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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The Editor's Notebook

Counterculture

By David Garick, Editor

"I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Those words of Christ recorded in the 10th chapter of St. John's Gospel are important to keep in mind as the Church observes Respect Life Month during October.

It is amazing ... and sad ... how little things have changed in our culture from the days when Christ spoke those words 2,000 years ago. Christ made that remark in the context of his discourse on the Good Shepherd. He assailed those in this world who come "only to steal and slaughter." He called us to embrace the gift of life endowed on us by our Creator. This is the dichotomy which Pope John Paul II identified as the Culture of Life vs. the Culture of Death.

It hardly seems possible that we could need to have an annual month-long observance to remind us that life is better than death. But Jesus saw that such a message was needed in first-century Palestine, and a look around us today should make it clear that we still need to have that message emblazoned on our hearts.

Pick up any newspaper. Defenders of life are assailed as pious and oppressive troublemakers who seek to deny women their self-proclaimed right to kill unwanted children in their own wombs. Must our culture choose death over life? Every life is worth living.

We are attacked as being anti-science and a barrier to finding cures for disease because we say it is wrong to destroy living human embryos

for the sake of research, especially when science already has found that adult stem cells perform better than embryonic stem cells without having to take an innocent life. That embryo is a human life, a life that is worth living.

We are viewed as "haters" when we defend marriage as a lifelong union that creates and nurtures life, rather than adopting society's trendy, fluid relationships based on satisfying immediate needs and moving on when one's current relationship becomes unfulfilling.

We are told to get out of the way when we say that everyone has the right to live until the point of natural death – a death that should not be hastened by euthanasia, withdrawal of medical support, or execution. There is no such thing as disposable people. Even in difficult circumstances, every life is worth living.

We seem to be out of step with modern culture. But Christ was also out of step with the culture. His stand for life led to the cross. We are called to be like Christ. We are called to be counterculture evangelists who will stand up to the culture of death and say loud and clear that this is wrong. We are called to speak for a world of life that elevates us to the purposes envisioned by the Creator of the universe. That means we, too, must take up the cross. We do it because it is good. Because it is right. Because life is better than death.


**MSGR. ROBERT E. SCHNEIDER
PASSED AWAY ON
OCTOBER 10, 2015**


Funeral Mass for Msgr. Robert E. Schneider, 84, who died Saturday, Oct. 10, was held Thursday, Oct. 15, at Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born May 12, 1931 in Detroit to Elmer and Cecilia (Stumph) Schneider. He graduated from St. David School in Detroit in 1945 and Sacred Heart Seminary High School in Detroit in 1949, studied at Sacred Heart Seminary for two more years, and received his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1953 from Columbus St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He completed his theological studies at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Cincinnati, and was ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 25, 1957 by Bishop Edward G. Hettinger.

He was assigned to assist at various Portsmouth-area parishes in the summer of 1957, then served as associate pastor at Columbus Holy Cross Church (1957-60), Lancaster St. Mary Church (1960-63), the cathedral (1963-67), Coshocton Sacred Heart Church (1967-69), and Delaware St. Mary Church. (1969-70).

He served as pastor at LaRue St. Joseph Church (1970-74) and Dennison Immaculate Conception Church (1974-76), was co-pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church (1976-80), was administrator pro tem of Millersburg St. Peter Church (1980-81), served as associate pastor pro tem at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church (1981), then became pastor of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church (1981-92) and Strasburg St. Aloysius and Bolivar St. Stephen churches (1992-95) before concluding his pastoral ministry at Coshocton Sacred Heart (1995-02).

In retirement, he lived at the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus and assisted at several parishes, including Granville St. Edward and Columbus Christ the King. He also was a teacher at Columbus St. Joseph Academy (1958-60 and 1963-67) and served as director of the diocesan family life bureau in the 1970s.

He was named a monsignor in 1995 by Pope St. John Paul II, with the title prelate of honor.

Cathedral preparing for "very busy, spiritually fruitful day"

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral is preparing for an extremely significant event – the arrival of the sacred remains of St. Maria Goretti on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

"This is an exciting spiritual opportunity for the faithful to venerate her sacred remains," said Father Michael Lumpe, cathedral rector. "It is going to be a very busy, spiritually fruitful day. We are honored to host her sacred remains as part of a national Pilgrimage of Mercy."

This is the first time St. Maria Goretti's remains have been taken from Italy to the United States. She is the patroness of mercy, and the stop in Columbus is part of a special pilgrimage to the United States in preparation for the Extraordinary Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. It is being coordinated by the Holy See's Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Treasures of the Vatican organization. The cathedral is the only place where the remains will be seen in Ohio.

Veneration for the saint's remains will begin at 11 a.m., will continue until a special Mass at 7 p.m., and will resume following Mass until 11 p.m. The cathedral's regularly scheduled Wednesday Masses and Holy Hour will not take place. There are no reservations for veneration. All are welcome to come throughout the day and evening.

"For an opportunity such as this, it would not be feasible, nor would it be fair to the faithful, to have reserved times for veneration," said Father Lumpe. "Just come and enjoy this moment, no matter the time spent in line, no matter the weather. Common sense prevails by wearing comfortable shoes and dressing for the weather. This is a day to be joyous with one another, as we are all pilgrims – brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus – all seeking this singular opportunity for veneration, to pray with one another and enjoy one another's company."

"It has been said that 'patience is a virtue,'" Father Lumpe added. "Pastors of churches where veneration of the sacred remains of St. Maria Goretti already has taken place have said there were long lines.

"But despite the wait, this is a wonderful thing. It is gratifying to know that in this day of rushing from pillar to post, people are willing to make a

special trip to stand in line – at times for long periods – to venerate her sacred remains. Those who have made this special effort say they walked away spiritually renewed. And that, folks, is what a pilgrimage is all about."

Much planning has gone into preparing for this event.

"We have looked at the best possible flow of persons into the cathedral for veneration and prayer, and to exit," Father Lumpe said. "Obviously, we have use of the elevator for the handicapped who require this. For all others, there is one way into the cathedral and two ways out."

All persons will enter through the main center doors of the cathedral, located at 212 E. Broad St., forming two lines. If you are in a group, you should stay in the same line, as you will exit either through the Fifth Street side door of the cathedral or through the courtyard door.

Actual veneration of the sacred remains will be for just a few moments, keeping in mind the anticipated crowd. Persons desiring to stay for prayer and meditation after their opportunity for up-close veneration are welcome to do so by going to any available pew.

Knights of Columbus will be at specific points to help usher people into and out of the cathedral and stand as an honor guard for the sacred remains.

"We could not be doing this without the great assistance of the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers, and we thank everyone for their help," Father Lumpe said.

He said that inside the cathedral during the period of veneration, the rosary will be prayed constantly, which is appropriate given the occasion and October's designation as the Month of the Rosary.

"As people enter the cathedral, they can enter into a more prayerful mode as the line gradually moves closer for each person to venerate the sacred remains of St. Maria Goretti," Father Lumpe said.

The cathedral has designed a special holy card for the occasion, with an image of St. Maria Goretti and important dates in her brief life on one side, and two prayers on the reverse. These holy cards will be blessed and given to each person as a memento of the pilgrimage.



Parking is perhaps the biggest challenge, as the cathedral is not blessed with an abundant parking lot.

"I wish we had a multilevel parking deck, but we don't, so we are making the best of what we have to work with in downtown Columbus," said Father Lumpe. "Planning ahead will be to everyone's advantage."

"We have been working with the Columbus Division of Police to have dropoff and pick-up areas for buses, and additional on-street parking for persons with disabilities who have a valid disability placard hanging from their vehicle's rear-view mirror," Father Lumpe said. "The Columbus police are the experts with traffic logistics, and we are very grateful for their help and additional suggestions they have provided."

Parking meters on the north side of East Broad Street in front of the cathedral and the diocesan Chancery will be bagged for "no parking," allowing

buses to drop off passengers.

Once passengers leave, the buses may proceed to a bus-only parking lot two miles away on the south side of West Broad Street next to State Route 315 – property owned by Columbus Holy Family Church. Buses can wait there until drivers receive a call from their group organizer to return and pick up passengers.

Pickup will take place on the south side of East Broad Street, across from the cathedral. Parking meters will be bagged for "no parking" in this area as well. During the evening, rush-hour public transit buses must be attentive to parking restrictions as posted.

Columbus police officers will be at crosswalks near the cathedral to assist persons crossing the street.

The cathedral parking lot will have special-access parking for that day, primarily for volunteers and for handicapped persons whose vehicles have rear-view mirror placards. The number of parking spaces at the cathedral is very limited, so please plan accordingly for alternate parking and/or transportation should the need arise.

Parking meters in the alley just west of the cathedral, between the Chancery and the skyscraper next door, will be bagged for handicap parking only.

Handicap access to the cathedral is available via the elevator entrance on the west side of the cathedral, in the courtyard area.

There are a number of public parking garages and surface lots in the blocks surrounding the cathedral, but keep in mind that Oct. 21 is a business day and parking lots and garages may be nearly full with regular customers. Don't be discouraged. Plan ahead, and have options and alternative parking plans at the ready.

The Statehouse Square and Columbus Commons areas are within walking distance of the cathedral and have several public parking garages and lots.

Father Lumpe has suggested that people living in the Columbus area wishing to take part in the pilgrimage consider using the buses operated by the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA).

"We have an excellent public transportation system in Columbus. It's an easy way to get to and from the down-

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Pennybags

Did you find a good way to refine your life last week? There were two suggestions. One had to do with just a small amount of extra effort to care for the earth and our natural environment. All it takes is a more positive attitude and a desire to waste less. I actually recycled and reused a couple of items around the house that I normally would have thrown away. Also, as the weather turned colder, I did the usual check of the furnace and replaced the filter. I now have the temperature set one degree lower than normal. We will see how that goes. The other suggestion had to do with prayer. It was the most simple of all, and I have made a choice to pray more often in the car and turn off the radio. We will see how that goes, also. Fine-tuning and refinement are always in vogue.

October is Respect Life Month. It is very nicely woven together with one of the months to focus on praying the rosary. The horrors and abominations of how we disrespect life in today's world are so clear that I think sometimes we have become numb to their existence. It is incredible that we sit idly by as we surpass 40 years of abortion in this nation. Now our tax dollars go to support the marketing of body parts from those slaughtered babies. It seems as though more of us clamor for lower taxes and redistribution of tax revenue than care about the same dollars going to the extermination of human life, the experimentation with body parts, and the population control modeled after the practices of the Nazis. How soon we forget, and we move on. Now we have a supposed Catholic governor in California signing a law that allows the terminally ill and elderly to end their lives with "dignity." Of course, on the positive side, look at how technology has improved our lives in the past 50 years: disposable pens, disposable diapers, disposable razors, and now disposable grandparents. But there are so many other ways in which we disrespect life. Maybe these have helped to lay the foundation for where we are today. We look around the world and watch wars being waged, and marvel at how horrible the civil wars are. Then we turn around and fight to keep refugees out of our nation. We are disgusted and alarmed by the shootings and murders in our own city. Then we get nervous as they bleed out into the suburbs more and more. We hopefully and rightfully vote "No" against the legalization of marijuana. Then we get hammered on alcohol at a party and either drive home carelessly or get a designated driver. Texting while driving, ignoring the homeless as we walk past, gluttony, hoarding of our resources, and even voter apathy are all ways that support a firm foundation of disrespecting life at all levels. One of the good reasons to vote against the legalization of marijuana is the blatant establishment of a monopoly. This is Uncle Pennybags at his best. He is the Monopoly man we know so well on the board game. But think about all the other issues related to the abuse of life. Every one is tied somehow to money. Everyone has his or her own Uncle Pennybags. We need to retire him forever.

Our practical challenge this week is to cash in our pennies. We must consciously make an effort to keep our penny bags empty. Not one concern or industry that disrespects life is worth a single penny of our time or investment. Fight to keep Uncle Pennybags broke and in jail without a "get out of jail free" card. Do not turn your back. Be vocal, educate others, and be an example of life.

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Charismatic Women's Retreat

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal will sponsor its 29th annual women's retreat from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 23 to 25, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The retreat, titled "Growing in Love With God and One Another," is for women in any stage of life who want to experience God's love in a personal way and desire to personally know Jesus and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, and for those looking for deeper prayer and desiring inner healing reflections on marriage and family life.

Retreat director Claire Casey Matthews has served on leadership teams for prayer groups and retreats. She has been on parish councils in several

parishes, including the founding parish council at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. She currently is co-leader of a prayer group with her husband. She also is fund raising coordinator for the national service committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, where her husband, Walter, is executive director.

The retreat will begin Friday at 6 p.m. and includes Mass on Friday and Saturday (Sunday vigil Mass), the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and time for individual rest and reflection, plus music by The Daughters of Song.

For more information, go to www.ccr-columbus.org or call (614) 500-8115.

Catholic Conversations

The "Catholic Conversation" series sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church will host best-selling author and radio host Patrick Madrid on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Makoy Center, 5462 Center St., Hilliard.

Madrid's topic will be "The Godless Delusion: A Catholic Critique of Modern Atheism." In recent years, militant atheists have been stepping up their attacks on belief in the existence of God, using mass media and the Internet to shake the faith of believers.

This talk offers a robust philosophical

critique of the central atheist presupposition: naturalism, the worldview which holds that everything that exists is material, and therefore, nothing immaterial (such as God, angels, or human souls) can possibly exist. The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

There will be an \$18 charge for this event, which includes a light buffet. A cash bar will be available. To register, visit Eventbrite and search "Catholic Conversations." For questions, contact Nancy Whetstone at nancywhetstone@gmail.com or Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com.

Bishop calls Catholic men to get off sidelines, step 'into the breach'

By Tony Gutierrez
Catholic News Service

Catholic men must reclaim and live the virtue of Christian masculinity, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix says in his newly released apostolic exhortation, *Into the Breach*.

Addressed to Catholic men in the diocese — "my spiritual sons," as the bishop calls them — it charges them to be prepared for spiritual battle for their souls and the souls of their families.

The name of the exhortation is taken from a passage from the Book of Ezekiel: "And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land."

Citing statistics about decreasing involvement in parish life and participation in the sacraments, the bishop, a former president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, notes that "while we know that Christ welcomes back every repentant sinner, the truth is that large numbers of Catholic men are failing to keep the promises they made at their children's baptisms — promises to bring them to Christ and to raise them in the faith of the church."

In defining what it means to be a Catholic man, Bishop Olmsted says that Jesus, fully God and fully man, is the perfection of masculinity. "Only in Jesus Christ can we find the highest display of masculine virtue and strength that we need in our personal lives and in society itself," he says.

Bishop Olmsted offers the saints as models of masculinity, recommending male saints such as St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas More,

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, and others as examples.

Bishop Olmsted then asks: How does a Catholic man love? He describes the types of masculine love: as friend, husband, and father. Stressing the importance of men finding a "band of brothers" to join in Christian fraternity, he offers the diocesan men's conferences, the Knights of Columbus, the "That Man Is You!" program and the Cursillo movement as examples.

"We see that Jesus called his disciples to himself in such a way that they would form deep bonds of friendship and brotherhood," Bishop Olmsted says. "I am convinced that if men will seek true brotherhood, the adversities we face today will solidify bands of brothers who will be lauded in heaven!" adds the bishop.

He challenges young men to prepare for marriage before meeting their future brides. "Such training in sacrifice is to love your bride before you meet her, so that you may one day say, 'Before I knew you, I was faithful to you,'" he says.

He reminds those called to be husbands of St. Paul's exhortation for husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church. "This is the glory, men! Called to marriage, you are called to be as Christ to your bride," he says.

"We need to see masculine chastity for what it is, whereas too often, this virtue is seen in negative light, as something weak," adds the bishop. "Chastity is strength and a rejection of slavery to the passions. Christians have always believed that chastity, whether in marriage or celibacy, is a freedom from the

enslavement to sin and our passions." Tackling the sins of pornography and masturbation, he says that while the culture wrongly encourages these "narcissistic" habits, they do nothing more than teach men to use others.

"Think of pornography as just as serious and no less grave than adultery," he says. "To attempt to love another person while engaging in this practiced narcissism, without being transformed by mercy, will surely bring grave harm."

By considering the contexts of temptations, we are able to invite God to send his grace, says the bishop, adding that "superabundant grace and support" is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Through building purity of heart, men, you will not only see God in the women in your lives but also in yourselves, also the 'image of God'! Even if the darkness seems insurmountable, Christ never abandons us," he says.

Moving into the final section of his exhortation, Bishop Olmsted notes that the number of children born to unmarried homes has increased 700 percent since 1950, and notes that there are people in the culture who don't see fatherlessness as a problem.

"Do not be fooled by those voices wishing to erase all distinctions between mothers and fathers, ignoring the complementarity that is inherent in creation itself," he says. "Step up and lovingly, patiently take up your God-given role as protector, provider and spiritual leader of your home. A father's role as spiritual head of the family must never be understood or undertaken as domination over others, but only as a loving leadership and a gentle guidance for those in your care."

Fatherhood, whether in a family or through the priesthood, reflects imper-

fectly the fatherhood of God, Bishop Olmsted says.

"To fully live, all men must be fathers and live out their fatherhood!" says Bishop Olmsted. "If you do not embrace the spousal and fatherly vocation God has planned for you, you will be stuck in the impotence of the 'seed' that refuses to die and refuses to give life. Don't settle for this half-life! The question for every man is not, 'Am I called to be a father?' but rather, 'What kind of father am I called to be?'"

In a special section devoted to grandfathers, Bishop Olmsted remembers his own grandfathers, who passed along to him faith, the value of hard work, and a respect for all other people and for God's creation.

Bishop Olmsted also has a message for those whose fathers were absent in their lives. "There are many reasons why men abandon their responsibilities, or even if they remain, stay distant, as a result of the lack of positive experience of fatherhood in their own lives," he says. "This wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ... Allow Christ to show you the Father who never abandons his children, but rather offers his only begotten Son."

He encourages those who have failed in their role as a father to ask God the Father to guide them and to seek renewal in prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The bishop concludes his exhortation with a call to action:

"We need to get off the sidelines and stand up for life on the front lines. We need faith like that of our fathers who defended the children of previous generations and who gave up their own lives rather than abandon their faith in Christ. My sons and brothers, men of the Diocese of Phoenix, we need you to step into the breach!" he says.

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Morphine to the terminally ill; Confession and dementia



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. What is the church's position on the practice of administering morphine to a terminally ill patient until he or she dies? (Indianapolis)

A. Morphine, which is a strong opiate, is commonly administered to dying patients to help ease their pain, and this is not only permitted by the church, but encouraged. The answer to your question has everything to do with intention. The purpose of the drug is not to hasten death, but to help provide comfort in dealing with pain.

Some medical experts have said that in most cases, the use of morphine may prolong life by relieving anxiety and suffering. But if an unintended consequence of the morphine were to shorten somewhat the patient's life, the medication still would be justified under the traditional moral principle of double effect.

As St. John Paul II said in *Evangelium Vitae* ("The Gospel of Life") in No. 65: "In such a case ... death is not willed or sought, even though for reasonable motives one runs the risk of it: There is simply a desire to ease pain effectively by using the analgesics which medicine provides."

I would, though, offer one caution. Many years ago, Pope Pius XII was asked by a group of physicians whether narcotics could be used to remove pain and consciousness at the approach of death, even if that might shorten life.

He is quoted, also in No. 65 of the document, as saying that "if no other means exist, and if, in the given circumstances, this does not prevent the carrying out of other religious and moral duties." So before the morphine might result in rendering the patient comatose, that patient surely should be offered the opportunity to speak with a priest in case there might be any unfinished

business.

Q. I am 87 years old, a Catholic all my life, and I have been diagnosed with dementia. My memory is terrible; my wife has to identify even relatives for me by name. How should I handle this problem in confession with a priest? Should I tell him my problem first? I have always used the commandments of God and the church in examining my conscience, but now I wonder if I should be wasting a priest's time by going to confession if I can't even remember my sins. I'm looking forward to a response which will let me continue to be a good Catholic. (City of origin withheld)

A. You certainly are a "good Catholic," and your devotion to the sacraments is commendable. I would encourage you to continue to go to confession, even though you can't remember specific sins.

Tell the priest that you are 87 years old and have been diagnosed with dementia, that you can't remember any specific sins, but that if there's anything you have done to offend the Lord, you are sorry.

You surely have the sincere contrition that is required for the sacrament, and the priest will give you absolution for any and all sins. (And if you can't remember what penance the priest has given you, don't worry: just say an Our Father and a Hail Mary.)

The sacrament will bring you grace and blessings. Each sacrament is an act of worship, because you are thanking God for his goodness. (Pope Francis has said that he goes to confession every couple of weeks and that it helps him to think about the great mercy of the Lord.)

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



COLUMBUS ST. PETER CHURCH CELEBRATES THE POPE'S VISIT

In recognition of the visit of Pope Francis to the United States and his particular focus on the eighth World Meeting of Families, Columbus St. Peter Church parishioners gathered on Sunday, Sept. 27 to celebrate the St. Peter Festival of Families. More than 200 parishioners gathered to have fun, share lunch, learn more about the availability of family resources, and watch highlights of the pope's activities in Washington, New York, and Philadelphia.

Tommy Rowlands, a two-time NCAA and Big Ten Conference wrestling champion, three-time NCAA finalist, and four-time All-American for The Ohio State University who went on to an outstanding international wrestling career, was the keynote speaker. His account of personal faith and its impact on his ability to deal with success and failure throughout his wrestling career sparked comments and questions from young athletes and their parents alike.

His keynote was followed by a presentation (pictured above) and archery demonstration by representatives of Catholic Youth Summer Camp. Calling on their experiences at the camp, they described the sur-

prises, joy, and fulfillment they experienced while making friends and participating in camp activities in a Catholic environment. Two camp scholarships were awarded to young people who attended the festival.

Parishioners were treated to a picnic lunch prepared by the Knights of Columbus while highlights of Pope Francis' visit were projected on a large screen. In support of the pope's mandate to prayer, humility, and a focus on the underserved, participants were able to attach personal prayers to a large prayer cross and to decorate and fill bags with personal items such as shampoo and toothpaste that had been donated by parishioners for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry. Participants also were encouraged to take selfies with a life-size cutout of the pope.

Those artistically inclined were able to participate in "Praying with Paint," using a unique art form known as suminagashi. Pope Francis' favorite devotion, to Mary, Undoer of Knots, was highlighted at an information center that provided background and history of the devotion. Answering a questionnaire on "Fanciful Francis Facts" allowed participants to compete for a Pope Francis doll.

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a prayerful virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.

During this guided Lourdes experience, visitors will immerse themselves in the Gospel message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette.

There will be an opportunity to touch the grotto rock and to experience the

healing grace of Lourdes water.

As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, visitors will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the rosary. A plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a virtual pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers.

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JAILED FOR DEFENDING MARRIAGE



MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Kim Davis, the now-famous clerk in Rowan County, Kentucky, who became known for her refusal to issue marriage licenses, was arrested and incarcerated in September of 2015. She had refused to affix her signature to licenses being sought by two people of the same sex, even after the U.S. Supreme Court had legalized gay marriage. She said signing the licenses would force her to act against her conscience and her deeply held religious convictions. Her resolve to stop issuing licenses under these circumstances needs to be grasped for what it really is; namely, a morally coherent course of action that respects the authentic nature of marriage and recognizes the duties of an informed conscience.

Jonathan Adler, a law professor at Case Western University in Cleveland, noted that Davis "asked to be the person who issues marriage licenses. And the state defines who is eligible to marry," and sometimes "the eligibility changes."

In point of fact, he only begs the question under dispute. Opponents of the Supreme Court's *Obergefell* decision stress that the state does not determine the nature of marriage; instead, it is nature that makes that determination through the radical complementarity of man and woman, a reality entirely outside the purview of the state to redefine or negate. The unique and exclusive eligibility of one man and one woman to marry each other cannot be changed by court order, any more than gravity can be overturned by court decree.

Commenting on the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, Ed Peters, a canonist in Detroit, explains it this way:

"Five justices imposed on marriage (true marriage, natural marriage, traditional marriage, whatever pleonastic phrase one wishes to use) the lie that marriage includes the union of two persons of the same sex. ... The Court has published a naked, gross falsehood that tears simultaneously at the fabric of law, language, family, and society. The word 'marriage' has, and will always have, an objectively true meaning—no matter how many times it has been degraded."

Davis resolutely declined to lend her signature, and the authority of her office, to affirm this falsehood.

Even so, various commentators have tried to insist that Davis was elected to serve as a government official and should carry out the provisions of the law, even if she might not agree with them. But this argument is flawed on at least four counts.

First, the claim that public servants have a stringent duty to uphold the law tends to be selectively ap-

plied by those who make the claim. Nearly 18 months before Davis was jailed, and 15 months before the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, another public servant in Kentucky—Jack Conway, the state attorney general—failed to carry out his duty of defending the Kentucky Constitution, which affirms marriage to be between one man and one woman. He publicly refused to defend the law of the Commonwealth before the Supreme Court, and was praised and celebrated for his decision by many voices in the national media and the legal establishment. Conway's refusal to perform this duty clearly contravened Kentucky law KRS522.020; nevertheless, he was neither punished nor incarcerated for his failure to uphold the fundamental marriage laws of the state.

Second, it would be wrong to suppose that workers and employees are mere cogs in the machinery of governments or corporations, mindlessly following orders. Many German government officials and workers seemed to make this assumption during the last world war. Officials and employees are, rather, called to assist their employers in an attentive and collaborative way, so that the work of the institution or corporation they represent is marked by integrity and sound ethics. Davis sought to conscientiously protect the integrity of marriage and the work carried out in the clerk's office by declining to issue licenses to two people of the same sex.

Third, when Davis was elected to the office of county clerk, gay marriage was still illegal, so she was elected to a position where, some time later, the ground beneath her feet abruptly shifted, and a new job description requiring her to violate her conscience was suddenly thrust upon her. Simply put, she hadn't signed up for this.

Fourth, legality does not automatically equate to morality. If workers or officials are asked to perform a gravely immoral activity, even one sanctioned by a legislature, a parliament, or a Supreme Court, they must instead advert to a higher law, and individual conscience rights must be safeguarded to assure that they are not forced to comply with serious wrongdoing.

In sum, Davis' measured actions at the clerk's office in Kentucky offer a coherent and courageous response to chaotic attempts to undermine marriage and the rule of law. Our society needs more of her coherence and courage, not less.

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Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School and seven of its teachers receive awards

The Ohio Academy of Science has selected Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School and seven of its teachers to receive the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for excellence in STEM (science, technology, education, and mathematics) education for their accomplishments during the 2014-2015 school year. This is the ninth year in a row that the school and its teachers have received the honor.

Teachers who were honored with this award include (from left): first row, Barbara Nowlin, middle school language arts and social studies; Deborah Fyffe, fourth grade; and Danielle McDaniel, junior high science and computers; second row, Carrie Hill, fifth grade; Terrina Fahnestock, junior high math; Hillery Kennedy, preschool; and Dianne Cryder, third grade and Robotics Club.

The criteria for the award are to: (1) conduct a local science fair with 20 or more students, (2) qualify one or more students for one of the academy's 16 district science days, (3) have students

participate in at least one youth science opportunity beyond the classroom, such as State Science Day, visits to museums, mentorship programs, or extended field trips; and (4) convince external professionals from STEM business, industry, government, and academic employers how and to what extent the school's program meets the academy's definition of STEM education.

"Schools and teachers that are awarded the Thomas Edison Award for excellence in STEM education continue to provide their students with hands-on education opportunities," said Stephen McConoughey, the academy's chief executive officer. "Science is a subject and process that is best learned by doing. The schools and teachers recognized by this award are finding new, creative ways to engage the students above and beyond the traditional methods.

"These innovative techniques will benefit the students as these teachers are striving to develop our next gen-



eration of scientists for Ohio and the nation. In addition, we greatly appreciate having volunteers from industry and academia to review these applications. Their experience of using science on a daily basis provides a great perspective for reviewing of these applications."

The school will receive a special certificate. Each honored teacher received a complimentary membership to the Ohio Academy of Science. This program is sponsored by the Ohio Third Frontier program of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

New Learning Spaces at St. Brigid

Students at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School have spent the last month finding out how the school's new learning spaces can help them integrate topics related to science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics (STREAM).

The last pieces of furniture for the areas were delivered on Friday, Sept. 11, just in time for a dedication and open house six days later.

"Our new learning spaces will allow for our students to have even more opportunities to investigate, discover,



create, and collaborate," said Kathleen O'Reilly, school principal. "The learning lab will allow teachers and students to be better able to address STREAM programs."

She said the school's previous science lab space had become undersized when considering the number of students enrolled at the school and the types of hands-on learning desired by teachers and students.

The availability of personal technology may have appeared to eliminate the need for a full-size designated computer lab, but the lab space was retained to give younger students a setting to practice basic computer skills and keyboarding. In addition, students of all ages are learning to write code, program robots, and design 3D objects to be printed with a 3D printer.

"Our new learning lab, makerspace, research and resource center will allow for ease of implementing complex science labs, creating videos using a green screen, and easy access to a 3D printer, and will provide materials and space for brainstorming and creating."

Seating areas at the center are easily movable, allowing for more flexibility and encouraging small-group learning.



A variety of activities can go on at the same time at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School's research and resource center, dedicated about a month ago. Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

O'Reilly said. "It also will have areas to encourage research and checking-out of books, as well as places to have access to technology or quiet time to think.

Under the guidance of parents Tracy and Mike Healey and with a very generous gift from a parishioner, our 21st-century committee of teachers is now able to see its dreaming, brainstorming, and planning come to fruition," she said. "We have built our new learning spaces. and will be working for the next several years to train our teachers, enabling them to work with our students to effectively embrace and

develop the ideas of STREAM and the endless opportunities for learning."

The school also has updated its technology throughout the building by retiring its SMART boards and installing 48 SMART televisions in all classrooms and learning spaces. Additionally, an integrated sound system with high-quality microphones has been installed in each classroom, allowing teachers to move around the classroom naturally while having students feel as though they are sitting next to the teacher. The system also will allow for recording of classroom lessons.



Faith Revealed



Men by Faith
J. P. Leo Thomas

Is there any one event in your life that changed the way you look and react to others? Or has it been a series of events leading to a point where you now do things differently as a result? When you have looked into the eyes of someone who needed your help and love, have you turned aside and shied away out of fear?

Even in the beginning of Christianity, the Apostles left or tried to escape the responsibilities to which Jesus entrusted them. In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, St. Peter reacts to the differing needs of his followers by trying to be all things to all people. In the end, he realizes that people come to us from different circumstances in life and should be judged not by their status, but by their faith in each other.

I had the privilege of attending a picnic for the homeless this past September. These people have been marginalized and forgotten. For those fortunate enough to survive, the struggle seems to take on a deeper meaning. While we worry about next month's bills and about our families, their worries involve just trying to live for another day. They have no plans for the future. Their only wish is to have something to eat, a place to sleep, and a possession they can call their own.

As I spoke to these special people, I reminded them that there is someone who has not forgotten them, that He is with them all of their lives and continues

to guide them in faith. He is not judgmental, He does not require anything from you but your love, and He wants only that you live your life out in hope and prayer. Although I got a few wide eyes from the crowd, most were receptive to my words and listened.

They came there for a day to be treated as equals and to have some happy time with the company of others. They could talk, shop, eat, and be entertained and feel their lives truly mattered. At least for a day, their cares and woes could be forgotten, and they could live as they were meant to live, in the way Christ wanted them to live.

It is our responsibility to keep their memory alive, to change the way we perceive a stranger, and to try and give something back in response to the things that have been given to us. When you allow yourself to become caught up in the moment, your way of

thinking changes. You do things differently. Your senses are more acute to the people you meet along the way. You are more humble. You are a little more understanding.

Stay true to God's commandments. Pray for those less fortunate than yourself and keep them in your heart. For it is through faith that we believe, it is by faith that we offer ourselves to others, and it is in faith by which the spirit, in each and every one of us, is called to action. I am reminded of what Blessed John Henry Newman once said: "With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to color all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event."

So at this time of year, when the light of fall spreads its glow across the skies, bring forth that spirit and give not only of your time, but of your whole self, unbridled, unafraid, and confident that with Christ, you can and will accomplish great things.

May those without a home find shelter, a bed to lie in, food to sustain them, and clothing to keep them warm. Remind them that God never abandons His children and He never forgets them. He may come to them in the form of one of us, giving, out of a simple act of random kindness, our true faith revealed.

Thomas attends Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

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St. Rose students study arthropods

Students in Sean Ewing's first-grade and Megan Reed's fourth-grade classes at New Lexington St. Rose School recently had the rare treat of observing an intact horseshoe crab. Emmy Decore and her brother, Bodie, who are in the fourth and first grades respectively, found the nine-inch crab while vacationing on the beach at Rodanthe, North Carolina, and took it home. Their mother, Larissa Cline, brought it to school to help the fourth-graders in their studies about arthropods. The students were able to touch the crab, discussed its life cycle and its diet, and had a chance to ask questions about it.

Photo courtesy St. Rose School

DEALING WITH ILLNESS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

“Experiencing suffering — or watching another suffer — is one of the hardest human experiences,” writes Cardinal Sean O’Malley, archbishop of Boston and chair of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee, in his message for Respect Life Month 2015.

But as two Columbus-area professionals who work with the seriously and terminally ill point out, dealing with such people’s health issues and the suffering they face can be a time that brings great insights into life for an affected person and his or her caregivers, family, and friends.

“When people are confronted with the challenges of a serious illness, they have choices in terms of what meaning they bring to the situation,” said Rabbi Cary Kozberg, who for 25 years was spiritual life director at Wexner Heritage Village in Columbus and has been a frequent speaker for Institute of Maturing Spirituality programs at the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus.

“They can see what’s happening to them as a punishment, a struggle they don’t deserve, or they can choose to respond to it as a way of seeking improvement of their souls and a means of further redemption,” he said. “As God said to Moses, ‘I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live’” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

“There is a peace of mind and empowerment that comes with greater understanding of one’s own health care,” said Dr. Annette Ticoras, owner of Guided Patient Services, a business she started this past February to provide advocacy and navigation services for people facing serious health care issues.

“When people find they have a serious illness, it makes them stop and think. People often don’t like to discuss about health-related issues. We’re a society in denial,” she said. “Diagnosis of a serious illness often changes that, especially in situations where the illness involves the likelihood that someone will

die within a specified time frame. It makes people realize what’s important to them and talk about it.

“Attitude is everything in these situations. Serious illnesses are bad things, yes. They’re tests, they’re challenges, but they’re not punishments. What’s important, especially immediately after a diagnosis, is how you respond. That’s something anyone can work on now, whether they’re facing this type of challenge or not. Think about the potential that you will face a serious health situation some day, and how you would react.”

Ticoras and Kozberg said that how a person’s friends and family respond to a serious illness plays a significant role in how that person deals with it. Both agreed on the importance of a measured response to any unfavorable diagnosis.

“Caregivers tend to say ‘I can do this myself,’ and jump into things head-first,” Ticoras said. “You can’t do this alone. Your own health is going to suffer. If the caregiver isn’t healthy, it’s not good for anyone.

“It’s been traditional that most caregivers have been female, but as gender roles change and people are living longer, more males are taking that role. Researchers have been studying the impact of gender roles on caregiving, and it’s interesting how males and females differ in that regard.

“Each gender has strengths and weaknesses. These may be stereotypical, but the studies have shown that males are very task-oriented. They see a problem, develop a plan, and execute it, and don’t get caught up in the emotional aspects of a situation. Women, meanwhile, are more nurturing and more willing to ask for help. It’s important to note that all these responses are meaningful. There are gender differences, but no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ way of caring.”

“My first advice to anyone placed into a caregiving situation is to take a deep breath and see what can be done,” said Kozberg. “Get as much as information as possible. Don’t get to a point where it leads to a sense of martyrdom. I’ve seen it happen

many times where it’s the caregivers who passed away first because they didn’t remain connected to their own support network.

“One of the most religious lines I’ve heard comes from an unlikely source — Clint Eastwood in *Magnum Force*. In that picture, he says ‘A man’s got to know his limitations.’ That’s good advice for the seriously ill and for caregivers.”

Kozberg’s many years of dealing with people in such situations and with dementia patients led to his recent decision to leave Wexner Heritage Village and begin a Columbus-based service known as Side By Side, which he describes as “life transitions coaching for the later years.” It offers guidance and assistance related to writing advanced medical directives (living wills), determining appropriate living situations, choosing palliative or hospice care, and coping with the dynamics of challenging family systems.

Ticoras, an internist, left her medical practice for several years to raise three children. During that period, she helped guide several friends through the increasingly complex health care system. When her youngest child entered high school, she decided to get back into the health care field and enter the small, but growing field of patient advocacy.

“If someone gets a diagnosis that needs a lot of attention, they usually don’t know what to do next,” she said. “I help make sense of the situation. For instance, if someone is diagnosed with cancer, I help create a plan, tell the person why we’re going, say, to a radiation oncologist, then to a chemotherapy center. I explain what happens next, accompany people to appointments, tell them how things are going to be evaluated, and make certain they understand how things that seem to be confusing are connected.

“Even people with plenty of intelligence and people in the medical care system get overwhelmed when they’re vulnerable. People don’t hear things clearly at times like this. They may think ‘I’m going to die’ when they’re going through

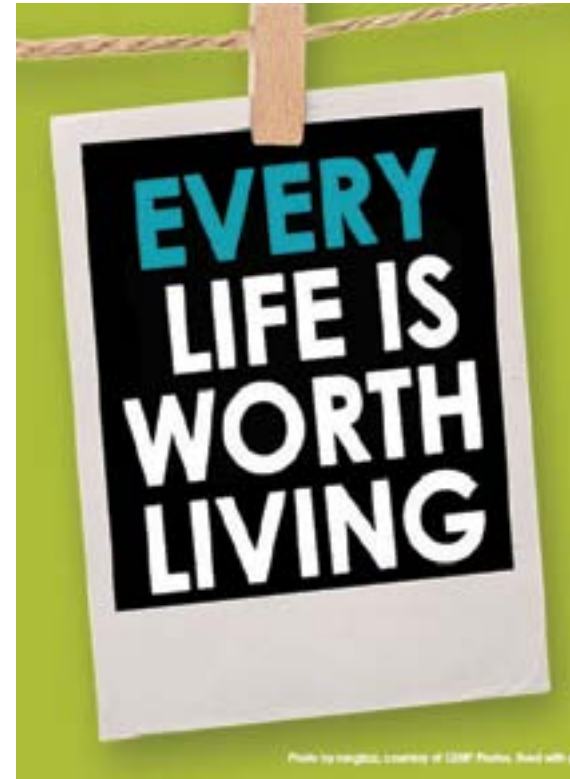
routine procedures for their situation. I make sure they understand where they are in a particular process and that their voices are heard, and that their health care providers communicate with each other. It’s all about making good choices.”

“Technologically, health care has gotten so much better in the last 25 years, but it seems like we’re losing the human touch,” Kozberg said. “There is so much more to deal with in the way of regulations and documentation, but that’s not conducive to providing quality care for the spirit. Every hospital is wrestling with this.

“One example of what I mean by this involves what’s happening with hospital chaplains. If chaplaincy positions aren’t being cut, then chaplains have to see more people. I know that’s true in the Catholic Church because you have fewer priests, but it’s what’s happening in all denominations.

“It’s a chronic challenge making some in the medical profession see that a chaplain is an important part of the whole medical care team. A chaplain isn’t just there to hold a patient’s hand, say a prayer, and walk out, but is as involved with a person’s treatment as anyone else.

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Cardinal O’Malley in 2015 Respect Life Month Message: “Every Life is Worth Living”

People discover their worth when they learn their true identity as persons who are created in God’s image and called to an eternal destiny with him, said Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Boston, in the annual Respect Life statement of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cardinal O’Malley is chairman of the bishops’ committee on pro-life activities.

Respect Life Month, observed in October, begins the new yearlong cycle of the Respect Life program, which continues through the following September. It is a time dedicated by the bishops for the Church nationwide to bring attention to, celebrate, and work and pray for the protection of the gift of human life. The first Sunday of the month — Oct. 4 this year — is designated as Respect Life Sunday.

The USCCB secretariat of pro-life activities publishes new materials each year on various human life issues to aid local efforts within the Church related to building a culture of life throughout the year. The theme of the 2015-16 Respect Life program is “Every life is worth living.”

“Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift,” wrote Cardinal O’Malley. “At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love.”

Cardinal O’Malley wrote that nothing can diminish a person’s God-given dignity or the worth of his or her life, only that others may fail to respect human dignity. He also wrote that encountering another’s suffering, while difficult, is an opportunity to embrace that person with love, attention, and prayer.

HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Pregnancy should be a time of joyful expectation. But there are times when the prenatal screening which has become a routine part of obstetric care indicates that an infant in the womb is likely to be born with a disability or a life-threatening condition, and when further testing leads to a diagnosis confirming those indications.

This can be devastating news to the parents of such a child. They may not know what to do and where to turn. As the only Catholic hospital system in most of the Diocese of Columbus, Mount Carmel Health offers comfort, education, and support to parents of such children in a variety of ways.

“I’ve dealt with many families in this type of situation in 22 years specializing in perinatal care,” said Dr. Phillip Shubert (pictured), director of maternal-fetal medicine for the Mount Carmel Health system, who was selected as 2015 health care practitioner of the year by *Columbus CEO* magazine. “The first thing we do at Mount Carmel once the parents are given the information is discuss all the options available to them, except abortion.

“It’s all about the sanctity of

life. We support having families obtain as much information as they can. Studies suggest that once families are faced with the possibility of a complicated pregnancy, are given time to absorb its impact, and begin to gather information, their emotional state is better in the long term.

Having knowledge of what’s going to happen, even when it’s not what you’d ideally like to hear, is better than uncertainty.”

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, whose 1969 book *On Death and Dying* was a landmark in dealing with the terminally ill, described five stages of grief — denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance — which people go through when they learn they have an illness which could lead to their death. Shubert said parents go through much the same thing when facing a high-risk pregnancy.

“Pregnancy is typically a joyous experience,” Shubert said. “It’s expected that a child will be born with no significant health issues, or that any complications will be minor. When the diagnosis indicates that the complications may be more severe, it changes the parents’ lives in an instant.

“At first, there is almost always shock, sorrow, anger — the whole gamut of emotions. It takes time to process all this. Eventually, in the vast majority of cases, the parents go through a grieving process, recognize what they’re going through, and come back engaged and ready to go forward with whatever happens. I’m amazed at the resiliency of so many parents in high-risk situations.

“It’s a challenge for the doctor, too. You never want to tell parents bad news. In my own family, I’ve had this experience because I have a niece born with spina bifida,” a birth defect where there is incomplete closing of the backbone and membranes around the spinal cord. “The doctor has to walk a fine line between being compassionate and



gentle and being direct and straightforward.

“It’s been my experience that parents want to know everything about a high-risk pregnancy, with no sugar coating. As I said earlier, in the end it’s all about recognizing the sanctity of life. When you share information with parents in an hon-

est, compassionate way, usually the parents will respond in the same way, and you can plan a course that’s best for all.”

In some cases, the diagnosis may indicate that the baby is expected to die before or shortly after birth. A model of care has been developed specifically for families facing this possibility. Often called perinatal hospice, it’s a way of caring for both the baby and the baby’s family before and after the child is born, as described in a pamphlet issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for Respect Life Month 2015 and titled *Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis*.

“We don’t use the specific phrase ‘perinatal hospice,’ but the pamphlet’s description of the term matches what we do at Mount Carmel when dealing with infants facing life-threatening illnesses,” Shubert said. The word “perinatal” refers to the time before and after birth. Hospice is specialized care for anyone diagnosed with a serious illness, most often in the final stages of life.

Perinatal hospice care includes specialized prenatal care, help with planning for the baby’s delivery, and a focus on the baby’s comfort after birth. This includes components such as attention to feeding, warmth, time with the family, and medical treatments when needed. Perinatal hospice nurtures the baby’s life for as long as he or she lives. Depending on the diagnosis, some babies live long enough to be cared for at home by their family, sometimes for months or even years.

“Perinatal hospice provides a model of care that respects the baby’s life from conception through

natural death,” the bishops’ pamphlet says. “It also honors the baby’s family and provides precious moments together — whether the baby is inside or outside the womb — which can be cherished forever.”

“It’s important that our Catholic spirituality comes through” in cases related to life-threatening and potentially fatal illness of an infant, Shubert said, “regardless of a person’s individual beliefs. We’re a Catholic hospital, but we deal with people of all beliefs and are respectful of all, while staying true to the message of Jesus. As we model that message, we honor the individual.”

Mount Carmel Health also offers a support group, a resource referral service, personal consultation, and the services of its chaplains for people who are grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy or early infancy. Three times a year, it sponsors a three-session educational form titled “Coping with Loss” for grieving parents and their families. More information on all these services is available by calling (614) 234-5999 or sending an email message to infantloss@mchs.com.

Friends and family, the parish community, and clergy and pastoral care workers can provide valuable support and consolation for grieving parents through proper expressions of sorrow and concern.

The bishops’ pamphlet notes that “Some may try to comfort parents with comments such as ‘God needed another angel’ or ‘You’re young; you can have another one.’ Most parents do not find these comments helpful; they want *this* baby. We can help parents by acknowledging their baby, using his or her name, asking about their hopes and plans for their child’s birth, and most of all, by affirming their exceptional role as the parents they already are.”

Members of a parish community can be of service by offering practical support such as help with meals, babysitting, housework, or yardwork. The time between the diagnosis and the baby’s birth is filled with medical discussions and

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plans – for the birth, baptism, recording precious moments together, and sometimes, a funeral, if the baby's death is expected. Long before the baby is born, parents may be overwhelmed by their unexpected situation and may welcome the practical support and prayers of the parish family.

When one or both parents are Catholic, “parents also often want to have their baby embraced by the church, and every effort should be made to imitate their child into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation,” the pamphlet says. “Some parents may also request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in order to obtain healing graces for their child. However, ... this sacrament would not be applicable in this situation.”

This is because the primary purpose of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is spiritual healing. Once a child has been baptized, the need for spiritual healing no longer exists because original sin has been remitted, and the child is incapable of committing personal sins until the age of reason.

There are other means by which the Church's loving embrace may be ex-

tended to grieving parents. The *Order of Christian Funerals* and the *Roman Missal* include variations to accommodate children who died shortly after birth, as well as the burial of unbaptized children whose parents intended to have them baptized. It is also worth noting that in cases of infant death, many funeral homes offer services at a reduced rate, or even for free.

“When dealing with high-risk pregnancies, it's important for parents to recognize they're not alone,” Shubert said. “There's a community of persons ready to help them – parents who have gone through what they are going through, and the wider community of family, friends, and the parish.

“In my own experience, whether with babies who survive or pass away, I've always been struck with the spirit of families who recognize the value of the time they had. It's always a moving experience, and I gain from them spiritually more than I could ever give them.

“One case in particular that I've been part of symbolizes all this. A mother was pregnant with her first child, and the child was diagnosed with Down syndrome. The parents were a young



couple, and I wondered what their response would be. When I gave them the news, I was taken aback with how willing they were to embrace whatever God had in store for them.

“In visits after the diagnosis, the mother didn't come in with tears, but with a sense of joy and expectation. The child was born, and the couple subsequently had a second child. This was also a complicated pregnancy, but the parents again were willing to cooperate with God and the doctors and do whatever

was necessary for the child. These parents have been so inspiring to me and have provided a model in dealing with other families with similar diagnoses.

“They remind me that everyone who has a child is blessed, but we are blessed in different ways, and that as a physician, you get more graces out of your work with your patients than what you bring to the table. The couple's first child is now eight or nine years old. I have her picture on the wall, and I look often at it for inspiration.”

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“Having a spiritual adviser is important because it helps patients, caregivers, and family and friends understand the meaning of a situation and to steer them in the direction of hope. A chaplain can help convert a situation and bring it into the transcendent.

“One thing I can say with certainty, especially through my work with dementia patients, is that as long as a person is in the world, God wants that person here. In fact, some of the most impaired people I've dealt with have been my best teachers.

“This is what I tell people when they ask questions like ‘Why doesn't God just let him go?’ or ‘How can you believe there is a God?’ At some point, I affirm that no matter how a patient may appear to be doing, they're still connected with God, that God is present in some way.”

Ticoras said her own faith experience has an impact on everything she does. “It's extremely important,” she said. “Faith played a significant role in my choosing a career in patient advocacy. I was trying to make the gifts I've been given blend with a passion to make a difference. Advocacy gives me a way to approach clients with compassion, honesty, and integrity. In my world, I'm surrounded by people who value life. As an advocate, I can improve the quality of that life.”

Ticoras and Kozberg are both strong advocates of hospice care for the terminally ill. “Hospice is a wonderful thing because it takes away a lot of taboos,” Ticoras said. “It allows people in the final stages of life to have their own way, to deal with a

situation with dignity and autonomy, facing reality and planning accordingly.

“Hospice care often is very essential in terms of quality of life,” Kozberg said. “Some people think a hospice is a warehouse where people help you die. It's no such thing. However long a person has to live, a hospice allows people to spend that time receiving as much loving support as possible.”

Ticoras and Kozberg both agree on the importance of having a living will to provide health care directives for medical personnel in cases where a person is unable to do so.

Asked to provide some general guidelines for the seriously ill, Ticoras said, “Assess your current situation. Investigate what resources are available. Communicate with your family. Designate a caregiver.” Kozberg said, “Understand what hope means for you. Talk to God. Allow yourself to be angry. If you can, leave an ethical legacy for those who love you.”

Cardinal O'Malley's Respect Life message also had some thoughts on this matter. “Let us learn to let go of our own standards of perfection and instead learn more deeply how to live according to God's standards,” it said. “He does not call us to perfect efficiency or material success; he calls us to self-sacrificial love. He invites us to embrace each life for as long as it is given – our own life and the lives of those he has placed in our paths. Every life is worth living.”

Take a positive approach to families, synod members say

By **Cindy Wooden and Carol Glatz**

Catholic News Service

The first week of the Synod of Bishops on the family ended with near-unanimous calls to be more positive in describing family life today and to show more appreciation for Catholic families living close to the church's ideals. But there were also widespread questions among synod participants about the work they are expected to produce.

After listening to speeches and working in small groups from Oct. 5-8, synod participants listened to the small group reports on Oct. 9.

“At times, our work has seemed more muddled than methodical,” wrote Australian Archbishop Mark Coleridge on behalf of the synod's English Group C. “Our hope is that focus, if not perfect clarity, will emerge as the synod unfolds and we become more assured about both task and method.”

During an Oct. 9 press briefing, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, one of the synod presidents, told reporters that changes in the synod's method created some confusion, especially for members who have attended past synods and were accustomed to drawing up a list of propositions to give to the pope. Instead, they have been asked to amend the synod's working document.

The speeches in the synod hall the first week and the discussions in the small groups focused on the first chapter of the working document. All the small group reports offered suggestions for improving the text, while some criticized it harshly, saying much of the text was “flawed,” “inadequate, especially in its theology,” and too Western-centric.

But the working document is meant to be analyzed and ripped apart, Cardinal Tagle told reporters.



“In fact, it is called a martyred document,” the cardinal said. “It must be ready to be martyred, to be shot. Otherwise there is no point in calling 300 people (to Rome) just to say ‘Yes, this is it.’”

The working document includes input from so many different people that the main aim in drafting it was to include everyone's opinion and not to produce “a synthetic, cohesive treatise on the vocation and mission of the family,” said Cardinal Tagle, who helped draft the text.

The criticism, therefore, was expected and is “very much welcome,” he added.

Almost all the groups insisted that whatever document the synod produced at the end would need to be clear, simple, and realistic.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told reporters at the briefing that his small group called for a text using understandable words that “inspired and attract.”

“If marriage is a vocation, which we believe it is, we can't promote vocations by talking first about its problems,” said the report of English Group D, chaired by Cardinal Thomas C. Collins of Toronto, with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia serving as secretary.

Several groups also insisted that the document should in-

clude more quotations from Scripture, a clearer reaffirmation of church teaching, and, according to one Italian group, ample citations from early church theologians.

Cardinal Tagle said that even though the text would be rooted in the Bible, the language used should be “more edifying or encouraging” and less verbose. There was a recognition that a final document would have to avoid so-called “church-speak,” especially if it was going to speak to young people whose formation might not be so sophisticated. But because it is a work in progress, “We will see what will happen,” he said.

Another Italian group, Group A, said its members want a document using “formulas that from the beginning leave no doubt that the only model of family that corresponds to church doctrine is that founded on the marriage of one man and one woman.”

Like the other groups, French Group C insisted that the synod find the right language and tone to speak of the family. “There is a danger in talking about ‘family’ in the abstract, as a reality that is external to us,” the members said. But, in fact, the families the bishops are talking about include the families formed by the bishops' own parents, their brothers and sisters, cousins and nieces and nephews.

The bishops, the French

group wrote, also are people of faith and pastors. Faith in Jesus and concern for people in their family lives must be clear in what the synod produces.

French Group A said the synod's text “must adopt a tone that promotes dialogue with our contemporaries.”

At the same time, the group reported, “we are aware that these next two weeks will not be enough” to complete thoroughly the work the synod has been asked to do.

English Group C agreed. “To address the many issues that we have discussed will take more than the first week, or even the three weeks of the synod. A longer journey stretches before us, just as an earlier journey has led us to this point -- not just from late 2013, when Pope Francis announced the journey of the two synods, but from the Second Vatican Council and all that led to it,” it said.

Several groups also urged the

synod to discuss “gender theory,” which argues that male and female characteristics are not biologically determined, but are malleable social constructs.

Italian Group A said the synod must point out “the risks of gender ideology, as well as its negative impact on educational programs in many countries.”

French Group C explained that sociologists and philosophers developed gender theories in an attempt “to analyze certain human and social phenomena to enrich our understanding of the world. But when these theories become absolute, they tend to produce a single thought system that tries to sweep away everything in its path. In seeking to impose a point of view that denies the relationship between gender and the sexual being that we are in our bodies,” it denies what is “most noble and humanizing” in the family, parenting, and human love.

DeSales Merit Scholarship Honorees

Brittany Truong and Julia Murray of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School are among 16,000 semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered in the spring. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Seven other DeSales seniors were honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. as commended students, meaning they were among the top five percent in the merit scholarship qualifying test. DeSales semifinalists and commended students are (from left): first row, Brittany Truong, Megan Javitch, Alexandra Weikert, and Andrea Coffey; second row, Sera Kitchen, Andrew Schwenk, Jonathan Delaney, Joseph Braun, and Julia Murray. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

**THE WORLD OF BUGS**

The Bug Man, Mark Berman of Educational Enterprises in Columbus, visited Lancaster St. Bernadette School to kick off a week-long celebration of Catholic school education. Berman spent the day in classrooms with his live insects, teaching students about the world of bugs. Preschool student Kate Huber is shown getting a close look at some of the bugs. Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 53:10-11;
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

The Isaiah reading is from one of the four “Servant Songs” found in Isaiah 40-55. They are written in the period during and after the Babylonian Exile (586-538 BC). Today’s song reflects on how badly things had gone for this servant: “The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity.” It can be safely said and effectively argued that the Hebrew verb for “to be pleased with” or “was pleased to” hardly reflects the meaning here (see below).

The *Revised New American Bible* (along with many other recent English translations) renders the verse: “But it was the Lord’s will to crush him with pain.” That is somewhat better than “The Lord was pleased to.” This is another example of how translations can be deceiving. The *Lectionary* translation, as it is, is a bad translation of this verse. The connotation that the Lord enjoyed crushing his servant in infirmity is too grotesque to think about.

The servant is vindicated for his suffering through his descendants, who will see a long life. Jewish interpreters think he was healed of his suffering and was himself rewarded with long life. Christian interpreters tend to view this as meaning that after his suffering, which would justify many, he would share in resurrection, and obviously see this as a prophecy of Christ. For Jews, who did not believe in resurrection, it was enough that his descendants would enjoy a long life.

The sense of the two verses is that the Lord wanted the guilt of the many to be wiped away, not that the

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town area and around the downtown,” he said.

If it’s been a while since you took a COTA bus, go to the web page www.cota.com. COTA has several “park and ride” locations throughout Franklin County. These are listed and mapped out on the web page.

COTA also has a “plan a trip” option on the web page, where a destination can be listed. Bus information also may be obtained by contacting COTA customer service at (614) 228-1776.

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Lord delighted in crushing his servant. The servant of the Lord became the (willing) offering for sin to justify the many.

Isaiah is paired with a Gospel reading in which James and John are looking for positions of power (that is, the right and the left) when Jesus enters “in his glory.” It is interesting that this request follows the third prediction of Jesus’ pending death and resurrection. It is as if James and John never heard a word Jesus said. In this, they perfectly symbolize the disciples as a group. They are the ones who have benefitted from all of Jesus’ teaching, public and private, but who fail repeatedly at every turn to act as disciples should.

They seek power while Jesus speaks of the cross. They speak of “glory” while Jesus speaks of the agony and shame of rejection and death. The ten do not rest idle on the sidelines. They become “indignant at James and John.” Lest we be too hard on the disciples, we should realize that Mark wrote his words for all later disciples, ourselves included. We almost always fall short of what Jesus requires.

Drinking the cup that Jesus drinks and being baptized with the baptism of Jesus has been interpreted as a prophecy after the fact, indicating James and John’s eventual martyrdom. It is also a reminder to all readers of this Gospel that this is required of us all. If we seek to be great, then we must serve all, and to “be first” means to be the slave of all. Pope Francis has tried to show this in every way possible, both to those who lead and those who follow.

The example of the Son of Man is of one who came to serve, not to be served. By abandoning many of the trappings of the papal office, Pope Francis has embraced the ancient papal title of “Servant of the servants of God,” and used it during his recent visit to the United States. It captures well the words of Jesus in this Gospel, and remains a goal for all of us.

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that are beyond most people’s walking distance to the cathedral. Many of the taxis await business near hotels.

“We have spoken with a number of taxicab operators in the area who are now aware of this Oct. 21 event,” Father Lumpe said. “Call a taxicab company ahead of time to plan your transportation arrangements.”

To learn more about the life of St. Maria Goretti, visit the official Pilgrimage of Mercy website at www.mar-iagoretta.com. The cathedral website is www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75 (Ps)
Luke 12:13-21

TUESDAY
Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:66,68,76-77,93-94
Luke 12:54-59

SATURDAY
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6
Luke 13:1-9

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2015

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

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

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

Miracles Do Happen, and October Is a Great Example

October is a month of many miracles in Catholic history. Perhaps it is God’s way of showing us that miracles do happen.

The Feast of Our Lady of Victory was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 7, the date of a miraculous sea battle which spared Christians in Europe, especially those in Italy, from a devastating attack by the Ottoman Turks. Pope Pius V asked all the faithful to pray the Rosary, and sailors aboard the defending naval vessels held up the image of the newly revealed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, we celebrated the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal, which occurred in 1917. Hundreds of thousands of believers and skeptics saw the miracle and accepted the message of Jesus through His Blessed Mother.

In October 312, the nonbelieving Constantine had his famous vision of a cross of light and the words *In Hoc Signo Vinces* (In This Sign You Shall Conquer). This led to the Roman Empire ending its brutal attacks on Christianity and legalizing the faith which shaped our Western world.

All of us probably have witnessed small miracles that didn’t make the history books and that we cannot explain. Try as we might to scientifically examine what we saw or determine the probability of such an event happening again in a similar circumstance, we cannot rationally explain it.

DCCW 70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 70th annual convention of the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Powell St Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road. This year’s convention also celebrates the 95th birthday of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be the NCCW’s president, Sheila Hopkins, who will expand on the convention theme “A Quiet Walk in the Garden with God” and bring news about the NCCW. Talks will be given in the afternoon by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet from the Columbus Catholic Women’s Group.

Registration is \$35. All necessary forms may be found on the DCCW website, dccw.colodioc.org, or by calling Mickey McCormick, DCCW president, at (614) 783-5555 or (614) 228-8601.



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas would go around and debunk charlatans who were claiming they were seeing miracles or profiting from them. He did this because he did see miracles and wanted to make sure everyone knew the difference.

St. Thomas Aquinas is best-known for his theological writings and his amazing knowledge of antiquity, especially the works of Plato and Aristotle. He gave voice to Natural Law and rationality in explaining that God could work even through those who were pagan, because it was His plan to reveal truth throughout time, culminating in the Incarnation and the coming of the Son of God.

Perhaps the miracle most associated with Thomas occurred just before his completion of his masterwork, the *Summa Theologica*, a book that in terms of pages would look more like a small set of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, for those who remember research materials before the Internet. St. Thomas Aquinas had a mystical experience of seeing heaven. The miraculous event caused him to stop writing the

nearly completed *Summa*, because he felt it was all straw compared to the glories of heaven.

Interestingly enough, the teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas was St. Albert the Great, the founder of modern science. In this age of hyperskepticism, isn’t it interesting that the field of scientific discovery owes a great deal to St. Albert the Great? St. Albert himself might have deemed a young Thomas Aquinas a miracle, for Aquinas was often made fun of by fellow classmates. The very select few who could receive an advanced education were seemingly well-spoken, outgoing, physically attractive, and well-dressed. It seems St. Thomas Aquinas didn’t fit into any of these categories. His classmates called him “the dumb ox.” Their holy instructor reminded his unappreciative classmates that someday, no one would stop this “dumb ox” from bellowing, because he possessed more intellect than all of them.

Miracles come in all shapes and sizes. They occur for a specific reason and most will never make the news, and, yes, we all have probably received our own little miracle. God speaks to us through these events so that we will believe and preach the Gospel, using our actions (and words, if necessary) to accomplish the task. God is always listening, but are we praying and acting upon his nudges and miracles?

Hartline is the author of *The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism* and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

HARTLEY SERVICE

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School honored two alumni when it presented its Mary Geist Service Award to Linda and Gary Strapp. The Strapps have four daughters who also are graduates of the school. Another daughter will graduate in 2016, and their youngest daughter will be a member of the Class of 2024. Geist was extremely active in service to her church and the school, coming to Hartley as a volunteer in the early 1970s after her retirement and serving until her death in 2003. She was the first recipient of the award in 2000.

Linda and Gary Strapp are active volunteers at Hartley and at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, the Ronald McDonald House, the Gahanna summer lunch program, and other organizations. Pictured are (from left): Hartley principal Mike Winters; the Strapps’ daughter Emily, a 2011 Hartley graduate, holding niece Payton; Linda and Gary Strapp; daughter Audrey, a projected member of the school’s class of 2024; and daughter Sara, a senior at the school, holding nephew James. Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



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BLOCK, Macy, 89, Oct. 6
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CERVI, Valeria, 90, Oct. 5
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

DAVIS, Patrick F., 58, Oct. 3
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

DELANEY, Patrick A., 82, Oct. 5
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

DINI, Roger, 84, Oct. 6
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

ESCOLAS, Mildred H., 85, Oct. 4
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

ESPOSITO, John J., 62, Oct. 3
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

ESPOSITO, Margaret J., 88, Oct. 3
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

FINNERAN, Suzanne M., 99, Oct. 3
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

FITZPATRICK, Willard E., 90, Sept. 24
St. Michael Church, Worthington

FOX, Joseph E., 88, Oct. 4
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

GRANATO, Sam, 87, Oct. 3
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

HOLLAND, Jerry, 84, Oct. 6
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

LARSON, Doris I., 92, Oct. 5
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

MARCHAN, Jacinto L. "Jack," 85, Oct. 5
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

McCARTY, Jerry L., 66, Oct. 8
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

MEINRAD, Eleanor E., 95, Oct. 6
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

MENTEY, Edward A., 86, Oct. 4
St. Mary Church, Marion

MICHAEL, Gerald L., 69, Oct. 4
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

NADALIN, Ellen, 89, Sept. 17
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

PRATT, Joseph, 82, Oct. 7
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

RUFFLE, James J., 88, Oct. 5
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SMITH, Nancy, 72, Oct. 8
St. Patrick Church, London

SNOW, Elizabeth, 83, Oct. 4
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

STAPLETON, Marie V., 81, Oct. 6
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WALTER, Gerald L. "Jabo," 79, Oct. 5
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

WOLFINGER, Barbara "Jean," 84, Oct. 9
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

Cardinal O'Malley: California Legalization of Assisted Suicide

"A Great Tragedy for Human Life"

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the committee on pro-life activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), described California Gov. Jerry Brown's signing of his state's new law legalizing assisted suicide as "a great tragedy for human life" which was "compounded by confusion among those who supported this law."

"A government that legalizes assisted suicide sends the terrible mes-

sage Pope Francis has so eloquently warned us against, that there is such a thing as disposable people," Cardinal O'Malley said on Tuesday, Oct. 6. "I am sure the Catholic Church in this country will redouble its efforts to protect innocent life at its most vulnerable stages, and to promote palliative care and other real solutions for the problems and hardships of terminally ill patients and their families."

New Mass times at Ss. Simon and Jude

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, has new Sunday Mass times. The new Mass

times are 8 and 10:30 a.m., with confessions at 7:45 and 10. Saturday Mass is still at 4 p.m., with confessions at 3:30.

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15, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests.

614-372-5249

Celebration Mass for Men and Women Religious

7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass honoring men and women religious serving in the Diocese of Columbus, followed by reception and women's vocation fair in parish activity center.

614-221-5565

15-16, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday (selected items half-price Friday night), HighPoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities.

614-561-5300

16, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours.

614-866-4302

Stained-Glass Class at Glass Axis

6 to 9 p.m., The Glass Axis, 610 W. Town St., Columbus. Class on how to make stained glass, in cooperation with Holy Family Jubilee Museum's "Illuminating Our Faith" stained-glass exhibit. Register at <https://glassaxis.org/product/jubilee>.

White Mass for the Healing Arts at Newman Center

6:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates White Mass for Catholic professionals and students in the healing arts, preceded at 5:30 by discussion led by Dr. Ashley Fernandes on "Meeting Students Where They Are: The Importance of Catholic Mentorship in Medicine," followed by social with light appetizers.

614-291-4674

16-17, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Personal Spiritual Deepening Program at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Opening retreat for Shalem Institute "Living in God" personal spiritual deepening program, which will continue on the first Saturdays of November through

March.

614-512-3731

17, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Presentation on the Death Penalty, Restorative Justice

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Talks on the death penalty and restorative justice from a Catholic perspective, with speakers who have firsthand experience with the criminal justice system. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Ohioans for Restorative Justice.

614-241-2540

Pontifical College Josephinum Tours

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Seminarians will offer 45-minute tours every half-hour, followed by refreshments. Reservations encouraged, but not required.

614-985-2203

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

4 to 5:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by pastoral associate Susan Bellotti. Theme: "Grace-Filled Memories." Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Oct. 15.

614-866-4302

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

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

614-221-1890

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

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

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

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

614-282-4676

'Catholics Returning Home' at St. Edward

1:30 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. First session of five-week "Catholics Returning Home" program for inactive Catholics wishing to become more involved with the church.

740-587-3254

Organ Concert at Cathedral

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert with Dexter Kennedy, winner of grand prize for interpretation at 24th annual Chartres, France, organ conference. \$10 suggested donation.

614-241-2526

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614-251-4453

20, TUESDAY

Financial Seminar at Ohio Dominican

5 to 6:30 p.m., Rooms 258 and 259, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Financial seminar sponsored by ODU and Education First Credit Union. Topic: "Retirement Planning and Understanding Your Investment Choices." Register via email to pirwitz@ohiodominican.edu.

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

'A Walk in the Dark' at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "A Walk in the Dark," a guided meditation with Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Oct. 17.

614-866-4302

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting.

740-653-4919

Veneration of Relics of St. Maria Goretti at Cathedral

11 a.m. to 11 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Viewing of the major relics of St. Maria Goretti, brought from Italy to the United States, for veneration and prayer, including a memorial Mass at 7 p.m.

614-224-1295

Christ Child Society Red Wagon Fare

Noon, Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Christ Child Society of Columbus annual Red Wagon Fare luncheon and style show, with boutique open at 9:30 a.m. featuring local vendors. \$50 per person. Register at www.christchildsoociety.org.

Bishop Campbell Talk on World Meeting of Families

7 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. Presentation by Bishop Frederick Campbell on issues and topics discussed at September's World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

614-241-2560

22, THURSDAY

St. Paul's Outreach Benefit Banquet

6 to 9 p.m., Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom, Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. Annual banquet benefiting St. Paul's Outreach for college students, with keynote speech by Bishop Frederick Campbell and talks by students about the ministry's impact.

614-506-0751

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests.

614-372-5249

Charismatic Mass at St. Matthias

7:30 p.m., St. Matthias Church, 1566 Ferris Road, Columbus. Mass sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father James Coleman.

614-500-8115

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focus on **ART**

BOOK REVIEW
Word by Word

Edited by Sarah Reinhard

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

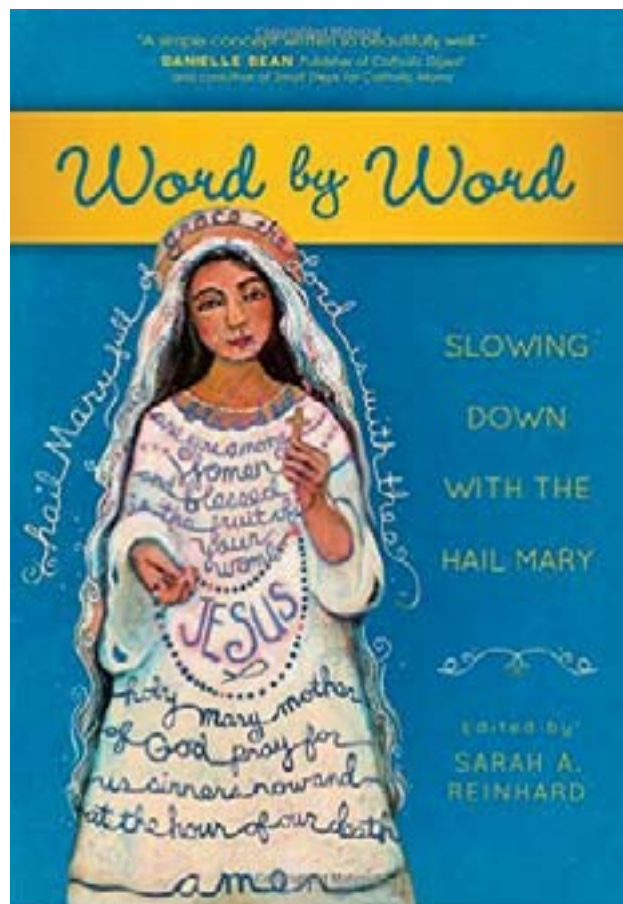
The Hail Mary is a very simple prayer. It takes less than 15 seconds to say. If you pray it as part of a daily Rosary, you will say it 53 times in very short order. While doing that, you will contemplate the mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. But in the sheer repetition and familiarity of this prayer, we can lose touch with the actual words we are repeating by rote.

Local author and *Catholic Times* columnist Sarah Reinhard has just completed a wonderful new book, *Word by Word*, which encourages us to slow down and really consider what we are praying. In this book, Reinhard serves as editor, compiling a series of brief

reflections on each individual word in the prayer. The reflections come from 40 of the most popular Catholic writers of our day, including Lisa Hendey, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Kevin Lowry, and Deacon Tom Fox, beginning and ending with Father Patrick Toner. Each reflection takes us deeply into a particular word in the context of the prayer and in the context of our lives.

This is a very different approach to a prayer that is important to all of us. The exercise of delving into the depth of every word of this mystical prayer opens whole new vistas of meaning and connects us even more intimately with the Blessed Mother and with Our Lord.

Word by Word is published by Ave Maria Press and is available at the Generations religious gift store in Columbus and other Catholic bookstores, and online at Amazon.com.



Windy, Windsome and Wonderful!

Music of Gustav Holst, Bach, Ravel, and Warlock
Music for Woodwind Quintet and Organ

The first of three concerts in this year's "Concerts in a Country Church" series will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St. Titled "Windy, Windsome and Wonderful!", it will feature music for woodwind quintet and organ, with Melissa Feilhauer as guest oboist.

If strings are the "nouns" of the orchestra and the brass are the "verbs," then woodwinds are the adverbs and adjectives. In other words, they provide most of the color. Mixed metaphors aside, the winds are used when a composer wishes to convey many human feelings, whether comic or tragic, and they do so with tonal colorings that are unique to them.

A woodwind quintet is made up of flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, and bassoon (the French horn being a bit schizoid, as it also appears in brass quintets). With music by Holst, Bach, Ravel, and Warlock, five professional orchestral players will join the organ, which will play a supplemental role in a particularly melodic and harmonically rich display of virtuosity by three fascinating 20th-century composers and the ubiquitous Bach (when the organist gets to have a bit more fun).

Craig Jaynes, music director at St. Colman of Cloyne Church, said, "Melissa Feilhauer played with us for the first Mass in the renovated church on Christmas Eve 2010. We've been trying to arrange a return engagement ever since, and this is the result. This will be as fine a group of musicians as have ever played here, and the music we will be doing together is going to be a very special treat indeed."

Tickets for the concert will cost \$10. Season tickets are \$25.

CONCERT

Dexter Kennedy

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Sunday, Oct. 18, 3 p.m.

Praised by *The American Organist* for his "prodigious technique and grand style musicality," Dexter Kennedy serves on the faculty of The College of Wooster as organ instructor. As the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interpretation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de Chartres, France, Kennedy has established himself internationally as one of the leading organists of his generation.

He is an active recitalist throughout North America and Europe, having performed at several celebrated venues including Washington's National Cathedral; St. Thomas Church in New York City; Severance Hall in Cleveland; Myers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina; and the University of Calgary. He made his first European tour in the summer of 2015, which included performances at the Aosta Valley Organ Festival, Italy; Basilique St. Nazaire, Carcassone, France; Narbonne Cathedral, France; and the Chiesa Santa Maria Assunta, Bibione, Italy. This past summer, he also joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra for two subscription concerts at Tanglewood with maestros Bramwell Tovey and Ludovic Morlot.

A second tour in September was marked by recitals at the Auditorio Manuel de Falla, Granada,

Spain; Chichester Cathedral, England; St. Andreas Kyrka, Malmo, Sweden; and the Slovak Philharmonic Hall as part of the 51st Bratislava Music Festival.

Kennedy is pursuing the artist diploma at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He holds a master of music degree from the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. His principal teachers include James David Christie, Martin Jean, Olivier Latry, and Jeffrey Brillhart.

He is currently assistant organist at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and vigorously rooting for the professional sports teams in his native Detroit. His St. Joseph Cathedral program opens the cathedral's 2015-2016 concert series, and will include music of Bach, Buxtehude, Durufle, and Messiaen.

There is a \$10 suggested donation.



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM
AROUND
THE WORLD



A parishioner venerates the relics of St. Maria Goretti at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston on Oct. 5. The major relics, which are virtually all of the skeletal remains of the saint, known as the "patroness of purity," are on a U.S. Pilgrimage of Mercy this fall that will go to nearly 20 states. Her relics will be at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. CNS photo/Gregory L. Tracy

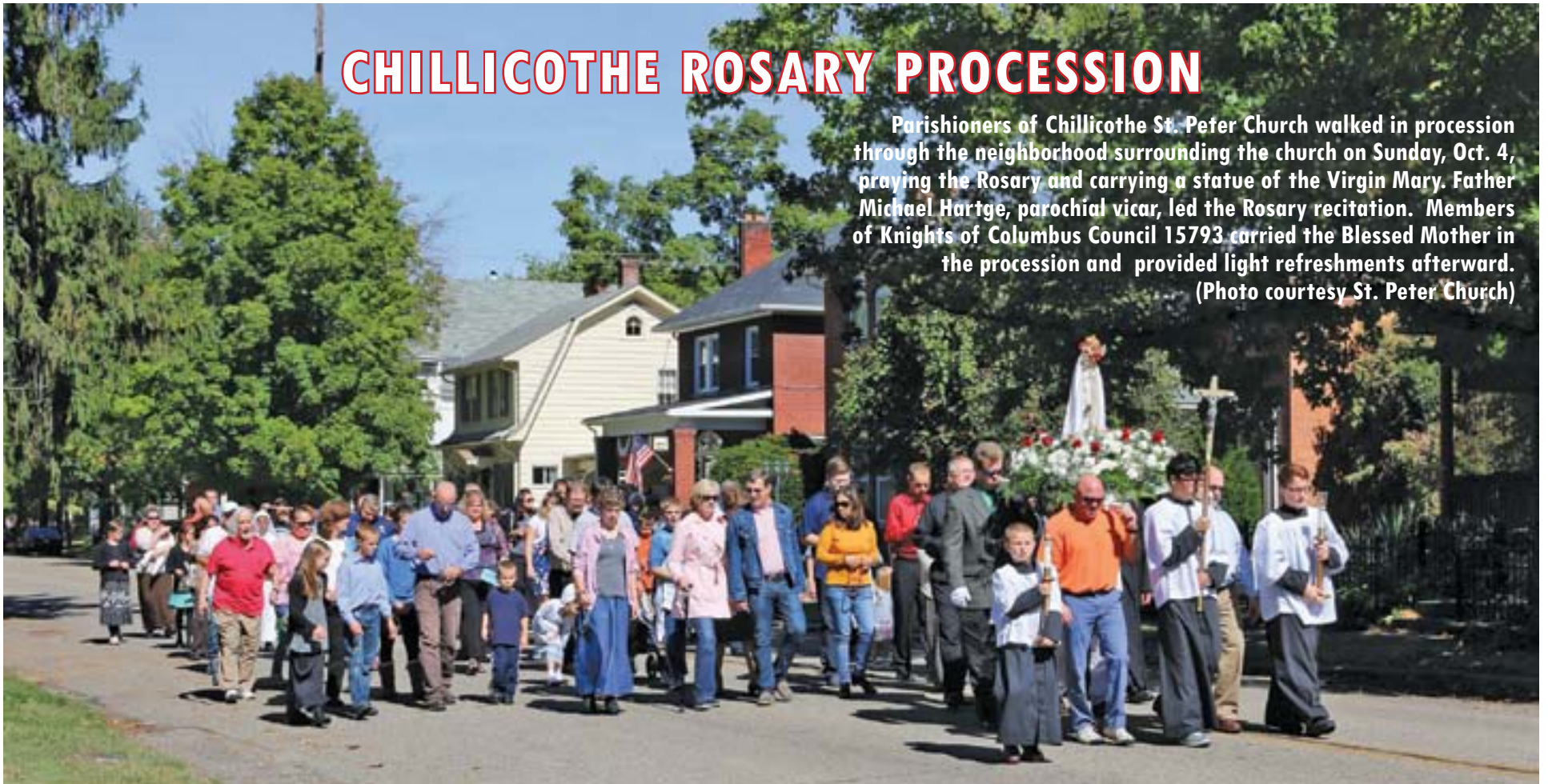
Pope Francis arrives to lead a session of the Synod of Bishops on the Family at the Vatican on Oct. 9. CNS/Paul Haring



Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, holds a relic before placing it in the main altar at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington during an Oct. 2 Mass of dedication. CNS photo/Jaclyn Lippelmann, Catholic Standard

CHILlicothe ROSARY PROCESSION

Parishioners of Chillicothe St. Peter Church walked in procession through the neighborhood surrounding the church on Sunday, Oct. 4, praying the Rosary and carrying a statue of the Virgin Mary. Father Michael Hartge, parochial vicar, led the Rosary recitation. Members of Knights of Columbus Council 15793 carried the Blessed Mother in the procession and provided light refreshments afterward. (Photo courtesy St. Peter Church)



LOVE IS OUR MISSION

A CALL TO LIVE THE JOY AND MISSION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Monday, October 12, 7 PM
Ohio Dominican University
Columbus

Saturday, October 31, 10:30 AM
St. Peter Parish
Chillicothe

Wednesday, October 21, 7 PM
St. Francis DeSales Parish
Newark

Tuesday, November 10, 7 PM
Bishop Ready High School
Columbus

Please join Bishop Campbell for a presentation on the issues and topics discussed at the September World Meeting of Families and answer the call to live the joy and mission of marriage and family life.



Contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office
(614) 241-2560 or familylife@colsdio.org.



Open House

Attend ODU's Undergraduate Open House to learn how we can help you connect your passion with God's purpose for your life.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31
ODU's main campus, Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center

For more information and to register, visit ohiodominican.edu/OpenHouse.

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