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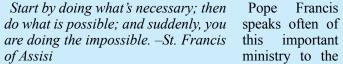


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Living the Life of Love and Service

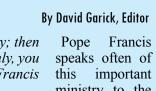


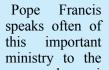
Being Christian is not just calling poor and marginalized, Recently, he ourselves Catholic. We encounter Christ not only within the splendor of stained-glass windows standing before his holy altar. Christ shares His very being with us, not as an end in itself but as an impetus for us to go forth and share his love with the whole world.

Three times, Our Lord asked Peter, "Do vou love me?" Each time. Peter said, "Yes, Lord you know that I love you". And the Lord replied, "Feed my sheep." If we are to be true disciples of Christ, if we are to truly love Him, we must pass that love on to others. He has told us that the whole of the law of God is summed up in the commandment to "Love the Lord with all your heart, and all your soul and all your mind, and the second is like unto it, love your neighbor as yourself."

We must go out of our homes, out of our churches, and bring Christ to the poor, the suffering, the disheartened. The numbers are huge. The task seems impossible. But as the quote from St. Francis at the beginning of this column suggests, God has a way to make all things possible.

This edition of Catholic Times looks at the new St. Francis Outreach Center in Portsmouth. This repurposing of a former convent is a perfect example of how local Catholics are taking the faith outside the walls of the traditional church and sharing it with people in need.





said, "The Church must step outside herself. To go where? To the outskirts of existence, whatever they may be, but she must step out. Jesus tells us: 'Go into all the world! Go! Preach! Bear witness to the Gospel! (cf. Mark 16:15). ... In this 'stepping out,' it is important to be ready for encounter. There is another important point: encountering the poor. If we step outside ourselves, we find poverty. Today — it sickens the heart to say so — the discovery of a tramp who has died of the cold is not news. Today what counts as news is, maybe, a scandal. A scandal; ah, that is news! Today, the thought that a great many children do not have food to eat is not news. This is serious, this is serious! We cannot put up with this! Yet that is how things are. We cannot become starched Christians, those overeducated Christians who speak of theological matters as they calmly sip their tea. No! We must become courageous Christians and go in search of the people who are the very flesh of Christ, those who are the flesh of Christ!"

The Church exists in the place where Christ is present, reaching out with love to those in need. That is how He ministered in Palestine 2.000 years ago. That is how He commanded all of His disciples to continue His ministry. That is what he asks us to do today... if we truly love Him.

FATHER WILLIAM J. METZGER PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Funeral Mass for Father William J. Metzger, 77, who died Tuesday, Nov. 4, was held Friday, Nov. 7 at Junction City St. Patrick Church. Burial was at St. Patrick Cemetery.

He was born April 18, 1937 to the late Robert and Mary Elizabeth Metzger, and received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the former St. Charles Seminary in Columbus and a theology degree from Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood. He was ordained a priest on Dec. 22, 1962 by Bishop Clarence Issenmann at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He served the diocese as pastor at Columbus Holy Rosary (1972-76), LaRue St. Joseph (1976-81), Waverly St. Mary (1985-98), and Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (1998-2001) churches. He also was an associate pastor at Columbus St. Agatha (1963-66), Circleville St. Joseph (1966-68), Westerville St. Paul (1968-72), Columbus St. Anthony (1983), the Perry County Consortium of Parishes (1984-85), Dover St. Joseph (2001-03), and Columbus St. Agnes (2003-07), and administrator at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales (1983-84).

In addition, he taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson, Chillicothe Bishop Flaget, and Columbus St. Francis DeSales high schools, served as director of the Confraternity for the South Central Deanery, and provided spiritual direction for seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. During his retirement, he spent seasonal time in Florida, where he assisted at Our Lady of Light Parish in Boca Grande.

He is survived by three brothers who are priests of the Diocese of Columbus: Msgr. Robert Metzger and Father Stephen Metzger, both retired, and Father Richard Metzger, pastor of Groveport St. Mary Church; two other brothers, Michael and Charles; a sister, Mary Anne; and a foster sister, Nida Riley. A cousin, Father John Metzger, is also a retired priest of the diocese.







The St. Francis Outreach Center has opened in the former convent of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration in Portsmouth. An open house will take place this Saturday, Nov. 15.

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BISHOPS REMINDED OF ROLE AS PASTORS TO CHRIST'S FAMILY — THE CHURCH

By Catholic News Service

The role of Catholic bishops is to accompany their family of the church through their fears and concerns, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said on Nov. 10.

In his first presidential address since his election last November, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz told his brother bishops gathered in Baltimore for the annual fall general assembly from Nov. 10-13 that "as pastors, we accompany so many families who face their own fears and concerns and who yearn to experience the love of Jesus in and through his loving family -- the church.

"Together, brothers, we seek to walk with these families and to build their confidence in faith," said the archbishop, who heads the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky.

Before the presidential address, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the Vatican nuncio to the United States, delivered brief remarks, urging the bishops to lead today's young people by example, "not just by doctrinal teaching alone."

"We have to let our young people know that their lives are worth living and that they were born for eternal glory, not for glamour or guns or sensationalism," he said. "They are crying out to us. They desperately need to be inspired, to have the life of Christ breathed back into them.

The first day's agenda included reports on the recently concluded extraordi-

our Lord and Savior!

nary synod of bishops on the family; budget, the 2016 diocesan assessment, Catholic education and an outreach to and a proposal to proceed on a revision Hispanic students in underserved com- to the *Ethical and Religious Directives* munities; the progress of planning for for Catholic Health Care Services. The the 2015 World Meeting of Families in bishops also were to conduct a canoni-Philadelphia; the status of the 2013-16 USCCB strategic plan "The New Evangelization: Faith, Worship, Witness"; the 2015 Fortnight of Freedom; and the defense of marriage.

The bishops also heard a preliminary presentation on five liturgical items up for consideration and to be voted on Nov. 11. The items include a revised translation of the ritual book used whenever a new church is built or when a new altar is made; the first official English translation of the ritual book Exorcisms and Related Supplications; and a supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours of an English translation of the prayers used for the feast days of saints who have been added to the general calendar since 1984.

On the second day of the assembly -- the only other full day of public sessions -- the bishops were to choose a new secretary-elect for the USCCB, and vote for the chairmen-elect of five committees -- communications, cultural diversity, doctrine, national collections, and pro-life activities. They also were to choose new members for the board of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and Catholic Relief Services.

Other action items to be addressed Nov. 11 included the 2015 USCCB

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Catholic Consumerism:

Our Call to Economic Stewardship

By Stephanie Rapp

Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Ambassador

Purchasing Fair Trade products can help us live out our Catholic values. But what are

these values and where do they come from? In future issues, I will attempt to answer

these questions. We will begin by looking at Catholic social teaching, which Charles Wil-

ber, author of "Catholics Spending and Acting Justly," describes as being "rooted in a

commitment to certain fundamental values derived from the biblical witness: the right

to human dignity, the need for human freedom and participation, the importance of com-

munity, and the nature of the common good. These values are drawn from the belief that

each person is called to be a partner with God, participating in the redemption of the

world and the furthering of the Kingdom." Let's enjoy this adventure of partnering with

cal consultation on the sainthood cause of Father Paul Wattson. Father Wattson was a former Episcopal priest who cofounded the Society of the Atonement.

The first day's business wrapped up by midafternoon so the bishops could concelebrate Mass at the city's Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to mark the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the first diocese to be founded in the United States.

In his report earlier in the afternoon, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the bishops' ad hoc committee for religious liberty, told the bishops that this committee -- extended for another three years -- would place more of an emphasis on teaching and expanding networks with Catholic lay groups and with interfaith and ecumenical partners.

He said the 2015 Fortnight of Freedom would highlight the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council document on religious liberty, Dignitatis Humanae, and would provide a "great opportunity to teach about religious liberty and evangelize about it."

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the bishops' subcommittee for the promotion and defense of marriage, spoke of the challenges facing the Catholic Church's support for traditional marriage.

"For several years now," he said, "the work of the subcommittee has sought to defend marriage's unique meaning while also calling attention to the real negative consequences and anticipated threats that marriage redefinition poses to religious liberty and freedom of conscience."

The archbishop urged the bishops not to "shy away from challenges" but to take heart from the worlds and example of Pope Francis and advance a "culture of encounter, accompaniment, and witness."

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia formally opened its arms to the world as Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia told the bishops that registration has officially begun for the World Meeting of Families next year in the city.



As many as 15,000 attendees are expected for the gathering of families from around the nation and the world, set for Sept. 22-25, 2015. With the slate of speakers and activities planned for adults and youth, it will be the largest convention to be held in Philadelphia next year. Registration and other information is available at the website www. worldmeeting2015.org.

"The World Meeting of Families will deal with a wide range of family issues where our faith is both needed and tested," the archbishop said. "These are matters that affect families not only here in the United States, but on a global scale.'

In a morning session and at a news conference that followed, some time was spent reporting on the recently concluded extraordinary synod of bishops on the family in October.

Speaking to reporters, Archbishop Kurtz acknowledged the differences in the synod experienced by the bishops participating in it and news accounts disseminated outside the synod, saying "a tale of two synods" emerged from it. Those differences were highlighted

by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York in remarks delivered during the assembly's morning session.

He said some reports made it sound as though the synod was "confrontational and divisive," "hijacked by left-wing dissenters intent on eluding doctrine," but in reality, it "was a synod of consensus ... led by a pope with a radical charism for attentive listening."

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

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How has that stewardship grace affected you this past week? Even though Stewardship Sunday may not be a celebration or momentous occasion each year, it is a way of life for which we all strive. As good and faithful stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we hunger for grace as



sustenance for our lives as Catholic Christians, just as we hunger for the Body and Blood of Jesus. As we prayed for the additional grace of stewardship as a way of life, we left ourselves open to the challenges the pure love of God brings. If we commit ourselves to really living the Gospel, we must love unconditionally. If we seek forgiveness and holiness, we must forgive others and treat them as holy people, too, regardless of what we think of them, or even what we might think we know about them. And if we receive God's gifts gratefully (everything we have), and cultivate them responsibly, then what does it truly mean to share them lovingly? How do we make certain that they are returned to the Lord with increase? Increase of what? Love.

Two subjects that are relatively easy to write about in November are Election Day and Veterans Day. Just a quick connecting of dots here reminds us of how blessed we are as a people and as a nation. We have the great privilege, honor, and right to vote in a free, democratic society. Sadly, we also know by the low percentage of eligible voters who actually vote at each election that many are spoiled and apathetic. No matter what we think of these statistics, and no matter the outcome of each election, we still enjoy the greatest place on earth in which to live, work, play, and raise a family. This is especially where we connect the dots to our veterans. Every one of us owes our livelihood, freedom, enterprise, and even our very lives to every veteran who has fought for us and our nation, whether they gave their lives in the ultimate sacrifice or are still with us. It never gets old to say thank-you for the selfless giving of our United States veterans. Back to Election Day, can we say the same for our elected officials? In general, I suppose the answer is "No." But on the other hand, there are many good, dedicated men and women who hold public office. Broad strokes can be dangerous. For example, do we condemn all teachers, clergy, or other professional groups because of the failings of a relative few? Of course not. The same goes for politicians and public servants. We all notice how often we pray for them at the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. It is not just to be nice, but because they truly need our prayers, and we truly want them to do what is right and just for us.

Our practical challenge this week is to choose three or four politicians, public officials, or public servants and pray for them by name at each Mass in which you participate on Sunday and throughout the week. Pray for our president, our Congress, our state representatives and senators, our governor, our mayors, our local officials, and even the dog catcher. Most of them are committed to serving us and to doing what is best, right, and just for us. The power and impact of prayer cannot be denied. Just ask a veteran.

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

Mount Carmel Receives Award

The National Stroke Association has symptoms, and recognition. The proselected Mount Carmel Health Sys- gram includes outcomes. Students tem's stroke outreach team as the re- were tested on their stroke knowledge cipient of the 2014 Raising Awareness retained after one week and then about in Stroke Excellence (RAISE) award in six months later. The program showed the "most creative" category.

The team consists of nurses, therapists, medics, retired school teachers, and multiple stroke survivors who developed an interactive program to eduabout stroke.

"We are extremely proud of the work being done by our stroke outreach team," said Beth Traini, chief transformation officer of the Mount Carmel Health System. "It's important that chilstroke so they can identify those signs in friends and family."

Through five specific activities, students learn about stroke, its signs and www.mountcarmelhealth.com.

great success, with students' knowledge retention at nearly 90 percent.

"Our stroke outreach team has worked to create an extremely unique program that is producing great results," said cate elementary school-aged children Janice Tootle, service line vice president of neuroscience for Mount Carmel

The RAISE awards recognize individuals and groups for taking stroke awareness activities to new heights. This year, the NSA received 462 nominations and dren learn to recognize the symptoms of a winner was chosen in each of seven categories.

> For more information on Mount Carmel's neuroscience programs, visit

Tutor Training

If you can read, you can teach! The 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. Those Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. interested may call (614) 444-7330 or Stewart Ave., Columbus, needs tutors for adults who are seeking literacy and/ or GED assistance and immigrants seeking English as a Second Language are provided free to tutors.

The center's next tutor training session will take place from 9 a.m. to canLearningCenter.

email lmendoza@oppeace.org to sign up. Volunteers need to be 18 and older and hold a high school diploma. Books

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ODU Holiday Food Drive

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Led by ODU's coordinator of campus ministry, Sister Margie Davis, OP, ODU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters donated 371 pounds of packaged and canned nonperishable food during October. ODU's dining services partner, Sodexo, matched the donation, bringing the total contribution to 742 pounds of food.

ODU presented the food to representatives from the Bishop Griffin Center on Monday, Nov. 3. The center delivered the food to families in need through its food pantry. The Bishop Griffin Center

Ohio Dominican University collected serves more than 2,000 men, women, of food per person per month, including meat, dairy, bread, and fresh produce. All of the organization's services are offered free of charge.

> The Bishop Griffin Center opened in November 2007 for outreach to the poor and is located at Columbus Christ the King Church. It is a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and serves people who live in ZIP codes 43209, 43213, 43219, 43227, 43068, and

For more information on the Bishop Griffin Center, visit www.bishopgriffincenter.com.

Monsignor Spiers service award recipients

Four Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students have been selected to receive the school's 2014 Monsianor Spiers service awards. They are (from left) Ashleigh Denny, Jenna Durham, Maggie Belcher, and Jordyn Brobst. The Spiers awards have been an important part of the school's homecoming celebration for more than 20 years. They are named after Msgr. Edward Spiers, who was the school's founding principal in 1954. Each award recipient, chosen by a selection committee, has performed at least 500 hours of service and completed a lengthy application. The committee considered not only the number of hours of service performed, but also its longevity and quality. The panel also reviewed students' involvement in school and community activities and how they exhibited leadership in engaging others in service activities. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Sounds of the hunt echo at St. Matthew Church



Gahanna St. Matthew Church celebrated the feast day of St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters, with a Mass and dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Monday, Nov. 3. Four international musicians were on hand to play the trompe de chasse, a French hunting instrument that is widely accepted as the grandfather of the French horn. Players were from Germany, France, Canada, and the United States, and they played select pieces from the musical work "Mass of St. Hubertus" on the trompe during the Mass, in addition to Schubert's "Ave Maria" on the trompe and organ. This musical work for the trompe de chasse was performed twice previously in the United States — in New York state and Miami — before coming to St Matthew.

Photo courtesy St. Matthew Church

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

St. Peter Catholic Church is seeking a Youth Ministry Coordinator for its high school-age parishioners (Grades 9 - 12). This is a part-time position (29 hours per week). The Youth Ministry Coordinator may eventually be asked to assume other responsibilities, at which time he or she would be offered full-time employment. The hourly rate of pay for the part-time post is negotiable.

Minimally, an applicant must:

- Be a practicina Roman Catholic with knowledge of the Faith and living in accordance with the moral precepts of the Church
- Be fully compliant with safe environment/child protection policies in effect and required.
- Be at least 21 years of gae.
- Have a 4-year college degree. Especially attractive are Religious Education, Religious Studies, Theology, Youth Ministry, and other such focused majors.
- Be a "team player," energetic, and hard-working.
- Be visionary able to "think outside the box."
- Be a community mobilizer with strong recruiting and marketing abilities.
- Have computer graphics, writing, and editing skills.
- Have leadership strengths.
- Have experience in Youth Ministry.

The Youth Ministry Program is a department within the Parish School of Religion (PSR). The Youth Ministry Coordinator reports to the Director of PSR. A focus on the family as a necessary context for affirming youth in their Catholic life is a foundational principle at St. Peter. The Youth Ministry Program is a catechetical one, with a focus on teaching the core content of the Catholic faith. The study of Sacred Scripture, the Church, the sacraments, and the principles of Christian morality characterize the catechesis of adolescents. The purpose of the Youth Program is to form the young to become faithful to, and active practitioners of, Roman Catholicism all their adult lives. The Youth Ministry Coordinator is to actively promote weekly Mass attendance; to introduce adolescents to other liturgical prayer forms and devotional expressions; and to offer a variety of service and fellowship opportunities for high school-age children to apply their knowledge of the Faith in Corporal Works of Mercy and Diocesan-sponsored activities.

Send resumes and references to:

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Changes with new pastor; Original manuscripts of Bible



QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

Vears, ever since bereavement meals, I moved into our neighborhood, our parish was staffed by Franciscan friars. But because of a shortage in their ranks, they have been replaced by diocesan priests. With that change, parishioners have been asked to make some significant adjustments.

Contemporary music has been eliminated: the choir has been replaced by an organist and a cantor: Communion under both species at Sunday Masses has been eliminated or offered to only a portion of the congregation. Most disturbing, two or three times during the past year, a whole week of daily Masses was canceled because the pastor and vicar were ever, that a new pasboth on retreat or on vacation.

Recently, when our Saturday vigil Mass was canceled because of a parish festival, my family and I attended a nearby parish that felt much like our own parish used to feel. I am now considering changing parishes, but that would be a major move, since I have been involved here for 20 years as an extraordinary minister, member of a men's Bible study group, their experience of were used to put to-

For many volunteer worker at

I have tried praying

and asking for guidance, but I am not hearing any. What advice can you give me? (A close friend who has also been struggling with these changes emailed the new pastor, but the exchange was unproductive.) (City of origin withheld)

▲ . In most cases, with any change of pastors there comes some modification in leadership style and in liturgical preferences. Normally, parishioners anticipate this, show some flexibility, and can weather successfully a period of adjustment. It is important, how-

tor be sensitive to the comfort level of parishioners, especially long-term ones, and not move hastily, and that any significant changes be filtered through an advisory group, usually the parish council. But sometimes the transition is too abrupt for certain individuals and the difference is recently they stumped too wide to bridge, and then a move is ad-

church is a peaceful and productive one. Bible? Do we have Fortunately, whereas some of them, how once parishes were old are they, and are territorial (with rather rigid boundaries) now the Vatican? (Houma, more often they are Louisiana) "intentional" -- people go where the liturgy, programs, and services suit them best, where they feel most

My guess is that you would be best off in a different parish, one perience will be positive and where your worthy volunteerism will find new outlets. Before you do that, though, why not sit down with your present pastor and tell him frankly why you are making a move? In fairness, he needs to know; at least it might help him in the future. (And, by the way, my biggest concern is with his cancelling daily Mass for a week while he and the curate are out of town. Why can't they go away at different times, so that people won't be inconvenienced?)

In our small parish, I teach a sixth grade CCD (religious education) class and have six wonderful and inquisitive boys. I am a certified catechist and can usually answer their questions. But me, and I said I would find out the answer for them. Where are People, after all, the original writings should worship where of the disciples that

gether the Catholic they in the archives at

The Bible is

An anthology of more than 70 books composed over a period of some 1400 vears. The oldest known manuscripts of the Christian Biwhere your prayer ex- ble, substantially in its entirety, are the Codex Sinaiticus and the Codex Vaticanus. The Codex Sinaiticus is said to have been penned around the middle of the fourth century and contains all of the New Testament and most of the Old Testament. It was discovered at a monastery in Mount Sinai, Egypt, in the 1800s. The Codex Sinaiticus is named after the Monastery of St. Catherine, Sinai, Egypt. A substantial portion is at the British Library in London, while smaller parts are at institutions in Germany. Russia, and at its old home in Egypt.

The Codex Vaticanus is a Greek copy that has the Old Testament and much of the New Testament and also is a fourth-century manuscript. It has been at the Vatican Library since at least 1481.

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

















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Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive!

By Daniel Thimons

Director, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office

Shortly after his election, Pope Francis gave us the beautiful image of the Church as a *field hospital*. He said, "I can clearly see that what the Church needs today is the ability to heal wounds and warm the hearts of faithful. It needs to be by their side. I see the Church as a field hospital after a battle. It's pointless to ask a seriously injured patient whether his cholesterol or blood sugar levels are high! It's his wounds that need to be healed. The rest we can talk about later. Now we must think about treating those wounds. And we need to start from the bottom.'

These wounds from the struggles of life touch not only individuals, but also married couples, families, and society as a whole. At times, the difficulties in counseling sessions or by conjuring up marriage and family life can seem so some sort of inner strength, but rather

great we may wonder where to begin. What is the starting point to finding the peace and healing that we all long for?

Pope Francis has given us the direction "to start from the bottom." In other words, to find healing from the discord and brokenness in our marriages and family lives, we must get to the root of our problems. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the cause of all marital discord: "According to faith the disorder we notice so painfully does not stem from the nature of man and woman, nor from the nature of their relations, but from sin" (CCC 1607). Returning to the *field hospital* analo-

gy, we are all called to reach the heights of holiness and love, but first we must bind the wounds of sin and stop the bleeding! This initial binding of the wounds of sin is not accomplished in

through the mercy of God "in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

On a very practical level, this means approaching Our Lord in the Sacrament of Penance and humbly confessing our sins. It is no accident that Pope Francis has devoted his pontificate to speaking frequently and urgently about the Sac- all these things, even shame, but then rament of Penance.

Jesus desires to restore us to grace and to join with us in an intimate friendship. He is waiting for each of us in the Sacrament of Penance as a merciful Savior, ready to welcome us home with open arms. Personally, I have found that "the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true spiritual resurrection."(CCC 1468).

If it has been a while since your last confession, I encourage you to accept Pope Francis' invitation: "Do not be afraid of Confession! When one is WORLD MEETING OF **FAMILIES** 2015 Philadelphia

in line to go to Confession, one feels when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!

In this sacrament, we receive not only a reconciliation with God, but also with those that we have in some way offended or wounded. It is here that we begin to find peace and healing in our marriages and families. That is why the regular reception of the Sacrament of Penance is essential to living out our mission of love and becoming more

Father Stephen Metzger's homily at the funeral Mass for Father William J. Metzger

at Junction City St. Patrick Church on Friday, Nov. 7:

"We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

"Father William Joseph Metzger, confirmed Paul, has died, and so we have brought his body here for this one last meal with him. We believe his body will be raised, and he will have everlasting life. My parents were struck with this in their imagination, and so they brought his little body here for baptism, in this very baptismal font in which many of you have been baptized. Father Eugene Owens baptized all of my brothers and sisters in this very font, and he may have baptized you. And in the baptismal record where it says 'the place of birth,' he put 'the turkey farm' instead of 'Junction City.'

"On that turkey farm, when Bill was two or three and Bob (his brother, Msgr. Robert Metzger) was five or six. Bill became very ill and was very sad, and he was sitting on his little commode when the package came that Mother had ordered. It was sundries, but in that package were a pair of tennis shoes for Bob, and Bob put on those shoes and he was full of life and joy, and Bill said, 'Wish I had a pair of tennis shoes.' He was wanting his body to be transformed and raised up and to have joy.

"That struck the imagination of the New Testament church in all the communities – this resurrection of the body and life everlasting. We heard in this Gospel pericope about two disciples that were heartsick and sad as they walked to Emmaus, and Jesus began to walk beside them. It doesn't say in the text here, but we can imagine he had his tennis shoes on as he walked beside them and he conversed with them and explained the Scriptures. And he stayed with them and he ate with them, and he took bread after saying the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened, and he vanished. In many places in the Gospel, it can be found where he walked and talked and ate with them and vanished.

"This resurrection of the body and life everlasting – it struck the authors of Philippians, this resurrection of our earthly bodies, saying 'For many conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ, but the Lord Jesus Christ will change our lowly body and conform it with his glorified body.

"The resurrection of the body and life everlasting – the authors of First Corinthians likewise had it in their imaginations when they said, 'But we will all

be changed in an instant, in the blink of ruptible, and we shall be changed.'

"It is this the resurrection of the body and life everlasting that we pray for in our brother Bill, and one of the reasons he wanted to be a priest is to be close to that transforming action, in the waters of baptism, in the Eucharist. The sacraments are for our bodies, for this transformation and this new life.

"We might be able to imagine this building being the body of Christ the commode and he was sitting there. I stretched out here, and we might imagine the altar as the very heart of Christ. from which his blood flows that gives us eternal and everlasting life. It is for our bodies that we eat and drink this last meal with him, and to be transformed, and to be raised up.

"We might imagine this ambo being the lungs where the word of transformation is breathed forth and we are af- So I called my brother Dick (Father fected by it – that new life – and the baptismal font we might think of as the aticum. We gave him viaticum and kidneys of Christ that purify the water and give us this new and eternal life. And we might think of ourselves as the digestive tract that absorbs this mystery body be transformed, that he be given of this transformation and resurrection eternal life. I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

"When Bill was struck with cancer, an eye. The dead will be raised incorhe didn't see it as so many do. Some people say they are fighting cancer and they are battling cancer, but not Bill. He saw it as a gift, as his cross and way to this resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Christ had his cross, and Bill got his, and for both, it's the way to the kingdom of God.

"When Bill was very weakened with cancer - the stomach cancer and also the chemo – and I had to help him on noticed he had his tennis shoes on, and I thought, 'This is not going to bring this new life and joy, as it had brought Bob some 75 years ago. He needs something else. He needs viaticum.

"Viaticum is the bread that we take to transform us and our bodies as we are dving or close to death. It is bread for the journey, and that is what he needed. Richard Metzger), and he brought vishortly, he died. It was his last earthly meal. And so we are joined with him in this last earthly meal. Pray that his of the body and life everlasting. Amen.'

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Kathleen Goodyear celebrates 15 years as consecrated virgin

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Kathleen Goodyear of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church celebrated her 15th anniversary as a consecrated virgin during a Mass in the church on Saturday. Nov. 8. with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant.

Goodyear is one of three consecrated virgins in the diocese. The others are had been walking the path toward con-Molly McCarrick of Columbus, who became a consecrated virgin in 2002, and Jo Ann Guinther of Danville, consecrated in 2009. Goodyear said the three support each other by staying in close contact via phone, email, and occasional lunches. Another woman in the diocese is in formation to become the joy I feel from my vocation seems a consecrated virgin.

"As a consecrated virgin, I'm able to completely devote my life to Our Divine Spouse, as well as serve those around me," Goodyear said. She said she had known since she was about 10 years old that she had a religious vo- much, and I use that giddiness to bring cation, and learned about consecrated a smile to those I meet, whether in the virginity in the mid-1990s through the recovery room, the hallway, or even on book And You Are Christ's, by Father the phone." Thomas Dubay, SM. The book was given to her by her former spiritual di- is a consecrated virgin, "people want rector, Father William Wagner, a mem- to know more because little about it ber of the Order of the Holy Cross, is known. I want to get the word out who is based in Fatima, Portugal.

Ruling sets up possible Supreme Court round on same-sex marriage

Although the U.S. Supreme Court a in these change events are judges and few weeks ago declined to accept any lawyers," the ruling said. of several challenges to rulings makin on a nationwide approach to such unions. The decision overturned earlier rulings by lower courts in the federal judicial circuit covering Tennessee. Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan.

In a 2-1 ruling, a panel of the 6th Circuit said that although the question is no longer whether same-sex marriage will be allowed in the United States, but when and how, it is better "to allow change through the customary political processes" than through riage is sinful. The church also teaches brose, and St. Augustine are among court rulings.

they perpetuate the idea that the heroes passion, and sensitivity."

ligious life," she said. "I also recommend that any young woman interested in becoming a consecrated virgin living in the world attend an information retreat on this beautiful vocation." Goodyear said that after she went to such a retreat, "the decision (to become a consecrated virgin) was pretty easy. I secrated life a long time. I just didn't know it until after I went on retreat."

She works as a unit coordinator in the kala, and two other brothers are priests. main recovery room at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus. "My vocation is to work with the sick and the elderly," she said. "I love what I do and to just be enhanced at work. I am pretty bubbly at work.

"I think that helps the patients and my co-workers. Some may think I am a little too cheerful, but I can't help it. I just get a little giddy from loving Christ so

about this most beautiful vocation. It is

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone ing same-sex marriage legal in various of San Francisco, chairman of the U.S. states, a 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Ap- bishops' subcommittee for the promopeals decision on Nov. 6 could lead to tion and defense of marriage, praised another shot at the high court weighing the 6th Circuit panel's ruling for upholding citizens' rights "to protect and defend marriage as the unique relationship of a man and a woman." He said the court had acknowledged "the reasonable arguments for preserving the true definition of marriage" and respecting "the self-determination of

states on this issue." Catholic teaching upholds the traditional definition of marriage and holds that any sexual activity outside of mar-from 353 AD. St. Jerome, St. Amthat homosexual attraction itself is not "When the courts do not let the people sinful and that homosexual people resolve new social issues like this one, "must be accepted with respect, com-

"I highly recommend the book to any my mission to spread the word about young woman thinking about the re- being a consecrated virgin living in the world. If people, especially young women, knew how richly blessed you become as a consecrated virgin in so many ways, I think more would consider it."

> Goodyear, 49, is the youngest of five siblings. She was born in Syracuse, New York, but moved to Columbus with her family before she was a year old. A sister, May, died in 2004. A brother, Rick, lives with her in Patas-Father Bob Goodvear, ST, has worked among the Choctaw Indians at the Holy Rosary Mission in Philadelphia. Mississippi, for 24 years. Father Michael Goodyear is campus minister at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida.

Their deceased parents, Frank and Regina Goodyear, founded the Columbus Marian Center. "I was blessed to have two such religious parents, and we always had priests and sisters in our home," Goodyear said. "The day of my anniversary Mass was the 20th anniversary of the day my mother passed She said that when they find out she away into eternal life. I miss my parents greatly, and I was thinking of them throughout Mass."

> She said her 15 years as a consecrated virgin "have been even better than I imagined. I think I am more confident, and know I am becoming more like a missionary in my own back yard. I also love to lector at St. Pius X. I never thought I would be a lector, but I want to read the word of the Lord to others.'

She said her advice to any woman interested in becoming a consecrated virgin would be "first, to talk to her pastor and find a good spiritual director, then to attend the information retreat. You have to have a spiritual director to become a consecrated virgin, and even if you didn't, I would highly recommend it, I am blessed now to have Father Dan Dury (pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church) as my new spiritual director."

From apostolic times, women have dedicated their virginity to God. The earliest record of a consecration is many fathers of the Church who supported and blessed the rite. It fell into disuse around the eighth or ninth century, but was restored by the Vatican's gins.org.



Congregation for Divine Worship on May 31, 1970.

Through this sacramental, the woman who is consecrated, after renewing her promise of perpetual virginity to God, is set aside as a sacred person who belongs only to Christ. She attends Mass daily, prays the Divine Office, and spends much time in prayer.

The rite is not only for women Religious, but also for unmarried women who seek to live a consecrated life and do not live in religious communities.

According to the Diocese of Columbus policy for consecrated virginity. "The diocesan bishop is to decide on the conditions under which women living in the world are to undertake a life of perpetual virginity." The bishop or the diocesan vicar for religious also are responsible "to discern with the individual the suitability of the candidate and the manner in which the consecration will be lived."

The bishop provides for a process of formation for the candidate. He receives recommendations from the vicar for religious and the candidate's spiritual director and director of formation before admitting her to the Order of Virgins.

More information on consecrated virginity is available at the website of the United States Association of Consecrated Virgins, www.consecratedvir-



Organ Donation: Testimony of Love for Our Neighbor

Bv Phil Petrosky

A little more than a month ago, on Oct. 9, Pope Francis described the act of organ donation as a "testimony of love for our neighbor" when he met in Rome with the Transplantation Committee for the Council of Europe.

This is timely, welcome support for organ donation throughout the world, and particularly, in the United States, since Nov. 14-16 is National Donor Sabbath Weekend. This annual celebration gives religious communities time to show their support for organ. eye, and tissue donation, to dispel myths such as "my religion is against organ donation," and to encourage family discussion and sharing of individual wishes about organ, eye, and tissue donation.

There are many outward signs of this "testimony of love for our neighbor" in our own community. In April, during Donate Life Month, The Ohio State University's Comprehensive Transplant Center planted a garden of 7.700 pinwheels on the Wexner Medical Center plaza, each representing a lifesaving transplant performed at Ohio State since 1967.

donor families, friends, and supporters walked and organ, eye, and tissue donation.

The transplant numbers provide testimony, too. Nearly 29,000 transplants were performed in the U.S. in 2013, with about 6,000 from living donors. Each year, more than one million Americans receive a donated tissue transplant. In 2013, 288 Ohioans kidneys, liver, pancreas, and small bowel) and tissue Lifeline of Ohio website, www.lifelineofohio.org. (corneas, bone, fascia, skin, veins, and heart valves).

While we have much testimony to celebrate, we also

At Lifeline of Ohio's annual Dash for Donation this have an ever-growing need to share this act of love past summer, more than 4,000 transplant recipients, with our families and our neighbors. Where there were 118,000 Americans waiting just a year ago, today ran through downtown Columbus in a sea of green there are more than 121,000 on the transplant waiting T-shirts to showcase the Gift of Life. For transplant list, with more than 3,400 in Ohio waiting for an recipients, it was a live "thank you" to donor heroes organ transplant, and hundreds more awaiting tissue and their families – a time for meeting, hugging, transplants. Eighteen men, women, and children sharing, and socializing in celebration and support of die each day in the U.S. because a transplant didn't come in time. One Ohioan dies every 48 hours while waiting for a transplant; in the past 10 years, more than 2,000 Ohioans have died waiting for a transplant.

My wife, who received a lifesaving kidney transplant nearly 12 years ago, and I are registered organ, eve. and tissue donors. We note that 90 percent of Ohio shared the Gift of Life, which gave 962 people a residents support organ donation, yet only 55 percent second chance at life through transplantation. A are registered. We strongly encourage Catholic Times single donor has the potential to save the lives of readers who have not registered to be a part of the eight people and enhance the lives of as many as 50 "testimony" and to join us on the Ohio Donor Registry. more by donating vital organs (heart, two lungs, two during this National Donor Sabbath Weekend, at the

> Phil Petrosky is a parishioner at Columbus St. Catharine Church.



"DIG FOR A **CURE**" **RAISES MONEY**

The Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School volleyball team raised more than \$1,000 for the Southern Ohio Survivors organization through a recent "Dia for a Cure" event. The team sold T-shirts and conducted a bake sale, walk, staffstudent volleyball game, and dress-down day to raise funds to help Southern Ohio Survivors in its mission to help families struggling with serious illness. Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

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PORTSMOUTH OUTREACH SITE OPENS IN FORMER CONVENT

BY TIM PUET

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When Barbara McKenzie began working for the Portsmouth branch of Catholic Social Services in 1992, about 500 people a year came to her office seeking assistance for a variety of reasons.

In the 22 years since then, that number increased to 5,000, with CSS becoming Scioto County's leading agency in providing several family service programs at a time when the county was devastated by the economic hardship resulting from multiple plant closings.

Though the programs grew, the space available for them did not. CSS operated out of several sites during that time, and for the last 14 vears was located in increasingly cramped offices in a former singlefamily home on the northern edge of Portsmouth. "We were doing everything we could with the space we

had available, but knew we couldn't expand our efforts because there wasn't room to do it," she said.

That changed about a year ago. when CSS was given the opportunity to renovate a nearby building which the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, an order of cloistered nuns, had built as a convent in the 1980s.

The sisters had been in Portsmouth since 1956, but because of a lack of economic support, they left the community in 2010 and accepted an invitation to relocate to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they are building a

"The Diocese of Columbus was unable to rent or sell the convent, and it was sitting idle," McKenzie said. "After a couple of years, diocesan officials talked with the various segments of the Portsmouth Catholic community and said the building would be torn down in another year if no use could be found for it.



Prayers for people affected by abortion are said by (from left) Julie Van Hoose, Father Joseph Yokum, Donna Warnock, and Theresa Metzler of the Raphael's Hands ministry.



Stocking St. Vincent de Paul food bags are (from left) Lonnie Scherer, Sarah Sturgeon-Gold, Doug Gulley, Jerry Gulley, Father David E. Young, Earl Miller, and Betty Miller.

chance to have a building like that was a dream come true," she said. "So one day, Father (Joseph) Yokum Chains and New Boston St. Monica churches) and I started talking after

Mass about that possibility.'

mouth Our Lady of Sorrows, Otway Our Lady of Lourdes and Pond Creek Holy Trinity, and Father Adam Stre-success, and parent education. itenberger of Portsmouth St. Mary and Portsmouth Holy Redeemer.

"We talked with (former diocesan about how to convert the building. and he became our biggest cheerleader" until his death late last year, Father Yocum said.

bell on Aug. 11, the Feast of St. than three percent. Clare, foundress of the Poor Clares "That change is because we offer of Perpetual Adoration.'

"The encouragement of Pat and (his hard work by a lot of volunteers and a lot of prayer, kept us going," she said. the old convent, which is serving the active listener. Catholic Church in a new way."

the convent, now known as the St. Francis Outreach Center, at 2311 Stockham Lane, on Wednesday, Oct. 1. Remodeling work by adult volunteers and students from nearby Portsmouth Notre Dame High School continued through the past week in preparation for an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. this coming Saturday, Nov. 15.

"Opening of the center allows all time." McKenzie said. "This will together under one roof, working for their potential." one cause."

It's the latest chapter in a story that dates back to 1944, when the Glen-schools, employers, and individuals, mary Sisters opened the first Ports- offering counseling by appointment mouth office of CSS as an adoption

"For Catholic Social Services, the provides adoption services, but offers a multitude of assistance in other forms through McKenzie and administrative assistant Donna Mon-(pastor of Wheelersburg St, Peter in tavon, the agency's other full-time employee in Portsmouth.

Efforts by McKenzie and the county's judges have led to CSS becom-That led to conversations with the ing the principal provider of interother pastors in Scioto County – Fa-vention education in Scioto County. ther David E. Young of West Ports- Its counseling programs deal with anger management for adults and students, domestic violence, student

"After I had been here for a few years, the judges saw the success CSS was having with counseling buildings superintendent) Pat Davis programs and asked if we could become more involved in intervention throughout the county," she said.

"At the time, the programs the county was offering had a 97 percent As McKenzie put it, the building rate of recidivism (people resuming conversion "was poignantly ap- the type of behavior that led them to proved by Bishop Frederick Camp- counseling). Today, that rate is less

a good quality program and I'm a tough facilitator. The program teachsuccessor) Bruce Boylan, plus a lot of es people things like how to communicate, how to have stable, healthy relationships and control their anger, 'Now, after a year of work, Catholic the correct ways of criticizing and

"This is an Appalachian area with CSS began providing services at a lot of poverty, where education wasn't always at the forefront, and people weren't really taught this sort of thing in many cases. People tell me all the time after being part of our proknown these behavioral techniques that," McKenzie said.

"With our program for young people, we work closely with the schools in identifying behavioral issues as Catholic outreach services in Scioto early as middle school, and have County to be at one site for the first seen many students turn themselves around to achieve the academic and bring the Catholic community closer social success allowing them to fulfill

The agency accepts referrals for its intervention programs from courts, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through agency. The organization no longer Thursday, McKenzie also is available

to handle emergencies on Fridays.

Through American Electric Power's Neighbor to Neighbor program, CSS also provides assistance to AEP customers whose power has been disconnected or who face the threat of disconnection. In addition, it offers advocacy and referral services linking clients with other community agencies offering various forms of assistance.

Besides providing expanded facilities for CSS, the St. Francis Outreach Center also is the new home for the countywide council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and for the Raphael's Hands post-abortion healing ministry.

"Having a central location allows us to coordinate what we've been doing in individual parishes and set up a central food pantry, but we will continue to go to the parishes." said Doug Gulley, president of the St. Vincent de Paul council, which has about 20 active members.

"What I hope won't change as we organize our new distribution efforts is the sense when we come to the parishes that our visits are like a family gathering and that everything we do is coming from the heart. The food is important, but people often Social Services is open for business in handling criticism, and how to be an tell me they come to see us not so much because of how much food they receive, but because of the real love they can feel."

> The council's first distribution of food from the new pantry occurred Thursday, Nov. 6 at St. Monica. Gulley said food distribution will take grams that they wish they would have place from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first and Thursdays of the month at St. sooner. It's very satisfying to hear Monica for the county's "east side" parishes (St. Monica and St. Peter in Chains) and from 10 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Thursdays at Our Lady of Sorrows for the "west side" parishes (Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Holy Trinity).

> > Distribution for the two Portsmouth parishes will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the center on the last two Fridays of the month for the time being.

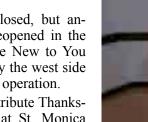
Gulley said that could change, depending on how the program works in the next few months. He also said the thrift store which had operated

at St. Monica has closed, but anticipates it will be reopened in the church basement. The New to You store in Otway, run by the west side parishes, continues in operation.

The council will distribute Thanksgiving food baskets at St. Monica again this year, Gulley said plans for future Thanksgiving and Easter basket distributions will be discussed later. Remaining unchanged will be the CSS countywide Giving Tree and food basket programs for Christmas.

The food program is a collabora-

She said the Giving Tree program has been in operation for more than 20 years. Last year, it provided gifts which included at least one full outfit of clothes for more than 1,500 children. "For many, it's the only clothing they receive all year," she said. "Especially in the rural areas, it's crucial to have warm clothes, shoes, a hat, and gloves when you're wait-



tive effort of CSS, the Portsmouth parishes, and Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Every year on a December weekend, Seton parishioners provide food or cash donations. with the food being hauled to Portsmouth on Friday evening in boxes. The food is placed in baskets and distributed during the weekend, with many participants staying one or two nights in the former Portsmouth St. Mary School. Seton Parish provides two breakfasts, two lunches, and a dinner for the volunteers. McKenzie said more than 900 baskets were distributed last year.



Some of the volunteers who helped convert the former convent of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration into the St. Francis Outreach Center, which will house the Portsmouth office of Catholic Social Services, the Scioto County council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Raphael's Hands post-abortion healing ministry. Father Joseph Yokum is at the far left and Barbara McKenzie of CSS is third from left in the first row, and Father David E. Young is third from left in the second row. The center opened on Oct. 1, and will host an open house this coming Saturday, Nov. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. CT photos by Ken Snow

ing for the school bus. Otherwise, Hands said the ministry was started parish communities from the beginchildren stav home." McKenzie said the Christmas distributions will continue at the Holy Redeemer Community Center because the new St. Francis Center is too small for them. Raphael's Hands, as described in

its mission statement, "is a Catholic Christian ministry called by the Holy Spirit to bring God's healing gifts to those who have suffered an abortion community and the encounter of Jesus Christ in and through the Sacraments, prayer, and monthly meetings that we share in the fellowship of sin, repentance, mercy, and hope."

Theresa Metzler of Raphael's

istry, which has offered post-abortion been given." healing in Columbus for the past two decades. "We are not affiliated with Bethesda, but we use their manual as a model and remain in contact with them." she said.

"Our ministry is not one of counseling, but an outreach offering experience, It is in the context of presence, hospitality, and support, providing a confidential, safe place be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekwhere anyone hurting from abortion can come for healing, prayer, and love." Metzler said.

Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the first meeting at the new center scheduled for Nov. 18. Meetings previously had been at St. them," she said. Mary Church.

Raphael's Hands also offers a confidential phone line, annual healing retreats, and an annual Mass of Comfort. Members lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. Monica during Monday evening Eucharistic adoration, and sponsor a Cenacle of Mary which includes Mass, the rosary, a reflection, and hospitality at 8:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month at St. Peter in Chains.

Father Yocum is the chaplain of all the priests in the county and our will be considered.

about four years ago and was men- ning." Metzler said. "We couldn't tored by the Bethesda Healing Min- ask for more than we already have

The confidential phone number for Raphael's Hands is (740) 357-9822. The ministry also may be reached at raphaelshandshealingoutreach@yahoo.com.

When the convent closed, so did a gift shop operated by the sisters. That shop is being revived and will days and at a time to be determined on one Saturday a month, said its manager, Cheri Graf.

"Our selection includes statues, Bibles, rosaries, Christmas cards, and cookbooks. We're open to suggestion about other items if people want

"We're the only Catholic gift shop in the 100-mile area between Portsmouth and Columbus and are looking forward to giving people in the southern part of the diocese a service they've been missing."

When the sisters departed the center, they left its kitchen, dining area. and chapel intact, and their former sleeping rooms are ready for possible future use. McKenzie said that in getting the building ready for its new function, there hasn't been time Raphael's Hands and it is a ministry to talk about other uses, but now that of his two parishes, but "we have it's open, the possibility that it could received the unwavering support of be used for conferences and retreats



Cheri Graf places items in the display area of the center's gift shop, which is the only store of its type in the 100-mile area between Columbus and Portsmouth.

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Kindergarten students at Columbus Our Lady of Peace School and teacher Kate DeStephen work on estimating measurements and weights by weighing a pumpkin before their visit to a pumpkin patch.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School



Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School students celebrated All Saints' Day with parties, a "trick or trunk" event, and a family pumpkin decorating contest. Teacher Taylor Schwalm is pictured with some of the students, from ages six weeks through kindergarten, who learned about the religious aspect of the holiday and enjoyed games, crafts, healthy snacks, and a little treating. For more information about Our Lady of Bethlehem and its programs for preschool and kindergarten students, visit www.ourladyofbethlehem.org.

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Columbus St. Agatha School's wellness committee, led by registered nurse Julia Redmond, encouraged students to participate in **National Walk** to School Day in October to increase physical activity and wellness. **Participants** aathered before school at the Tremont Center and walked the sixtenths of a mile to school together. Photo courtesy St. Agatha



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

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

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education teacher Chris Vangas for a popular recess game known as gaga. The game combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the object of hitting opponents with a ball below the knee while avoiding being hit. The game may be played by a group of individual players or with teams, as well as in one-on-one matches.

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

What have we done with what has been given us?



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

The reading from Proverbs is an excellent example of Hebrew poetry, although in English the poetry is lost and the Lectionary has chosen only isolated verses from a poem of 22 verses. This poem in praise of the "worthy" (or *capable*, in some translations) wife actually begins with a question: "A wor- nothing more. thy wife, who can find her?" Each line of the poem begins with a succeeding letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Our selection is scattered from beginning to middle, and then the end.

Commentators usually say the woman described represents the "ideal wife," and when that's done, it is evident that it is viewed from a man's perspective. This woman tends to the needs of her husband, while at the same time conducting business deals of her own. She cares for the poor and the needy and teaches her children. She sews, she weaves. She is, in a word ... wait for it ... Superwoman!

I have seen many women doing similar tasks over the years, including in my own family and in the parishes I've served. What they do is part of a routine they have developed for themselves at an early stage of life. I doubt they do it to be praised, but what they do, they do out of love. The woman of Proverbs becomes a celebration of women in every age who have managed their households, their families, and their lives with praiseworthy deeds, but who so often go unrecognized cothe.com. and unappreciated.

The Proverbs reading is an interesting pairing with the Gospel Parable of the Talents. The man distributes his wealth to his (male) slaves, as is clear from

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the use of masculine pronouns throughout the Greek text. The matter of distributing the talents is arbitrary. The amounts are wildly extravagant. The "talent" was the largest weight of the day. It would be like saving he gave one servant 5,000 tons of silver and another 2,000 and another 1,000. The talent was originally a measure of monetary value, which evolved into a word describing useful traits or abilities of human beings, as it is today in English.

The master was obviously wealthy beyond measure, as he will later refer to these as "small things." One sure focus of this parable is the idea that the two who are commended are the ones who took what was handed over to them (Tradition?) and allowed it to grow. The one who was faulted was the one who was so afraid of the master that he refused to take a chance with what was handed over to him, and so he buried it. He gave back only what he received,

This provides an interesting issue to reflect upon when we think about what has been handed on to us and what we do with it, whether in terms of faith, or in terms of culture, or in terms of the world in general. We have muddied our water and befouled our air and impoverished millions in the name of amassing piles of wealth for the few at the expense of the many. At the least, we ought to hand over a cleaner planet to our successors, but in pursuit of wealth, we continue to rupture the earth, fracking its structure and pouring heaven knows what into its fissures.

There is plenty here for all of us to think about. Those who criticize Pope Francis' effort to extend the message of God's mercy for all people might benefit from the example of the servants who took a chance on what was handed over to them by risking it all to produce more, "Well done, good and faithful servant, ... Come. share your master's joy!"

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

Advent Morning of Reflection

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center. 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark, will present an Advent morning of reflection, led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6.

The theme will be "Here Is You." Sister Louis Mary says, "Our God has come and remains with us. We have only to recognize him and invite him into our hearts. Come and pray, listen, reflect, and share with others as we celebrate the presence of our God within and around us.

The cost is \$15 and includes a continental breakfast. To register, visit the center's website at www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com, email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org, or call (740) 928-4246.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5 Psalm 1:1-4.6 Luke 18:35-43

TUESDAY Revelation 3:1-6,14-22 Psalm 15:2-5 Luke 19:1-10

> WEDNESDAY Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 150:1b-6 Luke 19:11-28

THURSDAY Revelation 5:1-10 Psalm 149:1b-6a.9b Luke 19:41-44

FRIDAY Revelation 10:8-11 Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Luke 19:45-48

> SATURDAY Revelation 11:4-12 Psalm 144:1-2,9-10 Luke 20:27-40

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

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

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

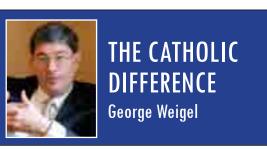
Exploded into being by divine love

I've long been fascinated by cosmology, although my deficiencies as a mathematician preclude my really following the arguments of astrophysicists, high-energy particle physicists, and others exploring the origins of the universe. Yet the fascination remains, and it was kindled anew by a May 12 article in the Boston Globe Magazine about Alan Guth, a key figure in current explorations of what happened in the Big Bang, the orthodox explanation for how things started.

Take a deep breath and try this key passage from the

"Using the theories of Einstein and others, Guth points out that at extremely high energies, there are forms of matter that upend everything we learned about gravity in high school. Rather than being the ultimate force of attraction that Newton and his falling apple taught us, gravity in this case is an incredibly potent force of repulsion. And that repulsive gravity was the fuel that powered the Big Bang.

"The universe is roughly 13.8 billion years old, and it began from a patch of material packed with this repulsive gravity. The patch was ... tiny—one 100-billionth the size of a single proton. But the repulsive gravity was like a magic wand, doubling the patch in size every tenth of a trillionth or a trillionth of a second. And it waved its doubling power over the insights. patch about 100 times in a row, until it got to the size of [a] marble. And that happened within a hundredth of a billionth of a trillionth of a second. As a point of comparison, the smallest fraction of time that the average human being can detect is about one-tenth of a second.



observable universe were packed inside that marble. ..

Literally mind-boggling, to be sure, but a good moment to remember that the Big Bang theory of the origins of the universe was the brainchild of a Catholic priest, Georges Henri Joseph Edouard Lemaitre, a Belgian Jesuit. When Lemaitre began his work, the "steady-state" model of the universe dominated cosmology; after the work of Lemaitre and others, the steady-state model was supplanted by the notion of an expanding universe that began with the Big Bang—or what Father Lemaitre called, a bit more primly, the "hypothesis of the primeval atom" or the "cosmic egg." As I understand it, Guth's work, and that of others exploring the first microseconds of what people of biblical faith know as Creation, builds on Lemaître's

The new cosmology makes possible a new dialogue between physics and theology, or, more broadly, between science and religion. In the early days of what we know as modern science, the hard sciences physics, chemistry, astronomy—were thought to be (and often thought themselves) the enemies of revela-"The ingredients of what would become our entire tion and biblical religion. In the early 21st century,

that's changed. It's the life sciences such as evolutionary biology and genetics that are often stuck in the intellectual quicksand of ill-informed, knee-jerk atheism, while the hard sciences are bumping up against boundaries beyond which their methodology can't take them—boundaries that may define the meeting ground between scientists and theologians.

If Guth's work is empirically verified, a large question will remain—a question that takes Guth's science to just such a boundary: Where did that primordial something, that "patch of material packed with ... repulsive gravity" that contained "the ingredients of what would become our entire observable universe." come from? It defies all logic to suggest that something can come from nothing; yet science cannot get us "behind" that something from which everything came.

Thus a new—in truth, old—conversation opens up. NASA scientist Robert Jastrow saw it coming 20some years ago when he wrote that the scientist "has scaled the mountain of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; and when he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries." And what have those Christian theologians been pondering?

That what science calls the Big Bang was love exploding out of the life of the Trinity.

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Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

A program on three sacred images and a display of the Vaticanapproved traveling exhibit of Eucharistic miracles will take place at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16.

Tim McAndrew of the Laity for Mercy movement will speak from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday on the images of Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Shroud of Turin and the power of their silent witness.

The Eucharistic miracles exhibit will be available for viewing from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. McAndrew will talk at 2:30 p.m. Sunday on home enthronement of the Divine Mercy image, followed by recital of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

For more information, contact McAndrew at (614) 565-8654 or the church at (740) 965-1358.

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Six diocesan seminarians installed in ministry of lector

The institution of seminarians in the ministries of lectors and acolytes took place at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Saturday, Nov.1, the Solemnity of All Saints. Bishop Jeffrey Monforton of Steubenville was principal celebrant for the Mass. Six seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus were installed as lectors. Seminarians installed as lectors typically are first-year theologians and are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to catechize the faithful. Pictured are (from left) seminarians Robert Johnson, Christopher Tuttle, and Thomas Herge; Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Josephinum rector-president; Bishop Monforton; and seminarians Todd Lehigh, Brett Garland, and Charles Hall. Photo by Ryan Jurden

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Pray for our dead

ARCHER, Hughes F. "Bud," Nov. 4 St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

BARE, Enid E., 87, Nov. 6 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

BARRY, Kathleen A., 92, Nov. 3 St. Joan of Arc Church. Powell

BEATTY, James, 75, Oct. 28 St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BRENNER, John J., 94, Nov. 6 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye

BROWN, Diana K., 77, Nov. 1 St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BUTTLER, JoAnn L., 67, Nov. 6 Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

CAPOCCIA, Gaetana, 94, Nov. 5 St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

CASIMIR, Alice, 92, Oct. 26 Imaculate Conception Church, Dennison

DeMATHEWS, Valerie A., 65, Oct. 25 St. Andrew Church. Columbus

DISBENNETT, Marion L., 95, Nov. 8 Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

ELK, John E., 87, formerly of Columbus, Nov. 3 St. Rose Church, Perrysburg

FLACK, Walter A., 81, Nov. 6 Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

GREEN. Irma R., 88, Nov. 1 St. Paul Church, Westerville

GRILL, Anthony, 78, Nov. 2 Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HARSH, Betty M., 89, Nov. 6 St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

HARTZELL, Phillip, 68, Nov. 7 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

HEMMING, Jane A., 63, Oct. 30 Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

HENSEL, Margaret A., 74, Nov. 7 St. James the Less Church, Columbus

HUPP, Patricia J., 81, Oct. 30 St. Thomas Aguinas Church, Zanesville

IEFFERS, Doris M., 87, Oct. 31 St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark LACY, Mary B., 60, Nov. 6 St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

LEINHEUSER, Judith K., 67, Nov. 6 St. James the Less Church, Columbus

LOVE, Mary A., 96, Nov. 3 St. Leo Church. Columbus

MARSHALL, Hilda C., 101, Nov. 2 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove

McCABE, David L., 81, Nov. 1 Sacred Heart Church. Coshocton

McCANN. Patricia A., 69. Nov. 4 St. Paul Church. Westerville

MOORE, Marjorie V., 89, Nov. 3 St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MORRISON, Virginia C., 99, Nov. 6 St. Thomas Aguinas Church, Zanesville

NISTHAUZ, Jorge E., 77, Oct. 31 St. Michael Church, Worthington

RAST. Helen G., 97, Nov. 2 St. Agatha Church, Columbus

REAMS, Eleanor, 90, Oct. 30 St. Mary Church, Marion

REED. Matthew J., 45, Nov. 2 St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

ROGERS, Michael A., 75, Oct. 31 St. Matthias Church, Columbus

SCHEETZ, Susan, 67, Nov. 6 St. Paul Church, Westerville

SCHEURELL, Roger W., 90, Nov. 2 Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

SNIDER, Charles M. "Mike," 80, Oct. 26 St. Rose Church. New Lexington

SNYDER, Nancy L., 66, Nov. 4 St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

WEHAUSEN, Vivian I., 92, Nov. 7 Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

WESTON, Geraldine, 83, Nov. 6 St. Mary Church, Marion

WINTEMBERG, Patricia J., 87, Nov. 3 St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

YOUNG, Robert E. III, 47, Nov. 4 St. Catharine Church. Columbus

Sister Paulette Boll, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Paulette Boll. OP, 88, who died Saturday, Nov. 8, was held Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Moth-Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Ironton to George and Emelia (Orthmeyer) Boll, and made her profession of vows Dominican Sisters of Peace, on July 9, to the Catholic Church.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Newark St. Francis de Sales High School (1955-56). Columbus St. Mary of the Springs St. Mary (1958-62), Columbus Bish-

Catholic (1967-76) high schools. She also served as director of the diocerhouse of the Dominican Sisters of esan Missions Office from 1991-2003, was a missionary in Chimbote, Peru, for 12 years, and taught in Connecticut, Puerto Rico, and the Diocese of Steubenville. In 1995, she was honored by Pope

op Watterson (1965-66), and Newark

as a member of the Dominican Sisters John Paul II with the *Pro Ecclesia et* of St. Mary of the Springs, now the Pontifice award for outstanding service She was preceded in death by her

parents; brothers, Joseph, Anthony, George; and Herman; and sisters. Sister Monica Boll, SCN, Martha, Genevieve. Clara Medinger, and Agnes Kline. She Academy (1956-58), and Lancaster is survived by sisters, Margaret Schwab and Bernadette Kinney.

JoAnn Casaday

Funeral Mass for JoAnn Casaday, 84. who died Friday, Nov. 7, was held Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a longtime teacher at Columbus Christ the King School.

She was preceded in death by her par-

ents. Thomas and Elizabeth Madigan: brothers, Thomas (Evangeline), Patrick, and Michael; and sisters, Winifred, Betty, Martha, Elaine (Jack) Ryan, and Mary Lee (George) Smith. Survivors include her husband, Charles, and daughter, Laura.



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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

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Saturday, November 15, 9-3pm Our Lady of Lourdes **Catholic Community Center**

1033 W. 5th St., Marysville 65 Tables of Holiday Crafts Free Admission — Door Prizes

NOVEMBER

13. THURSDAY

Open House at Bishop Hartley

7 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their

Theology on Tap Meeting

7:30 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Topic: "Catholic Social Justice: Addressing Youth Homelessness" with various presenters. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@ gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

13-15, THURSDAY-SATURDAY Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Community Wesleyan Church, 161 Myrtle Ave., Newark. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including JOIN, Joseph's Coat clothing ministry, and Knights of Columbus.

Ohio Dominican Presents 'A Party to Murder'

7 p.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. ODU Panther Players present "A Party to Murder," a mystery by Marcia Kash and Douglas Hughes. 614-251-4453

14. FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

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

14-15. FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents 'Death of a Salesman'

7:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School theater group presents Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama "Death of a Salesman."

14-16. FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Gregorian Chant Workshop at St. Patrick

St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Gregorian chant workshop with David J. Hughes, organist and choirmaster at St. Mary Church, Norwalk, Conn. Cost varies. Vespers, followed by discussion at 7 p.m. Friday, Lauds at 9 a.m. and Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, and Mass at

noon, lecture at 5:30 p.m. and Vespers at 7 p.m. Sunday are free and open to everyone.

Bishop Ready Presents 'Little Women' 7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School the-

adapted for the stage by Marisha Chamberlain.

ater group presents Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women."

15, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Shepherd's Corner 'Gratitude' Labyrinth Walk

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Barbara Hamilton, featuring poetry and music about connection and gratitude. \$5 suggested donation. Registration deadline Nov. 13. 614-866-4302

Catholic Social Services Portsmouth Open House

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Catholic Outreach Center, 2311 Stockham Lane, Portsmouth. Open house at new Catholic Social Services center in former St. Joseph Monastery.

15-16. SATURDAY-SUNDAY

16, SUNDAY

Eucharistic Miracles and Sacred Images Program

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

can begin to grow into one universal church.

nant or wish to become pregnant.

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

Open House at Bishop Ready

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

formation with visitors

Cathedral Music Series

Dave Orsborn, OES

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. 3 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, display of Vatican-approved Eucharistic miracles: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, program on the three sacred images of Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Shroud of Turin and the power of their silent witness; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, presentation on home enthronement of the Divine Mercy image, followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440

Grandview Ave., Columbus. First of two-part presenta-

tion featuring Deacon Gregg Eiden comparing and con-

trasting Protestant beliefs with those of Catholic and Or-

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After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W.

Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, pa-

tron of expectant mothers, for all women who are preg-

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lan-

caster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri

Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

1 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Co-

lumbus. Open house for prospective students and their

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St.

Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed

by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial

Columbus. Institute for Maturing Spirituality webcast with Sister Mary C. Daniel, OP, on "Negotiating the Third Stage of Life." Registration deadline Nov. 14.

614-416-1910

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

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting.

19. WEDNESDAY

Panther for a Day at Ohio Dominican

5 to 7:30 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Panther for a Day program for prospective students, featuring tours, meal, talks with professors, financial aid information, and men's basketball home opener against Notre Dame of Ohio.

Lecture on Vatican II at Josephinum

7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Lecture by Father Jared Wicks, SJ, jor Doctrinal Advances, But New Fissures on Addressing 614-985-2274

Front Entrance Blessing and Dedication at DeSales

6:30 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Blessing and dedication ceremony for school's

School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. 614-241-2526 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, 614-886-8266 and teaching.

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

'DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays' at St. Matthew 7 to 9 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners

Road, Columbus. "DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays" seminar for those who have experienced sadness and loss related to separation or divorce. \$5 fee includes workhook

16-18. SUNDAY-TUESDAY

Parish Mission at Somerset Holy Trinity

7 to 8:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 228 S. Columbus St., Somerset. Parish mission with Father Norman Langnbrun ner of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Theme: "Becoming 740-743-1317 a Vibrant Parish"

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'GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays' at St. Matthew

6 to 8 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Columbus. "GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" seminar for those who have experienced sadness and loss related to the death of a loved one. \$5 fee includes 614-337-9691 workbook. Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for priests and consecrated life. Homily: "The Third Glorious Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit Upon the Apostles." 614-235-7435

18. TUESDAY

Institute for Maturing Spirituality Webcast

2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive,

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay

740-653-4919

college's scholar in residence, on "Vatican II in 1964: Mathe Modern World."

614-282-4676

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert with organist Nathan Laube of the Eastman new front entrance, followed by reception. 614-267-7808 18 Catholic Times November 16, 2014 November 16, 2014



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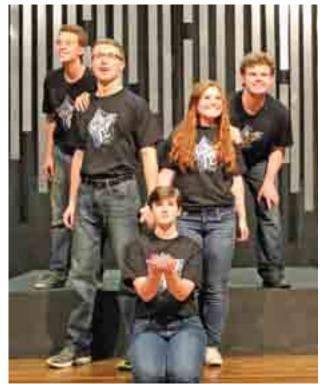
The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department is proud to announce its fall production, a unique holiday double-bill of *The Best Christmas* **Pageant Ever** and **Striking 12**, an exciting new holiday musical. These shows will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 20, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. in the St. Charles campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10 each, and student tickets are \$5. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a,m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is an American classic - one of the best Christmas stories ever, and certainly one of the funniest. In this hilarious Christmas comedy, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids - probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem - and the fun when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story by the pop trio GrooveLily, this new expanded verhead-on. This delightful comedy is adapted from the best-selling young-adult book of the sane name and has become a holiday staple for theaters across the unpretentious theater created through the voices and

United States. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever was written in 1972 by Barbara Robinson. In 1982, Robinson adapted the book into a play which led to a popular TV movie in 1986. The first professional production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* was given by the Seattle Children's Theater on Nov. 26.

St. Charles presented the national high school pre-

miere of *Striking 12* in 2008. With book, music. and lyrics by Brendan Milburn, Rachel Sheinkin and Valerie Vigoda, Striking 12 (a scene from which is pictured at right) is inspired in part by Hans Christian Andersen's, The Little Match Girl, and tells the story of a grumpy, overworked New Yorker who resolves to spend New Year's Eve alone in his apartment when an unexpected visitor brings some muchneeded cheer. The evening springs to life through an eclectic score that combines pop, rock, jazz, show tunes, and more. Originally written and performed sion features a funky contemporary score that is sure to having you humming along. Through simple,



instruments of the performers. Striking 12 reminds us that "the world looks like new ... on the first day of the year." Striking 12 is a cross between a rock concert and a holiday show for people who don't like holiday shows. If Striking 12 doesn't get you in the holiday spirit, nothing will.

The Columbus St. Charles production of "Striking 12" features (from left): top. Nick Anderson and Matt Munsell: center. Jackson Mittlesteadt and Samantha Troutman; foreground, Natalie Belford. Photo/St. Charles

THE NUTCHACKER

From Clara and Fritz to angels and mice, 151 children will share the stage with BalletMet's professional dancers during its annual holiday production of The Nutcracker, which will be staged 15 times between Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 27 at the Ohio Theater, 39 East State St., Columbus.

Twenty-eight of these young dancers attend Catholic churches in the Columbus area. They are:

Katie Alexander (Columbus St. Agatha), Kristin Bricker (Columbus St. Patrick), Christian, Clara, Faith, and Grace Chester (Church of the Ascension, Johnstown), Alexis Detrick (Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral), Hannah Dilley (Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Kate Fields (Columbus Immaculate Conception). Sidney Flynn (Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center), Ashlev Forche (Revnoldsburg St. Pius X), Allyson Fries (St. Agatha), Tori Harrison-Rawn (Canal Winchester St. John XXIII), Elizabeth Hudelson (St. Patrick), Olivia Huey (St. Joseph Cathedral), Isabelle St. Paul), Francesca Mitchell (Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Madeleine Morosky (Columbus St. Christopher). Kathryn O'Sullivan (Columbus St. Andrew), Matt Rees (Columbus Holy Spirit), Lily Rosati Yoos (Columbus Our Lady of Peace), Alana Sayat (St. Andrew), Morgan Sheehan (Powell St. Joan of Arc), Emma Smith (Our Lady of Perpetual Help), Senia Snyder (Columbus St. Catharine), Isabella Trostel (St. Paul), and Addie Wolfe

Truly a family affair, the quintessential holiday event is a special tradition in central Ohio, with families returning year after year to be enchanted by the production's unforgettable characters and choreography, exquisite costumes and scenery, and live music from the Columbus Symphony.

BalletMet also will take the production on tour to Detroit in partnership with the Detroit Opera House. All but four of the children's roles for the Detroit performances will be filled with



specifically for the five-show run. Fries is one of four BalletMet Academy students who will tour with the full professional company to Detroit.

Tickets to *The Nutcracker* start at \$29 and may be purchased at the CAPA box office, (614) 586-8665. College ticket center, 39 E. State St., Colum-students with ID may purchase student bus, (614) 469-0939; all Ticketmaster rush tickets at the theater two hours Lapierre (St. Agatha), Natalie Martin (Westerville more than 90 children who were cast outlets. (1-800) 982-2787 or www. before showtime.

ticketmaster.com; or the BalletMet box office, (614) 229-4848. Discount coupons are available at all central Ohio Kroger stores. Group discounts are available through the BalletMet Catholic Times 19

THE WALLS THAT SEPARATE US . . .



People sit on the East Side Gallery and watch a circus performance in Berlin on Nov. 9. The president of the German bishops' conference praised Catholics who helped bring down the Berlin Wall, but also urged the church to look ahead to its future mission.

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Pope Francis stops in front of the Israeli security wall in Bethlehem, West Bank, during his Holy Land visit earlier this year. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano, pool



A section of the Peace Wall that divides Catholic and Protestant communities cuts its way through West Belfast, Northern Ireland. On the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, barriers continue to separate communities around the world.

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St. Francis DeSales High School presents "YEARBOOK"



Twenty-six students from Columbus St. Francis De-Sales High School will bring a school yearbook to life in the play *Yearbook* by Steven Fendrich at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 in the school's little theater, 4212 Karl Road.

Admission is \$8.

The students will recount events from the school year at the imaginary Northridge High School. This unique production also will feature scenes written by

the students themselves, based on their own memories of DeSales. The cast will be led by senior Daniel Kelly, juniors Nate Van Cuyk and Madalyn Laugherty, and freshman Sophie Stiltner.

In the photo: Members of the cast of the Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School play, Yearbook. In the foreground are (from left) Nate VanCuyk, Madalyn Laugherty, Sophie Stiltner, and Daniel Kelly.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

The Panther Players present "A Party to Murder"

Ohio Dominican University's student theater group, the Panther Players, will perform *A Party to Murder*, a mystery by Marcia Kash and Douglas Hughes, from Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 13 to 15, at 7 p.m. at the Matesich Theater in Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

General admission is \$8 and children under five will be admitted free. Admission is also free for students who show their university ID card. Free parking is available in the gold lot, west of Sunbury Road.

Featured will be ODU students Alexis Haynes, Shyloe Mayle, Mark Willis, Zack Lawson, Andrea Haller, and Paul Shaffner. T.J. Hill will direct the play, a tale of a Halloween murder mystery party in which the game takes on a sinister dimension as the guests begin to die

