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The Editor's Notebook

The Light of Faith in Words and Action

By David Garick, Editor



This has been a very interesting week for the Church. It has been a time to draw our attention back to the great gift Christ gave to us in the very creation of the Church and in the call to St. Peter and his successors to build and nurture the Church to minister and protect all of us.

Christ called Peter to be the rock upon which the Church is founded, and He challenged him, through love, to feed His sheep. This week, we have some very strong examples of how that love has been manifested to bring us closer to Christ.

Pope Francis has just issued his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith). While this is issued by Pope Francis, it was begun by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and represents thought from both pontiffs. As shepherds, these two popes, through love, lead us to find our way in a very troubled world. It is easy to stumble in the darkness. Our efforts to live based upon our own understanding of our surroundings are fraught with peril, since, as St. Paul says, we only "see through a glass darkly." Our shepherds remind us that Christ is the only light. That light we only obtain through faith. It is only by living in faith that we can find our way safely. This wonderful encyclical presents this much more eloquently and completely. You can get a taste of it in the story on Page 3, but I hope you will take the time to read the whole document and be enriched by it.

One way that a shepherd leads is by lighting the way. Another is to lead by example. The Holy Father this week also has taken the final step to recognize the way in which two of his predecessors have led the Church with such devotion and holiness that they must

be saints. Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II already have been declared "Blessed." In a few months, they will be canonized as saints of the Church. Since they are saints, we know that they are already in heaven and available to hear our prayers and to intercede for us with Christ. But beyond that, they have lived lives of such heroic virtue that they are models for us. They inspire us through their actions to understand that we, too, can live in accord with the ideals that Christ taught. The history of the Church has been filled with men and women who have lived these exemplary lives and are now recognized as saints who we can emulate. But it is good that in this generation, we have yet more examples of shepherds living in the Light of Faith. Most of us know John Paul II and John XXIII as real people that we can identify with. We've seen them on television. We have heard their words. We have seen them act strongly and decisively in the name of Christ. They are not characters out of dusty history books. Their lives, their words, their actions have impacted each of us directly. How comforting to have them in heaven praying with us and continuing to lead us to Christ.

In *Lumen Fidei*, we read, "The Successor of Peter, yesterday, today and tomorrow, is always called to strengthen his brothers and sisters in the priceless treasure of that faith which God has given as a light for humanity's path." This week, we are reminded of how John XXIII, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis have done that for each of us.

BISHOP'S 70TH BIRTHDAY GALA
TICKETS ON SALE

In honor of the 70th birthday of Bishop Frederick Campbell, parishioners, clergy, and civic leaders from the Diocese of Columbus will gather for a gala on Friday, Aug. 30 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St.

Proceeds will benefit four areas that represent the breadth and depth of the Church, as well as the good works of her people: the Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Fund, diocesan social concerns agencies, the diocesan vocations support endowment, and the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral music ministry endowment.

Gala co-chairs Tom and Sarah Kernan and honorary chair Michael Men-

tel, former Columbus City Council president, are organizing the event. WCMH-TV reporters Marcus Thorpe and Mikaela Hunt will be masters of ceremonies. Information on reserving tickets and tables is available at <https://catholic-foundation.org/birthdaygala> or by phone at (614) 940-4870. Tickets are \$125 per person, or \$1,250 for a 10-person table.

All Catholics in the diocese and those touched by the works of the Church are encouraged to contribute to the event, even if unable to attend. All contributors will have their name added to a diocesan birthday card which will be included in the event program.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. During July and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to: **7/28, 8/11, and 8/25**

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

Correction: In the June 30 Catholic Times, the name of Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, who is marking her 60th anniversary of religious life this year, was not included in the list of sisters honored during the celebration of religious jubilees at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church on June 15. In the same issue, the list of couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries did not include Patrick and Kathleen Foley from Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, who are celebrating their 45th anniversary.

POPE CLEARS THE WAY FOR THE
CANONIZATIONS OF
JOHN PAUL II, JOHN XXIIIBy Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis signed a decree clearing the way for the canonization of Blessed John Paul II and has decided also to ask the world's cardinals to vote on the canonization of Blessed John XXIII, even in the absence of a miracle.

Publishing the decrees, the Vatican also said, "The supreme pontiff approved the favorable votes of the ordinary session of the cardinal- and bishop-fathers regarding the canonization of Blessed John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli) and has decided to convoke a consistory that will also involve the canonization of Blessed John Paul II."

Normally, after a pope signs a decree recognizing the miracle needed for a canonization, the pope consults with cardinals around the world and calls a consistory -- a gathering attended by any cardinal who wants and is able to attend

-- where those present voice their support for the pope's decision to proclaim a new saint.

A date for a canonization ceremony is announced formally only during or immediately after the consistory.

The cardinals and archbishops who are members of the saints' congregation met at the Vatican on July 2 and voted in favor of the pope recognizing as a miracle the healing of Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican who was suffering from a brain aneurysm and recovered after prayers through the intercession of Blessed John Paul.

The congregation members, according to news reports, also looked at the cause of Blessed John and voted to ask Pope Francis to canonize him without requiring a miracle. According to church rules -- established by the pope and subject to changes by him -- a miracle is needed after beatification to make a candidate



eligible for canonization.

Announcing the decision about Blessed John's cause, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the discussions about the need for miracles and what can be defined as an acceptable miracle continue. However, he said, the movement in the late pope's cause does not indicate a general change in church policy.

"As we all know very well, John XXIII is a person beloved in the church. We are

in the 50th anniversary year of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which he convoked. And I think none of us has any doubts about John XXIII's virtues," the spokesman said. "So the Holy Father is looking toward his canonization."

Father Lombardi also noted that no date for a canonization ceremony was announced, but it is likely that the two popes will be canonized together, possibly "by the end of the year."

ENCYCLICAL ILLUSTRATES CONTINUITY OF TWO PAPACIES, OFFICIALS SAY

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Presenting Pope Francis' new encyclical and acknowledging how much of it was prepared by retired Pope Benedict XVI, top Vatican officials hailed it as a unique expression of the development of papal teaching and unity in faith.

"It is a fortunate coincidence that this text was written, so to speak, by the hands of two popes," said Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, at a news conference July 5 marking the release of the encyclical *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith).

"Notwithstanding the differences of style, sensibility, and accent, anyone who reads this encyclical will immediately note the substantial continuity of the message of Pope Francis with the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Muller, along with Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, and Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Commission for Promoting New Evangelization, emphasized not only the collaboration of the two popes, but also their shared view of faith as a "common good," a gift that is transmitted and nourished by the church, but is meant to be

shared with all humanity.

Christians have an obligation, they said, to help others by proclaiming the Gospel, but also by living their faith in order to transform the world into a place of authentic brotherhood and care for the weakest.

Cardinal Ouellet told reporters, "A pillar was lacking in Benedict XVI's trilogy on the theological virtues," which began with his encyclicals on love and on hope. "Providence willed that this missing pillar should be both a gift from the pope emeritus to his successor and a symbol of unity."

Pope Francis' decision to take up the work begun by Pope Benedict and add some of his own reflections, which he states explicitly in the encyclical, witnesses to their unity in faith, the Canadian cardinal said. "The light of faith is passed from one pontiff to another like a baton in a relay, thanks to the gift of the apostolic succession."

For Cardinal Ouellet, the encyclical's "shared mode of transmission illustrates in an extraordinary way the most fundamental and original aspect of the encyclical: its development of the dimension of communion in faith," of the importance of believing in and with the church, and of living one's faith in solidarity with others.

The text of the finished encyclical, he said, reflects "much of Pope Benedict and all of Pope Francis."

Archbishop Muller added, "This is not a patchwork encyclical."

The encyclical bears the signature only of Pope Francis, he said, because "we have only one pope. An encyclical is a papal document, and it is Pope Francis' encyclical."

Archbishop Fisichella said Pope Benedict "was not convinced he had to undertake the effort" of writing an encyclical on faith, but so many people insisted that he decided to write it and offer it to the church at the end of the Year of Faith, which concludes in November.

"History had another idea," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Fisichella said that while there are obvious echoes of Pope Benedict's teaching in the document, "it is fully the text of Pope Francis" as seen in "the immediacy of the expressions used, the richness of the images to which he refers, and the particularity of some of the citations of ancient and modern authors."

He said that, like the first encyclical of any pope, one can obtain from the text an idea of what will be the main emphases of Pope Francis' pontificate. In fact, he

said, the encyclical repeatedly uses the three verbs the pope used in his homily at Mass with cardinals the morning after his election: "Walk, build, confess."

Archbishop Muller said that in the encyclical, and particularly "in the meditations that he offers us by way of his daily homilies, Pope Francis often reminds us that 'all is grace.' This affirmation, which in the face of all the complexities and contradictions of life might seem naive or abstract, is in fact an invitation to recognize the ultimate goodness of reality."

"This is the purpose of the encyclical letter *Lumen Fidei*," he said. "The light that comes from faith, from the revelation of God in Jesus Christ and in his Spirit, illuminates the depths of reality and helps us to recognize that reality bears within itself the indelible signs that the work of God is good."

Cardinal Ouellet told reporters, "The encyclical presents the Christian faith as a light that comes from listening to the Word of God in history. It is a light that allows us to see the love of God at work, establishing his covenant with humankind."

Pope Francis teaches that the light of faith "offers us human beings a hope that gives us the courage to journey together toward a future of full communion," he said.



Front Page photo:

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, dedicated in 1928 to replace the original church building, which first served a German Reformed Church congregation. The parish was founded in 1895.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Bull

Did you focus on humility, wisdom, and good old “smarts” during the past two weeks? We seem to go from day to day in our busy lives, absorbing all the attractions and even distractions that present themselves. Everything is presented as good and beneficial. We outsmart ourselves with greed and rationale that is convincing and can be misleading. God is not asleep in the back seat. He is right next to us in the front seat, reading the map or programming our GPS. When we give in to the constant barrage of temptation from the world around us, we turn off the GPS voice, burn the map, and are soon lost. Will we still get to our destination? Sure, but where will it be? Destinations can look appealing, but they are not exactly where we really should be. Destinations can change, and not always for the better. You know the humorous series of television ads for satellite television and getting rid of cable? A similar ad could be a guide for us: “Don’t get lost on the road to salvation. Get rid of distractions and the wrong GPS voices.” Let us strive to live only in and for His love.

Bull is a word that brings a few things to mind right away. A papal bull refers to a particular decree or document issued from the chancery of the pope. Initially, it was sealed with lead and a particular design, for the sake of authenticity. Over the centuries, it has become more generic to refer to other letters and documents of the pope. While it might be interesting to research and study some of the papal bulls issued during the past 2,000 years, I am more interested in all the bull that we have accepted and have allowed to become a part of our culture and society. When we complain about the erosion of our morals and standards, and point our fingers at others, that is a lot of bull. We have no one to blame but ourselves. The examples are endless, but among the things that are legal, acceptable, and commonplace are items, laws, “new morals,” and actual mindsets with which we have raised many generations. Abortion is legal and supported with our tax dollars. Pornography is a legal multibillion-dollar industry, thanks especially to the genius of the internet. Lingerie shows, stores in the mall, and websites are big business. Does the term “modesty” make you chuckle? Check out the comfy summer clothing next time you are at Mass, particularly on Saturday evening. All these things are readily available on television, especially on major network prime time, no cable even necessary. The mindless violence of video games is numbing. Somehow, Hollywood and others get a free pass. At the same time that construction is halted to protect the eggs of an endangered sea turtle, we champion filibusters and landmark decisions to support the killing of unborn babies and the further destruction of marriage. We send millions of dollars to Syria and elsewhere, while our U.S. veterans struggle for benefits.

Our practical challenge the next two weeks is to consider our children. We are not the “sad beneficiaries” of all this garbage. They are! Tell them that human life is sacred from conception to natural death. Teach them and model for them what modesty means. Explain why marriage can only be between one man and one woman. Need help? Try the Bible. Moral and religious freedom is under siege. We must stand firm and fight, or we will be trampled upon once again, and there will be more to complain about. Pray, teach, and act.

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



Rachel Lustig will head CSS

Catholic Social Services has announced that Rachel Lustig, former senior vice president of mission ministry for Catholic Charities, USA, will become its new president and chief executive officer.

She will replace Donald S. Wisler as CEO of Catholic Social Services after serving for 10 years at Catholic Charities, one of the nation’s largest human services networks, where she was responsible for directing efforts to build mission-inspired leadership at Catholic Charities agencies. Her team’s mission was to help reduce poverty in a manner reflecting Catholic teaching, so that Catholic Charities agencies and parishes provide services that help people achieve their potential in a manner characterized by professionalism, respect, solidarity, and compassion.

“After so many years working at the national office, I feel blessed to be able to continue to serve the Church in this new role,” she said. “I look forward to supporting the excellent work already being done by Catholic Social Services and being a part of their efforts to improve the quality of life of those in need.”

A search committee which included six board members worked with executive search firm Beecher Hill to find the ideal candidate.

“Our search team was thrilled with the quality of candidates we were presented,” said Kathy McGinnis, CSS board chair. “While a difficult decision to make, Lustig was the unanimous choice based on her education, experiences, and, in particular, her strong personal skills that align with the values and goals of Catholic Social Services.”

She began her career at Catholic Charities in 2003 as parish social ministry associate and served as director of



parish social ministry from 2004-2009. In these roles, Lustig led efforts to engage the larger Catholic community in outreach and social justice as an expression of faith. Before coming to Catholic Charities, she served as director of finance for Hogar Santa Cruz, an orphanage in Santiago, Chile, through the Holy Cross Associate program.

She was active in her parish, diocese, and community in Virginia on committees, boards, and in volunteer roles, including serving as financial literacy coach and mentor at Christ House of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Va.

She received a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master’s degree in public administration from George Mason University. Lustig recently was selected by the *National Catholic Reporter* as one of “12 Catholic Women Under 40 Making a Difference.”

Catholic Social Services is a faith-based social service agency focused on improving the quality of life for people in need throughout central and southern Ohio. Helping vulnerable people at their most vulnerable times, Catholic Social Services strengthens families, guides individuals toward economic stability, and serves as the extended family for seniors.

Catholic Social Services is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation, certifying that all operations and programs meet best practice standards for professional service. CSS is a member of Catholic Charities USA, a member agency of United Way, and is licensed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Offices are located in Columbus, Heath, Portsmouth, and Zanesville.



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ODU Expands Evening Course Offerings

Ohio Dominican University is more than doubling the number of its evening course offerings to give students significantly more flexibility related to what courses they may take, and when.

Starting in the fall 2013 semester, ODU will offer 35 undergraduate-level evening courses in a variety of disciplines, including business, education, computer information systems, biology, mathematics, and art.

“Many students have the desire to advance their education, but simply cannot commit the necessary time due to work, family, and other obligations,” said Dr. Theresa Holleran, ODU vice president for academic affairs. “Ohio Dominican University’s expanded evening course offerings are designed specifically with those students in mind. This is a unique opportunity for students of all ages and educational back-

grounds to take just a couple of courses or work toward their goal of achieving a degree around their busy schedules, and at their own pace.”

ODU’s evening courses start at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The expansion is part of a multifaceted approach to offer students courses that fit their schedule. Six of ODU’s seven graduate programs are offered exclusively in the evening. Additionally, ODU offers an evening degree program which gives working professionals an accelerated path to earn a bachelor’s or master’s degree, as well as a certificate, in a variety of business-related fields.

“Whether they are recent high school graduates, college transfer students, or working professionals, this expansion puts students in the driver’s seat when it comes to their education,” Holleran said.

Silent Retreat

“Letting God Find Us in Our Daily Lives”

Father Mark Ghiloni, pastor of London St. Patrick Church, will direct a silent retreat sponsored by the Catholic Laymen’s Retreat League from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 6 to 8, at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. The theme will be “Letting God Find Us in Our Daily Lives,” a look at our significance before God, the power of faith, and a path to forgiveness.

During silent retreats, the league creates the atmosphere of a contemplative monastery at the center for 36 hours. The retreat will begin with silence after a 6 p.m. dinner on Friday evening, and will end after Sunday Mass at noon.

The ambience of a contemplative monastery will be especially suitable for this retreat, which will draw from the spirituality of the Trappist monk

Father Matthew Kelty, OCSO (1915-2011). For many years, Father Kelty was a brother in the Trappist monastery at Gethsemani, Ky., with the well-known Catholic writer Father Thomas Merton, OCSO.

Father Ghiloni knows Father Kelty through many years of making retreats at Gethsemani. The retreat’s six presentations will include insights gleaned by Father Ghiloni from his talks and private conversations with Father Kelty during that time. There also will be time for confessions and individual conferences, and a question-and-answer session Saturday after Evening Prayer.

The cost of the retreat, including meals and lodging at the center, is \$130. For more details, contact Tim Kennedy at (614) 855-2105 or timjkennedy@yahoo.com.

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“I Thirst”

Catholic home schooling mothers are invited to attend a retreat sponsored by Educating for Heaven from 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Overnight and commuter options are available.

The theme for the retreat, “I Thirst,” is based on Jesus’ plea from the cross. We are reminded that Jesus thirsts for our love and faithfulness. He wants to be the one to quench our thirst. The retreat will be a time for participants to “fill their

cups” with living water, to be refreshed and refocused in their role as vessels to be poured out in love for families and the world.

The retreat will include a talk given by Mary Collins, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, the rosary, the Divine Mercy chaplet, meals, time for personal prayer, and social time. For pricing information and to download a registration form, visit www.educatingforheaven.com, or email Angie at angie@educatingforheaven.com with questions.

Third Annual Face Forward Summer Social

Face Forward is sponsoring its third annual summer social from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. The evening will include tours of the college by some of the current seminarians, refreshments from Rita’s Italian Ice, and a brief overview of vocations and life at the college from Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director.

This event is part of the Face Forward program, which was created by the diocesan Vocations Office as a way to engage and connect Catholic young people in the diocese. Face Forward

utilizes various social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, and the Face Forward Columbus blog to spread a variety of information about the Catholic faith. An estimated 30,000 young men and women are practicing the Catholic faith in and around Columbus.

The event is open to everyone. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP, with the number attending, to info.faceforward@gmail.com.

For more information about the social or Face Forward, email the same address or call MJ2 Marketing at (614) 760-5559.

Marriage Retreat

The diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office is sponsoring a retreat for married couples titled “Spicing Up Married Life, Nourishing Our Faith,” featuring Father Leo Patalinghug, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northland Road.

Father Patalinghug is the host of the EWTN cooking show *Savoring Our*

Faith, and the author of the books *Grace Before Meals* and *Spicing Up Married Life*.

The retreat will include a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, who also will offer a reflection. The cost is \$75 per couple. Online registration is available at www.FamilyLife.coldsdioc.org. For more information, call (614) 241-2560.

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Vengeance of God versus mercy; Catholic services at a funeral home; Communion wine for children

Q. The pastor of my church has preached for years about how loving, forgiving, and merciful God is. But in the Old Testament, there are many occasions in which God destroys men or threatens their destruction (Noah's ark and the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the avenging angel with the firstborn in Egypt, etc.).

So did the nature of God change after the birth, death, and resurrection of his son? Or am I supposed to disregard the readings of the Old Testament? (Cherry Hill, N.J.)

A. You raise a perennial question. Not infrequently, readers of the Scriptures point to what they see as a contradiction: a wrathful, violent God of the Old Testament versus the loving, compassionate Father of the Christian Scriptures. That, though, is an oversimplification and creates a false dichotomy.

The Old Testament does not portray a primitive, warlike God who delights in destroying wrongdoers, and the Christian Scriptures do not present a "soft" God who refuses to judge and to punish sinfulness.

Justice and mercy are twin attributes of the Lord of all ages. Think, for example, of the Lord's nearly endless patience with the Israelites despite their recurring infidelities. Consider, too, the story of Jonah, whom God called to preach a message of repentance to Israel's enemies in Nineveh; despite his reluctance, the Lord used him as a messenger of divine mercy.

Then move forward to the New Testament and see clear warnings of God's wrath against unrepentant sinners. In Matthew 23:13, for example, Jesus says "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow



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entrance to those trying to enter."

Paul is even more graphic, observing that those who do not obey the Gospel of Christ "will pay the penalty of eternal ruin" (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

All sides of God's personality are on display across the pages of the Old and New Testaments. That having been said, it's a fair observation that, in the providence of God's progressive revelation, compassion and forgiveness come across most clearly when Jesus arrives on the scene -- both in the loving acts of Christ and in his words. (See, for example, John 14:1-2: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.")

Q. I am 83 years old. All my life, I've been taught that when a Catholic dies, the body must be brought to the church for a funeral Mass. Now some of my friends are telling me that it's all right, instead, to have a priest conduct a funeral service in the funeral home. Which is correct? (Richmond, Va.)

A. Your question is answered most succinctly in the church's *Code of Canon Law* in No. 1177: "A funeral for any deceased member of the faithful must generally be celebrated in his or her parish church." So the expectation is, and the general policy is, that a Catholic's funeral rites should center around

a Mass. The dying and rising of Christ, celebrated and represented in every Mass, is what offers hope to the mourners that the person who has died will await them in the peace of God's presence. The Eucharist also is the most powerful prayer that can be offered on the deceased's behalf.

The funeral guidelines of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., say this: "Because of the centrality of the Eucharist in our Catholic life, the celebration of a funeral without the Mass should be a rare occurrence, and only for the most serious reasons." Clearly, I would think, convenience is not a qualifying reason, and I see it as a disturbing trend that more and more Catholic funeral services seem to be held in funeral homes.

A priest is not permitted to offer Mass or distribute Communion in the "chapel" of a funeral home, and the symbols inside of a church, the music of the liturgy, and especially the reception of the Eucharist are powerful reminders to the bereaved that Jesus has conquered all things, including death.

While it is true that, technically, there is some legal latitude as to the place of a funeral, the strong presumption and the most sensible decision is to have the funeral in church. A person is, after all, baptized in a church, receives first Communion, is confirmed, and married there. Why, then, wouldn't you bring someone to church at the time of death, which is also a sacred event?

Q. I teach CCD to children preparing for their first Communion. Can you explain to me how the Catholic Church can allow 7-year-old children to receive from the chalice? The law does not allow them to consume alcohol, and the church should not be encouraging children to break the law. (Port Republic, N.J.)

A. The reception by children of holy Communion under the species of wine would probably break no law because most jurisdictions allow minors to consume alcohol under specific conditions, including as part of a religious service. The amount of alcohol consumed by sipping from the chalice is minute and may well be less than when a child drinks cough medicine.

Having said that, no one should be forced to take from the cup. It should be explained to first communicants that receiving under both species is optional and that Communion is received in its fullness even when only the host is taken. Parents, of course, may elect to have their children refrain from drinking from the cup, and when first communicants do receive from the chalice, it is probably a good idea for them to try a sip of wine ahead of time at home, so that they will not have an adverse reflex reaction to the taste.

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

Mount Carmel Health System affiliates with OSU Medical Center

Mount Carmel Health System and The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center have announced an affiliation aimed at adding value to the health care marketplace in central Ohio by improving access, lowering costs, and increasing the quality and coordination of care. The two Columbus-based health care organizations said the affiliation will promote collaboration in clinical care, research, and medical education.

"This affiliation builds on a long history of cooperation and collaboration between our health systems to address the community's health care needs," said Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, the Wexner center's chief executive officer. Some of the more notable examples of current collaborative efforts between the systems include operation of an integrated residency training program in obstetrics and gynecology, joint investment in Madison County Community Hospi-

tal, clinical rotations at Mount Carmel for OSU College of Medicine students, shared physician coverage for maternal-fetal medicine, and various quality improvement initiatives. Claus von Zychlin, Mount Carmel president and CEO, said the collaborative approach will strengthen the delivery system in central Ohio. "The affiliation will be guided by the principles of improving access, lowering costs, and increasing quality. We are committed to work together to improve the health of the communities in which we serve," he said. Under the new affiliation agreement, the organizations will explore a variety of opportunities to collaborate, including strengthening the safety net for indigent and underserved populations; improving access to primary care; managing the health of populations; expanding medical education for students and

physicians; expanding patient access to clinical trials; implementing information technology solutions to facilitate care delivery; and achieving scale and cost efficiencies. Teams of physicians and health care professionals from both organizations will work together to identify specific opportunities for further development.

The two organizations will continue to collaborate with other health systems. For example, Ohio State's technology commercialization and knowledge transfer office and Cleveland Clinic Innovations have entered into an alliance to accelerate and commercialize medical innovations. Mount Carmel and Fairfield Medical Center jointly own Diley Ridge Medical Center. Mount Carmel provides a variety of support services to Fayette County Memorial Hospital, and Mount Carmel's MediGold Medicare Advantage Plan has several partnerships with hospitals in Ohio.

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requires skills that may not be his strength, Daugherty never hesitates to ask staff members for help, utilizing their strengths in the best interests of patients and the department. "I was overwhelmed and flattered to be nominated for this award," he said. "This is my second family; I've basically worked here half my life. To think of working somewhere else doesn't enter my mind."

Daugherty has worked for the Mount Carmel Health System for 22 years. Outside of his surgery duties, he serves as Lifeline of Ohio organ procurement liaison for Mount Carmel East. Thanks to his strong efforts, Mount Carmel East has won the Sil-

ver Medal of Honor three times from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration for achieving and sustaining national goals for organ donation. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Daugherty has overcome incredible odds in his personal life, having survived two brain tumors. Daugherty had surgery in his own department both times from surgeons and staff with whom he works very closely every day. After his second surgery, Daugherty had a long recovery, which included learning to walk again. This experience has fueled his passion for ensuring that patients receive high-quality care.

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Mount Carmel East nurse manager nominated for OHA award

The Ohio Hospital Association selected Jeremy Daugherty, nurse manager for surgery at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, as a finalist for the Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year Award.

The award honors a hospital employee who demonstrates leadership, reflects the values and ideals of Ohio's health care facilities, goes above and beyond the call of duty, gives back to the community, and has overcome odds to succeed.

In the nomination form, Daugherty is described as someone who works every day to lead by example and personifies the role of a true servant leader. If a situation arises that

Mount Carmel receives state honor for environmental practices

The Mount Carmel Health System has received the John Chapman Award from the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA).

The award recognizes a hospital or health system that has demonstrated leadership in guiding its organization toward the goals of environmental sustainability, regulatory compliance, energy efficiency, and pollution prevention.

"Mount Carmel works every day to fulfill our mission to steward the

resources entrusted to us, which include our environment. We believe that these efforts are having a positive impact on the health of our community," said Claus von Zychlin, Mount Carmel Health president and chief executive officer.

The OHA's award announcement said Mount Carmel achieved 33.1 percent of recycling in 2012 and hosted many community environmental events, including medication take-back activities, mercury

thermometer swaps, emergency and safety fairs, and Earth Day events.

In addition, the system has put a pharmacy waste program into effect and completed a systemwide energy master plan to identify areas for improvement.

The award is named after John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman, who planted thousands of apple trees across the Midwest during the 19th century.

CATHOLIC, ORTHODOX CHURCHES PARTNER ON WEBSITE TO HELP PARENTS KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

The communications department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (GOA) have launched www.faithandsafety.org, a resource for adults to help children safely navigate online.

The website and complementary social media channels (<http://twitter.com/faithandsafety> and <http://facebook.com/faithandsafety>) address safe use of the Internet, mobile devices, and other technology, emphasizing the positive use of technology to support children's faith.

The initiative is funded by a grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign, which receives donations from U.S. Catholics.

"Our children look to their parents for wisdom and guidance. However, many parents feel somewhat ill-equipped to help their children traverse the unfamiliar terrain of the digital social world," said Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. "This joint initiative between our two churches is a positive step in helping parents equip their children in the digital world. We have a responsibility to the Lord Himself, Who said 'Let the children come unto Me' (Matthew 19.14)."

"Faithandsafety.org is intended to be not only a set of practical tools and guides for adults, but also a place where they can find a faith framework for conversations with their children about the need to be ethically and morally equipped when they go online," said Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the USCCB's committee on communication. "We believe that this site, presented from the perspective of the Greek Orthodox and Catholic churches, provides a unique perspective on being missionaries of faith on the digital continent."

Content on the site includes mobile app reviews, how to address issues faced by children online, such as bullying, and resources to educate parents on protecting their home networks. Content will be expanded during the next several months and will feature regular columns by leading Catholic and Orthodox figures on connecting faith and technology, as well as news updates, how-to guides, and video content.

Faithandsafety.org will feature content by Common Sense Media ([www.common sense media.org](http://www.common Sense Media (www.common sense media.org))), an independent non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families thrive in a world of media and technology.

Mount Carmel East development officer appointed

The Mount Carmel Foundation has appointed Steve Miller as senior development officer for Mount Carmel East Hospital.

Before joining the foundation, Miller served as director of the annual fund at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. In this role, Miller was responsible for coordinating multiple fundraising efforts and securing major gifts to help advance the school's mission.

"Mount Carmel is a great example of the positive work a faith-based organization can provide," Miller said. "Mount Carmel East serves a wide and diverse population, and I believe I can assist in advancing its mission of improving the health of the individuals in the communities it serves."

Miller is an active member of the Columbus

community. Some of his affiliations include Mentoring of Central Ohio, the African American Advisory Council of Big Brother and Big Sisters of Central Ohio, and New Birth Christian Ministries. He and his wife, Nina, have three children and reside in the Berwick neighborhood of east Columbus.

The Mount Carmel Foundation is an Ohio 501(c)(3) organization and serves as the sole fundraising entity for Mount Carmel Health System. The foundation is dedicated to funding programs that help thousands of people in central Ohio obtain the care and services they deserve.

More information on the Mount Carmel Foundation is available at www.mountcarmel-foundation.org.

Answering God's Call

EAGER TO SERVE GOD AND HIS PEOPLE



Sr. Julie O'Stroske, OSF

by Tim Puet

Sister Julie O'Stroske, OSF, says that after more than 60 years in the Stella Niagara Franciscan order, she doesn't know where life is going to take her next, but she's eager to continue serving God and his people.

After spending the past 14 years in ministry to the sick and the dying at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, Sister Julie has asked her congregation to reassign her in 2013. "Nobody wants me to leave, but I believe I'm being called to move on to another ministry," she said. "It's time for a lay person to take over my role, so I'm training Kim Mazzon, a parishioner, to take my place.

"I think she will do a fine job after a year's experience working with me. The key to this kind of ministry is just being with people as they face death. It's something I anticipate we will experience together several times in the next year, and she will learn from each experience.

"As for myself, I'll go wherever my order wants me to. I've always been a strong believer in the saying 'God will provide,' and I believe I will be sent to where I'm needed most."

Sister Julie, 83, was born Virginia O'Stroske. Her father was a former railroad employee and worked for Columbus Auto Parts, and her mother was a homemaker. "Dad worked two jobs and would come home tired late at night, but always remembered to come to the bedroom and say 'I love you,'" she said.

She was raised in the former Columbus St. Augustine Church and attended its school. She also attended Columbus St. Joseph Academy and graduated from Columbus Sacred Heart High School, all of which are now closed.

She said her admiration for the sisters who taught her made her want to be a sister herself. The decision concerning which order to join came down to a choice between the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who taught her for 10 years, and the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, who were the teachers at Sacred Heart. She chose the Franciscans because she felt they were less strict.

"My mother said 'If you want to be a sister, just be a good one,'" she said. "My father was a bigger obstacle. He wanted me to work for a while first to see if I had a true calling. I worked for about a year-and-a-half for the Ohio Company stock brokerage and the Ohio Farm Bureau and I went on dates, but I kept saying 'I don't want this life.' In 1949, I joined the Franciscans at Stella Niagara, N.Y."

She professed her final vows in 1953 and spent four years at New Lexington St. Rose School before being assigned from 1957-71 to teaching positions at schools in and near Buffalo, N.Y., and Charleston, W.Va. She also was principal of a school near Buffalo during that time.

"My initial experience at St. Rose was wonderful because it showed me that a sister's life wasn't as isolated as I thought it might be," she said. "You worked with families, became involved in their lives, and got to know people whose own deep faith strengthened yours. You weren't set apart."

She said one memory from her time in Charleston which stands out involved her congregation collecting 1,000 books of trading stamps — enough to exchange for a car, giving the sisters transportation they didn't have. The event was unusual

enough to warrant a photo in the local newspaper, which she still has.

(Note to younger readers: Trading stamps were a predecessor to today's store loyalty cards. Until the mid 1960s, many stores offered them, with each stamp representing a certain amount spent. When enough stamps were accumulated, they could be exchanged for merchandise premiums as large as a new car.)

Sister Julie returned to New Lexington in 1971 and has been in the Diocese of Columbus ever since. "Sisters in those days never asked for specific assignments, but I requested a return to the Columbus area because my father was seriously ill," she said. "My mother had died in 1955, and he needed someone to take care of him, I'm so grateful to the order for granting my request, because it allowed me to spend seven wonderful years with him."

She spent two years at St. Rose, then was principal at Columbus St. Matthias School from 1973-79, concluding her career in education. She then went into parish ministry at Delaware St. Mary from 1979-87, studied to be a nursing home administrator and took time off for a sabbatical from 1987-90, was a home health care practitioner from 1990-95, worked at a hospice in Delaware from 1995-98, and has been at St. John Neumann since 1999.

"Just as I feel it's time for me to change now, I moved from being an educator to being a parish minister because I felt it was time for a different career," she said. "I began visiting nursing homes and the homebound on a regular basis and accepting people's calls to visit them for prayer, and found great fulfillment."

Sister Julie said being at someone's bedside at the moment of death is the most gratifying part of her work. "That happened last night," she said on the day the Catholic Times visited her last month. "I kept whispering 'My Jesus, mercy' as the person's life ended. It's so special to see the peace that comes to someone at that time, to see God coming right then and saying 'Come home.'"

Her typical day begins with prayer and other spiritual activity from 8:30 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 Wednesdays and Fridays, followed by lunch at a nearby Wendy's. "I go there with parish staff or with a group which shares faith experiences — not Catholicity, but God — every day," she said.

"I don't start calling people until after lunch," she continued. "If someone is dying, I'll see that person every day. I'll check who's in the hospital and go see them, then buzz over to church, talk to the Lord, visit the staff, and hug everybody." In the evening, she may make more visits or go to the 6 p.m. Mass celebrated at St. John Neumann on Tuesdays and Thursdays, often with another stop at Wendy's or at the nearby McDonald's on State Route 37.

"I don't cook much," she said "I'm more of a microwave user. Everybody at the parish knows how much I like to go to Wendy's and McDonald's, so I get plenty of gift cards to both, and all the workers there know me.

"When I do leave St. John Neumann next year, I know I'll miss everybody. Father (David) Sizemore is the best pastor I've ever known, he has the best staff, and the parish is truly a place where there are many faith-filled people."

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God calls us to have love at the center of our daily lives

Sunday's readings from Deuteronomy and from Luke emphasize two things: God's law is the law of love, and it resides deep within each of us, as close as our mouths and our hearts. The Old Testament reading is taken from the end of Moses' speech to the Israelites, who had completed the long wanderings in the desert and were on the brink of entering the Promised Land.

Moses had recapped the struggles of their journey and told them that blessings come from their curse and that God would gather them back from the nations where they were scattered. The command Moses gave to the people, to turn back to God with their entire being, was attainable. Unlike Gilgamesh, the hero of the ancient Mesopotamian epic, who traveled to the ends of the earth, to the depths of the sea, and to the heavens in search of the secrets of the gods, the Israelites had God's word on their lips and in their hearts. They had only to obey it.

In the gospel reading from Luke, when a scholar asks Jesus what he must do to attain eternal life, Jesus answers with a question: "What is written in the law?" The scholar replies that the law is to love God with one's whole being and to love one's neighbor as one's self. Jesus tells the scholar to go and live out the law.

Why did the scholar persist in questioning Jesus? Did he want to make sure he understood and would make no mistakes? Was he testing Jesus? Whatever the reason, he asked "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, as he



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

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often did, with a story. It is one we know well: the Good Samaritan. After a priest and a Levite both passed a victim lying half-dead on the road, a Samaritan came by and stopped to care for the man. After binding his wounds, the Samaritan took the man to a nearby inn, gave the innkeeper money to take care of the man, and promised to pay if anything else was needed.

Jesus tells the scholar to follow the Samaritan's example: Love others, all others, as yourself. When a story is so familiar, the temptation is not to listen closely or discover nuances that escaped us in the past. We assume we know what the story means. When the priest proclaims it at Mass, our mind might wander. After all, we know what happens. We know the moral of the story.

As I read the Old Testament reading and the gospel, one after another, a new twist to the story emerged. Yes, the people we expected to take care of the robbery victim didn't come through. Our neighbor may be someone we don't know, or maybe someone we do know, but despise. Our neighbor may be

someone who belongs to a less-than-reputable group, or a group that exists on the fringes of society.

All true. But that isn't what I took from the readings today. What struck me was that the Samaritan simply stumbled on the poor victim. He didn't go out of his way to find someone to help or a cause to assist. He was going about his ordinary routine, just walking down the road, and saw someone who needed help.

God and God's word are in our hearts. Our God is intimate with us. We don't have to go looking for the Divine One, nor do we have to be scholars to know what is expected of us. We don't have to travel to missions or places of apparitions, or anywhere else. The call to love God and neighbor is as close as our home, office, or neighborhood. Maybe the priest and the Levite were busy thinking about other things. Maybe they were just put off by the messiness of the situation. They may have decided that the man beaten by robbers wasn't worth their trouble. Maybe they were looking for something more impressive to do, something that would boost their image.

We can't help if we don't see. We are called to notice, to be present to the moment, wherever it takes us, and to recognize God's hurting beloved in it. We are called to be open to surprises, to embrace the unexpected, and, what is most difficult, to see with fresh eyes the routine that lulls us into complacency.

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Confession: I have a "thing" for priests

I have a prayer list for priests that's a mile long, and I find myself, every so often, just praying like crazy for some poor Father Someone-or-Other who's struck my fancy. It's been a true exploration of my understanding of spiritual motherhood, and it has led me to feel closer to the heart of Christ and of his Church.

Last summer, I realized that I have a "thing" for another group of men within our Church — seminarians. It was the first time our parish had a summer seminarian intern, and while I didn't have a chance to get to know him too well, he really made a mark on my prayer life and has remained in my thoughts and prayers since then.

He made quite a mark on our parish, too. At our first Vacation Bible School team meeting, the overwhelming attitude was, "Ask him back to lead a group, because he was AWESOME." (He wasn't available. We're still sobbing.)

This summer, we hosted a seminarian again, and I had a chance to get to know him quite a bit better. Part of it was his involvement in teaching



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our Confirmation Boot Camp. Part of it was his involvement in our staff meetings and other events. Part of it was my kids' interest and attraction to him.

I didn't really think about it beyond "I love these guys" until our parish secretary asked me if I've considered the effect it's having on our parish and our staff to have these sems living among us.

We're seeing priests before they're ordained. We're seeing the seedlings, not yet trees, not yet experienced, not yet ready for the rest of the world. We're shaping them, and yet, at the same time, they are shaping us as well.

I suspect it's helping with a hurdle I've observed

in far too many Catholics: the myth that priests are Something Else (as opposed to real guys of flesh and blood).

They're real people. They need dinner and socks and advice. They have opinions and quirks and jokes. They make mistakes, just like the rest of us. They have insight we need as we all strive to be disciples together.

They need us as much as we need them. Without these sems and the priests they will hopefully become, there is no Eucharist. Without us, there are no sems. They see in us the hope for their future even as we see in them the future of our Church.

I can't help but be a different—and a better—mother as a result of the seminarians I've had the honor of being influenced by. I can only hope that the chaos and prayers I insert into their lives lead them closer to Christ, too.

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U.S. bishops, religious leaders call for religious liberty protections

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

A diverse group of religious leaders, including Catholics, Protestants, evangelicals, and a representative from the International Society for Krishna Consciousness issued an open letter on July 2 urging the U.S. government to “expand conscience protections” in its Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate.

The letter, which said the country’s “delicate liberty of conscience is under threat,” called on HHS to provide conscience protections to “any organization or individual that has religious or moral objections to covering, providing or enabling access to the mandated drugs and services.”

The signers also asked Congress to “consider how it might prevent such offenses from occurring in the future,” noting that any policy “that falls short of affirming full religious freedom protection for all Americans is unacceptable.”

The letter, “Standing Together for Religious Freedom,” was signed by 58 faith representatives and released during a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington.

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops’

ad hoc committee for religious liberty, was among the signatories and spoke about it at the afternoon news conference.

He said a key aspect that the Catholic Church is looking at in its “intense study” of HHS’ final rules, which were issued on June 28, is the three-tiered distinction the government made with religions: exempt houses of worship; accommodated organizations; and private business owners with religious beliefs.

He told reporters that Catholics do not see a distinction between what people do in church and how they serve their neighbors or run a business. “The faith by which we worship on Sunday is the very same faith by which we act in the world the other six days of the week,” he said.

Russell D. Moore, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s ethics and religious liberty commission, also signed the letter and similarly stressed that people of faith “cannot accept” the government’s message that religion is just for our services “or what we hide in our hearts or sing in our hymns.”

Archbishop Lori stressed that those who signed the letter didn’t necessarily agree with Catholics about contraception or other issues, but they “under-



Russell D. Moore, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s ethics and religious liberty commission (fourth from left), addresses a news conference with other religious leaders on July 2 at the National Press Club in Washington. A diverse group of religious representatives, including Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore (second from left), urged the U.S. government to “expand conscience protections” in its Health and Human Services mandate that requires almost all employers to provide coverage of contraceptives, sterilization, and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge. CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn

stand the core religious freedom issue at stake here.”

The signers said the mandate is a specific offense because it “represents a greater fundamental breach of conscience by the federal government. Very simply, HHS is forcing Citizen A,

against his or her moral convictions, to purchase a product for Citizen B. The HHS policy is coercive and puts the administration in the position of defining -- or casting aside -- religious doctrine. This should trouble every American,” it said.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS ON MARRIAGE: ‘TRAGIC DAY FOR MARRIAGE AND OUR NATION,’ STATE U.S. BISHOPS

The U.S. Supreme Court decisions on June 26 striking down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and refusing to rule on the merits of a challenge to California’s Proposition 8 mark a “tragic day for marriage and our nation,” said Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco (pictured), chair of the U.S. bishops’ subcommittee for the promotion and defense of marriage.



man and one woman, even where states fail to do so. The preservation of liberty and justice requires that all laws, federal and state, respect the truth, including the truth about marriage. It is also unfortunate that the Court did not take the opportunity to uphold California’s Proposition 8 but instead decided not to rule on the matter. The common good of all, especially our children, depends upon a society that strives to uphold the

truth of marriage. Now is the time to redouble our efforts in witness to this truth. These decisions are part of a public debate of great consequence. The future of marriage and the well-being of our society hang in the balance.

“Marriage is the only institution that brings together a man and a woman for life, providing any child who comes from their union with the secure foundation of a mother and a father.

“Our culture has taken for granted for far too long what human nature, experience, common sense, and God’s wise design all confirm: the difference between a man and a woman matters, and the difference between a mom and a dad matters. While the culture has failed in many ways to be marriage-strengthening, this is no reason to give up. Now is the time to strengthen marriage, not redefine it.

“When Jesus taught about the meaning of marriage – the lifelong, exclusive union of husband and wife – he pointed back to ‘the beginning’ of God’s creation of the human person as male and female (see Matthew 19). In the face of the customs and laws of his time, Jesus taught an unpopular truth that everyone could understand. The truth of marriage endures, and we will continue to boldly proclaim it with confidence and charity.

“Now that the Supreme Court has issued its decisions, with renewed purpose we call upon all of our leaders and the people of this good nation to stand steadfastly together in promoting and defending the unique meaning of marriage: one man, one woman, for life. We also ask for prayers as the Court’s decisions are reviewed and their implications further clarified.”

JOIN HONORS VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE

The annual Mass of Thanksgiving for friends and benefactors of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Ministries (JOIN) was celebrated Tuesday, June 25, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, with Bishop Frederick F. Campbell as celebrant.

Concelebrants were Father Michael Lumpe, JOIN chaplain, who then was pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church and now is rector of the cathedral, and other diocesan priests, assisted by Deacon Thomas Johnston.

Seminarian Thomas Herge of Columbus Holy Name Church served as master of ceremonies. Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church, a member of the JOIN staff, was lector. Gift bearers were Alice Heller of Worthington St. Michael Church and Patricia Huffman of Columbus St. Aloysius Church. Ushers were Carol Keene of Columbus Holy Name Church and the cathedral, and Juanita Walker of the cathedral.

Following Mass, Mark Huddy, moderator for diocesan Catholic charities and social concerns, and JOIN director Ruth Beckman presented the Betty Kegelmeyer, Mary Margaret Roach, and Father Thomas Cadden awards. These are awarded annually in appreciation for ongoing support of and time shared with the JOIN ministry.

The Kegelmeyer award was presented to James Williams for his many years of faithful dedication and ongoing contributions to JOIN. Dr. Joan Nerderman received the Roach award for her continued support of JOIN through emergency aid to the underprivileged by providing eye exams. The Cadden award went to Foster Moffo for his diligent attention to the needs of the most

poverty-stricken in the community and his generosity toward them.

Photo: Mark Huddy, director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and episcopal moderator for Catholic Charities; Foster Moffo, recipient of the Father Thomas Cadden Award; Dr. Joan Nerderman, recipient of the Mary Margaret Roach Award; James Williams, recipient of the Betty Kegelmeyer Award; Ruth Beckman, director of JOIN; and Bishop Frederick Campbell. CT photo by Ken Snow

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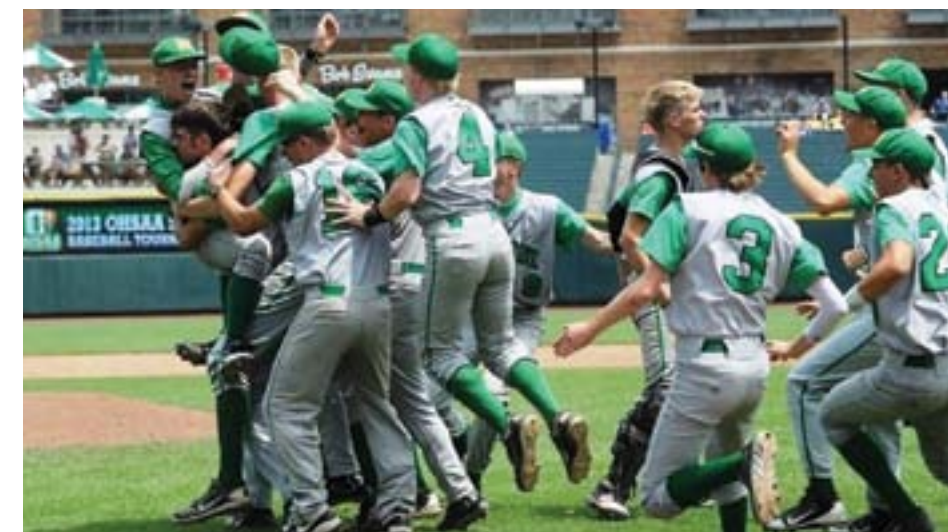


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Newark Catholic – state champions

Newark Catholic High School baseball team members surround pitcher Mitch Cox in celebration after defeating New Middletown Springfield 2-1 at Huntington Park in Columbus to win the state Division IV title, the seventh overall for the Green Wave, who finished with a 25-10 record. Only Cincinnati Elder, with 12, has more championships in any division. Cincinnati Moeller also won its seventh this year. Cox pitched all seven innings, striking out seven. David Meurer doubled in the winning run in the fourth inning. Photo/Newark Catholic High School

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NEW PHILADELPHIA SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Above: An exterior view of New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church. Below, left: The sanctuary features a marble altar and a mosaic of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, installed in 1966. Below, right: Father Jeff Coning, pastor, preparing for the parish festival, takes a break with parishioners (from left) Fran Fantin, Beth Fragasse, Kathy Hamilton, and Carolyn Brodzinski. CT file photo by Ken Snow (above); CT photos by Tim Puet



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Father Jeff Coning said that in his three years as pastor at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, he's discovered three notable qualities about his parishioners: "They pray hard, they work hard, and they laugh hard."

Fran Fantin, a parishioner for nearly 80 years, says she's happy to tell anyone that "We're a superb parish." She also mentioned prayer as the first thing when asked to expand on her comment. She and other parishioners went on to say that the parish's recent acquisition of a new organ and this year's expansion of the parish festival provided examples of the other characteristics Father Coning described.

"We're not timid about our praying," Fantin said. "The zeal with which we pray the Creed and the Our Father at Mass is something I've never heard anywhere else. We've also had weekly Eucharistic adoration for more than a decade. I think that's brought us a lot of blessings since Msgr. (George) Schlegel (Father Coning's predecessor as pastor)

started it.

"I wasn't sure whether it would take hold, but it did. It seems it was something we really needed," she said. Adoration begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass every Tuesday, continues through the rest of the day and into Wednesday, and continues until the 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass.

The parish's commitment to prayer also is demonstrated in its two prayer lists. "We post one list in the bulletin. We've had a separate phone list for years for people who want prayer for themselves or others, but prefer that the names or intentions not be publicized," Fantin said. She and another parishioner receive prayer requests from people who want to be on that list, then call about 25 "initiators" who spread the word. "I don't know how far it ultimately goes, but I hear about it all the time from people asking about someone they're praying for, or thanking everyone in the prayer chain for their help," she said.

The parish, which has about 680 families, also conducts weekly prayer services during Advent and Lent and recently has started praying the rosary in its out-

door grotto on Wednesday evenings after the 5:30 Mass. "We started that this summer and we've had about 15 people coming every week. We'll see how long we can do this before cold weather sets in," Fantin said. The parish also observed the recent Fortnight for Freedom with Eucharistic adoration and evening prayer on June 21, its opening day, and a special Mass on July 4 at the close of the fortnight.

Father Coning and parishioners interviewed during a visit late last month by the *Catholic Times* all said the most significant recent activity at the parish was the dedication of its new pipe organ last November – an event that was two decades in the making.

The organ replaced an instrument that had been in use since the current church was dedicated in 1928, replacing a building that had served the parish for worship since its founding in 1895.

"When our former organ was installed, it already had been used," parish music and liturgy director Beth Fragasse said. "It had been bought from a church in the East, so it was really old. The organ was electrified around 1970 and some of the pipes were put in the attic, which wasn't insulated. After that, it couldn't stay in tune and was always a problem.

"When Msgr. Schlegel came here in 1993, he started an organ fund, with the goal of saving enough to have half the cost of the organ in hand and the other half pledged so we could gain diocesan approval," she said. For the next nearly 20 years, that fund grew – one bake sale, one soup supper, one small donation at a time. With a couple of large bequests helping, it reached its goal early last year, and diocesan approval for a new organ was gained.

The parish didn't have to go far to find someone to build the instrument. Charles Kegg, of Hartville, about 30 miles from New Philadelphia, has been building and installing organs across the nation since 1985. He had a six-month window of available time starting in February 2012 and used that period to build the new Sacred Heart organ in his shop, disassemble it, then install it piece-by-piece

in the church.

The organ has two manuals, 12 stops, and 15 ranks, a size Kegg thinks is ideal for a church the size of Sacred Heart, which seats 400 people and has what he describes as superb acoustics. "In an age when substitute instrument dealers would have you believe that you must have three manuals and 75 stops to play a hymn, it is gratifying to build, play, and listen to an instrument of only 12 stops that is so satisfying," Kegg wrote in the organ dedication program.

"The organ is everything we wanted, for we're a singing community," Fragasse said. "Even when there's no choir, we sing well." Most of the parish's weekend Masses have a choir of some kind. A traditional choir and a folk choir alternate singing at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass for most of the year, and there's an "8:30 choir" for that Sunday morning Mass. In months with five Sundays and in the summer, the parish has an "open choir" program for anyone, with rehearsal at 9:45 before 11 a.m. Mass. In addition, a Resurrection choir serves at funerals as needed.

Fragasse said about 50 adults and 40 young people take part in one or more of the choir programs. For the youths, there are choirs for third- to sixth-graders and junior and senior high school students, both of which sing five to six times a year. Children in kindergarten and first and second grades can sing in a special Christmas choir, which rehearses in November and December for a 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass themed toward the youngest children.

When the *Catholic Times* visited the parish, Father Coning and parishioners were in the midst of erecting tents and getting other structures ready for the annual parish festival, which took place Friday to Sunday, June 28 to 30. After a couple of years when the festival was reduced first to two days and then to one, its format was returned to the original three days this year by popular demand.

Each night featured a special food. Friday was for the fish dinner the parish also serves on Lenten Fridays, when it feeds an average of about 700 people



Above: The church's rose window is a replica of the rose window in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Tuscanella, Italy. Below: Stacie Herman-Laurence (left) and EJ Seibold prepare carryout food orders at the parish festival. CT file photo by Ken Snow (top); photo courtesy Sacred Heart Church



in three hours. Saturday was barbecued chicken day, with Sunday highlighted by a spaghetti dinner that's a specialty of the extended Fragasse family, which has several branches in the parish.

The festival also featured continuous entertainment, a raffle with \$4,500 in prizes, 50-50 drawings, food booths, a kids area, a craft area, a cake decorating contest, old-fashioned cake walks, and a chocolate chip cookie making contest for children ages 10 to 16.

"What's great about this year's festival is that the parishioners really wanted it to go back to three days," said Carolyn Brodzinski, who served with Brenda Basiletti as festival co-chairs. "People realized how much they'd missed the old format after it had been changed."

Two women's groups both meet once a

month and serve the parish in different ways. The Altar Society provides candles, altar cloths, and other items which are mainly for parish use. It also takes care of funeral luncheons and has a ministry of prayer for the deceased.

Sacred Heart is one of the few parishes in the diocese with a chapter of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, a national organization with a 125-year history. The LCBA is more oriented to activities outside the parish. These include providing donations of clothes and funds to the Birthright organization, assisting the local homeless shelter and the Salvation Army, and providing financial aid to students in the Tuscarawas Central Catholic schools.

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Photos, from left: Cheryl Fuhrer (left) and Carolyn Brodzinski at the parish festival in late June; music and liturgy director Beth Fragasse at the console of the church's new organ; a new confessional donated by Knights of Columbus Council 2372 and built by council member Joseph Slominski. Photos/Sacred Heart Church (festival, organ); CT photo by Tim Puet



The TCC school system consists of a countywide high school in New Philadelphia, which has been in existence since 1970, and an elementary school in neighboring Dover, which has served students in New Philadelphia and Dover since Sacred Heart School was closed in 2009. The former Sacred Heart School now serves as the parish religious education center for young people and adults.

Kathy Hamilton, parish religious education and youth ministry director, said the Parish School of Religion program for grades one through eight meets each Sunday and has about 100 students.

She said the building gives them ample room to display their work on themes such as "where did I see Jesus this week?" for third-graders, discipleship for fourth-graders, and an updating of the Ten Commandments with images of today for the sixth grade.

During the school year, junior high and high school youth groups both meet once a month and attend events such as the Bosco Bash and the youth rally sponsored by the diocesan youth ministry. They also sponsor a dinner theater at which members serve as both waiters and cast members.

Hamilton said the summer is the groups' busiest time of the year, beginning in June with a youth conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Ohio Special Olympics in Columbus. Many members of both groups assisted at this week's parish Vacation Bible School, which ended Friday, July 12, while preparing for the diocesan Gospel Road program this Sunday to Thursday, July 14 to 18.

During that time, more than 200 young people and adults will be living the Gospel message by performing service activities of various kinds, growing in faith through worship and Scripture study, and making friends from throughout the diocese.


The parish's adult education program meets on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings during the school year and plans to study the Jeff Cavins series on the Psalms in the coming year. In the recent past, it has viewed and discussed Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series and taken part in Cavins' "Great Bible Adventure" program.

Sacred Heart is one of the few diocesan parishes offering instruction in the Creighton System, a research-based and holistic method of Natural Family Planning. The parish recently was awarded a \$2,670 grant from The Catholic Foundation for Creighton NFP instructor training for parishioner Lisa Brindley. She will work with any couple of childbearing age interested in learning this easy, inexpensive method of monitoring a woman's health.

Parish activities have included a senior citizens group for the past 40 years. Its president, Betty Vesco, said the group has between 30 and 40 active members and meets once a month at the Tuscarawas County Senior Center in Dover, with an annual anniversary dinner at the Manor in Strasburg and a yearly dinner theater trip to Pennsylvania.

The parish Knights of Columbus council has been renamed in honor of Marine Lance Cpl. Peter Clore, who died in 2011 in combat in Afghanistan. Among its recent contributions to the parish was a new confessional, which was built by council member Joseph Slominski.

It also conducts pancake breakfasts, takes part in the Knights' statewide Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled, and assists Father Coning as needed with several other parish activities. Another fraternal organization, the Catholic Order of Foresters, also has a long history in the parish.



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Federal appeals court finds merit in Hobby Lobby's challenge of mandate

By Catholic News Service

In a June 27 ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Denver reversed a decision of the lower court in Hobby Lobby's challenge to a federal contraceptive mandate, saying that the chain of arts-and-crafts stores will not have to pay fines while its lawsuit makes its way through the courts.

The appeals court returned the case to the district court with instructions that it consider whether to grant Hobby Lobby a preliminary injunction.

The court said that the company has "established a likelihood of success that (its) rights ... are substantially burdened by the contraceptive-coverage requirement, and established an irreparable harm."

"But we remand the case to the district court for further proceedings on two of the remaining factors governing the grant or denial of a preliminary injunction," it said.

In September, Hobby Lobby sued the U.S. government over the requirement that employers cover emergency contraceptives such as the morning-after pill or Plan B, which are considered abortifacients. The family-owned company has no moral objection to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' requirement that it cover "preventive contraceptives" and will continue to cover those for employees.

Hobby Lobby and other companies that have sued over the mandate cite the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, which prohibits the federal government from imposing a "substantial burden" on a person's exercise of religion unless there is a "compelling governmental interest" and the measure is the least restrictive method of achieving that interest.

"We are encouraged by today's decision from the 10th Circuit," David Green, founder and chief executive officer of Hobby Lobby Stores Inc., said in a June 27 statement. "My family and I believe very strongly in our conviction that life begins at conception, and the emergency contraceptives that we would be forced to provide in our employee health plan under this mandate are contrary to that conviction."

Green said he and his family "believe that business owners should not have to be forced to choose between following their faith and following the law." He vowed to continue "to fight for our religious freedom, and we appreciate the prayers of support we have received."

Kyle Duncan, general counsel for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which is representing Hobby Lobby in its suit, called the appeals ruling "a tremendous victory not only for the Green family and for their business, but also for many other religious business owners who should not have to forfeit their faith to make a living."

Founded in an Oklahoma City garage in 1972, Hobby Lobby has grown from one 300-square-foot retail space into more than 500 stores in 41 states.

It describes itself as a "biblically founded business." The stores pipe in Christian music through their sound systems and are closed on Sundays.

The 10th Circuit's ruling was issued a day before HHS issued its final rules for implementing the contraceptive mandate. HHS reiterated that the religious exemption will not include for-profit secular companies whose owners object to the mandate on moral grounds.

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FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW CHANCELLOR

Past president Father Terence Henry, TOR, receives appointment

Father Sean O. Sheridan, TOR, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville, has announced the appointment of Father Terence Henry, TOR, his predecessor in the president's role, as chancellor of the university.

Father Henry will work closely with the university's advancement department, which includes the alumni relations and development offices, Father Sheridan said.

"Father Terry will serve as a Franciscan University ambassador and meet with alumni, assist with fundraising efforts, and represent the university at certain events," said Father Sheridan, who began serving as president of Franciscan on June 1.

"I am very grateful to Father Terry for taking on these new responsibilities that will significantly advance the mission of the university. I am confident that he will continue to reach out to the Franciscan University family with the same concern that he demonstrated during his tenure as president."

Father Henry completed 13 years as the university's president on May 31 and will assume his new responsibilities as chancellor immediately.

"I am happy to be of continued service to the mission of Franciscan University. I am particularly glad that my duties include spending more time with alumni and friends of the university," Father Henry said. "They beautifully live out the Gospel in their families, careers, parishes, and communities, so it is always a joy to be with them."

Father Henry also took on the position of local minister of Holy Spirit Friary at Franciscan University on July 1. Father Richard Davis, TOR,

vacated the position when he became minister provincial of the Franciscan TOR Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As local minister, Father Henry will oversee the 20 priests and brothers who work as administrators, professors, pastoral ministers, and staff at the university.

According to the *Rule and Life of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis*, local ministers should be "servants of all" the friars and should "visit, admonish, and encourage them with humility and charity."

Commenting on his appointments as chancellor and local minister, Father Henry said, "The Franciscan University mission has a profound significance, and I am grateful for my new roles in furthering that mission."

Franciscan University integrates excellent academic programs with a dynamic faith environment to serve more than 2,400 students from all 50 states and 15 nations. It offers more than 40 undergraduate and eight graduate degree programs, the most popular of which include theology, catechetics, nursing, education, and business administration.

The university has received a top-tier placement for 12 consecutive years in *U.S. News & World Report's* list of America's best colleges and is featured in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine's* top 100 "best values" in private higher education. The university is one of only about two dozen schools listed in The Cardinal Newman Society's *Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* and is in the *National Catholic Register's* Catholic identity college guide.

July 26. Forms are available online at www.gcr.org/spiritus or by calling the Greater Columbus Right to Life office at (614) 445-8508.

A separate honor, the President's Award, is presented to an individual or volunteer who has given extraordinary service to the Right to Life organization. Both honors will be awarded at the organization's banquet on Sunday, Aug. 18.



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First Mass gift for new priests

The three newest priests of the Diocese of Columbus — Fathers Nicholas Droll, Matthew Morris, and Michael Gentry — received a first Mass gift from the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women before they were ordained. The gift consisted of a handmade white stole with the emblem of the Virgin Mary with a crown, a handmade rosary, and a booklet on "Mary, My Hope," along with brochures to explain the DCCW and the National Council of Catholic Women. Since 1989, the DCCW has presented similar gifts to 65 priests just before ordination and to eight other priests. Pictured are (from left): first row, Fathers Gentry, Morris, and Droll; second row, Jean Howley and Janice Streitenberger, DCCW past presidents; Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; Michelle McCormick, DCCW president-elect; Becky and Jerry Droll, Father Droll's parents; and Fred and Sandra Morris, Father Morris' parents. Photo courtesy Janice Streitenberger

Pro-Life Provisions in State Budget

The final version of Ohio's state budget signed by Gov. John Kasich includes five significant pro-life provisions.

The bill essentially cuts off Planned Parenthood from receiving about \$1.4 million in family-planning dollars by changing the priorities on who can receive the money, placing Planned Parenthood at the bottom of the list.

The bill also requires a doctor to perform an external ultrasound, searching for a heartbeat, before an abortion can be performed. If a heartbeat is found, the doctor must inform the mother and tell her the likelihood of her infant in the womb surviving to a full term. In addition, the bill redefines a fetus as "developing from the moment of conception," rather than when a fertilized egg has been implanted in the uterus.

In addition, it provides new funding for crisis pregnancy centers, strengthens regulations on abortion clinics, and bans abortion providers from transferring

patients to public hospitals.

These provisions make the state budget the "most pro-life in history," said Mike Gonidakis, president of Ohio Right to Life.

"Ohio Right to Life applauds Governor Kasich and the vast pro-life majorities in the House and Senate. Low-income pregnant women will now receive greater care and their unborn children will have a much greater opportunity to be born healthy. It took great compassion and courage for our governor and pro-life legislature to stand up to the abortion industry that blatantly pressured them," Gonidakis said.

"It should come as no surprise that these laws received the General Assembly's and governor's approval. The people of Ohio elected a pro-life legislature as well as a pro-life governor. We should all take great comfort in knowing that the majority of our state leaders truly value precious human life, as well as higher standards for women's health care," he said.

Nominations for Catholic Woman of the Year

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is accepting nominations for the 25th annual Catholic Woman of the Year award and the 10th annual Young Catholic Woman of the Year award.

To obtain a nomination form, visit the diocesan website, www.colsdioc.org, call the DCCW office at (614) 228-8601, or send an email to jmcconaha@colsdioc.org. More than one woman may be nominated from a parish or organization. The goal is to have representation from all 23 counties in the diocese.

Nominators are encouraged to accompany their nominee to the awards dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, in the Walter Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., and to bring along friends and family. Nominations are due by Wednesday, July 24.

A panel of judges will review each nominee and select the winners of the two awards, which will be presented by Bishop Fredrick Campbell. Each nominee will be given a certificate of nomination.

The master of ceremonies for the dinner will be Dr. Michael Parker, a Columbus-area physician who in August 2004 made a decision based on his Catholic and pro-life beliefs to change his obstetrics and gynecology practice to a Natural Family Planning-only practice.

July Programs at the Martin de Porres Center

The Martin de Porres Center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality is offering a program titled "Sacred Chutzpah: The Abraham Narratives as Paradigm for Meaningful Aging" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23. The program will be presented by Rabbi Cary Kozberg, a member of the institute's planning committee.

At age 75, Abraham responded to a call from God that seems to have come "out of the blue" (literally!)—a call that held out promises of progeny and blessings in return for devotion and faithfulness. In responding to God's call to "be a blessing," Abraham and Sarah were challenged and tested several times, with each of these challenges and tests occurring when they were in their later years.

Their story gives rise to questions that will be explored in the presentation: Would their responses have been different or the same, had they been younger? Why did God select individuals who were older (as He did Moses), and not younger, for His purpose? Through Scripture review and commentary, participants will have an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Abraham narratives in their own lives.

Kozberg, director of religious life at Wexner Heritage Village in Columbus, is a member of the American Society on Aging's forum on religion, spirituality, and aging. He has also co-edited a book titled *Flourishing in the Later Years:*

Jewish Pastoral Insights on Senior Residential Care (Mazo Press).

The center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. To register, go to its website at www.martindeporrescenter.net or call (614) 416-1910 by Monday, July 22. A free-will offering will be taken.

The mission of the Institute for Maturing Spirituality includes offering programs for mature adults and for pastoral associates and other professionals who provide services for mature adults. During the past three summers, it has offered a series of courses in spiritual gerontology, designed by Dr. Richard P. Johnson of the Johnson Institute in St. Louis for pastoral associates and professionals.

This year's course offerings include a foundational course titled "Explorations in Spiritual Gerontology: How the Later Years Are Part of the Living Water That God Has Given Us" (Monday to Wednesday, July 29 to 31) and a course for caregivers, "The Ten Essentials of Christian Caregiving: Putting God's Secrets and Promises into Everyday Practice in the Caregiving Role" (July 31 to Friday, Aug. 2).

Fees are \$250 for one course or \$400 for both, including materials. The registration deadline is Friday, July 19. Additional information is available online at www.martindeporrescenter.net or by phone at (614) 416-1920.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

God always sends someone to the rescue



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

July 14

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday's reading from Deuteronomy presents Moses summarizing all of its previous contents. The instructions contained in the book are not too hard to understand. It is not secret or mysterious. It is not up in the sky, so that someone would have to go up there to bring it down. The teaching is plain and simple. It is already within their grasp. All they have to do is carry it out.

Because the text for Sunday mentions the Lord's "commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law," we get the impression that the entire collection of Torah is about "law," but in Hebrew, *Torah* is more about "teaching" than about law.

The Gospel asks a question posed by an expert in the Law of Moses, testing Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The scholar's question was not directly related to the Law, but that's where it winds up. Jesus directs the man to the Law for an answer. He actually asks of the scholar two questions: "What is in the Law?" and "How do you read (understand) it?"

The discussion uses elements of Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 and 18:5 in providing an answer and a response. The scholar wanted to justify himself, so he asks who his neighbor is. Whether this is still part of the testing or not, Jesus answers with the story of the Good Samaritan, which is unique to Luke.

As in most good stories, there are three characters: a priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan. Three works well in stories. Note how the Samaritan does three things for the victim: binds his wounds,

takes him to an inn, and makes provision for him there.

The priest and Levite are those we would expect to do something for the man, but they pass him by on "the other side" of the road. Their avoidance has been explained by arguing that they were avoiding ritual impurity (touching a dead or nearly dead body). Yet the fact that they were "going down" the road meant they were leaving Jerusalem and therefore not intending to do anything ritually in the near future, since the Temple was in Jerusalem, and they were going away from Jerusalem. The Samaritan, however, was deeply moved when he found the man and had compassion on him. When the lawyer is asked who was neighbor to the robber victim, he says, "the one who showed him mercy."

Often the meaning of these stories depends on the listener. At the Catholic Biblical Association convention some years ago, a Lutheran professor illustrated the point. He polled a number of his (mostly white) Sunday school children on what the point of Sunday's parable was. Most answered along the lines of how we should imitate the Samaritan and be kind and merciful to people less fortunate than ourselves. He then volunteered for a mission outreach program in some nation in Africa and tried the same approach to this parable with African Sunday school children. Their answer to the meaning of the parable was universally, "Look how God always provides someone to help when you're down and out!"

They identified with the man who had been beaten and left for dead, in part because they had often lived such difficult lives. Good old God always sends someone to the rescue. What a refreshing new insight they brought to this parable and to all parables! The understanding and experience of others makes all the difference in the world in how parables can be interpreted. I wish I could have remembered that professor's name. He's a keeper.

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The Weekday Bible Readings

7/15-7/20

MONDAY

Exodus 1:8-14,22
Psalm 124:1-8
Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

Exodus 2:1-15a
Psalm 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 3:1-6,9-12
Psalm 103:1-4,6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Exodus 3:13-20
Psalm 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Exodus 11:10-12:14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-8
Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Exodus 12:37-42
Psalm 136:1,23-24,10-15
Matthew 12:14-21

7/22-7/27

MONDAY

Exodus 14:5-18
Exodus 15:1-6 (Ps)
John 20:1-2,11-18

TUESDAY

Exodus 14:21-15:1
Exodus 15:8-10, 12, 17 (Ps)
Matthew 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
Psalm 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

THURSDAY

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1-6
Matthew 20:20-28

FRIDAY

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY

Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 50:1-2,5-6,14-15
Matthew 13:24-30

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JULY 14 AND 21, 2013

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com. Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ's and WWHO's cable channel listings. Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County). Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS

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

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

CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR MARRIAGE



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

Responses from right-minded marriage proponents to the Supreme Court's June 26 decisions in two cases involving the (re)definition of marriage seemed to come in three waves.

The immediate reaction, influenced no doubt by a partisan press, was that the friends of marriage had suffered a severe, and perhaps lethal, blow when the Court first struck down the key provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and then denied standing to those challenging the judicial overturn of California's "Proposition 8," an initiative that restored the classic meaning of marriage to California law.

The next, more considered reaction went something like this: "Hold on here. The Supreme Court did not declare a constitutional 'right' to 'gay marriage.' This is not another *Roe v. Wade*, and the Court did not 'nationalize' the marriage debate by peremptorily settling it, like it tried to do with abortion in 1973. The fight for marriage rightly understood, and for an understanding of what government simply cannot do, will go on in the states. Experience shows that the friends of marriage, civil society, and limited government can win a lot of those battles."

The third reaction tempered the second: "Not so fast. The terms in which DOMA was struck down—defense of marriage rightly understood involves an irrational bias—make it much more difficult to fight this battle in state legislatures, because the rhetorical and moral high ground has been ceded to the proponents of 'gay marriage.'" Moreover, the understanding of marriage in the DOMA decision—marriage is an expression of personal autonomy and lifestyle choice—offers ground on which

successful, state-level 'limitations' of 'marriage' to heterosexual couples will be challenged at the federal level."

Contradictory reactions? At first blush, perhaps. But upon further review, as they say in the NFL, all three reactions make sense.

The initial reaction—these decisions were bad defeats for marriage rightly understood—was correct, both in terms of the defense of marriage and a proper understanding of constitutional order. The DOMA and Prop 8 decisions were bizarre in their reasoning at some points, and notable for their lack of reasoning at others. The proponents of "gay marriage" and their media echo chamber knew what they were about when they popped the corks: they had won a major victory.

But it's also true that it was not the *Roe v. Wade*-type victory they sought. The proponents of marriage and limited government rightly understood—indeed, the defenders of reality-based law and public policy—have not been denied the opportunity to continue the fight at the state level.

And yet, on the other, other hand, those of us who propose to do precisely that have been labeled bigots

WHAT ELSE DON'T YOU BELIEVE?

"What else don't you believe?" said the priest as he began his homily. Most priests usually start their homilies somewhat low-key, telling a story or humorous anecdote. As a writer, I certainly understand the concept that you don't want to always get too heavy as you try to get your message out. However, the danger is dumbing your message down and insulting your audience. No one could claim this priest was doing that.

Mind you, this homily was at a Mass during a Catholic conference, where you would expect most people would pretty faithfully follow the Church's teachings. Everyone got the priest's point, that we have to trust the words of Jesus and the Church he established. I can only imagine how well this message would have been received by more dissident elements, let alone our modern secular world. We have to be an example to those who don't believe.

How did this nonbelief occur? Some blame recent scandals in the Church. However, let's take a look at that. During the time right before the Protestant Reformation in the early 1500s, rampant corruption and abuses existed in the Church. Yet no one missed Mass. It just didn't happen. However corrupt your local parish priest, bishop, or cardinal may have been, he would answer to God for his sins. Missing Mass was no excuse, and you too would answer to God for that.

The difference is that in modern times, we think we are so smart that we don't need a church. We can

figure it out on our own. Look at the world. Does it look like nonbelievers have figured out a better way to live? How many millions have died in wars caused by nonbelievers in God, how many millions have been killed by abortion preached by those who don't believe in God? How many millions live thinking their riches and-or promiscuity will make them happy? Yet their lives are an utter train wreck of despair.

Some claim their body is their own, or they live by their sexual feelings and urges, not by the Church's teachings. They refuse to see that their body is not their own, but is like a rented car. God requires that you operate it and return it as directed by Scripture and the Church's teaching authority. God does this out of love, not out of being a mean old man who doesn't want us to have fun. He knows what is best for us. Yet somehow, we think we are smarter than the Bible and the Church.

When we take God out of the equation, society goes off the rails in a hurry. In the 1600s, during the English Enlightenment, John Locke called wisdom and learning "the candle of the Lord." By the 1700s, the Enlightenment had been taken over by those hostile to God and the Church. The French writer Voltaire, whose radical ideas against God and the Church inspired the French Revolution, said he hoped he would live to the year 1800, because he thought the Church surely would be destroyed by then. Voltaire died even before the French Revolution of 1789. Try as they might, the radicals didn't destroy the

and enemies of civility by a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court. The court has implicitly accepted the absurd and offensive mantra of President Obama's second inaugural address—"from Seneca Falls to Selma to Stonewall"—which identified the defenders of marriage rightly understood with those who manned the fire hoses, wielded the billy clubs, and unleashed the attack dogs against peaceful civil rights demonstrators in the '60s. Our opponents have been given high-caliber rhetorical weapons to launch against us. We need not doubt that they will. And if some way isn't found to counter that false analogy between racial bigotry and marriage rightly understood, we are not going to win many state-level battles in this period when we're permitted to conduct them.

So now what?

In the words of the "Red Tails," the Tuskegee Airman of World War II, "we fight, we fight, we fight." For we are not only fighting in defense of marriage rightly understood; we are fighting against what Benedict XVI often called the "dictatorship of relativism," elements of which were ominously present in Justice Kennedy's DOMA decision. Some of those battles will be won, and those expressions of popular will may further stay any temptation by the Supremes to settle this once and for all by federal *diktat*.

At the same time, and as I have suggested before, the Church must think through, even reconsider, its relationship to civil marriage.

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THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

Church. Yes, they killed lots of bishops, priests, nuns, and laypeople, but many men and women were inspired to soldier on for the Church.. Thankfully, we were given many great French saints because of it.

What the Protestant Reformation, the French Revolution, and other revolutions did give us was doubt. Martin Luther never spoke to the other Reformation leaders after the Marburg Colloquy in 1529 because he felt many had fallen into apostasy.

Yet today, just as after the French Revolution, we have many priests, nuns, religious, and laypeople who lovingly and uncompromisingly preach the Gospel. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (never thought I would use those words) and Pope Francis have two totally different styles, yet they preach the same Gospel. St. Paul told us that God gives us all many different styles and gifts, but they are to be used for the same purpose. When we do this, it is a wonderful thing. When we think we know better than God, it is a disaster.

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

Pray for our dead

BARON, Marjorie, 86, July 4
St. Mary Church, Marion

BENNETT, Mary E., 64, July 7
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

BRUNNER, Katherine L., 95, July 5
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

CARADONNA, Sully A., 51, July 5
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

DAY, James, 84, July 1
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GALLICCHIO, Livia A., 84, June 27
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

GROVE, Robert A., 84, June 27
St. Edward Church, Granville

HAMILTON, Mildred E., 94, June 27
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

HARRIS, Mary, 74, June 24
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

HAYS, Janet L., 72, June 18
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

JULIAN, Vincent J., 83, June 29
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

LEWIS, Addison N. "Sonny" Jr., 76, June 24
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

LIEBER, Scott T., 62, June 30
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

Margaret S. Will

Funeral Mass for Margaret S. Will, 87, who died Friday, June 7, was held Saturday, June 22, at Columbus St. Agatha Church.

She and her husband, J.L. "Jake" Will, were honored at the 2012 Celebrating Catholic School Virtues gala by the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools for their more than 40 years of financial support for Catholic education.

She was a past vice president of the

Frances E. Grispino

Funeral Mass for Frances E. Grispino, 81, who died Monday, June 24, was held Saturday, June 29, at Columbus St. Mary Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was employed at the Lazarus department store for 47 years, then

MATHIAS, Clara, 82, June 15
St. Mary Church, Bremen

McCALLA, Rita L., 67, July 2
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

MORIARTY, Frances F., 90, June 28
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

NEIGER, Eugene, 80, June 29
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

REITZ, Robert L., 80, June 26
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

SHELL, David P., 75, July 1
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

SEYMOUR, Ralph M., 75, June 30
St. Mary Church, Delaware

SNOW, Ruth E., 90, June 14
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

STARR, Theodore E., 89, June 28
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

STOLL, Myra, 93, July 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

TARULLI, Jeanette, 90, June 22
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

YARMESCH, Robert, 86, June 24
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

ZABONIK, Michael L., 70, July 4
St. Paul Church, Westerville

St. Agatha Women's Club, served on the advisory board of the Northam Park tennis program, and was a member of the Ohio State University Alumni Association and the Elizabetan Guild.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Jacob and E. Joseph (Katy); daughters, Peggie (Peter) Janotka and Judith (Terry) Fleming; brother, Charles Smith; six grandsons; one granddaughter; and one great-grandson.

worked for St. Mary Church for several years, and was a member of the parish's Young at Heart Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Raffaella; and brothers, Tony and Joe. Survivors include her sisters, Concetta Felice and Nancy Callaghan.

Sister Loretta Forquer, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Loretta Forquer, OP, who died Tuesday, June 25, was held Saturday, June 29, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born March 1, 1921, in New Lexington to George and Lydia (Berry) Forquer.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master of arts degree from Notre Dame University. She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus in 1946 and made her profession of vows in 1948.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus St. James the Less School (1951-52), Newark St. Francis de Sales School (1954-56), Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy (1962-63); and Ohio Dominican Col-

lege (now Ohio Dominican University) (1969-85). She was principal at Columbus Holy Spirit (1952-54) and Columbus Holy Name (1956-62) schools. She also taught at schools in Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania.

From 1985-92 and 2001-04, she served as RCIA director at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. She also ministered at Shepherd's Corner Farm and Ecology Center in Blacklick (1992-2001), where she became one of the first sisters on staff, and as a resident volunteer at the Motherhouse before moving to the Mohun Health Care Center in 2012. She also took on an active role with the Dominican Associates program from its inception.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Father Joseph Forquer, OP, Edgar, and Maurice; and sisters, Mary Lynch and Rose. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.



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JULY

11, THURSDAY
Bible Study at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. "Grown-Up Summer School" Bible study of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. 614-861-1242
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Cross 7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, led by Father Ramon Owerla, CFC. 614-531-3682

13, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
St. Stephen's Community House Bravo! for the Children 6:30 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. 22nd annual Bravo! for the Children event sponsored by St. Stephen's Community House, featuring dinner from the Bravo! restaurant group, silent auction, and music. 614-294-6347

14, SUNDAY
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266
NFP Class at Holy Family 6 to 8 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required. Other class dates: July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22. 614-241-2560

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

15, MONDAY
Holy Hour for Vocations at Columbus St. Patrick 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations. 614-235-7435

16, TUESDAY
Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting 11:30 a.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Jerry Henderson of St. John's Hermitage. Reservations required.
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark 7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

17, WEDNESDAY
Face Forward Summer Social at Josephinum 7 to 9 p.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Third annual summer social sponsored by diocesan Vocations Office's Face Forward program, featuring college tours and an overview by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director. 614-760-5559

18, THURSDAY
Bible Study at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. "Grown-Up Summer School" Bible study of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. 614-861-1242

19, FRIDAY
Open House for Father Mathewson's 40th Anniversary 5 to 9 p.m., Five Porticos, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus.

Bethesda Healing Ministry sponsors open house to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Father Dean Mathewson's ordination as a priest. 614-718-0277

20, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
Daycation Bible School at St. Mary Magdalene 10:30 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. One-day Daycation Bible School for children ages 5 to 10. Concludes with 4 p.m. Mass, followed by family dinner. Focus on saints and how God answered their prayers. 614-276-5413

21, SUNDAY
Praise Mass at Seton Parish 11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. 614-833-0482
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans 2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676
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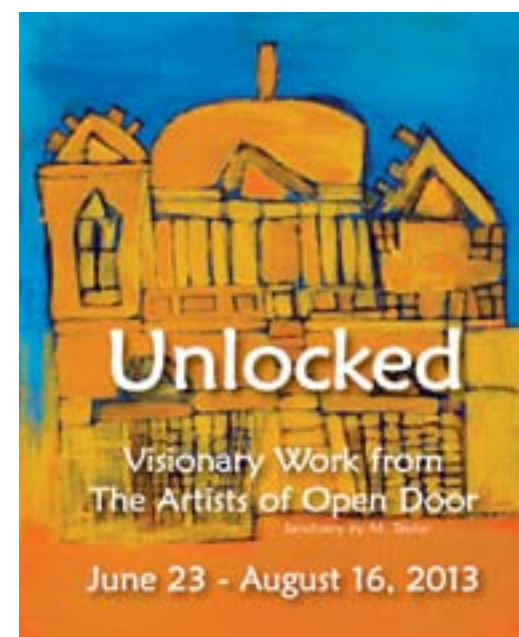
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22, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

23, TUESDAY
Institute for Maturing Spirituality Webcast 2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Institute for Maturing Spirituality webcast on "Sacred Chutzpah: The Abraham Narratives as Paradigm for Meaningful Aging" with Rabbi Cary Kozberg, director of religious life, Wexner Heritage Village. Webcast also available at Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

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EXHIBIT

Unlocked

The Martin de Porres Center's summer art exhibit, titled "Unlocked," features the work of several artists affiliated with The Open Door Art Studio in Grandview Heights, a studio dedicated to providing art services

to people with physical and developmental disabilities. In an environment that encourages "expression without limitation," artists develop unique artistic voices. This survey of 20 paintings represents established outsider

artists from central Ohio who have unlocked their artistic potential and flourish within their own styles.

To visit the gallery, call the center, at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, at (614) 416-1910 for an appointment.



Like a Hammer Shattering Rock: Hearing the Gospels Today

Reviewed by David Gibson
Catholic News Service

Megan McKenna is convinced that "the word of God in the Gospels" encounters strong resistance in the faith community. Over time, we have become "adept at using the Gospels to subvert Jesus' revelation of God among us and what is demanded of those who follow in Jesus' footsteps," she writes.

McKenna is a widely known Catholic author, lecturer, theologian, and storyteller. With this, her 50th book, she encourages believers not to "short-circuit the power of Jesus' words." A quotation she includes from Trappist Father Thomas Merton helps to illustrate her purpose.

Father Merton once wrote: "Let us not be too sure we know the Bible ... just because we have learned not to have problems with it. Have we perhaps learned ... not to really pay attention to it?"

McKenna thinks that "whole pieces of the Gospel" are ignored "because they are too difficult and too demanding." In this, she appears to let few off the hook. "We have betrayed the Gospels as individual persons, as communities, as groups, as institutions, and as leaders -- even as church," she says.

To hear the Gospels anew, McKenna suggests that people read aloud from them and even memorize parts of them. She tells of learning, perhaps "by chance," that when we read aloud, we "hear meaning drastically differently and more deeply."

The words borrowed for the intriguing title of McKenna's book, *Like a Hammer Shattering Rock*, are taken from the biblical book of Jeremiah, where God asks, "Is not my word like fire?" and "like a hammer shattering rock?" (23:29).

McKenna explains that the book of Jeremiah is railing at that point "against false prophets" who ignore and contradict "the word of God that calls the people to faithfulness, to the covenant and to justice, to care of the poor, and to true worship of God and lasting peace upon the earth."

No one familiar with McKenna's earlier work will be surprised that in focusing attention on the proclamation in the Gospels of a "shocking new way of being human beings in the world," she underscores the centrality of peacemaking, love, and closeness to the poor.

"Nothing we do in church, worship, or liturgy is worship in spirit and truth unless it mirrors the larger universal reality of love for all, beginning with our enemies and the poorest among us, the outcast and condemned, those we judge brutally and exclude," she states.

In a chapter on the Gospel of Matthew, McKenna insists that, "in a nutshell" Christians are called to "confront every form of violence, injustice, and rage with good, with peace, with justice, and with compassion."

Given this analysis, it is not surprising that in 2012, the Paulist Center of Boston presented its annual Isaac Hecker

Award for Social Justice to McKenna.

The center, affiliated with the Paulist Fathers, honored her efforts "to communicate the meaning of the word of God for today's world and to help deepen our understanding and enhance the nuances of 'social justice' in our time."

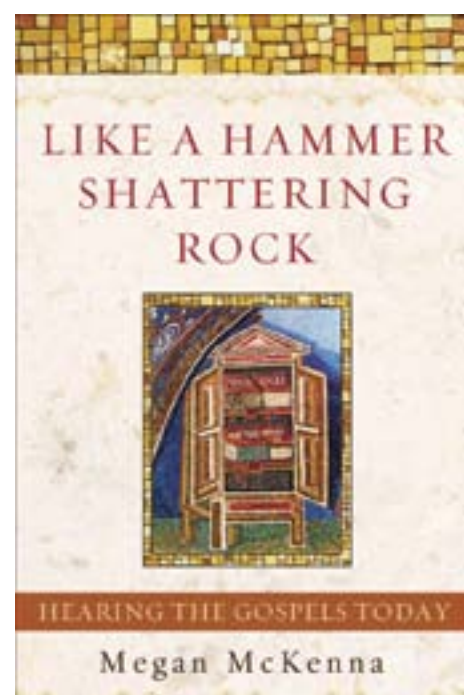
In an observation offered as "perhaps a last word" of her book, McKenna comments that "the church exists primarily for the world, not for itself, and it is commanded to 'love one another as I have loved you.'"

McKenna's storytelling talents emerge at numerous points in *Like a Hammer Shattering Rock*. Her stories draw out the connections between Scripture and daily life and heighten the book's readability.

There are stories about biblical and contemporary figures alike -- the Samaritan woman at the well who meets Jesus in the Gospel of John, for example, or Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, murdered in 1980 while celebrating Mass.

Like a Hammer Shattering Rock includes two chapters on each of the four Gospels -- one accenting the Gospel as it was heard in early church communities and one accenting the Gospel now.

With her chapters on the Gospels "now," McKenna calls attention to their relevance to "the struggles we are confronted with today not only as individuals, but primarily as communities of believers."



There are issues in the world now that "need to be highlighted, and new ones that Jesus and his contemporaries just did not experience or know," McKenna writes. She adds, "The seeds are in the Gospels, but they need to be studied, nurtured and brought to harvest."

The word "gospel" means "good news." McKenna wants Christians to hear -- really hear -- the good news of the Gospels.

An equally strong desire of hers, however, is that Christian individuals and communities in turn become good news to others, "especially to the poor, the outcast, the fringe, the excluded, the 'other.'"

Gibson was the founding editor of *Origins*, *Catholic News Service's* documentary service. He retired in 2007.

DEI GRATIA AWARD DINNER



Above: Pictured at the Dei Gratia award dinner are (from left) Ronald Rowland, chair of The Catholic Foundation's board of trustees; Loren P. Brown, Foundation president and chief executive officer; award recipients Ruth and (Jack) Beckman; and Bishop Frederick Campbell.

Left: An overall view of the dinner in the Walter Commons at St. Charles Preparatory School. CT photos by Ken Snow

John and Ruth Beckman Receive 2013 Dei Gratia Award

John and Ruth Beckman have been honored with the Catholic Foundation's 2013 *Dei Gratia* award, presented at the Foundation's annual award dinner at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

Dei Gratia celebrates the good work accomplished together by Catholics of the Diocese of Columbus and recognizes all they hope to do for future generations. The *Dei Gratia* (Latin for "by the grace of God") award recognizes an individual or family for faith, generosity, and leadership.

The recipient is chosen based

on three criteria:

First, living out the Catholic faith in family, parish, community, and workplace;

Second, leadership demonstrated in the Catholic community, both locally and beyond, in a manner that impacts the future of the community;

Third, being a good steward of God's blessings.

John and Ruth Beckman both attended Catholic grade school, high school, and colleges before being married on Aug. 24, 1957, at Sacred Heart Church in New Carlisle. Together, they raised eight children, all the

while continuing their commitment to the Catholic faith.

For many years, John served on the Columbus Bishop Hartley High School Athletic Association board and was chairman of the Hartley festival. Additionally, he worked bingo at Hartley and Columbus Christ the King Church and helped with the football team. John was a trainer for altar servers at Christ the King, where he also volunteered as an usher, altar server, extraordinary minister, and member of the collection team.

For more than 25 years, John

also volunteered as an altar server and extraordinary minister at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. He spent many years working the Special Olympics and assisted with special needs students in Columbus Public Schools. He continues to volunteer weekly at St. Lawrence Haven, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and is always on call at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs office.

Ruth spent the first 24 years of marriage as a stay-at-home mother. She used that time to support her husband and

children, but also spent much of her time volunteering at Hartley and Christ the King School. She even taught physical education at Christ the King when the school did not have a teacher.

Ruth also worked with her husband at the Ohio State Fair, and she works for the Franklin County Board of Elections twice a year. In 1981, at the request of Father Thomas Cadden, Ruth started working for the diocese in the JOIN office. Today, she serves as director of JOIN, assisted by more than 75 staff members and volunteers.

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