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No Way But the Hard Way

By David Garick, Editor



There is a song by the rock group Airbourne that revolves around the lyric "There's no way but the hard way ... get used to it!" The song itself has nothing to do with our Catholic faith. But that single refrain speaks volumes about the resolve, the commitment, the total dedication that lies at the center of our salvation.

Isaiah spoke of the way to heaven: "A highway will be there, called the holy way; No one unclean may pass over it, but it will be for his people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it. No lion shall be there, nor any beast of prey approach, nor be found. But there the redeemed shall walk, And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and enter Zion singing, crowned

with everlasting joy; They meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning flee away."

He was speaking of the very joy we celebrate at Easter. But as the prophet pointed out, none of us have the virtue to follow that path. We needed Christ to make the sacrifice to open the way for us. We know how He suffered, how He pleaded that if it be possible, that the cup should pass him by, but not His will but the Father's must prevail. No human has ever traveled such a difficult road. But He succeeded, defeating sin and death ... not His own sin, but the sin of every person who has ever and will ever walk the face of the earth.

He opened the road for us. He did it the hard way. Now we also have

access to the joy of eternal life with Him in heaven. But that does not mean the road will be easy. He told His disciples: "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in

his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct."

Easter invites us to the glorious heavenly banquet. The journey does not promise to be easy. But now it is possible because Jesus has opened the way, because He has sent the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us with grace to endure and overcome all hardship. Because of the incredible blessing of the Holy Eucharist, the Risen Lord Himself is present in our bodies and our souls. We do not make the journey alone. There's no way to heaven but the hard way. But Jesus is our guide and companion. Get used to it.



World Youth Day Cross begins its journey from Rio to Krakow

At the end of the Palm Sunday Mass in Rome, Pope Francis turned his attention to young people, presiding over the transfer of the World Youth Day cross from young representatives of the Archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro, site of World Youth Day 2013, to youths from the Archdiocese of Krakow, Poland, where the next international youth gathering with the pope will take place from July 25-Aug. 1, 2016.

The handoff of the cross marked the 30th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's entrusting it to Catholic youths, asking them to "carry it throughout the world as a sign of Christ's love for humanity," Pope Francis said. Noting that he would declare Pope John Paul a saint on Sunday, April 27, the pope repeated an announcement made in February that John Paul, who began the World Youth Day celebrations, would become the gatherings' "great patron."

After the Mass and the recitation of the Angelus, the pope waded into the crowd, blessing many of the young people and posing for photographs with some of them. In the photo at left is Brazilian Cardinal Orani Joao Tempesta of Rio de Janeiro, and at right is John Paul's longtime secretary, Polish Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. CNS photo/Paul Haring

who wanted to resolve everything with the sword?" the pope asked.

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 An icon depicting the Resurrection of Christ.



My dear friends in the risen Lord,

The ancient sequence sung at the Easter Mass proclaims "Christ indeed from death has risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning." Good news indeed! Jesus Christ has endured all that could threaten the dignity of human life, crushing the power of sin and overthrowing the tragic pride of death. The new and everlasting

life that Christ has won through the Resurrection He now offers to all who would be His disciples.

Hearing the offer of the Resurrection is always the cause of Easter joy. Such joy is especially experienced after a long and hard winter, when all of nature seems to awaken to the promise of new life. This Easter joy is not simply a matter of one day or for a season, but is intended to be the foundation of all Christian existence.

To make the joy of Easter the common thread of our daily lives requires the conversion of our ways of thinking and acting. Followers of the risen Lord live differently from the world around us. We respond to Christ's offer by living the virtues of faith, hope, and love, made possible by becoming not merely hearers of the Word, but doers. We assume the name of Christ and become disciples, grateful for the gift of life paid for at so great a price. We understand that the Resurrection without the Cross would be merely another form of paganism. With gratitude and joy, we are blessed to acclaim that Jesus Christ, victor over death, is Lord.

May the Lord Jesus rise in your hearts and bring you to everlasting life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
 Bishop of Columbus

Pope: During Holy Week, ask which Gospel character you resemble

By Cindy Wooden
 Catholic News Service

Preceded by young people and clergy waving tall palm branches, Pope Francis began his Holy Week liturgies by encouraging people to ask themselves which personality in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection they resemble most.

"Where is my heart? Which of these people do I resemble most?" Pope Francis asked on April 13 as he celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord's Passion.

Joined by thousands of young people for the local celebration of World Youth Day, the pope set aside his prepared homily and instead urged people to adopt an exercise recommended by St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits: imagining themselves as one of the characters in the Gospel story.

Throughout the Holy Week liturgies -- Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter vigil, and Easter morning Mass -- "it would do us good to ask one question: 'Who am I? Who am I before my Lord?'" the pope said.

"Am I able to express my joy, to praise him?" the pope asked. "Or do I keep my distance? Who am I before Jesus who is suffering?"

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. "Am I like Judas?" the pope asked. "Am I a traitor?"

"The disciples didn't understand anything and they fell asleep while the Lord suffered," he said. "Is my life one of sleeping?"

When Jesus was about to be arrested, one of the disciples cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. "Am I like that disciple



who wanted to resolve everything with the sword?" the pope asked.

"Am I like those courageous women and like Jesus' mom, who were there suffering in silence?" he asked.

Pope Francis did not offer explanations, but asked people to let "these questions accompany us throughout the week."

Prisoners from a jail in Sanremo, Italy, sent Pope Francis a new pastoral staff, which he used during the Mass. Carved out of olive wood, it featured a simple cross on top and elements from Pope Francis' coat of arms: the official seal of the Society of Jesus, an eight-pointed star symbolizing Mary, and the spikenard flower, a symbol of St. Joseph.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Appear

How has your Holy Week been? It is so easy to plug yourself into the mystery and spiritual bounty of this week. And the more you immerse yourself into it, the greater the return, many times over. Like forgiveness, 70 times seven times does not even fully describe the return in God's grace and love. Even when our Lent is a little weak, or maybe we just never seemed to get into the flow of discipline, a solid Holy Week can work wonders. How much prayer, fasting, and increased donations to our parish and the poor have we done during the past six weeks? Hopefully, our answer is enough to make a difference. If not, none of these are limited to Lent. We rejoice at Easter, but we certainly must continue to pray each day, fast once in awhile, and give to our parish and those in greatest need. Daily prayer and Mass every Sunday is the bare minimum. How about fasting one day a month all year round for a special intention such as protection of human life at all levels? That cannot be too much. Not enough? Go for one day a week. And giving alms means a steady increase to our weekly support of our parish, along with our other favorite charities. Holy Week is the pinnacle of our Faith. There is no reason to make it finite.

Easter! Rejoice! Alleluia! For the past 40 days and more, we have repented, reconciled, and strengthened our discipline with regard to our Faith. We embrace this annual period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving because we must, and we need it. We are human, we are sinners, but we are intrinsically and genuinely good people who seek to be holy. Lent prepares us and cleanses us, the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday compels us, and Easter sends us forth to share the joy of the Resurrection. Do you think Jesus made an impact? Did He reach enough people? We know that the establishment and growth of the Catholic Church grew rapidly, and we still have the rock-solid continuity and consistency of our Faith. On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to a select few loved ones and disciples. The brief time before the Ascension made an infinite and universal impact on the world. I have often wondered what would have happened if Jesus had waited until today to be born, live, preach, die, resurrect, and ascend. I wish He would appear to me and my family, pointing out to us what we should do to attain eternal life in Heaven. He should appear to all those people I know who do not live their lives properly, and do the same for them. He could appear to all those terrorists and tell them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. He can appear to all our misguided politicians and set them straight. Oh, and He can appear to abortion clinics, genocidal civil wars, hunger centers, and anywhere that human life is disrespected.

Our practical challenge this week is to appear to others as Jesus did right after the Resurrection. Who cares when He appeared? It is our great challenge and commission to appear to everyone with whom we come into contact with the same love, service, and humility that Jesus did. This week, assertively and bravely appear to your family, friends, co-workers, and especially strangers in the most Christlike manner you can muster. We are His hands, feet, and heart as we live our lives each day. Rejoice in the Resurrection and our salvation. Appear with the radiance of Easter!

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



JOIN Will Celebrate BiblioBenefit 10th Anniversary

By Ellyn Dekker

JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, invites guests to *JOIN the Celebration for BiblioBenefit X* at the parish hall of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, on Friday, May 16.

Since 2005, BiblioBenefit has raised more than \$200,000 to support JOIN in fulfilling its mission of helping central Ohioans in need of emergency aid. The event has grown from a party held in the former JOIN office and Cathedral Book Store space on Gay Street, across from the diocesan office building, and has become a popular gathering with more than 200 guests.

Past BiblioBenefits honored saints who exemplify true Christian charity. This year, the honorees are BiblioBenefit sponsors, guests, and volunteers, who have been "saints" to those in need through their generosity and charity.

Several diocesan clergy members will entertain with a musical review featuring highlights of past JOIN benefits. A buffet will be served and a raffle will give guests a chance to win different



and desirable prizes.

The organizing committee is being led this year by Norma Johanni, who, along with Rise Casteel, has been co-chair of past benefits. Casteel and her husband, Ron (pictured), will be among this year's honorees. The whole Casteel family has been involved in past benefits. Daughter Eden Casteel is again producing and performing, and another daughter, Liana Saas, continues working on the committee.

To reserve a place for BiblioBenefit X, write a check payable to JOIN BiblioBenefit X and mail it to Alice Heller, in care of JOIN, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. The cost is \$50 per person.





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HAIR DONATION FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Morgan Donnelly, a third-grade student at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School, recently donated 10 inches of her hair to the Beautiful Lengths program sponsored by Pantene hair care products. The program uses ponytails from participating donors to make real-hair wigs for women who have lost their hair because of cancer. She decided to begin growing her hair for the program about nine months ago after reading a story about another young girl who made a similar donation. Her mother, Kim Donnelly, said she has been inspired to find ways to help others since taking part in 2013 in the Columbus Color Run, which benefits local charities. For more information about the Beautiful Lengths program, go to www.pantene.com and click on the link to the program. Photos courtesy Kim Donnelly

"MOMS2B" PROGRAM

As part of an ongoing effort to curb infant mortality in Franklin County, Mount Carmel Health System and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center have joined forces to bring the innovative Moms2B program to the Mount Carmel West campus. This is being made possible through an affiliation agreement signed by Mount Carmel and OSU's Wexner Medical Center in 2013.

Moms2B is sponsoring weekly meetings at the Community Health Resource Center of Mount Carmel West, 777 W. State St., Columbus, every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Moms2B is a community program working to empower women in high-risk neighborhoods throughout Columbus. The group works to help women deliver healthy babies in an effort to reduce racial disparities and infant mortality.

The addition of Moms2B bolsters

Mount Carmel's outreach efforts in curbing infant mortality and promoting health and wellness in mothers and their newborns. Since 1998, Mount Carmel has offered the Welcome Home program to mothers and babies. The Welcome Home program provides a home visit by a registered nurse to check on the health and wellness of mother and baby after discharge. This is a free program made available to any mother who gives birth at Mount Carmel.

Beginning this year, Mount Carmel's Welcome Home program will serve any of the women in the Moms2B program. That means they will be able to have a nurse come to their home for free after their baby is born. These visits usually happen within 14 days of discharge and will happen as quickly as possible if the mother is having breast-feeding issues or other concerns.

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Fisher Catholic Foundation Provides Tuition Assistance



Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School will be providing more than \$450,000 in financial assistance for students during the next three years through grants from the Fisher Catholic High School Foundation. A \$1,000 grant will be awarded to all incoming ninth graders and any new student in grades 10 to 12 for the 2014-15 school year. All returning students will receive a \$500 grant.

The foundation's commitment provides additional grants for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

The Fisher Catholic Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, founded in 1986 by concerned citizens of the community. The future of Catholic education in Fairfield County was in doubt and the founding fathers of the foundation wanted to assure that resources were available to support future generations in their desire for quality Catholic education.

Fisher Catholic High School is awarded yearly gifts as identified by the foundation's board, the president of the school, and the wishes of contributors. Since its inception, the foundation has given the school more than \$1 million while growing the principal of the fund from which the grants come.

Giving to the foundation guarantees that gifts will continue after the giver's death and provide benefits to the Fish-

er Catholic education system forever. Another benefit is the tax advantage that can be identified by an individual's tax accountant or financial adviser. The foundation accepts gifts of cash, property, or insurance policies in any amount. All investments are made in a socially responsible way and in keeping with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

The majority of the gifts given to the Fisher Catholic Foundation are directed toward tuition support of needy students, but gifts also are dedicated to a particular department of the school. If you desire, your donation may support other school needs, and may be identified at the time the gift is established.

The Fisher Catholic Foundation welcomes participation from anyone who has an interest in supporting Catholic education.

For information on becoming a donor to the foundation, contact its president, Sean Kenney, at skenny@cdeeducation.org. For information on tuition and enrollment at Fisher Catholic, contact Dawn Burley at (740) 654-1231, or dburley@cdeeducation.org.

Photo: Sean Kenney, president of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, accepts a contribution from Linda Sheridan, president of the Fisher Catholic Foundation, for tuition assistance.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

“BUYING” A MASS; ANNULMENT QUESTIONS



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I am a member of a faith-sharing group, which is ecumenical. Recently, a question came up with regard to “simony” and “buying a Mass.” Please explain the concept of a stipend being offered for a Mass for a deceased person. Non-Catholics (and Catholics, as well) find it confusing. Was not the value of the Mass already purchased by the sacrificial death of Jesus? What, exactly, is being bought? (Chippewa Falls, Wis.)

A. Simony, which is sinful, is the buying or selling of spiritual things. The term takes its origin from the Acts of the Apostles, where (in Chapter 8) a man named Simon the Magician sought to purchase from St. Peter the spiritual power derived from the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit.

Examples of simony would be to seek ecclesiastical promotion through a cash gift or to attempt to bribe a priest to receive sacramental absolution.

Mass stipends are not simony, and there is no such thing as “buying a Mass.” A Mass stipend is a free-will offering given for celebrating a Mass for a particular person or intention. In the early church, it was often the sole source of a priest’s income and support, and, in poorer countries, it sometimes still is.

You are correct that the merits of Christ’s redemptive death are infinite. A Mass intention is simply a plea to the Lord to channel some of those already-gained merits in a particular direction.

The church’s *Code of Canon Law* takes pains to avoid the appearance of “buying a Mass” by explaining that the poor are never to be denied a request for a Mass because of their inability to provide the customary offering (No. 945) and by forbidding a priest from keeping for himself more than one Mass stipend per day (No. 951).

Like most priests, I have on a number of occasions declined to accept a stipend because I thought it might be a hardship for the person requesting the Mass intention. (In many U.S. dioceses, the suggested offering is \$10).

Despite these canonical cautions, the misunderstanding persists, and nearly every week a caller or visitor to our parish office will ask

“How much does a Mass cost?”

I use that as a teachable moment to the point where our parish staff is tired of hearing me explain a “free-will offering.” My preference would be that Mass stipends be eliminated entirely, but many priests, particularly in missionary territories, depend on them for their livelihood.

Even in a typical American parish, donors seem to feel comforted by knowing that they have “done something” for the named beneficiary of a Mass.

Q. Some time ago, you answered a question about the annulment process, and the answer itself prompted even more questions in my mind. First, you mentioned that statements from witnesses are used to help determine whether there are grounds for an annulment. How would witnesses know anything about the private life of a married couple?

You also said that a questionnaire is filled out by the petitioner and, if he or she is willing, by the former spouse. The process sounds all too fragile to me. Couldn’t the petitioner say anything at all just to get the annulment? And what if the other party doesn’t want the annulment granted or feels it is not just? Is there any avenue of appeal? (Newtown Square, Pa.)

A. For the Catholic Church to grant an annulment, it must be determined that from the very start of the marriage, some essential element was lacking that kept it from being a binding and lasting union.

There may have been considerable emotional immaturity or instability on the part of one spouse or both, or a lack of full freedom or complete commitment.

Not infrequently, there are witnesses -- sometimes family members -- who can say, for example, “My sister never really wanted to get married; she was very nervous about it, but she felt that everyone expected her to go through with it and our parents had already made all the arrangements,” or “We all knew, all of his friends, that he wasn’t totally serious about the marriage; he told us, in fact, ‘I’ll try it for a while and see if it works.’”

As for the former spouse, he or she is completely free to oppose the annulment and to offer reasons why it should not be granted. Then it is up to the judges of the diocesan marriage tribunal to weigh all of the testimony and evidence.

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



St. Andrew Passion Play

The Columbus St. Andrew School eighth-grade class performed a Passion Play depicting the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The play was performed for the school’s students, faculty, Parish School of Religion students, and parish members in preparation for Easter.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School



Life Cycle of an Egg

During the late winter and early spring, third-grade students at Columbus Trinity Elementary School began a life science unit on the life cycle of an egg. They conducted experiments learning about the parts of an egg and how to measure the egg’s length, circumference, weight, and volume. They studied the quality of porosity in egg shells and why it was important to the developing chick. All of this prepared them for the arrival of an incubator and some eggs from the Ohio State University Extension Service 4-H. A webcam was placed in the classroom, focused on the incubator so that students could keep an eye on the chicks from home and at school. After 21 days, on March 31, three little chicks hatched. The chicks left the classroom on April 4. Viewing one of the chicks are students Sam Schulz and Norah McGann.

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

Franciscan University Class of 2014 Set to Graduate

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Bishop Jeffrey Monforton, Michael Warsaw to Receive Honorary Degrees

Father Sean O. Sheridan, TOR, will address his first graduating classes as president of Franciscan University of Steubenville at the institution’s 66th commencement exercises on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10.

Events begin with the baccalaureate Mass at 6 p.m. May 9. The following day, nearly 650 students will graduate, beginning with the ceremony for master’s degree recipients at 9 a.m., followed by the undergraduate ceremony at 11:30. All events will take place in Finnegan Fieldhouse, which just underwent a \$6.5 million renovation and expansion.

Members of the Class of 2014 come from all over the nation, with Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan, Virginia, Illinois, New York, Maryland, Texas, and Minnesota ranking as the top 10 states.

The top majors for bachelor’s degree recipients are theology, nursing, business (six majors combined), catechetics, psychology, communication arts, education, philosophy, English, biology, and history.



Cardinal DiNardo

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, will be the celebrant and homilist at the May 9 baccalaureate Mass and will receive an honorary doctorate of sacred theology.

The visit will be a homecoming of sorts for Cardinal DiNardo, who was born in Steubenville and raised near Pittsburgh. Ordained to the priesthood in 1977 for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, he went on to serve as a parish pastor, seminary professor, and chancery official. He then served in Rome on the staff of the Congregation for Bishops, and, in 1997, was appointed coadjutor bishop of Sioux City, Iowa. He began his service to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston’s 1.3 million Catholics in 2004. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2006.

Cardinal DiNardo served as an elector in the papal conclave of 2013, at which Pope Francis was elected. He is a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, among

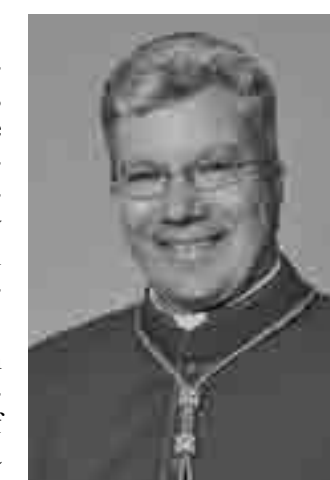
other appointments.

Graduates from Franciscan’s seven master’s degree programs will be sent forth on the morning of May 10 by Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey Monforton, who will receive an honorary doctorate of sacred theology.

Bishop Monforton was ordained and installed as bishop of Steubenville during a ceremony at the university on Sept. 10, 2012. A Detroit native, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1994. He holds a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

In Detroit, he held various parish assignments, taught high school religion, served as personal priest secretary to Cardinal Adam Maida, and served on the faculty at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, becoming its rector in 2006.

The largest ceremony of the day, the undergraduate ceremony, will include bachelor of arts and bachelor of science graduates from more than 40 courses of study.



Bishop Monforton

The featured speaker will be Michael P. Warsaw, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Eternal Word Television Network. Warsaw will receive an honorary doctorate in communications for his leadership in evangelizing and catechizing through the media. Warsaw joined EWTN in 1991. During the past 23 years, he has helped it become the world’s largest religious media network.

Besides overseeing EWTN’s mission in the U.S. and more than 140 nations and territories, he is publisher of the *National Catholic Register*.

During the ceremony, a posthumous honorary degree in management and marketing will be awarded to Amanda Looman, a senior from Wintersville, who died after being severely injured in an automobile accident in October 2013 in the Dayton area.

Father Sheridan will confer the degrees, and Father Richard Davis, TOR, chairman of the university board of trustees, will preside at both ceremonies, along with members of the trustees and the board of advisers.

Father Wilson Miscamble to Address ODU’s 101st Commencement

Ohio Dominican University will host its 101st commencement exercise at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10. Approximately 300 students will have degrees conferred upon them as they are joined by hundreds of family and friends in Alumni Hall on ODU’s main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Father Wilson (Bill) Miscamble, CSC, professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, will deliver the commencement address.

“Father Miscamble is a courageous and compelling proponent of Catholic higher education and the need for all Catholic universities to work to restore and strengthen their Catholic

identities,” said Dr. Peter Cimboric, ODU president. “He will share his perspectives on how our students can use their faith-based education for personal, professional, and spiritual growth.”

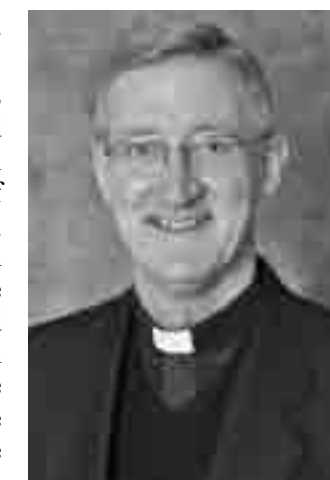
Father Miscamble joined the permanent faculty at Notre Dame in 1988 and chaired the history department from 1993 to 1998. He served as rector and superior of Moreau Seminary from 2000 to 2004.

Before joining Notre Dame, Father Miscamble, a native of Australia, served as North American analyst in the office of national assessments in the Department of Prime Minister

and Cabinet, Canberra, Australia.

He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Queensland, Australia, and a doctorate in history from Notre Dame. He entered the priestly formation program of the Congregation of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame in 1982 and was ordained a priest in 1988.

He is widely published and has received many awards for his books,



articles, essays, and reviews, including multiple Harry S. Truman book awards.

He writes and lectures frequently on Catholic higher education and Catholics in public life.

In his book *Keeping the Faith, Making a Difference*, he writes, “Our religion, our faith, does not take us out of life, but energizes and gives meaning to everyday life. It links us in solidarity to a community that stretches back 2,000 years.”

*Answering God's Call***MINISTERING TO HIS PARISHIONERS
AS THEY HAVE MINISTERED TO HIM****Fr. William A. Metzger**

by Tim Puet

In common with Catholics around the world, Father William A. Metzger is preparing to celebrate the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II on Sunday, April 27 and recalling their impact on the church and on his own life.

"Each pope of my priesthood (also including Paul VI, John Paul I, Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis) has been a herald of the truth in the context of the Gospel and has done that in a way that is exemplary to me as a priest and pastor," said Father Metzger, pastor of West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

"John XXIII was elected pope when I was in the fourth grade and died the day that I graduated from the eighth grade. In that short time, through the aggiornamento (renewal) that he brought to the church – most significantly, the Second Vatican Council – he planted the seeds of change and reform that we are living with in the church today. Pope Paul brought those seeds to fruition by continuing the council, and the renewal has continued through his successors. Pope Francis has brought to his papacy a different, yet consistent pastoral perspective, challenging us to be with the 'sheep,' even to the level of 'smelling them,'" he said.

"For those of my vintage, the Second Vatican Council challenged us to relate to the people we serve in different ways than we did prior to the council. Those ways, which were pretty staid in definition and style prior to the council, have been greatly enhanced and expanded since the council and continue to evolve. There are the basics which have always been there, but the pastoral style has changed."

Paul VI was pope when Father Metzger was ordained a priest by Auxiliary Bishop George Fulcher on May 27, 1978. The year of his ordination was the "year of three popes" – Paul VI, John Paul I, who was pope for a little more than a month before his unexpected death, and John Paul II, the pontiff for the first 27 years of Father Metzger's priesthood.

Father Metzger saw John Paul on several occasions, first in 1979 in Philadelphia and Washington during a papal visit to the United States, then in 1984 during a pilgrimage to Rome. On Oct. 12, 1995, he had the privilege of concelebrating Mass with the pope in his private chapel and meeting him afterward in the papal apartments. He met John Paul there again in December 2000 during a pilgrimage.

This past February, Father Metzger and Msgr. John Cody, pastor of Columbus St. Christopher Church, were at St. Peter's Basilica for the consistory of cardinals at which history was made by the presence at that event of two living popes, Benedict XVI and Francis.

Father Metzger, 64, grew up in Dennison, attending Immaculate Conception Church and School. "I was intrigued by the liturgy, which at the time was the pre-Vatican II Latin Mass, from the time I was very young," he said. "Since my mother was a nurse, my maternal grandmother took me to church a lot. My earliest memories involve going with her to Mass and to novenas on Friday nights and Benediction on Sundays, sitting with her and other Italian ladies in the back, and going to bingo every week.

"Dennison was and is a small community, and the family and the parish were the center of our lives. Father Hugh Gilbert was pastor all the time I was there and Father Frank Miller was his assistant for the last five years I was in school there, and both were influential through their example."

Father Metzger said his desire to become a priest was strengthened after he attended his first ordination ceremony in 1962 as a guest of Father Miller. After finishing eighth grade in that year, he was educated by Franciscan priests for the next six years, attending St. Francis Seminary High School in Cincinnati, Duns Scotus College in Southfield, Mich., and the former Franciscan novitiate in Oldenburg, Ind.

In 1970, he decided to examine other possibilities before committing to the priesthood, returning home to attend Kent State University, from which he received a bachelor's degree. In 1974, he resumed his studies for the priesthood, choosing to become a diocesan priest. He attended the Catholic University of America for the next four years before his ordination.

He served as an associate pastor at Columbus Christ the King (1978-80), Zanesville St. Nicholas (1980-83) and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene (1983-86) before becoming pastor at Columbus St. Agnes at the end of 1986. He remained there until mid-1998, when he was appointed pastor at Columbus St. John the Baptist. He became administrator of nearby Columbus Sacred Heart in 2006, serving both parishes until being assigned to Ss. Simon and Jude last October.

He has always been interested in "art in its various forms: music, theater, painting, sculpture, architecture, design, gardening, etc." Those interests were of great assistance at the two neighboring Columbus churches, both of which underwent extensive renovation while he was serving there. His tenure at St. John the Baptist also coincided with the move of the Columbus Italian Festival from the state fairgrounds to the area around St. John the Baptist, where it continues its enormously successful run, drawing more than 35,000 people annually.

Speaking of his various pastorates, he said, "The main job of a pastor is to journey on the pilgrimage of faith that begins at our baptism with the fellow pilgrims he serves. The universal call to holiness is the common vocation of all in the church. As priests, we are privileged and challenged to encounter and journey with other 'sheep' as we are called to serve them, lead them, and grow in holiness with them as pastor, brother, and friend.

"We priests do not do this in a vacuum. As we serve the flock, we grow with the flock. Many times as a priest, my faith has been strengthened by the fidelity and holiness of the people that I have been asked to serve. As I have ministered to them, they have ministered to me."

Throughout his priesthood, he's been confused with several other diocesan priests with the last name of Metzger, all of whom are related to each other. "When I was ordained in 1978, there already were eight other Fathers Metzger," he said. "Now there are five – four brothers and a cousin. They're all from Perry County, while I'm not." To add to the confusion, one of them is also named William – Father William J. Metzger, who is retired and splits the year between Columbus and Florida, and whose ordination I attended with Father Miller in 1962."

"I tell people when they ask me about the other Metzgers that I am 'not related and not aligned,' or that I'm not 'a' William Metzger, but William A. Metzger," he said. "But it's also true that we are related through the Sacrament of Baptism, which unites us all, and through Holy Orders."

CCWC Breakfast

The Columbus Catholic Women's Conference is accepting registrations for its annual spring breakfast on Saturday, May 10 at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

Elizabeth Ficocelli, nationally known Catholic author and speaker and host of *Answering the Call* on St. Gabriel AM Radio 820, will be the featured speaker.

She will be sharing her unlikely spiritual journey from non-Catholic to enthusiastic Catholic evangelist, as told in her 15th book, *Therese, Faustina, and Bernadette: Three Saints Who Challenged My Faith, Gave Me Hope, And Taught Me How to Love*.

The day will begin with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast, the presentation, and a book sale and signing afterward. Register for the event at <http://www.columbus-catholicwomen.com/register-for-our-spring-breakfast>.

Life in the Spirit

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring a Life in the Spirit seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays from April 30 to June 4 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd. There will be no charge for participation and free child care will be provided.

Life in the Spirit is a six-week Catholic program designed to stir and renew a person's faith through learning and discussion with others.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at (614) 914-8556 or email info@ccrcolumbus.org.

Women's Retreat

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark, will host a women's retreat led by Sister Maxine Shonk, OP, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10.

This will be an uplifting morning of praise and inspiration on becoming a more caring Christian woman.

The cost is \$15, including a continental breakfast. Visit the center's website at www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com, send an email to info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or call (740) 928-4246 to register.

**Are you an Easter person?****By Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC**

The world today really needs the hope that only Easter brings. I do not know about you, but I often feel overwhelmed by the daily media stories of all the pain experienced throughout our world. The cycle of violence never seems to subside. There is still unrest in Iraq and other places such as Syria, where thousands of people have been killed and many are living in wretched circumstances in refugee camps, with the ones still in Syria living in constant danger. People are dying of hunger in the Sudan and in many other nations. Many cannot find work to support their families.

Most of us can name other situations of this kind. Violence, hatred, and revenge are all around us. Suffering runs

rampant, and mercy and compassion seem to be scarce commodities these days. Many cry out and ask where God is in all of this.

I think that part of the problem starts on a personal level. If we were reconciled with each other and had right relationships, there would be less violence in our families and in the world. There would be more peace.

As Christians, our faith in the resurrection, which we celebrate during Holy Week, reminds us that good can, and does, come out of suffering and that the only way to conquer sin is to love even our enemies. Jesus died out of love for us, and through his suffering came his resurrection. By his cross and resurrection, he set us free.

As this season of Lent comes to a

close, it would be good to reflect on our own attitudes. Do we feel that people are justified in wanting to punish hatred with more violence? What are our thoughts about the death penalty (which is what Jesus died under)? Do we ever pray for the conversion of our enemies, even terrorists and those people in our lives who have hurt us, or do we think they should get what we feel they deserve? On the other hand, do we ask others for forgiveness?

As Christians who believe in the resurrection, we must strive to be models of love and hope. Our good works of Lent must continue throughout the rest of the year. We have a mission to make Christ known by our love. We must express our belief that, even in this gloomy, dark time of pain and suffering at home and around

the world, God will not abandon us -- just as he did not abandon his Son, Jesus, even though it may have looked that way at first. Our world needs this Easter message. Go out and proclaim it to all in your world.

And if current events make it hard for you to believe that God is somehow in all of this, ask God to deepen your faith and to help you to remember times when he brought you out of difficulties related to your life or the life of someone you know. Easter tells us that God never leaves us in our pain and brings good out of evil. We must proclaim that, in spite of the situation of our world, God is with us, and that gives us hope.

Sister Margie Lavonis is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Ind.

Going home a different way**By Cindy Albert**

I started off 2014 with an idea that I have read about on different "mom" blogs. Instead of making New Year's resolutions, I was going to pick a word for the year. Different writers said the word should kind of encompass what I wanted to work on for the year, should challenge me, and should reflect my values. When I looked ahead to the end of 2014, what did I want to see? I thought about it, but I couldn't really find just one word where I said "That's it!" So I let it go.

Then, a few days later, we were at Sunday Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. The readings were the usual about the wise men giving gifts to Jesus, then being warned in a dream to go home a different way and not tell Herod where the newborn king was. Father

Eilerman talked in his homily about how the wise men went home a different way both physically and spiritually. I was struck by that. In all my years of hearing that scripture, I never thought of it in that way. For the next few days, when I had quiet time, I kept hearing "and they went home a different way." And then it hit me that I didn't have just a word for the year, I had a phrase. I truly felt like that encompassed what I wanted to say about 2014. I don't want to be the same at the end of the year. I want to encounter Christ, grow spiritually, and be changed. I want to look at each thing I experience as a way to lead me closer to God.

A few weeks after this, at the end of January, I had the opportunity to chaperone the Irish4Life students from Fisher Catholic High School as they traveled to Washington for the March

for Life. I was inspired by so many people marching for the respect of all human life, but I was also inspired by our students. We had a chance to listen to speakers, attend Adoration, walk through the Holocaust Museum, and visit the Flight 93 Memorial. Each place we went, the students showed such respect for what they were seeing and seemed years beyond their ages. As we gathered together with the kids on our last night there, Mr. Holbrook, the pro-life club adviser, said to them, "OK, this is not about missing a few days of school and getting to see Washington, D.C. We've seen so much, now what are you going to do with all of it? What are you going to do when you get back? We can't go back the same way." There was that phrase again.

Several weeks afterward, we had the start of Lent. On Ash Wednesday,

Father said that we were starting our walk with Jesus down the road to Calvary. I have made some Lenten promises and sacrifices, and it feels good to have that discipline and change in my life. But then what happens after Lent? Many times, I go back to the way it was before Lent. But I know I can't become more like Christ and at the same time go back. I don't want my faith life to be "two steps forward, one step back." I do find consolation in the stories of the apostles and saints, hearing about them walking with Christ, but also stumbling, struggling, and making mistakes along the way. So for this Lenten season and beyond, I will follow Christ. I hope to let Him continually transform me so I can go on a different way.

Cindy Albert is a parishioner at Lancaster St. Mary Church.

CINCO DE MAYO: FOOD, FUN, AND FAITH

An evening featuring exquisite Latino cuisine in a fun, formal setting is in store for anyone attending the sixth annual joint Cinco de Mayo celebration sponsored by Columbus Christ the King and St. Stephen the Martyr churches on Friday, May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

As in past years, a third Columbus parish, Our Lady of Victory, will be helping its neighbors by providing its parish center at 1559 Roxbury Road for the event. Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and St. Dominic churches, will be master of ceremonies for the celebration, which will feature authentic Mexican food, a cash bar, live music and entertainment, and a silent auction.

Those attending also will hear from the Sisters of the Missionary Servants of the Word about their work in evangelizing the Latino communities of the two parishes. They have been at St. Stephen's since 2009 and arrived at the end of November 2013 at Christ the King, where they established residence in that parish's renovated convent.

Three sisters are serving at each location. Sister Nereida Olmedo Santiago, MSP, who has made her final vows to become a permanent member of the order, moved to Christ the King from St. Stephen, where she

was joined by Sister Griselda Guadalupe Villanueva, MSP, and Sister Zeltzin Cecilia Guzman, MSP (*Zeltzin* is an Aztec word meaning "delicate"), both of whom recently pronounced their first vows.

Sister Laura Mosqueda Moreno, MSP, replaced Sister Nereida at St. Stephen's, where she joined Sister Maria Elena Garcia, MSP, and Sister Karina Hernandez Gomez, MSP. In addition, two priests from the Mexican-based Missionary Servants of the Word – Father Saul Alonso Garcia, MSP, administrator, and Father Eduardo Velazquez, MSP, associate administrator – are providing pastoral care at the parish on Columbus' west side, which previously was staffed by diocesan clergy.

The Missionary Servants order specializes in evangelizing Latino communities through one-on-one contact. It didn't take long for the sisters to establish themselves as an essential part of the community at St. Stephen's, and they've had the same impact at Christ the King, said Father David Schalk, the church's pastor. He had been working since April 2012 to have them come to the parish on Columbus' east side, where about 1,000 people attend its two Masses in Spanish at 6 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

"Both the English- and the Spanish-speaking popula-

tions of the parish have been enthusiastic about the sisters since their arrival," Father Schalk said. "On the English-speaking side, the people have picked up on the sisters' sense of joy and eagerness to become a part of the parish and to share whatever they can. The sisters have been so warm and approachable that it's quickly eliminated whatever language and cultural barriers that might have existed. Everybody smiles in the same language.

"On the Spanish-speaking side, the people are so grateful to have the chance the sisters give them for faith formation through Bible studies, youth and young adult groups, and especially their door-to-door work in Latino neighborhoods and their Bible study program."

The program, known as *Quince Dias de Mision* (15 Days of Mission), is part of the Missionary Servants order's missionary charism and consists of two weeks of nightly gatherings, preceded by two weeks of faith formation in which the sisters go to individual homes and invite families to pray the rosary with them and hear about the life of the parish. The sisters use a missionary edition of the Bible which includes reflections written by members of their community.

A major part of their mission involves familiarizing Latinos with the importance of the Bible to Catholics, in response to the efforts of non-Catholic organizations who have tried to spread their interpretations of Scripture while erroneously claiming that "Catholics don't believe in the Bible."

"As they talk to people about the basic doctrines of the faith, they also are empowering their listeners with the tools to be missionaries themselves and to go into the community for more evangelization," Father Schalk said. "The sisters provide a living example of Jesus' command 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you,' and of what the New Evangelization spoken of by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI and now Pope Francis is about."

The priests and sisters of the Missionary Servants of the Word have been practicing their brand of everyday evangelization since the order was founded in 1978 by Father Luis Butera, MSP, who assisted Father Schalk and former St. Stephen's pastor Father Thomas Buffer with their efforts to bring the order to their respective parishes. Beginning in Mexico, the order has expanded to several areas of the United States, as well as to the Philippines, Vietnam, and Africa.

Besides the Bible study program, the sisters also have started Latino youth (high-school age) and young adult (18 and older) groups at Christ the King. Father Schalk said they anticipate their youth group and the parish's English-speaking counterpart to combine this year.

People of all ages at the parish have been working for the last few weeks on a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross in Spanish, which will take place at 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 18, following the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Spanish at 7 p.m.

In addition, sisters from both Christ the King and St.

Stephen's regularly visit prisoners at the Southeaster Correctional Complex in Lancaster and the Ross Correctional Institution in Chillicothe. "Among the many good works we try to do in the community, visiting the prisoners may be the most satisfying," said Sister Maria Elena, who has been at St. Stephen's since the arrival of her order there. She is the only one of the original four sisters who came to St. Stephen's who is still stationed in Columbus.

"Many of the inmates have resumed receiving the sacraments or have entered the church, and it's wonderful to see the changes they have made in their lives," she said. "Meanwhile, our work at St. Stephen's has shown great results, and the addition of priests from our order allows us to enter even more into community life and to continue training people to evangelize each other."

At St. Stephen's, the sisters have brought more than 30 couples to the sacrament of marriage after years away from the church and have inspired three young men to begin studies for the priesthood and four people to serve as lay missionaries. In addition, Mass attendance has increased to the extent that seating in the church has expanded and there is still not enough room.

"Everything the sisters have been doing has empowered people and made them realize the importance of their individual gifts and talents. It rounds out the life of the parish," said Father Schalk.

"In my homily for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I described the sisters as an icon of Our Lady. If you



Sister Zeltzin Cecilia Guzman, MSP, conducts a home Bible study at Columbus Christ the King Church.

want to understand the message of Guadalupe, look at the life of the sisters – consecrated to Christ, serving the marginalized, bringing the Gospel to those who need it.

As Our Lady appeared to the natives in Mexico, bringing the Catholic faith as a gift from God, the sisters also are a gift from Heaven, brought here to share the faith."



Sisters of the Missionary Servants of the Word stationed in Columbus are (from left): first row, Sister Griselda Guadalupe Villanueva and Sister Laura Mosqueda Moredo; second row, Sister Maria Elena Garcia, Sister Karina Hernandez Gomez, Sister Zeltzin Cecilia Guzman, and Sister Nereida Olmedo Santiago. Photos courtesy Christ the King Church

SISTERS COMING TO CHILICOTHE THIS SUMMER



Three members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be coming to Chillicothe this summer and setting up a convent at St. Peter Church. Father William Hahn, pastor of St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary churches, and St. Peter's high school youth group members Michaela Maimone (left) and Grace Gambill are pictured with five sisters who visited Chillicothe earlier this month. The youth group will be conducting a shower to replenish household items in the building at St. Peter's which previously has served as a convent. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have 1,060 members, mostly in India, where they are based and were founded in 1844. The Diocese of Columbus will be the second diocese in the United States in which they will have a presence. They have three convents in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, where they have served since 1998. The order also has sisters in east Africa. Its motto is "Love and Sacrifice" and it is committed to evangelization, education, social work, and health ministries.

In imitation of St. Francis, the sisters strive for a life of generous personal commitment to follow the simple and poor Christ of the Gospel. Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

2014 Tour de Diocese: Seminarian Bike Tour

Seminarians' Seek Holiness Bike Tour in the Columbus Diocese May 12-16

Diocesan seminarians, priests, and deacons will be riding their bikes through the Diocese of Columbus next month, starting at Columbus St. Andrew School on Monday, May 12 and finishing at the Portsmouth Notre Dame Schools on Friday, May 16. This will be the sixth year for the seminarians' Seek Holiness bike tour.

The Diocese of Columbus is blessed to be the home of the Pontifical College Josephinum, the only pontifical seminary in the United States. With enrollment at the Josephinum up and next year's enrollment on the rise, the seminarians couldn't be more excited to share the faith.

Since 2009, the diocese's seminarians have marked the end of the school year at the Josephinum by taking their bikes and hitting the road. This year, about 15 seminarians and many clergy will be riding throughout the diocese, visiting various schools and parishes and reaching out to young people as they talk about the subject "Living the Life You

Are Called to Live."

Everyone is called to a vocation, and the seminarians will discuss the importance of discerning God's call in their life. At school assemblies, they will tell their discernment stories, play interactive games such as "Stump the Seminarian," and be available to answer questions such as "What is a vocation?", "How can I tell if I have a vocation?", "Is a vocation a job?" and more.

The Seek Holiness tour is sponsored by the diocesan Vocations Office, The Catholic Foundation, and Face Forward, Connecting Catholic Youth on Facebook. Follow the tour on Twitter and Instagram @ #sembiketour and "like" it on Facebook at Faceforward.

The bike tour schedule is:

Monday May 12 : Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School, Hilliard St. Brendan School, Columbus St. Agatha School.

Tuesday, May 13: Columbus St. Andrew School, Columbus Cristo Rey



High School, Columbus Our Lady of Peace School, Columbus Holy Family Church.

Wednesday, May 14: Columbus St. Mary School, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Chillicothe St.

Peter Church.

Thursday, May 15: Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School, Portsmouth St. Mary Church.

Friday, May 16: Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary and high schools.

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The Wounded Warrior Project celebrates a decade of service

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, and Knights of Columbus Council 4603 will sponsor a presentation at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 by Cindy Parsons, speaker and advocate for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

Parsons is the mother of retired Army Sgt. Shane Parsons, who was severely wounded in Rhamadi, Iraq. Subsequent to his convoy being attacked in 2006, he suffered a severe anoxic brain injury and two cardiac arrests, and ultimately required bilateral above-the-knee amputations. Parsons advises that her son, after enduring 15 surgeries, is improving every day, working on his speech, social skills, occupational and physical therapy, and managing the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.

She credits him as her "... inspiration to do more with life." "He's alive, and he's a precious gift. I'm honored to be his mother, and I'm proud of all the

men and women who serve our country," she said.

The WWP began in 2003, targeting U.S. service members in combat since Sept. 11, 2001. Its initial goal of providing comfort items to those wounded in action has grown to what is now a complete rehabilitative effort to assist the wounded in their recovery and transition into civilian life. The group's wish is to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in history, in body and mind and through economic empowerment.

Parsons is an advocate for a relatively new program known as "I Mean It" for which the WWP committed \$30 million to help 250 of the nation's most severely injured warriors, who need a lifetime of support. Her son is part of the program. Funding for it will serve the most severely wounded service members through two initiatives — the Independence Program and the Long-Term Support Trust.

The Independence Program

helps warriors live life to the fullest, on their own terms. The Independence Program works with the warrior and his or her full support team while creating an individualized plan, focusing on goals that provide a future with purpose at no cost to the warrior and the support team.

The Long-Term Support Trust was developed to ensure that services including life-skills training, home care, transportation, and additional resources remain available to severely wounded veterans who, upon the loss of their caregiver, are at risk for institutionalization. The goal is to empower each warrior to live as independently as possible, with the highest quality of life and the finest, most compassionate care.

More information may be obtained at woundedwarrior-project.org.

Anyone planning to attend Parsons' presentation in April is asked to RSVP to olphveteransprojects@yahoo.com to help with accommodations.

Women to Women listening circle

Women of all ages and life circumstances are invited to take part in a monthly Women to Women listening circle on the second Thursday of each month at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

A simple soup lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by

the listening circle from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Women to Women is a safe, non-judgmental, confidential place where there are no requirements or pre-registration. It is a place to step away, breathe, and share with other women.

Center coordinator Anita Davidson said the circle is being

started in the belief that women who come together to support each other by sharing and listening empower one another to believe in themselves in new ways.

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Acts 10:34a,37-43

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Exhaustion often drives the engine by the time Easter rolls around. The increased number of liturgies and their added length make it very hard to say very much very effectively. As a result, homilies may not be either the liveliest or the most interesting.

Many issues are worth talking about, but limited time and large crowds may not allow it. The issues include discussions of the empty tomb and its necessity for speaking about the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead. Matthew addresses this issue to some extent by the posting of a guard at the tomb to protect it against any possible claim that Jesus would have risen on the third day. When the soldiers become shaken with fear, they will later be paid to explain the empty tomb by saying that Jesus' disciples stole his body. John makes no explanation, except to say that it was empty, except for the burial cloths.

Other issues include considering the witnesses to the resurrection (Hint: There were none!) and how that affected the Christian proclamation of Jesus as the first-born of the dead. We might also wonder whether the disciples of Jesus encountered him after the resurrection in Galilee (as Matthew suggests) or in Jerusalem (as John 20 maintains) or in both places (as John 21 suggests).

Matthew and John disagree about when and which people visit the tomb. Matthew says Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" go to the tomb "as the day was dawning." John mentions only Mary of Magdala,

"while it was still dark." In Matthew, both women apparently see the angel remove the stone, while feeling the earthquake. In John, Mary discovers the stone removed and runs to tell "Simon and the other disciple" about it. Many other details make it impossible to decide much about the events of Easter morning.

Paul is not concerned with any of these things, because his experience is only of the risen Christ, except to argue that if Christ is not raised, then our faith is empty and we are the worst of fools (1 Corinthians 15:14). There is no evidence that he ever knew Jesus of Nazareth. His only experience was of Christ Jesus risen from the dead.

Then we have Peter's speech in Acts, which probably represents the earliest Christian proclamation. It connects Jesus with the baptism preached by John and concludes with Peter and the others commissioned to bear witness that "everyone who believes in (Jesus) will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." In that proclamation, Peter said that he and others ("chosen by God in advance") ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead. Peter added that the risen Jesus was "not visible to all the people." That means one can only "see" him with the eyes of faith, and that has its own implications to add to the puzzle of what we preach and what we are to reflect on as we greet this Easter feast.

Paul says we should "seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." That makes most of "the issues" mentioned above disappear and frees us to greet this Easter with joy. If we reclaim our roots in the risen Christ, we reclaim what is really important; namely, our union with Christ, "who is seated at the right hand of God."

Christ is dead. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia.

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Scout International Awareness Program April 26

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will sponsor its annual International Awareness program on Saturday, April 26, at Holy Redeemer Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus.

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

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

12th-graders and will take five hours. All young people of the diocese and their parents are invited.

All participants will receive a patch and a pin at the conclusion of the program. There will be a snack for the younger students and lunch for the older youths, who will receive a medallion in addition to the patch and pin.

Early-registration fees for the event are \$9 per person for the shorter program and \$20 for the longer one. After Monday, April 21, the fees will be \$14 and \$25 respectively.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 2:14,22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY
Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
John 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY
Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9
Luke 24:13-35

THURSDAY
Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2ab,5-9
Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY
Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2,4,22-27a
John 21:1-14

SATURDAY
Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1,14-15b,16-21
Mark 16:9-15

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2014

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO's cable channel listing.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
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 1-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 the Seasonal Propers for the Days of the Octave of Easter

The Greatest Week in Human History

For this column, I want to take a look at Holy Week, the greatest week in human history from the standpoint of the believer and nonbeliever. For the believer, the impact of this week is obvious: the world was changed, the fall of man was reversed, and heaven was made possible. Through God's Son, Jesus Christ, we were all given a free choice on how to live. Heaven was made possible, though purgatory and hell still exist for those who think they know better than God or reject Him outright.

We were shown a better way not by a demanding God, but by a sacrificial God, who took human form. In the annals of human history, this was unthinkable and was nothing like the ancient forms of religion, where gods battled each other in the heavens with lightning bolts and otherworldly weapons. God humbled himself to our level, which should end any thought an atheist may proclaim that our faith shares anything in common with the pagan faiths of the past.

For the nonbeliever – say, an interested observer who grew up in 1980s communist East Germany or China, who doesn't reject the idea of God, but has no upbringing to know any better – this week might seem quite intriguing. All one has to do is look at the globe and see the Christian names of cities from east to west and north to south. What caused all of this, and why? In the days of Jesus, there were countless religious movements and leaders who came and went. "Why did Christianity have such an impact?" the non-



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

believer must wonder.

The answer is simple: Jesus performed awe-inspiring and science-defying miracles. Later in his ministry, he claimed to be the Son of God, after which he was crucified, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven, just as he foretold. These events were witnessed not only by believers, but also by those who came to believe because of what they saw. You simply can't make this stuff up.

For decades, the Roman authorities scratched their heads, try as they might, using every ghastly form of death and punishment to stamp out Christianity. But the faith only grew stronger. By the time Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire in 325 by the emperor Constantine as a result of a vision he saw, it was the majority faith in the empire. Christianity was a small, awkward offshoot of Judaism, but became many times larger than its ancient ancestor. For the nonbeliever, the head scratching doesn't end there.

The course of human history was also changed on

a human level by Jesus because of his emphasis on forgiveness and redemption. Where once the world was an endless cycle of violence and one-upmanship, Jesus showed us a better way. This had profound consequences on the believer and nonbeliever. Even the nonbeliever doesn't want to go back to the kind of a world that Jesus knew.

For the believer, and especially those who are Catholic or Orthodox, Holy Thursday night was the night that the priesthood and Eucharist (Luke 22:14-20) came to be. On Easter Sunday night, the first thing Jesus did with the Apostles after he rose from the dead was to institute the Sacrament of Confession (John 20: 19-23). What an amazing 72 hours! Now is our chance to show the belief we have by helping the needy – both those who are in need of basic essentials of life, such as food and shelter, and those who need the other essential of life, the truth.

Jesus Christ is the truth, and we are called to spread that truth in the best way we can. Some of us can give a little and some of us can give a lot, but we all can give. The same goes for evangelizing. Some can do it with their own words and some can give the nonbeliever articles and books. Sometimes all we can do is pray. However, we all can do something, because someone of a previous generation did it for us.

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

"Power of the Pen"



Seventh- and eighth-grade students from Hilliard St. Brendan School competed in the Power of the Pen district tournament at Gahanna St. Matthew School. The eighth-grade team (left photo), which finished third in the event, included (from left) Madeline Conley, Kelly Huber, Kristin Bricker, Lauren Chiang, Natalie McFadden, Caroline Golonka, and Kathlyn Thomas. Students from the seventh grade who competed were (from left) Madeline Torbert, Ivy Quinn, Sophie Stefanski, and Theresa Sanderell. Sanderell, Quinn, Huber, Golonka, Conley, and Chiang advanced to the regional tournament at New Albany, with Conley being chosen for the state competition in May at The College of Wooster. Photos courtesy St. Brendan School



Children of Mary community expands

The Children of Mary, a faith community of women based in rural Licking County, has expanded to additional sites in Columbus and Cincinnati.

The Columbus location is at 40 N. Grubb St., one block from Holy Family Church. The building was donated to the community in February, and work to convert it has been ongoing since then, with the help of more than 50 volunteers.

The community's home in Cincinnati since the end of November 2013 is the former St. Mary Seminary, renamed the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Center. Six members of the community are residing there: novice Sisters Lynn, Laena, Luara, and Lesly, and professed Sisters Agnes Immaculae and Bernadette Marie.

The Children of Mary also continue to pray and host retreats and other faith-related events at the Licking County location. They are very grateful for all the help they have received, and invite anyone who may be interested in helping with this project to email them at childrenofmary@juno.com, visit www.childrenofmary.net, or call (740) 323-1977.

Free concert at St. Dominic

The Columbus St. Dominic Church Gospel Choir, directed by Vernon Hairston, will present a free concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in the church, 453 N. 20th St.

Come and experience a praising good time as the choir infuses a gospel-jazz-spiritual swag in the music presented.

Also featured will be master of ceremonies Charlene Brown, music director Vernon Hairston, Deron Seals on bass, Justin Thomas on percussion, and Cliff Marsh on sax.

For more information, contact the church at (614) 252-5926 or email sdccs@stdominic-church.org.

Pray for our dead

BORN, Jean, 85, April 4
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

BOYLE, Lorena M., 94, formerly of Dublin, April 8
St. Joseph Church, Fremont

BUMBLEDARE, Joseph, 90, April 8
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

CORDI, Michele, 80, March 4
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

DARNELL, Catherine, 99, April 5
St. Mary Church, Marion

DEMSKI, Michael S., 68, April 12
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

EICHINGER, Mary L., 51, of Columbus, April 8
Sacred Heart Church, New Bavaria, Ohio

FORREST, Ruth M., 83, April 7
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FREDERICK, Helen M., 90, April 8
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

GLOWACKI, Clifford R., 71, April 11
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

HOHMAN, Leona M., 98, April 9
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

IRMSCHER-THOMA, Helen V., 93, April 4
St. Leonard Church, Heath

LYONS, Anthony P., 76, April 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

McINTYRE, Jean F., 83, April 6
Christ the King Church, Columbus

MIDLICK, Rosemary C., 86, April 8
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

NAKONECHNY-MUNDZIAK, Carolyn E., 44, April 8
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

NEEDLES, William, 87, April 10
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

NEWMAN, Rosemary, 84, Feb. 7
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

PHELAN, Ellen, 98, April 9
Holy Name Church, Columbus

REEB, Steven C., 59, April 8
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

SCHIESER, Warren J., 96, April 10
St. Peter Church, Columbus

SIGRIST, Thomas L., 74, April 1
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

SMITH, Rosemary, 86, April 8
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

SPIERS, Margaret "Peggi," 60, April 6
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

TAAFFE, Marialyce, 88, April 12
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

WANNER, Mary L., 66, April 8
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

WOODLAND, Elizabeth A., 77, April 7
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

Annual Layette Fund Drive

In 1884, Mary Virginia Merrick began the Christ Child Society by making a set of baby clothes and giving them to a mother in need and her baby. This layette was the design for the Christ Child Society layette of today. Every year, more than 10,000 layettes are distributed as a result of this first simple act of charity.

The layette is the first step in the society's "Challenging Poverty One Child at a Time" initiative for the child, the family, and the community. The layette service project is shared by all chapters of the society.

The Columbus chapter of the Christ Child Society assembles a gift package of baby care items such as blankets, diapers, clothing, toiletry items, and child care information. Members sew receiving blankets for the layettes and purchase, package, and bundle the items. They are distributed by society members to hospitals and social service agencies in Franklin, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties.

Mother's Day will again be the focus of the society's annual layette fund

drive. Last year, the Columbus chapter distributed 1,434 layettes, not only helping clothe newborn infants, but also giving families the assurance that the community cares about them.

Though the focus of the layette fund drive is centered on Mother's Day, layettes may be purchased throughout the year for any special occasion, either honoring or remembering someone who is special to the giver. The person being honored will receive an announcement of the gift. If the honoree is deceased, the giver may indicate a family member to be notified about the gift. A card with either the full or first name of the person being honored will be enclosed in the layette.

To order a layette, send a check (\$35 per layette) payable to Christ Child Society of Columbus and include the name and address of the person being honored. Send your order by Friday, April 25 to Layette Fund Chair, Christ Child Society of Columbus, Box 340091, Columbus OH 43234-0091, or visit the society's website, www.christchildsoctyolumbus.org.

"Catholics Returning Home"

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will sponsor a seven-week informational program titled "Catholics Returning Home" from 7 to 9 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays from May 1 to June 12 in the Pope Francis Center, 301 High St.

The program, which will be conducted by parishioner Patrick Kent, is designed for inactive Catholics who seek answers about returning to the church.

Each week of the program will feature discussions and videos. Sessions

such as "The Catholic Church Since Vatican II," "The Mass," "The Sacraments," "The Creed" and "The Bible's Invitation" will explore the state of Catholic doctrine and beliefs as they exist today. Other sessions, including the introductory meeting and "Stories from Catholics Returning Home," will invite members of the group share their experiences.

More information about the program may be obtained by calling Kent at (740) 504-9311 or Deacon Tim Birie at (740) 392-4711, extension 6.

Submit obituaries to:
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17, THURSDAY
Bishop Campbell Celebrates Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. **614-224-1295**

18, FRIDAY
Walking Stations of the Cross in Downtown Columbus 8 to 11 a.m., starting at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Walking Stations of the Cross. a four-mile walk stopping at 14 sites around downtown Columbus to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and reflect on various social issues. **614-241-2540**

Walking Stations of the Cross at Logan St. John 10 a.m., St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., Logan. Walking Stations of the Cross through downtown, followed by ecumenical prayer service at noon. **740-385-2549**

Community Cross Walk at St. Edward 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark Road, Granville. Community Cross Walk, a 1.3-mile silent procession from church to Denison University's Swasey Chapel, with students carrying a wooden cross, led by a drummer, and Scripture passages read at five stops.

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

'Happenings' submissions
Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published. Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 Fax to: 614-241-2518 E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdio.org

Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion 11 a.m., sidewalk in front of Complete Healthcare for Women, 5888 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Stations of the Cross for victims of abortion. Concluding event of 40 Days for Life campaign. **614-445-8508**

Walking Stations of the Cross at Delaware St. Mary 11 a.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Walking Stations of the Cross, followed by ecumenical prayer service at noon. **740-363-4641**

Bishop Presides at Cathedral Good Friday Liturgy Noon, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell presides at Good Friday liturgy. **614-224-1295**

Mary's Stations at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes 3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Stations of the Cross from the Perspective of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **937-644-6020**

Centurion's Way of the Cross at Coshocton 3 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Walnut Street and Park Avenue, Coshocton. The Centurion's Way of the Cross, a dramatic presentation by Father Bill Hritsko and employing a five-voice chorus to provide the narrative of the stations as experienced by the centurion mentioned in the Passion accounts. **740-622-8817**

Walking Stations of the Cross in Portsmouth 6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Walking Stations of the Cross, concluding at Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St. (program at Holy Redeemer if weather is inclement). **740-354-2716; 740-354-4551**

Circleville St. Joseph Reflections Program 7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., Circleville. Good Friday reflections program sponsored by parish youth ministry. **740-477-2549**

Shadow Stations of the Cross at St. Brigid of Kildare 7:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. Shadow Stations of the Cross, featuring seventh-graders from Parish School of Religion portraying the stations in silhouette. **614-761-3734**

Living Stations of the Cross in Spanish at Christ the King 8:30 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Living Stations of the Cross in Spanish. **614-237-0401**

Tenebrae Services at Several Parishes Tenebrae services, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to Good Friday, are scheduled at several parishes. Times are 7:30 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus; and 8 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville.

18-19, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Morning Prayer at Lancaster St. Mary 7 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday, St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Recital of Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. **740-653-0997**

18-27, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Divine Mercy Novena at Dresden, Mattingly Settlement Noon, St. Ann Church, 405 Chestnut St., Dresden. Commentary on the seven last words of Christ, followed by beginning of the Novena of Divine Mercy. Novena continues daily through April 27 at St. Mary Church, 6280 St. Mary Road, off Creamery Road and State Route 60, Mattingly Settlement. Times: April 19, 3 p.m.; April 20, after 11 a.m. Mass; April 21-25, after 3 p.m. Mass; April 26, 3 p.m., with Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:30; April 27, 2 p.m., Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed

by Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction. Reconciliation available before Masses and during April 27 Holy Hour. **740-754-2221**

Divine Mercy Novena at Blessed Sacrament 2 p.m. April 18, 3 p.m. April 19, 9:30 a.m. April 20, 3 p.m. April 21-26, Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Novena of Divine Mercy, concluding on April 27 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., when chaplet will be recited, followed by Benediction. **740-345-4290**

Divine Mercy Novena at St. John Neumann 3 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Daily praying of the Divine Mercy novena, concluding on April 27 with Holy Hour and sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 5 p.m. Mass. **740-965-1358**

Divine Mercy Chaplet Recital at Chillicothe St. Peter 7 p.m. April 18, 3 p.m. subsequent days, St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Daily recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung on April 18), concluding on April 27 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 11:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., when chaplet will be sung, followed by Benediction. **740-774-4172**

19, SATURDAY
St. Pius X "Carry the Cross" Hike 7 to 11 a.m., Gazebo, John F. Kennedy Park, 7232 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg. St. Pius X Church Men's Ministry sponsors walk with wooden cross over an eight-mile round-trip course through JFK, Huber, and Blacklick Woods parks along bike trails. **614-322-9473**

Wilderness Outreach "Carry the Cross" Hike 7:30 a.m., Clear Creek Metro Park, off U.S. 33 near the Fairfield-Hocking county border. Wilderness Outreach sponsors 12-mile "Carry the Cross" hike for men, carrying a 10-foot timber cross through park. Participants may take part in all or a portion of the hike and should bring a day pack with two or three liters of water and rain gear if appropriate. **614-679-6761**

Easter Food Basket Blessings in Delaware, Reynoldsburg 8:30 a.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware; 1 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Blessing of Easter food baskets.

Bishop Campbell Presides at Cathedral Vigil Service 8:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell is celebrant for Easter Vigil service. **614-224-1295**

20, SUNDAY
Bishop Campbell Celebrates Easter Morning Mass 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Easter Mass. **614-224-1295**

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**

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**

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

21, MONDAY
Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. Homily: "The First Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of the Lord." **614-235-7435**

22, TUESDAY
Catholic Foundation 'Conversations' Series 6 to 8 p.m., The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. Foundation's Conversations series continues with talk on marriage by Ryan Anderson, co-author of "What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense." **614-443-8893**

'Two Popes, Two Saints' at Cathedral 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. "Two Popes, Two Saints: Perspectives on John XXIII and John Paul II" with theologians Father Jared Wicks, SJ, and Msgr. Frank Lane. **614-224-1295**

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**

23, WEDNESDAY
'Conversion' Series at Newman Center 7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Conclusion of six-week "Conversion -- Following the Call of Christ" DVD series with Father Robert Barron. Register at www.buckeyeatholic.com/1ent.

'Chasing Ice' at de Porres Center 7 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Screening of "Chasing Ice," documentary film capturing visual evidence of climate change through use of time-lapse photography. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns. **614-241-2540**

24-26, THURSDAY-SATURDAY
Three Bags Full Consignment Sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Highpoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including Joseph's Coat clothing ministry and Knights of Columbus. **614-561-5300**

25, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. **614-866-4302**

25-27, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Disciples for Life Retreat at St. Therese's St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual retreat sponsored by Disciples for Life of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. **614-871-7998**

26, SATURDAY
Scouting International Awareness Program 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (8:30 to 11 a.m. for grades one to five), Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus. Annual international awareness program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all diocesan youths and adults. **614-882-7806**

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**



BISHOP WATTERSON

Carnegie Hall Performance

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

For many performers, being on stage at Carnegie Hall would be the dream of a lifetime. Several members of the Columbus Bishop Watterson High School choir have been given a chance to fulfill that dream twice in three years.

The 57-student choir, directed by Christen Joyce, performed 12 compositions by famed composer John Rutter at the historic concert venue in New York City on Monday, April 7. The performance (pictured above) involved about 140 singers, with the Watterson choir joined by about 30 students from Licking Heights High School in Summit Station, plus the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church chancel choir of Savannah, Ga., and the Cantate vocal ensemble of New York City.

Licking Heights choir director Meredith Smith was Joyce's predecessor at Watterson. She directed the Watterson choir in 2012 at its initial appearance at Carnegie Hall, when it performed Rutter's *Magnificat*

with hundreds of other singers from across the United States.

"Rutter was so impressed with how Meredith handled the first performance that they invited her back," said Joyce, who is from Hilliard and is in her first year of teaching after graduating from Ball State University. "After she went to Licking Heights, her new choir and the Watterson choir were able to get together, allowing me an opportunity I never could have imagined I'd have so soon."

"We had already started the process at Watterson of fundraising for the second trip when I took the job at Licking Heights," Smith said. "I was able to arrange it so both schools were able to take advantage of Rutter's offer. Performing at Carnegie Hall is a great experience at any time, but this time, I was better prepared because I realized the level of professionalism involved."

Singers from Watterson who took part in both concerts also said their earlier experience made the recent concert more meaningful. "We still felt a little speechless the

second time," said Watterson choir member Lucy Sheridan. "I know I appreciated it a lot more. The singing was important the first time, but the shopping and sight-seeing also were exciting. We had plenty of opportunity for those this time, too, but the music was the big thing for me."

"One of the great things about this trip was that each of the groups had a little different style. It was interesting how high school students, a church choir, and professionals were able to blend those styles together," said Abby Andrews. "Rutter's hymns have come to mean a lot to us and have strengthened our faith."

"The history of Carnegie Hall, and the fact that our choir is a part of it, was something that was special for me," said Brayden Steller. "It was amazing to realize that we were standing on the same stage that has hosted everyone from Tchaikovsky to the Beatles" since 1891, when Carnegie Hall was built as the largest of several music halls funded by Pittsburgh industrialist Andrew Carnegie.

For both of the Watterson choir's appearances, the ability to change plans on short notice was a key factor. The 2012 program was to have been conducted by Dr. Benjamin Ayling, a Kent State University professor who had worked with the choir before. When Ayling's schedule changed, Rutter stepped in as replacement conductor.

"It was a little scary to realize we would be working with the composer who actually wrote what we were singing," Smith said. "But Mr. Rutter was great to work with. He used a lot of humor, but knew exactly what he wanted and used some of the same words I've used about interpreting his work. That made a great impression on me and the students."

"The program we just performed was in two halves, and we originally were supposed to be part of the second half, with a completely different set of works," Joyce said. "But Mr. Rutter remembered how quickly the Watterson choir had picked up

on things when it did the *Magnificat*, so he called in January and asked if we could switch to the first half. Three months isn't a lot of time to prepare for a program of this caliber, but he was confident we could pull it off and was very encouraging.

"We made up the largest part of the ensemble for the 12 Rutter works, and the adult groups relied on us. To be performing the principal parts of complex music, with professionals supporting us rather than the other way around, was remarkable in its own right. Afterward, we received many comments on the maturity of our ensemble and how well-prepared the students were."

"The two experiences were memorable from a musical standpoint for different reasons," said Watterson student Ben Lampe. "The *Magnificat* is a large, long, powerful piece. These were shorter and more complex, where you had to be more precise. Doing either one and being able to work with such a famous composer was quite an honor."

The students left Columbus after school on Thursday, April 7, traveling all night, and arriving in Manhattan on Friday morning to be part of the crowd in Rockefeller Center watching the *Today* show. Besides rehearsing for about 13 hours, the choir visited several tourist attractions and attended performances of *Madame Butterfly* at the Metropolitan Opera and the Broadway musical *Newsies*.

"The choral program here has been growing like crazy because the New York trips have made it so visible. Now that the students have seen they can perform at such a high level, they've been inspired to ask questions about the music and to be their best," Joyce said.

"We can't do a New York trip every year. We'll travel somewhere closer to home next year. But I'd love to have a similar opportunity, maybe to take the choir internationally. I'm hoping that within three years, we can do something like this again."



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2014



Jesus, I Trust In You



Our Lord Speaks
"The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls." (Diary 1074)

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Our Lord Speaks
"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment." (Diary 699)



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Come Join Our Celebration!

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
378 East Main Street, Newark, OH
10:30 a.m. Mass, 11:20 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Benediction, 3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

HOLY FAMILY PARISH 584 West Broad Street, Columbus
12:30 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 1:45 p.m. Solemn Blessing and Veneration of Image of Divine Mercy Jesus, 2:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 3:30-4:30 Confessions will be heard (Rosary will be prayed during confessions), 3:00 p.m.—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 4:30 p.m.—Benediction, 5:00 p.m.—Mass

SACRED HEART CHURCH 893 Hamlet Street, Columbus
"First site of Divine Mercy Celebration in the Columbus Diocese" 1:30-2:30 p.m. Confessions, 2:00 p.m. Exposition of "The Blessed Sacrament", 2:10 p.m. Scapular Rosary, 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:15 p.m. Holy Mass

SAINTE JOAN OF ARC CHURCH 10700 Liberty Road, Powell
3:00 P.M. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. Confessions will be heard, 5:00 P.M. Benediction, 5:30 P.M. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our Lady's Rosary will be prayed throughout the Celebration.

ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH
500 South Gould Road, Columbus
614.231.1509 www.stcatharine.com
2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:05 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2:05 p.m. Praying the Rosary, 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by soloists, 3:40 p.m. Benediction featuring 1178. Messenger of Divine Mercy, Tuesday May 1, 2014 at 8:00 PM (EDT).

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
118 Church Street, Chillicothe 740.774.1407
Good Friday, April 18, 2014 7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet sung, Holy Saturday, April 19 through Saturday, April 26, 2014
3:00 p.m. Chaplet Readied Daily, Confessions will be heard April 26 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014 Exposition after 1:30 Mass until 3:00 p.m. Mass at 3:00 p.m. The Divine Mercy is sung followed by Benediction.

ST. SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
4252 Pine Street, New Boston
2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, 4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 4:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 5:00 p.m. Veneration of the 1st Class Relic of St. Francis, 5:30 p.m. Scapular Rosary sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

SAINTE SIMON AND JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH
9350 Highfork Pike, West Jefferson 614-879-8562
1:00-3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 3:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions will be heard, 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction

SAINTE MARK CHURCH 324 Guy Street, Lancaster
740.653.1229
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Reception following Mass

SAINTE JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
3140 West Avenue, Plain City 614.873.8850
2:00 Exposition, 3:30 Rosary, 4:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:30 Benediction. Confessions will be heard from 2:00-3:15

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