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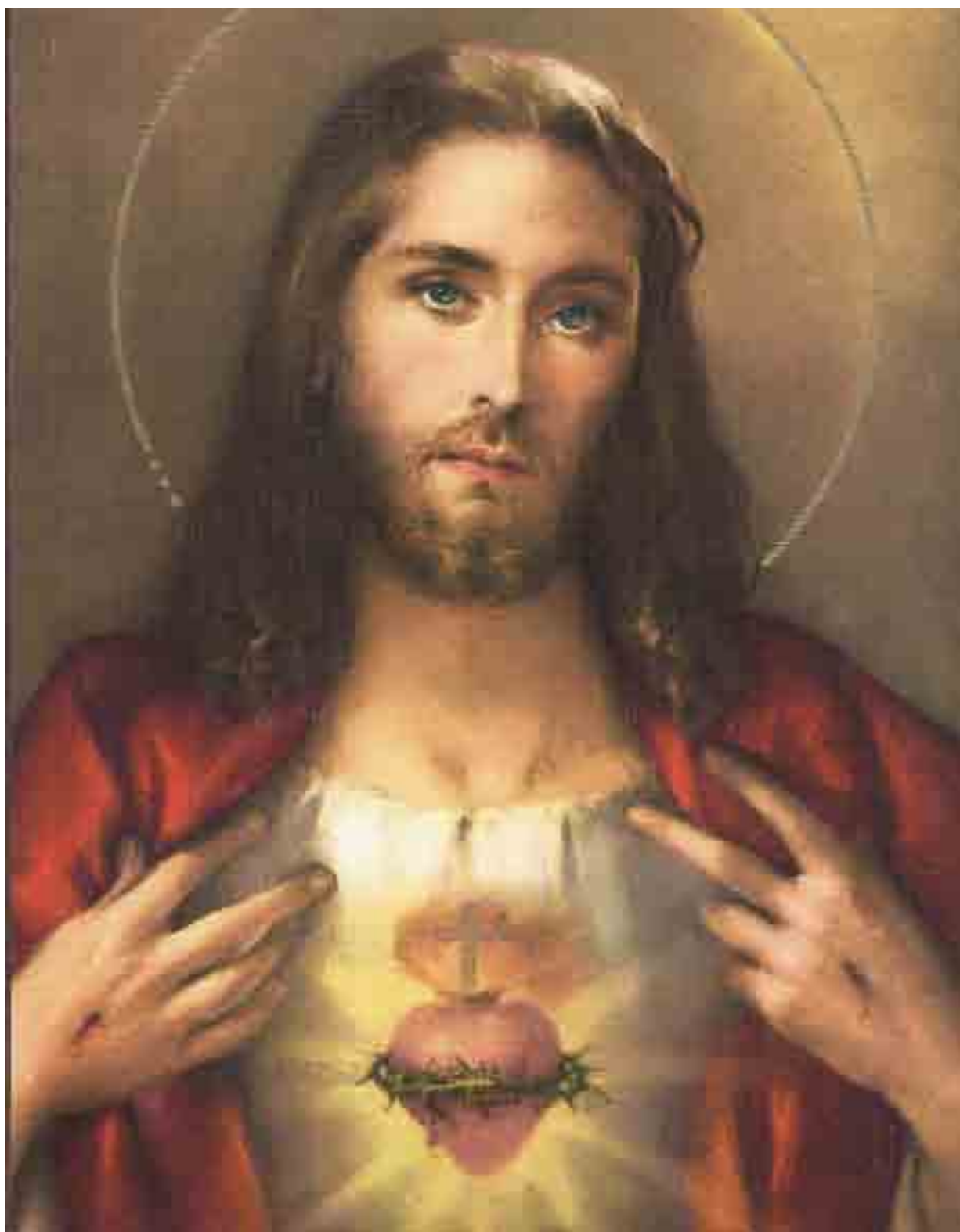
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The Editor's Notebook

Breaking God's Heart

By David Garick, Editor

"Jesus wept." This verse from the Gospel according to John is the shortest verse in the entire Bible. But it is also one of the most important. It takes place not long before the time of His Passion. He is called to the nearby village of Bethany because His friend Lazarus has died, and He weeps before revealing His power in raising Lazarus from the dead.

Later, Jesus begins His famous last journey to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. But before He reaches the Holy City, He stands on the Mount of Olives to the east of the city and looks out across the valley of Kidron to see Jerusalem, and again He weeps. He weeps not only for Jerusalem, but for all of mankind.

This is Jesus, a man like us. But He is also God Almighty, the One Who made all of heaven and earth, Who has unlimited power and reigns over the entire universe for eternity. How can God be reduced to tears? He weeps because He loves his creation, and when any of His creation turns away from Him, is separated from Him, it breaks His heart. Walking on this earth in human form, He felt that pain and wept, not just for His friend Lazarus, or for the people of first-century Jerusalem, but for all of the lost sheep who through sin are separated from Him then and now. His heart breaks for me today. He weeps because, though I continue to fall short of the life that He calls me to, He loves me so much that

through His tears, He forgives me and heals me. And every time I fall back into sin, He is there with love pouring from His broken heart to forgive me again and to wrap his arms around me once more.

We need to constantly be reminded that the love Jesus has for us is always there. That is the power of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as revealed to St. Margaret Mary and practiced by hundreds of Catholic families in the Diocese of Columbus. We all can benefit by gazing upon the image of His Sacred Heart as He reaches out to us in love, by kneeling before Him in reconciliation as we repent of the sins that kept us from Him and feel His love and forgiveness, and by approaching Him in the Eucharist as His body and ours become one in love and communion. You can read more about this special devotion in the story on Page 10 of this week's *Catholic Times*.

"May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles and in every adoration chapel of the world, unto the end of time! O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine, truly beating and throbbing in the Eucharist!"



Franciscan rector of Carey shrine named bishop of Lexington, Kentucky

Pope Francis has appointed Father John Stowe, OFM Conv., as Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky. He is provincial vicar of the Our Lady of Consolation Franciscan Conventual Province and rector of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation since 2010.



In September 2001, he was one of 2,000 religious and lay leaders of various faiths across the United States who signed a statement urging Americans to deny any claim to victory by the terrorists behind the 9/11 attacks that took place less than two weeks earlier.

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Our Lady of Consolation, based in Mount St. Francis, Indiana, and has served as rector of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation since 2010.

The Diocese of Lexington serves 47,900 Catholics in 50 counties of central and eastern Kentucky with 64 priests, 71 permanent deacons, and 89 religious. Bishop-designate Stowe was born April 15, 1966, in Amherst. He earned a bachelor's degree from St. Louis University in 1990; a master's degree in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, in 1993; and a licentiate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in 1995.

He made his solemn profession to the Conventual Franciscans, in the Ohio-based Our Lady of Consolation Province, in 1992, and was ordained a priest in 1995.

Following ordination, he served as associate pastor (1995-97), administrator (1997-2000) and pastor (2000-03) of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in El Paso, Texas. He served as vicar general (2003-10) and chancellor (2008-10) of the Diocese of El Paso, while also serving as administrator of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in El Paso (2006-2010).

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At penance service, pope announces Holy Year of Mercy

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to highlight the Catholic Church's "mission to be a witness of mercy."

"No one can be excluded from God's mercy," the pope said on March 13, marking the second anniversary of his pontificate by leading a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica.

"I frequently have thought about how the church can make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy," he said during his homily. That is why he decided to call a special Holy Year, which will be celebrated from Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception), until Nov. 20, 2016 (the Feast of Christ the King).

The biblical theme of the year, he said, will be "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," an admonition that applies "especially to confessors," the pope said with a smile.

Traditionally, every 25 years the pope proclaims a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Extraordinary holy years, such as the Holy Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth.

The doors of the church "are wide open so that all those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness," Pope Francis said at the penance service, which featured individual confessions. It was part of a worldwide celebration of "24 Hours for the Lord," in which Catholic churches were staying open for prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and confession.

At each of the dozens of confessionals in St. Peter's Basilica, as well as in simple chairs scattered along the walls, priests welcomed people to the sacrament. The pope removed his liturgical vestments and went to confession before putting on a purple stole and hearing the confessions of others.

"God never ceases to demonstrate the richness of his mercy over the course of centuries," the pope said in his homily, which preceded the confessions. God touches people's hearts with his grace, filling them with repentance and a de-

sire to "experience his love."

"Being touched by the tenderness of his hand," people should not be afraid to approach a priest and confess their sins, he said. In the confessional, one has "the certainty of being welcomed in the name of God and understood, despite our misery."

"The greater the sin, the greater the love, which the church must express toward those who convert," Pope Francis said.

The Gospel reading at the penance service was the story of the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Every time one goes to confession, the pope said, "we feel the same compassionate gaze of Jesus" that she did.

Jesus' love, he said, allowed her to draw near, to demonstrate her repentance, and to show her love for him. "Every gesture of this woman speaks of love and expresses her desire to have an unshakable certainty in her life, that of having been forgiven."

"Love and forgiveness are simultaneous" in the story of each person, just as in the story of the sinful woman, he said. "God forgave her for much -- for everything -- because he loved her much."

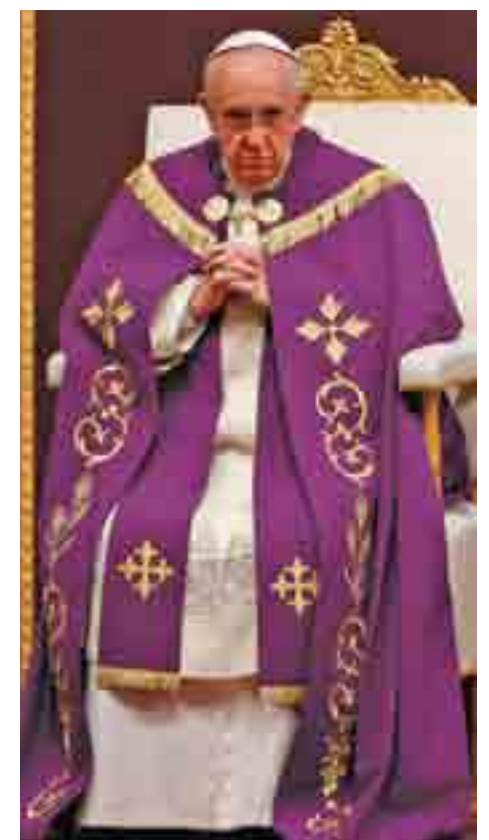
Pope Francis leads a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on March 13. During the service, the pope announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016. CNS photo/Paul Haring

Through Jesus, the pope said, God took the woman's sins and "threw them over his shoulder. He no longer remembers them."

Jesus' encounter with the woman took place in the home of a Pharisee named Simon. Unlike the woman, the pope said, Simon "isn't able to find the path of love. He remains stopped at the threshold of formality. He is not able to take the next step to encounter Jesus, who brings salvation."

The Pharisee is concerned only with following God's law, with justice, which is a mistake, the pope said. "His judgment of the woman distances him from the truth and prevents him from understanding who his guest is."

Jesus scolds Simon, pointing out how the sinful woman has shown nothing but love and repentance, the pope said. "Jesus' rebuke pushes each of us to never stop at the surface of things, especially when dealing with a person. We are called to look deeper, to focus on the heart in order to see how much



generosity the personal is capable of."

Pope Francis said he asked the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization to coordinate preparations for the Holy Year so that it would be "a new stage in the church's journey in fulfilling its mission of bringing the Gospel of mercy to each person."

TIME FOR A CHANGE: HOLY YEARS PROCLAIMED TO ENCOURAGE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

A holy year as a time of spiritual renewal has its biblical roots in the jubilees observed by the Jewish people at 50-year intervals, when debts were pardoned and slaves were freed.

The term "jubilee" itself comes from the Hebrew word "yobel," meaning a ram's horn, which was used to make the trumpet that signaled the beginning of this time of forgiveness.

For the Catholic Church, a holy year remains a time of great spiritual significance, and emphasis is placed on the examination of conscience and conversion, the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation, concrete acts of solidarity, and initiatives to restore justice.

The first Holy Year was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, when thousands of Christians from throughout

Europe came on pilgrimage to Rome. Among those who journeyed to the Eternal City for the first celebration was the Italian poet Dante Alighieri, who is commonly said to have found the inspiration for his "Divine Comedy" during that pilgrimage.

In the 15th century, Pope Paul II set a 25-year timetable for holy years, which has been the norm since, to allow each generation the possibility of experiencing at least one holy year.

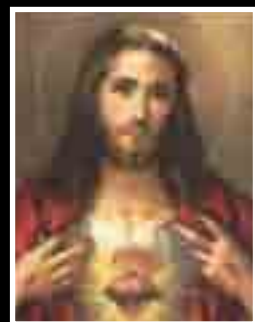
The Holy Door, symbolizing the doorway of salvation, marks the "extraordinary" spiritual passage offered to the faithful during a jubilee year. There are only seven Holy Doors: four at the major basilicas in Rome and one each in France, Spain, and Canada.

On Christmas Eve 1999, St. John Paul II changed the traditional Holy Door ritual at St. Peter's Basilica when he did

not strike the wall sealing the door. Instead, he pushed open the Holy Door -- the wall had been dismantled beforehand.

In addition to an "ordinary" holy year set at 25-year intervals, a special jubilee occasionally is proclaimed to mark some outstanding event. The custom of these "extraordinary" jubilees began in the 16th century, and they can vary in length from a few days to a year.

There have been 26 "ordinary" holy years so far, the last one being the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. There have been two extraordinary jubilees in the last century: 1933, proclaimed by Pope Pius XI to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Christ's redemption, and 1983, proclaimed by St. John Paul II to mark 1,950 years since the redemption.



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The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus used by Sacred Heart Columbus when conducting enthronement ceremonies at homes in the diocese.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Perturbed



Did you enjoy Laetare Sunday last week? It is always nice to take a brief break from our Lenten discipline and sacrifice, but the key word is "brief." I was tempted to have a beer, but I opted for the doughnut with my coffee after Sunday Mass. That was my little treat. But then it is right back to Lent and all the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that comes with it. And there is also the positive, forgiving, and loving light that we shine on all whom we encounter. In the absence of the Paschal candle, it is our light that needs to shine, even in the midst of our desert places. We desperately need this annual season to cleanse, refresh, and even forgive one another. Thank God that we have it. Thank God that He gave His only Son for each of us, personally and individually. There is nothing greater, nor anything more powerful than the love of God. God is pure love, and that is precisely what makes up every piece and aspect of the universe. For the duration of Lent and beyond, we recall the great Word of God in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

One of the great mysteries of Lent and the Passion of Jesus Christ is that the climax of the Incarnation is the death and Resurrection of the Son of God. That is why we call it the Paschal mystery. How can it be? How can Jesus Christ be truly both God and a man? And if He is a man, how could He deal with the humiliation and suffering as God? Certainly, our faith is tested time and again when we consider and ponder this. It is the same faith that keeps us true to our firm commitment as Catholic Christians. I think a part of our understanding is found in this Sunday's Gospel. Many of us will hear the familiar story of Lazarus, who dies and is buried, and Jesus raises him. Jesus loved him as a friend so much that He wept at the realization that he was dead. Yes, that is very human. I want to focus briefly on a word that is used twice in the story, and that is "perturbed." The more common meaning of the word is "worried or upset." That would certainly cover this situation. But the Latin root of the word reveals a more detailed meaning: "throw into confusion." Could it be that we see Jesus experiencing moments of confusion in His humanity? We cannot imagine what that would be like, to be both God and a man. But clearly, when Jesus is said to be perturbed twice, He is dealing with His human emotions and what He knows He can do as God. I offer this simple and direct parallel for us: If Jesus loved Lazarus as much as each of us, which He does, we can be sure that He will raise us up to eternal life some day, if we remain faithful.

Our practical challenge this week is to help Jesus Christ in His being perturbed. How blessed we will be if He shows us the same love and concern when we die, even to the point of being perturbed. The wonder, awe, and beauty of this is that yes, He will! All we need to do is remain faithful to His Word, His love, and His forgiveness.

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

ODU Students Named to President's Society

Ohio Dominican University has selected 11 students as members of its President's Society for the 2015-2016 academic year. The society recognizes students who have the passion and purpose to lead and serve ODU and the community.

The 2015-16 members of the President's Society include: Luke Carothers (English, Pickerington); Jordan Cowgill (integrated social studies education, Worthington); Emily Crow (accounting, Lima); Maryann Dike (business, Brampton, Ontario); Pat Foley (business, Grove City); Andrea Haller (early childhood education intervention, Chillicothe); Deborah Maddox (theology, Columbus); Lindsay Mull (psychology, Gahanna); Devan Obey (early childhood education, Columbus); Kaitlin Perfect (public relations and marketing communications, Pataskala); Faith Speight (biology, Maple Heights); and Rachael Torey (biology, Sterling Heights, Michigan).

These students join Erin Messerly (biology, Avon) and Hank Schaab (integrated social studies education,

Columbus), who are returning to the society.

"I am extremely proud to welcome each of these students into the President's Society, where they will serve as ambassadors for the office of the president and Ohio Dominican University," said Dr. Peter Cimboric, ODU president. "These students were carefully selected based on their academic achievements, involvement and leadership on campus, and dedicated service to the community. I am confident they will represent the university with distinction."

Members of the President's Society are juniors and seniors who have achieved at least a 3.0 grade-point average and demonstrate commitment to ODU through sustained leadership in co-curricular involvement, service, and engagement in community events. They serve at a variety of important events, including major university functions such as convocation and commencement. Read more about the President's Society at ohiodominican.edu/presidentsociety.

St. Charles Father-Son Breakfast

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School's annual father-son Mass and breakfast will take place Saturday, March 28 at the school, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Mass in the Mother of Mercy Chapel, followed by a buffet breakfast in the Walter Student Commons. The breakfast is free, but participants are asked to make reservations to ensure there is enough food on hand.

This annual gathering, sponsored by the school's alumni association, drew

more than 300 fathers and sons last year. Its title describes it as a father-son event, but alumni fathers, uncles, and grandparents all are invited and encouraged to bring their sons and grandsons. Current St. Charles students, incoming freshmen, and any other interested sixth- to eighth-graders also are invited, along with their fathers, grandfathers, and uncles.

To sign up or for more information, contact St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro at (614) 252-6714, extension 21, or lfabro@cdeeducation.org.

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K of C sends in humanitarian aid to Ukraine's Catholics

By Catholic News Service

The Knights of Columbus is providing \$400,000 to relief programs sponsored by the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

The violent conflict in Ukraine has created "an enormous humanitarian disaster in the freezing winter months," the fraternal organization said in announcing the aid.

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each to the Eastern- and Latin-rite Catholic communities of Ukraine are being used for humanitarian relief, including projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev, the Knights said.

The Knights of Columbus sent the aid to Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, major archbishop of Kiev-Halych, and Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki of Lviv, the leaders of the Ukraine's Eastern

and Latin churches, respectively.

"Too often, the conflict in Ukraine is discussed purely in military or geopolitical terms, while the most vulnerable and marginalized -- the young and old, the poor, the sick, and the increasing number of refugee families -- are almost invisible to the outside world," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our support is meant to further enable the bishops of Ukraine as they help their people and further implement the Holy Father's call to aid those most in need."

During their *ad limina* visit to the Vatican in February, Pope Francis assured Ukraine's Eastern- and Latin-rite bishops that "the Holy See is at your side," and urged them "to be attentive and considerate to the poor."

"Working in the midst of uncertainty, many of the Catholic efforts are designed to help provide a social safety net for the needy,

especially orphans and children who are separated from their parents," the Knights said in the announcement on their website.

The programs are an effort to carry out "in a practical way the spiritual message of Pope Francis," the organization added.

The Associated Press said the fighting in eastern Ukraine was diminishing as a cease-fire agreement reached on Feb. 12 began to take hold. On March 2, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights said more than 6,000 people have died since fighting began in April 2014. The U.N. refugee office puts the number of Ukrainians displaced within their own nation at close to one million.

Last March, Russia annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine. Pro-Russian separatists control Ukraine's Luhansk and Donetsk regions in the eastern part of the nation.

Holy Family Church hosting vigil

Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., will be hosting the Vigil with the Holy Virgin from 8:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 3 to 10 a.m. Holy Saturday, April 4. The church will be open for prayer during this sacred time, providing a place of quiet where the faithful may come and meditate on the sufferings Our Lord has experienced as a result of our sins.

The vigil has a uniquely Marian dimension, as the faithful are encouraged to meditate on the sorrows experienced by Jesus on Good Friday and as they are witnessed and, in turn, lived by Our Lady. The sorrowful mysteries of the rosary will be prayed during every hour of the vigil. In some of those hours, the rosary will be prayed in languages other than

English, including Spanish, Italian, Polish, and Arabic.

Intentions and petitions are being accepted by the parish for the vigil. Donations sent in with intentions to be prayed for during the vigil will be used for the ministries and apostolates which benefit the poor through the Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.

Social Concerns Office sponsoring workshop

The diocesan Office for Social Concerns is sponsoring a training workshop titled "The Basics: Parish Social Concerns" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 in the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus.

The free event is for anyone

new to parish social ministry or to committees dedicated to parish social concerns, justice and peace, respect for life, and related activities. Participants will be given tools and be connected to what is going on in this exciting work of the Catholic Church.

Annual Spiritual Day Spa

Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, will present his annual Spiritual Day Spa retreat from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. The theme for the day will be "Renew, Re-

fresh, and Retreat."

Participants will be able to renew their prayer lives through a meditation on the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary by Brooke Gaberle; renew their compassion for the marginalized in a talk and breakout session led by Linda Bryant; refresh their bod-

ies to be the hands and feet of Christ in a low-impact stretching session led by Lori Crock and with a Lenten lunch; and retreat through Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, celebrated by Father Wagner.

For more information, go to www.spiritualdayspa.com.

Stem-cell research and cures; Catholic View on Islam



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have a child with Type 1 diabetes. Currently, there is some research being done toward a cure for this disease, but it involves embryonic stem cells. Should I refuse to hope for a cure that comes through this method? And if a cure does happen to come from this research, am I barred from using it for my child? (Yorktown, Virginia)

A. I certainly understand your deep concern for your child's health and your strong desire to do everything morally permissible to help. The Catholic Church is sometimes portrayed as opposing all stem-cell research. That is incorrect. What the church opposes is the particular type of research that involves the destruction of human embryos.

As the Vatican indicated in No. 32 of "Dignitas Personae," a 2008 document "On the Dignity of the Human Person," the destruction of even one human life can never be justified in terms of the benefit that it might conceivably bring to another.

The church, on the other hand, strongly supports research using adult stem cells. In fact, the Vatican in 2013 hosted a conference of medical experts to promote that research.

I have seen no reports to date of any lasting and verifiable cures from the use of embryonic cells. However, stem cells from adult tissue and from umbilical-cord

blood are already providing healing treatment, particularly for victims of strokes and vascular disease.

So I would think that your stronger hope for a cure for diabetes might lie in the type of research that is morally permitted and encouraged by the church.

As for your hypothetical question, whether you might morally use a cure discovered from embryonic research, I have not yet seen a definitive answer to that from Catholic moralists, but I think that I can deduce one.

In 2005, the Pontifical Academy for Life released a study regarding the use of vaccines derived from aborted human fetuses. The academy felt that the use of such vaccines was permissible, but only in the absence of ethical alternatives. However -- and this is probably a telling difference -- the academy noted that those particular fetuses had been killed for reasons entirely unrelated to the production of vaccines, and so the nexus is remote.

By contrast, embryonic stem-cell research involves the ongoing destruction of human embryos for the very purpose of medical research. So it seems to me that the use of the fruits of such research would not be morally permissible, since it would offer tacit support to such harmful experimentation.

Q. My "good Catholic" neighbor -- a devoted congregant entrusted with

a key to her parish church, a nursing home volunteer, a member of Bible study classes (and a helpful neighbor to me) -- insists that all Muslims are jihadists.

When I tried to tell her that the only two Muslims I've known were good people (and that not all Muslims are terrorists, any more than all priests are pedophiles), she was vehemently dismissive. I would like you to tell me if her belief is that of the Catholic Church. (City of origin withheld)

A. You should introduce your "good Catholic" neighbor to the insights of Pope Francis. In his 2013 apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," he very clearly stated the following in No. 253: "Faced with disconcerting episodes of violent fundamentalism, our respect for true followers of Islam should lead us to avoid hateful generalizations, for authentic Islam and the proper reading of the Quran are opposed to every form of violence."

In November 2014, Pope Francis was asked by reporters about the violence against Shiite Muslims and Christians in Syria and Iraq at the hands of the Islamic State. He said once more that it was wrong to equate Islam itself with violence, called the action of ISIS "a profoundly grave sin against God," and invited Muslim leaders to issue a global condemnation of terrorism to help dispel the stereotype.

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



IN COMMUNION WITH THE SAINTS

Juniors in the religion class at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School recently completed a unit on the Eucharist with a project that required thinking outside the box. The students learned that every Eucharistic celebration unites them not only with the Church here on earth, but also with those already in the glory of heaven, including the Virgin Mary and all the saints. To illustrate this abstract concept, juniors created a place setting for a saint. The settings came together to form a unique banquet table. Students worked alone or with a partner to gather items to symbolize their saint, write a formal invitation, and complete a brief saintly biography. All of the projects were displayed together in a set of tables along a hallway. Unique symbols told the saints' stories and reminded everyone that the saints were sent out to share their faith with the world.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



After-School Enrichment Class

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School student Julia Janes works on a cupcake during an after-school enrichment class on cake decorating.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

In Jesus' cleansing of the Temple, Pope Francis sees a lesson about the liturgy

Jesus' cleansing of the moneychangers from the Temple is a reminder to Christians of the need for "authentic worship" and "conformity between liturgy and life," Pope Francis said.

The pope warned against entering the "Lord's House" while behaving in a way contrary to "justice, honesty, and charity toward one's neighbor."

Worship and liturgical celebrations, he explained in a homily delivered March 7 at Rome's Church of All Saints, are "a privileged environment for listening to the Lord's voice, which guides us on the path of righteousness and of Christian perfection."

He began with a reflection on the Gospel of St. John's account of Jesus' confrontation with moneychangers and merchants within the Temple in Jerusalem.

Driving out the merchants and moneychangers, Jesus said, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade" (John 2:16).

Christ's words, the pope said, refer not only to those conducting business within the Temple, but "above all (to) a type of religiosity." Jesus' act of cleansing and "purification" is a reminder of the need for authenticity in worship, he said.

Pope Francis added that Christians do not go to church only to "observe a precept," or to feel right with God, but to "encounter the Lord" and discover the "strength to think and act according to the Gospel."

"The Church calls us to have and promote an authentic liturgical life," the pope said, explaining that this is "harmony between that which the liturgy celebrates and that which we experience in our lives."

More than a "doctrine" or a "rite to be executed," the liturgy is "fundamentally a source of life and light for our faith," he said.

Pope Francis cited *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Second Vatican Council's Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, which he said "reaffirms the essential bond that unifies the life of Jesus' disciple and liturgical worship."

The pope reflected on the liturgical season of Lent as a "time of interior renewal" and remission of sins. He stressed the importance of the Sacra-

ment of Reconciliation.

This sacrament "helps us grow in union with God, regain lost joy, and experience the consolation of feeling personally welcomed by the merciful embrace of the Father," he said.

The pastoral visit to the Church of All Saints marked the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's 1965 visit to the same parish. Pope Paul VI celebrated the Mass in the vernacular there for the first time according to the new norms of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis recalled Paul VI's inaugural Mass in the "language of the people." He expressed his hope that the anniversary would revive in everyone "love for God's house."

"Hearing the Word of God, proclaimed in the liturgical assembly, sustains you in the journey of your Christian life," he said.

He concluded his homily with a call for a renewed commitment to the purification of the Church's "spiritual edifice."

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Applicants will be contacted if their credentials match the needs of the Search Committee and the school. A decision will be made by May 15, 2015.



Tuscarawas students receive awards

Several seniors from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School received awards from New Philadelphia Post 1445 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A \$2,000 scholarship went to Alex Milleman for placing sixth in the state in the VFW Voice of Democracy competition. It was the first time in 35 years anyone from Tuscarawas County has placed at the state level in the event. Milleman also won local and district honors in the contest. Max Fragasse was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as male high school athlete of the year. Gabrielle Fredericks was awarded a \$750 scholarship as runner-up in the post's female high school athlete of the year competition. In the Voice of Democracy contest, Jay O'Donnell and Michael Teater were local runners-up, and Adam Price and Zachary Kline received honorable mention. Pictured are (from left) Fragasse, Teater, Kline, Fredericks, Milleman, O'Donnell, and Price.

Photo courtesy Tuscarawas Catholic High School



Three-dimensional atom models

Sixth-grade students at Hilliard St. Brendan School have studied the scientific models made over the years of atoms. The models have changed over time as more has been discovered about atoms. The students created a three-dimensional atom model of an element they selected, based on the model introduced by scientist Niels Bohr in 1913. The students discovered that the best way to view an atom is to make a model of it, that protons and neutrons are located in the nucleus, and that electrons are located outside of the nucleus at various energy levels or shells. Pictured with their atom models are (from left) Ava Hoersten, Allie Maziarz, Victoria Lorenc, and Elise Peters.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School

First place poster contest winner

Greta Walraven, a second-grade student at Delaware St. Mary School, was awarded first place for Ohio in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Her artwork will move on to the Knights' international competition.

Photo courtesy St. Mary School



ANNUAL CARRY THE CROSS HIKE

The annual Carry the Cross hike sponsored by Wilderness Outreach will take place on Holy Saturday, April 4, at Clear Creek Metro Park, just off U.S. 33 near the border of Fairfield and Hocking counties.

Carry the Cross is a 12-mile Stations of the Cross hike for men. A cross constructed of three-by-six-inch timber, approximately 10 feet long with a seven-foot cross beam, will be carried on the journey.

Those taking part in the hike should bring a day pack with two to three liters of water, and rain gear if appropriate. During the hike, silent meditation on Jesus' Passion is encouraged. Spoken prayers such as the Rosary, the prayer to St. Michael, and the Angelus are also encouraged. Participants do not have to walk the entire 12 miles.

Last year, a replica cross was presented to Columbus St. Patrick Church for having the most men on the hike. Each year, this honor will be bestowed on the parish with the most participants.

Each year, 50 to 60 laymen from several parishes have participated. The hike provides a way for fathers and sons and parish men's groups to engage and bond with one another in a masculine, spiritual, and physical challenge.

The starting location will be in the parking lot and shelter house at the Barney Hambleton area at the western end of the park. Men are encouraged to arrive by 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer will start at 7:45, with the hike beginning at 8 and lasting until about 2 p.m.

For more information, contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or via email at john@wildernessoutreach.net.

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Whose Life Is It Anyway? Thoughts on Physician Assisted Suicide

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

In college, I wrote a medical ethics paper on a play titled *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* That old paper came to mind recently when I learned that the campaign for physician-assisted suicide has been gaining momentum. The renewed push to legalize "aid in dying," or "death with dignity," as various groups euphemistically call it, is the result of positive media coverage in the wake of a young, terminally ill woman's decision to end her life on her own terms and at the precise moment of her choosing.

Whose life is it anyway? I can't get this question out of my mind as I come to grips with the fact that assisted-suicide legislation is being introduced in a dozen states and the District of Columbia. Some persons faced with serious illness consider taking their lives because they fear they will be a burden to others or will have no one to care for them. For others, this choice is a declaration of personal autonomy. To the question "Whose life is it anyway?," they answer, "It is mine to do with what I want."

The claim that each of us is master of our own life, with the power to do with it whatever we choose, doesn't make sense. After all, which of us chose the date, time, or conditions of our birth? Who of us ultimately gets to choose the path that will lead to our death. Will it be an accident, a random act of violence,



a sudden heart attack, or a prolonged illness? Human logic would tell us that we are never completely in control of our lives. God's word should convince us of this as well.

Sacred Scripture reminds us that we are God's creatures — made in his image and likeness — and that our lives are in his hands at every moment. From the psalmist's confession that "every one of my days was decreed before one of them came into being" (Psalm

139:16), to St. Paul's proclamation that "in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), it is clear that God is the author of our existence. Each of us is a steward — not the master — of our own life.

But God is a loving master, and that makes all the difference. In his landmark encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "If it is true that human life is in the hands of God, it is no less true that these are loving hands, like those of a mother who accepts, nurtures and takes care of her child." Pope Francis shared similar sentiments in his 2015 Lenten message: God "is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him."

In our sophisticated, materialistic society, we easily turn away from God, denying him and his providence over us. Modern man, John Paul II wrote, has "lost

the sense of God," and, with it, the sense of the human person and his dignity as "mysteriously different" from the rest of creation. In this context, we can easily succumb to the temptation to manipulate and dominate our lives rather than cherish them as a gift. Suffering is seen as a useless burden to be eliminated at all cost, even if this means suppressing life itself.

There is another path, however. Even as the media focused their attention on a dying woman from California late last year, a similarly ill college freshman in Ohio vowed never to give up. Despite the seeming hopelessness of her situation, she professed her belief that God has the last say. This young woman has found a purpose in her suffering and insists that she still loves life. She keeps on giving of herself and became an inspiration to many as she started in the season's opening game for Mount St. Joseph College and played in three other games before her illness forced her to stop playing.

I pray for this young woman and for all the elderly, the disabled, and those with terminal illnesses, that they may find peace and courage in the conviction that God knows them by name and holds them close to his heart. Strengthened by the sacraments and assisted by Our Lady and all the angels and saints, may they serenely abandon their lives into his hands.

Whose life is it anyway? God has given us this life as a gift, and he expects us to cherish it as his good stewards.

Sister Constance Veit is director of vocations for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

ST. PAUL STUDENTS COLLECT JEANS FOR THE NEEDY



The St. Vincent de Paul youth conference of Westerville St. Paul School organized a drive to collect lightly used or new jeans for children in need. More than 1,000 pairs of jeans were donated to the Brian Muha Memorial Foundation Run the Race Club. Students pictured are (facing camera, from left) Ashley Harrington, Payton McCarthy, Kathryn Smith, and Audrey Smith.

Photo courtesy St. Paul School

Ministry for the divorced

Columbus St. Catharine of Siena Church, 500 S. Gould Road, is announcing the beginning of a new DVD ministry designed to help with the healing process for men and women who have undergone the pain resulting from divorce.

The first session of "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" program will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. The 12-week program features 30-minute videos each week that cover topics including shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the children, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more.

Whether you were divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

More details and additional offerings may be found online at www.DivorcedCatholicColumbus.org.



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Think of love, and the first image that comes to mind is likely to be that of a heart. Modern science may have determined that love begins in the brain, but for most of recorded history, humans have associated the heart with love.

So, too, with the greatest of all loves — God's love for humanity, as demonstrated in His coming to earth in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. Devotion to God's love, as symbolized by the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was part of the Church He established from its earliest days. One powerful way the devotion is expressed today is through enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes in the Diocese of Columbus and worldwide.

Specific devotional practices related to the Sacred Heart began in monasteries around the 11th and 12th centuries. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a Cistercian monk who lived from 1090 to 1153, said the piercing of Christ's side revealed His goodness and the charity of His heart for us. St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan of the 13th century, was another great champion of the Sacred Heart. He wrote, "Who is

God's love is symbolized by the Sacred Heart of Jesus

there who would not love this wounded heart? Who would not love in return Him who loves so much?"

The modern devotion to the Sacred Heart, including its association with attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist on nine consecutive first Fridays, dates to a period from late 1673 to mid-1675, when Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque, a 26-year-old nun, received several private revelations from Jesus through visions of Him at the Visitation Convent in Paray-le-Monial, France.

In the first of those visions, Sister Margaret Mary reported that Jesus permitted her to rest her head upon His heart, then disclosed to her the wonders of His love, telling her He desired to make them known to all mankind and to diffuse the treasures of His goodness, and that He had chosen her for this work.

In this and subsequent visions, Jesus gave Sister Margaret Mary 12 promises (see list on Page 11) for anyone wishing to show devotion to His Sacred Heart. During one of the visions, Sister Margaret Mary also was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night in front of the Eucharist, meditating on Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. This is the origin of the Holy Hour practice which has become widespread in the Catholic Church.

It took a few years for Sister Margaret Mary to convince many members of her own community of the authenticity of her visions, but by 1688, a chapel to the Sacred Heart had been built at her convent. She died there in 1690. Her incorrupt body rests above an altar in the chapel.

The story of the 12 promises and the first Friday devotion spread throughout the Church in the next two centuries, gaining Vatican approval. Sister Margaret Mary was beatified in 1864 and canonized in 1920.

Pope Pius XII in 1956 issued an encyclical specifically on devotion to the Sacred Heart. He wrote, "It must not be said that this devotion has taken its origin from some private revelation of God and has suddenly appeared in the Church. ... The revelations made to St. Margaret Mary brought nothing new into Catholic doctrine. Their importance lay in this: that Christ our Lord, exposing His Sacred Heart, wished in a quite extraordinary way to invite the minds of men to a contemplation of, and a devotion to, the mystery of God's merciful love for the human race."

There is an Ohio connection to the Sacred Heart devotion, specifically to the list of the 12 promises as they are known today. The promises were first printed in English in 1882 by a Dayton publisher of religious works named Philip Kemper, who reordered and rewrote the original French text. Pope Leo XIII approved the abridged text in 1899.

The practice of enthroning the Sacred Heart in the home began in the 20th century, through the efforts of Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, a priest from Chile. He was seriously ill when in 1907, at age 32, he made a pilgrimage to the site where Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary.

As he was praying there on Aug. 24, 1907, he was suddenly cured and received a message from Jesus. He described it in this way: "I prayed, and suddenly I felt within myself a strange shock. I was struck by a blow of grace, at the same time very strong, yet infinitely gentle. When I arose, I was completely cured. Then, kneeling in the sanctuary, absorbed in an act of thanksgiving, I understood what Our Lord wished of me. That very evening I conceived the plan to reconquer the world home by home, family by family for the love of the Heart of Jesus."

He wasn't sure what to do next, so he went to the Vatican to ask Pope Pius X for permission to carry out the plan to enthrone the Sacred Heart. He wasn't sure how the pope would respond to this suggestion from a young priest, but the future saint reassured him. "Not only do I permit you, but I order you to give your life for

this work of salvation. It is a wonderful work. Consecrate your entire life to it," Pius X said. Father Crawley-Boevey did so, preaching constantly on the enthronement of the Sacred Heart until his death in 1960.

Today in the Diocese of Columbus, 600 to 700 homes have an area where an image of the Sacred Heart has been enthroned and given a place of honor, in many cases accompanied by an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Most of these enthronements have occurred in the last five years or so, primarily through the efforts of Father Stash Dailey (pictured), pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, and through Sacred Heart Columbus, a lay organization of about 60 people.

Father Dailey heard his grandparents had enthroned the Sacred Heart in their home in the 1940s, but said he first became familiar with the practice by reading a booklet about it while he was studying for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

He was ordained in May 2008 and assigned to Worthington St. Michael Church as parochial vicar. "As part of my duties there, I talked to couples in troubled marriages who were asking for spiritual assistance. I soon realized that in many cases, there was little or no prayer taking place in their homes," he said. "I felt that restoring the practice of prayer in the home would play a significant role in bringing couples closer together and closer to God, so I began talking about enthronement of the Sacred Heart and conducting enthronements."

"Families in which enthronements took place reported that it seemed to be making a difference in their lives, and began spreading the word. I spent the first four-and-a-half years of my priesthood at St. Michael's. In that time, I took part in

about 400 enthronements, both in the parish and elsewhere."

At about the same time as Father Dailey was starting to conduct enthronements, planners for the annual Columbus diocesan men's and women's conferences decided that they wanted to emphasize prayer in the home.

"My wife, JoAnn, and I were familiar with enthronement of the Sacred Heart and the promises to St. Margaret Mary because her father was involved with it through the Men of the Sacred Heart in Cincinnati for years," said Chuck Wilson, a conference organizer. "Through the Legatus organization of Catholic business executives, some of us involved with the conferences got in touch with the Men of the Sacred Heart in Detroit, and learned through them how to conduct an enthronement. We also were connected with Father Stash. All of this led to the start of Sacred Heart Columbus."

In 2012, Gloria Anson, president of the national Sacred Heart Apostolate, and Msgr. Eugene Morris of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, who at the time was teaching at the Pontifical College Josephinum, spoke respectively to the women's and men's conferences about enthronement of the Sacred Heart.

"The conferences and St. Gabriel Radio allowed word to spread throughout the diocese about the benefits of bringing Jesus into the home and family, and the graces which result," Wilson said.

Also in 2012, Father Dailey began a diocesan Sacred Heart Congress, which has continued every year since. "This gives us a chance to bring people together from across the diocese to further their devotion to the Sacred Heart, to catechize more people in the faith, and to advocate for more enthronements," he said.

This year's conference will be from 7:30

The 12 Promises given by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque from 1673 to 1675 for those who venerate His Sacred Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in My Heart, and it shall never be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance. They shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Heart shall be their assured refuge at the last hour.

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at Columbus St. Catharine Church. It will include talks by Father Dan Dury, the church's pastor, and by Gloria Anson, plus Mass, a Holy Hour, and confessions.

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is a two-part event that generally takes place on consecutive Sundays, Saturdays, or weekdays. It involves the participating family and a team of two Sacred Heart Columbus members, with Father Dailey or another priest usually present. "The presence of a priest is not necessary, but is desirable," Father Dailey said. "We encourage people to invite their pastor or parochial vicar."

Enthronement involves placing a Sacred Heart image in a prominent spot in the home, with candles, flowers, or other decorations. During the preparation ceremony which begins the process, the participating family is given a DVD containing nine sections providing catechesis on the Church's teachings. For the week before the enthronement, families are asked

to view part of the DVD every day and to pray a daily novena which includes a prayer to the Sacred Heart, the rosary, and the litany of the Sacred Heart.

The enthronement ceremony includes a procession, a public consecration of the family to Jesus, other prayers, and the signing of an enthronement covenant, which is lived out through daily prayer and frequent reception of the Eucharist, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other kindly acts.

"The enthronement changes families," Father Dailey said. "It makes them more sensitive to the presence of Christ. I've often seen it happen where on the day the process starts, there's someone in the house who's very antagonistic about the whole thing, but on the second visit, after a week of daily prayers, that person is the one most in fire about the idea."

"The enthronements are a calling from the Holy Spirit that we felt compelled to respond to," said Bob Dye of Chillicothe. "We've been involved in the process since November. We've developed increased devotion to daily Mass since then and just seem to want to deepen our knowledge of the Church."

Dye is part of an enrollment team in Chillicothe along with his wife, Kathy, three Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who arrived in the community last year, and Father William Hahn, pastor of St. Peter Church.

Kathy Dye said, "I've felt so many hidden blessings since the enthronement. I've

been a cancer survivor for 15 years, but am always concerned about my health. In the last few months, I've felt just a real sense of peace and freedom that I hadn't known — a sense that whatever happens, I know God is with us. I think that's because the enthronement reminds us of his constant presence."

The Dyes said they have conducted five or six enthronements this year, with more coming. "We don't have to wonder what to do with our weekends," Bob Dye said. "We're booked solid with enrollments through mid-May, and have others who are interested."

Enthronements can be renewed annually. Jennifer and Mike Mulligan had the Sacred Heart enthroned in their Powell home in 2009, had a renewal ceremony in 2012, and will have a second renewal this Sunday, March 22. They said that as their five children, ages 15 to 7, grow older, it's a way to remind them of the importance of their faith.

"It brings great reassurance to know that we have put Jesus in charge of our home," Jennifer Mulligan said. "We feel that through placing our trust in Him, we can handle anything we may face. It's a reminder to us every day that our faith is what needs to be at the center of our lives."

Homes aren't the only place where an enthronement can occur. Father Dailey said one is planned soon at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. But the enrollments are meant primarily as family events. As Father Dailey puts it, "If you want a home in Jesus' Heart, bring His Heart to your home."



Sacred Heart Columbus enthronement team members. Photo courtesy Frank Hartge



Sacred Heart shrine at Bob and Kathy Dye's home in Chillicothe. Photo courtesy Dye family



Jennifer and Mike Mulligan's family shrine in Powell. Photo courtesy Mulligan family

Mount Carmel Health System Is Expanding in Columbus Area

Mount Carmel Health System is investing more than \$700 million in its people-centered care strategy in central Ohio. The investment includes major projects at three Mount Carmel campuses: Mount Carmel Grove City, Mount Carmel West, and Mount Carmel East.

“These projects are part of our work to move health care delivery forward in our role as the region’s value leader in delivering better health and better care for an affordable cost,” said Claus von Zychlin, president and chief executive officer of Mount Carmel Health.

A \$355 million investment in Mount Carmel Grove City will expand the one-year-old facility to a full-service hospital by 2018. This will be the first hospital south of the Interstate 70 corridor in the Columbus area and will greatly expand access to care for a rapidly growing part of central Ohio.

This project will include an approximately 500,000-square-foot inpatient hospital and a 120,000-square-foot medical office building (pictured). The hospital will feature 210 private rooms and seven floors of clinical service, including inpatient and outpatient surgery, intensive care, a mother-infant unit, oncology and palliative care, and expanded emergency services. The five-story office building will include a number of services including comprehensive outpatient oncology, women’s health, maternal fetal medicine, and other physician offices. The campus will also be the new headquarters for Mount Carmel’s graduate medical education.

“The residents of Grove City and surrounding communities have long considered Mount Carmel their health care home. The first phase of Mount Carmel Grove City opened just last year, and has been embraced by the residents of Grove City and the surrounding communities in the region to an even greater extent than expected,” said Sean McKibben, president and chief operating officer of Mount Carmel West. “This expansion will meet the growing need for health care in one of the fastest growing parts of our community.”

Mount Carmel Grove City will maintain its existing emergency and outpatient services during construction. Mount Carmel West also will continue to provide the excellent care that the community expects during this time. After construction is completed in Grove City, Mount Carmel West’s inpatient operations will transfer to Grove City



and the West campus will undergo a \$46 million transformation.

The nearly 130-year-old Mount Carmel West campus in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus will be transformed into a health and educational campus which will be the centerpiece of a shared revitalization effort for a stronger, healthier, and more sustainable neighborhood.

The revitalized Mount Carmel West will focus on primary, urgent, and emergent care, and will include an emergency department open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Transformation of the campus will provide urgently needed room for growth for the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, one of Ohio’s largest baccalaureate nursing programs.

The transformation will expand upon the efforts of the Mount Carmel Community Health Resource Center. Located on the Mount Carmel West campus since October 2013, the \$1 million center has seen nearly 10,000 visitors and established dozens of community partnerships to better prevent and manage chronic medical conditions, encourage healthy lifestyle habits, and promote holistic wellness, resulting in a healthier community.

Mount Carmel will be working directly with community stakeholders to identify opportunities to meet the needs of the residents in Franklinton and surrounding areas. This includes the addition of community green space and specific patient education programs and services. Mount Carmel also will continue to assist the city of Columbus as the city’s West Franklinton plan moves forward.

“We’re excited to build upon the city of Columbus’ revitalization efforts that are already under way in Franklinton. The

contemporary and welcoming campus will do more than promote and foster healthy living and healthy lives. It will be designed to attract additional services and activities – commercial, residential, and social – that together will inspire hope, expand opportunity and create a diverse and central gathering place for the extended community,” von Zychlin said.

This spring, Mount Carmel East will begin a \$310 million modernization, which will be completed in phases through 2019. The project will improve on all aspects of the current facility, which was established in 1969, and will make accessing the campus easier through infrastructure improvements that will optimize Mount Carmel East to meet the demands of future health care consumers.

The project will include construction of a new five-story patient care tower with a new state-of-the-art surgical suite and 128 new all-private, acuity adaptable patient rooms. In addition, the original 1969 tower will be completely renovated to provide 112 all-private patient rooms. In addition, Mount Carmel East will become home to Mount Carmel’s Level II trauma program, providing critical access to this vital service to the eastern half of central Ohio.

When complete, Mount Carmel East will be a nearly 400-bed, all-private-room facility that will be home to the most contemporary clinical services and patient conveniences in the region.

“Mount Carmel East has a long history of delivering high-quality care as a destination hospital for patients in central Ohio,” said Brinsley Lewis, president and chief operating officer of Mount Carmel East. “This investment will allow us to build on those strengths by providing enhancements to our services

and the experience of our patients.”

Mount Carmel continues to lead the transformation of health care delivery in central Ohio through a new focus on prevention and wellness, improved care coordination, population health management, and integrated care capabilities targeted at keeping people healthier. In delivering these capabilities, the health system has partnered with payers, physicians, and other providers such as The Ohio State University’s Wexner Medical Center.

“Even with an increased focus on wellness rather than simply treating our patients when they are sick, we understand that there will always be times when the most modern and clinically capable inpatient services are required by our patients,” von Zychlin said. “These projects will further reshape Mount Carmel’s services to better provide the right care at the right time and in right locations for the residents of central Ohio.”

Through this combined investment of more than \$700 million, Mount Carmel will continue to lead efforts to deliver people-centered care in central Ohio and follow the tradition of innovation which began when the Sisters of the Holy Cross founded Mount Carmel West in 1886.

“The sisters had the courage to be forward thinking and evolve the services that they offered as the community’s needs changed. This vision has been a hallmark of Mount Carmel’s delivery of high-quality, people-centered care,” von Zychlin said. “These investments and our ongoing population health management efforts will transform health care delivery in central Ohio and stay true to the foresight that the sisters had when they began and advanced our health ministry.”

2015 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY



More than 200 young Catholics turned out last weekend for the 2015 diocesan youth rally at Westerville St. Paul Church. The two-day event was built around the theme of “Love,” with Chris Padgett and Bishop Frederick Campbell delivering the principal talks, music from the Station 14 band, and several workshops. CT photos by Ken Snow



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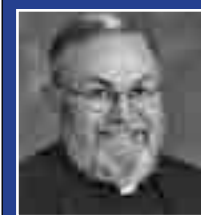
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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

A concise summary of the entire Old Testament



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Jeremiah's reading could be considered the heart and soul of the Old Testament. Christians see in this passage an anticipation of the Christ event, in which Law written on stone is replaced by law written upon the heart. Given the nature of our belief in the incarnation of Jesus as God's Son with a human heart, we find the fuller sense of Jeremiah's words in the heart of Jesus for this "new covenant."

Yet Jeremiah prophesied 600 years before Jesus, which means his words also had direct meaning for his own people. Jewish believers understand Jeremiah to be speaking of a time when the Babylonian exile ends and the temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt. Jeremiah says, "I will place my Torah (or teaching) within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people." This is a concise summary of the entire Old Testament: "I will be their God and they will be my people."

That original covenant was concluded at Sinai between Moses' people and the Lord: "I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant (literally, when Moses broke the tablets) and I had to show myself their master." What is new about this covenant is that each one will know directly what the Lord wants, without anyone having to teach a neighbor what is required. The least to the greatest will know. Thus, the content of the covenant is not changed, but how it is taught changes.

LANCASTER ST. MARY STUDENTS EXPLORE INTERNATIONAL CULTURES

Lancaster St. Mary School seventh-grade students recently completed an international scrapbook project in which they studied various aspects of particular nations. As a culmination of that study, students prepared a dish or drink from that nation to share with parents and visitors. Clara Craaybeek (left) and Katlyn Marion are shown with food from Peru and Rwanda respectively.

Photo courtesy St. Mary School



The Gospel comes as Jesus arrives for his third and final celebration of Passover in Jerusalem. Some "Greeks" come to Philip wanting "to see" Jesus. Since they came to worship at the Passover feast, they were probably interested in Judaism, if not actual proselytes. Remembering that in John's Gospel we have to understand his vocabulary on multiple layers, asking "to see" Jesus certainly means more here than simply "to look at." It means to see with the eyes of faith.

The Pharisees had said among themselves (John 12:19): "The whole world has gone after him." That paves the way for Sunday's scene, where Jesus says that the time has come for him "to be glorified." That glorification *begins* with his death (like that of the grain of wheat dying in the soil). But the glorification continues through his rising and producing much fruit. Not only Jesus, but all who would be his followers must lose their own lives in him in order to preserve them for eternal life. Note the strong contrast between loving and hating and losing and preserving.

Jesus admits: "I am (literally, in Greek *my soul is*) troubled now." We tend not to think of Jesus in terms that would allow him to be troubled. Yet we tend generally not to think of the human face of Christ at all. In failing to do so, we miss the awesome reality of what "The word became flesh and dwelt among us" really means.

Jesus also readily acknowledges, "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' Father, glorify your name." In prayer, he realizes what he is here to do and commits himself to it. He also mentions being "lifted up" again, which is here interpreted as referring to "the kind of death he would die." However, being "lifted up" on the cross, without being lifted up in the resurrection, would leave us an incomplete view of the Paschal mystery. It comprises his death, resurrection and ascension to the Father, which we focus on beginning next week.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:1-11

TUESDAY
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10
Psalm 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

THURSDAY
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59

FRIDAY
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

SATURDAY
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps)
John 11:45-56

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2015

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing. Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

DAILY MASS

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

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

Harder than it has to be

If we are fortunate enough to make it to heaven, one of the things that I think will surprise us is that we made life harder than it had to be. Lent is a great example of what I mean. Lent is a time for introspection, making sacrifices, and helping others. This isn't easy, but look at the other things society spends time on and you realize that for some reason, we can't see the trees for the forest.

For example, I look back at my coaching days. When things got tough, not only did team members dig down deeper to find what they needed to do, but they knew their teammates would assist them in getting better. I have talked to enough actors and actresses to know that the same applies to them. Yet look at how many of the faithful feel alone and without teammates and mentors as they continue on in their faith journey.

Since we are in the midst of basketball season and March Madness is in full swing, let me use a basketball analogy. Our increasingly militant, secularized Western world reminds me of a raucous basketball game. The visiting team has to run the gauntlet and make its free throws at the end of the game, while the home team's fans use every conceivable distraction to try and distract the opponent's free throws.



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

A confident shooter pays no attention to such antics, but a less-confident, weak-in-the-knees free-throw shooter can be totally thrown off his game. The same goes for the faithful in our increasingly hostile world.

Look at all the diet and fitness products designed to help or remind people to get in shape and look their best. Between books, personal trainers, and videos, it is a multibillion-dollar annual business. All of the mainline Protestant, Evangelical, and Catholic books and videos combined don't equal even a one-billion-dollar-a-year business.

There is nothing wrong with eating right and looking our best. It is actually biblical to do so. However, it is also biblical to know and practice your faith.

Holy Week is right around the corner. Why not be ready for Holy Week by first spending more time in

daily prayer, Scripture reflection, and personal witness? That last item can be a little difficult. How can we witness our faith, while at the same time not sounding overbearing or coming across as a "holy roller"? The answer is simple: Pray about it and the Holy Spirit will let you know what to do. It could be a subtle nudge, perhaps something you hear on the radio or television, or a feeling or thought that comes over you in prayer. You will know what to do.

You might ask "How can I help someone when I still have a long way to go in my faith life?" God made it easy for us, because throughout the Bible and in the ensuing years through Sacred Tradition, God has used many imperfect, tongue-tied men and women to help those who need help. As a matter of fact, studies have shown that those who need help are more moved by friends than by a supposed expert. If we pray and ask for God's help, we will be shown the way, but like the basketball team which makes it to the tournament, we have to want to win. The choice is ours to make.

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

SCOUTS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAM

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will sponsor its annual International Awareness program on Saturday, April 11, at Holy Redeemer Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus.

The church's pastor, Father Ignatius Harrington, will talk about the Melkite church and other Eastern Catholic churches, their liturgies, their difference and similarities with the Roman Catholic Church, and how all are united under the leadership of Pope Francis, the successor to St. Peter as head of the Church.

There will be two programs, both starting at 8:30 a.m. One will last two-and-a-half hours and be for students in grades one through five. The other is for

sixth- through 12th-graders and will take five hours. All young people of the diocese and their parents are invited. All participants will receive a patch and a pin at the conclusion of the program. There will be a snack for the younger students and lunch for the older youths, who will receive a medallion in addition to the patch and pin.

Fees for the event are \$9 per person for the shorter program and \$20 for the longer one if paid before Saturday, April 4, and \$14 and \$25 afterward.

For more information, go to the diocesan Scouting website at www.ceducation.org/oym/dccs or call Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806.

St. Patrick mission

Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will conduct its annual parish meeting from Monday, March 23 to Thursday, March 26.

The first three nights of the mission will feature Father Thomas Blau, OP, speaking on Dominican spirituality, with an opportunity for confession each night.

The final night will be the parish's second ADORE Eucharistic worship event, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Father Blau will speak on the topic "Nothing But You, Lord." The evening will include Eucharistic adoration, a prayer of praise, Gregorian chant, and confession. Each family is asked to bring a prayer candle.

BISHOP FLAGET GIRLS WIN BASKETBALL AWARDS



Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School coach Mike Hirsch presented Hannah Kessler (left) with the most improved player award and Deloris Corcoran with the coach's award.



Catholic Consumerism: By Stephanie Rapp CRS Fair Trade Ambassador

Why does a Fair Trade product often cost more than its conventional trade counterpart? First, and most importantly, the extra money is going to pay the producers a just wage. CRS Fair Trade's website states the following: "Jesus lived in Nazareth as a carpenter's son, working with Joseph to earn a living wage for his labor. This wage would have factored in the costs of the materials and allowed Jesus to cover the basic needs of his family: food, clothing, shelter. Today's laborers, artisans and farmers, however, often do not receive payment that is just and fair. The guarantee of a fair price is particularly important for commodities like coffee, cocoa and bananas, which have been marked by persistent volatility. The prices for these products on conventional markets often rise and fall quickly. Fair Trade's commitment to paying a fair price for these commodities means that small-scale farmers are guaranteed a fair wage, regardless of what is happening in the market. Plus, the fair prices paid for Fair Trade products not only increase family incomes but also allow communities to invest in infrastructure such as sanitation facilities and health clinics. The commitment of Fair Traders to pay producers a fair wage is the bedrock principle of Fair Trade."



Parroquia Santa Cruz of Columbus will present "A Night of Worship" with Hermana Glenda at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

Originally from Chile, Glenda is a popular artist who lives near Barcelona, Spain. She's well-known as a writer and singer of contemporary music in Spanish who evangelizes with music. Many people remember her from World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, where she sang her song *Nada Es Imposible para Ti* (Nothing Is Impossible for You) while Pope St. John Paul II and other priests distributed Communion during the closing Mass.

Glenda, a member of the Order of Consecrated Virgins, has a degree in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian



CONCERT

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

University in Rome and a degree in psychology from the University of Salamanca, Spain. She founded the nonprofit organization *Consuelen a mi Pueblo* (Comfort My People) to further her mission. Her ministry takes her to underdeveloped nations where she gives free concerts and makes her CDs available to those who cannot afford them.

Admission to her Columbus concert will be \$20. Tickets are required for everyone aged 3 and older. For more information, call (614) 597-6124 or (614) 348-4026 or the Parroquia Santa Cruz office at (614) 784-9732.

SACRED MUSIC

Catholic Schools Honor Choir Concert

The Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert, with the theme "I Will Rise," will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road.

This program, in its eighth year, invites students from all diocesan schools to participate in a one-day choral event.

More than 230 singers from 15 schools will perform, representing diocesan grade schools, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, and Ohio Dominican University. The guest conductor will be Dr. Sandra Mathias (pictured), professor emerita at Capital University, where she served as professor of

vocal music education and director of The Kodaly Institute for 29 years. She is also director emerita of the Columbus Children's Choir after serving as its founder and artistic director for 25 years. She has served as guest conductor for the Georgia All-State Middle School Treble Chorus, the OAKE National Children's Choir, the NYACDA Children's Honor



Chorus, and several festivals throughout the Midwest.

In addition to the honor choir performance, individual selections will be performed by ensembles including St. Matthew School's youth and bell choir, Watterson's concert choir, and the Ohio Dominican University chorus. To order a copy of this year's performance, go to <http://soundwaves.org>, and search "Columbus."

This event was developed by diocesan music teachers as an effort to give their singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble set-

ting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

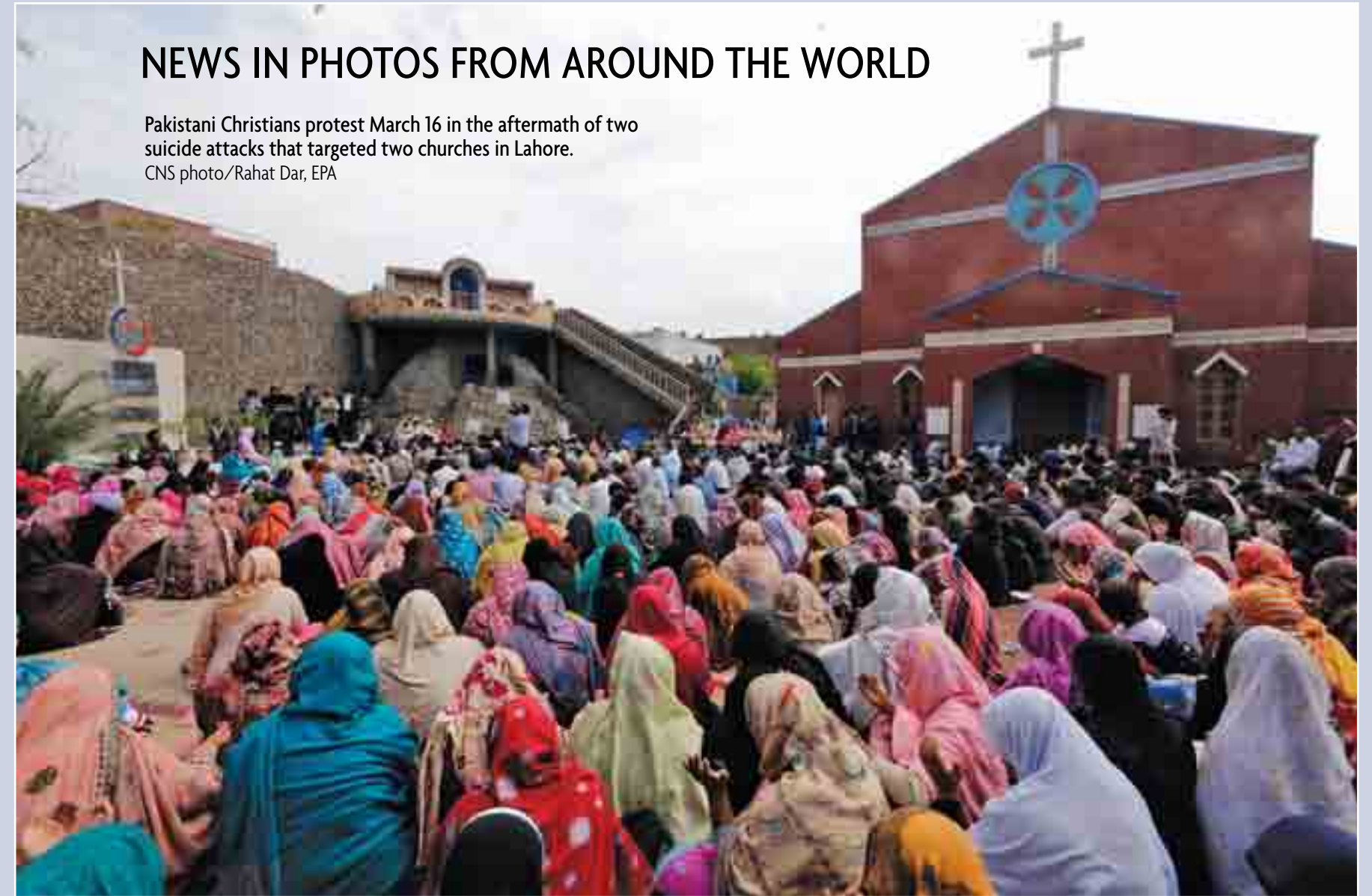
Sacred music of all styles from Renaissance to classical and gospel to contemporary will be performed during this celebration of song in an effort to demonstrate the schools' unity and Catholic heritage through music.

This year, song selections will reflect the Feast of the Annunciation and the birth of Christ.

A free-will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pakistani Christians protest March 16 in the aftermath of two suicide attacks that targeted two churches in Lahore. CNS photo/Rahat Dar, EPA



Pope Francis goes to confession during a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 13. During the service the pope announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016. CNS photo/Stefano Spaziani, pool

Cristina Marcos de Frutos of Madrid, Spain, holds a box containing the cane of St. Teresa of Avila outside St. Peter's Square in Rome March 11. At the end of his general audience, Pope Francis received a delegation of pilgrims observing the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa, a mystic, co-founder of the Discalced Carmelites and doctor of the church. CNS photo/Paul Haring



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