 'What Does It Mean to Be Human?' Program

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Dr. Chenelle Jones, ODU assistant criminal justice professor, speaks on "The Impact of Our Criminal Justice System on Human Beings" at second of four talks in Center for Dominican Studies series on what it means to be human. 614-251-4722

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

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30, FRIDAY

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30-NOV. 2, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's Silent Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Women's silent retreat sponsored by Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, led by Father Vincent Petersen, OSF, of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Theme: "Love and Praise: Reflections on the Writings of Pope Francis." \$125 cost includes lodging and six meals. 614-882-1946

OCTOBER

1, SATURDAY

Birding Walk at Shepherd's Corner

6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Birding walk with Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Suggested donation \$5. 614-866-4302

Cathedral Pilgrimage to Carey Shrine

8 a.m. St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bus leaves for daylong trip to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Cost \$20. Lunch available in shrine cafeteria. Advance registration required. 614-224-1295

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

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.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. 614-221-1890

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

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-891-0150

1-2, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Father Kigozi's 25th Anniversary Masses, Receptions

5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Masses celebrating the 25th anniversary of Father Denis Kigozi's ordination to the priesthood, followed by receptions. 614-920-1563

2, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Material Images of the Crucifixion: Mirrors and Makes of Medieval Religious Experience" with Dr. Alison Beach, associate history professor at The Ohio State University.

Angel of Peace Anniversary Program at Holy Family

After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Program honoring 100th anniversary of three appearances of an angel of peace who prepared the way for Our Lady of Fatima's 1917 apparitions. Begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:30 p.m. and enrollment in the Brown Scapular, followed by rosary and Fatima prayers at 2 and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3, concluding with Mass at 5. Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the afternoon. 614-221-1890

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m.

'Wild Goose' Video Series at Christ the King

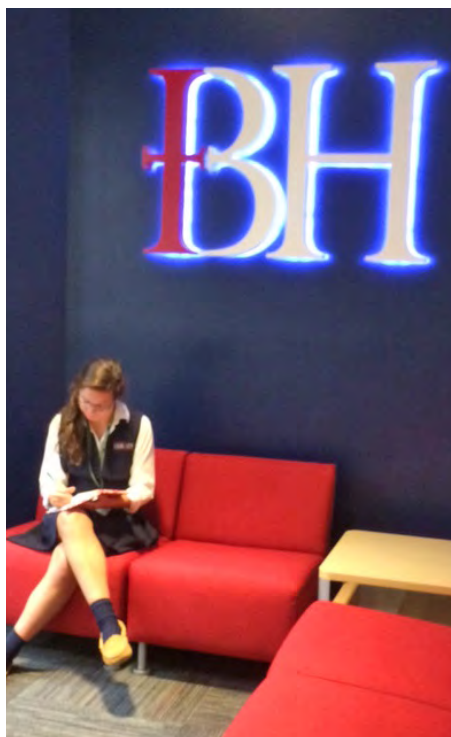
5 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Parish prayer group and Columbus Catholic Renewal present Week 2 of seven-week "The Wild Goose" video series about the Holy Spirit, with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR. 614-861-1242

RENOVATION TAKES PLACE AT BISHOP HARTLEY

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School students returned to several changes and additions for the 2016-2017 school year. The most noticeable was the first major renovation of the main office since the school opened in 1958. The office was enlarged and reconfigured to better meet the needs of students, staff, and visitors. Project delays brought challenges for all at the start of the school year, but the Hartley community adapted well and has completed the move into the new space.

While not as noticeable, another significant change was in the area of security. Additional security cameras were installed, and all security systems have been upgraded to wireless systems well ahead of the 2018 target date. Hartley graduate Lee Distelzweig, a former Columbus police chief, reviews all safety protocols regularly, and faculty and staff attend routine in-service training regarding the best responses for safety scenarios.

In the academic realm, Hartley students chose from expanded options for the online course offerings which



were rolled out last school year. For 2016-2017, students could select from among 40 online courses to supplement traditional classes. The online option exposes students to a format

many will experience in college and can change rapidly to meet student interests.

The school counseling office plans to continue implementation of the SOS program, which was rolled out last year with the current senior class, in conjunction with Nationwide Children's Hospital. SOS, an acronym for Signs of Suicide, is designed as a proactive response to teach students and teachers to look for characteristic signs of someone in need of help, as well as for signs which may be overlooked.

The hospital considers this a life-saving curriculum. Bishop Hartley was among the first of schools in the diocese to participate in this program. Many others now have it in place. Early identification can help procure necessary treatment and prevent a tragic loss. The safety and well-being of students is a priority for all members of the Hartley family.

Photo: Columbus Bishop Hartley High School junior Audrey Bailey waits in one of the new areas in the renovated school office.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

Abbie Butler on WOSU-TV



Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School science teacher Abbie Butler recently was featured on WOSU-TV in Columbus. She had her science classes recorded featuring the effective use of technology in the classroom. She uses technology routinely in class for project-based learning, lab work, quizzes, and tests. The WOSU video can be used as a resource for other teachers who are looking for effective ways to utilize technology to enhance learning. To see it, go to <http://wosu.org/classroom/for-educators/classroom-videos/effective-teaching-with-technology>.

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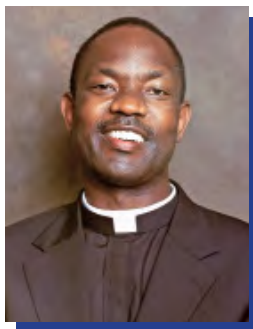
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SCHOOL BRANDING PROJECT

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Columbus have a great story to tell. Its components include academic excellence, faith-based values, and a safe, warm, loving environment.

Several individual schools have developed marketing programs to emphasize these and the many other positive aspects of Catholic education. But until now, the overall efforts of the diocesan school system to promote the ways it benefits the community have been limited.

That is about to change. The diocese, in partnership with The Catholic Foundation, is funding an advocacy and marketing project to unite all diocesan elementary and secondary schools under a consistent brand in a way that emphasizes the value and importance of Catholic education and assists schools in recruitment and retention of students. The program also is designed to strengthen relationships between the schools and their church communities.

The foundation has provided an initial \$30,000 Vision grant to supplement the diocese's investment in the program. Kathy Wilson, associate director of planning for the diocesan Schools Office, said the total cost of the program will be about \$100,000 over three years -- \$50,000 the first year and \$25,000 in each of the two subsequent years. Additional grant money from The Catholic Foundation will be applied in years two and three.

"The program will not replace established branding programs some schools already have," Wilson said. "For them, it will be an addition to existing efforts. For schools with a limited or no marketing budget, it will allow them to benefit from

such a program for the first time. It will give all diocesan schools a common identity, easily recognizable in all 23 counties of the diocese's geographic area.

"Until now, our marketing efforts were very disjointed, both inside and outside Franklin County. We realized that to be a better advocate for Catholic schools, the Schools Office needed a common platform through which we could talk about all our schools."

The company in charge of the marketing and branding project is Novella Creative, led by Jason Jourdan, an experienced brand consultant who has developed promotional programs for Hilliard St. Brendan and Worthington St. Michael churches and schools.

After hiring Jourdan, the Schools Office conducted workshops in April and May with key leaders including parents, teachers, administrators, and clergy to share its visions and objectives for the program and to ask their opinions on topics ranging from the current state and image of Catholic elementary and secondary education to the path it should take in the future.

The branding initiative is being developed in three phases. The first phase began with the workshops and will continue through November, when the second phase opens and the program's symbols and slogans are unveiled. The third phase will last through 2018 as the initiative is extended throughout the diocese and its impact is examined.

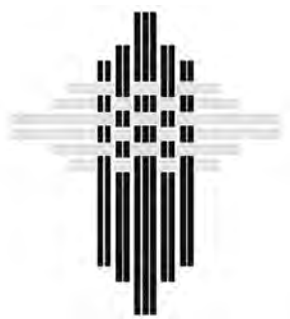
"The story of Catholic schools is one that needs to be told and spread every day," Wilson said. "The branding initiative will give us that opportunity. We look forward to using it to write the next chapter in that story."



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Church	City	Goal	Pledges	Church	City	Goal	Pledges
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Church of the Ascension	Johnstown	32,191.38	37,421.38 *	St James the Less Church	Columbus	47,420.14	22,054.50
Church of the Atonement	Crooksville	8,552.66	9,131.00 *	St Joan of Arc Church	Powell	271,268.38	294,141.68 *
Church of the Blessed Sacrament	Newark	58,027.32	40,556.00	St John Church	Logan	33,821.18	38,409.00 *
Church of the Holy Trinity	Zoar	22,227.65	8,937.50	St John Neumann Church	Sunbury	137,139.37	153,303.00 *
Church of the Nativity	Utica	6,757.92	7,815.01 *	St John the Baptist Church	Columbus	15,117.71	12,060.00
Church of the Resurrection	New Albany	192,391.23	175,385.89	St John XXIII Church	Canal Winchester	52,969.30	55,555.00 *
Comm of Holy Rosary & St John the Evangel	Columbus	13,666.67	10,215.00	St Joseph Cathedral	Columbus	57,995.60	53,810.00
Corpus Christi Church	Columbus	12,552.93	7,445.00	St Joseph Church	Circleville	37,875.12	50,465.00 *
Holy Cross Church	Columbus	14,396.89	33,013.00 *	St Joseph Church	Dover	70,436.20	82,127.00 *
Holy Family Church	Columbus	37,144.87	46,968.00 *	St Joseph Church	Plain City	41,859.02	46,988.15 *
Holy Name Church	Columbus	8,356.05	26,887.00 *	St Joseph Church	Somerset	10,958.95	12,295.00 *
Holy Redeemer Church	Portsmouth	30,658.20	32,893.80 *	St Joseph Church	Sugar Grove	14,385.59	22,148.00 *
Holy Spirit Church	Columbus	48,239.23	134,970.00 *	St Ladislav Church	Columbus	18,474.30	6,087.00
Holy Trinity Church	Jackson	10,839.27	31,030.00 *	St Leonard Church	Heath	22,188.01	30,609.50 *
Holy Trinity Church	Somerset	27,385.17	11,665.00	St Luke Church	Danville	24,395.00	41,090.00 *
Holy Trinity Church	Pond Creek	3,989.04	4,500.00 *	St Margaret of Cortona Church	Columbus	54,261.48	106,409.00 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Columbus	119,007.32	133,401.00 *	St Mark Church	Lancaster	34,205.64	50,468.64 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Dennison	40,135.48	46,100.00 *	St Mary Church	Bremen	12,702.54	18,436.00 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Kenton	16,286.60	20,492.77 *	St Mary Church	Chillicothe	38,983.91	28,878.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Ada	18,477.85	19,375.00 *	St Mary Church	Columbus	54,995.94	78,775.00 *
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Marysville	62,179.84	95,374.00 *	St Mary Church	Delaware	158,274.76	154,954.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Otway	5,248.62	4,701.00	St Mary Church	Groveport	37,808.11	33,743.12
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	Buckeye Lake	25,767.83	77,883.83 *	St Mary Church	Marion	75,659.62	85,671.62 *
Our Lady of Peace Church	Columbus	72,070.88	91,527.00 *	St Mary Church	Portsmouth	35,281.47	36,385.00 *
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	Grove City	147,440.67	265,298.83 *	St Mary Church	Mattingly Settlement	4,444.00	137,523.00 *
Our Lady of Sorrows Church	West Portsmouth	6,653.78	11,170.00 *	St Mary Magdalene Church	Columbus	41,136.10	27,524.53
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Columbus	31,727.66	37,039.55 *	St Mary of the Assumption	Lancaster	106,172.91	158,468.56 *
Our Lady of Victory Church	Columbus	66,540.93	83,938.00 *	St Mary Queen of the Mission Church	Waverly	9,410.96	31,696.00 *
Parroquia Santa Cruz	Columbus	27,961.71	1,700.00	St Matthew the Apostle Church	Gahanna	199,902.16	312,428.84 *
Sacred Heart Church	Columbus	8,211.67	13,421.00 *	St Matthias Church	Columbus	61,511.94	24,560.00
Sacred Heart Church	Coshocton	38,221.53	33,438.00	St Michael Church	Worthington	114,187.26	147,786.76 *
Sacred Heart Church	New Philadelphia	63,934.92	32,122.00	St Monica Church	New Boston	9,123.69	16,690.00 *
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St Agatha Church	Columbus	114,451.53	116,825.00 *	St Patrick Church	Junction City	9,365.24	7,465.00
St Agnes Church	Columbus	13,787.47	5,565.00	St Patrick Church	London	34,068.20	100,341.00 *
St Aloysius Church	Columbus	14,140.87	11,694.00	St Paul the Apostle Church	Westerville	326,868.90	292,050.00
St Andrew Church	Columbus	183,666.46	185,643.72 *	St Peter Church	Chillicothe	46,299.82	59,612.00 *
St Andrew Kim Taegon Korean Community	Columbus	5,341.01	1,480.00	St Peter Church	Columbus	165,214.62	152,681.55
St Ann Church	Dresden	7,648.48	57,855.00 *	St Peter Church	Millersburg	11,547.40	5,473.00
St Anthony Church	Columbus	54,208.53	63,901.44 *	St Peter in Chains	Wheetersburg	19,746.88	35,990.00 *
St Bernadette Church	Lancaster	43,136.10	40,100.00	St Philip the Apostle Church	Columbus	20,632.77	31,016.00 *
St Bernard Church	Corning	6,940.61	7,075.00 *	St Pius X Church	Reynoldsburg	138,497.80	156,979.00 *
St Brendan the Navigator	Hilliard	240,066.13	232,817.87	St Rose of Lima Church	New Lexington	32,321.41	19,405.19
St Brigid of Kildare Church	Dublin	260,184.36	305,867.33 *	St Stephen the Martyr Church	Columbus	25,500.88	3,025.00
St Catharine Church	Columbus	108,526.45	234,054.65 *	St Sylvester Church	Zaleski	4,553.45	7,850.00 *
St Cecilia Church	Columbus	98,621.79	65,503.00	St Thomas Aquinas Church	Zanesville	74,420.75	21,736.00
St Christopher Church	Columbus	71,726.90	79,987.01 *	St Thomas More Newman Center	Columbus	0.00	7,580.00
St Colman of Cloyne Church	Washington Court House	23,216.95	38,922.70 *	St Thomas the Apostle Church	Columbus	31,422.75	18,136.00
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St Edward the Confessor Church	Granville	88,046.73	235,117.00 *	St Vincent de Paul Church	Mount Vernon	59,906.29	135,841.80 *
St Elizabeth Church	Columbus	49,976.38	44,323.00	Sts Augustine & Gabriel Church	Columbus	8,145.93	16,005.00 *
St Francis de Sales Church	Newark	98,747.66	94,101.14	Sts Peter & Paul Church	Glenmont	3,726.53	1,088.00
St Francis de Sales Church	Newcomerstown	5,739.32	5,830.00 *	Sts Peter & Paul Church	Wellston	13,505.81	16,420.00 *
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