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MISSIONARY OUTREACH

The Editor's Notebook

We are all called to be missionaries

By David Garick, Editor

This week, *Catholic Times* turns an eye toward missionary outreach. For most of us, the word "missionary" is vaguely exotic. We know what a missionary does, but we don't really see a connection to our everyday lives. We have all heard the Gospel accounts of how Our Lord sent his disciples out to carry his message to the entire world, but we don't think he is talking to us. Every one of us who professes to call Jesus Christ Our Lord is happy to accept his act of sacrifice that gives us redemption and everlasting life, but we tend to be leery of his call to us to pick up our crosses and follow him.

Christ wants us to give of ourselves, as he did, to aid the least among us ... the poor, the sick, the troubled. He wants us to share with them his eternal message of love and salvation. We can do that with those around us every day. But we also have an obligation to reach out to the whole world to share that love. There are still many places that need it.

Pope Francis tells us, "The proclamation of the Gospel is destined for the poor first of all, for all those all who all too often lack what they need to live a dignified life. To them first are proclaimed the glad tidings that God loves them with a preferential love and comes to visit them through the charitable works that disciples of Christ do in his name. Go to the poor first of all: this is the priority. At the moment of the Last Judgement, as we can read in Matthew 25, we shall all be judged on this. ... I therefore like using the expression 'to go toward the outskirts,' the outskirts of existence. All the outskirts, from physical and real poverty to intellectual poverty, which is also

real. All the peripheries, all the crossroads on the way: Go there. And sow there the seed of the Gospel with your words and your witness."

This issue of *Catholic Times* takes a look at how some of our neighbors from the Diocese of Columbus are living out Christ's call of service to the world. In these stories, you will read about people who have made a very personal commitment to make a difference in the lives of people who live far away in a vastly different environment, but with whom we share a relationship in Christ. The days of carrying the Gospel to the four corners of the earth did not end in the First Century. The work continues today and will continue in every generation.

We all may not be in a position to physically take on the role of work in distant missions. For those who could do so, this month's stories should provoke us to look hard at whether we are being called to follow in these missionaries' footsteps, either as a temporary pilgrimage or as a permanent vocation. For the rest of us, these stories should motivate us to get involved in support of the work of our missionaries. They need our financial support and they need our prayers and our encouragement as they face enormous challenges in bringing food, shelter, education, and, most importantly, the Gospel message to people seeking a light in a world that to them is filled with darkness and despair. That is the mission they have accepted from God ... but it is our mission, too.



Pope tells bishops at family synod to speak fearlessly, listen humbly

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis opened the first working session of an extraordinary Synod of Bishops on Monday, Oct. 6, urging participants to speak fearlessly and listen humbly during two weeks of discussion of the "pastoral challenges of the family."

Hungarian Cardinal Peter Erdo of Esztergom-Budapest then outlined some of the major challenges the bishops would discuss, including such controversial topics as cohabitation, divorce, birth control, and the impact of social and economic pressures.

"Let nobody say: 'I can't say this; they'll think such-and-such about me,'" Pope Francis told more than 180 bishops and more than 60 other synod participants. "Everyone needs to say what one feels duty-bound in the Lord to say: without respect for human considerations, without fear. And, at the same time, one must listen with humility and welcome with an open heart what the brothers say."

The pope recalled that, after a gathering of the world's cardinals in February, one cardinal told him others had hesitated to speak out for fear of disagreeing with the pope.

"This is no good, this is not synodality," the pope said.

Later in the morning, Cardinal Erdo, who as the synod's relator has the task of guiding the discussion and synthesizing its results, gave an hourlong speech that drew on written statements submitted in advance by the synod fathers and on responses to a well-publicized questionnaire sent to the world's bishops last November.



The Oct. 5-19 synod is not supposed to reach definitive conclusions, but to set the agenda for a larger world synod in October 2015, which will make recommendations to the pope.

Cardinal Erdo said the synods would seek to develop shared pastoral "guidelines to help those living in difficult situations," so that individual bishops would not resort to the "improvisations of a do-it-yourself ministry."

"What is being discussed at this synod of an intense pastoral nature are not doctrinal issues, but the practical ones, nevertheless inseparable from the truths of the faith," the cardinal said.

Among the difficult family situations he identified was that of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, whose predicament Pope Francis has said exemplifies a general need for mercy in the church today.

The cardinal made only an oblique reference to what is sure to be one of the synod's most discussed topics: a controversial proposal by German Cardinal Walter Kasper that would make it easier for such Catholics to receive Communion, even if they do not obtain annulments of their first, sacramental marriages.

"It would be misleading to concentrate only on the question of the

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The evangelization of the world depends on the obedience of Christians

Christ Is Counting On Us!

By Leandro M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Director

Oct. 19 is World Mission Sunday. In all churches and chapels around the world, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The event is organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the Vatican's pontifical mission Societies overseen by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

The society is the central agency of the Church to encourage prayer for the missions and to gather support for the pastoral needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses around the world.

The society does not deal in investments and has no permanent fund. Every year at the end of January, its general fund is emptied, with the money distributed among the world's missions.

The funds gathered by the society are the main source of support for the Church's worldwide missions.

Most of us are not called to work directly in mission fields. But neither was Venerable Pauline Jaricot, nor St. Therese of Lisieux, whom the Church honors as co-patrons of missions, along with St. Francis Xavier. Pauline and Therese did not go to the missions themselves, but their prayers and support were essential to allow mission work to go on.

Our prayers and donations to the missions are joined to the sacrifices of missionaries everywhere to fulfill Jesus' call to all His followers: "Go and teach all the nations."

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in France in 1822 by Venerable Pauline Jaricot, a young girl whose brother was a seminarian. She was moved by her brother's descriptions of the hardships of French missionaries of that time, and formed an association whose members would contribute one cent a week for the missions.

In 1922, Pope Pius XI made the organization a pontifical society, and its headquarters were transferred to Rome.

This year's World Mission Sunday celebration focuses on Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church. "To build the Church in Mongolia" and "To sustain churches throughout

the Missions in the remote areas of the world" are highlighted on printed promotional materials sent to parishes, along with a DVD to promote World Mission Sunday.

Mongolia has six Catholic churches, 21 priests, 60 religious, three parishes, and a growing number of Catholics thanks to the efforts, perseverance, determination, and faith of a Philippine-born missionary priest, Wenceslao Padilla, who arrived in the nation's capital city, Ulaanbaatar, in 1992.

The theme of this year's World Mission Sunday celebration, "I will build my Church," focuses on Bishop Padilla's incredibly inspiring journey of faith. Bishop Wens, as he is affectionately known, first arrived in Mongolia 21 years ago. As his inspiration, he used Jesus' words to St. Peter: "Upon this rock I will build my Church."

Bishop Padilla embarked on his mission with the support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from day one. This support was the key to the building of the first Catholic Church in Mongolia in 1995 and the establishment of further churches as the bishop's mission spread across the remote nation.

Let us be always mindful that God is a God of missions. God wills missions. God commands missions. God demands missions. God made mission possible through His Son. The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.

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reception of the sacraments," Cardinal Erdo said.

He focused instead on the possibility of streamlining and simplifying the annulment process -- the task of a special commission Pope Francis established in late August -- and noted proposals to allow bishops to declare marriages null as an administrative action, without holding a trial before a church tribunal.

"Under the influence of the existing culture, many reserve the right not to observe conjugal fidelity, to divorce and remarry if the marriage might not be successful, or not to open themselves to life," the cardinal said.

While he reiterated Catholic teaching

World Mission Sunday 2014



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, Oct. 19, we join with Catholic communities from around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday, a Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world. Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it offers each of us the opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity in support of missions and the missionaries who serve them.

The proceeds of the special collection taken will be distributed -- in Pope Francis' name -- among the missions and missionaries worldwide. Our donations help fund missionary activities such as catechetical programs; seminaries; the work of religious communities; communication and transformation needs; and the construction of much-needed chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools.

The needs of our missions grow every day. With the creation of new dioceses in third-world countries, vocations to the priesthood and religious life are increasing, thereby increasing the need for new seminaries and houses of formation. In some areas where the Church was once persecuted or suppressed, it is now welcomed, increasing the need for chapels and churches. The involvement and commitment of us all is needed to foster and support this important work.

Let us unite with Catholics across the globe to pray and offer sacrifices and gifts for the missionary work of the Church. Most grateful to you for your continuing generosity and support, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus

that "a second marriage recognized by the church is impossible while the first spouse is alive," the cardinal said it would be important to study the "practice of some of the Orthodox churches, which allows for the possibility of a second or third marriage."

Noting that Catholics increasingly choose to marry civilly or live together without marrying at all, Cardinal Erdo said the church should "draw close" to such couples in order to lead them on the "path toward celebrating the sacrament of marriage."

He said doing that would require the church to recognize the "best part of these situations which oftentimes is

not understood or capable of being grasped."

"When these relationships are obviously stable in a publicly recognized legal bond, they are characterized by deep affection, display a parental responsibility towards their offspring and an ability to withstand trials," he said.

On the subject of birth control, the cardinal emphasized that "openness to life is an essential part, an intrinsic requirement of conjugal love," but said families cannot be expected to live up to that value without an increased expression of "diffused and concrete solidarity" from the wider community, including the church.



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Father Nello Ruffaldi, a member of the PIME missionary order, officiates at a marriage ceremony among the Aikewar people of Brazil.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Awareness

Did you pray for the love and respect that all human life deserves at all levels this past week? Are you still praying? I hope we never stop. Human life, from conception to our natural death, is sacred and an equal part of the Body of Christ. We dare not sacrifice that love and respect by giving in to hatred or indifference. No matter how much we despise those who use evil to attempt to destroy us, their lives are gifts from God. No matter how easy it is to judge the actions and lifestyles of others, they are all children of God. No matter how often we become jaded or indifferent to things we can control in our own lives, we must live as true examples of what is right. And we do so with humility, and not pride. We are also called to reach out to those who are in great need. If we know of anyone within our reach, such as family, friends, or those whom we could serve with a little effort, go for it, visit them, serve them, and be sure that they receive the love and respect they deserve.

This Sunday is Vocation Awareness Sunday. So what is it that we are supposed to gain an awareness of? Of course, we have heard for many years that there has been a severe decline and a great shortage of priests. Yes, there are also the same concerns with our good sisters and religious. But without our priests, we lose most sacraments, and the one that matters most, the Eucharist, is impossible. How much have you noticed, or have you been impacted by a shortage of priests in your parish? We are very fortunate in the Diocese of Columbus to have a good number of priests still active, and most of our parishes are covered each week. But the numbers in the near future are of great concern. The illnesses, retirements, and deaths of our priests will continue to outnumber our newly ordained priests each year. Are we aware? Do we have an awareness now, or do we ignore the numbers and wait until we are personally impacted? We have 109 churches in the Diocese of Columbus (106 parishes and three missions). We have only so many active priests, and many are serving beyond their retirement age of 70. Each year there are more retirements, but, thankfully, some newly ordained priests also. But there is a net loss annually. Are we aware? Is there an awareness, or a false sense of security? We are blessed with nearly 40 seminarians right now in the college and theological school levels. Bishop Frederick Campbell, our current and prior vocations directors, and our clergy have done a great job of recruiting. Are we aware? Do we think that seminarians just appear because our priests invite them? The Pontifical College Josephinum has so many seminarians from dioceses across the nation and around the world that it has built more space for them. Are we aware? Do we have an awareness of the practical costs?

Our practical challenge this week is to build and maintain an awareness of vocations, especially to the priesthood. Have a real appreciation for your pastor and invite young men to consider the seminary. Be aware of the numbers, and be prepared for the future. There is great work being done by Father Paul Noble in our vocations office, but at great cost. If you want to help with a donation, visit our diocesan website at www.colodioc.org. If you want to help the Pontifical College Josephinum, visit www.pcj.edu. Keep praying and be generous.

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



Elizabeth Ministry to sponsor candlelighting

Elizabeth Ministry Chapter 726 of Westerville St. Paul Church is sponsoring a candlelighting ceremony at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 for those who have experienced the loss of a child before birth or in infancy. The ceremony will begin inside the church, 313 N. State St., and will conclude in the adjacent outdoor Marian grotto.

Chapter member Cindy McConnell said Elizabeth Ministry chapters throughout the nation will be conducting similar ceremonies on that day, which is National Infant Loss Awareness Day. October also is Respect Life Month in the Catholic Church and, as first declared by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, is National Infant Loss Awareness Day in the United States.

The ministry also will sponsor a program at which people who have been adopted and families of adopted children will discuss the subjects of attachment and bonding at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.

A pizza party for adoptees and adoptive families will take place at the same time the following Sunday, Nov. 9. The ministry also sponsors blessings after Mass four times a year for expectant mothers, those who hope to become pregnant, and those who hope to adopt a child.

The Elizabeth Ministry is an international outreach, based in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, for women in special times of motherhood. It is based on the visitation story of Mary and Elizabeth in Luke's Gospel. It offers support during and after pregnancy, for families suffering miscarriage or infant/child loss, for those in the adoption process, and for families with special-needs children.

The Westerville chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Other Elizabeth Ministry chapters in the Diocese of Columbus are at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, Hilliard St. Brendan, and Sunbury St. John Neumann churches.

Bishop to speak to Men's Luncheon Club

Bishop Frederick Campbell will deliver a special address to the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, Oct. 10 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The meeting, which normally takes place on the first Friday of the month, has been moved to this date to accommodate the bishop's schedule.

His talk will follow the parish's 11:45 a.m. Mass and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary, but a \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch is requested.

For more information, contact the club's president, John Schechter, at jschechter@sbcglobal.net or go to www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com.

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CRS looks at Central American programs to help fight push factors

By David Agren, Catholic News Service

At an immigration center for receiving busloads of deportees returning to El Salvador, Catholic Relief Services executive vice president Joan Rosenhauer spoke with a widowed mother of six children who was awaiting her son.

Rosenhauer said she asked the mother why she had sent her son on the perilous journey through Mexico in an attempt to reach the United States.

"There is no hope for him here," the mother responded, explaining her inability to feed her family and the problem of gangs forcing adolescents into lives of crime.

"It gave me pause," Rosenhauer said in a telephone interview after returning from a late-August trip to Central America. "Any parent can understand doing whatever you can to protect the lives of your children and make sure that they have food to eat and a decent life."

The boy being returned home was one of thousands of children attempting to abandon Central America -- sometimes alone, sometimes with family -- in an effort to escape pervasive poverty and violence. Many also try to reunite with parents who have spent years working in the United States to support households back home.

Catholic communities in Central America are responding to the crisis. Scalabrini sisters run repatriation programs in Honduras, priests try to keep children out of gangs in El Salvador, and religious operate shelters for undocumented migrants traveling through Mexico. Rosenhauer said Catholic Relief Services is focusing on supporting these communities as best it can.

"We know that there are successful programs that can address the issue of poverty and can address the issue of gang violence and the issue of domestic violence, too,"

she said. "We just need to be able to scale them up."

She said one program operating in El Salvador provides at-risk youth and some who have left gangs with vocational training and life skills, allowing them to gain employment, start businesses, or return to school. Eighty percent of participants were in such activities one year after graduation from the program.

Rosenhauer said she asked "what was the most helpful part of this program, and, to a person, they said the life-skills training."

"That helps (give) them new ways of coping with all of the challenges they face ... with the gangs, learning within their communities to deal with tense situations."

Catholic Relief Services also works with agricultural and livelihood programs in Central America, especially among coffee growers, some of whose crops have been affected by a plague known as coffee rust.

"Agriculture is still a key livelihood for people in Central America. We are looking at helping coffee farmers improve their production and be able to access markets," Rosenhauer said.

During her trip, she met with Central American public officials, including Ana Garcia de Hernandez, first lady of Honduras. She said officials recognize the severity of the situation -- Honduras has a murder rate topping 90 per 100,000 residents, highest in the world, while poverty is rife throughout the region, but resources are lacking.

"They were very anxious to bring these (CRS) programs into their country, but they don't have the resources to do it," she said.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency reports detaining more than 66,000 unaccompanied minors between October 2013 and August 2014, an 88 percent decrease over the numbers for its previous fiscal year.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the number of



Migrants from Central America who have been deported from the U.S. wait to provide personal information to immigration authorities. A growing wave of families and unaccompanied minors fleeing Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras is being deported from the U.S. CNS photo/Pakal Koban,

unaccompanied children being detained in the U.S. dropped by more than two-thirds in August, from a high of 10,600 in June. The reasons remain uncertain, although some CRS staffers suspect few Central Americans wish to try the trip during the heat of the summer months.

Mexican officials also appear to be increasing enforcement efforts in southern Mexico, and the government has said it will stop migrants from climbing aboard the northbound trains known as *La Bestia*, citing safety reasons.

Rosenhauer, who works with CRS' U.S. operations, called on Catholics and all Americans to reflect on the circumstances in Central America.

"It's a complex intersection of causes, but it's clear to me that the causes are severe enough ... that we will never address the problem we have on our side of the border unless we address the root causes that are leading these children to come to the United States," she said.

"Whether our government is helping Mexico to do it or we're doing it ourselves, we have to ask ourselves: What kind of a nation are we if we send children back into extremely dangerous situations without even checking to see what conditions they are returning to?"

MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER EVENTS

The Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is sponsoring a tour of two Jewish synagogues, Temple Israel and Tifereth Israel, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. The synagogues, one Reform and one Conservative, are both on East Broad Street in Columbus. There is no charge, but registration is requested.

The center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality will present a live webcast featuring Rabbi Cary Kozberg (pictured) from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Kozberg, director of religious life at Wexner Heritage

Village, will be speaking on the death of Moses and how it relates to the spiritual questions surrounding end-of-life issues for all of us. A free-will donation will be taken.

The Martin de Porres Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Register for either program by phone at (614) 416-1910 or online at www.martindeporrescenter.net.



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Witness for civil marriage; Mixing water and wine at Mass



QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

Q. I am a practicing Catholic. A female friend of mine who was baptized Catholic and her live-in boyfriend (of 25 years) decided to get married by a justice of the peace. My friend attends a Christian non-denominational church; the boyfriend does not attend any religious services (He has been on disability for many years from schizophrenia; she is manic-depressive). The brother of the boyfriend is a Catholic priest.

My friend asked me to go to the wedding ceremony and serve as a legal witness. I asked my parish priest, and he said that I could. So I went to the ceremony, presided over by the JP (justice of the peace), and also to the reception. The boyfriend's brother, the priest, was not at the ceremony but did attend the reception, though briefly.

My question is this: If that priest, the groom's brother, did not feel comfortable being at the ceremony, then why was I allowed to participate? (Name of city withheld)

A. I think I know why your parish priest said that it was OK for you to serve as a witness. But I can also understand why the other priest, the brother of the groom, might have felt uncomfortable attending the ceremony. You mentioned that your friend had been baptized

a Catholic, but now attends a different church. My guess is that her boyfriend was also once a Catholic, since his brother is a priest.

Since neither of the spouses is now a practicing Catholic, no one would reasonably expect them to feel obligated to be married in a Catholic ceremony. On balance, I think it's preferable that they be married civilly rather than not at all, especially since that creates certain legal responsibilities for each other's welfare.

To give them credit, their decision to marry may well have been a principled one, a determination to "make right" their living together. Your support as a friend evidently means a lot to them and is especially important given their recurring struggles with mental illness. For all these reasons, I think that you made the right choice to serve as their witness.

As for the groom's brother, I have of course no awareness of the family dynamics, but he may have felt that his presence at the wedding, even as a nonparticipant, could have been viewed as an official endorsement of the ceremony by the Catholic Church and as an encouragement for others to marry in a non-religious setting.

Q. I have long wondered why the

priest mixes water with the wine at the offertory of the Mass. I have done some research and learned that this was the practice as early as the second century, but I don't understand why it is done. (Medford Lakes, New Jersey)

A. When the priest at the offertory of the Mass pours a drop of water into the chalice filed with wine, it symbolizes the commingling of the divinity of Jesus with our humanity. When doing so, the priest says to himself: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

This symbolic gesture can be found in the earliest rituals of the Eucharist, and St. Cyprian speaks of it in the middle of the third century: "When the water is mingled in the cup with wine, the people are made one with Christ."

St. Thomas Aquinas in *Summa Theologiae* mentions a second symbolism: the water and the blood that flowed together from the side of Christ during his passion. St. Thomas also notes the "probability" that Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper with wine tempered with water, since that mixture was a common practice among Jews and in Mediterranean cultures of the time.

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

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal will sponsor a retreat for women, led by Sister Juana Mendez, SC, from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 10 to 12, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Sister Juana is a native of Puerto Rico. Her family came to the United States when she was eight years old to reunite with her father, who had migrated to this nation earlier. She grew up in Cleveland and moved to Cincinnati when she became a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati.

She received a bachelor's degree in 2000 and a master's degree in 2009 at the College of Mount St. Joseph

in Cincinnati. In 2000, she was hired as pastoral associate for the Hispanic community of St. Mary's Cathedral in Covington, Kentucky. This community later was given its own parish in Erlanger, Kentucky. It was named Cristo Rey, and Sister Juana was its inspiration from the beginning.

She has been involved in the charismatic renewal for 20 years. Recently, she has been appointed Hispanic minister for the Diocese of Covington and has opened an office in Florence, Kentucky.

For more information on the retreat, go to www.cccolumbus.org or call (614) 914-8556.

Women's Retreat

End-of-Life Decisions Program

Hilliard St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, will present a program on "Navigating the Course at the End of Life" at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 in Wellnitz Hall.

Four brief presentations and a question and answer period will address issues Catholics may face at the end of life, such as: "What is the Church's stance on end-of-life decision, including advance directives?", "What legal preparations should I make?", "What are the benefits

to pre-planning my funeral?", and "What are my options when it comes to a Catholic funeral?"

Presenters will include Father Bob Penhallurick, pastor at St. Brendan, who has certification in bioethics; Jonathan Bryan, a local attorney; Dale Dunn, a funeral director; and Jennifer Rice, a pastoral associate for care and consolation. Refreshments will be provided.

To attend this free workshop, contact Rice at (614) 876-1272, extension 227, or jrice@stbrendans.net.

Prison Ministry Gathering

A prison ministry gathering for Catholic prison chaplains and volunteers of the Diocese of Columbus will take place Friday, Oct. 17 at West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike. Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. Dinner and a meeting will follow.

The meeting is an opportunity to share information and learn about prison ministry efforts throughout the diocese. All Catholics who minister

to inmates in prisons, jails, juvenile correctional facilities, and immigration detention facilities in the diocese, as well as those involved in prisoner re-entry ministry, are invited to attend. Attending priests are invited to celebrate and deacons to assist.

Those wishing to take part are asked to RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 14 to the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or email socmail-box@colsdio.org.

Angelic Warfare Confraternity

The Angelic Warfare Confraternity will host an enrollment ceremony, holy hour, and catechesis on chastity, as it relates to one's particular state in life, from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is an apostolate of the Dominican

Friars that has roots going back to the 1400s and was founded for the whole Church by Pope Benedict XII in 1727. It is a supernatural fellowship of men and women bound together in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Virgin Mary.

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PROVIDING A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE FOR EVERYONE



Fr. Leo Connolly

by Tim Puet

Father Leo Connolly says his greatest satisfaction as a priest and a chaplain for law-enforcement agencies comes from the way it enables him to show that even in the midst of difficulty, God is always there.

"Being a priest is a ministry of presence as much as anything else, whether it involves parish life in general or helping police and sheriff's deputies in the kinds of stressful situations they often have to deal with," said Father Connolly, 58, pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church since 2009.

"I'm there to make the Lord present, not through any type of mystical experience, but through what I can do as a priest, sacramentally and in other ways, to be an instrument of God's care and compassion for his people and to show God is indeed present at all times in people's lives, often in ways they're not aware."

Father Connolly, chaplain of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, has more than 600 hours of training in law-enforcement chaplaincy. "People often get this confused with prison ministry, but this is a different kind of work altogether," he pointed out.

"I got to know some sheriff's deputies in the mid-1980s during my first assignment as a priest at Hilliard St. Brendan Church and helped them deal with certain situations in their lives. That got me interested in serving law-enforcement agencies, and I've been doing it ever since."

He has been part of the funerals of three Franklin County sheriffs and of many law officers killed in the line of duty, has conducted courses for chaplains throughout the nation, and has provided assistance in New York City in 2001 after the Sept. 11 attacks and in Houston in 2005 and 2008 in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Ike respectively.

Father Connolly, 58, was born in Camp Lejeune, N.C., where his father, a medical corpsman with the Navy, was stationed. He spent most of his childhood in Philadelphia, graduating from high school there in 1974. His parents and sister had moved to Columbus a year before his graduation, when his father went to work at what is now the Defense Supply Center Columbus.

"My parents were in Columbus, but I didn't spend much time there except for summer internships until I was ordained a priest," he said. "I spent four years at Regis College, now Regis University, in Denver, then went to Catholic University in Washington for four years." He chose Regis, a Jesuit institution, because he was taught by Jesuits in Philadelphia and was considering the Jesuit priesthood.

"I knew I wanted to do the kind of work where I'd be involved a lot with people," he said. "In high school, I began thinking more and more about being a priest, especially because of the example of some of the Jesuits I knew."

"I graduated from college a year early in 1977, and was still discerning whether to be a Jesuit. During that year, someone who worked with me in campus ministry said he believed my gifts were more suited to the diocesan priesthood. The Columbus diocese accepted me, and I started at Catholic U in the fall of 1977." He was ordained at Columbus Holy Spirit Church by Auxiliary Bishop George Fulcher on June 13, 1981.

"I was assigned to St. Brendan, where Father Bill Maroon was pastor," he said. "I spent only a year with him, but it was an interesting year. Not long after I started there, we had to deal with the death just before Christmas of a child with a brain

tumor. Then we had another child with a tumor, who survived. Those kind of things bring you back from the euphoria of the early days after ordination. They hit you hard and make you realize the meaning of your calling. I still hear from the family of the child who died.

"Everyone who remembers Father Bill remembers the Lebanese food he loved to cook. I loved to eat, and weighed more than 350 pounds. So we made a deal. I'd stop eating so much if he stopped smoking. He put it in the bulletin and reported on our progress. I went on a weight-loss program and lost 166 pounds in seven months, and he kept his end of the bargain," Father Connolly said.

While at St. Brendan, he taught at Columbus Bishop Waterson High School and was spiritual director of the diocesan Cursillo (now Cum Christo) movement. He also served as an assistant at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Portsmouth Holy Redeemer, and Columbus St. Timothy churches, taught at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School, was a member of the diocesan Tribunal, and was chaplain at Portsmouth Mercy Hospital before becoming pastor of Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul Church in 1989.

"Wellston was a great place for a first pastorate, because it's a small town and a pastor becomes very involved in the community there," he said. "I got to fulfill a childhood fantasy by getting a license to be a baseball and softball umpire and working games there from Little League through high school. We also had a wonderful school in Wellston, which continues to serve an area far beyond the parish boundaries."

"Because of my father's health, I asked to be assigned a parish closer to Columbus. I became pastor at Columbus St. Philip in 1993, where I spent the next 10 years. It was a great experience in a changing neighborhood, with a wonderful St. Vincent de Paul Society outreach and an excellent youth outreach. The big concern was keeping the parish school open. After I left, it joined with Christ the King and St. Thomas schools to form All Saints Academy."

Father Connolly's next assignment was as pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church from 2003-09. "While I was there, the most significant event by far was the consolidation of the elementary schools at St. Nicholas and St. Thomas Aquinas churches," he said. "That was a real challenge because it involved two very different parish cultures, but we pulled it off."

More health problems for his father led to Father Connolly's appointment to St. Cecilia in 2009. His father died the following year. His mother had died while he was in college. "After I accepted the appointment, I had to have surgery because a hole was discovered in my skull. I went into the hospital as pastor of one church and left as pastor of another," he said.

"I'm working with a wonderful parish community here. School enrollment is up, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the church building in January, and the Georgesville Road and Prairie Township area we serve is starting to see some residential growth, both because of the Hollywood Casino and because there's still undeveloped land available."

"I'm looking forward to seeing the impact this might have on the parish in the next few years and to continuing to serve the law-enforcement community for many years to come."

SECOND NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD FOR ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School is one of 50 private schools nationwide recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as national Blue Ribbon schools. The honor is based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

The federal Education Department will present the honor to honor 287 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony next month in Washington. In its 32-year history, the Blue Ribbon schools program has bestowed this award on about 7,900 schools.

“These great schools are fulfilling the promise of American education—that all students, no matter their name or ZIP code, can flourish when schools provide safe, creative, and challenging learning environments,” Duncan said. “National Blue Ribbon schools are models of consistent excellence and a resource for other schools and districts. We celebrate them for their tireless effort and boundless creativity in reaching and teaching every student.”

St. Brigid of Kildare has received the



award in the “high-performing schools” category, which includes schools that have achieved among the highest scores in both reading and math as measured by state or national standard tests in the most recent year tested, regardless of student demographics.

The school received a similar honor in 2008 in the high-performing category. It is the only school in Ohio to receive a second nomination in the last 10 years, following a restructuring of the program. The change placed a stron-

ger emphasis on state assessment data, requiring schools to submit a history of test results and attendance and curriculum data.

“The administrators, pastor, teachers, and every staff member of St. Brigid of Kildare School believe every child is a gift from God, with talents to be developed to successfully make a difference in our world. With these shared values and beliefs in mind, we work as a team to ensure that each student is provided with a variety of instructional approaches and meaningful experiences in order to reach his or her greatest potential as a Catholic citizen. This is our formula for an extraordinary academic and faith-filled school ... a Blue Ribbon school!”, said Kathy O’Reilly, the school’s principal.

To be eligible for the award, the school had to show student performance on a nationally normed and/or state test in the top 15 percent nationally in reading/English language arts and math.

This is the second time St. Brigid of Kildare has applied for the honor, as schools are eligible to receive it only once every five years. The school last fall submitted to the Council for American Private Education a 38-page application which consisted of demographic

data, indicators of academic success, detailed curriculum and instruction data, descriptions of commitments to school leadership and professional development, and schoolwide standardized test score results.

“We’re a Blue Ribbon school because we have blue-ribbon teachers. We couldn’t have this level of academic quality in our school without unselfish teachers who work tirelessly every day to meet the needs of our students, as well as our students who show up every day wanting to learn and use the gifts God gave them to excel,” said Cindy Lombardo, vice principal.

“We are grateful to have a community full of teachers, support staff, students, and parents who work together to fulfill each child’s commitment to achieving his or her full potential in a faith-based learning environment,” said Jill Carfagna, assistant principal

“Winning a national Blue Ribbon award once is quite an accomplishment. Winning it twice in six years is an extraordinary feat—and a true reflection of the school’s continuous commitment to uphold academic excellence, all within a framework of traditional Catholic values,” said Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor of St. Brigid of Kildare Church.

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9, followed by an evening vigil, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, New Jersey.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Father Groeschel on Friday, Oct. 10 at the basilica, followed by burial at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark. The burial will be private.

“The Catholic Church and the Franciscan family lost a giant today,” said an Oct. 3 statement issued by Father Groeschel’s community.

The community felt “mixed emotions,” it said. “We are deeply saddened by the loss of Father Benedict, but also relieved that God has set him free from the physical and mental suffering he has experienced over the past decade.”

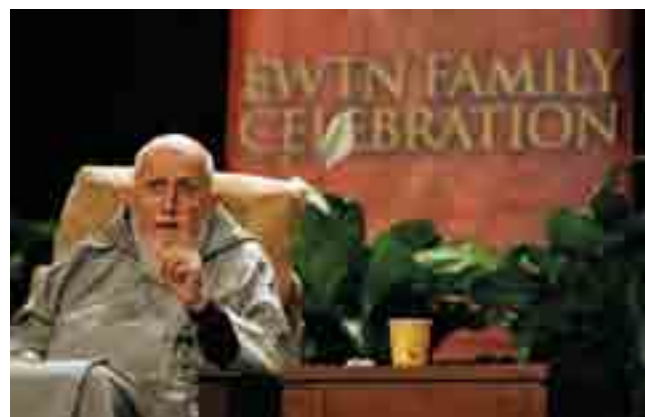
FATHER GROESCHEL DIES

Father Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR, who was a founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a leading pro-life figure, and popular author, retreat master, and preacher, died on Friday, Oct. 3 at St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly in Totowa, New Jersey, after a long illness. He was 81.

“We are deeply saddened by the death of Father Benedict. He was an example to us all,” said Father John Paul Ouellette, CFR, who also is a Franciscan friar and the order’s community servant.

“His fidelity and service to the church and commitment to our Franciscan way of life will have a tremendous impact for generations to come,” he said in a statement released by the order’s community office in the Bronx, New York.

A wake took place Wednesday, Oct. 8 at St. Adalbert’s Church in the Bronx, with a wake to be held Thursday, Oct.



St. John XXIII and the Holy Spirit

This week we celebrate for the first time the feast of St. John XXIII. The day of his feast, Oct. 11, was selected because it was the date of his opening the Second Vatican Council in 1962. His initiative surprised those who thought he would be a “caretaker” pope.

When Pope Francis canonized him in April of this year, he pointed to Pope John’s willingness to follow the Spirit: “In convening the Council, St. John XXIII showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit,” Pope Francis said. “He let himself be led, and he was for the Church a pastor, a servant-leader, guided by the Holy Spirit. This was his great service to the Church; for this reason I like to think of him as the pope of openness to the Holy Spirit.”

As a young student during those years, I loved the pope. I liked his round-brimmed hat and quick smile. I liked his visiting ordinary people in Rome. He reminded me of my grandma.

We drove to Pittsburgh to visit her. When we arrived at her home, which was on the second floor of what had been a hotel, we raced up the stairs to be the first to rest on her ample lap, wrapped in her strong, soft embrace. I thought Pope John XXIII would have been that kind of grandpa.

In high school, I read the documents of the council. After years of sitting in classrooms where vocations to priesthood and religious life were presented as the most desirable states of life and marriage was for those who couldn’t measure up, reading Chapter V of *Lumen Gentium*, “The Universal Call to Holiness,” was vindication of what I had already observed: Parents and families and single people were living



lives every bit as challenging, grace-filled, and transforming as those of the priests in the rectory or the sisters who taught in our schools.

Reading the words felt good: “It is therefore quite clear that all Christians in whatever state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity ...” “The forms and tasks of life are many but there is one holiness, which is cultivated by all who are led by God’s Spirit ...”

Gaudium et Spes offered more hope: “The invitation to converse with God is addressed to men and women as soon as they are born.” “The best way to fulfill one’s obligations of justice and love is to contribute to the common good according to one’s means and the needs of others ...” “Just as God did not create people to live as individuals but to come together in the formation of social unity, so he ‘willed to make women and men holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather to make them into a people ...”

Vatican II began to move the Roman Catholic Church away from fear of and toward engagement with the modern world. The council reached out to all: “We cannot pray to God the Father of all if we treat any people as other than sisters and brothers, for

all are created in God’s image.”

It’s fitting to reflect on Pope John XXIII’s courageous willingness to follow that holy lead as the church gathers in a synod to consider the family in today’s world. I wish those invited included more ordinary couples, more women, and more diversity of family experiences. Still, the gathering is hopeful. We’ll see.

Pope Francis’ address to the thousands of people gathered in the piazza to pray for the synod reminded me of John XXIII’s Spirit-led effort. “May the Wind of Pentecost blow upon the synod’s work,” Francis said, “on the Church, and on all of humanity. Undo the knots which prevent people from encountering one another, heal the wounds that bleed, rekindle hope.”

His homily at Sunday’s opening Mass warned of the possibility that those charged with nurturing God’s people can bring harm instead through their self-interest, greed, and pride: “God’s dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants. We can ‘thwart’ God’s dream if we fail to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit,” Pope Francis said. “The Spirit gives us that wisdom which surpasses knowledge, and enables us to work generously with authentic freedom and humble creativity.”

We can honor Pope John XXIII by praying for the continuing unfolding of Vatican II wisdom and for openness of all, no matter their position, to the Spirit who is blowing through windows and refreshing the air in our church.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SPEAKER

Dr. Ellen Wedemeyer, a nationally known author specializing in special education topics, will be in Columbus for two events for educators and parents on Thursday, Oct. 16.

She will be at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a two-hour presentation and a demonstration of practical applications of the methods she discusses. There will be a lunch break between the two sessions, which are for parish and school leaders and designed to show them ways to support teachers and catechists working with people with special needs.

A session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish center of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, will be geared toward families, teachers, catechists, and parents. It will discuss strategies for helping special-needs individuals achieve success in school and life.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to reserve@cdeeducation.org.

The event is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Religious Education & Catechesis and is being made possible through the support of the Knights of Columbus of central Ohio.

Groundbreaking for Cardington Church



Bishop Frederick Campbell, Father John Bakle, SM, and parishioners break ground for the new Cardington Sacred Hearts Church on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The church was destroyed by fire last year on Thanksgiving Day. A concrete cross with parishioners’ prayer requests will be in the new church. Photo/Sacred Hearts Church

BRIDGES OF ST. MARK

By **Randall Tipple**
Lancaster St. Mark Church

My name is Randy Tipple. I am 57 years old and married with five grown children and two grandchildren, and attend Lancaster St. Mark Church.

I work as a mechanical technician for Honda Engineering in Marysville and often travel to Honda plants in the U.S.A., Mexico, and Canada. A few years ago, one of those trips resulted in a Holy Spirit-driven mission that has changed the lives of myself, my family, and many others.

The story begins in 2009 at Port Columbus International Airport, where I was preparing to fly to Birmingham, Alabama for a project at the Honda plant in that state. It was there that I met a young Vietnamese Catholic priest, Father Nguyen Khac Minh, who was traveling to Paris to study theology. While in the airport, we had a brief, but interesting conversation, traded email addresses, and went on our way. We stayed in touch via short emails for a while, but because of our busy schedules, the emails ceased for several months until – out of the blue – I received an email from Father Minh informing me that he was back home serving at the Rach Suc Mission Church in Can Tho, Vietnam.

The emails began traveling back and forth again; every time he wrote, whether it be letters, pictures, or essays, I learned more and more about him and his community on the other side of the world. What impressed me most about him was

that in every email, he would express the needs of his community, and never his own personal needs.

In time, he invited me to visit his community at Rach Suc. Here, I must admit, I began feeling the force of what was expected of me. After so many years of asking God for strength and courage to do His will and the grace to be the man He wanted me to be, how could I turn my back on Father Minh's invitation? My wife and I both suspected that this would not be a mere one-time visit. I started piling up excuses: "I'm too busy; I'm not qualified; I'm not a millionaire; what real difference could I make?" As time went on, I sensed that this was a call that I needed to respond to; needless to say, I said "Yes."

In May 2012, I visited Father Minh and met his vicar, Father X Dinh Trong Tu (Father Francis Xavier). My original thought was to find a way to build a playground for the many children in the Rach Suc community, so with my i-phone, I took a plethora of pictures and videos. After my visit, it became apparent that a playground would have to wait. It was more necessary to first find a better way for the poor in the community to have access to clean water. The people there also needed to learn why it was necessary to change their habit of relieving themselves in the water.

When I returned to the U.S., I worked very hard to establish an organization dedicated to helping the Rach Suc mis-



Randall Tipple of the Bridges of St. Mark organization with a child at the Rach Suc mission in Vietnam.
Photos courtesy Randall Tipple

sion improve the lives of the poor in their community and to prove to them and to ourselves that we are who we say we are – members of the Body of Christ. I had to learn everything step by step, believing that despite my human weakness, the Holy Spirit was at work in so many ways, paving the way to make this organization a success.

It must be said that without Father Peter Gideon, pastor of St. Mark Church, the St. Mark social peace and justice committee, and Leandro Tapay and Gina Sergio of the Catholic Missions Office of the Diocese of Columbus, who so graciously encouraged and welcomed the ministry, the success of this organization would have stopped in its tracks. We are determined to be faithful to the priests and bishops in Can Tho and Columbus. The name of the organization is Bridges of St. Mark, a ministry of St. Mark Church, which qualifies it as a 501(c)(3) charity. We have a website and a Facebook page dedicated to this endeavor.

After much investigation on how to best provide clean water to poor families who live in the countryside and have little or no electricity, I determined that the Hydrad Biosand Water Filter would meet that need. I do not own nor do I work for the company that manufactures this product, and I do not receive any income from its purchase.

Users of the filter can reduce biological contaminants by pouring surface or ground water through the filter to obtain water that is safe for drinking, food preparation, personal hygiene, and sanitation.

Many communities around the world use the same concept in water filtration

when they build their own concrete biosand water filters. These are also very effective in helping communities clean their water; however, the Hydrad Biosand Water Filters are made of much lighter food-grade durable plastic, and can be mass-produced at a very low cost.

Instead of one or two concrete biosand water filters per community, families are able to have a Hydrad Biosand Water Filter in their home, providing an average family of eight to 10 people in developing nations with enough safe water daily for all their drinking, cooking, and washing needs. This filtration system costs approximately \$65 per filter, and, if properly used and maintained, can last for 10 years or longer.

The Bridges of St. Mark was blessed with enough donations to send its first shipment of 31 filters to the Rach Suc mission in September 2013. These were received with great enthusiasm and a request for additional filters as soon as we could deliver them. It was a challenge, but we were able to send a second shipment of 100 filters (without the sand and gravel they need) on its way this past February. It was received in May.

As we were busy stewing about how we were going to successfully deliver the filters and place them where they needed to be, Father Minh invited our son Louis Lugo to visit the mission and stay for a couple of months. To say the least, he jumped at the chance. Louis, who entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus as a seminarian, knew this would be a great opportunity to put his

UGANDA MISSION

By **Andy and Margie Schmelzer**
Newark St. Francis de Sales Church

When Father Bernard Bitekerezo first arrived in central Ohio in January 2010, he arrived in terribly cold weather, battling malaria. From the beginning, his visit on a mission appeal seemed to be an endeavor against all odds. Though his designated time visiting the parishes of the Diocese of Columbus was limited because of his illness, the parishioners he had a chance to meet were greatly impacted. At the time, he was the parish priest with responsibility for the Miyante Orphanage, near Kampala, Uganda.

In April 2014, Father Bitekerezo returned to central Ohio. This time, he came to seek help from the people he had met during his previous visit. Bishop Robert Muhiirwa of the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda, had assigned him to provide for the 87 orphans at the Kagoma Orphanage in west Uganda. The orphanage was in a desperate situation. The orphans, ranging in age from three to 18, were without enough food or safe drinking water. The well that they had built was not working and required costly repairs. Water for drinking, cooking, and bathing had to be carried from a river more than a mile from the orphanage. There was a major shortage of bedding, mattresses, and clothing.

Father was not deterred by the sever-



Men of the community around the Kagoma Orphanage in west Uganda repair its well. Money to pay for the work was raised by Father Bernard Bitekerezo during a visit in April to central Ohio.

ity of the situation. Plans were put on paper as he determined how this orphanage could be turned into a true home for these children. The primary goal was to make the orphanage self-sustainable, while raising orphans in an environment with enough food, water, safe shelter, health care, love, and spiritual support. Plans to provide education and instruction so they would have a chance for a better future and could eventually provide for themselves also were a priority.

However, immediate needs needed to be addressed first. Father Bitekerezo was hoping to secure funds to fix the well, to plant crops to provide food for the orphans, to construct a cooking area, latrines, and bathing facilities, and to pay the nine caregivers who were living at the orphanage with the children. Sufficient funds were donated during his 12-day visit to Ohio to finance the repair of the well and the building of latrines and to provide food for Easter dinner at the orphanage. What a day of celebration for the children!

But the day-to-day needs at the orphanage continued to be great. There was no electricity, no refrigeration for medications, no text books or supplies. When faced with such a heartbreaking situation, with so much to be done and being miles away, the same question kept surfacing among Father's friends in America: What can we do to help on a continuous basis? And those asking the questions could not turn away. Plans were made, ideas were discussed, and the desire to serve the Lord necessitated action.

Two Bible verses spurred motivation. The first: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world (James 1:27)." The second: "And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40)."

A plan was developed that could best facilitate the ongoing needs of the orphanage. It was decided that the central Ohio friends of the Kagoma Orphanage could develop a monthly "virtual adoption" program, similar to that of World Vision, where funds could be wired monthly on a consistent basis to take care of basic expenses for the children. For \$30 a month, the basic needs of a child can be met. Breaking this down for the 365



Children of the Kagoma Orphanage in west Uganda dance at an Easter celebration.
Photos courtesy Kagoma Orphanage

days in a year, the cost is just 98.6 cents a day! This is a manageable sacrifice for most of us here in the United States, but a life-changing gift in a nation where most people survive on sustenance farming and earn the equivalent of less than 50 cents per day.

The weekly collection at the parish where Father Bitekerezo serves has weekly offerings which amount to the equivalent of about \$10 in U.S. currency. This does not even begin to provide the necessary funds for the orphanage. The friends of the orphanage are helping Father's efforts by wiring donations directly to the orphanage account once a month. The only cost is a \$29 international transfer fee, which is covered by a donor. There are no overhead costs, no salaries, no hidden expenses that would take money away from the orphans and the finances needed to build the school and the other necessities of the orphanage.

"Work at home" is a term which often is used in business settings today. It can be defined as completing work off-site and still being an integral part of the team. In this sense, a team of "work at home" missionaries has been formed from parishes across the Diocese of Columbus to help meet the needs of these orphans in Uganda.

In addition to the "virtual adoption" program, other fundraisers have been developed to help meet the orphanage's goals. Sandra Wendelgest from Newark St. Francis de Sales Church organized a bake sale and a car wash which collected more than \$600. Steve and Amy Whitaker, parishioners of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, donated printing costs and materials for "virtual adoption" packets which consist of a payment booklet, preaddressed envelopes, and a

Kagoma project statement, eliminating any overhead costs for the project.

Steve Hitchens from St. Francis de Sales arranged for a weekly Jeans Day fundraiser in which employees at the nine Autumn Healthcare facilities and corporate office pay \$1 to wear jeans on Friday. Hitchens matches whatever is donated. To date, the program has raised approximately \$1,500 to date. Mother Margaret Mary and the women of the Children of Mary community in rural Licking County have offered prayerful and generous support. Rita and Chuck Dudgeon from Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church and Teresa Schmelzer from Bremen St. Mary jumped into action, spreading the word and offering support. And the list goes on.

For 98.6 cents a day, what can be done? Look at the smiling faces of the children and join the "work at home" missionaries in the Diocese of Columbus. Consider adopting an orphan for \$30 a month. Consider starting a fundraiser or a "Jeans Day" at your workplace.

When one serves the Lord, he grants a mystical supernatural grace that goes beyond understanding to restore the soul and gives deep seated peace.

It is beyond explanation and understanding. Perhaps it occurs because we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and we focus on someone else with much greater need, so God meets us in our sacrifice and the blessing of renewal is sweeter. We love Bible study and devotions, activities that help us to pray and focus on the Word of God. But when we serve the Lord by helping others in his name, we can more clearly feel his presence.

We can make a difference.



Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian Louis Lugo explains the different sizes of gravel used in water filters provided by the Bridges of St. Mark organization of Lancaster St. Mark Church to the Rach Suc mission in Vietnam.

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Holy Rosary Indian Mission ~ Choctaw Indian Reservation

By Father Bob Goodyear, ST

October will be a month of anniversaries for the Holy Rosary Indian Mission near Philadelphia, Mississippi. The mission was founded 130 years ago to minister to the Choctaw Indians, who were living almost invisibly in dire poverty.

In 1830, they were coerced to sign the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, which gave up the last of their ancestral land in Mississippi. They were removed to the Indian Territory of Oklahoma (a Choctaw word that means "red people"). About 19,000 Choctaws made the journey along the Trail of Tears. Some refused to leave, and most ended up working as sharecroppers or hauling pulpwood.

In 1884, the bishop of Natchez-Jackson, Mississippi, recruited a missionary priest from Holland to establish a Catholic mission to minister to the Choctaw Indians who remained in Mississippi. The missionary raised money by writing articles about the plight of the Choctaws and publishing them in newspapers in his native land. He was able to purchase land around the mission church and invited Choctaw families to come live on

the mission land, where they would be safe. Each family was given a cabin to live in, seed, and tools to farm their land. By 1900, the mission had 800 Choctaws living on its land.

In 1903, the federal government renewed its efforts to remove the Choctaws from Mississippi to the Indian Territory. In 1918, a flu epidemic took the lives of 25 percent of the Choctaws who remained. They are buried in the mission cemetery. Throughout the trials of the Choctaws, Holy Rosary Indian Mission continued to protect and minister to them.

In 1944, the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, a religious community of priests and brothers that was founded in 1929 in Holy Trinity, Alabama, accepted the invitation of the bishop of Mississippi to come to Holy Rosary. This October marks the 70th anniversary of the Missionary Servants' arrival at the three mission churches on the reservation. The Missionary Servants are dedicated to the development of the laity and the preservation of the faith. We work among those who are poor and spiritually abandoned.

Father Cressman Celebrates 40 Years as a Salesian

Father Richard Cressman, SDB, a staff member of the former Salesian Boys and Girls Club in downtown Columbus for 10 years, was among 22 Salesians honored on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the annual celebration of the jubilarians of the Salesians of Don Bosco's Eastern U.S. Province.



torate there in 1957.

Father Cressman came to the Salesians as a candidate for the priesthood in 1972 at Don Bosco Seminary in Newton, New Jersey. He made his novitiate in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1973-74 and professed vows at Newton on Sept. 1, 1974.

Immediately after profession, he carried out his practical training by teaching at Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero, Louisiana (1974-76). He studied theology for four years at the Pontifical College Josephinum, earned a master of divinity degree there, and was ordained in Columbus in 1980.

He returned to teaching the sciences, first at Salesian Junior Seminary in Goshen, New York (1980-81), where he also was campus minister, and then at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, New Jersey (1981-89).

Father Cressman was then assigned to Salesian boys and girls clubs in East Boston (1989-98) and Columbus (1998-2008) as chaplain. He retired to East Boston in 2008 without official responsibilities, but continued to assist in the club until his move to Tampa in 2013.

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Choctaw dancers at the Holy Rosary Indian Mission in Mississippi, where Father Bob Goodyear, ST, of Columbus has served for 24 years. Photos courtesy Father Bob Goodyear, ST

I first came to the Choctaw reservation in 1975 as a newly ordained priest. There were 3,800 Choctaws living on the reservation then. Today, there are more than 10,000 Choctaws here. The red dirt roads and wooden shacks are now paved roads and brick houses, but the poverty on the reservation remains. Struggles with alcoholism, despair, violence, and helplessness still possess the people here.

I have worked among the Choctaw Indians for 24 years. Some days, the needs are overwhelming, as so many come to my door needing help to obtain food or to pay their electric bills. But there is hope here, in spite of the poverty and challenges the tribe faces. Where there is faith, there is always hope.

I want to thank you for your prayers and for your sacrifices for some of the least of God's people who need you.

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Glenmary Missioners

Brother David Henley, a Columbus native, has been vocations director for the Glenmary Home Missioners since 2010.

Brother David attended Columbus St. Timothy Church, and graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School in 1989. After professing his final Glenmary oath in 2006, he spent three years doing outreach ministry in an Arkansas mission county before taking on his current role in 2010.

"Glenmary brotherhood has been such a good fit for me I can't imagine doing anything else," he said. Founded 75 years ago in 1939, Glenmary, which is based in Cincinnati, is the only Catholic missionary society that works exclusively in home mission areas of the United States, specifically in rural counties throughout the South and Appalachia.

As vocations director, he works to inform prospective students about Glenmary and to help inquirers discern the Holy Spirit's vocation call. He has been successful in raising Glenmary's visibility, partly through an active presence on social media (Facebook: Glenmary Home Missioners Vocations; Twitter: @ghmvocations; YouTube: BrotherDavidGHM), and his blog (davidhenley.blogspot.com).

"More and more men are learning there is a real U.S. mission need and are responding to the call. Being a joyous group of missioners is part of



Brother David Henley (right), vocations director for the Glenmary Home Missioners, talks to an inquirer about the Glenmary missionary priesthood and brotherhood at a vocations conference.

Photo courtesy Glenmary Home Missioners

Glenmary's appeal for them, too. We just need to keep sharing our Glenmary story and trusting in the Spirit," he said.

For more information, visit www.glenmary.org or contact Brother David at (1-800) 935-0975 or vocations@glenmary.org.

HOLY CROSS EVENT CHANGES

Because of the renovation now occurring at Columbus Holy Cross Church, the monthly all-night Eucharistic vigil and the monthly Filipino Mass usually scheduled there will take place at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., in November, said Father Michael Lumpe, pastor of Holy Cross and rector at the cathedral.

The Mass, celebrated in the Tagalog language of the Philippines, will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. The vigil will begin with Mass at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 and continue until 7:30 the following morning.

Both events will return to Holy Cross, 204 S. 5th St., in December, provided the renovation is completed. The schedule of Masses at the cathedral will remain the same.

As noted in last week's *Catholic Times*, the Holy Cross Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes will take place at the cathedral throughout the 2014-15 school year.

Sister Rebeca Spires in Brazil



Sister Rebeca Spires, SNDdeN, who grew up in Columbus, takes part in a Eucharistic celebration with the Aikewar people of Brazil. She has worked with indigenous people in the Amazon rainforest since 1970. Photos courtesy Sister Rebeca Spires, SNDdeN

Sister Rebeca Spires, SNDdeN, who grew up in Columbus and says her missionary vocation was born in St. Leo Church, has worked with indigenous people in the Amazon rainforest in Brazil since 1970, with most of her work concentrated in villages around the states of Para and Amapa.

"Our mission is a collaborative and mutual effort," she wrote to the *Catholic Times*. "As we evangelize, we are evangelized. We share prayer together in diverse expressions of spirituality, and we struggle for justice and equality together as well.

"Inculturation is our key. As the almighty Word of God, incarnated as Jesus, fully lived his culture while remaining open to all, so do we try to live in the ways of the people we serve. Since the sacraments are Jesus' way of being in our midst, we adapt the signs and symbols to each distinct culture so that they effectively communicate this wonder.

"Children are the heart of every indigenous community. They are the joy, the hope, and the reason to continue in the struggle."



Father Nello Ruffaldi, a member of the PIME missionary order, in an inculturated celebration of the Sacraments among the Aikewar people of Brazil.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Reading from Isaiah offers a universal appeal



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

The Isaiah reading is one that Christian mourners hear often at funerals. Isaiah's song follows a repeated promise in Isaiah 24-27 that an unnamed city would be destroyed. Many commentators think that the unnamed city was Babylon.

Today's passage speaks of "the mountain" which is Mount Zion, the mountain on which is built the city of Jerusalem. It is here that the Lord of hosts will provide for "all peoples." There was a short period in Israel's history when there appeared to be a universal outreach, extended by the Lord to the nations instead of solely to Israel. Thus, the veil that veils all people and the web woven over all the nations uses two terms that have a certain universal appeal.

This may be why this reading is so popular at funerals. People recognize the universal nature of death ("we're all going to die"), but they see in these words hope for all people. The appealing nature of a banquet prepared by the Lord for all, with the best of foods and the choicest wines, has a universal appeal. The hope that the Lord will destroy death forever reinforces the hopes of those who mourn.

The passage ends with the exclusivist cries of the people of the Lord "for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain." The mountain is Mount Zion, the location of Jerusalem. Thus the "hand of the Lord" protects Jerusa-

lem by resting upon it.

In the Gospel, the chief priests and elders remain the primary audience as Jesus directs yet another parable their way. A version of this parable is found in Luke 14:15-24, but it varies greatly in detail with what is found in Matthew. Here, it is a king giving a wedding feast for his son that is compared to the kingdom of heaven.

Many of the details are curious. We wonder why invited guests of a king would refuse the invitation. Refusing an invitation of this kind just was not done. Other servants are sent a second time, presumably to the same guests who again refuse, some ignoring the invitation, some offering excuses, and some who finally put to death the servants of the king! That is perhaps the biggest surprise.

The king's anger leads to the destruction of the murderers and the burning of their city. The servants are then sent to the roadways to invite whoever they find, "bad and good alike." It is admittedly a strange group for his son's wedding, but at least the groom (and presumably his bride) was playing to a full house.

When the king enters and confronts the one guest not dressed for the occasion, he singles him out and chides him for not wearing a wedding garment. The point of contention involves proper behavior after one accepts an invitation to a wedding feast. It requires, on the part of the one invited, the social responsibility of coming in appropriate dress. To come dressed any other way is to offend the host.

The penalty for not abiding by the social custom was severe: "Bind him hand and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." As a description of the kingdom of heaven, we have to think in terms of the responsibility for putting on the proper behavior once invited to the banquet. Thus the conclusion: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Galatians 4:22-24,26,27,31-5:1
Psalm 113:1b-5a,6-7
Luke 11:29-32

TUESDAY
Galatians 5:1-6
Psalm 119:41,43-45,47-48
Luke 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY
Galatians 5:18-25
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:42-46

THURSDAY
Ephesians 1:1-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY
Ephesians 1:11-14
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,12-13
Luke 12:1-7

SATURDAY
2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Psalm 145:10-13,17-18
Luke 10:1-9

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

DAILY MASS

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

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

Wanted: A synod of affirmation



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

Pope Francis has called a special session of the Synod of Bishops, which will meet from Oct. 5 to 19 and prepare the agenda for the ordinary session of the synod that is scheduled for the fall of 2015; both sessions will focus on the family. In my view, the synod should focus on two related themes: marriage culture is in crisis throughout the world; the answer to that crisis is the Christian view of marriage as a covenant between man and woman in a communion of love, fidelity, and fruitfulness.

To focus the conversation elsewhere is to ignore a hard fact and a great opportunity.

The collapse of marriage culture throughout the world is indisputable. More and more marriages end in divorce, even as increasing numbers of couples simply ignore marriage, cohabit and procreate. The effort to redefine "marriage" as what we know it isn't, and to enforce that redefinition by coercive state power, is well-advanced in the West. The contraceptive mentality has seriously damaged the marriage culture, as have well-intentioned, but ultimately flawed efforts to make divorce easier. The sexual free-fire zone of the West is a place where young people find it very hard to commit to a lifelong relationship that inevitably involves sacrificing one's "autonomy." And just as the Christian understanding of marriage is beginning to gain traction in Africa, where it is experienced as a liberating dimension of the Gospel, European theologians from dying local churches are trying to empty marriage of its covenantal character, reducing it to another form of contract.

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hands to the plow and work with Father Minh at the mission church in Can Tho. This would give him the opportunity to check on the 31 filters sent in 2013 and be there when the second shipment of 100 filters arrived.

We shipped the filters in mid-February and sent Louis to Can Tho at the end of March. We knew that timing was crucial because our friend Dr. Thanh Huong (Helen) Nguyen, an associate professor in the University of Illinois department of civil and environmental engineering, and two of her students, Krisos Spyrtatos and Marta Grabowski, were to arrive in Can Tho after their visit to a community in Nepal and Thailand.

The purpose of their visit was to help us locate good sand and gravel for the filters and to teach our friends in Can Tho the importance of water filtration and how to best maintain the filters. In Louis' words, "Looking for the correct sand and gravel was a much more difficult task than we had anticipated. We tried looking for beach sand near the mission church that was affordable; however, there seemed to be too few connections. The good sand and gravel was either too far away or too expensive."

When Professor Nguyen arrived with the students, we were relieved to finally have someone who could direct us in our endeavors, and that they did. They

Rome, we have a problem.

Pope Francis understands the crisis of marriage culture in its multiple dimensions, just as he understands that the family, which begins in marriage, is a troubled institution in the postmodern world; that's why he's summoned two synods on the topic. And that's why the synod, fully aware of the gravity of the situation, should begin, continue, and end on a positive note, offering the world a pearl of great price: the Christian understanding and experience of marriage.

The synod discussion, in other words, should take the crisis of marriage and the family as a given and then lift up Christian marriages, lived faithfully and fruitfully, as the answer to that crisis. The synod should begin with what is good and true and beautiful about Christian marriage and Christian family life, and show by living examples how that truth, goodness, and beauty respond to the deepest longings of the human heart for solidarity, fidelity, and fruitful love.

It's quite obvious that the Church faces real pastoral challenges in dealing with broken marriages and their

results. But to begin the discussion of marriage and the family in the 21st century there is to begin at the wrong end of things. For it is only within the truth about marriage, which was given to the Church by the Lord himself, that compassionate and truthful solutions to those pastoral problems can be found.

The synod might also do well to reflect on another piece of good news: the Church has far more tools with which to try and help fix what's broken in 21st-century marriage culture than it did 40 years ago. St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body has given Catholicism the world's most compelling account of sexuality and its relationship to marriage: a vision of the nobility of human love that is far more attractive than anything on offer in *Playboy* and *Cosmopolitan*, not to mention what's being taught about "marriage" by jihadists. And John Paul's teaching is having an impact—it's hard to find a college or university campus today that doesn't have a Theology of the Body study group, often self-organized by students.

We've also come a long way since "marriage preparation" involved choosing music and quarreling with the pastor about rice-throwing on the church steps. Couple-to-couple marriage prep is a major development in alert dioceses and parishes, and a great expression of Pope Francis' call that all Catholics understand themselves as missionary disciples.

Message to synod: think positive.

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were a tremendous help. With their knowledge and resources, they were able to find a good source of river sand and gravel that we had spent hours trying to locate before they arrived. The silver lining was that the sand and gravel source ended up being close to the church. Our lack of experience would have rendered this sand and gravel unacceptable; however, the professor and her students taught us how to clean the local sand and gravel properly, making it acceptable to use in the filter. Without the help of Professor Nguyen and her students, the success would not have been so prompt. "It was a great feeling to be able to end my trip with a success story," Louis said.

Bridges of St. Mark is continuing to assist the Rach Suc mission. Recently, the organization sent funds to purchase chairs for the children, teachers, parents, and others who converge on the mission for various events. The funds also will help with repairing and updating of restroom facilities that are in desperate need of attention, and with repairing of the water tower. People from miles around visit the mission for events such as the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and a mid-autumn festival that attracts more than 3,000 people.

We have been blessed with many generous donations from places we never expected. For instance,

in May 2014, the Pierron family, parishioners of West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, organized the TATE 5K run in memory of their son Taylor Pierron – not only a family friend, but Louis' best friend – who died tragically in 2012. The generous outpouring of support for this event provided Bridges of St. Mark with the resources to continue its mission to provide the support that this mission church desperately needs.

As we grow, we hope to help in other ways, such as providing a playground for the children, transportation, facilities for the many Vietnamese doctors and teachers who volunteer on a weekly and sometimes daily basis at the mission, and whatever its other needs might be.

It is also our hope that we cultivate a spiritual bond with these dear people, that we get to know them and they get to know us, that we learn the benefit of belonging to a church that is much larger than ourselves, and that we discover once again that love and support for one another is part of our intrinsic nature.

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Pray for our dead

BASH, Thomas A., 82, Sept. 29
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

CANALE, Ella M., 84, Sept. 30
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

CAPOZIELLO, Albert D., 59, Sept. 25
St. Philip Church, Columbus

DALEY, Wanda, 91, Sept. 29
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DURANT, Roger L., 73, Sept. 19
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

FRAME, Ronald J., 72, Sept. 29
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

GREER, Maureen A., 57, Sept. 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LAMOTHE, Paul E., 86, Sept. 30
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

LAUBY, Jeffrey "Scott," 51, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 20
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Longmont, Colo.

LUKIE, John W., 73, Oct. 4
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

MOONEY, Anna A., 92, Oct. 2
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

NORMAN, Anna J., 97, Oct. 3
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

NORMAN, Harry D., 96, Oct. 2
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

RIFF, Karen, 66, of Upper Arlington, Sept. 26
St. Joseph Church, Huntington, W.Va.

ROSS, Antonette J., 95, Sept. 22
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

RUPP, Jeffrey M., 51, Sept. 25
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SCHUER, Mary J., 87, Sept. 27
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

SEDDOR, William J., 91, Oct. 2
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SPENGLER, John E., 81, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 25
Holy Family Church, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

SWEAZY, Frederick M., Aug. 22
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

TIGHE, Ellen, Sept. 20
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

WILLIAMS, Catherine M., 64, Oct. 2
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

Outreach Center in Portsmouth

Catholic Social Services has partnered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and local parishes to combine all Catholic outreach services in the Scioto County area under one roof...

The move, a year in the making, was approved by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Monday, Aug. 11, the Feast of St. Clare, foundress of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration...

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40 Days for Life

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founders Women's Health Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at abortion clinic...

9, THURSDAY
Ready Youth Basketball Skills Camp
6:30 to 8 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Youth basketball skills camp for boys and girls in grades three to eight...

11, SATURDAY
Sacred Heart Congress at St. Joan of Arc
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Powell Road, Powell. Third annual Sacred Heart Congress sponsored by Columbus Catholic Men's and Catholic Women's conferences...

'Happenings' submissions
Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published...

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Information night for Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension program master's, undergraduate, and certificate options...

Theology on Tap Meeting
7:30 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics...

10, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace...

10-12, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Columbus Italian Festival at St. John the Baptist
5 to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Annual Columbus Italian Festival...

11, SATURDAY
Sacred Heart Congress at St. Joan of Arc
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Powell Road, Powell. Third annual Sacred Heart Congress sponsored by Columbus Catholic Men's and Catholic Women's conferences...

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...

Health and Safety Fair at St. John Center
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. John Center, 640 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Health and safety fair sponsored by Holy Rosary-St. John Church women's group...

Pontifical College Josephinum Tours
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Seminarans will offer 45-minute tours every half-hour, followed by refreshments...

12, SUNDAY
St. Agatha Adult Education
9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. First of three talks by Father Edmund Hussey on Pope Francis' vision for the church...

13, MONDAY
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics...

14, TUESDAY
Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting...

meeting. Speaker: Father Clarence Williams, CppS, pastor, Columbus St. James the Less Church. Reservations required.

ODU Adult and Continuing Education Open House
6 to 7:30 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for university's undergraduate adult and continuing education programs...

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...

15, WEDNESDAY
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...

16, THURSDAY
Special Education Programs for Educators, Parents
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus and 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Andrew Parish Center, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus...

17, FRIDAY
Prison Ministry Gathering at Ss. Simon and Jude
6 p.m., Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson. Gathering for Catholic prison chaplains and volunteers from throughout the diocese...

Deacon Francis X. Ball

Funeral Mass for Deacon Francis X. (Frank) Ball, 81, who died Thursday, Oct. 2, was held Wednesday, Oct. 8 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.



to the Ecumenical Movement until his retirement from active ministry in 2006.

He was employed by the Aluminum Co. of America in Chillicothe as an industrial engineer, a packaging engineer, traffic manager, and warehouse superintendent. He retired from Alcoa in 1977. Before becoming a deacon, he was actively involved in programs of both Chillicothe parishes, the diocesan youth ministry office, and the Teens Encounter Christ program...

He was born May 13, 1933, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, to the late Francis and Clarissa (Priefer) Ball. He received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and economics in 1955 from St. Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

He was ordained to the diaconate on Oct. 12, 1980 by Bishop Edward Herrmann. Following ordination, he established a family life ministry center with Chillicothe St. Mary, Chillicothe St. Peter, Circleville St. Joseph, and Waverly St. Mary churches. In 1987, he was assigned to diaconal ministry at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church. He continued his family ministry, along with other duties, at St. Elizabeth. He also served as diocesan representative

Survivors include his wife, Ann, a retired employee of the diocesan finance office; son, Michael (Joan); daughters, Brenda and Susan (John); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



SCULPTURE DEDICATION

Bishop Ready welcomes Bishop Campbell and Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz for special celebration/dedication

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

These words from Matthew 25:40 were the inspiration for Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, who created the *Homeless Jesus* sculpture and attended the blessing and dedication of a model of the work at Columbus Bishop Ready High School on Monday, Sept. 29. The date is significant for the school because it is the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, its patron saint.

Bishop Frederick Campbell blessed the model, which will be replaced by a life-

size version in the school’s peace courtyard later this fall. The installation is being made possible through the generosity of the sculptor, anonymous donors, and Ready graduate Dan Modlich.

Casts of the full bronze sculpture have been and are being installed in cities around the world. One version recently was placed outside the Catholic Charities office in Chicago. Schmalz is working on having one installed at the Vatican.

The full sculpture features a homeless man on a bench, with his face concealed under a blanket. His feet stick out and are pierced with nail holes, identifying him as Jesus. The version at Ready will not include a bench by Schmalz. Instead, the Jesus figure will be on a granite bench donated by Modlich.



In blessing the sculpture, Bishop Campbell prayed, “May this statue be a reminder of our duty to be men and women for others. Instill in us a desire to live so that in serving them, we serve you.”

The dedication and a Mass celebrated by the bishop were part of Catholic Schools Week at Bishop Ready. The model is a gift from Schmalz and the school to Bishop Campbell, who is allowing it to remain at the school until the full-size sculpture is delivered.

Celene Seamen, principal of Bishop Ready, first learned of the sculpture through a tweet by Father James Martin, SJ, which showed a cast of the sculpture that is located outside Regis College in Toronto. When she showed a photo of the sculpture to students, they were visibly moved and wanted to look into obtaining one for their school.

“Students, faculty, everyone who saw the photo of the sculpture was visibly touched,” she said. “The uniqueness of the artwork, plus the universality of the plight of the homeless, just resonated with everyone. I knew this piece of artwork could provide a true teaching moment and would bring the lessons of the Gospels home in a way that words alone would not do.”

Stories in the national media have noted a mixed reaction to the sculpture’s placement in front of an Episcopal church in Davidson, N.C. Schmalz has said he offered the first casts to St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto and St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City,

but both declined the offers because they are in the midst of renovation.

The model currently at Ready had been blessed by Pope Francis in Rome last year and is carved in wood. In presenting the art to Bishop Campbell, Schmalz included a framed photo of the pope blessing it.

Schmalz, of St. Jacobs, Ontario, said the inspiration for the sculpture was an apparently homeless man he saw wrapped in a blanket about three years ago in Toronto. “Some are not happy about Jesus being a homeless person, but I see this as a visual translation of the Gospel,” he said.

“When Pope Francis blessed the model, I felt that as he reached out to the statue, he also reaches out to the broken and marginalized and makes us understand that these human beings are sacred.”

Following the presentation, Schmalz talked with Ready art students. “Follow your passion,” he told them. “Hard work and talent is not enough for a fulfilling career. There has to be a passion behind what you do and a belief in what you are doing, whether it’s art, medicine, teaching, or any other area.”

Photo: Pictured with the model-size version of the “Homeless Jesus” sculpture at Columbus Bishop Ready High School are (from left) sculptor Timothy Schmalz, Bishop Frederick Campbell, Ready principal Celene Seamen, and students Holly Guggenbiller and Nick Durbin. In the picture frame is a photo of Pope Francis blessing the model at the Vatican last November.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

Breakfast with the Bishop ~ “Bridges Out of Poverty”

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Bishop Frederick Campbell said at Catholic Social Services’ annual Breakfast with the Bishop that acts of charity are ultimately acts of worship in which we recognize God through his image in others and in ourselves.

The bishop’s reflection focused on Jesus’ statement in Matthew’s gospel that “The poor you will always have with you,” which he made after a woman anointed his feet with expensive ointment and was criticized by some for wasting money that could be given to the poor.

The bishop said some people interpret Jesus’ response as meaning “poverty is simply a fact of life, it’s a fact of our history, and we just have to accept that,” an attitude he described as “leading to a certain complacency where when poverty was encountered, there was simply a shrug of the shoulders.” He said a second interpretation is that “the work of serving the poor ... is never-ending, that it calls every generation to a mission, to a challenge, and that God has given us this reality so that we too might understand our need to do charity, to give of ourselves.”

Bishop Campbell suggested a third interpretation, which he said “has to do with the consequences of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

“That act of the woman pouring that precious ointment at the Lord’s feet is an act of worship,” he said. “It is an act whereby that woman, in a sense, joins herself to the person of Jesus Christ, just as for Catholics, participation in the Eucharist joins us intimately with the person of Jesus Christ, who is there present.

“In that communion is inherent a mission – that to claim Jesus Christ as Our Lord and Savior and to achieve a very deep communion with him means at the same time that we are, through Christ, being drawn into the deepest communion with every other human person,” the bishop said. “That act of worship creates a community in which, in fact, we do our charity.”



Bishop Campbell said the Latin word *caritas*, from which the English word “charity” comes, defines “a kind of love given others simply because the other was a creature of God, worthy of our attention, ... so that charity comes out of a sense of worship, of giving honor to God by honoring his image that we see in other people.”

He noted that Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, said, “At the heart of our charity must certainly be the concern for the well-being of others ... but it must at the same time be a gift of ourselves. Otherwise, the charity can be condescending.”

The bishop said that beyond the need to provide immediate material assistance, people who want to address poverty need to recognize that “there can be a poverty of hope, a poverty where there seems to be no future, a poverty caused by isolation and loneliness.”

He said there may be disagreement over how to address poverty, but that at the heart of the issue “lies that commitment and that notion of achieving a person-to-person connection, of seeing the other in the image of God and a reflection of ourselves.

“When we achieve a community with Christ, we at the same time are

establishing a community of all,” Bishop Campbell said. “What is a mission, a responsibility, can, as St. Vincent de Paul told us, become a privilege. ... The poor are all around us, and, in touching them, we touch Christ himself.”

Following the breakfast at the Columbus Hyatt Regency Hotel, more than 100 community leaders and the 43 staff members of Catholic Social Services went to Columbus St. Andrew Church’s Bryce Eck Center for training by Jodi Pfarr of Minneapolis in the Bridges Out of Poverty program. Pfarr has spent two decades working with Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, and other organizations dealing with the issue of poverty and has been a police chaplain in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Bridges Out of Poverty is designed to give people a framework for understanding the culture of poverty and a realistic understanding of how to work within that culture to effect change.

Speaking at the breakfast, Pfarr stressed the importance of involving



Bridges Out of Poverty trainer Jodi Pfarr discusses her experiences working with the culture of poverty and promoting changes in people’s attitudes and lives. CT photos by Ken Snow

groups from all economic levels with poverty programs and making sure they are communicating with each other. “Sometimes our best intentions are actually harming others, but we won’t know this unless everyone has a voice at the table,” she said.

She noted that a person’s economic status inevitably has an impact on how he or she understands poverty. “One viewpoint isn’t any better than the other, but they’re all different, and we have to recognize that,” she said. Pfarr said that social interaction tends to be relationship-based among poor people; achievement-based among the middle class; and connections-based among those with wealth.

Rachel Lustig, president and chief executive of Catholic Social Services, said this was the best-attended Breakfast with the Bishop in the event’s 22-year history, with more than 500 people on hand, raising between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for the agency’s emergency assistance, family, and senior citizens programs.

She said CSS serves 11,500 people per year, all of whom live with poverty or the threat of poverty. She also said help from CSS volunteers provides the equivalent of 57 extra staff people, enabling the agency’s 43 paid staff members to greatly expand their outreach.



Some of the Catholic Social Services staff and community leaders who received Bridges Out of Poverty training at Columbus St. Andrew Church’s Bryce Eck Center on Friday, Oct. 3.

Mass in G Major

**Thursday, Oct. 16 • 7:30 p.m.
Worthington St. Michael Church
Admission: Free will/canned food donation**

The Thomas Worthington High School music department will open its 2014 concert season by presenting Schubert’s *Mass in G Major* in a combined production of the school orchestra department, directed by Julie Ellis, and choral department under the direction of Dameon Jones.

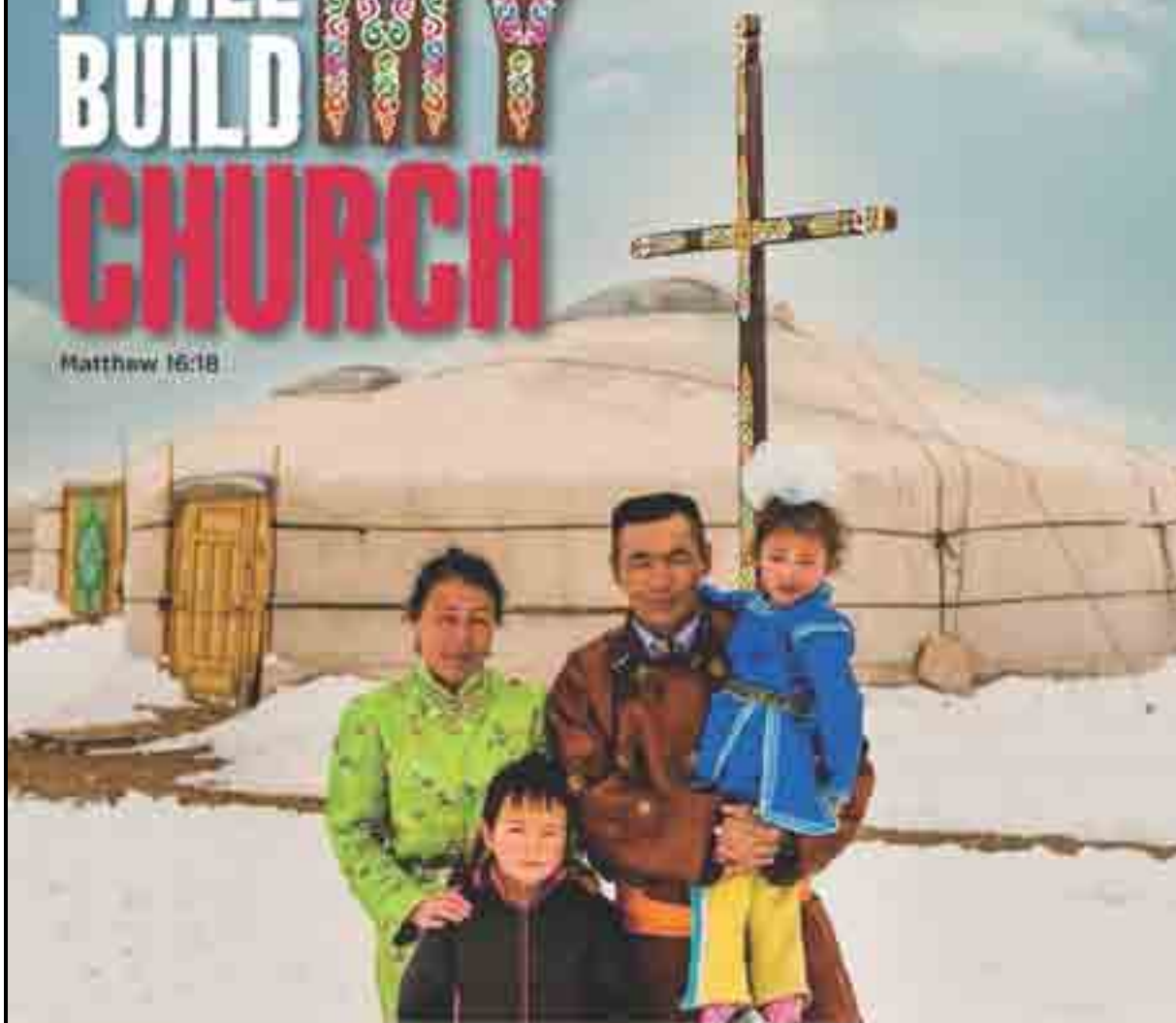
It will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16 in Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St. Admission is free, but a canned-food donation and/or a free will donation are encouraged. Donations will benefit the TWHS orchestra and choral department and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, which serves more than 300 partner agencies in Franklin County.

Schubert’s *Mass in G Major* is for soprano, tenor, and bass, and a full chorus of mixed voices, with organ and strings. Composed in 1815, this Mass is an astonishingly great work of the 18-year-old Schubert. The performance will feature more than 100 singers and 27 chamber orchestra members.

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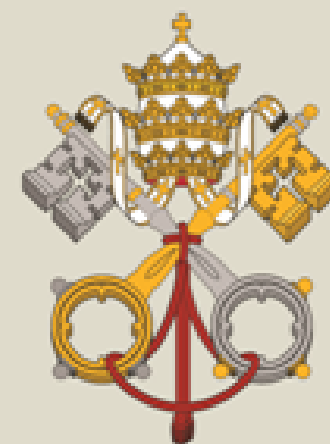
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