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The Editor's Notebook

Seek the Lord

By David Garick, Editor



When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

(Psalms 27:8)

As Christians, we must always be seeking God. The Lord created each of us and desires to draw us to Him and to spend eternity with us. He loves us so much that He came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ to give us the means to overcome sin and to find everlasting life with Him. Christ seeks all of us to be His disciples. It is only fitting that we also should seek Him out.

How do we find Christ? Where do we encounter Him? Certainly, first and foremost, we encounter Him in the Eucharist. His Body and Blood become real in our presence and are united with our bodies through the blessing of holy Communion. We encounter Him in prayer. As we search deep within ourselves, Christ reveals Himself to us in very intimate ways.

But we are called to seek even more understanding of Christ. On the night of Jesus' birth, angels called simple shepherds to leave their fields and come to Bethlehem, where they saw Christ, worshiped Him, and returned in joy, telling everyone the story of what they had seen.

Just this past week, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. This, of course, is the story of the Magi, educated and wealthy men from the East, who followed a star in search of the child they knew would change the world. They found Him, and much more. Two millennia later, the world is vastly different because of the spiritual knowledge that came from their journey.

We too are called to seek out Christ, to make the journey to understand who this Jesus is and how He transforms our lives and brings us salvation and everlasting life.

There are many ways that we can seek this greater understanding of Christ. One important way to do that is through pilgrimage. In

the Fourth Century, St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine, was so overcome by her conversion to Christianity that she set out in her old age to visit Palestine and to discover the holy places where Jesus lived, died, and rose again. Fellow pilgrims still do that to this day. Praying at the site of His incarnation, walking in His footsteps across Galilee, standing where Mary stood at the foot of His cross, laying a hand on the stone where His body was laid and resurrected – these actions all make Christ much more real to the Christian pilgrim.

But the Holy Land is not the only place where a Catholic can travel to encounter Christ. It can come in Rome and the other cities around the Mediterranean, where the Apostles, evangelists, and church fathers built the church we know today. They accomplished all of that through the work of the Holy Spirit, and those blessings are available to us when we draw near to them. Our Holy Mother has made herself known to individuals throughout the centuries, always to lead people to a deeper knowledge of her Son. We find an encounter with Mary and with Christ when we visit places like Lourdes, Knock, Guadalupe, and the first Marian apparition site in the United States, the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin.

A pilgrimage need not be to the other side of the world. It may be as simple as a visit to a special church or shrine where you may encounter Christ in a different way, see him in a different view. This edition of *Catholic Times* presents insights from some local Catholics who recently have made pilgrimages that opened their eyes and hearts to a deeper understanding of their faith. We must not be content with the notion that we have found Christ and that is enough. Changing your perspective makes all the difference.

Without the Church, Jesus "is at the mercy of our imagination," Pope says

In his homily on New Year's Day, Pope Francis said that Jesus and his mother Mary are "inseparable," just like Jesus and the Church, who is the mother of all humanity that guides her children to God.

"To separate Jesus from the Church would introduce an absurd dichotomy," the pope said in St. Peter's Basilica at his Jan. 1 Mass celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

"(The Church) is like a mother who tenderly holds Jesus and gives him to everyone with joy and generosity. ... Without the Church, Jesus Christ ends up as an idea, a moral teaching, a feeling," he said.

Without the Church and her guidance, our relationship with Christ "would be at the mercy of our imagination, our interpretations, our moods," the pope continued.

It is not possible to understand the salvation offered by Jesus without also appreciating the motherhood of the Church, he explained, adding that it also is impossible to love and belong to Christ without loving and belonging to the Church, because the Church is God's family, which brings Christ to humanity.

"Our faith is not an abstract doctrine or philosophy, but a vital and full relationship with a person: Jesus Christ" who lives among us and can be encountered inside the Church through its sacraments, Pope Francis said.

"No manifestation of Christ, even the most mystical, can ever be detached from the flesh and blood of the Church, from the historical concreteness of the Body of Christ," he said.

The pope concluded his homily by drawing attention to a statue of Mary and the child Jesus at the side of the altar, noting how Mary's title of "Holy Mother of God" dates back to the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD.

"What a beautiful greeting for our mother," he said, inviting the congregation to join him in standing and honoring her by reciting aloud the title "Mary, Holy Mother of God" three times. (From CNA/EWTN News)

Correction - The Dec. 28 Catholic Times incorrectly listed the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown as being part of a cluster formed in 2014 with parishes in Mount Vernon and Danville. The cluster includes the Church of the Nativity in Utica, plus the other two parishes. The Church of the Ascension is a separate parish and is not part of a cluster.

Pope names 15 new cardinal electors, most from global south

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

Underscoring the geographical diversity of his selections, Pope Francis named 15 cardinal electors "from 14 nations of every continent, showing the inseparable link between the church of Rome and the particular churches present in the world."

The pope announced the names on Jan. 4, after praying the Angelus with a crowd in St. Peter's Square, and said he would formally induct the men into the College of Cardinals on Feb. 14.

With the list, the pope continues a movement he started with his first batch of appointments a year ago, giving gradually more representation at the highest levels of the church to poorer nations in the global south. A Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said the new cardinals will include the first in history from the nations of Cape Verde, Tonga, and Myanmar.

The Feb. 14 consistory will bring the total number of cardinals under the age of 80 to 125. Until they reach their 80th birthdays, cardinals are eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. Blessed Paul VI limited the number of electors to 120, but later popes occasionally have exceeded that limit.

Three of the new cardinal electors hail from Asia, three from Latin America, two from Africa, and two from Oceania.

Of the five Europeans on the list, three lead dioceses in Italy and Spain that have not traditionally had cardinals as bishops - another sign of Pope Francis' willingness to break precedent. While giving red hats to the archbishops of Ancona-Osimo and Agrigento, Italy, the pope again passed over the leaders of the historically more prestigious dioceses of Venice and Turin.

None of the new cardinals



New cardinals participate in a consistory at which Pope Francis created 19 new cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 22, 2014. The Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will create 15 new cardinals in 2015. CNS photo/Paul Haring

hails from the U.S. or Canada. Father Lombardi noted that the numbers of cardinals from those nations have remained stable since February 2014, when Pope Francis elevated the archbishop of Quebec. The U.S. currently has 11 cardinal electors and Canada three.

The continuing geographic shift is incremental in nature. With the new appointments, cardinals from Europe and North America will make up 56.8 percent of those eligible to elect the next pope, down from 60 percent on Jan. 4.

The shift reflects the pope's emphasis on Africa and Asia, where the church is growing fastest, and on his native region of Latin America, home to about 40 percent of the world's Catholics.

A number of the selections also reflect Pope Francis' emphasis on social justice. The new Mexican cardinal leads a diocese that has been hard hit by the current wave of drug-related violence in his nation.

One of the Italian cardinals designate, the archbishop of Agrigento, Sicily, leads the Italian bishops' commission on migration, an issue on which Pope Francis has placed particular importance. In July 2013, the pope visited the

southern Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, a major entry point for undocumented immigrants to Europe, and mourned the many who had died attempting to cross the sea.

Only one of the new cardinals, the head of the Vatican's highest court, is a member of the church's central administration, the Roman Curia, which

accounts for about a quarter of all cardinal electors.

Announcing the appointments, Pope Francis noted that the ceremony to induct the new cardinals will follow a meeting of the entire college on Feb. 12 and 13 "to reflect on guidelines and proposals for reform of the Roman Curia."

The pope's nine-member

Council of Cardinals is working on a major reform of the Vatican bureaucracy, including a new apostolic constitution for the curia.

In addition to 15 new electors, Pope Francis named five new cardinals who are over the age of 80, and, therefore, ineligible to vote in a conclave. Popes have used such nominations to honor churchmen for their scholarship or other contributions.

Pope Francis said he had chosen to honor five retired bishops "distinguished for their pastoral charity in service to the Holy See and the church," representing "so many bishops who, with the same pastoral solicitude, have given testimony of love for Christ and the people of God, whether in particular churches, the Roman Curia, or the diplomatic service of the Holy See."

The five new honorary cardinals hail from Argentina, Colombia, Germany, Italy, and Mozambique.

THE LIST OF THE NEW CARDINALS:

- **French Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, Prefect of the Apostolic Signature, 62.**
- **Portuguese Patriarch Manuel Jose Macario do Nascimento Clemente of Lisbon, 66.**
- **Ethiopian Archbishop Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel of Addis Ababa, 66.**
- **New Zealand Archbishop John Atcherley Dew of Wellington, 66.**
- **Italian Archbishop Edoardo Menichelli of Ancona-Osimo, 75.**
- **Vietnamese Archbishop Pierre Nguyen Van Nhon of Hanoi, 76.**
- **Mexican Archbishop Alberto Suarez Inda of Morelia, 75.**
- **Myanmar Archbishop Charles Maung Bo of Yangon, 66.**
- **Thai Archbishop Francis Xavier Kriengsak Kovithavanij of Bangkok, 65.**
- **Italian Archbishop Francesco Montenegro of Agrigento, 68.**
- **Uruguayan Archbishop Daniel Fernando Sturla Berhouet of Montevideo, 55.**
- **Spanish Archbishop Ricardo Blazquez Perez of Valladolid, 72.**
- **Spanish-born Panamanian Bishop Jose Luis Lacunza Maestrojuan of David, 70.**
- **Cape Verdean Bishop Arlindo Gomes Furtado of Santiago de Cabo Verde, 65.**
- **Tongan Bishop Soane Patita Paini Mafi, 53.**
- **Colombian Archbishop Jose de Jesus Pimiento Rodriguez, retired, of Manizales, 95.**
- **Italian Archbishop Luigi De Magistris, 88.**
- **German Archbishop Karl-Joseph Rauber, 80.**
- **Argentine Archbishop Luis Hector Villalba, retired, of Tucuman, 80.**
- **Mozambican Bishop Julio Duarte Langa, retired, of Xai-Xai, 87.**



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Pilgrims from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church make their way to St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City during a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Pius in June 2014.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

WMOF



Did you find someone who is lost and at least try to rescue them during this past week of the Christmas season? It is easier to find the lost ones than it is to rescue them. All the various ways we identified that someone could be lost can give us motivation to help those among us. The "lost sheep" of our world are very real, and much more than a story or a parable. Sometimes, prayer is all we can do. We know that prayer works and how powerful it is. But all of us can work deliberately with our time, talent, and treasure to better serve others who we know are lost. Especially during Christmas, how can we turn our backs on those in need? None of us do so intentionally, but the difference is in our effort to seek and make a difference. The baby Jesus grows to be an integral part of the Holy Family, and then goes on to be the Good Shepherd. Without exception, He leaves the comfort and security of the 99 to search for the one that is lost. We are challenged to do the same each day. We may not be able to do something significant each day, but it is the little things and small efforts that make a difference. Even a quick prayer is something powerful.

We all should know by now that the 2015 World Meeting of Families (WMOF) is taking place this September in Philadelphia. Pope Francis will attend a portion, and it promises to be quite an event. Aside from all the excitement and media attention, there are some wonderful moments of education on the horizon. In the meantime, how do you and I recognize the importance of this event and capitalize upon the opportunity to further strengthen and enhance our own families? This is a question that demands a very real response. The WMOF is not just for those who attend. It is a very real challenge to all of us as a part of a family in one way or another, right here and right now, in 2015. In researching the 2015 WMOF, I found some very good material from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that I am sure will be a great benefit for all of us. There are timeless items regarding the family that I will share over the next few columns. There is nothing new here, but it is refreshing for all of us to revisit what our Catholic Faith teaches us. To build a foundation, here is an idea for emphasis: "Love is our mission, and it is by loving God and one another that we will be fully alive." The following is the first of 10 items upon which the WMOF will function: 1) Created For Joy. "We are more than an accident of evolution. We are greater than the sum of our biology. God exists. He is good. He loves us. He made us in His image to share in His joy. He takes an active hand in our lives. He sent His only Son to restore our dignity and lead us home to Him." More to come next week.

Our practical challenge this week is to help the world prepare for the WMOF in September. Preparation is everything. The better the preparation, the better the event. Pray each day: "God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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

MARTIN de PORRES PROGRAMS

The Martin de Porres Center will present two programs with Ursuline Sister Lisa Marie Belz on Saturday, Jan. 17.

The first program, "St. Paul and the Role of Women: Sorting through the Contradictions," will be from 10 to 11 a.m., and will be followed from 12:30 to 2 p.m. with a program on "Growth in Prayer According to Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross." Participants may sign up for one or both sessions. The suggested donation is \$15 per program or \$25 for both.

The morning session will explore the tensions and questions around Paul's instructions about the proper place of women, in light of discoveries of the



earliest surviving copies of Paul's letters. The afternoon workshop will focus on Teresa of Avila's teachings on growth in prayer and John's insights into the spiritual journey.

Sister Lisa Marie (pictured) is a professor in the religious studies department at Ursuline College in Cleveland.

Participants planning to attend both sessions should bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Register at www.martindeporres-center.net or by calling (614) 416-1910. The Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

ODU Names Executive Director of Leadership and Major Gifts

Ohio Dominican University has appointed Steven A. Miller as executive director of leadership and major gifts. Miller will be responsible for identifying and cultivating major and planned gifts to benefit ODU students and to advance the university's mission.

"We're excited to have Steve join our efforts to grow funding and other precious resources for the students, faculty, programs, and facilities at Ohio Dominican University," said Douglas Stein, vice president for university advancement. "Steve's professional acumen and dedicated service to local organizations that share similar founding missions will help enhance ODU's presence in this community and throughout the central Ohio region."

Miller joins Ohio Dominican from the

Mount Carmel Health System Foundation, where he has served as a senior development officer for major gifts since 2013. Miller played a key role in developing major gift philanthropic strategies to benefit the system's four hospitals, as well as its college of nursing, graduate medical education program, and hospice program.

Before joining Mount Carmel, Miller was director of the annual fund at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. Under his guidance, the school's student scholarship fund experienced a 21 percent increase in giving. Previously, Miller was employed by Continental Office Environments, Columbus; Krueger International, Atlanta; Office Images, Roswell, Georgia; and Herman Miller Workplace Resources, Atlanta.

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Knights provide coats for kids

During this Christmas season, the Knights of Columbus provided more than 140 coats for children in need, distributing them at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) facility in downtown Columbus. Myriah (center) was the first coat recipient, joined by her mother and JOIN director Ruth Beckman (right). K of C Coats for Kids distributions took place at various sites throughout the United States. Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program has given away 215,000 coats to children in the United States and Canada.

Courage

Do you struggle with a same-sex attraction? You are not alone. Courage is a Catholic organization providing spiritual support for Catholic men and women with a same-sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Please visit www.couragec.org. You may contact the Columbus Courage chapter at patoner@saintjosephplainscity.com or call (614) 296-7404 or the diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560.



Catholic Consumerism: Stewardship of God's Creation

By Stephanie Rapp

Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Ambassador

Catholics are called to care for God's creation, including the environment. On May 14, 2014, Pope Francis stated, "Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." Fortunately, Fair Trade promotes sustainable practices and ensures that resources will be available for future generations. Buying Fair Trade makes us good stewards of the planet by protecting both God's people and the planet through our economic choices" (CRS, 2014). This week, take some time to appreciate nature. Take a walk and be open to how God speaks to you through his creation. Ponder how you can be a better steward of these gifts.

WATTERSON FOOD DRIVE



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students collected nearly 17,000 canned goods or toiletry items and raised more than \$6,000 during the school's holiday food drive. The food and donations were sent to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen's pantry and Catholic Social Services' Our Lady of Guadalupe pantry. Students pictured with some of the food are (from left) Lindsey Frilling, Dominique Hadad, Kevin Laming, Cort Margaugh, and Luke Lawson.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Groundbreaking spine surgery procedure

Neurosurgeons across the nation have a new option in the operating room, thanks to a groundbreaking procedure completed at Mount Carmel Health System.

Dr. Bradford Mullin and the surgical team at Mount Carmel East Hospital recently completed the first spinal fusion procedure in the world using the SpineMask, a non-invasive tool that works with special surgical navigation technology.

"I'm proud to have been on the development team that created this technology," said Mullin, who serves as division chair of neurology at Mount Carmel East. "The first case using the SpineMask was successful, and I was impressed with the technology."

The SpineMask is made of a thin sheet of plastic covered with circuits,

which are used to create a map of the patient's spinal anatomy using LED lights. When illuminated, the lights show the surgeon exactly where surgical instruments are in relation to the patient's spine.

The technology allows the surgeon to more easily and accurately place screws during spinal fusions, creating a safer, less invasive procedure for the patient.

"This is a groundbreaking achievement for our surgical team," said Mullin. "It is innovations like these that ensure Mount Carmel remains a leader in providing safe, high-quality care and the best possible experiences for our patients."

More information on the neurosurgery and neurology services provided at Mount Carmel is available at www.mountcarmelhealth.com.

Abusing prescription drugs; Hail Mary during Mass



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have a question that has been troubling me for years. First of all, I am a practicing Catholic. I attend Mass every Sunday and sometimes on weekdays. Once a week, I go to an adoration chapel and spend an hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

But I am a drug addict and have been for 30 years. Right now, I am abusing only my prescribed medications, but in the past I have used cocaine, methamphetamines, heroin, marijuana, LSD -- you name it, I've done it. My question is this: Is it a mortal sin for me to abuse my prescription medications? (I really need to know.) (Rice Lake, Wisconsin)

A. It could very well be that your abuse of prescription drugs constitutes a mortal sin, so the safest thing to do -- both medically and morally -- is to stop. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches in No. 2288: "Life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. We must take reasonable care of them."

The gravity of your sin depends very much on the degree of damage you are doing to yourself. The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence says that "taking prescription drugs not prescribed for you by a doctor, or in a

way that hasn't been recommended by a doctor, can be more dangerous than you think. In fact, it can be fatal."

Mortal sin, as defined by the *Catechism* in No. 1857, requires three conditions: grave matter, full knowledge, and deliberate consent. So there is some degree of subjectivity, and I cannot safely say, from this distance, whether all three are present in your case.

You need to see a priest-confessor and a drug counselor. Drug addiction is treatable -- either behaviorally or pharmacologically, or through a combination of both. Since (admirably) you have been able to overcome your earlier addictions, there is no reason to believe that you cannot do it now -- especially since prayer is such a strong factor in your life.

Q. We have some really fine young priests being ordained in our archdiocese, and they are now in our parishes. Some of them have us praying the Hail Mary at the end of the (Sunday and daily) Mass intentions and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of weekday Mass. I thought that this was not permitted under the current liturgical rubrics, or has something changed? (Washington, D.C.)

A. In the liturgical documents of the church, you would look in vain for any absolute and specific prohibition of the two practices you mention. However, the spirit of the liturgy would seem to argue against their inclusion within the Mass.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that after each of the petitions is announced in the prayer of the faithful, the congregation supports the petition by reciting together an "invocation." "Lord, hear our prayer" strikes me as an "invocation," while the recitation of the complete Hail Mary does not.

Evidently in England, drawing on a medieval practice, some parishes were reciting the Hail Mary after the final petition. In 2012, Bishop Kieran Conry of Arundel and Brighton wrote to his clergy asking them to discontinue that practice. He said that some years before, the Vatican had written to the bishops of England and Wales advising that such devotional prayer during the petitions should be (in Bishop Conry's words) "gradually and gently discouraged."

The Prayer to St. Michael ("Defend us in battle...") was written by Pope Leo XIII in 1886. Although it is no longer recited at the end of Mass, St. John Paul II in 1994 encouraged Catholics to use the prayer privately.

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

Author Conor Grennan to Visit ODU

Author, motivational speaker, and children's rights activist Conor Grennan will visit Ohio Dominican University for a presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in Alumni Hall, located on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The event is free; however, seating is limited. The presentation is appropriate for high school students and older attendees.

Grennan is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling memoir "Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal." The book documents Grennan's efforts to reunite children who are victims of human trafficking with their parents. Grennan also is president and founder of Next Generation Nepal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reconnecting trafficked children with their families. The organization has helped reunite nearly 300 families.

"We're thrilled that Conor Grennan has accepted our invitation to address our campus community and share his moving story," said

Dr. Theresa Holleran, ODU's vice president for academic affairs. "His commitment to reuniting orphans with their families is awe-inspiring. He is a perfect example of how one person can affect true positive change in the world."

Grennan's presentation is one of a series of events ODU is hosting to support the theme of its 2014-15 academic year, "The Common Good," which discusses ways the ODU community can help make the world a better place.

Grennan spent eight years at the East West Institute (EWI) in Prague and Brussels, where he managed a variety of projects focused on peace and reconciliation. In 2001, he was made deputy director of the EWI's program on security and good governance. He also served as the advisor on European Union affairs to EWI's worldwide security program.

Grennan is a citizen of the United States and Ireland. He graduated from the University of Virginia and New York University's Stern School of Business.

World Youth Day Pilgrimage

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Columbus announces a diocesan pilgrimage for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide celebration of young Catholics with the Holy Father. WYD is primarily for young adults, and pilgrims must be at least 18 at the time of the trip to attend WYD with the diocesan group. Because of the advance preparation needed and a convenient payment plan spread over 16 months, participants must sign up now. Initial registration is due by Thursday, Jan. 15. JMJ Catholic Youth Travel is the diocesan travel agent for WYD 2016.

The cost is \$3,650 per person and includes roundtrip airfare from Columbus to Krakow, university dorm lodging in Krakow, the WYD fee, meals during WYD, and tours before and after the WYD events to a few sites connected to the life of St. John Paul II and to other historical and sacred places. The 10-day pilgrimage will depart Columbus on July 24, 2016 and return on Aug. 3. The cost does not include passport, gratuities, and one meal per day pre- and post-WYD events.

More information is available at www.cdeducation.org/WYD or by calling Mike Hall or Sean Robinson at (614) 241-2565. There is limited time to sign up, so do it now. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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Father Tad Pacholczyk

A recent news report described the unusual story of a baby's birth from his grandmother's womb. A 29-year old woman from Sweden, born without a uterus, received a transplanted womb from her mother -- the same womb that had brought her into the world a generation earlier. The woman then became pregnant through *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) and delivered a healthy baby boy.

The research had been dogged by controversy and questions: Could a transplanted womb from a post-menopausal woman be "triggered" back into action once it had been introduced into the body of a younger woman? Could a transplanted uterus effectively provide nourishment to a growing baby during all the gestational stages of a pregnancy? Would such a costly and risky surgery involving two people -- mother and daughter, donor and recipient -- be justifiable? Are such transplants ultimately ethical?

The specific circumstances involved are critical to determining whether this novel type of transplant is ethical.

Various medical anomalies can cause a woman to be missing a uterus. A congenital disease known as Rokitansky syndrome may cause the uterus to develop anomalously, or not form at all. Uterine cancer or other serious gynecological issues may necessitate that a woman undergo a hysterectomy, resulting in permanent infertility.

The womb is a unique organ with a highly specific function, and the transplantation of a healthy womb into a woman who lacks one because of a birth defect or disease is loosely parallel, some would say, to a situation in which a patient's kidney fails, and another person donates a healthy replacement organ.

Other people would say that the womb is not a vital organ like a kidney, and while transplantation of a womb is directed toward improving a patient's quality of life, it clearly does not constitute life-saving surgery, as a kidney transplant would.

Therefore, womb transplants require strong ethical justifications.

As we reflect on the ethics surrounding new medical treatments and technologies, it may help us to recall the general principle, enshrined in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, that the morality of a human act depends on three factors: the object, the end, and the circumstances involved. An act is morally good only if all three of these factors are morally good. If any one of them is bad, we recognize that the overall act itself becomes morally bad.

For example, a diva using her voice to sing a passage from a famous opera has the morally good object of

performing a beautiful and artistic musical composition. The end for which a diva might sing would be to perfect her singing skills -- also morally good. But if she decides to do it at 3 a.m. in a dormitory, so that it disturbs the sleep of her neighbors, then the circumstances would not be good, and we would conclude that the action of singing in that way by the diva is, in fact, morally bad.

In the case of carrying out a womb transplant, the object of the act would be good; namely, to restore a woman's bodily wholeness by transplanting a healthy womb in situations where she lacks one. The end for which the womb transplant would be carried out also would be good; namely, to achieve a pregnancy.

But particular circumstances may easily render the womb transplant immoral. If the transplant were done for the purposes of pursuing a pregnancy through IVF, this circumstance would render the entire act of the womb transplant to be morally bad and disordered, given that IVF is invariably immoral as a means to engender new human life. All reported instances thus far of womb transplants followed by successful pregnancies have arisen because of the use of IVF.

A similar problem with the circumstances of the transplant could arise if the womb that was used for transplant had been donated by a healthy woman still in her reproductive years who harbored a contraceptive intention and no longer desired to have more children of her own with her husband. In such a situation, her uterine donation would cause her to become sterile, and would represent a seriously flawed moral circumstance that would likewise render the action of receiving the transplanted womb unethical on the part of the other woman.

When might a womb transplant be morally acceptable? If a uterus were transplanted from either a deceased or a freely consenting, postmenopausal woman to another woman whose ovaries, fallopian tubes, and other reproductive tissues were then able to function so she could conceive a child within the marital embrace, rather than through IVF (and assuming minimal medical risks to both donor and recipient), the womb transplant could represent an ethical means of resolving her uterine-factor infertility. In conclusion, the specific circumstances of both donor and recipient are crucial in discerning the ethical appropriateness of this unusual procedure.

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Jacob Samenuk, Jack Brinkman, and Brendan Foley (from left) at a Blue Jackets game.



In honor of this year's school theme, "Disciples on a Journey," and the school's recent designation as a Blue Ribbon School, students at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School were given bags with the school logo. They received instructions to take the bags with them for the rest of the school year and to take photos showing them displaying the bags at the places they visit. All the photos are being compiled into an album showcasing how far the school's message has traveled.



A St. Brigid bag is pictured with a statue of St. Brigid at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.



Catherine (left) and Peter De Socio at the "Christmas Story" house in Cleveland.



Aubrey Battin in front of Cinderella's Castle at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.



Sam Halsey with Brutus Buckeye at the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University campus.



One bag from Buckeye country made it to the University of Michigan campus at Ann Arbor.

Photos courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School



The Blessed Mother and New Year's Resolutions Go Hand-in-Hand

I've always been a fan of New Year's resolutions and goal-making, despite a nice dose of cynicism acquired from years of failure and burning myself out on unattainable targets.

Last year, I revisited resolutions and made a few strides in the right direction. No shock: I won some, I lost some. Despite my best efforts, the exercise thing wobbled. Despite my life's chaos, my version of bullet journaling has flourished. Despite my tight budget, my husband and I have gone on more dates this year than since we've been married.

And so I can't help but look at this resolution thing with a bit less cynicism than I approached it last year. (I was really just playing along a bit ... I can't say I was expecting success.)

In that optimism, I can't help but see a bit of Mary. It can be no accident that Jan. 1, that day of Lo, Those Many Resolutions We Shall Forget Within a Month or Two, is also a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Isn't it just like a mother to encourage us to examine where we can improve our lives, to nudge us closer to the path of holiness, to cheer for us to get off our collective duffs and stride toward success?

This Jan. 1 marked my 10th year as a mother. My oldest child — a daughter who's almost as tall as I am, has a sassy streak and a sense of humor, and looks so much like my husband that it's a bit



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

uncanny — was born on this feast, this last day of the Octave of Christmas, feast of Mary, and beginning of the year.

It's almost like God was making sure I would always have to take Jan. 1 seriously, no matter what. No, scratch that. It's almost like Mary was making sure I was paying attention.

She's had it out for me for years, now that I look back. I can see her at work in my life, and I can't help but smile a bit. It's the subtle little nuances, the coincidences that really aren't, the ways my life has turned out so unexpectedly different than I planned.

Goal-making is a struggle I face ... is it worth it? Well, maybe.

The crusty old lady inside me rolls her eyes, having seen it all before before — the ups and downs, the wins and fails, the haves and have-nots.

But the perky cheerleader can't help but get a little riled up, a little excited, a little inspired by the blank

new slate.

So what if the family calendar isn't done (again)? So what if I slept a whole week instead of working away like I planned to do? So what if my to-do list is daunting and scary and perhaps even impossible?

There's still hope.

And maybe that's why I always come back to resolutions. Because of the hope they represent.

Come to think of it, maybe that's why I can't help but link resolutions to Mary. She's been a bastion of hope for me for years, from the way she accepted God's will with a smile (and maybe more than a little bit of humor) to the way I continue to see her as a mentor and a role model across the years that separate us.

Those resolutions I may (or may not) make this year will undoubtedly be a work in progress. They always are. Sometimes they give me a light, a map of sorts. Other times, they give me the nudge I need to pursue something specific.

This year, though, I want to make sure I'm growing closer to Mary's Son as I begin my year. I can't help but think that's what she really wants.

Reinhard writes online at SnoringScholar.com and is the author of a number of books, including "Catholic Family Fun: A Guide for the Adventurous, Overwhelmed, Creative, or Clueless."

ST. MATTHEW SUPPORT GROUPS

Gahanna St. Matthew Church is sponsoring DivorceCare and GriefShare support groups for people who are going through the pain of divorce or the loss of a beloved person. Both groups consist of friendly, caring people who have gone through these difficult experiences and want to help others deal with them.

The DivorceCare group will meet each Sunday between Jan. 18 and April 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Michael Room of the church, 807 Havens Corners Road. The GriefShare group's meetings will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from Jan. 15 to April 16. There is a one-time charge of \$30 for each, which includes a workbook.

For more information or to register for DivorceCare, contact Mike Workman at (614) 269-7098 or Loretta Seipel at (614) 575-1507 or lseipel1947@yahoo.com.

The contact for GriefShare registration and information is Stephen Duraney at (614) 442-7650, extension 12, or Stephen.sopcc@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR VETERANS



John Rackham of Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus shares some holiday cheer with Mark, a resident of the Arthur Keiffer Veterans House on North Columbus Street in Lancaster. Each year, the Knights fill boxes with Christmas goodies for residents of the house as a way of showing their appreciation for the service and sacrifice the men have given.



By **MSGR. DAVID FUNK**, *Pastor, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X*

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PIUS X

A group of parishioners and friends of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church traveled to Italy from June 9-19 as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the death of the parish's patron, Pope St. Pius X, and the 60th anniversary of his canonization as a saint.

Including myself, there were 44 of us who journeyed to Italy for this commemoration.

Our first stop on the trip was Venice, where, as Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, Pius X was archbishop. In 1903, he was elected pope.

Important Venetian sites visited included the Basilica of St. Mark with its beautiful mosaics; the world-renowned St. Mark's Square; and the Doge's Palace leading into the Bridge of Sighs and jail. The bell tower of the Basilica of San Marco was repaired during the leadership of Cardinal Sarto. Most of the group relaxed here with a gondola ride, complete with singing and music.

After Venice, we went to Riese, the hometown of St. Pius, which is only a few miles away from Venice, but is in the Diocese of Treviso. In Riese, I led our pilgrims in the cel-

ebration of Mass in the Church of St. Matthew the Apostle, assisted by Deacons Charlie Miller and Bill Demidovich, and seminarian Robert Johnson as master of ceremonies.

In this church, the future St. Pius X was baptized and celebrated his first Mass as a newly ordained priest. The Mass and its intention were for all the parishioners of St. Pius X. So we carried with us everyone back home in thoughts and prayers.

After this Mass in Riese, I presented to the parish of St. Matthew the Apostle a copy of our parish's 50th anniversary history book from 2008, and a copy of our last pictorial directory. These books were a symbol of our journey with their parish, as they commemorate the two anniversaries of St. Pius' death and canonization.

The sacristan who received these also was presented with the same baseball cap in the colors of royal blue with gold lettering saying "St. Pius X" on the front that all of us pilgrims wore on the tour.

He beamed and proudly donned the cap. And then he led us down the street from the Church of St.

Matthew to the boyhood home of St. Pius X and let us tour the house, which was full of memorabilia of St. Pius. This was a wonderful extra that was not originally included on our tour. The Mass and visit to St. Pius' home gave great focus to our pilgrimage.

We journeyed next to Padua and visited the basilica and shrine of the great saint, Anthony of Padua. The town was busy preparing festivities for the following day, June 13, which is his feast day.

The scenic Tuscan countryside led to Florence, the great city of art, where the Renaissance was born. We saw the famous statue of David by Michelangelo; the city's baptistry, with its "Gates of Paradise" doors; Santa Croce Church; the city's cathedral; and the historic palace and square of Florence, with its Neptune Fountain.

Traveling through Umbria, the group arrived at the serene site of the Basilica of St. Francis. Sites visited here included the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, built over the original *Portiuncula* ("Little Portion") chapel of St. Francis, which is restored and preserved under the newer building's dome.

Sunday Mass was celebrated in the chapel of St. Catharine of Siena in the Basilica of St. Francis, where his tomb is located. Even though our time was short in Assisi, many of the pilgrims on tour said this was such a special place that they would like to come back. I agree.

Our final destination was the center of our faith, the great city of Rome. Stops there included the basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul's Outside the Walls; the catacombs; and the Colosseum, Pantheon, Circus Maximus, Forum, Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps. The highlights of our time in Rome and Vatican City were a Mass celebrated at the tomb of St. Pius X on



Left: Msgr. David Funk, pastor of St. Pius X Church, outside the childhood home of Pope St. Pius X in Riese, Italy. Right: The tomb of St. Pius at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. St. Pius' body, not embalmed but remarkably well-preserved, was placed under glass and moved in 1952 from a crypt to a chapel. Photos courtesy Greg Waybright, St. Pius X Church



June 16, our first full day there, and a papal audience on the last day before we came home.

The body of Pius X was moved in 1952 to a glass coffin in the altar of the chapel, second on the left as you come into St. Peter's. The Mass was to begin at 8 a.m., but there was time for the pilgrims to see the famous *Pieta* by Michelangelo, the new tomb nearby with the body of St. John Paul II, and the tomb with the body of St. John XXIII at the front of the basilica.

Once again, assisted by Deacons Miller and Demidovich, deacon candidate Greg Waybright, and seminarian Robert Johnson, I celebrated a votive Mass in honor of St. Pius X at his tomb. It was a very moving experience for me and all on the tour. To have had the privilege of celebrating Mass in Riese, and then at the tomb of St. Pius X in St. Peter's Basilica, and to represent all of our parishioners at these two Masses in honor of our patron, was most humbling for me personally.

For the papal audience in St. Peter's Square, our tickets, provided by the Pontifical North American College seminary, were numbered in the 35,000s. As our tour guide suggested, it was "every man for himself" as we found seats for the arrival and presence of Pope Francis. Many of us were well-situated for good photo opportunities and papal sightings as the pope traveled throughout the square in the pope-

mobile.

Pope Francis greeted pilgrims from all nations in their native language. During the papal address, he focused his comments on the family and extended his blessing to the people in attendance and their families.

As pilgrims, we all began our journey with eagerness and energy. As time moved on, we searched our hearts for the reason for our journey. Prayers were offered, and our intentions were voiced out loud or in our hearts.

At the end of the journey, we were a cohesive group that shared the beauty of our Catholic faith, the cul-

ture of historic Rome and Italy, and the delicious cuisine of Italy.

Thanks are due to our English tour guide, Elizabeth, from NAWAS International Tours, who was a magical "Mary Poppins." She was witty and able to soothe the tired travelers' spirits.

Thanks as well to our lay leadership team of Beth Antommarchi and Judy Miller, who kept our spirits calm and seamlessly kept us united and organized.

St. Pius X died on Aug. 21, 1914. On Aug 21, 2014, two months after the pilgrimage, St. Pius X Church celebrated the centennial of its patron's death and the 60th anniversa-

ry of his canonization with a special Mass. The Mass included the blessing of a refurbished portrait of him and the solemn blessing of a relic of Pius X and the reliquary containing it, which are part of the church's sanctuary.

Milestones such as this are important to be marked by our parish for several reasons. First of all, we have a great parish patron in St. Pius X. His devotion to the Eucharist and the Mass, and to sacred music in the Mass, can continue to inspire us to great devotion to the Mass and Christ our Lord in the Eucharist, and to continue the rich music tradition we have in our parish.

Secondly, St. Pius X continues to inspire us in the parish to live by his motto, which is "to restore all things in Christ": to restore over and over Christ as the center of our lives and to work to bring our society and world to right relationship with God through Christ. This is the work of and reason for our parish. And lastly, we want to be holy like St. Pius, so that some day we may see him, our patron, at the end of our earthly pilgrimage, and be with God for all eternity.

(St. Pius X parishioner Andrea Balas also provided information for this story, adapted from material which appeared in the August 2014 issue of the parish newsletter)

Mass in Riese: Msgr. Funk and Deacons Charlie Miller (left) and Bill Demidovich.



Top of page: The Basilica of St. Mary of the Flower, the cathedral of Florence, Italy.

Above: Pope Francis, in his popemobile, blesses the crowd at a papal audience in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

Right: The Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health, on the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy, as seen from a gondola (foreground).

Far right: Pilgrims from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church climb the Holy Steps in Rome on their knees. These are said to be the steps Jesus climbed in Jerusalem to receive his death sentence. They were sent to Rome in the fourth century.



THE U.S. NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

By Father Michael Mary Dosch, OP
Pastor, Columbus St. Patrick Church

“For those who believe, no explanation is necessary; for those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”

These words open the 1943 film adaptation of *The Song of Bernadette*, originally a book by Franz Werfel, a Jewish man who promised Our Lady to sing the story of the young girl who saw her if he escaped the Nazis’ hands while taking refuge in the city of Lourdes. At this village, nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees in southern France along the Spanish border, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in the Grotto of Massabielle, a shallow cave along the Gavarnie River, instructing the 14-year old girl to proclaim Our Lady’s request that a church be built there and for people to come there on pilgrimage.

Since the apparitions in 1858, millions have journeyed to Lourdes every year to encounter the Blessed Mother. For those who have done so, no explanation is adequate for this maternal encounter; for those with no faith, no explanation is possible.

Most people’s minds jump to miracles when they think of Lourdes. Everyone who makes a pilgrimage to this grotto of Our Lady experiences the miraculous. They feel the marvelous love of our heavenly mother. Few are healed. Some are healed and do not even know it. All are changed. However, miracles do happen.

In the Marian year of 1954, Sir John

Hodgson, the founder of Catholic Travel in Washington, D.C., established the first Rosary pilgrimage to Lourdes from the United States. Many nations have a Rosary pilgrimage to Lourdes, typically the largest annual pilgrim group from the country and normally organized by the Dominican Order. The largest pilgrimage every year is the French one, which takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in October.

Sir John’s daughter, Elizabeth Grinder, has continued the tradition started by her father in organizing the pilgrimage from the United States, which has continued uninterrupted for 60 years. I have been a part of the past 10 pilgrimages. During this time, there have been miracles.

Little Colleen had recently received her first Holy Communion. Her mother is a doctor who had accompanied the U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage for many years as part of the medical staff. As a Communion gift to Colleen and her twin sister, she brought her two daughters with her to Lourdes. However, shortly before the trip began, Colleen badly broke her arm at the elbow in a trampoline accident. The swelling was so bad that they could not set the bones, but had to wait. The surgeon only let Colleen travel because her mother was a doctor. Colleen arrived in Lourdes with her arm in a sling.

When the Blessed Mother instructed Bernadette to drink from the spring, the child saint had to dig in the mud to get a little water. That spring has not stopped



Top: The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Lourdes, France. Below: A procession of pilgrims in wheelchairs around a statue of the Crowned Virgin. Photos courtesy Fr. Michael Dosch, OP

flowing since 1858. Baths were built in Lourdes near the grotto which the waters from that spring fill. It was to these that the good doctor brought her daughter on the first day of their pilgrimage.

Colleen, her sister, and her mother stood in line for the baths. When the Lourdes volunteers brought them past the curtains to enter the waters, the mother made clear to the multilingual helpers that they needed to be careful with her daughter’s arm. They brought Colleen into the water and out again, followed after by her sister, then her mother. Reunited on the other side of the curtain, Colleen announced the good news: “My arm feels strong.” She was healed.

Everyone who believes receives a miracle. In Lourdes, it is hard not to. Some people chase after physical healings in a desperate last chance, only to find that the true miracle is deeply rooted in their soul. There in that holy place is found a love that surpasses all miracles. When you go to Lourdes, you meet our Mother.

Not everyone will be able to go to Lourdes in his or her lifetime, but if you go, it will change your life. For those who travel overseas only once in their life, Lourdes should be one of your stops. However, the best way to experience Lourdes is to go and stay for a while. That is one of the best elements of the U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage – you spend a full week at Our Lady’s shrine.

The 61st U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage will travel to Lourdes from



June 28 to July 7, 2015. For information on the pilgrimage, or to simply enter petitions that will be given to Our Lady at the Lourdes grotto during the pilgrimage, visit www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com.

Keep in mind that you do not have to travel to encounter Our Lady or her Son. Even though the healing related above took place in the miraculous waters at the grotto of Massabielle, most of the miracles approved by the Lourdes medical bureau have occurred in front of the Blessed Sacrament. At Lourdes, the host is the same Jesus as in your church tabernacle. “For those who believe, no explanation is necessary.” Mary leads us to her Son, who is really present in the Eucharist, the greatest miracle of them all.



Handicapped pilgrims meet one of the many ecclesial dignitaries from around the world who come regularly to Lourdes, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858.

PLANETARIUM PROJECT



First-grade and middle-school students from Hilliard St. Brendan School had the opportunity of visiting a planetarium without leaving the school. Jarrod Petersavage, a NASA engineer, brought a portable planetarium to the school and presented information about stars and constellations. The students experienced being inside a planetarium and observed the night sky of the Northern Hemisphere. Constellations were discussed in more detail for the middle-school students. Students pictured are (from left): first row, - Spencer Johnson, Caden Harey; second row, Colin Robinson, Logan Schnurr; third row, Liam Thompson, Kari Mercer; fourth row, Emily Hatfield, Sophia Hoersten.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Coshocton Sacred Heart School students collected nonperishable food items for the local Salvation Army’s Christmas food drive. The students donated 1,167 food items. The fifth-grade class donated an average of 52 items per student. Class members pictured are (from left): first row, Alex Papadopol, Liam Stevens-Woolery, and Colston Lauvray; second row, Joe Abel and Anthony Bouris-Wilson.

Photo courtesy Sacred Heart School

Employee health and wellness

Mount Carmel’s employee health and wellness program, Live Your Whole Life, has earned the 2014 Healthy Ohio Worksite Gold Level Award from the Ohio Department of Health and the Healthy Ohio Business Council.

“We are honored to be recognized for our efforts to create an emphasis on health and wellness at our facilities,” said Christine Browning, senior vice president and chief human resources officer at Mount Carmel Health. “I’m proud of the work our associates have done to create such a successful program.”

The award recognizes employers that demonstrate a commitment to employee health by incorporating comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs. It acknowledges efforts to facilitate and encourage employee health, enhance productivity, and ensure a healthy work environment.

This is the fourth consecutive year Mount Carmel has been recognized with the Healthy Worksite Award, previously winning gold in 2013, silver in 2012, and gold in 2011.

Mount Carmel Health will receive the award at the state Health Action Council’s 2015 conference on Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus.



FRIENDS ACROSS TIME

Gahanna St. Matthew School students are taking part in an intergenerational program titled “Friends Across Time” with local senior citizens. The group meets monthly so both groups can learn about each other, forming lasting friendships between generations. The group is shown making Christmas centerpieces for the Ronald McDonald House.

Photo courtesy St. Matthew School

The Baptism of the Lord (Cycle B)

Mark makes Jesus' identity clear from the start



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

As readers will note, there are two options for both the first and second readings. Decisions of which readings to choose will have to be made by those who preach. My parish uses the Oregon Catholic Press *Missalette*, so the decision has been made for us by its choice of Isaiah 55 and 1 John. I would have preferred Isaiah 42 and the Acts reading, so I will confine my remarks to the Gospel reading only, which is the same for either choice of the other readings.

Mark's Gospel jumps quickly from one theme to another. In the first seven verses, Mark begins with the announcement "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God." Mark then quotes from Isaiah (and Malachi, whom he ignores): "A voice of one crying in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

Immediately, Mark introduces John the Baptist, implying without saying directly that John's is that voice. "John the Baptist appeared in the desert preaching a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." People were coming to him from Judea and Jerusalem, confessing their sins, and John was baptizing them in the Jordan River.

John was preaching that "One mightier than I is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to bend down and untie. I am baptizing with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Some think that the Holy Spirit was added later to the text. The action of untying a person's sandals was generally regarded

as something not even a slave would have to do for a master. John protests that he isn't even worthy enough to be considered a slave of the one who is coming. That is the sole content of John's preaching, as Mark narrates it. Mark is thereby able to acknowledge the importance of John, prior to the entry of Jesus on the scene. Once Jesus emerges, John will disappear.

At an unspecified time, Mark introduces Jesus to the scene. Mark rarely accounts for the passage of time. He writes: "It happened in those days. ..." That could mean he came right away or a month later or even years later. Mark is only interested in showing that at some point, Jesus came to John and was baptized in the Jordan.

The embarrassing question of how the "sinless" Jesus could be baptized by John for the forgiveness of sins did not occur to Mark. Matthew's account addresses the issue by having John protest baptizing Jesus (Matthew 3:14). Luke simply notes that Jesus was baptized like the rest of the people (Luke 3:21). John's Gospel does not mention that Jesus was baptized by John.

In the Greek text, it is Jesus who, upon coming up out of the water, sees "the heavens torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him." And a voice comes from the heavens: "You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

We never know for certain whether this was an event Jesus later told his disciples about or whether witnesses reported hearing the voice. Clearly, the vision belonged to Jesus. The voice from heaven may or may not have been heard by others.

The voice confirms what the beginning of the Gospel had stated; namely, that Jesus is God's Son. Mark establishes this at the outset so that we, the readers, know from the very beginning what the disciples never seem to understand. That is part of Mark's genius as a storyteller. We, the readers, know all along who Jesus is. His disciples will never get it straight.

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Cardinal George dropped from clinical drug trial for cancer

Cardinal Francis E. George, retired archbishop of Chicago, has been dropped from the clinical drug trial to treat his cancer after scans showed the experimental treatment was not working for him, the Archdiocese of Chicago said.

Although the antibody drug was not effective on the cardinal, physicians overseeing treatment assured him that the information gathered during the trial will benefit others, the archdiocese said in a Dec. 31 statement.

Cardinal George was participating in a trial being conducted by University of Chicago Medicine, but remained under care at the Loyola University Medical Center. He planned to meet with physicians at Loyola to discuss how to best address some of the side effects

of the cancer.

The statement said cancer had not spread to any vital organs.

"He is at peace, but he counts on everyone's prayers that he might be of service to the Lord and his church in the time left to him," the archdiocese said.

Cardinal George was first diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2006 and had a recurrence of cancer announced in 2012. The clinical trial began in August at the University of Chicago.

Cardinal George retired in September and was succeeded by Archbishop Blase J. Cupich, former rector-president of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Hebrews 1:1-6
Psalm 97:1,2b,6,7c,9
Mark 1:14-20

TUESDAY
Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalm 8:2ab,5-9
Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY
Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9
Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY
Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalm 95:6-7c,8-11
Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY
Hebrews 4:1-5,11
Psalm 78:3,4bc,6c-8
Mark 2:1-12

SATURDAY
Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Mark 2:13-17

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2015

SUNDAY MASS

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

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 (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

New Year, New Day in Faith

New Year's Day has been an interesting exercise for me in my adult years. I am sure I am not alone in feeling a little tired as I reflect on the year just concluded and think about what lies ahead. In my younger days, the day was full of recalling the revelry of the night before and watching the full slate of college bowl games that used to be played only on New Year's Day. Now the bowl games are pretty strung out, and since I am older, wiser, married, and have children, the revelry takes a different course.

New Year's Eve still has the same cast of friends with whom I grew up in Marion, but many new faces have been added through the last couple of decades, because many of us also are married and have families. While the Church's liturgical year begins with Advent, the secular year begins on Jan. 1, and this provides as good a measuring stick as any to see where we are in our life and faith journey.

Outside of a high school class reunion, New Year's Eve is the most likely time for me to hear and see what the old gang from Marion Catholic has been up to in the past year. Faith is still a pretty important thing to many of the people I grew up with, but then again, turning 50 will help you set your priorities straight. Our world is crying for authenticity in so many arenas. It seems a few wayward sheep are easily forgiven



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

in the field of politics, sports, and entertainment, but when a faithful person falls, there is almost a gleeful response in much of our secular culture.

While many of those with whom I grew up are still pretty faithful, many people I meet in my travels are not. Yet some of those same folks, especially if they are older, will regale me with a great story about the faithfulness of their parents, the nuns who taught them, or the priest or minister who led their church. When I politely ask why they were unable to retain that faith, they usually shrug their shoulders and tell me they became too caught up in the world, or their spouse wasn't raised in a religious home, or they moved and never found religious roots in their transient lifestyle. I always tell them that today is a new day. This is especially helpful at the beginning of the year or during a holy period like Lent, Easter, or Christmas.

I sometimes am asked, "How can I give the right

response to a family, friend, or stranger who asks a question about faith, especially if that person doesn't feel a need for God, or perhaps feels it is too late to come into the fold?" I usually tell someone in this situation to simply put himself or herself in the other person's shoes and try to see what answer might work. If you have no idea, just ask the Holy Spirit for some quick guidance.

I remember talking to a tow truck driver who was wearing a Bob Seger concert shirt. He told me that he didn't know where his life went wrong, but he knew he was on the wrong track, with no earthly idea of how to fix it. I reminded him of the Bob Seger song *Turn the Page*. I reminded him that God had never given up on him, not to mention the coincidence, or, more correctly, the providence that we even met. I have no idea if that helped, but I am quite certain that we met for a reason, and even though I was in the middle of nowhere with a broken radiator and fan belt, hopefully something good came of it.

Again, a new year affords us the chance for a clean slate, to start anew and turn the page. God is always there to help. All we have to do is ask.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

"OPERATION WALK" GIVES PATIENTS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Dozens of central Ohioans have received life-changing treatment through Mount Carmel Health System's participation in Operation Walk USA.

"How do I even begin to describe the difference? I feel like this has given me my life back," said Daryl Emch, a two-time Operation Walk patient (pictured at podium). "I work out three days a week at the gym, and once again, walking is my favorite form of exercise."

"I just love enjoying life – walking, traveling, and shopping. It is possible for me to do these things after surgery," said Olga Sherfey, a patient of Operation Walk in 2013 "Thank you to Dr. Lombardi and his team."

Emch and Sherfey are two of the more than 50 people for whom Dr. Adolph V. Lombardi and Dr. Keith Berend of Joint Implant Surgeons have performed surgery at Mount Carmel New Albany Surgical Hospital during the four years of Operation Walk. The physicians performed three of those surgeries on Dec. 5 (Lombardi is pictured with Diane Doucette, senior vice president of clinical services at Mount Carmel New Albany, and Richard D'Enbeau, the hospital's president and chief operations officer).

On that same day, a special luncheon at the hospital reunited previous patients involved with the program.

While more than one million hip and knee replacements are performed in the United States each year, countless men and women continue to live with se-



vere arthritic pain and immobility because they cannot afford joint replacement surgery.

Currently in its fourth year, Operation Walk provides all aspects of knee and hip replacement treatment – surgery, hospitalization, pre- and post-operative care – at no cost to patients who may not qualify for government assistance, have insurance, or be able to afford surgery on their own.

"It's great to see our patients who have returned and to hear their stories," said Lombardi, president of Operation Walk. "It's wonderful to have the opportunity to give many of these patients a new lease on life."

Operation Walk is a volunteer effort on behalf of more than 140 volunteer surgeons and 70 participating hospitals in 32 states, and has performed nearly 500 surgeries to date.



For more information on Operation Walk, visit www.opwalkusa.com.

Notre Dame Chorale in Westerville

Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., has been added to the winter tour of the University of Notre Dame Chorale. The free concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 10.

The Chorale is the official concert choir of the University of Notre Dame. A mixed ensemble of 55 voices specializing in choral works from the Renaissance to the present, it performs on campus during the fall and spring and does a winter tour of the United States during January, as well as an international tour every three or four years.

Pray for our dead

ANGELOZZI, Conchet M., 89, Dec. 20
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

BALLARD, Virginia, 93, Dec. 10
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BARKER, Thomas A., 72, Dec. 16
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

BAUMAN, James J., 88, Dec. 24
St. Leo Church, Columbus

BATES, Angela M., 98, Dec. 26
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

BERNHARD, Geraldine, 79, Dec. 29
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

BEYER, Mary J., 89, Dec. 27
St. Leo Church, Columbus

BISHOP, Nancy L., 83, formerly of Columbus, Dec. 24
St. Mark Church, Plano, Texas

BOYD, Richard M., 61, Dec. 24
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

DILTZ, Irene M., 91, Dec. 29
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

DOYLE, Ann M., 84, Dec. 26
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

HACKER, James B., 77, Dec. 30
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

HAMLER, Nancy J., 75, Dec. 21
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

HUGHES, JoAnn, 84, Dec. 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

HUNT, John R. "Bob," 81, Dec. 26
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

JAHN, Mary A., 84, Dec. 28
St. Peter Church, Millersburg

JONES, Charles V., 94, Dec. 18
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

KEMPTON, Dorothy M., 97, Dec. 21
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

KOSEC, Dorothy C., 101, Dec. 11
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

LAWRENCE, Anthony P., 89, Dec. 19
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LEITER, Genevieve, 89, Dec. 31
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MARTIN, James N., 65, Dec. 31
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

McKEON, Brian J., 76, Dec. 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MILLER (MULBAY), Elizabeth V., 87, Dec. 22
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

MOELLENKAMP, Regina A., 103, Dec. 18
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

MONG, Martha, 96, Dec. 22
St. Michael Church, Worthington

NAEGELE, Margaret R., 100, Dec. 21
St. Mary Church, Columbus

NATALUCCI, Mary, 78, Jan. 1
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

O'KEEFE, Brandin, 32, Dec. 26
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

OLSON, Allan R., 77, Jan. 2
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

ONG, Maria T., 90, Dec. 23
St. Mary Church, Groveport

PFISTER, Sue A., 55, Dec. 29
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

PROVIN, Catherine A., 83, Dec. 17
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

PRUDEN, Dorothy M., 92, Dec. 19
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

REISINGER, Welby R., 86, Dec. 23
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House

RIESER, Magdaline T., 93, Dec. 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

SCHIAVONE, Mary J., 84, Dec. 27
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SIVINSKI, Elizabeth "Betty," 85, Dec. 30
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SMITH, Clarence L., 90, Dec. 24
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

STABILE, Nita M., 88, Dec. 27
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

SULLIVAN, Robert E., 88, Dec. 19
St. Mary Church, Marion

TAYLOR, Elizabeth R., 66, Dec. 31
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

WEAGANT, Teresa M., 87, Dec. 28
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

WILLIAMS, Jack J. Jr., 68, Jan. 3
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

WYETH, Sidney J., 58, Dec. 24
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

Bethesda Annual Benefit Dinner

Sister Ann Shields, SGL, of Renewal Ministries, will be the keynote speaker for the annual benefit dinner sponsored by Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

Sister Ann is a member of the Servants of God's Love, a charismatic religious community in the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan, and a noted international speaker and author. Selected episodes of her daily Renewal Ministries radio program *Food for the Journey* can be heard on St. Gabriel Radio.

Sister Ann believes there is a major disconnect in the lives of many Catholics: a separation between God's word and its application to our daily lives. Through stories and inspirational chal-

lenges, she will show that "joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5) when, in our prayers to God, we accept his infinite mercy. Bethesda Healing Ministry joins Sister Ann in sharing this form of gentle evangelization to open hearts with trust that the Holy Spirit may enter in new and surprising ways.

Bishop Frederick Campbell is honorary chair of the event and Father Walter Oxley of the Pontifical College Josephinum will be master of ceremonies. The dinner is free. An opportunity to contribute to the work of the Bethesda ministry will be offered at the end of the evening.

For additional information, or to reserve your seat, call Diana Davis at (614) 309-1737 or visit www.bethesdahealing.org

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JANUARY

8, THURSDAY

Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111

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.

'Happenings' submissions

Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published.

Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 Fax to: 614-241-2518 E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdio.org

E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. Participants are asked to arrange for child care if necessary. since none is available on-site. 614-512-3731

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323
'Letter from Birmingham Jail' Film at Corpus Christi
6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "A Reading of the Letter from Birmingham Jail," a film by Jamaal Bell featuring Columbus leaders and Ohio State University educators reading one of the key documents of the 1960s civil-rights movement, followed by discussion with the filmmaker. 614-512-3731

10, 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.

Fulton Sheen Presentation at Corpus Christi

10 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Presentation on Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, pioneer of the "electronic Gospel," by Ohio Dominican University professor Kathleen Riley, author of a book on the archbishop, followed by light lunch. \$5 per person. 614-512-3731

Eritrean Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom

6:30 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Christmas Divine Liturgy in the Ge'ez (Ethiopian) Rite, celebrated by Father Musie Tesfayohanes, OCist, a Cistercian monk from Mount Laurel, N.J., for the local Eritrean Catholic community, which invites everyone to attend. 614-882-7578

Notre Dame Chorale at St. Paul

7:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Concert by the University of Notre Dame chorale, a mixed ensemble of 55 voices. 614-882-2109

11, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Natural Laws" with Dr. Larry Masek, assistant professor of philosophy at The Ohio State University.

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality. 740-756-7008

Open House at Watterson

1 to 3 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-268-8671

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, featuring presentation on the sacraments at 3 p.m.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

12, MONDAY

Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass. 614-406-2939

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

13, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Father Jeff Rimelspach, club chaplain, pastor of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Reservations required.

'Catholicism' Series at St. John XXIII

1 to 3 p.m., St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. Part 1: "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man," followed by discussion. 614-920-1563

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. 740-653-4919

14, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

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

15, THURSDAY

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St. Matthew GriefShare Support Group Meeting

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Michael Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Opening session of GriefShare support group for anyone dealing with the loss of a beloved person. Sessions continue weekly through April 16. \$30 one-time fee. 614-442-7650, ext. 12

16-18, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Weekend Retreat at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "In the Midst of Winter," a weekend retreat led by Sister Teresa Tuite, OP. \$125, including accommodations and four meals; \$60 commuters. 614-512-3731

17, 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.

Sister Lisa Marie Belz at Martin de Porres Center

10 to 11 a.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Program by Ursuline Sister Lisa Marie Belz on "St. Paul and the Role of Women: Sorting Through the Contradictions," followed by program from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on "Growth in Prayer According to Theresa of Avila and John of the Cross." Suggested donation \$15 per program or \$25 for both. Bring bag lunch; drinks, dessert provided. 614-416-1910

Centering Prayer Workshop at Resurrection

12:15 to 4:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Introduction to Centering Prayer workshop with Carol Lepley and Adele Sheffield of Contemplative Outreach Ltd. 614-855-1400

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

4 to 5:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Winter Warmth" labyrinth walk, facilitated by Joy Lawrence. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Jan. 15. 614-866-4302

18, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

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

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Reflections of an Overactive Sacramental Imagination" with liturgical artist Gina Switzer.

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

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

Dave Orsborn, OFS

614-282-4676
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Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

St. Matthew DivorceCare Support Group Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., St. Michael Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Opening session of DivorceCare support group for anyone dealing with the pain of divorce. Sessions continue weekly through April 26. 614-269-7098 or 614-575-1507

20, TUESDAY

'Catholicism' Series at St. John XXIII

1 to 3 p.m., St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. Part 2: "Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus," followed by discussion. 614-920-1563

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919



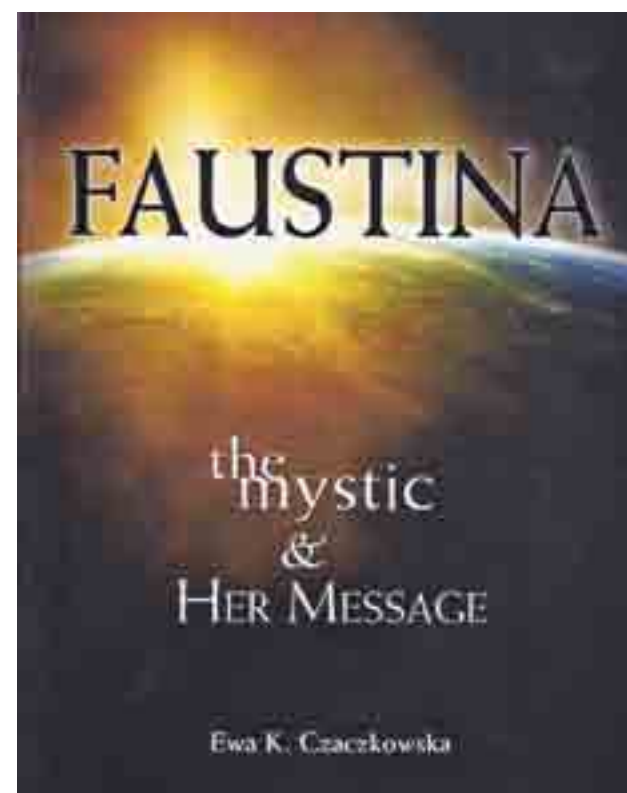
DINNER THEATER

Eat, Drink, & Solve A Murder...

Step back in time to the gangster era of the 1920s when Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School presents a fun-filled evening of dinner theater with its production of "The Mafia Murders" from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in the school cafeteria, 4212 Karl Road.

The audience will have an opportunity to interact with the characters to solve this gangster murder mystery. Listen to the clues carefully to see if your suspicions are correct. The evening will be hosted and performed by the students of the DeSales theater and choral programs, with proceeds going to the sponsoring organization, the DeSales Performing Arts Association.

Dinner will be catered by Bosc & Brie. Audience members are encouraged to dress up in their favorite 1920's costume for a chance to win a prize. The cost is \$75 per couple or \$37.50 per individual. Program content is appropriate for those of junior high age and older. Order tickets online at www.sfdstallions.org/dpaa or contact Temple VanCuyk for tickets at (614) 932-0818 or tavancuyk@yahoo.com.



BOOK REVIEW

FAUSTINA

Faustina: The Mystic & Her Message

"Jesus' message of Divine Mercy and the devotions associated with it have reached to the ends of the earth in a remarkably short period of time. Yet, from the very beginning of the spread of this message at the onset of World War II, hardly anything was known about Sister Faustina Kowalska, the instrument divinely chosen to bring Divine Mercy to the attention of the world. There was little information about her life and origins even after the publication in 1981 of her diary, which was quickly recognized as one of the greatest works of Christian mysticism in the 20th century.

"Who was this humble, obscure, and unlettered religious sister, who ranked fifth among the 100 greatest Catholics of the 20th century in a 1999 newspaper survey conducted on the eve of her canonization?"

"Now, this monumental biography provides a superabundance of information and photos that will satisfy the desire of many souls, including thousands of Di-

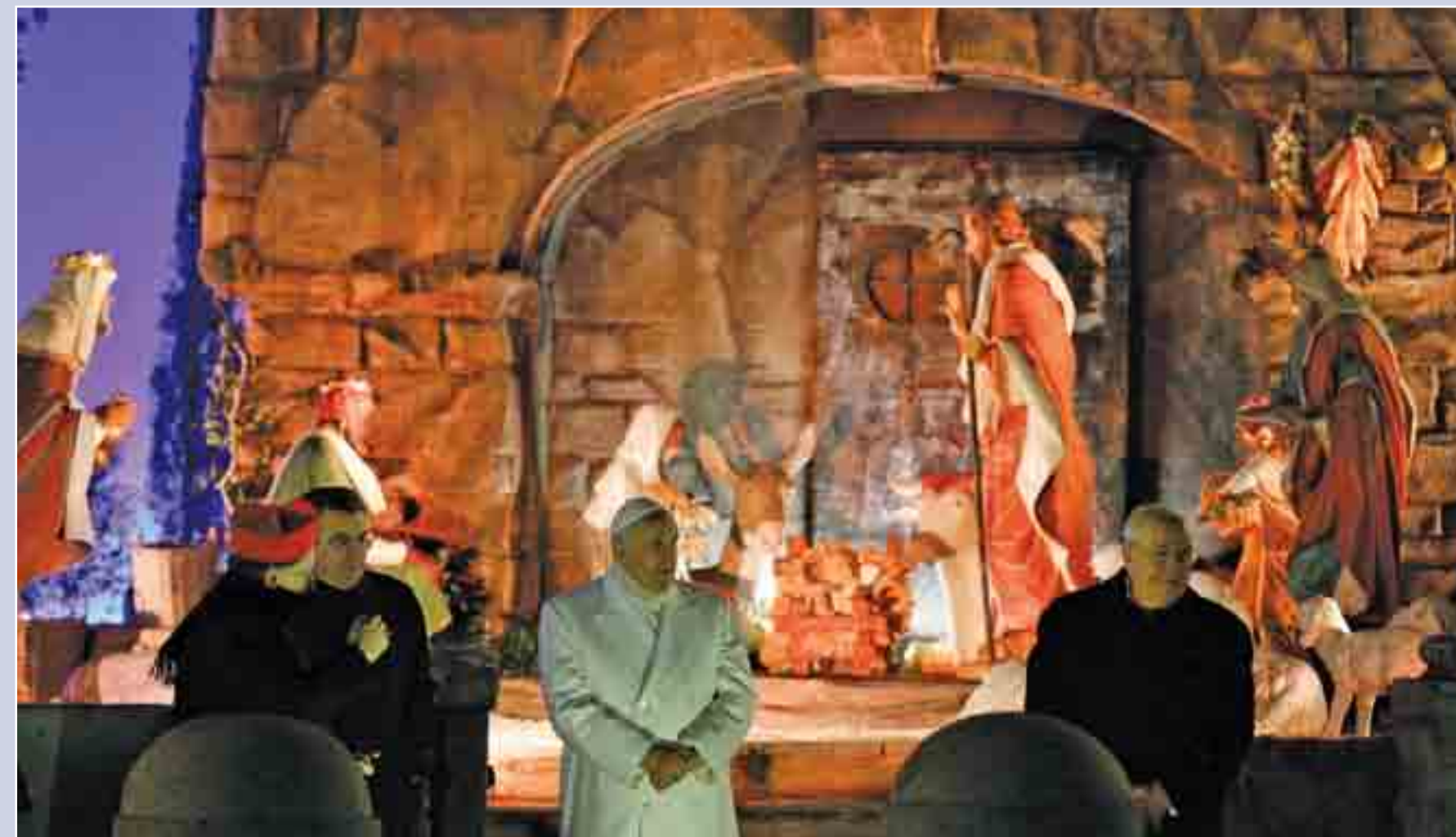
vine Mercy devotees, to get to know St. Faustina."

~ Father Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, former vice postulator for North America of St. Faustina's canonization cause

Follow the path of Faustina on her journey to sainthood in this biography that masterfully tracks this mystic's riveting life and her unique call from Jesus. Get to know the real Faustina, her message, and her mission. More than 70,000 copies of the original Polish edition were sold within three months of its release. The book is now being offered in America for the first time.

The book's author, Ewa Czaczkowska, is an award-winning Polish journalist, professor, and historian. She writes for the Polish newspaper Rzeczpospolita (The Commonwealth) and is an adjunct professor of journalism at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. Her books include "Father Jerzy Popieluszko, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński: The Biography," and "Miracles of St. Faustina."

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pope Francis visits the Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square after a prayer service on New Year's Eve in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

CNS photo/Paul Haring



Father Naeem Shoshandi celebrates Christmas Mass at the Mart Shmoni Shrine in the Ainkawa refugee camp in Irbil, Iraq. Christmas bells did not ring at Mosul and Christian villages this year for the first time in 1,600 years.

CNS photo/Sahar Mansour



Pilgrims hold figurines of the Christ Child during a traditional procession celebrating the feast of the Holy Innocents in Antiguo Cuscatlan, El Salvador, on Dec. 28. The event recalls the children massacred in Bethlehem by Herod in his attempt to destroy the child Jesus.

CNS photo/Jose Cabezas, Reuters

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FATHER WATSON

By Father Michael Watson

Pastor, Delaware St. Mary Church

In October 2013, I went to the Holy Land with 18 other pilgrims who were a combination of my former parishioners at Columbus St. Andrew Church and others from central Ohio. For all of us, it was our first trip there, and we were graced with each other's presence. We flew into Tel Aviv, a beautiful city on the Mediterranean, and after dinner, we strolled down to this mighty sea, which played a vital role in spreading the faith, especially in the formative years of the Church.

The next day we bussed down the road to Caesarea, which in the time of Jesus was a thriving seaport, man-made by Herod, and located 75 miles west of Jerusalem. An active amphitheater still stands in the city, and one could recognize along the beach an area once used as a hippodrome. This seaport was the departure point for the apostles, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, from whence the missionary work to the Gentiles initiated.

Later in our journey, we toured the area of Caesarea Philippi (not to be confused with Caesarea), a resort area in the northern region near Syria. Temples were constructed there to the Greek god Pan, and to Caesar Augustus. Here, Peter made his confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah – right in the midst of pagan territory and the false gods of the world, in an area that had been renovat-



The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

ed and renamed by Phillip, son of Herod the Great, to make a name for himself.

The weather was beautiful during the pilgrimage, except for one afternoon when we were at Mount Carmel, the site where the prophet Elijah fled after slaying 450 prophets of the false god Baal at a time of great drought.

Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel and mentioned to his servant that he heard the sound of heavy rain, though his servant could see only a cloud the size of a hand. After our arrival, the winds began

to pick up and clouds emerged, and we were barely able to hightail down the hill into town before a downpour came. I recalled that Scripture account during our descent.

Elijah was also recalled as we headed south and east to where John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. This site was where Elijah and Elisha crossed over the river and Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. It also was where Joshua and the Israelites crossed over into the Holy Land after 40 years in the desert. This place was an intersection of salvation history.

We not only drew water from the Jordan, but also got a bird's-eye view of the area by taking a cabled tram up to the Mount of Temptation, which overlooks the self-proclaimed oldest city in the world, Jericho. This was where the devil took Jesus to gaze at all the kingdoms Jesus could have if only He would worship Satan. We could see far beyond Jericho, back to where Jesus was baptized, and were reminded of the saving grace that calls us back to our baptism in the midst of temptation.

Continuing south, we ended up at the Dead Sea. From a distance, it looked like a resort in the middle of the desert. There are numerous umbrellas and chairs and an outdoor bar area, which I explored.

Nothing can grow there, as the salt is overpowering. You can only float in the water on your back, as the salt water would burn your eyes. I chose to wear clerical garb that day so as not to get in the water, though the majority of the pilgrims brought a change of clothes and experienced the salty and strange-smelling water. This place highlighted to me how we can be drawn to the attractions of life and end up in a dead zone.

The pilgrimage was centered on the sights around Jerusalem. Being a spatial person, my most 'Aha' experience on the trip was the proximity of King David's tomb and the Cenacle, both on Mount Zion. They are about a five-iron apart. David has been dead for 3,000 years and his remains are still entombed.

Jesus, at the Last Supper, instituted both the Eucharist and Holy Orders, so that from Mount Zion, He would be able to feed his people by offering a perpetual sacrifice. Furthermore, on the day of Resurrection, He appeared at the same place and, through the Holy Spirit,



Above: A scene from the Old City of Jerusalem. Below: A pilgrim places her hand on one of the station markers along the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem, which is worn from the pressure of repeated touching.



extended the power of forgiveness to the apostles to extend His saving work.

In contrast, we saw the remains of the Temple, which was destroyed in 70 AD. On that site is a golden-domed mosque. This pilgrimage reinforced to me the new and everlasting covenant established by Jesus, whom we gather around to worship, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and to be reinvigorated through the sacramental life of the Church.



Along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus' early ministry was centered.

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