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The Editor's Notebook

I will be silent no longer

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep still, Until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch.

Isaiah 62:1

I have to say at the outset that I have always been especially moved by the words of the prophet Isaiah. This particular selection is especially compelling to me. Now, Isaiah was speaking to the people of Judah as they were about to rebuild Jerusalem and re-establish the kingdom of God following the Babylonian captivity. But his words ring true today as well. It is necessary for all Christians to play the role the prophet plays here. We live in a society in which God and his word are being abandoned in favor of secular values that constantly shift, based on the prevailing notions of what feels right for each individual without regard to enduring principles based on the laws of God, even such basic concepts as the sacredness of life itself.

This growing disregard for life is devastating for communities and individuals. Just as Zion seemed a sacred place forsaken by the sacred presence, many human beings feel cut off from the love of God, cast off by the divine. In Isaiah 62:1, the prophet promises not to stop talking until Zion is filled with the pres-

By David Garick, Editor

ence of God once again. In the same way, Christians are called to be just as stubborn in their refusal to allow isolation and hopelessness to have the last word in people's lives. The solution to darkness and despondency is connection and companionship, a willingness to love and to serve each other. The expression "Where there's breath, there's hope" certainly applies here. By giving Zion breath and personality, speaking as if she were a human being, the prophet suggests to the people that it is not yet time to give up on Zion. There is still reason to hope. She is not dead yet.

That is true in America as well. The culture of death, while growing daily, has not yet wiped out the love of God from our world. Isaiah roused the spirit of the people of his day. We must do the same. The outpouring of support demonstrated this week in the annual Defend Life observances is evidence that the flame of the Holy Spirit stills burns in the hearts of the faithful. We must be like Isaiah and hold the burning torch high to cast the light of God on the evil being done in our society, and we must resolve not to be silent until all life is vindicated and the love of God reigns over all his people.



FATHER PATRICK J. BYRNE
PASSED AWAY ON
JANUARY 20, 2015



Funeral arrangements are pending for Father Patrick J. Byrne, 86, who died Tuesday, Jan. 20.

He was born March 14, 1928, to the late Francis and Mary (McCarthy) Byrne. He was a graduate of Columbus Sacred Heart School, Columbus St. Charles High School and College-Seminary, and St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He was ordained May 28, 1955, by Bishop Michael Ready in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He spent much of the later period of his priesthood as a chaplain at Veterans Administration hospitals in St. Cloud, Minnesota (1975-78), Indianapolis (1978-83), and Miami (1983-97). He retired from active ministry in 1998, and recently had moved to an assisted living facility in Naples, Florida.

In the Diocese of Columbus, he served as pastor at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales (1966-69), Portsmouth St. Mary (1969-72), and Westerville St. Paul (1972-75) churches, and associate pastor at the cathedral (1955-56), Lancaster St. Mary (1956-58), New Lexington St. Rose (1958), Columbus St. John the Evangelist (1958-63), Delaware St. Mary (1963-64), Columbus Holy Rosary (1964-66), and Columbus St. Ladislav (1966).

He served in the Army Reserve from 1961-88, retiring with the rank of colonel. Before becoming a full-time military chaplain, he was chaplain at the 449th General Hospital at Fort Hayes in Columbus and with the 2291st Army Hospital Company in Columbus. He also was a teacher at Columbus St. Joseph Academy and Delaware St. Mary, Columbus Holy Rosary, and Columbus Father Wehrle high schools, served as diocesan assistant vocations director and assistant religious education director, and was a member of the diocesan Priests' Senate.



PAPAL VISIT TO UNITED STATES

The Diocese of Columbus has received many inquiries from people interested in attending events associated with the visit of Pope Francis to the United States in September. The diocese has not yet received specifics about attendance at these events. As soon as information is available, it will be published in Catholic Times.



Front Page photo: March for Life participants carry the banner for the event past the front of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington on Jan. 22. CNS photo/Jonathan Ernst, Reuters



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Catholic Man of the Year ~ 2015

Bill Hinger of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church has been selected as the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's 2015 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year. Bishop Frederick Campbell will present him the award at the club's meeting on Friday, Feb. 6, following the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the luncheon.

Hinger was instrumental in setting up perpetual Eucharistic adoration at his church eight years ago. He and his wife, Mary Beth, continue to be responsible for the parish's daily adoration schedule. He also played a key role in placing an adoration chapel at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

"I have found Bill to be a true example of someone who lives the good news of the Gospel every day," said the nomination letter from John Fields, who has been a friend of Hinger's since the two met several years ago at weekly men's fellowship meetings. "He is involved in so many ministries I cannot keep track of them all. ... By his daily words and actions, Bill tirelessly shows a dedication to serving God and others."

Hinger has been active for many years in pro-life efforts, praying the rosary in front of Columbus-area abortion centers at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays throughout the year, taking part in Ohio Right to Life's "40 Days

for Life" campaign, and setting up a permanent Ohio Right to Life display at his parish and a pro-life table at the parish festival.

The Hingers serve as a host family for seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum, entertain priests and seminarians regularly at their home, and participate frequently in Josephinum activities.

Hinger is pro-life chairman of the Knights of Columbus council at Immaculate Conception and participates in other Knights' activities at his home parish and Worthington St. Michael Church, where he attends the 6:30 a.m. daily Mass, frequently serving as lector.

He also is involved in the That Man Is You! and Band of Brothers men's faith formation groups at Immaculate Conception and the Columbus Sacred Heart Congress. He prays the rosary and reads Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* daily, attends retreats regularly, and frequently visits the sick and lonely with his family. He and Mary Beth have four daughters.

The Man of the Year award was established in 1957. The 2014 recipient was Michael Stickle of Newark Blessed Sacrament Church. The recipient is chosen by an 11-member committee consisting of representatives from the men's luncheon club, the diocesan Catholic men's ministry, the Catholic Men's Retreat League, the Knights of Columbus, and the Serra Club.



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CRS FAIR TRADE

Catholic Consumerism: Conventional Vs. Fair Trade
By Stephanie Rapp
Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Ambassador

This week we will again compare conventional vs. fair trade. Per Catholic Relief Services, "the most significant point of departure from conventional trading practices is the commitment that Fair Trade organizations make to forge mutually beneficial, long-term relationships. In the conventional trading system, the perpetual struggle to meet profit margins has led to outsourcing, offshoring, subcontracting and other similar arrangements. The Fair Trade model is designed to change business as usual. Fair Trade organizations trade as directly as possible with the people who create the items they sell. In most cases, Fair Trade organizations have personal contact with the producers in their supply chains. Companies that participate in the CRS Fair Trade Coffee program, for example, travel to Nicaragua every year to visit the Fair Trade farmers whom CRS supports there, even camping in tents on their farms in an effort to build these direct and personal relationships" (CRS). Relationships and love for our neighbor is important and something that Jesus talked about frequently. It is through these relationships that we can love each other and, therefore, love our Lord.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Strength

Did you focus on “Choosing Life” this past week? The last three installments of this column studied the 10 focal points in preparation for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September. With the awful anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Jan. 22, “Choosing Life” was a great way for us to focus and pray for our domestic church, the family. On that day, Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated the diocesan Respect Life Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. The cathedral was packed, and it was great to see such an outpouring of support for human life from conception to natural death. When Jesus calls us to this type of witness, we can respond in a variety of ways. We pray that more of us will respond by choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission. Jesus saves us by way of His grace, freely offered in perpetuity. It is up to us to eagerly accept that grace and make a difference in our own world each day. We change hearts and minds in small steps, with love and peace. But how strong is our love, and what is the strength and sincerity of our peace?

About one month ago, I had carpal tunnel surgery performed on my hands, both of them at once. While the recovery was awkward for a few days, I am very happy with the results so far. The biggest challenge has been a very slow process of restoring the strength in my hands. That strength is something that is easily taken for granted until it is lost. Just like our desire for world peace, for example, it takes a lot of time and effort. How strong is that effort, and how is the strength of a lasting peace established? Or maybe we will never achieve that lasting strength. The longer and harder we work at it, the greater our small “victories” will be, and the strength of an enduring peace can be achieved. As my hands were healing, it was very difficult to shake hands with anyone, and it was a source of difficulty at Mass at the sign of peace. We are so accustomed to a firm handshake, and at first I could only smile and nod my head. Soon I could offer a few fingers, and that must have seemed wimpy and weak. Graduating to a half-handed “wet fish” was even a little better. And now after nearly five weeks, I can show my strength with a full, sincere handshake. And so it is with how we show our love and the strength of our desire for peace each day. There are small steps and victories each day. We must always move forward deliberately. God is so patient and His grace is unlimited. He always loves us in the present, while we worry about the past and the future. We can never give up. We must remain focused. What is the strength of that focus? The media tell us that among our priorities are: national championships, but tear gas is used to keep the peace; the State of the Union address, but we wonder about the strength of all the promises from both sides of the aisle; wars around the world, but we are almost numb from how common war is; and the Super Bowl, keeping one eye on the weight of each football. These things all deserve our attention, but the strength of our love and peace demand our focus, one “handshake” at a time.

Our practical challenge this week is to re-establish and maintain the strength of our peaceful handshake. In other words, as we embark on each day’s journey, let us greet everyone with a figurative, yet firm handshake that shows our resolve for love and peace in the world by way of our example. It cannot happen for everyone without our individual commitment. Also, at the sign of peace at Mass this Sunday and throughout the week, take a moment to be sincere and show the strength of those words “Peace be with you.”

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



Fish-fry fan needs transportation

J.K. Mendenhall, the *Catholic Times* “fish fry guy,” is looking for help with transportation so he can continue to expand his horizons.

Mendenhall was the subject of a *Times* story last year which detailed his passion for fish fries and included his ratings of more than a dozen of the feasts. He’s blind, but with the help of the Central Ohio Transit Authority’s Mainstream service and three people who responded to a request to drive him, he made it to even more fish fries in 2014. His updated ratings will be in the Feb. 15 issue of the *Times*, which also will contain the newspaper’s 2015 fish fry guide.

He already has made plans to visit fish fries in Newark and Lancaster this year, and would like to travel to churches in Coshocton, Zanesville, and other communities in the diocese outside of Columbus if he can find people who can provide transportation on one or two Fridays of the coming Lenten season. He walks with a cane and needs someone to warn him of any obstacles because of his blindness, but has no mobility issues otherwise.

Anyone interested in providing him with help can call him at (614) 572-9266 or (614) 846-6446 and leave a message.

St. Cecilia Lenten Program

The Faith Life Committee of Columbus St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, will conduct a special program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 to kick off the Lenten season. Elizabeth Ficocelli, an award-winning Catholic author of 15 books for adults and young people and a contributor to national Catholic magazines, will be speaking about how to have a Lent well-spent.

She is the host of *Answering the Call* on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, in which she interviews priests, deacons, and religious about their vocations. She also is a frequent guest on Catholic television and radio and a popular national speaker at conferences, parishes, schools, and retreats. She and Mark, her husband of 29 years, have four boys and live in Columbus.

DeSales Alumni Events

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School graduates are invited to spend the day with former classmates and friends on Friday, Feb. 20.

Current students and alumni can celebrate the annual Traditions Mass and pancake breakfast together.

Later that evening, alumni are invited

to the Rike Center at Otterbein University for the DeSales-Columbus Bishop Watterson basketball game. Beginning at 6 p.m., the school will provide food and drinks in the hospitality suite. For more information about these two events, visit www.sfdstallions.org/alumni-events.

Historical Information for Centennial

Columbus Immaculate Conception Church is beginning to develop plans for the celebration of its 100th anniversary in 2016. The yearlong event will begin in December of this year.

The centennial committee is gathering historical documentation from parish and diocesan archives and is seeking in-

formation from families who have been connected with the parish over the years.

If you know of anyone who may have pieces of Immaculate Conception history, such as old pictures, documents, or stories, please email Penny Forker of the centennial committee at pforker@gmail.com or call (740) 548-2147.

ST. PETER PARISH BEGINS 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A year-long 45th anniversary celebration of the current Columbus St. Peter Church building began with a Mass on Sunday, Jan. 18. Father Mark Summers, the parish’s pastor, officiated, assisted by Deacons Joe Schermer and Phil Paulucci.

To commemorate the parish’s lineage, reproductions of six of the stained-glass windows from the original St. Peter Church on New York Avenue just north of downtown (near Fifth Avenue and Interstate 71 today) were displayed in the gathering space of the church, along with the statue of St. Peter from the original church (pictured). The windows, statue, and other historic pieces have been loaned to the parish by the Holy Family Jubilee Museum and its director, Father Kevin Lutz, who grew up in the original St. Peter Church. Father Lutz served as altar boy and, ultimately, church organist for Msgr. Anthony Schlermitzauer, pastor of the first St. Peter’s for 46 years.

Father Lutz’s homily documented the history of the parish and of the significance of the rich Catholic tradition which the current church on Smoky Row Road shares with its predecessor. Father Lutz ended his homily with a blessing for the new St. Peter’s Parish. At the final Mass in the original



church, celebrated in private in 1970, Msgr. Schlermitzauer called down upon himself the blessing that was imparted on the church by Bishop James Hartley when the building was dedicated in 1929. This relieved it of its sacred status and made it just a building which could be demolished. Because of his close relationship to Msgr. Schlermitzauer, Father Lutz said he believes he shares some of that blessing, which he now shares with St. Peter’s on Smoky Row.

In tribute, the St. Peter choir sang Msgr. Schlermitzauer’s favorite hymn, *Heart of Jesus*. One of Msgr. Schlermitzauer’s last acts at the old church was to sing that hymn, accompanied by Father Lutz, then a seminarian, at the organ.

To conclude the day, breakfast was provided by the Knights of Columbus after all Sunday masses. About 550 parishioners enjoyed the treat and lingered to talk about past events and look at pictures and mementos from the old church.

Many other activities are planned during this anniversary year. Significant among these will be a Mass celebrating the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday, June 28. Parishioners of the original St. Peter’s are especially invited to that event.

“Each of Us Is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation” God’s Artwork

By Jerry Freewalt

I enjoy great works of art. When I stroll through an art museum, listen to music, or read a book, I find it so interesting to experience the creativity of artists. I find it even more exciting when I’m in the presence of a masterpiece – a work of art considered to be of the highest quality, priceless.

I especially love God’s artwork. To me, God is the supreme artist. When I look up at the sky, I marvel at the majestic clouds during the day and the twinkling stars at night. I cherish the changing colors of autumn leaves, glistening winter snow, chirping birds in spring, and crashing ocean waves in the summer sun. Just beautiful!

But God’s greatest works of art, his masterpieces, are each of us human beings. In his 2013 Day of Life greeting, Pope Francis said all life has inestimable value – “even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” The U.S. Catholic bishops selected “Each of Us Is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation” as the theme of this year’s Respect Life program, based on Pope Francis’ quote.

How sad it is when we hear about certain perspectives of our present-day culture which are unable to see the beauty in God’s masterpieces of creation. These works of art are at times put in storage and forgotten,

unseen, defaced, graffitied, thrown away, or tragically destroyed.

How joyful it is to know of other perspectives – people willing to live the Gospel and recognize the intrinsic worth and magnificence of these masterpieces. Those who have good taste in fine art are the ones who provide life-affirming support to mothers experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, offer child care or behavioral healthcare to vulnerable children, protect victims of human trafficking, give material assistance to help make ends meet, feed and shelter the hungry and homeless, embrace the gifts of people with disabilities, combat racism, welcome the stranger and immigrants, visit prisoners including death-row inmates, and care for the elderly.

Of course, there are the patrons of the fine arts who give generously. And there is one more group of people with exquisite taste – those who live out their responsibility as faithful citizens by advocating on behalf of the poor and vulnerable and shaping society to embrace a culture of life. Bravo! Magnifique! Excellent!

So the next time you have a chance encounter to experience a masterpiece of God’s creation, even when you look into the mirror, just think about it and take on a new perspective. You are in the presence of God’s artwork.

Freewalt is a program director for the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY POSITION

St. Brigid of Kildare Parish is seeking a full-time coordinator of High School Youth and Young Adult Ministry to organize, implement and enrich the existing ministry for high school aged youth of the parish.

The coordinator will be responsible for directing the parish pastoral ministry to youth, based on *Renewing the Vision: a Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, developing the leadership of our *Core Team*, and facilitating the management of our *Bridge Team*, our peer leadership board.

Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in a related field or certifications in Youth Ministry, knowledge of the Catholic faith and an understanding of youth. Master’s degree preferred. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. View the full job description at www.stbrigidofkildare.org.

Please submit qualifications by February 20, 2015 to:

**St. Brigid of Kildare at 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017,
Attn: High School Youth and Young Adult Ministry Search Committee**

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POSITION

St. Brigid of Kildare Parish is seeking a full-time director of Religious Education to manage the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Religious Education program. The director will be responsible for planning, organizing and scheduling classes, choosing textbooks, preparing the budget, serving on appropriate parish committees, and overseeing the general management of the program. The director also coordinates a parish-based, family-oriented sacramental preparation program for students aged preschool through grade eight.

Qualifications include a Bachelor’s degree in a related field, knowledge of Catholic faith and sacramental preparation. Master’s degree preferred. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. View the full job description at www.stbrigidofkildare.org.

Please submit qualifications by February 20, 2015 to:

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Attn: Director of Religious Education Search Committee**

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On the length of eulogies at funeral Masses



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have just watched Mario Cuomo's funeral on television and I noticed that his son Andrew, the current governor, gave a 40-minute eulogy. I was wondering what the Catholic guidelines are with regard to eulogies at funeral Masses. (Albany, New York)

A. Andrew Cuomo's eulogy at his father's funeral has prompted a number of questions from Catholics. It has also created a certain awkwardness for parish priests, who are called upon daily to minister to grieving families while remaining faithful to the liturgical guidelines of the church.

The general rule is clear: Eulogies at Catholic funerals are discouraged. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the rubrics that serve as a preface to the large red book the priest reads from at the altar) says simply in No. 382: "At funeral Masses there should usually be a short homily, but to the exclusion of a funeral eulogy of any kind."

The *Order of Christian Funerals* (published by the Vatican in 1989), however, gives an option that allows a balance between what is proper and what is pastoral. Section 141 of that document restates the prohibition of eulogies: "A brief homily based on the readings should always be given at the funeral liturgy, but never any kind of eulogy."

But further on, the same document (No. 170) allows that "A member or friend of the family may speak in remembrance of the deceased before the final commendation begins."

The ritual's guidelines envision that such family remarks be brief (coming at the end, when the priest is waiting to pray over the casket), and

many dioceses publish specific instructions on length.

In the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, for example, the guidelines say, "If permission is granted for a eulogy to be given at the Mass, only one person should speak on behalf of the family and the remembrance should be well-prepared, written and limited to no more than three minutes."

The reason for limitations on eulogies has to do with the nature and purpose of a funeral Mass. The liturgy should be focused on the promise of eternal life and the eventual hope of reunion. It is not meant to be a canonization of the deceased.

Instead it is a tribute to the merciful love of Christ and to the victory over death won by Jesus, together with the prayerful plea that the merits of that victory be extended now to the person being prayed for.

Even the most liberal interpretation of the church's guidelines would never permit a 40-minute eulogy. (In the view of more than a few observers, Andrew Cuomo's speech came across as the centerpiece of the ceremony and overwhelmed everything else that the Mass stood for and sought to teach.)

Interestingly and somewhat prophetically, in a 2009 column posted on the website of the Archdiocese of New York, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan observed that at funerals "the eulogy should be brief, rarely if ever more than three or four minutes; at times the eulogies go so long they overshadow the Mass."

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

All Saints after-school program

In September 2014, Columbus All Saints Academy launched a new after-school model for students in grades kindergarten through eight. The program, known as **CrossOver**, now includes clubs led by coaches and instructors. Earlier this year, clubs were formed for hip-hop dance, art, dodgeball, yoga, and basketball, the latter with a coach from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. In the photo, teacher TimberLee Myers (right, in striped sweater) shows art club members (from left) Amyre Redd, Amya Dunson, Leah Hargrave, and Paul Price how to make paper using recycled scraps. Clubs for the third quarter include a group which will perform puppet shows for students in kindergarten through second grade, a **Weird Wacky Games Club**, whose activities will include Quidditch and rocket launching, a **Spanish Club**, a **Craftivities Club**, and a **Science Club**. All Saints also is continuing its other after-school initiatives, which include homework help and a full meal provided by the **Children's Hunger Alliance**.

Photo courtesy All Saints Academy

Free Tax Return Preparation Assistance

For the ninth consecutive year, Ohio Dominican University accounting students and faculty will offer free income tax preparation services to qualified individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA offers free tax help to people with low to moderate incomes (generally \$51,000 and below). The students will offer assistance with special credits, including earned income tax credit, child tax credit, and credit for the elderly.

The VITA program will be offered at ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, in rooms 201, 202, and 205 of Erskine Hall.

"ODU's VITA program offers our talented and enthusiastic accounting students a wonderful opportunity to practice what they're learning in the classroom and gain valuable skills that will

help prepare them for their career," said Jack Edwards, CPA, assistant professor of accounting at ODU. "This is also a tremendous resource for hundreds of people in our community who are looking for affordable, reputable assistance in preparing their tax returns."

The program begins on Saturday, Feb. 21. The schedule for this season is as follows: Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Feb. 21 and 28, March 7, 21, and 28, and April 11. Closed March 14 and April 4); Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Feb. 25, March 4, 18, and 25, and April 1 and 8. Closed March 11).

Since first offering the VITA program in 2007, ODU faculty and students have helped prepare 2,133 tax returns. In the spring of 2014, ODU students and faculty prepared 418 state and federal income tax returns and processed

\$355,754 in refunds.

The Internal Revenue Service certifies participating accounting students, usually juniors and seniors, as tax preparers. Under the supervision of faculty members who are certified public accountants, students prepare federal, state, and local school and city income tax returns. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, the program offers free electronic filing.

To make an appointment with an ODU VITA tax preparer, call HandsOn Central Ohio at 211 in Franklin County or (614) 221-2255, and ask to speak with the VITA scheduler.

For additional information on the VITA program, contact Edwards at (614) 251-4261 or edwardsj1@ohiodominican.edu, or Dawn Hill, assistant professor of accounting, at (614) 251-4382 or hilld6@ohiodominican.edu.



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MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Occasionally, we hear disturbing stories in the media about young people who perpetrate abuse against the elderly. In a widely reported 2009 story, for example, caretakers at the Quadrangle Assisted Living facility outside Philadelphia were charged in connection with the abuse of an elderly patient named Lois McCallister. Three employees, aged 19, 21, and 22 were caught on a surveillance camera as they taunted, mocked, and assaulted the partially naked 78-year-old woman.

She had begun complaining to visiting family members several months earlier that someone was hurting her and hitting her. There were also initial signs of bruising on her hand and wrist. After bringing the bruises to the attention of the nursing home's administrators, the family was informed that the allegations were unfounded, and were told the accusations were simply the result of the patient's advancing dementia. Family members suspected there was more to it and clandestinely installed the video camera, hiding it in a clock in the victim's room.

After capturing the assailants on tape, they concluded that the abuse suffered by their mother had been going on for some time. One of the young women charged in the case told investigators she was working on another floor the night the clock/camera captured the scene in the elderly woman's room. A family member later told news reporters, "They called the third girl down from another floor and said, 'Come down, we're going to start.'"

As a consequence of the abuse, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare eventually revoked the license for the facility, and the family filed a civil lawsuit against the parent company.

A tragic event such as this leads to intense questioning about how these young people, charged with the special care of the older generation, could end up becoming so callous, inhuman, and brutal. What can be done to prevent this "intergenerational disconnect" from occurring in the future? And what can be done to build unity and respect between generations?

A nearly universal point of reference over the years, and a counsel of incalculable worth, has been the injunction enshrined in the Decalogue: Honor your father and mother. A decision to abide by this commandment invariably serves to strengthen the concern of children for their parents and elders, and helps forge a bond between the generations. The Book of Sirach offers similarly sage advice: "My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be

considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins."

In a sense, it is precisely the weakness and vulnerability of the elderly that beckons us to manifest a greater respect toward them, and never to mistreat them in the strength of youth. As Pope St. John Paul II beautifully summed it up in his 1999 Letter to the Elderly: "The signs of human frailty which are clearly connected with advanced age become a summons to the mutual dependence and indispensable solidarity which link the different generations." Compassionately attending to the needs of the elderly draws the generations together and builds solidarity.

When the unique gifts of the elderly are invested and shared with the younger generation, this, too, builds up solidarity. Elderly people help us see human affairs with a sense of perspective tempered by experience, reflection, and wisdom. Whenever grandparents contribute to the raising and formation of the grandchildren, even by doing something as simple as teaching them how to pray and think about God, they strengthen intergenerational ties and build family unity.

We can foster intergenerational care and support within our families and communities in other simple ways as well – for example, through conscientious parenting, including small but important steps such as insisting on meal time together as a family (which builds up mutual respect and concern for others in the family); teaching compassion by visiting sick or elderly neighbors together; teaching children to welcome all human life, even when weak or handicapped; praying together as a family; decreasing media time and guarding against violent computer/video games, pornography, and other practices that dehumanize people and make them seem like objects to be manipulated.

As we seek to build relational bridges across generations and work to construct a society that esteems its elders, we simultaneously build up homes and communities that are liberated of the threat of abuse or neglect – places of safety, mutual support, and love, even as the hairs on our head turn gray and our strength wanes.

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Catholic Conference of Ohio Advocates for Life, Justice, and Peace

By Jim Tobin

Catholic Conference of Ohio

Many social justice issues “interrupt” our lives. Perhaps, like me, you often find it challenging and discouraging to watch the evening news. There is so much senseless and numbing violence. Racial tensions, terrorism, poverty, abortions, unemployment, poor education, discrimination, and environmental degradation are among the many social issues that require our awareness, prayers, and response.

These issues are complicated. Their complexity has the power to frighten, overwhelm, and desensitize us to God’s invitation to be “salt, light, and leaven” to this broken world. Individually, we cannot solve these problems, yet our faith calls each of us to respond in various ways. Sometimes, it is a call for a prayerful reflection of our heart attitude regarding a certain issue. Often, it is a small action step of charity, hospitality, generosity, or public advocacy. The Office for Social Concerns of the Diocese of Columbus can provide you with suggestions, resources, and opportunities for such actions.

At the Catholic Conference of Ohio, we strive to address these challenging social justice issues by our advocacy regarding public laws and policies. On behalf of all the Catholic bishops of Ohio, our office promotes state laws that protect human life, defend the value and dignity of persons, and enhance the common good.

In the last Ohio General Assembly, the Catholic Conference of Ohio helped to achieve increased protection for unborn children, adoption reform, increased funding and supportive services for our Catholic schools, Medicaid expansion, and further protection against human trafficking. We helped to mitigate troubling aspects of other legislation related to lethal injection procedures, alternative energy standards, carrying of concealed handguns, state immigration, and a tax proposal harmful to our charitable foundations.

Legislative Agenda for 2015

In 2015, we anticipate the General Assembly to consider proposals calling for our advocacy for protection of the unborn, concern for the poor and vulnerable, restrictions on the death penalty, defense of marriage, care for

creation, education, health care, and religious liberty.

Protecting Unborn Children

The Catholic Conference of Ohio will work closely with Ohio Right to Life to enact safeguards for unborn children. One particular initiative expected to receive hearings this year is a proposal to ban almost all abortions in Ohio. Such a state ban would only go in effect once the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision is overturned. The ban would allow Ohio to have on the books a law protecting unborn children, should the Supreme Court return the decision to each individual state.

Working to End the Death Penalty

The conference will work closely with Ohioans to Stop Executions on educational outreach to our parishes, schools, and universities. This effort will promote our Church’s teaching against the use of the death penalty as unnecessary, and address many practical concerns involved in Ohio’s continued use of such punishment. Legislatively, we will advocate for a new law to eliminate the death penalty in Ohio for persons with serious mental illness.

Catholic Schools

In February, the governor will release his 2015-16 state budget proposal. The conference will closely review funding levels and policy changes that impact Catholic school students and their families. Ohio provides more than \$300 million each year in tax-funded scholarships and supportive services that benefit young people attending Catholic and other nonpublic schools. We also plan to participate in the significant legislative debate expected to continue regarding school testing requirements, accountability measures, and educational standards for all Ohio’s children.

Care for Creation

The national Catholic Climate Covenant project is working with our diocesan social action offices to highlight our Church’s concern for the environment. As people of faith, we are convinced that “the earth is the Lord’s and all it holds” (Psalm 24:1). Our Church teaches that out of respect for God’s creation, we ought to respond prudently to issues related to climate change and environmental degradation.

The Catholic Conference will coordi-

nate efforts to provide input into Ohio’s legislative study committee on alternative energy standards, the federal government’s proposed rules regarding the use of coal, and the promotion of Catholic doctrine regarding the care for creation. We await Pope Francis’ encyclical on climate change and the environment, which is expected prior to his visit to the United States in the fall. Meanwhile, diocesan social action directors and conference staff prepare to promote this teaching.

In closing I offer the following reflection titled *Called to Be*.

Called To Be
As people of faith we are called to be ...
Salt ... leaven ... lights ...
widow’s mites.
Voices for the voiceless ...
bringers of good news ...
Proclaimers ... travelers witnessing
two-by-tuos.
Guests ... and stewards ... good deed
doers ...

Wilderness criers ...
hidden treasure buyers.
Promoters of people ...
defenders of life ...
Child protectors ...
death penalty objectors.
Common good seekers ...
sowers and reapers.
Advocates for everyone’s fair share ...
better health care ...
Food for the hungry ...
drink for the thirsty ...
Justice ... peace ... and a lot more mercy.
As faith-full people,
we stand united today ...
To pray ... and to relay ...
That public actions ...
at their moral core ...
Must protect human life and prioritize the
poor!

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What It Means to be a Champion ... or a Saint

I remember when the Buckeyes won their last national championship. There was hoarseness the next day (it was QUITE a game) and there was ordering of shirts immediately. We were newlyweds, and we had a lot to celebrate.

Our wedding, in fact, had something of a Buckeye theme. Both my husband and I, as former students and current alumni, have gone to many, many games and love Ohio State in a way that, well, many others relate with.

But I couldn’t help but laugh in the face of the current national championship victory.

It was a big deal, no doubt about it. We were up late with it on, and when it was on rerun the week following, you better believe we recorded it.

But there was a big difference this time. Instead of actually watching the game, I was working away on some projects on my laptop. My husband, to his credit, didn’t doze once, but he also didn’t shout or yell or even jump out of his chair (though there must have been times that he wanted to) — there were kids sleeping, and waking them trumped any excitement we may have felt.

We didn’t have a house full of people or party food,

and we didn’t order our championship gear in the minutes following the game. There were no late-night phone calls to celebrate with faraway fan buddies, and, while my husband was up late watching the postgame interviews, I had no qualms with just ... going to bed.

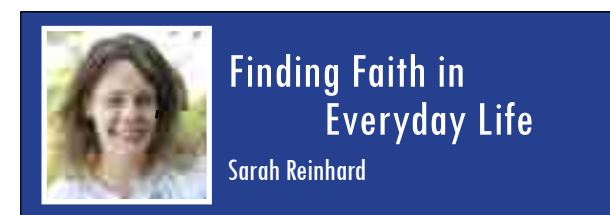
Somehow, in the last 10 years, we’ve lost the brunt of our Ohio State mania. Though we have plenty of gear — and a disposition toward scarlet and gray in all things — we also have three kids (with one more soon). Our fall schedules no longer revolve around OSU football game schedules, and our approach to March Madness might be better described as “accidental” than “intentional.”

We spend as much time (arguably more) cheering for our local school as we do for the Buckeyes. We’ve spent more money on local games and concessions in the last two months than we have at Ohio Stadium in the last twelve.

And I can’t help but laugh a bit at just how natural that is. It’s almost a maturity — though I think my younger self would have seen it as backward at best and pathetic at worst.

It’s not so different from the call we have to be saints. At first, it’s a lively and exciting endeavor. We’re idealistic and committed.

But it’s not long before life steps in and changes things for us. Our prayer time changes as our life situation changes. Our



ability to concentrate in Mass becomes different as we cart along small people or attend at times that are not our favorites, but are best for the family.

Life becomes a crucible instead of an adventure. At times, it becomes a wellspring of despair as we suffer and sorrow and wonder why in the world we bother.

Then there’s a moment of grace, the championship win. It might even sneak up on us, almost invisibly.

When did I start praying the rosary daily? How did I get to be an old hand at juggling a pew of people at Mass? Where did I get that ability to explain theology to toddlers?

I don’t know that I will ever be a saint, honestly. I can’t help but think it’s a flawed goal for me. And yet, no one expected Ohio State to win this year, either. From what my husband told me, nearly all of the professionals who “know” these things said we didn’t belong in any of the games we won.

Guess I can still be inspired by my favorite team, and even on an eternal level. Who says God can’t make me a saint yet?

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BISHOP HONORS SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Bishop Frederick Campbell told Boy and Girl Scouts from throughout the Diocese of Columbus that their participation in Scouting is important in their growth in faith because of the opportunities it provides them to cultivate a respect for life and to serve others.

“The Scouting program allows us to better understand the gift of life that God has given us,” the bishop said at the annual Scout Day with the Bishop program on Sunday, Jan. 25 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection. “It enables us to cherish all life, to live a life of Christian service, and to mature as Christians in a community. It gives us ways to know others better. Through this, we discover ourselves more deeply.”

“The Lord calls every one of us to a particular work, and if we do not do that work, it may not be done,” Bishop Campbell said. “One of the aspects of our life as followers of Christ is to understand our particular call, our vocation.”

“All of us have three vocations. First is the vocation to life. God calls us out of nothing into life. We have to take the responsibility to nourish it, to have it grow into its full potential, and to cultivate respect for God’s gift of life to others.”

“Second is the vocation to holiness, to become more and more like Christ. This is why the first act of Christian life is always worship. Then, if we are hungry for holiness, we desire to be saints, our third vocation.”

“God at some point is going to speak to us individually and say ‘This is my desire for you and you alone,’” the bishop said. “All of us are called to life, made in God’s image and likeness, and as we grow, we come to understand what this means – that of all the billions of people who have ever lived or will live, there is no one else who has been or will be like you.”

Bishop Campbell, a former Scout, has spoken of several of his Scouting activities over the years at the annual Scout Day liturgical celebration, which honors Catholic Scouts who have earned various religious emblems related to Scouting and includes the day’s midafternoon prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. About

125 religious emblem recipients were recognized this year.

“I had many extraordinary experiences as a Scout,” he said. “I remember how I grew, how I learned to embrace the gifts God has given me, to mature in his image, and to learn all sorts of things. I remember earning the fingerprinting merit badge, and I can still process fingerprints.” He asked if that badge was still being offered and was answered affirmatively by the Scouts in attendance.

The program was sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, which presented its Bronze Pelican award to individuals who have performed exceptional service to Scouting through their contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth.

This year’s honorees are Rick Hite, Bob Houser, Kristi Houser, and Grant Rice Sr., all of Pack 859 from Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church; Donald Jones, of Troop 50 from Marion St. Mary Church; Mary Sheehan, of Pack 141 from the Johnstown Church of the Ascension; Ann Smith, of Troop 33 from Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church; and Spenser St. Louis, a Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian from Fort Wayne, Indiana, who for the past four years has been a tour guide for Scouts visiting the Josephinum as part of their religious emblem requirements.

For the fourth consecutive year and sixth time in the last seven years, Boy Scout Troop 50 of Marion St. Mary Church was honored as the Bishop’s Troop for combining active participation in religious activities with service to the community and to Scouting. Also honored were Cub Scout Pack 859 of Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church, the bishop’s pack; Hilliard St. Brendan, the bishop’s parish for its Girl Scout programs; and Pack 326 of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, recipient of a certificate of merit.

Emblem recipients included partici-



Deacon Chris Reis, diocesan Scout chaplain, and Bishop Frederick Campbell with Bronze Pelican award recipients (from left) Grant Rice Sr., Kristi Houser, Bob Houser, Donald Jones, Spenser St. Louis, and Ann Smith. Recipients Rick Hite and Mary Sheehan were not in attendance.



Jeremiah Peck (left) and Isak Giddens of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, who earned all 20 patches in the Footsteps of American Saints series, are shown with Deacon Reis and Bishop Campbell at Scout Day with the Bishop on Jan. 25 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection. CT photos by Ken Snow

The committee also sponsors the annual Catholic Scout Camporee, which will take place from Friday, May 15, to Sunday, May 17, at Somerset St. Joseph

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PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS ARE MARCHING ON

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Supporters of the pro-life cause were told at the annual Respect Life rally in the Ohio Statehouse that they sometimes may have to be as bothersome as a pebble inside a shoe to bring about action from people who are indifferent or hostile to their efforts.

Pastor Phil Manson of the Pickerington Church of the Nazarene used that analogy and those of an irritating splinter and “the pestering ping of the ‘fasten seat belt’ light” in a car to describe to his audience the persistency that may be needed when promoting pro-life views.

He said that kind of determination was responsible for the decision this past summer by two area obstetrician-gynecologists to no longer offer surgical abortions at a clinic they operate. The Complete Healthcare for Women clinic had been the focus of weekly prayer vigils and the 40 Days for Life campaign for the past seven years.

The clinic had opened a satellite office in Pickerington, which did not perform abortions, early in 2013. A group called Pick Life was quickly formed in response, and has been praying at the office three

times a week. Manson said his involvement in that organization was the first time he had joined any kind of a protest movement.

“I don’t know to what extent our prayers and protests may have played a role in the doctors’ decision,” he said, “but I do know that if we hide our light under a bushel, it does no good at all” – one of several times he referred to Jesus’ Gospel description of his followers as “the light of the world” and “the salt of the earth.”

“Pastors are preachers, prophets, protesters, and persuaders by virtue of their message,” he said. “For the last few months, protesters have occupied a good bit of national news” – a reference to demonstrations related in this country to several shooting incidents and around the world to the terrorist attack on a French satirical newspaper. “Today, we in Columbus and hundreds of thousands in Washington are marching in protest against one of the greatest human rights violations of all time – the evil of abortion. We protest to speak for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves, and we speak for God.”

Scenes from the Respect Life rally in the Statehouse (above) and Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. (CT photos by Jack Kustron (rally) and Ken Snow)

About 400 people, most of them students, gathered in the Statehouse atrium on Thursday, Jan. 22 for the rally, which marked the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion nationwide. They were joined by tens of thousands of people in the nation’s capitol who attended a rally on the national Mall, followed by a march up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill.

The Columbus rally was sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life. That organization’s executive director, Beth Vanderkooi, said attendance for the event was the largest in the eight years she has been involved with it, perhaps because it was scheduled indoors for the first time. Last year’s rally was moved to the



atrium on short notice because of cold weather.

“Words are weapons. They are salt and light,” Manson said. “Light serves a dual purpose. It illuminates the way to, hopefully, an abortion-free society, and it exposes evil.”

He noted that the first Washington march had drawn 20,000 people, and that crowds for it have been growing steadily since then. “If those first 20,000 protesters hadn’t made the effort and provided the salt to start the pro-life movement, can you imagine how spoiled and rotten the nation would be?” he asked.

“You be salt,” Manson said. “Don’t lose your flavor. You be light. Don’t hide it. Keep shining, keep shaking as long as the evil of abortion continues to exist.”

The day’s other principal

speaker was Jayme Bates, who has been active in the pro-life movement for the past six years. Vanderkooi said Bates had never spoken to a large audience before, but wanted to do so now because she wanted people to learn from her own postabortion experiences.

“In 1996, shortly after my 19th birthday, I was pregnant and scared, and I panicked,” she said. “I wanted to undo what I thought was a problem, so I had an abortion. I was told I could move on with my life, but it was a lie. Any woman who’s had an abortion knows you can’t just move on.”

She said that after she realized her decision to have an abortion did not affect just her, it was followed by a dark period of “drugs, alcohol, another abortion, an affair, and divorce.” She had come to believe that she was unforgivable, but said her life changed when she began to realize God was calling her back. Bates said that she would not wish what she went through on her worst enemy, but now wants to tell other women who have gone through similar experiences the same message she came to believe – “You’re not unforgivable. Christ wants you back.”

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Before delivering the invocation, Father Bob Penhallurick, pastor of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, noted that he recently presided at two funerals that took place two days apart. One was for the parish's oldest member, who was nearly 105 years old when she died on New Year's Day. The other was for an infant who died in his mother's womb the next day, five months after conception.

"His time in the womb was cherished because his parents knew it was the only time they would have with him," Father Penhallurick said. "He was loved and cherished and valued as much as the woman who lived a full life. Sadly, that is no longer the case for many children because life is constantly under attack.

"We are surrounded by those who no longer value human life from conception to natural death," Father Penhallurick said. "God has given us life – a gift that is precious and should never be taken from us until God chooses to take him home."

Vanderkooi noted that this was the 40th anniversary of the Columbus rally and said it's an odd feeling to be part of an organization which, if it achieves its goal of ending abortion, would put itself out of business. She called for a moment of silence in

memory of the more than 58 million victims of abortion since the *Roe v. Wade* decision, then put that number into perspective by saying that if there were one minute of silence for each of those unborn child individually, it would last for 110 years and four months.

Vanderkooi also noted that this year's 40 Days for Life campaign will be from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 to Palm Sunday, March 29, at the Founder's Women's Health Center, 1243 E. Broad St. Local musician Mary Helen Colelli performed her song *Let Me Live* and the crowd sang *Let There Be Peace on Earth* to close the event.

Before the rally, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral was filled by worshippers attending the annual Diocese of Columbus Respect Life Mass, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant.

"Can any nation be truly just when it exposes the weakest and the most vulnerable -- the child in the womb -- to destruction?", the bishop asked in his homily.

"Now the womb can become a place of mortal danger rather than a haven of life. This has happened to millions of the unborn.

"And now the tentacles of the opponents of life have reached into the later years of life, years perhaps

of infirmity and illness, which have rendered our brothers and sisters weak and vulnerable and especially worthy of our concern."

"We continue to pray and urge others to a conversion of heart and mind," Bishop Campbell said. "We shall continue to face opposition which, through slick media campaigns and the distortion of language, speaks of 'choice' when no choice is given to the unborn, which even tries to force us to violate our consciences through governmental mandates.

"In the midst of this challenge, remember the words of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'"

Earlier in the day, Pope Francis showed his support of the pro-life gathering in Washington by tweeting the march's theme "Every Life Is a Gift" with the hashtag #marchforlife.

Levi Fox, a volunteer and a graduate of Liberty University, said at the rally in the nation's capital, "Half of our generation is missing. Sixty million have been killed since *Roe v. Wade*, which is why I am dedicating my time to the March for Life."

Patrick Kelly, chairman of the March for Life board, told the crowd they were attending "the largest and most important human rights rally in the world," noting the march is becoming

"bigger and younger every year."

A large congressional delegation in attendance emphasized the importance of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act before yielding the floor to a passionate and energetic address by Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, who said the defense of life was "the responsibility of every single person in America." The conscience bill would implement a broad religious exemption and conscience protections for private employers who oppose the federal contraceptive mandate that is part of the Affordable Care Act.

In discussing the Knights of Columbus' ultrasound initiative, which has just donated its 500th ultrasound machine, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "Women have a right to know the truth."

In what may have been the most inspiring address of the day, Julia Johnson, a senior at Shanley Catholic High School in Fargo, North Dakota, said it was up to the youth of America to "end the scourge of abortion." She described herself as a member of "the pro-life generation," which "has seen through the smokescreen of lies and secrets."

For many of the marchers, the day began at one of two indoor youth rallies and Masses sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington – one

at the DC Armory for out-of-town participants and one at the Verizon Center in downtown Washington for local young people.

During the rallies, sections of the boisterous crowd chanted "I stand," which was answered with "for life" by their peers. Musicians on stage encouraged the participants to wave blue signs with the hashtag #Stand4Life, and then tweet that message in a social media campaign organized by the archdiocese.

More than 11,000 people attended a prayer vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception which began with a Mass at mid-afternoon on Jan. 21 and ended with a morning Mass the following day.

Evoking a phrase long associated with the civil rights movement, Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston said at the opening Mass that "we shall overcome" in the fight against abortion.

Quoting Pope Francis, Cardinal O'Malley said, "The church cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for a better world."

He added, "In our country, people have come together in the fight to overcome racism" and other social ills. "The quest for human rights and solidarity brought together people of faith to 'repair the world,' to use the

Photos (clockwise): A group from Columbus St. Patrick Church at the March for Life in Washington. Photo by Larry Pishitelli

An image of Father Mario Majano of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Takoma Park, Maryland, is projected on the main scoreboard at the Verizon Center in Washington during a pro-life youth Mass on Jan. 22. Thousands of young people gathered at the arena to rally and pray before participating in the annual March for Life. CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

A group of Capitol Hill lawmakers addresses crowds of supporters during the March for Life rally on the National Mall in Washington on Jan. 22. CNS photo/Leslie E. Kossoff

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish participants (from left) Tara Bowie, Hannah Thompson, Megan McFaul, Mackenzie Casto (in front), Kateri Hoverman, and Malori Galleher in Washington. Photo courtesy Barbara Serrano, Seton Parish

Jewish expression," he said.

The cardinal, who is chairman of the pro-life activities committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, used his homily to take apart some "American mythology" about abortion. The three biggest myths, he said, are that abortion is a woman's issue, that most Americans "are pro-choice, pro-abortion," and that "young people are overwhelmingly in favor of the pro-abortion position."

Polling over the past 20 years, ac-



ording to Cardinal O'Malley, shows "women have consistently been more pro-life than men." By supporting abortion, he said, "men rationalize their irresponsibility" and push women to abort their unborn child, "threatening to abandon her if she 'chooses' to give birth. ... An abortion is a bargain compared to monthly child-support payments."

On the second myth, Cardinal O'Malley quoted outgoing NARAL Pro-Choice America president Nancy Keegan as saying "there is a large intensity gap" among supporters of legal abortion and their foes.

Young people, the cardinal added to applause, "are the most pro-life segment of the American people." Five years ago, the Gallup organization

"declared pro-life is the new normal," Cardinal O'Malley said. "Congratulations, young people -- you're normal."

"We shall overcome indifference only by love," the cardinal said. "We must press on with the full assurance that we shall overcome."

(Material from Catholic News Service was used in this story)



Annual FINANCIAL Report



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you the financial reports of the Diocese of Columbus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

As Bishop, I have a responsibility to provide all Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus with an annual view of our financial position and activity. I am pleased to inform you that our independent accounting firm has completed their procedures on our reports and have issued unqualified opinions thereon.

2014 was a year of continued momentum in the financial markets. This positive performance resulted in a higher return in our investment and endowment accounts than in the prior fiscal year.

Overall, both our High Schools and Parishes recorded positive results for the year.

We, the Church, continue to be blessed by the continued generous stewardship of the faithful, giving their time, talent and treasure, for the benefit of others. I continue to pray for those who have been negatively impacted by the economy, and for those who so selflessly serve them.

As we look to the future, our ability to work as one Church, continuing the good works of the Church by assisting those in need, can only occur with the assistance of those in the community, like yourselves, who possess the talents required to meet the challenges that will present themselves.

I am grateful for the generosity of all those who support the work of the Church, and I greatly appreciate as well the many volunteers and committee members, both at the parish and diocesan levels, who assist in this work.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.

Bishop of Columbus

Bishop of Columbus

DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2014 & 2013

The financial statements entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Diocesan Organization, represent the combined financial position and activity for the Chancery, the Catholic Cemeteries, the Diocesan Offices and funds managed at a diocesan level (i.e. Parish Aid, Self Insurance and Varia Trust Funds). The information presented was extracted from audited financial statements. These statements do not include the financial position or activity of our parishes or schools, or agencies that are governed by their own boards, as each reports their financial information separately to their communities.

The financial statements for the Diocesan Organization are audited by the independent CPA firm of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. The audit was conducted according to auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, the auditors provided an unqualified opinion.

For the fiscal year ended June 30,

2014, Net Assets increased from the previous fiscal year. Our financial position and results were positively impacted by two significant factors.

First, Operating Expenses decreased \$2 million due to a \$1 million increase in our loan loss reserve which occurred for the year ended June 30, 2013, and a \$1 million decrease in Self Insurance costs which occurred for the year ended June 30, 2014.

The second positive impact on Net Assets occurred due to continued forward momentum in the financial markets. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the return on our endowments and our internally managed investments was \$4.2 million greater than for the year ended June 30, 2013.

The market value of our internally managed investments decreased by \$11 million primarily due to liquidation of assets which occurred in order to raise cash to loan to Cristo Rey Columbus High School for a major construction project. This is offset in Loans and Advances Receivable.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION

Combined Statements of Financial Position

	As of 6/30/2014	As of 6/30/2013
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 15,442,437	\$ 12,609,929
Accounts receivable, net	2,405,221	2,203,780
Pledges receivable, net	1,807,356	1,730,194
Inventory	752,021	761,515
Prepaid expenses	459,441	476,238
Loans and advances receivable, net	39,084,186	26,347,995
Investment - custodial	24,316	24,161
Property and equipment, net	23,803,956	24,173,835
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	38,525,813	34,756,542
Investments	63,321,152	74,697,224
Total Assets	<u>\$ 185,625,899</u>	<u>\$ 177,781,413</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,506,285	\$ 1,201,840
Agency funds	111,313	63,617
Deposits payable	62,911,584	61,165,475
Accrued expenses	1,246,139	1,283,660
Deferred revenue	234,637	446,642
Retired priests accrued costs	11,958,573	11,622,689
Liability for pension benefits	50,075,426	52,689,481
Self-insurance reserve	2,322,000	2,228,000
Amount due - custodial	24,316	24,161
Total Liabilities	130,390,273	130,725,565
NET ASSETS	<u>55,235,626</u>	<u>47,055,848</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 185,625,899</u>	<u>\$ 177,781,413</u>

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION

Combined Statements of Activities

	Year Ended 6/30/2014	Year Ended 6/30/2013
REVENUES:		
Bishop's annual appeal, net	\$ 5,703,540	\$ 5,327,066
Investment income, net	1,271,173	1,586,732
Realized/unrealized gain on investments	3,224,711	612,024
Change in fmv of beneficial interests in perpetual trusts	4,703,053	3,066,977
Operating revenue	3,927,026	3,779,414
Diocesan assessment	3,341,597	3,276,696
Other	313,415	379,299
Contributions & other additions	1,595,962	1,321,908
Total Revenues, Gifts, & Grants	<u>24,080,477</u>	<u>19,350,116</u>
EXPENSES:		
Operating expenses	13,916,904	15,999,226
Net periodic pension cost	1,499,011	17,751,515
Other post-employment benefit costs	649,127	(586,291)
Diocesan support	3,292,321	3,174,604
Interest	656,402	645,542
Total Expenses	<u>20,013,765</u>	<u>36,984,596</u>
Change in net assets prior to pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	4,066,712	(17,634,480)
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	4,113,066	35,641,746
Changes In Net Assets	8,179,778	18,007,266
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	<u>47,055,848</u>	<u>29,048,582</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 55,235,626</u>	<u>\$ 47,055,848</u>

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2014 & 2013

The financial statements entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – High Schools, represent the combined financial position and activity for the Diocesan High Schools.

The financial statements for the High Schools are reviewed by the independent CPA firm of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. The review was conducted according to Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, enrollment continued to decrease at a rate of 1.7% (versus 1% decrease for the year ended June 30, 2013). Our ability to increase tuition to offset rising costs continues to be tempered by the reality of the economic challenges being faced by our families.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School is a new Catholic High School educating underserved students in the Columbus area using a work/study model in support of tuition costs. Cristo Rey began forming in 2011 with the first class beginning school during the fiscal year. The lower Net Revenues in Excess of Expenses was impacted by Cristo Rey's transition from fundraising mode to operation of a school for their first class.

Total Assets increased \$27 million. The majority of which was related to funds spent in renovation of the old Ohio Deaf school for use by Cristo Rey. Funding for the project was accomplished by a combination of loans from the Diocese and tax credit funding (New Market and Historical).

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - HIGH SCHOOLS

Combined Statements of Financial Position

ASSETS	As of 6/30/2014	As of 6/30/2013
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 18,673,572	\$ 18,502,598
Cash available for construction project	5,741,207	-
Accounts receivable, net	901,816	610,468
Accounts receivable - foundation	-	6,314
Note receivable	5,939,520	-
Notes receivable - permanently restricted	469,938	1,758,139
Pledges receivable, net	3,049,530	1,922,866
Prepaid expenses	15,444	-
Buildings, leasehold improvements & equipment, net	51,150,787	40,338,402
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	24,013,634	19,701,770
Total Assets	\$ 109,955,448	\$ 82,840,557
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,702,723	\$ 1,594,721
Accrued liabilities - operations	2,587,182	2,498,656
Accrued liabilities - construction	1,555,002	229,260
Deferred revenue	185,557	28,758
Prepaid tuition & fees	5,545,673	5,641,556
Notes payable - unrestricted	469,938	1,758,139
Notes payable - related party	17,706,913	6,476,024
Notes payable - other	9,560,000	-
Total Liabilities	39,312,988	18,227,114
NET ASSETS		
Net assets - controlling interest	69,334,564	64,613,443
Net assets - noncontrolling interest	1,307,896	-
Total Net Assets	70,642,460	64,613,443
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 109,955,448	\$ 82,840,557

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - HIGH SCHOOLS

Combined Statements of Activities

	Year Ended 6/30/2014	Year Ended 6/30/2013
REVENUES AND SUPPORT:		
Tuition	\$ 30,839,527	\$ 29,742,935
Diocese support rent	8,203,040	8,619,432
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	7,701,292	8,032,428
Contributions & grants	4,439,832	4,954,318
State of Ohio administration cost reimbursement	1,530,398	1,496,144
Net realized and unrealized gains	3,005,683	2,019,093
Parish support	1,213,976	1,288,347
Other school income	538,763	461,741
Fundraising, net	1,015,751	1,244,188
Gift and grants - Diocese	581,918	644,883
Investment income, net	272,771	347,206
Interest income	151,918	161,420
Total Revenues and Support	59,494,869	59,012,135
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	21,495,144	21,653,206
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	8,965,857	8,854,925
Rent expense	8,203,040	8,619,432
Benefits	6,945,414	6,680,778
Depreciation and amortization	3,232,800	2,859,939
Utilities	1,355,129	1,347,958
Maintenance	1,005,857	888,930
Other	1,359,424	721,243
Departmental costs	710,782	687,750
Office supplies	687,257	569,193
Interest	282,779	351,337
Insurance	259,633	265,009
Bad debt expense	185,220	112,432
Central administration fees	84,341	83,454
Total Expenses	54,772,677	53,695,586
Other operating (loss) income	-	1,099,710
Net Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$ 4,722,192	\$ 6,416,259



DIOCESAN PARISHES FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2014 & 2013

The financial statement entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Parishes, represents the consolidation of the receipts and disbursements for the parishes and associated elementary schools of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. This statement was compiled from the unaudited financial reports submitted by those organizations.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, Total Parish Receipts remained fairly consistent year to year increasing only a modest .5%. Offertory rose .2% compared to the prior year. Fund Drive receipts decreased 29.8% after several parishes had undertaken significant fund drives for major construction in the prior year. Other Parish Income increased by 30.9% due to insurance proceeds related to the Sacred Heart Church fire. School Income rose 1.2% with net school costs (+ School Income – School Salary & Benefits – Other School Costs) increasing 14.8%.

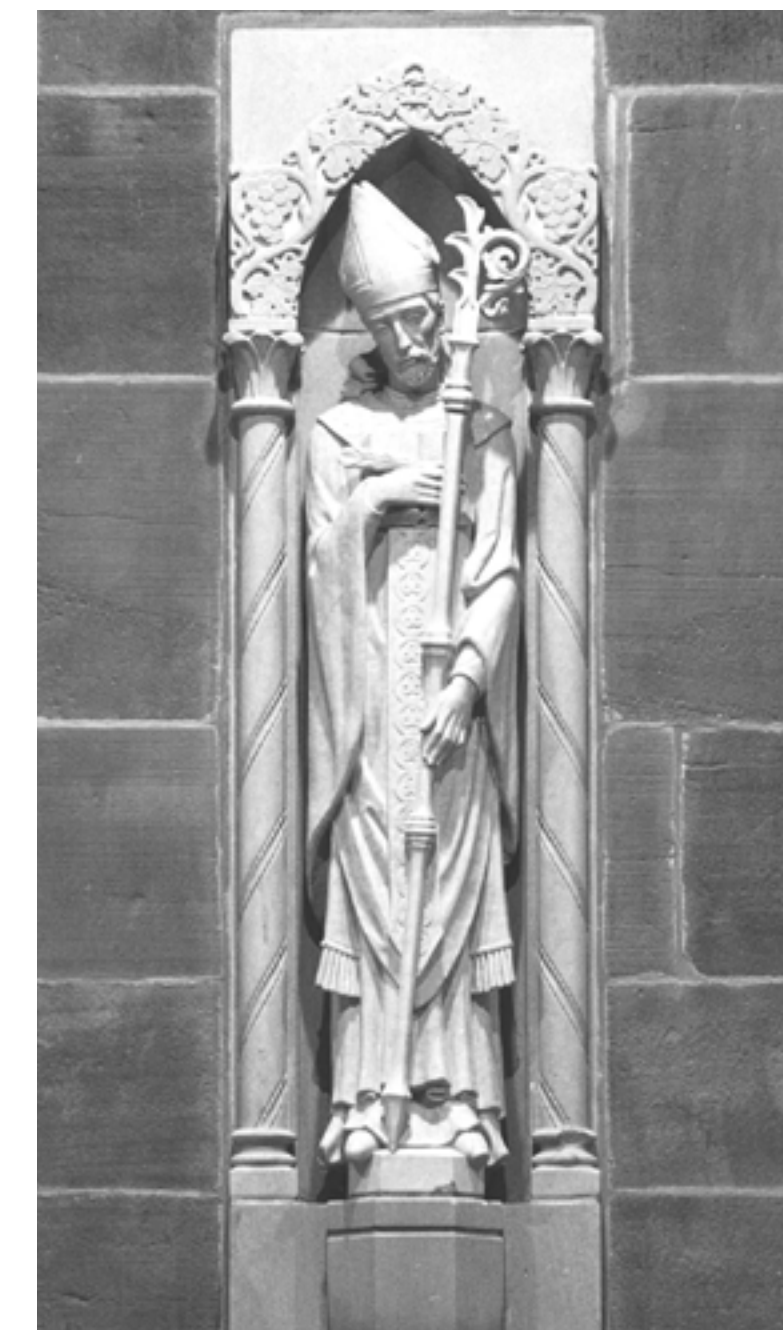
Total Parish Disbursements increased 1.5% year to year. Increases in Parish Salary & Benefits (3.5%), Parish Operating Expenses (4.2%) and School Salary & Benefits (2.1%) were offset by decreases in Capital Expenditures & Depreciation (-22.8%) and Debt Principal & Interest Payments (-38.2%) due to our on-going shift to accrual accounting for capital expenditures and debt.

For those interested in the financial results for a particular parish, please contact that parish directly.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - PARISHES

Combined Statements of Activities

	Year Ended 6/30/2014	Year Ended 6/30/2013
RECEIPTS:		
Offertory	\$ 52,184,511	\$ 52,066,670
Fund Drives	5,568,141	7,933,270
Gifts & Bequests	2,941,723	2,999,431
Diocesan Support	3,024,943	2,412,627
Other Parish Income	6,567,877	4,905,147
Religious Education Income	2,044,476	1,827,061
School Income	42,607,869	42,181,261
Total Receipts	114,939,540	114,325,467
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Parish Salary & Benefits	21,332,210	20,619,143
Parish Operating Expenses	20,194,043	19,388,942
Diocesan Assessment	3,194,079	3,228,598
Capital Expenditures & Depreciation	2,629,887	3,405,468
Debt Principal & Interest Payments	1,018,768	1,648,659
Religious Education Salary & Benefits	3,927,367	3,961,592
Other Religious Education Costs	2,220,361	2,065,084
School Salary & Benefits	43,375,870	42,485,301
Other School Costs	6,487,828	6,014,401
Total Disbursements	104,380,413	102,817,188
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 10,559,127	\$ 11,508,279



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Jesus was accepted as a prophet, but is more



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Only three places in the entire “law” identify Moses as a prophet. Two of those occur in Sunday’s first reading. Moses says that “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up from among your own kin; to him shall you listen.” Moses reminds the assembled tribes that this is what they asked for after the Lord had spoken to them at Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:19) or Mount Horeb (Deuteronomy 5:20). *Horeb* and *Sinai* refer to the same mountain.

A “prophet” was one who spoke for the Lord. Too often in the popular imagination, prophecy was thought to be the ability to see into the future. Biblical prophets could certainly read the signs of the times, which became the basis of some of their dire predictions, but they were not *seers*. Prophets were forth-tellers, not fore-tellers, as somebody once put it.

The classical prophets of Judaism (roughly 800-500 BC) came centuries after Moses and were believed to have received direction from God that made them speak as they did. In the time before the northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians, they spoke about society’s evils, especially about the lack of social justice and the exploitation of the poor by the rich.

After Israel fell, the prophets directed their words to Judah and warned against their increasing dependence on foreign alliances and the failure to trust in the Lord. In the immediate years before the Babylonian exile, they warned their leaders what was coming, and probably suffered a certain amount of shock when they saw how truly devastating the end was. The Book of Lamentations describes well the devastation and ruin that was suffered by all after the Baby-

lonian exile.

During the exile, the prophets began to look with hope to the future. They boldly proclaimed that the Lord would fulfill past promises made to their ancestors. With that, hopes for a Messiah began to grow. When they found themselves under Persian rule (520-300 BC) and then under the Greeks (300-160 BC), those hopes waned. For a brief period before the Romans took over control of the Holy Land, there was limited self-rule under the Maccabee family and their descendants. Rome finally ended the independence in 63 BC, when the Holy Land became a subject of the Roman Empire.

The belief that Jesus was a prophet was strong in the New Testament period, and “prophet” was certainly one of the titles given to Jesus by his contemporaries. When Jesus is identified as God’s Son, it becomes even easier to accept Jesus as a prophet. He would only speak what God would tell him to speak. But Jesus is more than a prophet. He is also Christ and Lord. All these were titles given to him by the evangelists.

Sunday’s Gospel has the unclean spirit identify Jesus as “the Holy One of God.” Like so many minor characters in Mark, this one too recognizes Jesus as having a unique relationship with God, in a way that his disciples do not recognize.

The incident happens in a synagogue where Jesus teaches on a Sabbath day. The people observe that “he teaches as one having authority and not as the scribes.” That authority is shown by his power to command the unclean spirit to leave his host. The mention of it being a Sabbath in this case does not arise, but it will, as the Gospel develops when he begins to heal people on the Sabbath. From this, his reputation spreads throughout Galilee.

Paul’s advice about wanting people to be free of anxieties probably creates anxieties among men and women who are married and trying to live out their vocation of marriage. Paul was addressing specific questions of Corinthians in the mid-50s of the first century. His words should be thus understood.

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The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

TUESDAY
Hebrews 12:1-4
Psalm 22:26b-28,30-32
Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY
Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15
Psalm 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY
Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24
Psalm 48:2-4,9-11
Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY
Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalm 27:1,3,5,8b-9c
Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY
Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 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 IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Europe and nothingness

In the wake of the horrific jihadist attack on the Paris-based journal *Charlie Hebdo*, the trope “satirical magazine” was regularly deployed to explain its character and content. But that’s not-quite-right. And what’s wrong about it—when linked to the sentiment expressed on placards reading “We are all *Charlie Hebdo*”—suggests just how much trouble Europe is in as it confronts this new form of war.

To be sure, French standards of cartooning and satire are different than those in other nations, as a brief glance at a *Charlie Hebdo* cover (and especially those dealing with the Catholic Church, its people, and its beliefs) would demonstrate. Still, I don’t think it’s a matter of American prissiness to suggest that “satire” doesn’t capture the prevailing cast of mind displayed in *Charlie Hebdo*, which has always struck me as far more nihilistic than satirical.

My venerable *Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary* defines “satire” as “a literary work holding up human vices and follies to ridicule or scorn,”



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the secondary definition being “trenchant wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly.” That is not what *Charlie Hebdo* does. Issue after issue, *Charlie Hebdo* mocks, not vice and folly (which are fair game), but many people’s most deeply held and cherished beliefs, including their religious convictions. I won’t describe its cover cartoon lampooning the doctrine of the Trinity after the Catholic bishops of France expressed their opposition to so-called “gay marriage.” If that cover was not pornographic, than the word “pornographic” has no meaning.

In the world of *Charlie Hebdo*, sadly, all religious convictions (indeed, all serious convictions about moral truth) are, by definition, fanaticism—and thus susceptible to the mockery of the “enlightened.” But that crude caricature of religious belief and moral conviction is false; it’s adolescent, if not downright childish; it inevitably lends itself to the kind of vulgarity that intends to wound, not amuse; and, over the long haul, it’s as corrosive of the foundations of a decent society as the demented rage of the jihadists who murdered members of *Charlie Hebdo*’s staff.

The sophomoric nas-

tinness regularly displayed in *Charlie Hebdo* most certainly does not constitute any sort of warrant for homicide. The incapacity of some Muslims to live in pluralistic societies and the rage to which those incapacities lead is a grave threat to the West. The question is: What do those two truths have to do with each other?

Here’s my suggestion: You can’t beat something with nothing—perhaps better, you can’t beat something with nothingness.

If all that Europe can say in condemning the despicable murders of *Charlie Hebdo*’s cartoonists and editors is “We are all *Charlie Hebdo*,” then what Europe is saying is, in effect, “We are all nihilists.” And how, pray, is nihilism—nothingness raised to a first principle, skepticism taken to the last extreme—supposed to defeat conviction, however warped that conviction is? If all that Europe can say to murderous jihadism is “Why can’t we all just get along?”, its fecklessness will make it an even softer target for the kind of lethal fanaticism that recently turned Paris into a war zone.

There’s another aspect to this tangled and bloody business that’s worth noting, and that is the high price that Europe, and France in particular, is paying for culturally engrained (and sometimes legally enforced) political correctness. Virtually proscribing public discussion of the threat to European civility and order posed by Islamist maniacs has made dealing with that threat far more difficult for citizens, for the security services, and for the public authorities. In the years since 9/11, the French public square has been dominated by the jihadists and the xenophobes, and in that volatile social environment, something very bad was going to happen. Now that it has, perhaps steps can be taken to bring the adults—and the real issues—back into the discussion.

“Liberty, equality, fraternity” can be a noble slogan, bespeaking noble aspirations. But freedom, justice, and human solidarity cannot be grounded in nihilism. If all Europe is *Charlie Hebdo*, then Europe is doomed.

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Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring three events

A citywide prayer gathering will take place on Feb. 14 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road. It will begin with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a prayer gathering from 9:30-11:30 and a fellowship pot luck. Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share.

There will be a day of renewal from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 12 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077

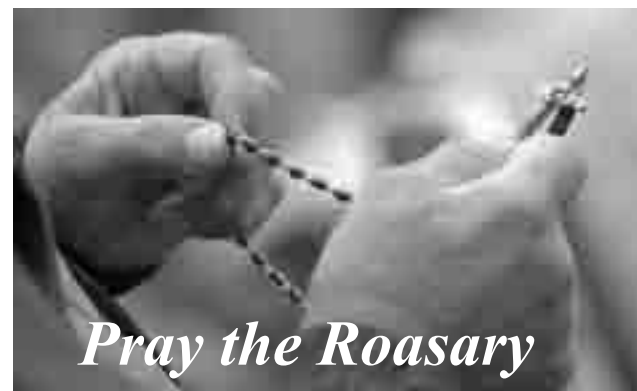
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The annual diocesan charismatic retreat will take at place at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, from March 20 to March 22. It will be led by Father Clifford Bishop of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.


For registration or more information about any of these events, call (614) 914-8556 or visit www.cccolumbus.org.

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Pray the Rosary



2015 Diocesan Respect Life Conference

Keynote Speaker:
The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell
Bishop of Columbus

Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation is this year's theme of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Respect Life Program. Join us as Bishop Campbell talks about his perspectives on the Church's teaching and work to build a culture of life.


Featured Speakers:
Fr. Bob Penhallurick, Pastor, St Brendan Church, Hilliard
Ethical Decisions for End of Life Issues
Beth Vanderkooi, Executive Director, Columbus Right to Life
How the Parish Can be More Engaged in Pro-life Work
J. Russell Crabtree, Author and President of Holy Cow! Consulting
Developing a Pastoral Response to Suicide Prevention

Learn more about diocesan efforts to promote the dignity of human life through prayer, education, pastoral outreach, and advocacy.

Location: **Immaculate Conception Church**
414 E. North Broadway, Columbus, Ohio

Date & Time: **Saturday, March 7, 2015** - Mass 9 a.m. | Conference 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration: Registration fee is \$20 which includes lunch. Checks can be made payable to the Office for Social Concerns. Please inform the office of any special needs accommodations. Registrations are due by March 3.



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Pray for our dead

BOWMAR, Nioma M. "Sis," 71, Jan. 20
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

CAHALAN, Julia A., 81, Jan. 16
St. Michael Church, Worthington

CIMINELLO, Joseph V., 81, Jan. 18
St. Paul Church, Westerville

CORNELL, Jerry W. "JJ," 42, Jan. 18
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

DUGGAN, Josephine, 92, Jan. 20
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

GILES, Charles R., 85, Jan. 8
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

HENRY, William E., 91, Jan. 13
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

HEUGHEBART, Stephen D., 71, Jan. 19
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

HOUSTON, Dr. Robert J., 83, Jan. 21
St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus

JAHN, Mary A., 85, Dec. 29
St. Peter Church, Millersburg

KLARMAN, Ida, 91, Jan. 24
St. Mary Church, Columbus

LAVELY, Catherine D., 88, Jan. 19
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

LONG, Stephanie S., 45, Jan. 19
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MEYER, Lois, 92, formerly of Columbus, Jan. 16
St. Paul Church, Athens

MURPHY, Daniel H., 89, Jan. 9
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

RADICH, Margaret R., 92, Jan. 23
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

RAGUE, Gladys W., Jan. 2
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

SALVATORE, Alma M., 97, Jan. 18
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SANTOR, Nettie B., 95, Jan. 21
St. John Newman Church, Sunbury

SCHMELZER, Dorothy K., 86, Jan. 23
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SHONK, Joyce L., 77, Jan. 18
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SIMMONS, Mary, 92, Jan. 21
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Glenmont

SKEELE, Jeffrey G., 27, Jan. 17
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

SPIRES, Mary E. "Rita," 86, Jan. 20
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

STEELE, Terry L., 66, Jan. 18
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

TENUTA, Nancy, 84, Jan. 19
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

VON VOIGT, John A., 79, Jan. 17
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

WERNER, James E., 71, Jan. 23
St. Brendan Church, Columbus

WHITCRAFT, Mary L., 81, Jan. 17
St. John Church, Logan

Margaret M. Ilg

Funeral Mass for Margaret M. Ilg, 87, who died Sunday, Jan. 18, was held Saturday, Jan. 24 at Columbus St. Andrew Church.

She was born Feb. 5, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. William McNary, and was a graduate of Columbus St. Joseph Academy and St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University).

She spent many years in the Co-

lumbus area as a social worker with Catholic Social Services, Birthright of Columbus, and the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William; son, Thomas; and sister, Helen Laird.

Survivors include a daughter, Nann Lambert; two grandsons; and two granddaughters.

Send obituaries to: tpuet@colsdio.org

STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

The diocesan Vocations Office is presenting its third annual service awards. The \$500 awards are available to all eighth to 12th-graders living in the Diocese of Columbus, whether they are in parochial, public, or private schools, or are home-schooled.

The criteria for award eligibility include parish involvement, service, and a 300-word essay on the importance of service and giving back to the community. For more information and to enter, visit www.faceforwardcolumbus.com/service-awards.



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Church. In addition, it conducts the locally based St. Tarcisius, International Awareness, Santa Maria, and Founders of Faith in Ohio programs, which examine various aspects of the faith each year, and it offers uniform patches for completion of activities related to the rosary and to 20 men and women who are saints or have been declared "blessed" or "venerable" by the church and have connections with the Americas.

Isaak Giddens and Jeremiah Peck of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church were honored as the first Scouts in the diocese to have earned all the saint patches. The two fifth-graders met once a week outside their regular Scout meetings. Each chose one saint

apiece every week during the summer and fall of 2014 and taught each other about the saints they had selected.

A patch marking completion in 2014 of a one-time special program honoring the 100th anniversary of the relationship between the Catholic Church and Girl Scouting was awarded to Lorrie Crosswell, Sara Crosswell, and Emily Hetterscheidt, all of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

More patch programs are being made available, including one titled Footsteps of Modern Saints, which will be introduced on June 1.

More information on Catholic Scouting programs is available at the committee's website, www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs.

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Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The

Ineffable Mystery of God," followed by discussion.

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31, 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.

St. Charles Scholarship Test

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E.

Broad St., Columbus. Annual scholarship test for pro-

spective students. Open to all eighth-grade boys in

Franklin and surrounding counties. Advance registration

required. 614-252-6714

Bosco Bash at St. Cecilia School

2:30 to 9 p.m., St. Cecilia School, 440 Norton Road,

Columbus. Annual Bosco Bash rally for sixth- to eighth-

grade students, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth &

Young Adult Ministry. Theme: "Rise Up." Music by Station

14, games, dinner, evening Mass, and speaker Father Steve

Ryan, SDB, of Tampa, Fla. Registration \$20. 614-241-2565

FEBRUARY

1, SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Co-

lumbus. First of four talks on end-of-life issues. Topic: "Is

Death Natural Or Unnatural?" with Father Edmund Hus-

sey. 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440

Grandview Ave., Columbus. Bill Messerly, executive direc-

tor of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820, speaks on the

station's 10th anniversary.

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Res-

urrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with pro-

cession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing

to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

Newman Center 'Super Sunday with Steve'

2 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. "Super Sunday with Steve" program for high-school students. Fathers Steve Bell, CSP, and Steve Ryan, SDB, talk about "How Do I Live a Faith-Filled Life in Today's World?" 614-291-4674

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, Colum-

bus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

2, MONDAY

Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus.

Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

614-235-7435

3, 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 4: "Our

Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of

God," followed by discussion.

614-920-1563

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road,

Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting.

For those who served three months, were honorably dis-

charged or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-

Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network

group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from

abortion or who has been through a recovery program.

and wants to stay connected. 614-444-4411

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

5, THURSDAY

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Colum-

bus. 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

Film at Corpus Christi on Human Trafficking

6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart

Ave., Columbus. "Fields of Muldan," a film about a young

Chinese girl smuggled into the United States as part of a

human trafficking ring. 614-512-3731

'Catholicism' Series at St. John XXIII

7 to 9 p.m., St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Win-

chester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester. Father

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the Mother of God," followed by discussion.

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Columbus Young Catholic Professionals

7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane

Ave., Columbus. Social gathering for Catholics aged 21 to

40, with speaker Stu Wilson-Smith. a Paulist seminarian

who is an intern at the center and will talk about being a young Catholic in today's world. 614-443-8893

Back in His Arms Again Meeting

7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville.

Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again support

group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a

child. 614-906-3115; 614-800-8888

Open House at Bishop Hartley

7 to 8:30 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler

Road, Columbus. "Heart to Heart with Hartley" open

house. 614-237-5421

6, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins

after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refu-

gee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues

through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Catholic Man of the Year Luncheon

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus.

Bishop Frederick Campbell presents diocesan Catholic

Man of the Year award at monthly Catholic Men's Lun-

cheon Club meeting. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m.

Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until

11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Colum-

bus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. un-

til Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights

of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

7, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee

Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, fol-

lowed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ

format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888



BOOK REVIEW

SAINT KATHARINE

Very different books on St. Katharine Drexel complement each other

Reviewed by **Rachelle Linner**
Catholic News Service

"Katharine Drexel: The Riches-to-Rags Story of an American Catholic Saint" by Cheryl C.D. Hughes. Wm. B. Eerdmans (Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2014). 283 pages, \$20.

"Saint Katharine: The Life of Katharine Drexel" by Cordelia Frances Biddle. Westholme Publishing (Yardley, Pennsylvania, 2014). 280 pages, \$26.

Together, these two very different books about St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) provide a full and exacting portrait of a remarkable woman who, indeed, went from riches to rags.

Born a Philadelphia heiress, she divested herself of wealth and privilege to found the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which has a particular mission of serving African-Americans and Native Americans. The two books com-

plement each other, and it is a happy coincidence that both would be published around the same time.

Each author brings particular strengths to her task.

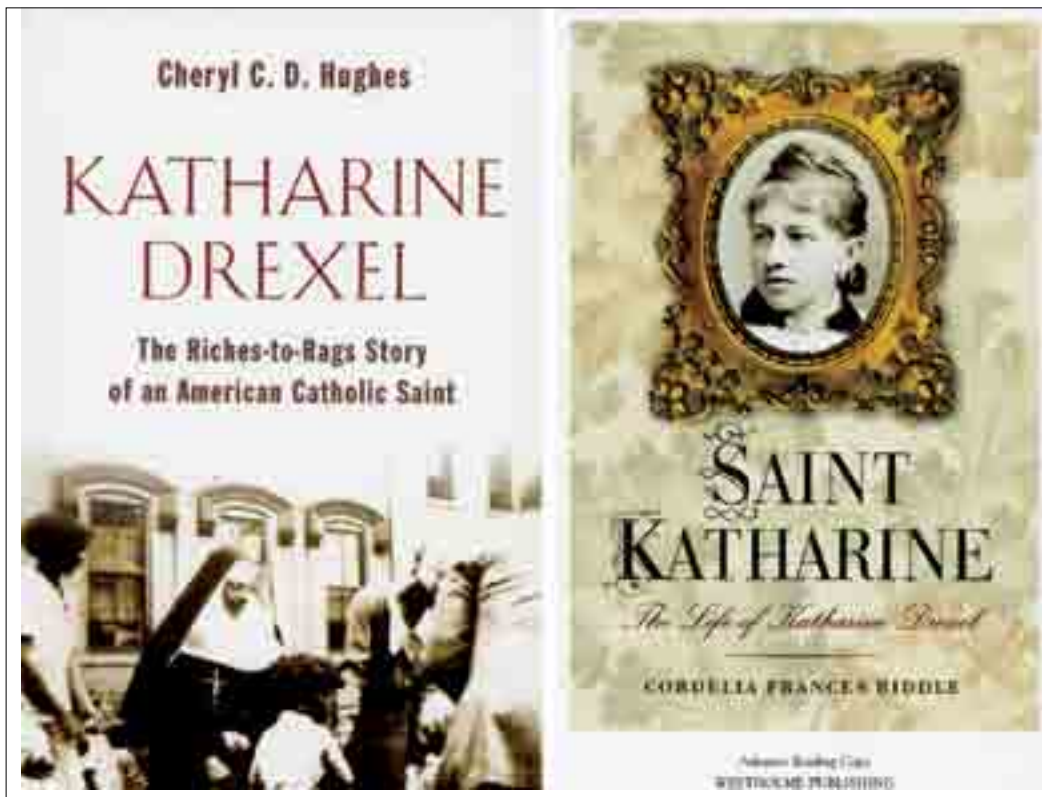
Biddle, who teaches creative writing at Drexel University, is a direct descendent of Francis Martin Drexel, St. Katharine's grandfather. A vivid and direct prose style brings her extensive historical research to life.

Hughes, a professor of humanities and religious studies at Tulsa Community College in Oklahoma, has an excellent command of theological issues. She writes clearly and persuasively about St. Katharine Drexel's religious upbringing, her spirituality, and the charism of her order.

Riches-to-Rags is a model of contemporary hagiography. While not disguising her admiration and respect for St. Katharine, there is not a hint of sentimentality or romanticism in this presentation of Drexel's piety, mission, and canonization.

Hughes gives the reader a full appreciation for the ecclesial context of this remarkable woman's life. We can better appreciate the arduous work and accomplishments of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters because Hughes carefully charts St. Katharine's long discernment process. She quotes extensively from the correspondence Drexel had with her spiritual adviser, Bishop James O'Connor, who for years opposed her desire to enter religious life, and then insisted she found an order of nuns.

In one of the book's finest chapters, Hughes elucidates St. Katharine's kenotic and eucharistic spiritualities



"through which she was able to conform herself to Christ, to endure and even to flourish in her vocation as a missionary founder."

Throughout her life, St. Katharine embraced severe ascetic practices, including fasting, mortification of the flesh -- wearing a hair shirt, wrapping iron chains around her waist and arms, using a metal-tipped discipline -- and praying in uncomfortable positions. "This type of kenosis, or self-emptying through pain, is for the sake of the church, that one may be able to bring others to Christ through the church," the book says.

She emptied herself "so she could be filled with Christ in the Eucharist." Her "deep eucharistic spirituality ... was her defining characteristic." It is a spirituality she shared with St. John Paul II, who canonized her in 2000. Hughes concludes her book with a lucid discussion of St. John Paul's pontificate, the theology of canonization, and the meaning of the communion of saints.

Biddle's *Saint Katharine* is less concerned with theological issues, but her account is wonderfully descriptive and evocative of the saint's life and times. It is one thing to say that the heiress went from riches to rags. It is another to read the sumptuous details of her privileged upbringing and watch the development of the "duality in her nature ... the searching, meditative self who prayed fervently to God for guidance; and the fun-loving

teenage girl whom everyone believed was immune to doubt and sorrow."

Biddle conveys the horrific conditions under which African-Americans and Native Americans lived and the enormous physical challenges that St. Katharine and her young community faced as they sought to educate and serve them. She reminds us of the crimes perpetrated against Native Americans and our long history of endemic racism. "Racial inequality was ubiquitous, and most of the Southern bishops either incapable of easing the tension, or turning a blind eye, or, worse, abetting it," she writes.

This is not a story of idealistic religious women setting forth to do good in safety. They faced disease, local opposition, arduous traveling conditions, towns controlled by the Ku Klux Klan, and deeply rooted injustice.

St. Katharine Drexel spent her last 20 years as an invalid, a difficult challenge for a woman who had led such a vital, meaningful life.

But as Biddle shows, she used the time as a retreat. "To die to self-love that I may live to God alone is the great business of the spiritual life," Drexel wrote. It is clear that she succeeded in her business as abundantly as her banking ancestors reached the pinnacle of theirs.

Linner, a freelance writer and reviewer, has a master's degree in theology from Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

RESPECT LIFE EVENTS AROUND THE NATION

Chicago Archbishop Blase J. Cupich speaks at Federal Plaza before the start of the 10th annual March for Life in Chicago on Jan. 18. Thousands rallied before marching through downtown to call for an end to abortion.
CNS photo/Karen Callaway, Catholic New World



Tens of thousands of people march down Market Street in San Francisco on Jan. 24 chanting, "We are the pro-life generation" in the 11th annual Walk for Life West Coast. It is the largest pro-life demonstration in the western United States.
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March for Life participants rally in front of the Colorado Capitol in Denver on Jan. 17. The event was one of many held across the nation to mark the Jan. 22 anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion.
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Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez stands before participants at the OneLife LA rally in Los Angeles on Jan. 17.
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