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The Editor's Notebook

Extending the Family

By David Garick, Editor



My wife and I love to watch reruns of the sitcom *Everybody Loves Raymond*. Through humorous exaggeration, it provides a wonderful snapshot of the dynamics of family life. While remaining lighthearted, it reminds us of our own experiences in dealing with the joy, the silliness, the dysfunction, the occasional pain, and the enduring love of the family relationship. It is in that relationship that we come to understand what love really means, and it shapes how we deal with the entire world.

Family is at the very core of our Catholic life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way: "The family is the *original cell of social life*. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society" (2207).

Sometimes children, through no fault of their own, are deprived of that stable, nurturing family environment that is so essential to their personal development. This edition of *Catholic Times* takes a look at how St. Vincent Family Center in Columbus is helping some families in extending their love and nurture by bringing in, on a temporary basis, a child who needs a stable, loving environment that is not currently available in his or her biological family.

Foster parenting is an extraordinary act of love. This is a true affirmation of life, in which a family takes a child with whom it has no other ties and provides the stability and normalcy that is needed to prepare the child to return to his or her biological family and to go on to live a fulfilling life. Not only does the family make its own life full-

er through the experience of nurturing such children, but it provides a chance for life itself for a child who otherwise would have faced a future of loneliness and depravation.

We all are familiar with the wonderful example of adoption we have seen in scripture in which St. Joseph chose to adopt the infant Jesus and raise Him as his own son. Christ, being both God and man, received His humanity from the love of the Holy Family, much of it at the hand of His adoptive father.

Spiritually, we are all adopted. St. Paul tells us that God "chose us, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before Him. In love He destined us for adoption to Himself through Jesus Christ. ... For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'"

Whenever we pray the "Our Father," we rejoice in the knowledge that we have been adopted by God Himself and that, again in the words of St. Paul, "we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him."

While foster parenting is not the same thing as outright adoption, since these placements are temporary in nature, the mutual benefits to the child and the foster family are still very spiritually enriching and vitally important.

Those who have chosen to extend their families through foster parenting are emulating the love of God in reaching out with love to bring another soul into their hearts and lives in this world and in the world to come.

USCCB PRESIDENT SAYS 'NOW IS THE TIME' TO REFORM IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said at a news conference on Monday, April 22 that "now is the time" to fix the nation's broken immigration system. Cardinal Dolan was joined at the news conference by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the USCCB's committee on migration, and Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chair of the bishops' communications committee.

"Let me say that now is the time to address this issue," Cardinal Dolan said. "As we speak, persons are being deported and an untold number of families are being divided. Human beings continue to die in the American desert. This suffering must end."

The Catholic Church has much to bring to the national immigration debate, given its history as an immigrant church, "having welcomed successive waves of immigrants into our parishes, social service programs, hospitals, and schools," Cardinal Dolan said. "As the pastor of the archdiocese of perhaps the greatest immigrant city in the world, I know firsthand of the many efforts that have been made by the Catholic community on behalf of immigrants."

He pledged to work with the sponsors of immigration legislation and other elected officials to "achieve the most humane legislation possible."

In responding to recently introduced immigration reform legislation in the U.S. Senate, Archbishop Gomez said the path to citizenship for the undocumented

population in the legislation is welcome, but certain requirements "could leave many behind, remaining in the shadows." He pointed to the need to shorten the time required to obtain citizenship, to create a more generous cutoff date, and to remove barriers for low-income migrants as areas for improvement.

"If the goal (of the legislation) is to solve the problem in a humane manner, then all undocumented persons should be able to participate," Archbishop Gomez said. He also cited the need to preserve family unity as the cornerstone of the nation's immigration system.

"This is an important and historic moment for our country and for the Church," Archbishop Gomez added. "We hope to see the legislation improve and advance, and we will work toward that end. The lives of millions of our fellow human beings depend upon it."

Bishop Wester said that eligibility for permanent status and citizenship should not be contingent upon enforcement initiatives contained in the legislation. He warned that it could create a *de facto* permanent underclass.

Bishop Wester also called for the immigration debate to be conducted in a "civil and respectful" manner.

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FIESTA CINCO DE MAYO

Two parishes with the common mission of growing the faith in Columbus, especially among the Latino community, are joining forces to sponsor a fun, elegant evening for everyone on Friday, May 3.

The Fiesta Cinco de Mayo sponsored by St. Stephen the Martyr and Christ the King churches will take place that evening from 6 to 9 p.m. A third Columbus parish, Columbus Our Lady of Victory, will help its neighbors by providing its parish center at 1559 Roxbury Road for the event. Sportscaster Doug Lessells will be master of ceremonies for the celebration, which will feature authentic Mexican food, a cash bar, live music and entertainment, and a silent auction.

St. Stephen and Christ the King each have large, well-established Latino ministries that serve hundreds of people. Now they are working together to bring more missionaries to Columbus to help spread God's word and God's love. Sisters from the Mexican-based Missionary Servants of the Word, who have been at St. Stephen since 2009, plan to establish a convent at Christ the King and will arrive there in November.

Their arrival will complete about a year-and-a-half of planning. In April 2012,

Father David Schalk, pastor of Christ the King, traveled to Mexico with Father Thomas Buffer, pastor of St. Stephen, to meet with Father Luis Butera, founder and general superior of the Missionary Servants of the Word. He and Mother Maria Guadalupe, MSP, superior of the sisters, agreed to send more sisters to Columbus, where they will live in the renovated Christ the King convent.

Proceeds from the Fiesta Cinco de Mayo will go toward helping keep open the convent at St. Stephen, where three sisters already live, and preparing the Christ the King site for three sisters to live there. More information about the event is at its website, www.fiestacincodemayo.org. Tickets may be purchased online or by calling Maryann Tilley at (614) 235-6633.

Pictured at the Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine at Columbus Christ the King Church, where three sisters from the Missionary Servants of the Word will live after their arrival from Mexico in November, are (from left) Sister Nereida Olmedo, MSP; Sister Maria Elena Garcia, MSP; and Sister Karina Hernandez Gomez, MSP, all of who live in the sisters' convent at Columbus St. Stephen Church; and Father David Schalk, pastor at Christ the King.

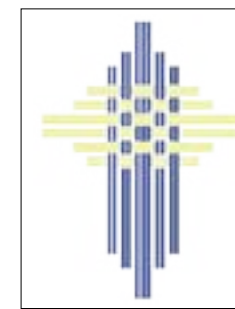
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Pictured with Bishop Frederick Campbell are David and Marilyn Eberhart of West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, who were recognized at a regional kickoff dinner for 20 years of volunteer work for the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal Begins Next Week

Next weekend will be the start of the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Rick Jeric, executive director of the diocesan Office of Development and Planning, has announced that the appeal goal for this year is \$6 million.



Catholic schools and Parish Schools of Religion. Marriage and family life programs are funded through the appeal, as are many programs directed by the Office of Social Concerns.

Our gifts to the appeal give hope to people in need throughout our 23-county diocese. It is hope that nourishes life. It helps people face the many challenges life may present to them. Our faith requires us to look beyond ourselves to care for and support, both spiritually and materially, those in need. This year's Bishop's Annual Appeal theme, "Faithful to God, Loving to Our Neighbor," stresses the importance of this. The spirit of the Bishop's Annual Appeal is people helping people.

Bishop Frederick Campbell recently welcomed pastors and parish volunteer workers at four regional kickoff dinners for the appeal. He expressed his gratitude to all those who give their time and efforts to make it a success. The dinners were highlighted by words of faith and encouragement by this year's leadership team - Father Ted Sill, clergy chair; Kim and Mark Grube, general chairs; and Sally and Roger Baughman, Miter Society chairs.

Each year, money raised by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is

used for the many programs and ministries within our diocese. The appeal helps support vocations to the priesthood and the diaconate. It aids in the education of young people in

We are a community of believers and we need to work together to build up Christ's church on earth, to keep our faith alive and flourishing in our homes, our schools, and our communities. Because we are "Faithful to God," we are compelled to be "Loving to Our Neighbor."

Please answer the call to support this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, which begins next weekend, May 4 and 5. Prayerfully consider your gift or pledge, recognizing the many blessings that are bestowed on us and our families by a loving God, remembering that no gift is too small.

Additional information about the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal is available from the Office of Development and Planning at (614) 241-2550 or toll-free at (1-877) 241-2550, by emailing devmailbox@coltsdioc.org, or by logging on to www.coltsdioc.org.



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A happy family with foster children. A story about the new treatment foster care program at St. Vincent Family Center is on Pages 10 and 11.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Attractive



How did you bear witness to the truth this past week? There are always opportunities to do simple, small things that make a difference in the lives of others. Whether we use the Ten Commandments as a guide or not, we live the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ when we consciously choose to do what is right. We know what is right, we form our minds and consciences to think about what is right, we then say and do what is right by how we live. That is bearing witness to the truth. That is the life of a good and faithful steward. So why is it so difficult at times? It is not easy, and Jesus Himself tells us so. We know the metaphors, such as the eye of a needle or the narrow gate. Think about how focused you can be when you want to achieve something that is very important to you. That grade in school, that particular sport or activity in school, that college admission, that first date with someone special, that first job, that promotion, that next job, that wedding, those children, that diet, that exercise regimen, beating that addiction – these are all things to which we devote a lot of time, talent, and treasure. We can certainly do the same for living and bearing witness to the truth. Our lives depend on it, eternally.

I want to try to bring all the thoughts and challenges of the past few weeks together. As good and faithful stewards, we are challenged to evangelize. We do this by showing others why we love being Catholic and why they would love it, too. We have to make it attractive. I read an article, "The Church in 2013" by Michael Sean Winters, and I will use it as my reference for this column, along with paraphrasing some of his insights. How and why must I make the effort to show how attractive my Faith is? When it comes to responding to the call for a new evangelization, we have to look at ourselves first. If we want to draw others to our own Faith, then we must show that this way of life is attractive. We live the Gospel by being smart, happy, effective, loving, and very approachable. Someone who is not Catholic should look at us and think "That is something I would consider; I want to learn more." I think we should maintain our strong faith – always – but take care to not be condescending or divisive. One of the more difficult challenges for us as new evangelizers is that we have to also engage others. And that includes family members, friends, and strangers who are already Catholic. When we discuss and witness our faith, we must talk about the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus brings Himself to us. He is not an idea or a theory to be debated. He is a real person with whom we establish and maintain a relationship. He becomes one with us in the reception of the Eucharist. We know the answer to the question of eternal life. No scientist or philosopher can answer that question. The only answer is Jesus Himself. Our faith and our truth are based very simply, yet mysteriously, on the Incarnation, death, and Resurrection. We must bring the passion that accompanies our faith in these to our encounters with others. Again, we are to be happy and effective, with open arms, not stubborn and aloof, with arms folded.

Our practical challenge this week is to make ourselves attractive to others with regard to our faith. How well do we know our faith? If we need to learn more, go get the resources. Are we motivated to share our passion for our faith? Pray for that grace. Do we have the passion in the first place? Pray for it at Mass this Sunday. Take small and positive steps. Be prepared for the next time there is an opportunity to share your faith with someone. Do not be shy. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep your tongue articulate and your heart and arms open.

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



St. Brigid of Kildare School Announces Writing Contest Advancements

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School recently participated in the Letters About Literature writing contest, in which five students received the distinction of having their writing submissions advance to the state level. The contest is sponsored nationally by the Library of Congress and at the state level by the Ohio Center for the Book in Cleveland.

This contest, started in 1999, allows students to express their feelings about a book and its effect on them. Students were asked to write a letter to an author, living or deceased, explaining how the author's book has changed their way of thinking about something in the world and themselves. Judging criteria was based on a five-point scale and included three areas: exposition (use of language skills, organization, grammar), content (addressing the theme), and voice (style and originality of expression).

More than 49,000 students in grades four to six entered the contest nationally and nearly 1,400 letters advanced to the state level.

St. Brigid's sixth-grade students whose letters advanced to state-level judging, along with the author and book title used for their letters, are Claire Canute (*Faith, Hope and Ivy June* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor); Elizabeth D'sa (*Breakaway* by Andrea Montalbano); Kate Griffin (*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan); Jacque-

line McCully (*Skinny* by Donna Cooner), and Clare Pavell (*All These Things* by Gabrielle Zevin).

Jill Cecutti, literacy teacher for the fifth and sixth grades, and Emily Latham, sixth-grade language arts teacher, collaborated to plan and teach the reading and writing curriculum. "The LAL writing contest is one of the most prestigious and respected student writing contests in the nation," Cecutti said. "It is also one of the most meaningful language arts projects that we do because it clearly connects our language arts curriculum to a specific and authentic purpose for our students. It is quite an honor to have five contest finalists from our school alone. We are proud of the efforts of all of our students for writing such heartfelt letters about the deep, sincere connection they have to the books they read."

The top state finalists will have their letters published in a Letters About Literature booklet. First-place winners in each state are provided with a trip to Washington to receive their awards at the Library of Congress.

Pictured: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School students whose submissions made it to the state level in the Letters About Literature writing contest are (from left): Elizabeth D'Sa, Jacqueline McCully, Clare Pavell, Claire Canute, and Kate Griffin. Their teachers are Emily Latham (far left) and Jill Cecutti.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

CLEVELAND PRIEST NAMED BISHOP OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Walter A. Hurley of Grand Rapids, Mich., and appointed Father David J. Walkowiak, a Cleveland pastor, as his successor.

Bishop Hurley, a former Detroit auxiliary bishop, has headed the Michigan diocese since 2005. He is 75 years old, the age at which canon law requires bishops to submit their resignation.

Bishop-designate Walkowiak, 59, has been pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, since 2006. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 1979.

Bishop-designate Walkowiak will be ordained to the episcopacy and installed as bishop of Grand Rapids on June 18,

the day he turns 60, Bishop Hurley will serve as apostolic administrator of the diocese until then.

"In accepting this appointment, I renew my trust in the Lord who asks me to set out again on a new mission," Bishop-designate Walkowiak said. "I thank God for providing me with the opportunity to serve this local church, which I pray will be a blessing to its people."

Bishop Hurley said the Catholics of Grand Rapids "are fortunate to have a new bishop with the experience to lead the faithful of west Michigan into the future."

The retiring bishop said he will continue to make Grand Rapids his home "and assist our new bishop as needed

and help in our parishes and the diocese as called upon to serve."

Bishop-designate Walkowiak was born June 18, 1953, in Cleveland and grew up in suburban Westlake. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and holds a master of divinity degree from St. Mary Seminary of Cleveland and a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from The Catholic University of America.

Following his ordination in June 1979, Father Walkowiak's first assignment was to St. Mary Parish in Lorain, Ohio, as a parochial vicar.

After receiving his canon law doctorate from Catholic University, he was

assigned to the faculty of St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio, and to the chancery staff of the Cleveland Diocese, positions he held from 1986 to 2006. He also served as an associate judge of the appellate tribunal for the Cincinnati province. His father and three sisters all reside in Cleveland.

The Grand Rapids Diocese covers almost 6,800 square miles and 11 counties in Michigan's lower peninsula. Out of a population of about 1.3 million people, 178,000, or 14 percent, are Catholic.



John Thistlethwaite earns Conley Award

John Thistlethwaite, assistant professor of anatomy and physiology at Ohio Dominican University and director of the university's exercise science program, has been chosen as the recipient of ODU's 2013 Conley Award for outstanding teaching.



physiology, exercise physiology, and nutrition, and is also the director of the university's pre-nursing program.

He has received awards for his work in the field and in the classroom, and has delivered many presentations and professional papers on cardiovascular research and metabolism.

The award is presented annually to professors who demonstrate excellence in teaching and dedication to students and the university. Recipients are selected by the student body.

"I am very humbled, as there are a number of great professors at ODU that are very deserving of this award," Thistlethwaite said. "I am greatly appreciative of the students for their recognition. They are the reason I do what I do."

"Dr. Thistlethwaite is exceptionally deserving of the Conley Award for outstanding teaching," said Theresa Holleran, ODU vice president for academic affairs.

Thistlethwaite came to ODU in 2008, teaches gross human anatomy, human

Thistlethwaite earned his bachelor of science from Ohio Northern University and his master's degree in science and doctorate in exercise science from the University of Toledo.

Ohio Dominican University is a four-year, private liberal arts and master's-degree institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition.

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JOSEPHINUM ALTAR DEDICATION

Bishop Frederick Campbell, vice chancellor of the Pontifical College Josephinum, dedicated and consecrated the new altar of sacrifice in the college's St. Rose of Lima Chapel on Friday, April 12. The altar has been artistically rendered to accord, proportionally and aesthetically, with the restored chapel. Concelebrating with Bishop Campbell were Msgr. Christopher Schreck, president and rector of the college, as well as a representative number of priests of the seminary faculty. Deacon Matthew Morris (center), seminarian Sean Dooley, and other seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus served at the Mass.

Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

Franciscan University's new president

The board of trustees of Franciscan University of Steubenville has announced the appointment of Father Sean O. Sheridan, TOR, as the school's sixth president.

He succeeds Father Terence Henry, TOR, who has served as president since 2000.

"Father Sean brings an excellent blend of academic, pastoral, legal, and business experience to Franciscan University. He has also demonstrated a strong care and concern for the good of the university's educational and spiritual mission.

"Together, these qualifications will uniquely equip him to lead Franciscan University according to the 'heart of the Church,'" said Father Nicholas Polichnowski, TOR, chairman of the board of trustees and minister provincial of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance.

Father Sheridan served as assistant professor in the School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America



from 2009 until he joined Franciscan University's theology department as a professor in fall 2012, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses.

A member of the board of trustees of St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa., since 2010, he also held a position on Franciscan University's board from 2007-2012, working on the student life committee and the academic affairs committee, which he chaired from 2011-2012.

"I am honored to serve as the next president of Franciscan University. It is inspiring and truly humbling for me to be here at Franciscan University with the students who are pouring their hearts into their education and their prayer life, falling in love with God and the Church, and striving to become saints," Father Sheridan said.

Father Sheridan will assume the duties of president June 1, the start of the new fiscal year for Franciscan University.

He will be formally installed as president on Oct. 10.

Flag over casket; did Christ come to save all or many?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

Q. I have noticed that the casket of a veteran is no longer draped with an American flag at the funeral Mass. Why not? The service of these men and women helps provide the freedom of worship that we all enjoy. Why does the church no longer honor that? (Daly City, Calif.)

A. The *Order of Christian Funerals* says in No. 132 that "any national flags or the flags or insignia of associations to which the deceased belonged are to be removed from the coffin at the entrance to the church."

The guidelines of most dioceses provide that the flag is then replaced by the pall, a large white cloth draped over the coffin as a symbol of the person's baptism. Surely no disrespect for the flag or the nation of the deceased is intended; instead, the pall represents the fact that all are equal in the sight of God and that, as St. Paul pointed out in his letter to the Philippians (3:20), our primary citizenship is in heaven.

At the end of the funeral Mass, the pall is removed and the flag can be placed back on the casket before it is carried from the church. Often, at the cemetery, military honors are then accorded to the deceased; a bugler might play "Taps." Sometimes there is a gun salute and a military honor guard carefully removes the flag from

the casket, folds it respectfully, and presents it to the next of kin with comforting words from a grateful nation.

The church, of course, is worldwide and must set policy to cover many contingencies. Besides indicating the primacy of the spiritual and the baptism of the deceased, using the pall rather than a national flag for a funeral Mass avoids the awkwardness of a situation where the church might not agree with the moral stance of a particular nation.

In World War II Germany, for example, the use of a Nazi flag during a funeral Mass could have been seen as an endorsement of the Nazi party and the German war effort, when, in fact, the church opposed both.

Q. With the new English translation of the missal, it seems, in the priest's prayer at the consecration, that Jesus has gone from saving "all" to saving "many." That sounds more like Calvinism than Catholicism. Although, because of free will, not everyone will follow Jesus, didn't he die to save us all? (Milwaukee, Wis.)

A. For 40 years, until Advent of 2011, we heard the priest say at the consecration of the precious blood, "It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven." Now, instead, the priest says that

Christ's blood "will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Because of what we had become used to, the new wording might sound restrictive and selective, as though Jesus did not intend for all to be saved. That, though, would be a misunderstanding.

Clearly, it is central to Christian belief that, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:15, Christ "died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

What explains the new wording? To start with, it is closer to the normative Latin of the Roman Ritual, which has always said "*pro multis*," or "for many," rather than "*pro omnibus*," or "for all."

The reason why the Latin uses "*pro multis*" is that this language is more faithful to the Scriptures. Isaiah 53:12 prophesied that the Messiah would take away "the sins of many," and Jesus himself at the Last Supper said that his blood would be shed for "many" (Matthew 26:28 and Mark 14:24).

A pedagogical advantage of the new translation is this: It reminds us that salvation is not completely automatic, imposed in a mechanical way against our will; instead, we must "buy into" the salvation won by Christ by our belief and our behavior.

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

RECOVERING THE REAL ST. FRANCIS

By Jake Tawney

For obvious reasons, the figure of St. Francis has been getting renewed attention lately. Unfortunately, the poor friar has suffered from a radical "re-branding" in the last several decades. In my home parish, we have a statue of St. Francis prominently displayed, but I lost count of the number of times we have had to answer the question "Who is that?" Why the confusion? After all, the statue is the traditional depiction of Francis, complete with the Franciscan robes, the stigmata, and the skull symbolizing the conquering of death. The reason for the confusion: the statue doesn't have any animals. In our time, poor Francis has been pigeonholed into a display that seems incomplete without pigeons (or other birds).

As we rejoice in Pope Francis' election, it is worth recovering an authentic understanding of his namesake. To begin with, we must tear down the more common misattributions. First, there is the quotation "Preach the Gospel always. Use words if necessary." Not one of his disciples or early biographers attributes this saying to Francis. It doesn't seem to appear until the 1990s. The problem with this misattributed quote is that it sets up a false dichotomy between actions and words, often suggesting that those who "practice" the Gospel are more faithful than those who preach it.

There are a couple of things that Francis did say regarding preaching. One of them is "No friar is to preach contrary to the norms and the doctrine of the Holy Roman Church." His first biogra-

pher, Thomas of Celano, quotes Francis as saying, "The preacher must first draw from secret prayers what he will later pour out in holy sermons; he must first grow hot within before he speaks words that are in themselves cold."

Preaching is important, yet so, too, are actions: "All friars shall be Catholics, and shall live and speak as Catholics. Indeed if any errs from the Catholic Faith and life by his words or actions, and will not amend his ways, he is to be expelled from our fraternity altogether."

Francis understood the deep connection between words and deeds. One cannot bear fruit without the other. Pope Benedict XVI wrote that charitable works apart from the Gospel are deprived of meaning and purpose. Pope Francis teaches us that words spoken without works of love are empty. Both men understand that neither actions nor words are more important than the other, but each is necessary for the salvation of souls.

The second misattribution is the "Prayer of Saint Francis," known by its opening line, "Make me a channel of your peace." The text, which appears to be anonymous, doesn't show up until 1912 in the small French magazine *La Clochette*. It was later set to music by the Anglican composer Sebastian Temple. Father Augustine Thompson, OP, wrote of this poem, "Noble as its sentiments are, Francis would not have written such a piece, focused as it is on the self, with its constant repetition of the pronouns 'I' and 'me,' the words 'God' and 'Jesus' never appearing once."

There are other misinterpretations of Francis. His love for God's creation is often presented as a modern-day ecology, rather than a correct understanding of God's creative and redemptive work through the Incarnation. His preaching to animals is sometimes taken as a sign of animal equality rather than an expression of man as the center of creation and, through his redemption, restoring all of creation to the Father. Francis is often presented as pitting good liturgy against poverty and charity, whereas the real St. Francis had a tremendous love for the liturgy in all of its glorious details. He was also firm in promoting the connection between the Eucharist and Confession. There is a great quotation that pulls together the Seraphic Father's love for preaching, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Penance: "[E]very time you preach, admonish the people about penance and that no one can be saved except he that receives the most holy Body and Blood of the Lord."

It is marvelous that we have a pope who has taken the name of Francis. It now allows us to recover a proper understanding of this saint. If you are interested in additional reading, I recommend either G.K. Chesterton's *St. Francis of Assisi* or the aforementioned Father Thompson's *Francis of Assisi: A New Biography*.

Jake Tawney is a husband and father of six. He and his family are members of Delaware St. Mary Church. In his spare time, he writes for the websites Roma Locuta Est, The American Catholic, and Catholic Stand.



Sacramental Homecoming at St. Leonard Parish

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, Heath St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, will recognize current and former parishioners who received any of the sacraments of Baptism, first Communion, Confirmation, or Matrimony at the church.

The celebration will take place at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 19. A special blessing will be given. Call or email the parish office at (740) 522-5270 or giovannileonardi@roadrunner.com if you can attend. Anyone with out-of-town family members who received any of these sacraments at the church is asked to inform them.

Spring - Summer Webcasts at Martin de Porres Center

The Institute for Maturing Spirituality will host the first of its four spring-summer webcasts from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

The topic will be "Learning the Art of Inner Healing" with Richard Johnson, a psychologist and writer who is nationally recognized for his pioneering work in maturing adult faith formation and spiritual gerontology.

"Fully 86 percent of us beyond age 65 deal with some chronic sickness such as arthritis, hypertension, pain, or osteoporosis," he said. "Other maturing

adults carry the crosses of depression, anxiety, compulsions, and other mental conditions. Many maladies cannot be cured, but with God's help, we can find inner healing.

"We all turn to the medical community for help, and the help it offers is considerable, at times almost miraculous. But despite all the advances and all that the medical community offers, it's not enough. We all need healing that soothes our heart, calms our mind, and invigorates our soul."

Attendance at the webcast is free. A goodwill donation will be taken at the door.

Other webcasts scheduled at the de Porres Center by the institute are "The Journey Through Grief" with Sister Maureen O'Brien, OP, coordinator for ministry to the bereaved, separated, and divorced, Thursday, May 9; "Are We Too Old to Dream?" with Frances Frazier, facilitator and consultant, Thursday, June 6; and "Sacred Chutzpah: The 'Abraham' Narratives as Paradigm for Meaningful Aging" with Rabbi Cary Kozberg, director of religious life, Wexner Heritage Village, Tuesday, July 23.

All the webcasts will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m.



ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Educating Our Children About the Catholic Faith

“Therefore, take these words of mine into your heart and soul. Bind them on your arm as a sign, and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Teach them to your children, speaking of them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.”

This passage from Deuteronomy 11:18-19 reminds us how important it is to raise our children in the Catholic faith, imparting our beliefs at every possible opportunity. My wife and I are strong supporters of Catholic education, having sent our two children to Catholic schools, as well as having attended ourselves. What better way to teach our children about the Catholic faith than to immerse them in it as part of their daily lives?

We teach more than 11,500 elementary students and 4,500 high school students in our diocesan Catholic schools. We service 15 counties, and our schools have an impressive 97 percent attendance rate and 99 percent graduation rate. Having said that, we all know that the sustainability of Catholic education is a significant challenge. Enrollment just isn't

what it used to be. As a result, we even had to close a school recently. However, even with the challenges, we can't forget the 16,000 students who are attending our schools and the many more students to come. They need our support now, more than ever! It is so important that they have their Catholic faith to support them as they face the trials of the world today.

The Catholic Foundation and its donors are honored to support Catholic education in many forms. We recently awarded focus grants to help support infant and toddler needs at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and the revitalization of the pre-kindergarten program at Coshoc-ton Sacred Heart School. We also helped to fund an RCIA program for five parishes in Deanery One and instruction in Natural Family Planning for practitioners from five parishes in the diocese. Our grants help fund all aspects of Catholic education, from curriculum and programs to safe facilities for our children to faith formation for all ages. In fact, with the help of our donors, we were able to award nearly \$715,000 in education grants

in just the first half of our fiscal year! While this is a great accomplishment, there is still a large unmet need that we, as Catholics, need to try to close the gap on.

I know great things are about to come for Catholic education funding. Scott Hartman, senior vice president for development and grants administration at The Catholic Foundation, recently felt called to focus more on closing the gap. It is with a heavy heart that I announce Scott will be leaving The Catholic Foundation and taking on a new role as director of institutional advancement for Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. He will be greatly missed at the Foundation, but will be a great asset to DeSales.

Do you feel called to support Catholic education? We can help ensure that your gifts make an impact for many years to come. Please give us a call at (1-866) 298-8893 or visit our website at www.catholic-foundation.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Brown is president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

TRINITY RECYCLE FEST II

Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus, will host Recycle Fest II, a celebration of recycling, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Those attending are asked to bring pop cans and plastic beverage bottles to be recycled as part of the school's participation in the Dream Machine Recycle Rally, a national program which

gives schools a chance to earn rewards and compete for contest prizes while making to make the planet a cleaner, greener place and supporting post-9/11 disabled veterans.

Trinity is in line to win a \$25,000 prize if it maintains its current second-place national ranking in Bracket A of the program. The first-place school is ineligible for

the prize because it won last year. Besides collecting cans and bottles, planners of the event will conduct plant, book, and mug swaps; create and exhibit art made from reusable everyday materials; sponsor neighborhood sweeps for bottles, cans, and litter; and create a huge ball of plastic yarn, also known as plarn, to donate for projects helping others.



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Eagle in Flight

By Pat Batroe

Zaleski is nestled in the middle of the Zaleski State Forest, where we have the opportunity to enjoy much wildlife, especially deer and raccoon. In the spring, many species of birds migrate through. The Canadian geese love us so much they have decided to stay!

On a recent evening, on my way home from Nelsonville around 6 p.m., I experienced the joy of seeing one bird that has become sort of a legend around this area for the past three years -- the American bald eagle.

I have heard stories for several years about this wonderful bird visiting our forest and wetlands, but never had the opportunity to capture it on camera, and only thought I saw it a few times this spring. I say "thought" because there are many species of bird that hunt in the wetland area just north of Zaleski on State Route 278. On occasion, I would see something perched on a distant dead tree trunk, but was never

sure of what I was seeing.

Yesterday evening, there it was! Perched on top of a dead narrow tree trunk, intently gazing into the water, awaiting its next meal. I stopped in the middle of the road, retrieved my small digital camera, and tried to capture a picture of the eagle, but couldn't pull the view in close enough to see the intricacies of this marvelous species. I sped home and retrieved my Nikon camera with the telescopic lens, hoping the eagle would still be there.

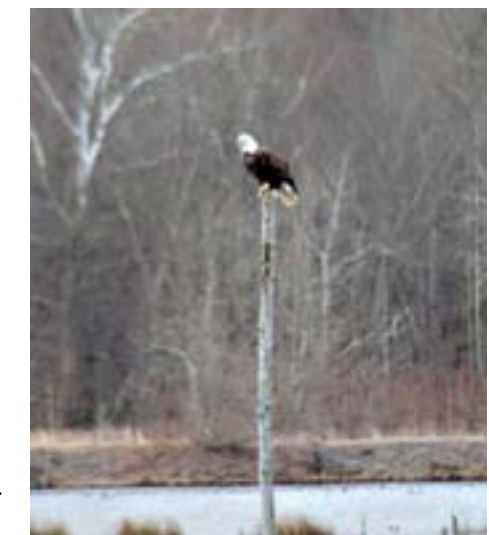
Upon return, I praised God that the eagle had not moved! I turned around, pulled off the side of the road, got out of my car and gently closed the door. I started shooting pictures. Another vehicle was coming and slowed down, apparently wondering what I was doing. It stopped. I glanced at the vehicle and its occupants, too, were taking pictures. I prayed that we wouldn't spook the bird.

The eagle was too intent on finding its

next meal and totally ignored us. Once the other vehicle sped away, I walked to the edge of the swamp to get better pictures and talk to the bird (I am sort of known as the animal whisperer to my family). As I started to speak, the bird turned its head to look at me. Please God, let me enjoy the moment and time with this marvelous creature! It turned on that narrow tree trunk to face me. I spoke to it and moved up and down the edge of the water to capture its image in all of its glory! It then got tired of me interrupting its hunt and flew away. I immediately started taking more pictures in flight. God IS good!

The experience reminded me that life is precious. ALL life is precious! It renewed my faith that God would make all things new again. It gave me hope in the world around me with the knowledge that God is ALWAYS nearby. It assured me that God will ALWAYS love us.

Isn't that what life is all about?



Faith, hope, and love! It's easy to get discouraged about all of these things in today's society. Spend a little time with some of God's creatures. Enjoy the silence in the moment. Renew your faith in humanity. God is the architect of this wonderful world in all of its glory. Protect it. Love it. Most of all, love our God in the Holy Trinity.

Pat Bartoe is a member of Zaleski St. Sylvester Church in Vinton County.



Ohio Dominican University's inaugural five-kilometer alumni walk and run took place Saturday, April 20, on the university's main campus. Approximately 120 runners and walkers participated. Before the race, the university honored the victims of the recent tragedy in Boston. A moment of silence was observed and participants took their picture with a "Run for Boston" banner, which they later signed. The winner of the race, Danielle Koch, also had competed in the 2012 Boston Marathon.

Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

Story by **TIM PUET**, *Catholic Times Reporter*

St. Vincent Family Center is looking for special people with the love and patience to help enrich the lives of children who need both a stable home environment and mentors who believe in them.

Those who fit that description are the type of people the center is recruiting for its newest program—treatment foster care for children from birth to age 21.

The center recently received approval from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to be a foster care provider and already is working with 15 families or individuals who have expressed interest in being part of the program as foster parents. Two have completed the required licensing process, five others are in the process, and eight are beginning the training they need to become licensed caregivers.

Shawn Holt, president and chief executive officer of the center, said one two-year-old child already has been placed with a caregiver through the program, with several more to be placed once the others complete the licensing process.

“Being able to provide treatment foster care gives us at St. Vincent the one component we’ve been missing in our efforts to provide a continuum of care for children with behavioral problems,” Holt said. “I came here about two-and-a-half years ago with experience in providing foster care to children who

needed placement outside of their own home setting. We have been working since then to prepare a program to take to the state for approval.

“Once we were satisfied with our plans and submitted them, there was a 30-day waiting period, and it didn’t take much longer for state approval. People at the Job and Family Services Department said the process went very quickly because of our long history of helping children.”

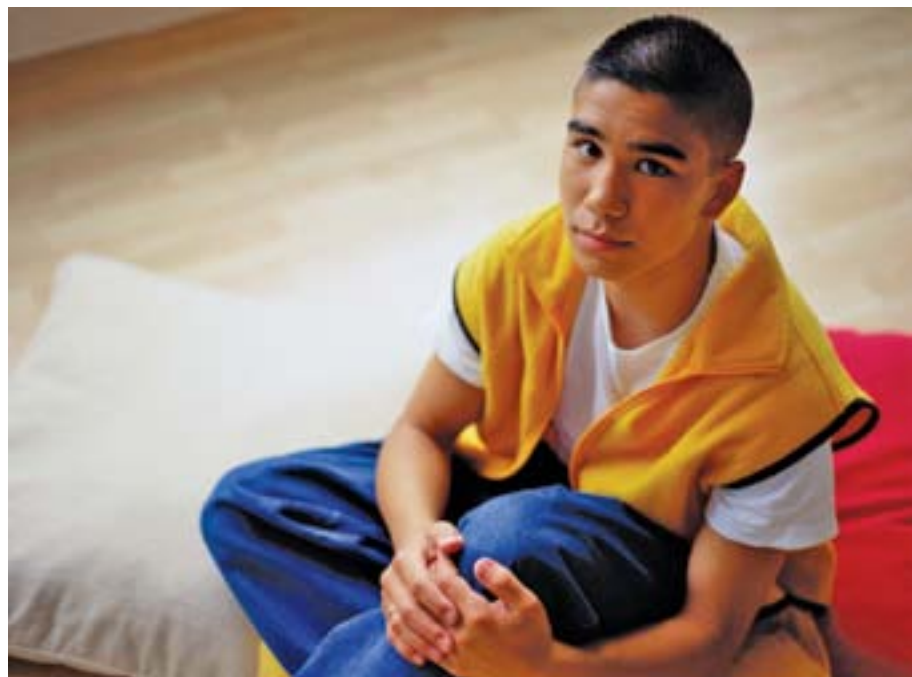
That history goes back to 1875, when the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity founded what then was St. Vincent Orphanage on the same site where the center exists today at Main Street and Kelton Avenue on Columbus’ east side. Today, it is one of the largest mental health providers for children in central Ohio, offering outpatient, day treatment, and residential services.

It employs about 170 full-time and 40 to 50 part-time staff members who serve about 215 children each day, most younger than 13, providing care ranging from efforts to prevent problems before they occur to a full-time residential program for children ages 5 ½ to 13, mostly from Franklin County. It also serves deaf children ages 5 to 18 on a statewide level.

“We believe that all kids are good. Sometimes they just need extra love



THE MANY FACES OF CHILDREN IN NEED OF A STABLE HOME



and care to make them better,” said Holt. “That is why it’s important to us to match children with foster parents in a setting they can call home until they are united with their own families or relatives,” said St. Vincent foster care director Beth Bradley. “We know that people who are well-trained and engaged make the best foster parents. We will work hard to provide them with the best resources and training necessary to meet the specific needs of the child.”

Before coming to St. Vincent, Bradley was employed for seven years at Rosemont Center in Columbus as a clinician providing therapy services to children in foster homes. The Akron native also worked as a program director at a shelter for abused women in her hometown. She came to St. Vincent after The Buckeye Ranch took over operations at Rosemont last November.

“I’m an advocate for kids and families because this is where I feel I can best make a difference and help others do the same,” she said. “There’s also a personal reason. I didn’t know this for many years, but I learned my mother grew up in an orphanage. She has six siblings, and only her and a sister were

placed together. They eventually moved in with a family who didn’t adopt them, but helped them maintain connections with their birth family. This has helped me see the importance of foster care and of keeping in touch with both sets of families throughout the process.”

“The best success stories are when foster and biological families work together,” Holt said. “Ultimately, the hope is that a child can be placed back with the biological family, and that family can call the foster family and said ‘We need help’ if the occasion arises. When you reach the point where that happens, you’ve gone from what started with a bad situation to a point where you have two stable families. We know things won’t always work that way, but that’s just one example of how foster care can help families.”

Children are placed in treatment foster care by voluntarily or involun-

tarily being removed from their biological family or family of origin because of issues related either to abuse or neglect, or to a mental health condition which makes the parent unable to care for a child through no fault of his or her own.

Treatment foster care parents must be at least 21 and can be single or married. Individuals interested in the program may call Bradley at (614) 813-0523 or complete an inquiry through the center’s website, www.svfc.org. Once the first contact is made, potential foster care parents are sent a packet and an informational meeting is scheduled. In addition to individual meetings, Bradley offers a group presentation for six or more people.

If they decide to take part in the program, potential foster caregivers must complete 36 hours of training on what foster parenting is about, expectations,



obligations, how to work with biological parents to help a child adjust, and other subjects explaining the rewards and challenges of being a foster parent. This includes the Protecting God’s Children program required of the Diocese of Columbus for all its employees and volunteers who work with children.

To make the process complete, foster parents also go through a background check and a medical screening and submit a financial statement containing such items as proof of income, utility bills, and a divorce decree, if applicable.

The process also includes a family assessment conducted by licensing coordinator Vicki Baden, who along with Bradley was hired by the center specifically for the foster care program. She makes two or three visits to the homes of potential foster parents to interview anyone living there.

This enables the center to complete criminal background checks on all adults 18 and older living in a home; ensure a potential foster parent is able to provide a safe, nurturing environment; understand why someone wants to become a foster parent; make sure a



home has adequate space; make certain that foster parenting is the right fit for a person or family; and talk with references provided by potential caregivers.

“While the family assessment may feel slightly intrusive, it is vital that we do all we can to ensure the safety and security of the foster child and families we serve,” Bradley said. “It is also important to make sure that our foster parents are adequately prepared to support and provide for the children entrusted to their care.”

“We’re not looking for mansions, but for safe, loving environments and families with stable housing,” Holt said.

Once the home study, safety home audit and other documentation is completed, the paperwork is submitted to the state Job and Family Services Department, which grants a foster care license. The center receives the license and mails it to the prospective parents, then begins looking to match a child with a particular home. When a child is found, the licensing coordinator and/or a clinician talk with the prospective foster caregivers about visitation schedules with a child’s birth parents and siblings and share information about the center’s therapeutic services.

Foster parents receive a tax-free predetermined reimbursement every month through direct deposit to pay for a foster child’s basic needs. The amount deposited is based on the number of days the child is in the foster parent’s care. Most foster children are on the Medicaid program.

The St. Vincent center received state approval for the foster care program on Feb. 1, but that wasn’t the only big news occurring there that day. It also was the day when the center completed an expansion, funded in part by The Catholic Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus, which enabled it to increase the number of available beds for its full-time residential program from 26 to 35.

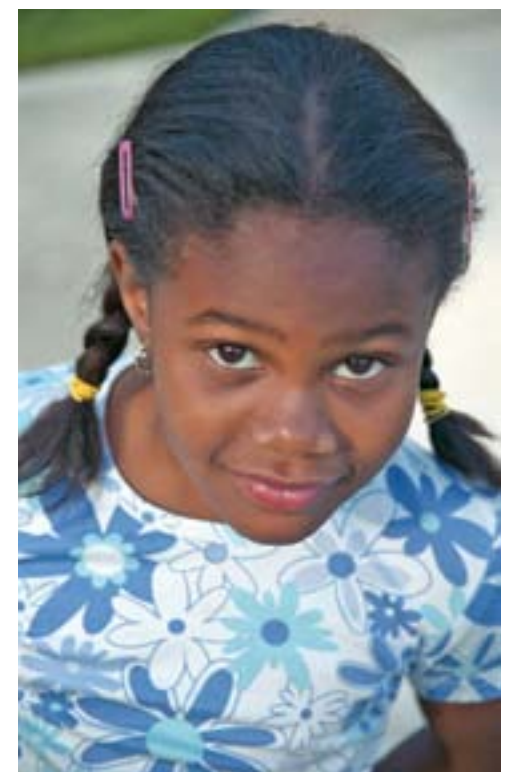
The residential program is for children who need treatment beyond the level of therapeutic schooling. Participants can be from anywhere in Ohio and stay for as few as 10 days and as long as nine months or more. It’s the only residential treatment option in central Ohio for children younger than 10.

“We expanded out of necessity,” Holt said. “We couldn’t take any more children in the space we had, so we had to do something to meet the demand for the program. Part of the renovation involved moving six people out of offices, but we were happy to do that so we could serve more children.

“When the sisters started the orphanage, it was because many young people at the time of the industrial revolution needed a home and a stable environment within that home. Concepts of care have changed in 138 years, but our focus remains the same. We continue to carry out the mission of the Church to promote strong and stable families and to carry on the sisters’ legacy.”



Beth Bradley (left), director of St. Vincent Family Center’s new treatment foster care program, is shown with Shawn Holt, the center’s president and chief executive officer, and Vicki Baden, licensing coordinator for the program Photos courtesy St. Vincent Family Center



Ohio Dominican University Employee's 'Run for Boston' Campaign Goes Viral

The bombings that occurred at the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15 were tragic, senseless, and shocking. Millions of people watched in horror as one explosive, then a second, detonated near the race's finish line, killing three and injuring hundreds of innocent bystanders.

One of those watching in disbelief was Becca Obergefell, assistant director of the Center for Student Development at Ohio Dominican University. Though Boston and Columbus are nearly 800 miles apart, she knew she had to help; she just didn't know how.

As is the case in so many tragedies, when the smoke cleared, a silver lining began to emerge. It came in the form of an outpouring of support from around the world.

It would have been natural to feel helpless; however, Obergefell felt empowered to help.

Upon hearing of the explosions, she, like many people, turned to Twitter and used the #RunForBoston hashtag to show her support and sympathy for the victims of the bombings and the city of Boston.

"I was watching Twitter and people were talking about how they wanted to run for Boston," she said.

She then turned to Google and a smartphone app, "Charity Miles," which donates 25 cents per mile to a charity selected by the runner. By midnight on Monday, she had created a Google doc, "Run for Boston."

Though simple in nature, its impact has been profound, as demonstrated by the powerful and heartfelt sentiments expressed by running enthusiasts.

"In the wake of the bombings at the



Boston Marathon we were left wanting to join together to show our support," Obergefell wrote on the page. "Some of us are runners, some are joggers, some are walkers, and some are lacing up for the first time; all of us want to #RunForBoston. These miles aren't about raising money, but about showing our support for the runners, families, rescuers, and Bostonians. They are about being a part of something bigger than ourselves and being a part of a community."

"It's just showing Boston that we're running for them, and whatever we can do, people are thinking of them," she said. "It's about the compassion and the empathy that goes along with it, whether you know someone or not."

Participants also are encouraged to share the reasons they are running.

"It's incredibly inspiring," said Obergefell. "I'm so interested in peo-

ple's stories as it is, and it has been amazing to read what people are writing. Reasons they are running include everything from 'I've never run before and this is my first time, but I feel called to,' to 'I'm a marathoner. I was there or my son was there,' or 'I just needed to.' It's been just a beautiful

outpouring of stories." Initially, she shared the page with her followers and social media sites for runners.


Not only did it catch on, it went viral.

In a matter of hours, runners and walkers from the United States and around the globe were logging their runs and, at the same time, showing solidarity. In fact, not even two days after she created the page, approximately 2,000 people had already logged nearly 8,000 miles.

"I've heard from people in Hong Kong, England, Canada, Brazil, Mexico," she said. "It's growing constantly."

Her efforts have been highlighted by national news outlets, such as NBC News, CNN's i-Report, and *The Huffington Post*.

"I had no idea it would be of this scope, but I feel so blessed that it is because the idea was that it would bring people together over this tragedy, and the extra wattage of this is just really spreading the message even further and showing the support for Boston in a much larger level," she said.



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Catholic communities band together after tragedy

By Joan Kurkowski-Gillen
Catholic News Service

Father Ed Karasek was driving home from a meeting in Austin, Texas, when reports of a massive explosion at a fertilizer plant near his parish came across the radio.

The tragedy's human toll hit home quickly for the pastor of the Church of the Assumption in the community of West, Texas. One of the first responders killed in the magnitude-2.1 blast was the son of parish secretary Carolyn Pustejovsky. Joey Pustejovsky was a volunteer firefighter and city secretary for the predominantly Czech-Catholic community 20 miles north of Waco off Interstate 35.

West is in the Diocese of Austin, but borders the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Fourteen people were killed and about 200 others were injured in the industrial explosion on the night of April 17 that followed a fire at the plant where volatile ammonium nitrate was used to manufacture fertilizer.

"This is just devastating," said Father Karasek, who spent much of April 18 comforting grieving families. "We've lost parishioners and a lot of people lost homes. People are in shock."

The explosion cut a six-block swath of destruction across the laid-back town of 2,800 people known for its Czech bakeries, kolaches, and annual Westfest Czech and Polka Festival each Labor Day weekend. Stained-glass windows inside Assumption Church, about a mile from the site of the explosion, were broken, but there was no other damage to

the sanctuary or parish property. Other churches in the northern part of the town were heavily damaged by the blast, which was heard 50 miles away. Two public schools, a nursing home, and a 50-unit apartment complex were among the buildings that were reduced to rubble.

During a Mass celebrated the morning after the explosion, Father Karasek tried to encourage devastated parishioners.

"The Lord will see us through this," he said in his homily. "We're all grieving, but we can support each other."

The parish hosted an interdenominational prayer service for the community on April 19. Prayers and calls of concern continued to pour into the church office.

"We've gotten calls from Vatican Radio and Sky News," said Father Karasek. "People from all over the country are offering their support and prayers, and we really appreciate it."

"It's been a busy 18 hours for us," said Deacon Denver Crawley, who serves several nearby parishes in the Fort Worth Diocese. "Two of our parishioners live inside the blast zone and we've been talking to them."

Deacon Crawley told the *North Texas Catholic*, Fort Worth's diocesan newspaper, that his friends were physically and spiritually fine, but shaken.

He said the organist at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Penelope "was blown from her living room into her kitchen. She was cut up with debris and glass, but the injuries are minor."

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

Paul and companions take a roundabout journey



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Acts 14:21b-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a,34-35

The cities mentioned in Acts were all located in modern Turkey. To get there from Syria, Paul (and Barnabas and John Mark) sailed to the island of Cyprus, where they preached the Gospel. It is not stated how long they spent there. When they arrived at Perga in Pamphylia, John Mark returned to Jerusalem, while Paul and Barnabas headed north about 200 miles to Antioch in Pisidia. The whole trip should be traced with a map, found in most reliable Bibles or Bible atlases.

The entire journey would be like setting out from New York City for Ohio, via Charlotte, N.C. From Charlotte, one would head toward Ohio via Portsmouth. The traveler would then have proceeded north to Columbus, then east to Zanesville, dropping down to McConnelsville and ending up in Marietta, before reversing course and eventually winding up back in New York City. The mileage would be about the same, if not the terrain; but to all these places, Paul and Barnabas brought the gospel while “proclaiming the word.”

Given the provincial attitude of many New Yorkers, they would have been just as astounded to hear of a native New Yorker’s successful trip to the “hinterlands of Ohio” to proclaim the glories of Wall Street as New Testament Syrians would have been to hear of Paul’s success among the Gentiles in proclaiming the Gospel. Even though they had certain troubles along the way – being stoned, (having rocks thrown at them, not as we often use the expression today), riots, being worshipped as gods – by and large, their evangelistic journey was a success.

Revelation has advanced to its ending with visions of “a new heaven and a new earth.” The voice announced what John’s Gospel had proclaimed at its beginning: “the word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Revelation summarizes the covenant made with Abraham and renewed with Moses, expanding it slightly. In the Old Testament, this covenant was established with Israel (i.e., with Abraham and his descendants forever). Now “God’s dwelling is with the whole human race and He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God Himself will always be with them as their God.”

The visionary says that God “will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” And then we witness the horror of senseless violence at a footrace and we realize that the vision is not yet fulfilled. We still await the “all things new” in the midst of all the old things that tear us apart. The Christian remains ever hopeful, but always watchful, as we experience life around us.

What John saw as completed, was and is **in Christ**. We still await the vision’s fulfillment. It begins with our own self-transformation and growth in Christ. As Christ grows more in us, the passions to which we are prone in and of ourselves (especially rage, revenge, and anger), give way to forgiveness and tolerance. To be tolerant is not to accept evil, as evil. Paraphrasing St. Augustine, it is to accept the sinner, while condemning the sin. Such transformation does not come easy, usually taking a lifetime.

The Gospel reading returns to Jesus’ farewell discourse. Christ’s glorification is one with the Father’s glory. In John, that means his crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father. It is that complete cycle to which we turn our attention in these next few Sundays. Meanwhile, the commandment to “love one another” is every bit as important for us who would be his disciples as it was for those who were first to hear it.

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WATTERSON ROBOTICS CAMP

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will host an “Athletics for the Brain” robotics camp, for students who will be attending sixth or seventh grade in the fall, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Thursday, June 10 to 13.

The school’s 2012-13 robotics team members will lead the camp, which will include designing, building, and programming a robot. The camp will conclude with a robotics tournament team challenge competition. Space is limited. Registration may be completed online at bishopwatterson.com. The cost is \$100 and the deadline for registration is Friday, May 10.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-5,15-16
John 14:21-26

TUESDAY
Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY
Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

THURSDAY
Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-3,10
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Psalm 19:2-5
John 14:6-14

SATURDAY
Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:2,3,5
John 15:18-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2013

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at

7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS

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

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

Baseball and movies don’t often play well together. William Bendix as a Marine who dies happy in *Guadalcanal Diary* because he’s just heard that the Dodgers have won is an icon of 1940s Americana; the same William Bendix as the Bambino in *The Babe Ruth Story* is a sad business, to be consigned to the (bad) memory bank. *The Natural* and *Bull Durham* have their moments, but when push comes to shove, they’re both, finally, about something other than baseball. *61**, Billy Crystal’s HBO flick about Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, and the chase for Ruth’s single-season home-run record, is a terrific story of male friendship (and gave this lifelong Yankees-

deplorer a soft spot for the 1961 Bronx Bombers), but, computer-graphic reconstructions of old ballparks being what they were when it was made in 2001—i.e., not that persuasive—*61** just misses being a great baseball movie.

Now comes *42*, the long-awaited cinematic telling of the Jackie Robinson story, which I recently saw on a snowy April Sunday afternoon in the Twin Cities. I wouldn’t call it a great movie (like, for example, *The King’s Speech*), but it’s a very, very good movie and an entirely plausible challenger to *61** as the best baseball movie ever made. Chadwick Boseman captures some of the fierce intensity, and

“42” and us



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

a lot of the raw courage, of the man who broke baseball’s color line. It wasn’t easy to imagine Han Solo, Indiana Jones, or President James Marshall (Air Force One) as Branch Rickey, the cigar-chomping, ultra-Methodist general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers whose Christian decency and shrewd business sense led him to take on the entire baseball establishment by signing Jackie Robinson, but Harrison Ford pulls off that role with

aplomb. Kudos, too, to Nicole Beharie for capturing the steely grace, beauty, and guts of Rachel Robinson, Jackie’s wife, who put up with all the racism that her husband endured and who, with him, embodied for millions of Americans the meaning of the civil rights anthem, *We Shall Overcome*.

Columnist George F. Will once wrote that Jackie Robinson was second—a “very close second”—to Martin Luther King Jr. in the pantheon of African Americans who reversed a nation’s racial attitudes and helped create what is, today, the most racially egalitarian society in history. *42* is a useful reminder of just how much those men, and others, had to overcome: Robinson’s teammates are, to put it gently, un-

enthusiastic about his presence among them; the Phillies’ race-baiting manager, Ben Chapman, mercilessly harasses Number 42 when he comes up to the plate; the Cardinals’ Enos Slaughter deliberately spikes Robinson on a routine play at first base; Pirates’ pitcher Fritz Ostermueller throws a killer pitch that smashes into Robinson’s temple (in the days before batting helmets); potty-mouthed fans remind us just how foul American racial epithets could be—and how children were taught to imitate the sins of their parents.

And through it all, Jackie Robinson, in that first, crucial season, stuck to the promise he had made Branch Rickey: he would have the courage not to fight back, save in playing some of the most electrifying baseball ever seen, especially on the basepaths.

Branch Rickey was dubbed “the Mahatma” by a Brooklyn sports-writer who thought the Dodger GM’s style akin to of Mohandas

K. Gandhi, whom John Gunther once described as “an incredible combination of Jesus Christ, Tammany Hall and your father.” And to the credit of screenwriter Brian Helgeland, *42* doesn’t gloss over Rickey’s Christian faith, or Jackie Robinson’s, and the role that Christian conviction played in forging their relationship and their ultimate victory. Still, when the packed crowd in that Minneapolis theatre burst into applause at the end of the movie a few weeks ago, I didn’t read it as an endorsement of Methodist theology or piety.

Rather, it seemed to me welcome evidence that, amid vast cultural and political confusions, Americans still believe in moral truths, moral absolutes, and moral courage—and yearn for opportunities to celebrate them. There’s an important lesson in that for the country’s religious and political leaders.


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Students fill all of the support roles, doing everything from greeting visitors to doing the readings and responses. From time to time, some students have served as cantors. Kindergarten students get a chance to participate in the Mass as well.

Shown here is Gabriella Siemer reading the first reading, with the help of her eighth-grade partner, Zoey Stenson. Gabriella is in Beth Fondale’s kindergarten class.

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SCHOOL PLAYS

SPELLING BEE

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School's drama department will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 2, 3, and 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. For reservations, call (614) 252-6714. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Spelling Bee is a lighthearted spoof in which six students, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. The one-act musical comedy, produced in 2005, was conceived by Rebecca Feldman, with music and lyrics by Wil-



liam Finn, book by Rachel Sheinkin, and additional material by Jay Reiss. The show centers on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the bee, run by three equally quirky grown-ups. **Photo: Cast members for the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School presenta-**

tion of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" include (from left): first row, Alison Roth, Marc Rankin, and Ada Cleary; second row, Evan Ryan, Michelle Golonka, Maggie Turek, Nick Anderson, Samantha Troutman, Carl Mahler, and Emma Macesich; third row, Nick Turadian, Courtney D'Angelo, and Finn Cleary.
Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School



GODSPELL

"Day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day ..."
The musical *Godspell*, with music by Stephen Schwartz and book by John-Michael Tebelak – well, really, book by St. Matthew – opened off Broadway in 1971 and has been delighting audiences in professional, amateur, and school theater ever since. The play consists of a series of

parables with Jesus and his followers telling Gospel lessons in song. Musical numbers include "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Save the People," "Day by Day," "Light of the World," "By My Side," and "On the Willows." Students of Columbus Bishop Ready High School will present a production of *Godspell* at 7 p.m. Friday, May 3; 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4; and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5 in the school's little theater, 707 Salisbury Road. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for those 65 and older, and \$8 for students. Ten students, led by Mark Gnatows-

ki in the role of Jesus and Nicholas Merchant in the dual role of St. John the Baptist and Judas, will showcase their voices in song. Kelsey McFarland, Jose Polanco, Grace Trudeau, Trianna Connolly, Melanie Francis, Ava Willford, Maggie Mills, Elina Aceveda, and Molly Sullivan also will bring the famous songs to life. The singers are joined by 13 other students who will fill out the various roles that add poignancy to the play. Ready faculty member Jill Larger, who has a background in musical theater, will direct the Ready thespians.

THE WIZARD OF OZ



Students from Lancaster St. Mary Middle School will invite audience members to "follow the yellow brick road" as they journey from Kansas to the Emerald City in search of the great Oz himself. Performances of "The Wizard of Oz" will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at St. Mary School, 309 E. Chestnut St. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and children, may be preordered by emailing stmarymusical@gmail.com, and will be available at the door.



THE MUSIC MAN

Columbus St. Agatha Middle School will present "The Music Man" at 7 p.m. Friday, May 3, in the school gymnasium, 1880 Northam Road. Pictured are Francisco Cortes-Fontcuberta as Professor Harold Hill and Sophie Sheridan as Marian Paroo.
Photo courtesy St. Agatha School

Family and friends of Krystle Campbell file into St. Joseph Church in Medford, Mass., for her April 22 funeral Mass. Campbell was one of three people killed when two bombs exploded in the crowded streets near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15, injuring more than 170 others.
CNS photo/Brian Snyder, Reuters



A man cries as he burns offering in front of the body of his relative on April 21 after an earthquake hit Sichuan province, China. China mobilized thousands of soldiers and rescuers after a magnitude-6.6 earthquake struck the province on April 20, killing at least 186 people and injuring more than 11,000. The quake occurred in the same region where a 2008 quake took nearly 90,000 lives.
CNS photo/Reuters



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



People take part in a candlelight vigil on April 18 at the Church of the Assumption in West, Texas, to remember those who lost their lives or were injured in a massive explosion at the area's fertilizer plant on April 17. The explosion near Waco, Texas, killed 12 people and injured more than 160 others.
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