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The Editor's Notebook

"Go out. Go forward. Keep going."

By David Garick, Editor

"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." That succinct and famous quote is usually attributed to St. Francis, although there is no evidence he ever said or wrote it. Still, it accurately sums up his philosophy and reflects the eternal commission that Christ gives to all believers. The ordained members of the clergy have the role of preaching the Gospel during Mass, but all of us are called to preach the Gospel in the world with our voices and, more importantly, through our actions.

During his earthly ministry, Our Lord sent out his followers -- not just the original 12 apostles, but many more disciples -- to carry his message of salvation to the whole world. St. Luke tells us that he sent out scores of disciples to spread the message: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves." No one ever said the task would be easy. The message of Christ always is countercultural.

Every one of us has a duty not only to soak up the grace freely given to us by Christ, but to share it with others. We do that through telling them what we have learned from Christ and through our actions toward them. Christ tells us that what we do for others, we do for him: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Our faith is not sequestered inside the walls of our churches. Our faith must be demonstrated in all that we do, and we are called to do much more. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm that is being displayed by our young people in the church, especially here in the Diocese of Columbus. Our youth are going out into the community and spreading the Gospel through their action and their words.

In this issue of *Catholic Times*, you will read about how our teens and young adults are following the Gospel Road by devoting their time, energy, and love to providing service to the poor, the infirm, the elderly, and the community at large. This sacrifice brings them closer to Christ by demonstrating Christ's love to people thirsting for the living water of salvation. You will also read about the extraordinary outpouring of youthful devotion that was recently displayed to the whole planet during World Youth Day in Brazil. Several of our diocesan priests and youth made that journey to Rio and returned energized by the challenge laid before them by another Francis, the current Holy Father: "As you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel." It can change the world, he said. "Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance, and hatred."



Correction - The July 28 Catholic Times listed an incorrect address for reservations for the Sept. 5 Cradling Christianity dinner to aid Christians in the Holy Land. The correct address is figgiebrown@aol.com, or phone Monica Brown at (614) 459-5676.



Front page photo:

Young adult participants in the diocesan Gospel Road service project take a break and show some of the tools used for their work in helping clean up a portion of the statewide Buckeye Trail hiking path in Tuscarawas and Harrison counties.

Photo courtesy Gospel Road

FATHER RONALD L. ARTER PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 4



Funeral Mass for Father Ronald L. Arter, 79, who died Sunday, Aug. 4, at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, was held Thursday, Aug. 8, at Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church. Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery, Lancaster.

He was born June 6, 1934, in Lancaster, to Clarence and Ethelreta (Smith) Arter.

He attended St. Mary School in Lancaster, St. Gerard School in Lima, and Berne Union High School in Sugar Grove, and graduated from Lancaster St. Mary High School in 1953. He received his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1957 from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Columbus and completed his theological studies at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood.

He was ordained to the priesthood at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 27, 1961, by Bishop Clarence Isenmann.

He served as associate pastor at Columbus St. Ladislav

Church and an instructor at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School (1961-66), associate pastor at Dennison Immaculate Conception Church and an instructor at Denison St. Mary High School (1966-70), associate pastor at Chillicothe St. Peter Church (1970-72), pastor at the Church of the Atonement in Crooksville (1972-76), pastor at Delaware St. Mary Church (1976-80), pastor at Corning St. Bernard Church (1980-86), and pastor at Lancaster St. Mark Church (1986-2004). He also was a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus.

After his retirement on July 13, 2004, he assisted at parishes in Fairfield and Hocking counties, especially Sugar Grove St. Joseph.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William. Survivors include a sister, Lois, with whom he lived in Sugar Grove in retirement, and brothers, Gerald (Betsy), David (Mary), and Thomas (Mary).

A NEW DOMINICAN CONVENT FOR COLUMBUS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Three sisters from a worldwide order which is consecrated to Christ in the Dominican charism and specializes in teaching, evangelization, and health care will begin a ministry in Columbus in September.

Sister Leonarda Zielinska, OP; Sister Maria Vianney Kysely, OP; and Sister Wenancja Disterheft, OP, members of the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, will establish a convent at 957 E. Broad St., said Sister Natalie Pekala, OP, another member of the order, speaking from its North American provincial house in Justice, Ill., in Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Sister Maria Vianney will become assistant director of religious education and youth ministry at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Sister Leonarda, who will be the superior of the convent, and Sister Wenancja will be working with parishes on the east side, evangelizing and performing works of mercy such as visiting the sick and the homebound and bringing them the Eucharist.

"Sister Maria Vianney has a specific assignment, but beyond that, we don't know what we will be doing once the convent is established," Sister Natalie said. "We are open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and will go wherever he leads us."

Columbus will be the fourth North American community to be served by the order. Besides their convent, retreat center, and nursing home in Illinois, the sisters also have convents in Milwaukee, Wis., where they also serve at a nursing home; Mountain Home, Ark., where they assist two priests with missionary work in the Ozark Mountain region; and Calgary, Canada, where they provide help to a large Polish immigrant community. In recent years, they also had a presence in Steubenville while several members of the order attended Franciscan University. Their North American provincial superior is Mother Helena Cempa, OP.

The congregation is based in Krakow, Poland, where Mother Maria Rose Columba Bialecka opened the first Dominican convent on Polish soil in 1861. Before she died at age 49 in 1887, four more Dominican convents had been established in Poland. Sister Natalie said the order has about 400 members worldwide and also has convents or mission houses in Italy, Cameroon, Russia,

Ukraine, and Byelorussia.

The sisters have served in North America for more than 80 years. Two members of the order came from Poland to Chicago for the International Eucharistic Congress of 1926, which drew hundreds of thousands of people to Soldier Field along Lake Michigan, and stayed in the city after the event to work with Chicago's large Polish population.

The provincial house in Justice was established in 1936 at the request of Cardinal George Mundelein of Chicago. The sisters then branched out to Milwaukee in 1945, to Calgary in 1968, and to Mountain Home in 1996 at the invitation of bishops from those areas.

The process which led to the sisters coming to Columbus goes back to the summer of 2006, said Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church. Father Andre-Joseph LaCasse, OP, who then was pastor of St. Patrick's, had spoken to Father Dailey, who is from St. Patrick's and at the time was still a seminarian, about his desire to have an order of Dominican sisters come to the Columbus parish and work with the poor, the infirm, and the homebound while also serving as religious educators.

Shortly after that conversation, Father Dailey visited Krakow and met with Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, that city's archbishop, who was Blessed John Paul II's personal secretary for 39 years. "I told him about Father LaCasse's wish and about the youthfulness and enthusiasm of the church in Columbus, and he told me about the sisters, saying he felt their youthful enthusiasm for the faith might make an ideal match," Father Dailey said.

Father Dailey got in touch with Sister Natalie, who was provincial superior at the time, and asked the sisters to visit



Columbus, but was told the order didn't have enough members in North America to expand its work.

"About a year ago, Father (Michael Mary) Dosch (OP, current St. Patrick's pastor) said much the same thing to me that Father LaCasse had several years earlier about having a group of Dominican sisters working with St. Patrick's," Father Dailey said.

"I got in touch with the same congregation. This time, it had grown large enough that interest was expressed in coming to Columbus. In the last three months, we have visited them, and they've visited us and met Bishop (Frederick) Campbell. All of this led to an invitation from Bishop Campbell asking the sisters to form a convent in Columbus."

The convent will be in a renovated Victorian-era house, which includes a more recent addition. It's located next to the Women's Care Center, which offers counseling to pregnant women. It will be named St. Dominic Convent in honor of St. Dominic, the founder of the Do-

minican sisters and priests.

The sisters are looking forward to talking about vocations to the religious life and about their Dominican charism to parish groups and individuals throughout the Columbus area. Sister Wenancja took her final vows in Poland on Thursday, Aug. 8. Sister Maria Vianney is one of two members of the community who made their first profession of vows in 2011 and anticipate making their final profession in Illinois in a few years.

The three sisters will join more than 20 members of several other religious orders who have come to Columbus in recent years or will be coming soon. These include three sisters from the Missionary Servants of the Word, who have been at Columbus St. Stephen Church since 2009 and were joined there earlier this month by two priests from the same order; three more sisters from the order, who will begin living in a convent at Columbus Christ the King Church later this year; four Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who have been at Worthington St. Michael School since 2011; two priests from the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, who began serving at Columbus Holy Cross Church in 2011; and 10 members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor, who established the Sacred Heart Friary on the grounds of Columbus St. James the Less Church last year.

Top photo: Bishop Frederick Campbell with (from left) Sister Natalie Pekala, OP; Mother Helena Cempa, OP, and Sister Maria Vianney Kysely, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. (Photo courtesy Sisters of the Immaculate Conception) Left: The building at 957 E. Broad St. which will be a convent for the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception after they arrive in Columbus in September. (CT photo by Tim Puet)



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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Endurance

Did you give some serious and prayerful consideration to the issues of religious liberty and freedom during the past two weeks? Of course, the immediate next step after consideration is action. If not proactive action, we must be well-prepared to act. We cannot sit idly by with our heads in the sand. These issues impact us and our children directly. We are playing with the future here! We have allowed way too much “progressive” nonsense to permeate our lives. And I include myself. What have I done to combat and fight this incredible attack on religion in general, and on Christianity in particular? I have prayed, and I feel that I am ready to fight. Is that enough? While it helps and is important, good prayer must be partnered with action. No matter which way the political, secular, and feel-good winds are blowing, we are committed by our baptism and confirmation to listen to the whisper of the Holy Spirit and fight fire with fire.

In my last column, we began to take a look at some thoughtful reflections by R. R. Reno, editor of *First Things*, a journal of religion in public life. The subject of religious freedom and liberty continues. Is there anything we can do as individuals or in a unified group to prevent further erosion of the importance and public influence of religion? There are three things. First, our religious liberty must be defended in our courts. As Reno puts it, “We live in a society governed by the rule of law.” Not to oversimplify, but good, Christian, God-fearing, motivated, conviction-filled judges and attorneys must fight and not back down. The second thing is closely related, and that is the same fight in our schools and schools of law, and in turn among our politicians, elected officials, and those who develop and promote political theory. Our fearless defenders of religious liberty must push back against the current culture. Third, and I believe most important, we must all fight the cultural battle. Reno says, “We must meet the challenge by showing that religion is indeed special. Religious people are the most likely Americans to be involved in civic life, and also the most generous in their charitable contributions.” To dig a little deeper, we must say that religion is the most secure guarantee of freedom itself. We know that our founders, most of them Christian but some not, all agreed in principle that the law of God always trumps the law of men. Think about that one. What have we allowed to happen? Our rights, which are referred to as “unalienable” and given to us by our Creator, cannot be overridden or taken away. This should make religion an incredibly beneficial part of our society. What have we done? As Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have both emphasized in recent years, “Religion gives transcendent substance to the rights of people that limit government.” Without the endurance of religion, we have a system in which the state defines everything for us, and that is tyranny!

Our practical challenge this week is endurance. Each of us must do whatever we can to be sure that our faith in religion and the corresponding liberty and freedom will endure forever. As people of faith, we must fight for what we believe and know to be a divine cause. The endurance of our faith communities is critical, and that begins in our hearts, our homes, and our parishes. We cannot be shy or passive. As Reno concludes so well, “Over the long haul, religious faith has proven itself to be the most powerful and enduring force in human history.”

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



FLAGET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Bishop Flaget Father Charles Griffin Scholarships for 2013 have been awarded to Nicole Alberta and Hannah Littler, both of whom graduated from Chillicothe High School this year and are 2009 graduates of Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School. Both also are members of Chillicothe St. Mary Church. Alberta will attend The Ohio State University and Littler will attend Shawnee State University this fall. The scholarships, which aid Flaget graduates with college expenses, were established in memory of Father Charles Griffin, long-time associate pastor of Chillicothe St. Peter Church. Award criteria include school and church involvement, academic achievement, and community service.



NICOLE ALBERTA



HANNAH LITTLER

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Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims’ Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.colsdioc.org

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Serra Club Pilgrimage

The Serra Club of North Columbus will make a pilgrimage to Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Mass and a tour of the cathedral will begin at 10 a.m., followed by lunch and a tour of the Toledo Museum of Art.

The bus will leave the parking lot of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, at 8 a.m. The cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, a snack, and lunch. The pilgrimage is limited to 50 people. Reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 6. Checks should be written to Serra Club of North Columbus and mailed to Alan Dekker, 1822 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus OH 43204

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The Catholic Foundation has hired James A. Anzelmo as vice president of development. Before joining the Foundation, he was a staff attorney for the 10th Ohio District Court of Appeals.

He graduated summa cum laude from Ohio University and earned his juris doctorate from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He is on the estate planning and trust committee and the probate committee of the Columbus Bar Association. He is a past grand knight of Knights of Columbus Council 5801, a member of the Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School advisory board, and a Benedictine oblate affiliated with St. Meinrad Archabbey.

At the Foundation, he joins chief executive officer Loren Brown and development officer Craig Heppner in their efforts to meet the ongoing needs of the schools, parishes, and ministries within the diocese. He will offer a unique legal perspective to assist donors in maximizing their charitable goals in

planned giving.

“I’m excited to join The Catholic Foundation in providing long-term, sustainable growth for the diocese and to work with donors who rely on The Catholic Foundation to create a meaningful and lasting impact on the Church,” he said.

Anzelmo lives in Gahanna with his wife, Kelly, and their daughters, Gabriella and Lucia. They are members of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

The Foundation’s mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. It fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish endowment funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$65 million in the diocese since 1985. For additional information about the Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

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LONG MASS TIME; CENTERING PRAYER

Q. At our parish, so much of the Mass is sung that the Mass lasts more than an hour. Also, when it comes time for the readings, the lector walks all the way up from a pew in the congregation, and that creates further delay. Then there is a minute of silent reflective time after the readings, which I find tedious.

My husband and I (who are both of Social Security age) have no patience for such deliberate delay. Many parishioners have complained, but the pastor has dismissed our voice.

What can we do, short of joining another parish? (Cherry Hill, N.J.)

A. Your question is a frequent one, reflecting the feelings of many parishioners, especially older ones. Therefore, I think that it merits a longer-than-usual response.

While I understand your concern and trust that it flows from a deep Catholic faith, I have to tell you honestly that your pastor is being faithful to the thinking of the church. The church's official "guidebook" on celebrating the Eucharist is called the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM). That document makes a strong plea for periods of quiet within the liturgy.

In the Mass, the GIRM tells us, we are invited to silence at five particular times: in the beginning, at the penitential rite; at the start of certain prayers when the priest says, "Let us pray"; after each of the Scripture readings; after the homily; and after all have received Communion.

There is no "rule" as to how long each of these silences needs to be, and certainly discretion is in order. The ordinary congregation at Sunday Mass is not a contemplative monastic community.

The GIRM directs that, at the conclusion of each reading and of the homily, "all meditate briefly on what has been heard" (No. 23). I would say that perhaps 30 seconds is appropriate at each of those points, with an even shorter period after the priest's "Let us pray" (so that all present can call to mind their own prayer intentions before the celebrant "collects" them.)

The periods of silence, then, need add no more than about three minutes to a Sunday Mass, which seems a small price to pay once a week to ensure that the Eucharist receives the reflection it deserves.

There is a proverb that says "The quieter you become, the more you hear." Incorporating even these short periods of silence invites members of the congregation to hear with both their hearts and their ears.

As for music at Mass, what the GIRM (No. 40) says is this, "Every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on holy days of obligation."

It is hard to escape the conclusion that at least some congregational singing is expected at every Sunday Mass, but the extent of that singing is discretionary.

Priests would be well-advised to follow an earlier recommendation in that same section of the GIRM (No. 40) that states that there should be "due consideration for the culture of the people and abilities of each liturgical assembly." The goal should be to encourage as many people as possible to attend Sunday Mass and to have them worship productively.



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Aware that a fair number of Catholics prefer a quieter celebration, many parishes have at least one weekend Mass where the hymns are fewer and shorter.

If you don't find that in your own parish, it is entirely proper to seek another Catholic parish.

Whereas, at one time, Catholic parishes were strictly "territorial" (you went to the closest church), now parishes are largely "intentional" (you go where you're comfortable with the priest, the congregation, and the liturgy).

Celebrating the liturgy should challenge you to learn and to grow. It should comfort you, too, and bring you peace.

Q. Having seen references in a book I read to something called "centering prayer," I decided to learn more -- and now I'm quite confused. A number of websites, which identify themselves as Catholic, condemn centering prayer as dangerous or even heretical. But I've also heard that centering prayer was developed and promoted by some Catholic priests. So I have two questions. First, is centering prayer a good thing or a bad thing? And if it's acceptable, then why do people object to it so strongly? (Finksburg, Md.)

A. Centering prayer is a method of Christian contemplation that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. The aim is to forego all thoughts and images to experience the direct presence of God.

It grew popular in the 1970s and 1980s, particularly through the writings of three Trappist monks from St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Mass.: Abbot Thomas Keating, Father Basil Pennington, and Father William Meninger. (A book written by Father Pennington in 1980, *Centering Prayer: Renewing an Ancient Christian Prayer Form*, was published in several languages and sold more than one million copies.)

Some critics claim that centering prayer blurs the distinction between the creator and the created and borders on pantheism, with the belief that we are all connected to an impersonal energy force that is divine. In 1989, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a document titled "On Some Aspects of Christian Meditation." It warned of potential dangers in blending Christian prayer with Eastern methods of meditation -- although it never specifically mentioned centering prayer.

The guidelines for centering prayer invite the user to sit quietly with eyes closed, choose a sacred word as a gently present anchor ("Jesus," perhaps, or "Abba") and focus not on any discursive thoughts, but solely on one's desire to be in the presence of the Lord and open to any divine promptings.

No doubt there are people who can do that in a way that is theologically orthodox -- not with an amorphous "melting into God" but with the consciousness of one's own frailties in the face of God's majesty.

One needs to remember, though, that the true contemplative experience of God in prayer comes only as a gift and can never be guaranteed by any particular technique.

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

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'WHO AM I TO JUDGE?' Pope's remarks do not change church teaching

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

When Pope Francis told reporters July 28, "Who am I to judge?" a homosexual person, he was emphasizing a part of Catholic teaching often overlooked by the media and misunderstood by many people.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that homosexual people "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity" and that "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

But the catechism also describes a "homosexual inclination" as "objectively disordered" and homosexual acts as "intrinsically disordered," because sexuality is "an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit themselves totally to one another until death."

The church teaches that any sexual activity outside the bond of marriage between a man and a woman is sinful. Pope Francis did not change or challenge that teaching.

Pope Francis made his comments about homosexuality during a news conference with reporters flying with him from Brazil to Rome.

The pope was asked about what has been described as a "gay lobby" in the Vatican, allegedly a group of priests and bishops who work at the Vatican and protect each other. Pope Francis said it was important to "distinguish between a person who is gay and someone who makes a gay lobby."

"A gay person who is seeking God,

who is of good will -- well, who am I to judge him?" the pope said. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this very well. It says one must not marginalize these persons. They must be integrated into society. The problem isn't this (homosexual) orientation -- we must be like brothers and sisters. The problem is something else, the problem is lobbying either for this orientation or a political lobby or a Masonic lobby."

Although the question to the pope was about gay Vatican employees, the pope's response was not specifically about priests who are homosexual, a question addressed in 2005 by the Congregation for Catholic Education, which was in charge of seminaries at the time.

The document was titled *Instruction Concerning the Criteria for the Discernment of Vocations With Regard to Persons With Homosexual Tendencies in View of Their Admission to the Seminary and to Holy Orders*.

The church distinguishes between homosexual acts and homosexual tendencies or orientation, it said. The church, unlike much of the public, does not assume all those with a homosexual orientation are sexually active, just as it does not assume all heterosexuals are sexually active.

Men "who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies or support the so-called 'gay culture'" are not to be admitted to Catholic seminaries or to be ordained, it said, although it did not give a detailed

explanation of what exactly constitutes a "deep-seated" homosexual tendency.

While excluding their suitability for ordination, it said, "such persons must be accepted with respect and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. They are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's cross the difficulties they may encounter."

New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, speaking on "CBS This Morning" July 30, said Pope Francis' remarks on the plane reflect "a gentle, merciful, understanding, compassionate" approach to church teaching which emphasizes "that while certain acts may be wrong, we would always love and respect the person and treat the person with dignity."

Pope Francis' words "may be something people find new and refreshing," Cardinal Dolan said, but "I for one don't

think it is and I hate to see previous popes caricatured as not having that."

The current pope's approach to the question of homosexuality on the flight from Brazil reminded some journalists of the approach Pope Benedict XVI took to a question about gay marriage during a July 2006 flight to Spain where he celebrated the World Meeting of Families.

"It's true that there are problems and things that Christian life says no to," he told reporters. "We want to make people understand that according to human nature it is a man and a woman who are made for each other and made to give humanity a future."

However, he said, instead of focusing on condemning attempts to legally recognize homosexual unions, "let's shine a light on the positive things, so we can make people understand why the church cannot accept certain things, but at the same time wants to respect people and to help them."

Special Showing of "Restless Heart"

A special showing of the film *Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine* will take place at 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road.

The film's story follows St. Augustine of Hippo from his reckless days as a youth to his accomplishments as a renowned, but dissolute orator. Because of a unique licensing approach, the only time to see this movie in Columbus will be on Sept. 1. All proceeds will go to the Run the Race Club, an after-school program in the Hilltop and Franklinton areas in support of inner-city youths and their families.

Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$8 for adults in advance or \$8 and \$10 at the door. The film is appropriate for people of high-school age and older because of mature themes.

To obtain advance tickets, send a check, made out to The Brian Muha Memorial Foundation Inc., to Janet Jenkins, 6208 Inverurie Drive East, Dublin OH 43017. Include the number of tickets requested and an email address for follow-up confirmation. The movie trailer may be seen at Restless-heartfilm.com. For more information, contact Janet Jenkins at restlessheartcolumbus@yahoo.com.

Breakfast with the Bishop

Bishop Frederick Campbell will be joined by Matt Swaim, producer of EWTN radio's *Son Rise Morning Show* and author of *Prayer in the Digital Age*, at Catholic Social Services' annual Breakfast with the Bishop at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, in the Regency Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St., Columbus.

They will address more than 400 guests on the theme "Technology and Its Effect on Faith and Today's Society."

Tickets are available for \$40. To in-

quire about purchasing tickets or an event sponsorship, contact Emma Helms at (614) 857-1238.

Proceeds support the 14 programs of Catholic Social Services, which serve 10,000 distressed individuals of all faiths annually in the 23 counties of the Diocese of Columbus, providing family-strengthening services, economic stability coaching, and family-like support for seniors.

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IS IT WRONG FOR ME NOW TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE?



MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Many individuals and business owners are struggling in conscience about whether to purchase health insurance coverage, either for themselves or for their employees, because of the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate. A provision of PPACA (ObamaCare), the mandate requires “preventive health services” to be covered by all health insurance issuers and all group health plans. Those insurance plans must provide coverage (with no co-pay) for the full range of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive methods for women. These include not only surgical sterilizations, but also potential abortion-causing agents such as Plan B (the morning-after pill), intrauterine devices (IUDs), and another form of “emergency contraception” known as Ella. This drug, which the FDA acknowledges may also work against the life of the embryo “by preventing attachment (implantation) to the uterus,” can be taken as long as five days after sex.

The chief moral concern, of course, is that by purchasing such mandated coverage, an individual would be subsidizing pharmaceutical abortions, contraceptives, and sterilizations for others, and business owners would similarly be subsidizing these procedures for their employees through their health plans. Employers, in other words, would provide coverage for (and thereby potentially facilitate) various acts of vice on the part of their employees, and all who pay for health insurance coverage would potentially fund and thereby support the vice of their neighbors. This raises the serious moral concern of “cooperation in evil.”

In general terms, any cooperation in evil should be avoided, or at least minimized to the extent prudently possible. By purchasing a policy with problematic inclusions, one would probably cooperate “materially” in the commission of various evils by others, but the debate on this matter hinges on whether that material cooperation should be considered “immediate” or “mediate.” Immediate material cooperation — when your assistance is essential to the evil action — is never morally permissible, but mediate material cooperation — when your assistance is incidental or remote from the bad activity itself — may be allowable under temporary extenuating circumstances. It could be allowable as long as the cooperator manifests resolute opposition to the evil and takes reasonable steps to limit and ultimately eliminate that cooperation. This is a key difference between allowable toleration and tacit approval.

In evaluating the specifics of the HHS mandate, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) has reached the provisional conclusion that paying premiums for a policy that also includes coverage for the above-mentioned procedures, devices, and drugs (while opposing the mandate) does not appear to involve an individual in

immediate material cooperation in evil, because a number of intervening causes are likely to exist between the paying of the premiums by a subscriber and the action of another enrollee who chooses to engage in one of the immoral activities. The key difference between acceptable and unacceptable forms of material cooperation involves the “causal distance” between what we do by our act of cooperation, and the act of the other person using the abortifacient substance or the contraceptive that is covered by the health plan into which we have paid. The paying of the premiums does not appear to be causally immediate to the chosen action of direct sterilization, abortion, or contraception.

To put it another way, payment into a health care plan that includes coverage for immoral procedures would only “make possible,” but would not “bring about” the evil action of the principal agent, and hence would represent mediate material cooperation on the part of the person paying into the plan. Such a payment could be made, albeit under protest.

Thus, the position of the NCBC is that individuals purchasing insurance under the HHS mandate could choose to do so licitly as mediate material cooperation assuming a proportionately serious reason, and a lack of suitable alternatives, and an ongoing effort to resist/oppose this unjust mandate through case-appropriate means. A proportionately serious reason is often likely to exist because of the seriousness of our obligation to care for our health. For business owners, meanwhile, it is a particularly difficult question, and they may find it best to discontinue providing health insurance to their employees (even though they may have to pay associated fines). The NCBC discusses this option and some of the morally relevant factors surrounding such a decision in its analysis, available at: <http://www.ncbcenter.org/document.doc?id=450&erid=0>

The HHS mandate represents bureaucratically coerced personal and institutional involvement in the commission of intrinsic evils. No person should ever be coerced by the state to be directly complicit in such acts. The HHS mandate is an affront to every American. It is immoral and offensive. If the government’s current attempt to coerce Americans into violating their most deeply held convictions doesn’t breach their religious freedom, then nothing does. No individual or institution should have to be concerned about violating their conscience when they merely seek to safeguard the well-being of themselves, their families, or their employees by purchasing health insurance.

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SPRUCE UP SULLIVANT PROJECT

More than 125 members of Mount Carmel Health System’s leadership team cleaned up more than 3,000 pounds of trash in the Spruce Up Sullivant project near Mount Carmel West Hospital in the Franklinton area of Columbus.

Participants included Mike Ronau, the system’s director of imaging services, and Dina Bush, chief nursing officer of Mount Carmel West (pictured), as well as Claus von Zychlin, the system’s president and chief executive officer, and Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, Mount Carmel senior vice president of system mission.

“As a Catholic health care organization, service to the community is at the core of what we do,” Sister Barbara said. “Mount Carmel has a longstanding relationship with the Franklinton community, and this effort allowed us to give back to that community.”

Spruce Up Sullivant is part of the citywide Keep Columbus Beautiful initiative. It is also the latest effort from Mount Carmel to help the environment and the communities it serves. For its environmental work, the Mount Carmel system received the John Chapman Award from the Ohio Hospital Association at the OHA’s 2013 annual meeting. Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health System

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The Gift I Want to Give Back

I’m a dry-eyed gal most of the time, and I have always prided myself on that trait.

Then I started going to Mass.

I certainly didn’t mean to turn into a blubbing mess. At the time, I was a tough, know-it-all college graduate, and I was only there because this good-looking Prince Charming of mine insisted that he had to go before we could go on a date.

My ego and I often don’t fit in the same room at the same time, and I had to go to Mass to find out what all the fuss was about.

And I found tears.

Not just sniffly, polite tears. Not just leaky-eye tears. Not just moisture-and-trickle tears.

No, what I found were *gallons* of tears, *buckets* of tears, oceans of tears.

It seemed that every pain I’d been storing up came out while I was sitting at Mass during the next few years. I could ignore my hardships until I was in a pew facing that altar. I could be a total nightmare in my dealings with people, but I couldn’t fake it in front of Whatever-it-was at Mass.

I thought—I *hoped*—that everything would change when I officially became Catholic.

I was wrong.

To this day, I’m often overcome at Mass. Sometimes, it comes on me unexpectedly as I’m lecturing. Other times, it’s the response “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof...” that gets me started. And then there are the times that I just find myself crying, no rhyme or reason to it.

Over the years, I’ve come to see the tears as healing. Slowly, Jesus is washing away my past pains, my current challenges, my future failings.

Like water wears down the rocks and turns them into the sand of a beach, Jesus has been turning my hard heart into a soft place to rest, and I hope someday, when I look there, he’ll be on a beach towel, waving me to come and join him.

Yes, tears are a gift, the very best kind. But that doesn’t stop me from wanting to give them back.

Even though *I know* that tears are a gift, I can’t seem to *believe* it when I’m in the middle of crying and snorting at Mass. Even though I know they’re coming, even though it’s almost like watching the radar and predicting a big storm in two hours, I never fail to be both surprised and dismayed by their appearance.

Some people maintain there’s a strength in crying. I can tell you that when I cry, I do not *feel* strong. I do not feel anything except small, humble, open. When I think of that cocktail of experience, I realize that



Finding Faith in
Everyday Life
Sarah Reinhard

there’s a cleansing in the crying that I will continue to need until I beat down the ego that keeps me from receiving God and his grace.

Tears are powerful ... and they are uncomfortable. Even though I’m a frequent cryer, I’m never at ease with my wet face and dripping nose.

If what’s happening at Mass — the miracle and the gift and the beauty — are so much that tears leak out of my eyes, maybe that’s not so bad.

If all you have in your purse is a selection of girls’ underpants, and the thing that staves off the tears for a few moments is the hilarity of choosing between Curious George, Winnie the Pooh, or My Little Pony for wiping your nose, maybe you’re cooperating with a grace, and maybe, just maybe, you took a baby step toward greater humility in your life.

If bowing your head and submitting to the authority on the altar, admitting that not only do you not know it all, but that it’s probably better that way, makes the snot flow right along with the tears, forcing you to use a small child’s delicately embroidered sweater as your stopper, perhaps you’ve offered a gift to God that you didn’t even know he was asking from you.



HOMELESS CHOIR

Sharon Wing, director of the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, uses a ladle and spatula as guest conductor of the Columbus Holy Family Church homeless choir. The choir, accompanied on piano by the church’s outgoing pastor, Father Kevin Lutz, provided entertainment at the fourth annual Hidden Treasures banquet to raise funds for the soup kitchen and for the Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center.

CT photo by Ken Snow

GOSPEL ROAD SERVICE PROGRAMS

LIVING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THROUGH HELPING OTHERS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Summertime means more than just a chance to take a break from school and relax for many young people in the Diocese of Columbus.

For the past several years, dozens of youths from various parishes have taken part in the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry's Gospel Road service project, living the Gospel message of love and concern and performing service activities at a different location in the 23-county diocese each year.

In addition, individual parishes, including the Church of the Resurrection of New Albany, Sunbury St. John Neumann, and Westerville St. Paul, conduct their own Gospel Road weeks, going beyond the boundaries of their parish and even out of state, in addition to being part of the diocesan project.

This year, the diocesan Gospel Road program marked its 10th anniversary, with participants based at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School in New Philadelphia and taking part in projects at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, Dover St. Joseph, and Denison Immaculate Conception parishes from July 14-18. The New Albany and Sunbury churches combined for a program known as "Blest Week Ever" from July 7-11 in Columbus. The Church of the Resurrection also had a Gospel Road week from June 9-15 in Vinton County, while St. Paul's parish Gospel Road took place from July 7-12 in Cranks Creek, Ky.

The programs allow youths to provide assistance to people in need and, perhaps more importantly, to learn through sharing with others how blessed their own lives are and how fulfilling it is to share their abundance with others.

"One of the things I've learned through Gospel Road is that service is at the heart of our Catholic faith," said Ronnie Wollett of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church after his week in Tuscarawas County.

"Prayer is important, but you also have to put your words into action if you want to be live as Jesus did. One of the things my group did was to mulch the yard, trim hedges, and cut branches of a woman with polio who had great difficulty walking. Seeing how rewarding our work was for her made me feel as though my hands were being the hands of Jesus," said Wollett, who will be a sophomore at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School this year.

Kathy Hamilton, religious education and youth ministry coordinator at Sacred Heart, coordinated work done by teams of four or five youths at dozens of sites over the four weekdays of the Tuscarawas County program. She said the 185 available slots for participants all were filled, with about 145 young people and 40 adults taking part.

About 125 of the youths were students entering grades nine to 12 for the coming school year or were recent high school graduates. College-age students also could take part if they had been involved in a previous Gospel



Left: The Blest Week Ever program included praise and worship at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus. Right: Miriam Knopp of the Church of the Resurrection uses her hammer to help build a wheelchair ramp.



Above: Members of diocesan Gospel Road Crew No. 10 plant flowers at a home in Uhrichsville. Below: Youths from the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany replace a porch and build a wind wall in Vinton County. Below right: Gospel Road Crew No. 17 members paint a house in Tuscarawas County. Photos courtesy Gospel Road, Church of the Resurrection



Road activity and fulfilled other diocesan requirements, including completion of the Protecting God's Children program required of all diocesan adults who take part in church-related activities involving children.

This was the second diocesan Gospel Road visit to Tuscarawas County. The program began in Portsmouth in 2005 and continued there for the next three summers. It was moved to Circleville in 2009, Tuscarawas County in 2010, Franklin and southern Delaware counties in 2011, and Fairfield County last year to reflect the diversity and size of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. Next year's program will be based at Plain City St. Joseph Church.

Hamilton also coordinated the 2010 program in Tuscarawas County and said one significant difference between this year's event and the one five years ago was that this time, nearly all the activities involved going to homes and helping specific individuals, rather than being at sites serving the community at large.

"We got referrals from parishes, community service agencies, and the county developmental disabilities board, and just through talking to people," she said. "We even got one referral from a funeral home. We had 40 more participants than in 2010, and they were needed because there were more referrals. I think that's because people were impressed with what they saw when Gospel Road came here the first time."

Hamilton said the majority of projects this

year involved working with older people who had physical limitations. "There were many more big building and landscaping projects this time," she said. The youths also took part in community projects at the Birthright office in New Philadelphia, the Schoenbrunn Village historic site, Union Hospital in Dover, and along the Buckeye Trail, a 1,444-mile hiking path that loops around Ohio and has branches which extend into the interior of the state.

"We found so many individuals who had 'fallen through the cracks,' to whom our help meant so much," Hamilton said. "The time we spent doing projects and bringing something to people's lives was just as important, if not more so, than the work we did."

"One group went back to a woman's house for a second day just to spend time sitting with her and putting puzzles together because they realized how much it meant to her to have a chance to talk with people. This was a huge Gospel connection."

Participants arrived in New Philadelphia on Sunday night and heard a motivational speaker remind them of the importance of not forming preconceived judgments of people before getting to know them. They had morning prayer each day before going to their projects, then returned to the high school for dinner. This was followed by evening activities that included bowling on Monday, a visit on Tuesday to Tuscora Park, an old-style small amusement park that's been in New Philadelphia for 106 years, a reconciliation service

Wednesday, and a closing Mass on Thursday.

One week before the diocesan Gospel Road, more than 40 people from the New Albany and Sunbury parishes took part in the Blest Week Ever program, going in small groups to service organizations around Columbus. The goal for each group was to serve at two different organizations every day, said Katy Wyatt, youth minister at New Albany.

Participants stayed at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus throughout the week, taking part in evening activities designed to deepen their relationships with Jesus and build on what they had done during the day.

In addition to time for small-group reflection and for social activities, there was Mass with Father Denis Kigozi, reconciliation with several priests of the diocese, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Seminarian Tom Gardner played a significant role in the program, Wyatt said.

In June, nearly 60 students and adults from Resurrection Parish went to Vinton County for the fourth straight summer to work with the St. Francis Center in McArthur. During their week in the southeast Ohio county, which has the smallest population and one of the lowest average incomes of any Ohio county, they repaired three roofs, built two wheelchair ramps, repaired or rebuilt three porches, and replaced several exterior doors for residents.

They stayed during the week at the county fairgrounds and had evening faith and fun activities that included "crazy bingo" hosted by

Father Donald Maroon of Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Mass at the church, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation, witness talks by young adult readers, and small-group discussion.

The Westerville St. Paul mission trip to Harlan County, Ky., has been going on for the past nine or 10 years, said the parish's youth minister, Linda Hall. Other parishes from the diocese, including Resurrection, also have made the trip over the years since the Cranks Creek Survival Center was founded in 1977 in response to devastating floods.

This year's visit by St. Paul parishioners turned out to be an unexpectedly sad one because it coincided with the death at age 77 of Becky Simpson, who with her husband, Bobby, were co-founders of the Cranks Creek center and had dedicated their lives to it.

Jim Keating, an adult leader from St. Paul, describes Simpson as "the Mother Teresa of Appalachia." He and his wife, Eloise, visited her on the day she died after a long struggle from cancer. He believes they were the last non-family members to see her alive.

Keating said that for a long time afterward, he wondered, "Why were Eloise and I given the privilege to be the representatives of so many who had worked for the center and its founder?" Finally, he decided that it "was God's way of simply saying 'thank you'" to all the people who had touched and been touched by the Simpsons.

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Left: Youths who took part in **Blest Week Ever**, a service program conducted in the Columbus area by the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany and Sunbury St. John Neumann churches. Above: Participants in Westerville St. Paul Church's annual summer mission trip to the Cranks Creek (Ky) Survival Center. Photos courtesy Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul Church

The various Gospel Road programs have a tremendous impact on many of the young people. For some, it's their first real encounter with poverty or with people whose lives are far different than their own. For others, it's the most extended opportunity they've ever had to put the lessons of faith they've learned into action, forming the basis on which that faith will be strengthened as they grow older.

Brendon Cunningham of Westerville described his four summer mission trips since 2010 as a progression. "The first year, I came to be with friends and have fun, but the conditions I saw changed my life forever," he said.

"The second year, I dug deeper and worked as hard as I could. The third time, I realized I could offer my life to Jesus and make a difference in someone's life. ... From that day on, I've tried to do everything for God. This year was my first time at Cranks Creek. I came to help a community less fortunate, and I came home with it helping me and my own perspective on life."

Another youth from St. Paul's, Katie Lomeo, who was part of last year's Cranks Creek trip, said she had felt miserable about it until a woman hugged her and said how she appreciated the work Lomeo and other youths were doing in putting shingles on her roof.

It was a transformative moment for Lomeo. She cried, became determined to finish the roof, then cried again when it was done.

Until that point, "I was never aware of the tremendous feeling that helping others encompassed," she wrote afterward. "My wants and my needs felt so distant and unimportant. I was ecstatic to know that I helped make someone else happy for a change. ... Since then, I have been inspired to continue to pass on the contagious joy volunteering brings."

"I never thought something as simple as painting a garage door could be so helpful to someone," said diocesan Gospel Road participant Maya Cherry of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, who will be a junior at Pickerington Central High School. "The

most memorable thing about the week wasn't what we did, but seeing the faces of people after we helped them and realizing how happy they were."

"What was memorable for me was seeing how some people weren't able to do things and how our helping hands helped them," said Patrick Shenberger of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, an incoming freshman at Dublin Coffman High School. "It also was great to make so many new friends from all over the diocese. This was my first Gospel Road, and I'm ready to go back next year."

"Gospel Road continues to be a great opportunity for young people to see the whole service dimension of the Gospel," said Mike Hall, diocesan youth and young adult ministry director. "They're reaching out to people, doing what Jesus did - this year, in weather that was really challenging (during the Tuscarawas County program) because it was in the 90s every day. It had a great impact on the community, and you could see the youths themselves re-

ally changed." "I've been part of all the diocesan Gospel Roads, and it makes me cry every time to watch the kids prove to the community what they can do," Hamilton said.

"It's a hard sell to get people to let kids into their homes, because they don't see young people the way we do. They look at the negative things they've heard, but then they see what these young people are like, which we already know, and their attitude changes. Every year, I'm amazed by that."

"What is that attracts young people to Gospel Road mission trips?" asked Linda Hall, who is Mike Hall's wife. She said it may be that they want to get away from everyday life, to meet new friends, to obtain service hours necessary for high school graduation, or to fulfill a desire to do something good for someone else.

"Whatever it is, what is ultimately impressive is that most want to go back to experience it again and again," she said.

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Young people from five churches in the Zoar and Bolivar areas of Tuscarawas County combined for an ecumenical vacation Bible school this summer for the sixth consecutive year. The churches, which take turns hosting the weeklong event, are Zoar Holy Trinity, Zoar United Church of Christ, St. John United Church of Christ (this year's host) and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Bolivar, and Ruslin Hills Church. This year's program had 60 children from three years old to fifth grade as participants, and about 35 older children and adults as volunteers. Its theme was "Everywhere Fun Fair," a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Participants experienced foods, music, crafts, scientific experiments, and games from Australia, the United Kingdom, Japan, Zimbabwe, and Mexico, while learning about events in the Bible, such as the prophet Elijah's encounter with a widow who gave him bread from the last of her oil and flour and had it miraculously replenished. Noah Carpenter and Lori Caughey are pictured portraying Elijah and the widow. The week ended with a carnival. Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, and snow cones were served, the children enjoyed face painting, and the highlight was a pinata that refused to open, said Susan Labish, Holy Trinity VBS coordinator. A group of children took the show on the road on the Sunday following the VBS week, visiting each church and presenting a few songs for the various congregations.



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August 11

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

The Wisdom reading muses about the “night” of Israel’s deliverance from Pharaoh, as the angel of death passes over the Hebrews but slays all the Egyptian firstborn children, from those of Pharaoh to the child of the lowliest slave girl, extending down to even the firstborn animals (see Exodus 11:5). The idea behind all this death is to emphasize how widespread it was. By the same token, this destruction glorifies the Hebrews, because it ironically shows how well-placed was their trust in the promises that had been made to them of deliverance from their enemies.

One has to suppose that this reading was chosen as a companion to the Gospel because of the mention of “night” in both readings. There is little else to establish the link between the two readings. There are different points to make in the Gospel. The first point is for the disciples to sell their belongings, giving them away as alms. Piling up earthly possessions is the opposite of gaining “an inexhaustible treasure in heaven.” If your heart be where your treasure is, it suggests that someone who is fixed on his own possessions will not look to heavenly treasure.

The second point of the Gospel alerts the disciples on the need to keep awake, like servants awaiting their master’s return from a wedding (his own, presumably) at night. Otherwise, there would be no need for lighting their lamps. The disciple must be alert until the master returns. In the context of the Gospel, where Christ is the bridegroom whose return is unknown, the disciples must remain alert and ready for his return at any time.

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, will host a workshop designed to introduce the faithful to centering prayer from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. The workshop will be led by Adele Sheffieck, who has been trained and commissioned by Contemplative Outreach Ltd. to deliver programming on centering prayer.

This form of prayer prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, in which we experience God’s presence with us. It represents both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Centering prayer adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer into a receptive prayer of resting in God.

Those who attend the workshop will be invited to at-

Being prepared for the coming of the Son of Man is a task for all disciples.

When Peter asks if this is meant for all the disciples or only for the Twelve, Jesus does not answer the question directly. However, it is easy to see that the obligation to provide prudent stewardship is required of every later generation of the Christian community.

Fuller understanding of the passage requires us to remember that Luke’s Gospel was written in the 80’s of the first century. It reflects the knowledge of how the church had begun to develop in those first 50 years or so of its existence. Luke was also well-aware of both good and bad leaders who emerged during those 50 years, and these words of warning applied to them directly.

The parallel passage in Matthew (Matthew 24:45-51) comes at the end of the “apocalyptic discourse,” which speaks of the coming of the Son of Man at the end of the age. That coming was going to be a day of reckoning, and within that context, Matthew adds those words of warning to those who had been placed in charge of the master’s household. That entire passage in Matthew concludes with the great judgment scene (Matthew 25: 31-46), in which the entire judgment rests upon whether people performed the corporal works of mercy. It had nothing to do with liturgical correctness or knowledge of one’s faith, but solely on how one treated the imprisoned, the hungry, the thirsty, and the naked, and how one welcomed the stranger. Those servants entrusted with the master’s household would be judged severely if they abused their fellow servants. That’s a warning for the ages.

We often hear this Gospel at funerals, reminding us of the need to be ready whenever the Lord calls us. While that is certainly valid, the overriding issue is that Christian leaders not forget their responsibility to the Lord for those entrusted to their care. The words of warning remain valid, whether they came from Jesus directly or from the community.

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

tend five optional follow-up sessions at the center on five Friday afternoons: Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and 25, and Nov. 15 and 22.

Sheffieck earned a master’s degree in religious studies from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is an associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, a member of the planning committee for the de Porres Center’s Institute for Maturing Spirituality and a consultant for Mid-Life Directions, Inc. She has presented workshops nationally and internationally on midlife and long-life planning.

Suggested donation is \$15 for the workshop. A free-will donation will be taken at the optional Friday sessions. To register, contact the center by phone at (614) 416-1910 or online at www.martindeporrescenter.net.

The Weekday Bible Readings

8/12-8/17	8/19-8/24
MONDAY Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 Matthew 17:22-27	MONDAY Judges 2:11-19 Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43-44 Matthew 19:16-22
TUESDAY Deuteronomy 31:1-8 Deuteronomy 32:3-4,7-9,16 Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14	TUESDAY Judges 6:11-24a Psalm 85:9,11-14 Matthew 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 66:1-3,5,8,16-17 Matthew 18:15-20	WEDNESDAY Judges 9:6-15 Psalm 21:2-7 Matthew 20:1-16
THURSDAY Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab Psalm 45:10b,11-12ab,16 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56	THURSDAY Judges 11:29-39a Psalm 40:5,7-10 Matthew 22:1-14
FRIDAY Joshua 24:1-13 Psalm 136:1-3,16-18, 21-22,24 Matthew 19:3-12	FRIDAY Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Psalm 146:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40
SATURDAY Joshua 24:14-29 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,11 Matthew 19:13-15	SATURDAY Revelation 21:9b-14 Psalm 145:10-13ab,17-18 John 1:45-51

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF AUG. 11 AND 25, 2013

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 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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 Weeks III and IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Pope Francis and His World Youth Day Message

I suspect that in the coming days, weeks, months, and years, much will be written about World Youth Day Rio and the message of Pope Francis: “Bring the Gospel to the world.” It hardly sounds radical, and yet the Gospel message is radical, a message that rejected the decadent Roman Empire’s culture. Here we are nearly 2,000 years later, and western culture is doing its best to emulate what was done in Rome in the time of Caligula, Nero, and Trajan.

In our hyperbolic media age, both religious and secular forces either claim that they are winning or that the other side has an unfair advantage. Salvation history is full of ebbs and flows of faith, doubt, rebellion, and disbelief. Perhaps we ought to remind ourselves from time to time of Pope John Paul II’s message; “Be not afraid.”

Pope Francis in his address told the faithful, particularly sisters, priests and bishops, to get out and preach the gospel. He lamented that too many of them are busy with things of the world. In a way, the Holy Father was calling them out for being a bunch of “Marthas” when we really need a bunch of “Marys.”

This resonated for me because I recently attended a Defending the Faith conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The eminent Dr. Peter Kreeft gave a talk on how to lose and win the culture war. In a nutshell, Dr. Kreeft said too many orthodox-minded faithful are putting their hopes in political movements and candidates, when they should be confronting what the culture is doing to our faith and society at large.

A Place of Peace in the Heart of the City

When the rectory at Corpus Christi Church on Columbus’ south side became vacant in 2010, Father Rod Damico, its parochial vicar, began dreaming about how it might be used. His vision was that it become a spirituality and community outreach center, a place that might revitalize the parish and serve some of the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Three years later, that vision has become a reality known as the Corpus Christi Center of Peace.

A task force was made up of parish members who enthusiastically began planning the future. Two Corpus Christi School alumni heard about the plans and came forward to supply the necessary funds and professionals to begin work on needed improvements.

Thanks to them and to volunteers, the first floor was renovated and redecorated in September 2012. In the subsequent months, a group of high school students from The Graham School volunteered their time to do most of the painting necessary on the second floor. Afterward, organizations and families adopted bedrooms and bathrooms -- meaning they provided whatever the room needed -- and now the Corpus Christi Center of Peace is complete.

Since last September, the center has offered free mental health counseling for parishioners of Corpus Christi and Columbus St. Ladislav Church, as well as day programs such as Advent quiet mornings,



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

His basic message was that we need to speak out and be involved in less “busy work” that inevitably will not hasten the cause of religious and cultural orthodoxy. We need to be both active and contemplative. We certainly need to shut out the very noise that has invaded our culture, a noise that tells us we must be busy 24/7 and must always be tuned into to some pre-programmed message emanating from our televisions, radios, iPods, etc.

Some people get nervous when the Holy Father talks about economics and helping the poor, as if he is saying something Jesus didn’t say or is advocating the very Marxist doctrine that he spoke out against and got him sent to Jesuit political exile in Argentina, before Pope John Paul II sent him to Buenos Aires. Others believe the Holy Father is singing their tune, even though those very people often disagree with Pope Francis and his stand for the sanctity of life and traditional marriage.

Some folks both locally and nationally get upset when they continue to see a torrent of angry letters to

the editor slamming the Catholic Church in their local newspapers. Our area certainly has seen enough of that. They wonder how much difference Pope Francis or anyone can make when up against this kind of unfriendly coverage. However, keep in mind that this is a coordinated effort by those who don’t like religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular. Believe me, I could tell you stories.

However, I will just relate one to you. About 15 or 20 years ago, when I worked on Capitol Hill in Washington, I got to know a little bit about the insides of elected officials’ offices and of newsrooms. There’s an old Latin saying, “Out of wine, the truth flows.” In this case, it might be beer and wine, but suffice to say that although I met many people in the political and journalistic realms who were even-keeled in their approach to religion in general and Catholicism in particular, I certainly met others who were far from fair. I think we can say that it has probably gotten worse in the last 15 or 20 years.

While Pope Francis is enjoying a honeymoon of sorts with some opinion makers, it doesn’t mean that they aren’t trying to twist his words and change his message. They do so because as much as they try to attack the Church, she still is a beacon to many people, whether they are Catholic or not.

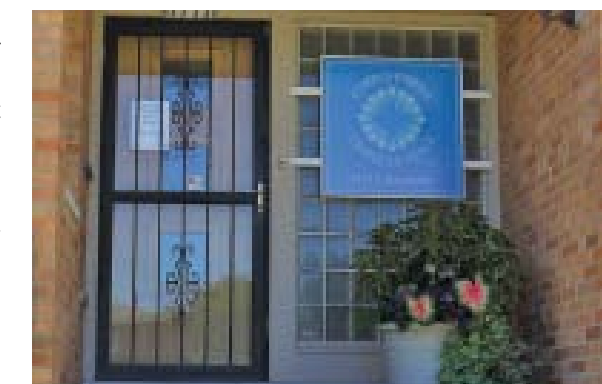
Hartline is the author of “The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn” and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

Last Days to Purchase Tickets for Bishop’s Birthday Gala

To recognize Bishop Frederick Campbell’s remarkable service to his flock, event co-chairs Tom and Sarah Kernan and honorary chair Michael C. Mentel are accepting reservations from throughout the Diocese of Columbus for a 70th birthday gala in his honor. The event will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St.

Proceeds will benefit four areas that represent the breadth and depth of the local Church: the Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Fund, diocesan social concerns agencies, the diocesan vocations support endowment, and the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral music ministry endowment. Information on reserving tickets is available at www.coldioc.org or by phone at (614) 940-4870. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Anyone who shows support for the beneficiaries of this gala by making a contribution, even if that person is unable to attend the gala, will have his or her name added to a diocesan birthday card, which will be included in the event program. The deadline for reservations is Friday, Aug. 16.



anger management, and an introduction to centering prayer. Now that the second floor is complete, plans are being made to offer weekend retreats and private quiet days and to continue to expand programming.

Anita Davidson, coordinator for the center, said partnerships with community organizations will be essential for the success of this ministry.

“We want the center to be a place of peace in the heart of the city through our presence, our programs, and our partnerships,” Davidson said.

For more information about the center and its programs, call (614) 512-3731, email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com, or visit its website at cccenterofpeace.org.

Pray for our dead

BAILEY, Kathleen, 78, July 24
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

BAKER, John F. "Bunk," 83, July 30
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

BARCH, Helen M., 91, July 20
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

BISANG, Catherine V., 91, July 25
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

BOND, JoAnn C., 77, July 23
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

CAMPBELL, Carol J., 73, July 16
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Wellston

CAMPOLO, Santo E., 79, July 25
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

CASEY, Doneta A., 75, July 15
St. Mary Church, Columbus

CORMACK, Larry R., 73, July 23
Holy Family Church, Columbus

DAVIS, Elizabeth C. "Betty," 73, July 30
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DeFRANCISCO, Frank P., 70, July 23
St. Mary Church, Delaware

DONOVAN, Marjorie L., 90, July 23
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

DOTTO, Esther, 80, July 21
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

EVANS, David C., 85, June 28
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

GALLAGHER, Rita L., 84, formerly of Columbus, July 28
St. Mary Church, Piqua

GILBERT, William G., 87, July 12
St. Leonard Church, Heath

HABERMAN, Angela M. 86, July 31
St. Mary Church, Marion

HAMILTON, Rita M., 90, Aug. 2
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

JUZWIAK, Mary P., 80, July 30
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

LELONEK, Arthur J., 76, July 31
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

LYON, James J. Jr., 91, of Gahanna, July 30
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Morton, Pa.

McGRATH, Dennis B. "Mick" Jr., 90, July 27
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

McKITRICK, Edith M., 94, July 26
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

METZGER, Edward T., 73, July 28
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MILLER, Norman F., 80, July 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

NORRIS, Kenneth R., 59, July 26
St. Mary Church, Groveport

O'GRADY, Edward A., 87, July 28
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

OVERFIELD, John J., 83, July 25
Christ the King Church, Columbus

PACHA, Marion L., 78, July 26
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

POTTMEYER, Francis J., 83, July 15
St. Paul Church, Westerville

RACHOCKI, Elmer, 80, July 25
St. Michael Church, Worthington

REDFERN, Virginia W., 90, July 30
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

ROMANELLI, Stepehn A., 18, Aug. 4
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SOMMER, Lawrence D., 80, July 19
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

STACK, Virginia C., 95, July 21
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

STOLTE, Paul J. Jr., 63, July 25
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

SWEET, Mary A., 83, July 26
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

TEAL, David M., 58, July 25
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

TIBERI, Angelo, 57, July 23
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

VACHON, Loren J., 78, Aug. 2
St. Mary Church, Delaware

VONDER EMBSE, Mark L., 57, Aug. 4
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

WITTENSOLDNER, Judith A., 74, Aug. 3
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

ZORICH, Michael C. II, 66, July 30
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

ZSULEVICH, Lorna M., 94, July 29
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

Sister Mary Carol Kessler, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Carol Kessler, OP, 93, who died Friday, Aug. 2, was held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Feb. 20, 1921, in Lancaster to Thomas and Sarah (Snider) Kessler.

She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in 1940 and made her profession of vows in 1942. She earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master of science degree in music education from the University of Notre Dame.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus Holy Name School (1943-45 and 1950-55), Newark St. Francis de Sales School (1955-56), Lancaster

St. Mary School (1961-63), Newark Blessed Sacrament School (1963-64), Somerset Holy Trinity School (1970-75), and Columbus Holy Spirit School. She also served in the Diocese of Steubenville and in Michigan, New Mexico, New York, and Pennsylvania.

She was a music teacher, glee club moderator, and choir director, and also was involved in pastoral ministry in several parishes. She served her Dominican congregation as director of facilities (1993-97) before entering the Mohun Health Care Center, where she was organist for many years, in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Sister Vivian Kessler, OP, Elizabeth Franklin, and Ruth; and brothers, Marcellus, William, and Thomas. Survivors include sisters, Sister Venard Kessler, OP, and Agnes Cramer.



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SUMMER COUPLES RETREAT "HE SAID", "SHE SAID", "GOD SAID" ... BUT WHO'S LISTENING?

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8, THURSDAY

Bible Study at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
6:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. "Grown-Up Summer School" Bible study of the Book of Exodus. Also on Aug. 15.
Theology on Tap Potluck
7 to 9 p.m., Cafeteria, St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Potluck sponsored by Theology on Tap discussion and social group for Catholics 21 and older. Includes "stump the priest" with Father Paul Noble, Catholic trivia, and announcement of 2013-14 topics. Main dish and drinks provided; bring ID.
614-390-8653

10, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. Also on Aug. 17. 614-565-8654
Our Lady of Victory School Reunion
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Reunion for all former Our Lady of Victory School students as part of parish festival. 614-488-2428
DeSales 15th Anniversary Reunion
7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Gordy's, 6150 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville. Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 1998 15th anniversary reunion. Contact Kristin Dobbins at kaystarr@hotmail.com.

11, SUNDAY

O'Connor-Gleich Volleyball Tournament at Watterson
Bishop Watterson High School, 99 S. Cooke Road, Columbus. Second annual O'Connor-Gleich volleyball tournament for alumni and friends, with men's, women's, and mixed brackets. 614-419-2139
Diocesan Catechetical Leadership Meeting
1:30 to 6:30 p.m., Marian Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Diocesan catechetical leadership meeting and recognition program for RCIA directors, parish catechetical leaders, and youth ministers, including talk by Bishop Frederick Campbell and 5:30 p.m. dinner. 614-221-4633
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. Also on Aug. 18. 614-886-8266
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. Also on Aug. 18. 706-761-4054

12, MONDAY

Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass. 614-406-2939
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

13, TUESDAY

'EnCourage' Support Group Mass and Meeting
6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. 614-372-5249
NFP Information Session at Catholic Center
7 to 8:30 p.m., Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. Register at familylife@colodioc.org.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. Also on Aug. 20. 740-653-4919

14, WEDNESDAY

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

15, THURSDAY

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, led by Father Ramon Owerla, CFC. 614-531-3682

16, FRIDAY

Opening Mass for Cristo Rey High School
6 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates opening Mass for new Columbus Cristo Rey High School.

16-17, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Retreat for Catholic Home Schooling Mothers
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat for Catholic home schooling mothers. Theme: "I Thirst." See www.educatingforheaven.com.

17, SATURDAY

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop
1 to 5 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Workshop to introduce the concept of centering prayer, led by Adele Sheffleek of Contemplative Outreach Ltd. 614-416-1910

18, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. 614-833-0482
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Meet downstairs. Dave Orsborn, OFS 614-282-4676
Band Concert and Ice Cream Social at St. Agnes
3 p.m., St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St., Columbus. Concert by the Worthington Civic Band, followed by ice cream social in parish social hall. 614-276-5413
DCCW Catholic Woman of the Year Awards Dinner
5 to 9 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. 25th annual Catholic Woman of the Year and 10th annual Catholic Young Woman of the Year awards dinner



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013

Pope commissions young people to be missionaries without borders

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis commissioned three million young people to join forces and form what could be called Missionaries Without Borders.

"Where does Jesus send us?" he asked World Youth Day pilgrims on July 28. "There are no borders, no limits. He sends us to everyone."

On the white sand of Copacabana beach -- under partly sunny skies, a relief after days of rain in Rio -- Pope Francis celebrated the closing Mass for the July 23-28 celebration of World Youth Day Rio.

Although retired Pope Benedict XVI had chosen the theme for the gathering -- "Go and make disciples of all nations" -- it was tailor-made for Pope

Francis, who continually tells Catholics, "Go out. Go forward. Keep going."

"Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, proclaiming the Gospel: this is a command that the Lord entrusts to the whole church, and that includes you," he told his beachfront congregation, which included hundreds of thousands who had spent the night on the sand, sleeping or not.

Long journeys, days of rain, and sometimes improvised accommodations did not dampen the spirits of the World Youth Day participants. Pope Francis told them that if they did not

share their experience of God's love with others, it would be "like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning



strongly."

Jesus did not tell his disciples to share the Gospel "if you would like to, if you have the

time," the pope said. Instead, he commanded them to proclaim the Good News to the world.

Sharing the love and mercy of

God and the salvation offered by Christ through the church "is born not from a desire for domination or power, but from

the force of love," the pope told the young pilgrims, who were joined on the beach by tens of thousands of Rio residents and other Latin Americans, including Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, Bolivian President Evo Morales, and Desi Bouterse, president of Suriname.

But even more special guests were present: The pope invited a couple and their baby girl, who has anencephaly (missing part of her brain), to come forward during the offertory. Pope Francis met the family on July 27 as he was leaving Rio's St. Sebastian Cathedral and invited them to participate in the Mass. Under Brazil's abortion laws, the couple would have been able to abort the child, but chose not to.

With the father carrying the baby, the parents walked up to the pope wearing shirts with a Portuguese message on the back: "Stop abortion."

In his homily, Pope Francis told the young people that evangelizing requires a personal witness of love for God and love for others, espe-

cially the weak, the poor, and the defenseless.

When the psalm says "Sing a new song to the Lord," he said, it is not talking about a certain set of lyrics or a specific melody; rather, "it is allowing our life to be identified with that of Jesus. It is sharing his sentiments, his thoughts, his actions."

"The life of Jesus is a life for others," the pope said. "It is a life of service."

The pope did not mince words with his young audience, telling them, "Evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God. It is overcoming our selfishness. It is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did."

Pope Francis said he knows how daunting it can be to recognize that each Christian bears personal responsibility for sharing the Gospel with his or her actions and words, but added that Jesus told the first disciples and tells disciples today, "Be not afraid."

"Jesus does not leave us alone. He never leaves you alone," the pope said.

The church does not leave any of its members, or even small groups, to go it alone. "Jesus did not say 'One of you go,' but 'All of you go.' We are sent together," the pope said.

"Be creative. Be audacious," he said. "Do not be afraid."

Pope Francis thanked the hundreds of bishops and thousands of priests who accompanied their young pilgrims to Rio, but told them the pilgrimage was just one step on the young people's journey of faith.

"Continue to accompany them with generosity and joy. Help them to become actively engaged in the church. Never let them feel alone," he said.

He gave the younger generation a final instruction: "As you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel."

It can change the world, he said. "Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance, and hatred," the pope said.



World Youth Day pilgrims discover faith transcends differences in culture

By Catholic News Service

For Americans at World Youth Day, it wasn't just seeing and praying with Pope Francis that was exciting, but the chance to bolster their own faith and take home their experiences.

Young pilgrims from across the United States said the energetic feeling of being among

hundreds of thousands of people from the world's different cultures who are unafraid of sharing their faith was dynamic and inspiring.

"There is just such an amazing positive energy here," said Moira Loughman, 33, of Scranton, Pa. "It's quite an experience to have so many people with common ideology,

common bond."

Loughman, a public school teacher, said she hoped the things she learned during the celebration will help her be a better witness to the Gospel.

"I think living as an example for my students is huge," she explained. "As a public school teacher, I know that I can't promote a particular faith tradition, but you can let others know you are Christian by the way you love, by the way you act."

Her sentiments matched the World Youth Day theme: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Rooted in Matthew's Gospel, the theme stresses the idea of reaching out to others; that is, evangelizing for the faith through one's life. World Youth Day organizers hope that's what will transpire in the years ahead among the pilgrims voyaging to Brazil.

Learning from each other and

seeing a common faith among people of the world is what inspired Lauren Salas, 22, a member of St. Ann Parish in Coppell, Texas.

"The first day, meeting groups from other countries actually brought physical joy, because I have never seen this much energy from people my age," she said. "The welcoming from Brazil, as well as all pilgrims we met throughout the streets, was breaking stereotypes, because we are all there for the same thing: Jesus, Catholic faith, and meeting our Holy Father, Pope Francis."

Elisa Nirei of St. Ann Parish in Kaneohe, Hawaii, agreed.

"I will take home from this experience that I need to be more vocal and don't let fear stand in front of my faith," she said.

Others felt emboldened by the Latin American culture. Pilgrims from Queens, N.Y.,

participated in song and prayer for two hours in Portuguese with a group of Brazilians and one more hour in Eucharistic adoration.

"They got us dancing," said Jasmine Gomez, 20, one of the pilgrims. "I'm usually introverted and shy. And I don't know, I just felt comfortable."

As for the damp, breezy, cool weather of the Brazilian winter that greeted the pilgrims: no problem. Most were prepared ahead of time, cautioned to bring warm bedding and clothing.

"Our faith was bigger than the weather," said Taide Mier of Our Lady of Guadalupe Delhi Parish in Santa Ana, Calif.

Of course, being in the presence of Pope Francis overcame any discomfort. Pilgrims strained and flexed their way through the huge crowds to glimpse or even touch the friendly pontiff.



OHIOANS JOIN WYD IN RIO

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The scene at the closing Mass of World Youth Day provided a modern-day example of the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in the Book of Genesis, said one of three area priests who were in Rio de Janeiro for the international gathering.

"God told Abraham his descendants would be as numerous as the sands of the seashore. At that final Mass, while I was part of a crowd of three million people that stretched as far as the eye could see on Copacabana beach, I couldn't help but think of all of us as being three million descendants of Abraham," said Father Jonathan Wilson, pastor of Newark Blessed Sacrament Church.

Father Wilson, along with Father James Csaszar, pastor of the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes, and Father Dan Dury, pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church, were part of a group organized by Father Csaszar which went to Rio in late July and saw Pope Benedict speak to pilgrims from around the world at four major events on the beach from July 25-28. The group also included diocesan seminarians Anthony Davis and Sean Dooley and six young people from Perry County.

"You could tell how much the pope was enjoying the experience," Father Csaszar said. "It started with his arrival in Rio on Monday (July 22), when his popemobile made a wrong turn and people swarmed it. He was



Left: Maria Damo of Worthington St. Michael Church in front of a sand sculpture of Pope Francis on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro. Right: Wearing their World Youth Day chasubles are (from left) Fathers Jonathan Wilson, James Csaszar, and Dan Dury. Photos courtesy Maria Damo and Fathers Wilson and Dury

delighted and didn't appear to be concerned in the least about the crowd. At the Eucharistic vigil on Saturday, he obviously was in no hurry to leave, but stayed and prayed."

Besides hearing the pope at an opening ceremony Thursday, during Stations of the Cross on Friday, and at the Saturday vigil and the Sunday Mass, the three local priests also were invited to celebrate Mass with him and other bishops and priests on Saturday morning at Rio's St. Sebastian Cathedral. "We were about 20 pews away from him, which is closer than I ever thought we'd be," Father Csaszar said.

"One of the things I think I'll remember most is how people erupted in applause at the cathedral when he addressed the priests and urged them to become closer to the people they serve," he said. "The pope's message was that the best way to evangelize a young person is with another young person. He really was calling us to do what

he's been doing from the start of his papacy. His message wasn't just for priests, but for all the young people in Rio and for everyone – that you are the best evangelizer to the people with whom you come in contact."

Also in Rio was Maria Damo of Worthington St. Michael Church, who will be entering her sophomore year at Xavier University in Cincinnati. "The pope had a very simple message at the Sunday Mass: Go, do not be afraid, and serve. The Gospel passage to go and make disciples of all nations was the theme of the week, and that was the message I heard – the whole idea that it's not as hard as you would think to be an evangelizer," said Damo, who attended with a group from St. Michael Church in Flint, Mich.

All the major events on the program took place on Copacabana beach. The original program called for the vigil and the closing Mass to be in a field 30 miles outside of the city, but three days of heavy rain had



turned it into a field of mud.

"The weather didn't dampen our joy, and I think it turned out to be a great blessing to have the Mass and vigil on the beach," Father Wilson said. "It was a better location because Rio is used to having huge crowds on the beach every year for its Carnival celebration in the days before Ash Wednesday. It also provided another biblical reference, for Jesus spent a lot of time along the seashore, teaching crowds from a boat on the Sea of Galilee and meeting his disciples on the shore after his resurrection."

Besides the events which brought people together on the beach, World Youth Day included gatherings of various language and ethnic groups at sites throughout Rio. English-speaking pilgrims met for catechesis at the Vivo Rio convention center, hearing from speakers including Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York and Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston.

"Cardinal Dolan gave a great teaching on faith on Wednesday, and Cardinal O'Malley talked about faith on Friday," Father Csaszar said. "I remember one phrase in Cardinal O'Malley's talk in particular: 'We say we should keep the faith, but we can't just keep it. We need to give it away.'"

The Perry County group also had a chance to have its picture taken in front of the cross that has been part of the event since the first World Youth Day in 1984 and the icon which has accompanied it since 2003. The

cross was displayed at the Basilica of the Holy Cross of the Military, which was built in 1811 on the site of what once was a fort occupied by the Portuguese colonial army.

"The cross was a focal point for the entire celebration, as it has been for past World Youth Days. It was a moving experience to think about the millions of people who have prayed in front of that cross, and now we were doing the same," Father Wilson said.

The three Columbus-area priests were among 11,000 priests concelebrating the final Mass on the beach, all of whom received a white chasuble as a memento of the event.

Trading of smaller keepsakes was a frequent part of the week's activities. "Our group from Michigan brought a lot of rosaries to trade, and now I have about 10 new rosaries," Damo said. "One of the personal things that I remember most was how one of the people I traded with asked me to use the rosary he gave me and to pray my first rosary with it for him.

"I also have buttons, handcrafted keychains from Peru, and slips of paper with Bible verses on them. They may be small items, but you could tell people spent a lot of time making them or that these were things of their own which meant something to them. Giving them to others wasn't something they were doing just for fun, but with a real sense of purpose and passing their faith experience on to someone else."



Left: Fathers Csaszar, Wilson, and Dury and Perry County youths, with the World Youth Day cross in center. Right: Some of the three million people at the World Youth Day closing Mass, with beachfront hotels in the background.