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ON A VOYAGE OF FAITH
Monsignor James LeRoy Tonkens R.I.P.
Died on Monday, January 12, 2015

Funeral arrangements are pending for Monsignor James LeRoy Tonkens R.I.P., who died Monday, Jan. 12, at his home in Columbus.

He was born May 8, 1919, in Springfield to William and Anna Marie (Tonkens) Rief. Raised as a Lutheran, he was baptised in the Roman Catholic Church in 1938.

He graduated from Springfield Catholic High School in 1937 and earned a bachelor of art degree in theater from Ohio Northern University in 1946, a master's degree in art form from the University of the South in 1947 from Ohio Northern in 1962. He was employed in the private practice of law in Mansfield before joining the lambs to work in the office of the Attorney General of Ohio.

He began theological studies in 1975 at the Franciscan Centre in Canterbury England and a year at the Pontifical College Josephine. He was ordained at 31 Joseph Cathedral in 1977. He was the associate as a member of St. Catharine’s for four years after his ordination. Then went to Rome to study canon law for three years and was chaplain at St. Catharine’s for two years and the cathedral for his 31 years. In 1995, he received the title of Monsignor of being named Chaplain to his Holiness by Pope Paul John Paul II. He became pastor at Columbus Holy Rosary School in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; sister, Mary Alice Metzger, OSF; and a brother, Bruce. Other survivors include three children – Megan; Robert and Father Richard and Stephen Metzger – who are priests of the Diocese of Columbus. Another cousin, Father William J. Metzger, died on Nov. 4, 2014.

A Mass will be held for Father Louis Metzger, 88, who died Sunday, Jan. 11, at Mother Angelone McCoy Manor in Columbus, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Junction City St. Patrick Church, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant, retired Bishop James Griffin concelebrating, and his cousin, Father Richard Metzger, as homiliary. Burial will follow immediately in the parish cemetery. Calling hours will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday Jan. 15, at the church.

He was born May 21, 1927, in Zanesville to the late John and Alice (Boley) Metzger. He graduated from Columbus Holy Rosary School in 1942 and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in 1961, a master's degree in education administration from Ohio State University in 1961 and was employed by the U.S. Geological Survey (1942-52), the Farm Bureau Cooperative Association (1952-59), and H.G. Snyder and Associates (1959-1960).

He then began theological studies, earning degrees from Columbus U., Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1963 and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West in 1967. He was ordained by Bishop Edward Hettlinger of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 7, 1967. He was pastor of Mother Vincent St. Vincent de Paul (1976-77) and Conving St. Bernard (1979-95) churches and associate pastor of Columbus St. Augustine (1962-69), Columbus St. Philip (1967-72), Columbus Corpus Christi (1972-76), Lancaster St. Mary (1961-64) and Zanesville St. Wenceslaus (1964-65), and pastor of the parishes of Athens and Berkeley.

He assisted at New Lexington St. Rose, Junction City St. Patrick, and Conving St. Bernard churches and the rectory of the Administration Office of the Archdiocese of Columbus at Columbus St. Francis de Sales (1967-69), Columbus Bobrick (1967-72) high school and was moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (1978-80).

He retired in 1978. In 1978, he continued to own the Curry County Commission, drove two months a help minister to parishes or St. Joseph Church, and assisted at other parishes when called upon.

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Did you ponder how the world might prepare for the World Meeting of Families (WMF) in September? Better yet, what kind of world do you want to create in your life, how well we prepare makes a huge difference in the world we create together. As a Christian, we are called to live in community, to love our neighbor, to love God, and to be witnesses of God’s love. This love exists in the image of Jesus’ faithfulness to the Father and to our mon interest and love. Marriage is a uniquely intimate form of friendship with God and our partner. Friendship and community satisfy that longing with bonds of communion and mutual respect. Membership eligibility is required. For a brochure, contact Judy Lor-}

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**GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS**

Columbus St. Andrew Geography Bee winners Baisa Ndiwagocha (second place) and Beatrice Dovling (first place) with instructor Matt Brown. Quizzing will continue its competitive academic spirit while still maintaining a fun atmosphere.

**END-OF-LIFE TALKS AT ST. AGATHA**

“Eucharist and the End of Life” will be the subject of a series of four talks that will be part of the Sunday adult education program at St. Agatha Church, 860 Northwood Road, on Sundays of February through April.

The talks will look at death and dying and the Catholic position on end-of-life decisions. The talks are open to all members of the church’s community, but, of course, this is not a health care role that would ensure the church were to declare as invalid every marriage between two Proteanists simply because no Catholic priest would officiate.

So the Catholic Church begins its process of discerning a call to the priesthood, started by an adult deacon.

Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northwood Road, is 75 years old this year and will begin the celebration with a champagne reception and cake Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event will include light hors d’oeuvres, a short, entertaining and cake and ice cream, plus the first showing of a video history of the parish’s 75 years of growing, working, and worshipping together. There will also be a charming raffle for a chance to win a diamond pendant.

Reservations are due at the church office by Monday, Feb. 2. Tickets are $50 per person. Anyone with questions may call or e-mail Renee Haas at (614) 451-5112 or dosp@chatholic.org.

**DeSales digital photography**

An adult digital photography class will be offered at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School on Wednesdays from February 8 through July 9, meeting from 7 to 9 p.m.

Participants will learn how to use their cameras more effectively and will be instructed in composition, and light- ing and uploading images to a digital camera.

Questions may be sent to Father Donald Doyle at de Sales High School, 762 High Street, Columbus 43215, 614-221-5112.

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Scholarship Funds to Lancaster Fisher Catholic

Lancaster Council 1016 of the Knights of Columbus presented scholarship funds to Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School for its students (from left to right) Zack Dreyer, Kyrie Durbin, and Rixden Walton to cover their tuitions for an honors theology course at Ohio Dominican University which will grant them high school and college credits. The council’s grand knight, Vincent Johnson (far right), presented a check for the tuition to Fisher Catholic theology teacher Joe Holbrook.

Corpus Christi Retreat

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, will host a retreat for knitters, crocheters, and other needlecrafters from Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1.

The retreat on “Vaticanus As an Opportunity of Prayer” will be led by Sister Valerie Shul, OP, who is coordinator for the free formed mission group of the Dominican Sisters of Peace after spending 40 years in education, mostly administration. She also coordinates monthly prayer services against violence that are spon- sored by the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence.

How we pray is as unique as we are. The weekend will be an opportunity to combine prayer with needlework while contemplating Scripture and sharing thoughts, in- sights, and questions. Participants are asked to bring their hobbies and needlework projects.

The cost of $125 for the weekend includes overnight accommodations, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. For commuters, it is $60, including lunch and supper on Saturday. Funds are available for those who may need financial assistance. People may also contribute to a scholarship fund to help others attend.

For more information, call the center at (614) 512-3731, register online at www.corpuschristicenterofpeace.org, or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com.

St. Paul Theology on Top

Jerry Freeman of the大阪se Office of the Order of the Knights of Columbus will present a program based on this year’s theme for the U.S. Catholic Knights’ Respect Life Program, “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation,” at a meet-

ing of Westerville St. Paul Church’s Theology on Top program from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the Old Fog of Nails Pub, 24 N. State St., Westerville.

The theme reflects the Church’s teaching on the dignity of all human life. The bishops hope it will inspire people to work through the challenging issues of our day that touch the lives of all people, especially the most vulnerable.

Theology on Top is a monthly pro- gram given the third Tuesday of each month, ages 21 to 40, the chance to meet in a casual setting, have fellowship, and share issues of faith. For more infor- mation, go to www.facebook.com/ atpaul or call Linda Hall at (614) 882-2557.

Eucharistic Miracles Display at St. Matthew

The Vatican-approved traveling ex-

hibit of Eucharistic miracles will be displayed at Galena St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

The display of 140 panels includes photos and historical depictions relat- ed to 126 Eucharistic miracles which have occurred in various nations, and serves as testimony to the real pres- ence of Jesus in the Eucharist. All the miracles have been recog- nized by the Vatican as being au- thentic.

For more information, go to www. eucharistymiracle.net or contact Tim McDaniel at (614) 605-6654 or at the church (614) 471-0212.

Anyone interested in bringing the display to your church or school also may contact McDaniel.

Bishop Hartley Open House

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettle Road, will conduct its usual “Heart to Heart with Hartley” open house from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.

There will be no formal presentation. Administrators and staff members will speak with interested parents and students one-on-one, and student am- busassadors will be available for cam- pus tours. An additional open house will take place Thursday, Feb. 5 at the same time.

For more information, contact Heather Rush at hrush@cdeducation.org.

Anti-Bullying Program

Wellstone Sts. Peter & Paul School students unrolled an anti-bullying program con- ducted by Ohio University student volunteers led by Amberle Quinlivan, a St. Peter & Paul graduates who is working on her doctorate in social service. The program covered areas such as what bullying is, the differences between being a bully and “just being rude,” and what students can do to stand up for themselves and their classmates in an effort to eliminate bullying.

St. Andrew School Open House

Columbus St. Andrew School, 4081 Read Road, will conduct an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Tours may be scheduled by con- tacting Debbie Joseph at (614) 451- 1462, extension 155.

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What It Means To Be Blessed

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are they who are meek and humble; they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who will eat with the Lord.
Blessed are they who know sorrow; they will be consoled.
Blessed are they who show others mercy; they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are they who are clean and holy; they will behold the Lord.
Blessed are they who belong to the faith; they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who suffer from persecution; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Such simple words, but words that can change a world. A blessing is a concept unfamiliar with time and space. It is not of this world. We say we give our blessing, but it is truly only God that can bless. He alone has the power to give us that solitude.

When we come to the Lord in silent prayer, we are lifting up our hearts to Him and asking Him to hear our plea – for a loved one ill or dying, for a happy marriage, for a child or family member in distress, or any plea that we have.

As St. Francis Xavier Cabrini once said, “We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success… but Jesus alone.”

It is amazing to me that when we dedicate our lives to Him, lifting our prayers in perpetual adoration, a multitude of blessings seem to come our way. Perhaps it is the simple nature of being together that makes this possible. Or could it be that God is saying to us that we matter, that people around us matter, that life matters?

It is a concept many day away from, but it is a concept worth fighting for. Come and adore Him, from the King of Israel. Are there still empty worlds, or are they something we practice every day? He is waiting for us to take the first step.

Start with a modest act. Pray for someone to pray for you. Every day, members of our parish pray for the Vatican as a whole. Could we not do the same for you?

Remember, we are the light of the world. May our light shine above all, may that be the good we do and give glory to God. May He bless you and keep you forever. May His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas is a freelance writer and active in many discussion and church ministries. He is a member of Galvanne St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at http://truegiftoffaith.blogspot.com.
The mission of the parish community, both ministers and parishioners, is to look out and bring young people in, showing them the truths of the Catholic Church and its values and the joy of being a Catholic. Our mission is the same as that of the early saints and like that of our patron saint, to make disciples,” he said.

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The parish, which recently has included discussion of poverty and on the way we need to help those who have chosen to take part in this program just raved about the opportunities it gives them to learn about the Catholic Church and its values and the joy of being a Catholic.

It’s been steadily growing through the years of St. Brendan’s Church, and it’s a great place to be. We’ve been receiving a lot of great feedback,” he said. “On every level, the key to evangelizing young people is engaging them,” he said. “It’s common for parents to be more involved in their children’s faith formation than in the past, and we’re trying to get them to a place where they’re really excited. We’re attempting this through video-based programs, small-group discussions which make things personal and relevant through engagement with another, rather than just lecturing them.”

Adult faith formation activities include the That Man Is You! series for men, which this year has attracted about 70 participants who gather at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday mornings, and the Elizabeth Ministry for women, which sponsors a twice-monthly play group for the men and women of the parish. Those in preschool and kindergarten can take part. As in many parishes, the biggest annual event at St. Brendan’s is the parish festival, which takes place on the Friday and Saturday of the second weekend in August.

Festival chairman Andy Lind- beth said that after the absence of sev- eral years, the festival was revived in the late 1990s by the late Mayor Wil- liam Marson, who served as pastor at St. Brendan’s from 1978-82. “What’s really great about the fes- tival is in the way the church and the city of Hilliard cooperate to make it an event for the whole family,” Lind- beth said. “The city has a field across from the church where every year the city allows the parish to use that area for the festival. That’s a great help, be- cause it makes things go off smoothly.”

“This year, we moved the children’s area from the field into a large pavilion in the parish school, next to the area where we have the bands,” Church said. “This allows parents who want to hear the bands and socialize, while keeping an eye on their children at the same time, to do both comfortably. A lot of parents

Journey, also included an extensive online presence known as FlockNotes, which allows people to receive no- tices from the parish, communicate one-on-one with any member of the parish staff, and vote in polls to help the staff determine what matters most to parishioners.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Samuel, Andrew and (most likely) John are called

In storytelling, a story often will involve three main characters. In today’s Gospel, John begins his story with a priest, a rabbi, and a minister. In Hebrews, a variation on that pattern comes when a fourth element is added. We see in the prophet Amos an example of this when he begins “And lo one day Amos heard the Lord...” For the three “crimes of three—and four of eight” against various enemies of Israel, and against Israel and Judah as well in Samuel. Samuel, he receives a call three times from the Lord who is so bright, but the priest ordains him to wait on a fourth call before responding “Speak, for your servant is listening.” The fourth call adds nothing to the story other than to highlight this stylish variation.

Missing from Sunday’s story is what the Lord told Samuel. The Lord condemned Eli and his house; but when Eli asked Samuel the next morning what had happened during the night, the Lord revealed what he had heard. From that time on, Samuel became “a trusted prophet of the Lord.” The Gospel is about the call of two of disciples of John the Baptist, who, when they hear him identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, begin to follow him. Then Jesus is pictured teaching and seeing them following him and says to them, “What are you looking for?”

This question is virtually the same question Jesus poses to the arresting party in the garden in John 18:6. Here, John means this is impossible to say, but John never writes anything without purpose, so we find this noteworthy.

One of the unnamed disciples will turn out to be Andrew. The other might well be John, the brother of James, who elsewhere in this book is referred to as the beloved disciple. They call him “Rabbi” (which is translated as “teacher”) although the literal meaning of the Hebrew Rabbi is “My Great One.” They promote him to ask him “Where are you staying?” “Staying” is used 40 times in John’s Gospel, which is enough for Father Raymond Brown to add an appendix to his two-volume commentary on John which deals with the meaning of “staying” in the Gospel. It can also apply to temporary dwelling in the same way that the disciples are told to “return to stay even as I return in you” (John 15:4). As we know whenever we deal with John’s literature, the careful use of words and ideas is so tightly interwoven that a text almost always has numerous levels of understanding. What applies to texts also applies to individual words which make up a text.

When Jesus says “Come and you will see,” it is noteworthy, because this word which brings into play the special use of the Greek verb horao, used here in John in the context of something along the lines of “to see or standing.” Thus, here the invitation to “Come and you will see” means that they will see with understanding and not merely as a sensation. Jesus only presently see in the usual sense, after they are staying with him, Andrew is driven to bring his brother Simon to Simon “Simon, the son of John” along because “We have found the Teacher.” Seeing Jesus as Messiah is true faith, and testifying to that is the role of those who are called.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Clintonville St. Mary Church, can be reached at lawrencehummer@catholic.org.

Day of Reflection

A day of reflection with Benedictine Father Lawrence L. Hummer’s Light of Life Prayer Group will take place from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24 at Lancaster St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St.

The presenter will be Deacon Jeff Carpenter from Lancaster Emmanuel Church, speaking on “The Family in connection with the coming season of hospitality on the Liturgical Year.” The World Meeting of Families which Pope Francis will attend in Philadelphia later this year, a light lunch will be provided, and a free-will collection will be taken.

The Weekday Bible Readings

The transference of the celebration of the Epiphany to a Sunday from Jan. 6 (the solemnity’s traditional date), and the change of Sundays under the favor of the ill-favored Sundays of Ordinary Time 2015 has made a hub of the Christmas liturgical season as I suggested in Evangelical Catholicism. Still, the liturgical calendar of Blessed Paul VI does rest on a service by highlighting the formerly insignificant feast of the Baptist of the Lord as the terminus of the Christmas season.

And that service is required to remind us, remember, cherish, celebrate the date of our own baptism. When I first started working on pro-life and religious freedom issues 35 years ago with Evangelical Protestants, I was struck by the way these folks introduced themselves at a meeting. Most Americans, in such circumstances, identify themselves by “I’m John Smith,” or “I’m a lawyer with Smith Jones” or “I’m Jane Doe and I’m a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital.”

New friends didn’t do that. Rather, “Mother Mary” or “Jane Doe” or “John Smith” was born again on such-and-such-a-day—which was all that really mattered. As we see that we can be on occasion, I would say, when the introductory rites came around to me, “I’m a young adult. I’ve been doing that for a decade-and-a-half now, brooding a few months ahead of time by the liturgical calendar of Blessed Paul VI, and I’ve been a lawyer for 20 years. I’ve seen the most important day of his life: the day when he was born again; and I’m a water and the Spirit, to become a friend of the Lord Jesus Christ and a missionary disciple. As John Paul understood it, the most important day of his life was not the day on which he was born a prince, consecrated a bishop, or elected pope. The most important day of his life was the day of his baptism. Everything else followed from that, like the waters in Ezekiel’s vision, flowing from the restored Temple to renew the face of the earth.

In dispensing Evangelical Catholicism, the book and the idea, with dozens of audiences in various Catholic venues across the nation and the world in the last two years, I’ve often predicted a little pop quiz, asking my audience how many of them could not get close to a 10 percent positive response, but the norm is usually in the two to three percent range. I then tell them that the same folks also did absolutely nothing to keep the “Catholic stuff,” look up the date of their baptismal font and venerated the place where he had been “born again” in 1920.” Why? Because Karol Wojtyla knew that day was the most important day of his life: the day when he was first welcomed by water and the Spirit, the day when he was born again in Christ’s mission into the world every day. Owning that is how we become “Christ in mission” to which Pope Francis has called us.

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

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Baptism: The Day of Redemption

January 18, 2015

An all-day Day of Reflection will be held at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 18. The event, called “Baptism: The Day of Redemption,” is sponsored by the Children’s Hospital’s Spirituality Center. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. at the hospital, 4246 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will include the following:

- A continental breakfast is included. A light lunch will be provided. A free-will collection will be taken.
- The Day of Redemption begins with a prayer service to kick off the day. A light lunch will be provided, and a free-will collection will be taken.
- Featured speakers will include Dr. Paul Palaski, MD, St. Louis Children’s Hospital, and St. Louis Cardinal Peter Hurley. The evening portion of the event will begin with a reception at the Children’s Hospital Foundation, 4246 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110.
- For more information, please call 314-453-6900 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.

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KULKA, Nancy L., 74, Jan. 3
St. John Vianney Church, Columbus
MANOR (ROWHAN), Dolores, Dec. 22
St. Agnes Church, Columbus
MURPHY, Daniel F., 85, Jan. 9
St. Catherine Church, Columbus
NORRECE, Linda S., Dec. 10
St. Francis Church, Newark
NEWBERG, Ross, Jan. 7
St. Andrew Church, Columbus
POWERS, Paul H., 88, Jan. 5
St. Francis Church, Newark
PYTELL, Carmen E., Dec. 31
St. Paul Church, Westerville
QUEEN, Mary “Shelia,” 84, formerly of Columbus, Jan. 6
Holy Spirit Church, Unington
RICE, Carmela M., 65, Nov. 20
St. Christopher Church, Columbus
RIPPE, Jane, 10, Jan. 7
St. Stephen Church, Columbus
St. Mary Church, Columbus
St. Mary Church, Delaware
WEIS, Mary E., 87, Jan. 6
St. Bernard Church, Corning
SORG, Cletus, 83, Jan. 9
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
REPKE, June L., 90, Jan. 7
Holy Spirit Church, Uniontown
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OVERMYER, Rose M., 98, Jan. 7
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake
SVATOS, John, stillborn, Jan. 9
St. Francis Church, New Lexington
DILLON, Mary B., 74, Jan. 26
St. Bernard Church, Gormin
WEY, Mary, 87, Jan. 8
St. Mary Church, Delaware
WILL, John, 71, Jan. 8
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville
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CATHEDRAL CONCERT
Music for Brass and Organ

A concert of music for brass and organ will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. (Catholic Times)

Books offer guidance in understanding the Mass

Reviewed by Mitch Finley
Catholic News Service

“Behold the Mystery: A Deep-

er Understanding of the Catho-

lic Mass” by Mark Hart. Word

Among Us Press (Frederick,

Maryland). 186 pages, $12.95.

“Mass 101: Liturgy and Life”

by Emily Strand, Liguori Pub-

lications (Liguori, Missouri).

144 pages, $11.99.

It has been a long time since you read a book about the Mass, “Behold the Mystery” is a good one to read.

Author Mark Hart is a young adult, husband, and father of four who is also executive vice president of LifeTeen Interna-
tional, a Catholic youth ministry leading teens closer to Christ. His book is fine for older teens, to be sure, but it will make ideal reading for anyone who wants to refresh his or her understand-
ing of and appreciation for the Mass.

You’re the rare Catholic if you have never prayed at least a little wary of Mass, or if you have never nodded off during a hom-

ily that didn’t capture your at-
tention. Hart suggests that the problem isn’t with the Mass; the problem is with your under-

standing of the Mass. Also, he asks, when was the last time you prayed for the priest or priests who preside at your parish? Masses? Are we luring our own parts to make the Mass all that it can be for everyone concerned?

Hart’s book is a study of the Mass and the heart of “Behold the Mystery” is a lively and informative book, one that this reviewer would not hesitate to recommend to all. Mass 101 is a first-rate book on the Mass, written in language that is both theological and ac-
nocial to most adult readers. The author, Emily Strand, is a former campus minister and teacher at the University of Dayton who is now a full-time mother and minister of the wor-
ship commission for the Arch-
dioce of Cincinnati.

In an introduction, Strand says, “Perhaps the most valuable no-
tion about the Mass to take away from this volume is an idea of its profundity — its endless wealth of significance that no one book has or will ever capture.” To that end, following the first chapter, titled “Why Learn About the Mass?”, Strand offers gripping discussions of the history of the Mass and what Vatican II taught about it.

In a section titled “The Pas-
chal Mystery and the Ministers of the Mass,” Strand makes it clear that while the priest “has the principal role” in the Mass, he isn’t the only “minister.” She explains the roles of others, in-
cluding the ministers of music, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, servers, and others. Strand illus-
trates the important fact that not only the priest, but the entire as-
sembly, celebrates the Mass.

The remaining four chapters examine the parts of the Mass, “enchanting” the meaning and purpose of each. More than a few readers may be particularly interested in the appendix, “The Third Edition of the Roman Missal and the New Transla-
tion of the Mass.” Here, Strand explains extraneously well the new translation of the Mass prayers that English-speaking Catho-
lics began using a couple of years ago.

Mass 101 is clearly written, in-
formative, and complete. It’s the best book on the Mass for Cath-
olic readers this reviewer has come across in quite a while.

Finley is the author of more than 10 books for Catholics, including two used widely in parishes, “The Joy of Being a Eucharistic Minister” and “The Joy of Being a Lector.” (Resurrection Press)

CNS photo/Deisy Norgile, Reuters

Wilfrid Macena, in red, who lost a leg in the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake, battles for the ball during an early morning practice on a soccer field in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Macena and two other members of a Haitian amputee soccer team gave Pope Francis a soccer jersey and ball signed by team members during a Jan. 10 pa-
pal audience marking the fifth anniversary of the magnitude 7.0 earthquake. CNS photo/Rob Hart
Lay missionary Manuela Lue, a former Columbus resident, is in her second decade of promoting devotion to the rosary in her homeland of Belize, with the help of volunteers from central Ohio.

Lue was the subject of a Catholic Times cover story in 2009 which told of her efforts to place a rosary in the hands of every Catholic student in Belize. She started her rosary mission in 2002 while working in Columbus as a financial analyst and caring for an ailing aunt.

As her faith grew, she felt called to start a rosary mission in Belize, along with another aunt, Thomasita Asevedo, who lives there. After Irene Cassady of Columbus taught her how to make rosaries, Lue sent back hundreds of rosaries to Belize and bought a rosary kit so her aunt could do the same thing. The missions office of the Diocese of Columbus has been instrumental from the beginning in providing her with supplies and promoting the rosary mission.

After she returned to Belize in 2006, the bishop of the Diocese of Belize City, which covers the entire nation, requested that Lue and her aunt teach the history and meaning of the rosary to the more than 41,000 students in the 130 Catholic schools of Belize. They began doing so in 2008 at St. Martin de Porres School in Belize City, with the help of a mission team from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. To date, they have presented rosaries to 35,173 students in 102 schools.

Lue most recently came to Columbus in January 2014 and September 2013. While in central Ohio, she attended a friend’s wedding, reconnected with old prayer group friends, and gathered more rosaries, religious articles, and books to take back to Belize.

Among her longtime supporters in the Columbus area are Earl and Carol Crosby of Worthington St. Michael Church, who were able to visit her recently when they took a cruise that stopped in Belize. The timing of the cruise coincided with one of Lue’s rosary visits, so the Crosbys were able to personally deliver a large number of rosaries they had gathered in the Columbus area to St. Margaret Mary School in the Belizean capital of Belmopan. There they met Lue’s aunt and Gordon Trotter, a volunteer from England who uses his vacation time to travel to Belize twice a year to help with the rosary mission. Besides volunteers who make rosaries in the Columbus area, the mission, known as Mary’s Little Jewel, has dedicated rosary makers in Maryland, Kansas, Mississippi, Idaho, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Kentucky.

Carol Crosby stayed with Asevedo and Trotter while they conducted a classroom session with the younger children. Earl Crosby accompanied Lue to a fifth-grade classroom to conduct a separate session. When the morning sessions were complete, the entire group was treated to lunch by the mother of one of the students at her home.

The Crosbys said they were impressed by the peace that radiated from the children while they attentively listened to their rosary lesson, which reinforced lessons they had learned from their teachers. During the presentation, each child was given a rosary and a pamphlet that explained how to pray the rosary. Each classroom was provided with a large rosary poster, and each child was presented with the Divine Mercy picture of Jesus.

As Carol Crosby distributed the pictures, one girl’s face lit up as she enthusiastically said she was going to hang the picture in her bedroom. The rosary mission distributes rosary CD’s to teachers of the youngest children, and all teachers receive packets with prayer cards and blessed items such as medals and scapulars. All material is free of charge.

The Crosbys said their experience expanded their understanding of the Church’s universal nature. “Although the school rooms were sparsely furnished by American standards, the students were well-behaved and eager to learn,” Earl Crosby said. The Crosbys observed that the horses some children had ridden to school were grazing in an adjacent pasture while their riders studied.

Lue used the pictures and video Earl Crosby took during the day to help promote the rosary mission. The Crosbys treasured the rosary poster and large rosary that Asevedo gave them. The Crosbys believe the small contributions they make to the rosary mission go a long way in Belize.

The rosary mission operates out of the home of Lue and her aunt, which is too small to accommodate the large amount of rosaries, prayer cards, and religious articles they have gathered, and the volunteers who want to come to help.

They plan to expand the building into a rosary center which will target people of all ages and will include a special rosary-making room and a Catholic bookstore. It also will offer programs such as Spanish-language classes, literacy classes, math classes, art classes, and entrepreneurship classes targeting the 56 percent of Belize residents who are 25 and younger.

The mission is looking for people who can come to Belize on sightseeing tours and mission tours and a volunteer who can assist with fundraising. It needs an SUV to traverse dirt roads in remote areas. It also is asking for volunteers to come to Belize to teach art, math, reading, media production, and entrepreneurial skills once the center is built.

Direct financial support is needed to construct the center, and in-kind donations of books, religious articles, rosary-making material, finished rosaries, furniture, and equipment are needed to furnish it. Upon completion of the center, ongoing support will be needed to deliver programs for enhancement and to support awards that represent young people’s achievements.

The rosary mission also has land for sale in Belize, the only nation in Central America whose official language is English, dating to the days when it was known as British Honduras. Anyone who wishes to support the center in any way or would like additional information is invited to contact Lue at mclue@gmail.com or at Mary’s Little Jewel, Box 197, Belize City, Belize.