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## Check your foundation

By David Garick, Editor



After what felt like a really long winter, spring is here in full force now. That means lots of outdoor projects on the weekends and the evenings that finally still have some daylight. So, last Saturday, I set out to clean out the gutters on our house. The front side of the house went fine. But in the back, I guess I was not careful enough about how I had set the ladder. The ladder tipped over with me on the top and I came down rather unceremoniously with a splat. I was not seriously hurt -- a few cuts and bruises and a sprained wrist. But it was a firm reminder to make sure when using the ladder that I have a firm foundation to support me as I go about my chores.

It also served to remind me that it is not just precarious ladders that need a good foundation. Everything in our lives must be anchored on a foundation of faith in Christ. I thought about what our Lord had to say in the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:46-49): "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on them. That one is like a person building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who listens and does not act is like a person who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it

collapsed at once and was completely destroyed."

This is the foundation upon which all of our lives are based. The Church provides us with a practical moral and spiritual basis for living in accord with God's unchanging law, the teaching of Christ our Savior, and the sacred tradition of the living body of Christ, the Church. When we stand on these principles, our lives glorify God and we are blessed.

When we try to take the short cut, the easy path, our lives rest on the shifting sands of peer pressure, conventional wisdom, public opinion, and moral relativism. By choosing that lifestyle, we are setting ourselves up for a big fall. It is very tempting to rely on what the world is telling us to do. We all want to trust our own judgment and decide for ourselves what is right and wrong. That is an attitude that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. We see that beautiful fruit and we want to sample it ourselves and we certainly don't want to deny it to others. The pressure is strong to do what we are told is fair, rather than doing what we know is right. But, as believers, we know that to do so moves us off the solid foundation God has provided and places us on very unstable ground.

Building on rock can be a lot of work. But it is the only way to ensure that you won't take a nasty fall.

## Catholic bishops of Ohio support the closing of Internet cafes, urge Congress to pass immigration reform

The Catholic bishops of Ohio have issued a statement in support of efforts in the Legislature to outlaw Internet cafe gambling in the state. "Ohio ought not pursue the legitimizing of more gambling," said the bishops through the Catholic Conference of Ohio.

Through the years, the conference has raised concerns over gambling. While not opposed to responsible gambling, it always has cautioned that there are a variety of social ills associated with any form of gambling, especially high-stakes, non-charitable gambling. Beginning in 1989, when the conference opposed plans for a casino in Lorain, it pointed out distinctions between charitable gambling and high-stakes casino gambling.

Since 2009, when voters approved casino gambling and racinos became another feature of the Ohio Lottery, parishes and schools have experienced significant declines in revenue from charitable gaming revenues. While the conference prefers, and in fact has encouraged, church institutions to raise needed funds through alternative forms of fund raising, it recognizes that many Catholic schools and parishes still rely upon this revenue. The Catholic Church cautions that the passion for gambling can become enslavement. In a few short years, Ohio has gone from allowing only low-stakes, time-restricted charitable gaming to widespread gambling. "Ohio ought not pursue the legitimizing of more gambling. As a result, we support legislative efforts aimed at restricting and even closing the so-called Internet cafes and/or sweepstakes parlors," the bishops said.



The bishops also sent a letter to members of Ohio's Congressional delegation requesting their support for immediate reform of U.S. immigration laws. The letter said:

"The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant church, as, along with our nation, we have grown as successive waves of immigrants have come to this country. These immigrants have helped build our nation and continue to do so today. The Church, through her parishes, social service programs, hospitals, and schools, works daily with these immigrants and sees the human consequences of a broken immigration system.

We ask that you support immigration reform that: 1) includes a path to citizenship for the undocumented; 2) protects and enhances family unity, based on the union of a husband and a wife and their children, as the cornerstone of our nation's immigration system; 3) creates a program for unskilled workers to enter the nation legally and safely to work and includes appropriate wage and worker protections; 4) restores due process protections to immigrants so they can receive fair treatment in our judicial system; and 5) addresses the root causes, or push factors, of migration, such as economic injustice in sending countries, and persecution.

"We also ask that you oppose the inclusion in immigration reform legislation of a proposal which would allocate spousal or marriage-like benefits to persons in same-sex relationships. This would erode the unique meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman and would also jeopardize the passage of an immigration reform bill."

## Columbus Diocese Takes Heat for Firing Teacher

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Bishop Frederick Campbell and other school officials in the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, could face criminal charges under the city of Columbus' antidiscrimination laws for upholding the Church's moral teachings on sexuality by firing a lesbian gym teacher.

The diocese has come under fire for terminating the contract of Carla Hale, 57, a physical education teacher employed for 19 years at Bishop Watterson High School, after learning of Hale's "spousal relationship" with another woman. The diocese fired Hale after a Bishop Watterson parent anonymously forwarded to diocesan officials a local obituary for Hale's mother, Jeanne Roe, which listed Hale's lesbian companion, Julie, as one of her survivors.

At a news conference on Wednesday, April 24, Hale's attorney, Thomas Tootle, told reporters he would be filing a complaint with Columbus' Community Relations Commission, arguing the diocese violated the city's antidiscrimination law by firing Hale over her sexual orientation.

Tootle told the *Register* that he wants Hale reinstated at her job and might also file a lawsuit.

"There are many things that the Catholic Church considers immoral, but why is this treated any differently than adultery, divorce, or birth control?" Tootle said. Although he declined to provide evidence of the diocese applying a double standard, he said, "It does seem to be a situation where the Church picks and chooses like they are at the buffet."

Columbus' antidiscrimination ordinance criminalizes discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression" and has no exemptions for religious employers. Violators face prosecution for a first-degree misdemeanor, a criminal charge that carries up to six months jail time and a \$1,000 fine.

"The Catholic diocese is facing a situation where simply living according to its long-held, very open, and very public religious beliefs could somehow be a crime in the city of Columbus. That's very disconcerting," Daniel Blomberg, legal counsel with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, told the *Register*. The Becket Fund is a Washington-based law firm that specializes in cases involving religious liberty, but it is not representing the Columbus Diocese at this time.

Blomberg said the Columbus antidiscrimination ordinance goes far beyond standard federal and state nondiscrimina-

tion laws by imposing criminal penalties on employers, especially religious employers who "might require a statement of belief regarding marriage and family that some might find offensive."

Blomberg said the law was "unclear" as to whether Bishop Campbell and other diocesan personnel would be liable for jail time or fines.

"It seems likely it would fall on the responsible decisionmakers," he said. "But who those would be, in this context, I am not aware."

### First Amendment Issues

Blomberg believes that the law looks like a clear case of violating First Amendment protections of religious liberty. Taken at face value, he said, the city's ordinance forbids any employer from making any policy regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.

"That means you can't choose your priest based on their adherence to Roman Catholic teaching about sexual ethics," Blomberg added.

He said one case that would be considered, if the ordinance's constitutionality were challenged, is the U.S. Supreme Court's 9-0 decision in *Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC*. The court recognized the "interest of religious groups in choosing who will preach their beliefs, teach their faith and carry out their mission," when it ruled government entities could not use employment antidiscrimination laws to force religious groups to retain employees with a ministerial function.

The case could be relevant, as Hale and all teachers employed by the diocese were required to have "Introductory Catechist Certification" by fall 2012, as specified by their contracts with the diocese. Ultimately, a court would have to take a closer look to see if the *Hosanna-Tabor* decision applies in this case, Blomberg said.

"It does look like the Catholic Church can't be the Catholic Church in Columbus without violating this ordinance," Blomberg said. "I'm not saying that's necessarily the case, but the language is so broad it does seem hard to see how those employment contracts can be enforced in certain circumstances."

### Diocesan Policies

Hale has revealed that the diocese terminated her on March 28, two weeks after conducting an inquiry, in which Hale confirmed she was living in a same-sex relationship. The termination letter released by Watterson principal Marian Hutson told Hale, "You were not terminated for being gay, but for the spousal relationship publicized in the newspaper, which is

against Church teachings."

"That had nothing to do with my ability to teach and coach. I don't think I'm immoral. I don't think I've done anything that's unethical," Hale said in an interview with local television.

An agreement between the diocese and its teachers' union, the Central Ohio Association of Catholic Educators (COACE), states that the diocese has the right to terminate an employee's contract "at any time" for engaging in "immorality, for serious unethical conduct or for willful and/or persistent violations of reasonable regulations" set by the school or diocese.

Diocesan policy also states that employees "are expected to be examples of moral behavior and professionalism" in keeping with "the tenets of the Catholic Church."

Kathleen Mahony, COACE president, confirmed to the *Register* that the diocese stipulates its right in the teachers' contract to terminate an employee for immorality. She declined to comment when asked if other teachers had been fired for violating other Church teachings, such as premarital or extramarital sexual relations.

But Mahony did affirm it was "correct" that any teacher signing the contract would have an understanding of the diocese's expectations of his or her personal conduct.

Hale told reporters Wednesday that Hutson met with her Tuesday evening and reaffirmed the school's decision to terminate her contract. Hale will now appeal the decision to the COACE grievance committee.

"The Catholic Church has their own perceptions on immorality, but when you look at the contract, who decides that term, 'immorality'?" That, ultimately, will be decided by an arbitrator," Tootle said.

### Catholic Teaching

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that sexuality is "ordered to the conjugal love of man and woman" and must be open to "the transmission of life" (2360) in marriage. According to the *Catechism*, homosexual persons must be "accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity," but it explains at the same time that homosexual acts "are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved" (2357).

The diocese so far has refrained from commenting on Hale's dismissal. George Jones, a spokesman for the diocese, told the *Register* that the diocese was in the midst of the grievance process and would not be offering comment at this time.

But Patrick Reilly, president of the Cardinal Newman Society, an organization that promotes Catholic identity in schools and higher education, said the diocese was "paying the price for being Catholic."

"Catholic education, by its very nature, must uphold Catholic teaching, or else it's not Catholic education," Reilly said.

"Catholic schools are increasingly under pressure to respond to a cultural understanding of sexuality that doesn't conform to Catholic teaching," Reilly said. "If anything, too many Catholic schools have loosened their standards for Catholic teachers."

Recently, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has come under fire for enforcing the "faith and morals" clause of its own contracts over employees who have been discovered violating the Church's moral teachings. Within the past two years, under Archbishop Dennis Schnurr's leadership, the archdiocese has fired two teachers, one for artificial insemination, the other for extramarital sex, and a vice principal who publicized on a blog his support for same-sex "marriage."

An online petition to reinstate Hale at Bishop Watterson High School has attracted more than 44,000 signatures. Further, the public outcry has generated threats against diocesan and school personnel.

The diocese confirmed reports in *The Columbus Dispatch* that the high school had received threatening communications and that Columbus police had recommended police protection as a safety precaution.

"The Columbus police are aware of these reports and are closely monitoring the school," Jones told the *Register*. He revealed that the diocese was also monitoring communications to diocesan employees for any threats to their safety.

Hale has condemned the threats against the diocese and Catholic high school in a statement, calling for supporters to "embrace tolerance and not violence."

### Standing Firm

Reilly said that Catholic schools are facing increasing pressure to cave to the culture's understanding of sexuality, but he praised Bishop Campbell for standing up for the Church's teaching.

"The bishop is doing what Catholic bishops need to do. Unfortunately, they're facing an intolerant society that will not allow Catholic institutions to be Catholic," he said. "This is one of many problems that are going to come up over the next few years."

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Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners have worshipped in the same church building since the parish was founded in 1928.

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# PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

## Attitudes

How do you look today? Are you a little more attractive than you were a week ago? I know that most of us were successful in taking on the challenge to make ourselves more attractive to others with regard to our faith. At the very least, a subtle change in our mindset and heart already has made a difference. The slightest difference in our thoughts, words, and deeds is a step in the right direction. When we think like a faith-filled Christian, we have much less weakness and sin in our daily lives. We can never be perfect, but our thoughts can help us to work on one thing in particular and take small steps toward being more attractive. Our words, whether public or private, cause a variety of sins. St. James tells us that if we had no tongues, most sin would not happen. When we stop ourselves and change our words to be more kind and less profane, it goes a long way toward impacting our families and all those with whom we come into contact. Angry, profane, and obscene language is never attractive. Deeds and actions are everything. Simply ask yourself if all those who see you and encounter you from day to day can say how attractive a Catholic Christian you are. The media and those who have angry axes to grind get all the attention these days. Little do they realize how much of a positive impact you and I have by living a model life in the love of Jesus Christ.

No matter how hard we try, and no matter how attractive we hope to be with our faith, our attitudes impact all that we do. We are products of our environment and also of our unique humanity. Our attitudes as Catholics are very telling. Attitudes change with time. Attitudes affect how we look to others. Our attitudes are very much a product of our values and morals. Have we changed for the better as Catholics? Do changes in attitudes properly rationalize a change in values? I would say not. As individuals, we know what is right. As a group, we seem to have lost focus on basic morals and even tenets of our Catholicism. In the Winter 2013 CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) report, there are some interesting attitudinal statistics on Catholics. I simply offer them for your consideration over the next two weeks. The American Values Survey was released in October 2012, and CARA shares three topics, one of which I will share in this column, and the other two next week. With regard to the death penalty, the survey found a very split response. Given a choice between the death penalty and life with no chance of parole as punishment for convicted murderers, Catholics split: 47 percent for life with no parole, and 46 percent for the death penalty. More interesting, Catholics who attend Mass once per week or more were 57 percent in favor of life with no parole. Catholics who attend Mass less than once per week were at 37 percent.

Our practical challenge this week is to pray for the grace to be informed and confident in the tenets of our faith and our values. Grace is part of the challenge. The rest is hard work and up to each of us as to how much effort we will put forth. Set aside the politics, our environment, and even our upbringing. What does our Catholic Faith tell us? Do we not want to do what is absolutely right and good? After all, what truly are our values and morals that shape our attitudes? Of ultimate importance, what does Jesus Christ tell us?

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TENNIS AWARD WINNERS

Rachael Morales of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School (left), the 2012 state Division II girls tennis singles champion, and Maksim Kan of Pepper Pike Orange, the Division II boys champion, received the 2013 Ohio Tennis Coaches Association's John Harlow Sportsmanship Award at the OTCA dinner in March. They are shown with Roxanne Price, assistant commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. To be considered for the award, players need to reach the second day at the state tournament and must display outstanding sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

## Bridges of St. Mark Fund Raiser

The Bridges of St. Mark organization will conduct an informational presentation and fund raiser from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the meeting room of the Hilliard-Norwich Township Safety Services Building, 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard.

Bridges of St. Mark is a nonprofit group connected with the peace and justice committee of Lancaster St. Mark Church. All donations to the organiza-

tion go toward helping people served by the Rach Suc Mission Church in Can Tho, Vietnam.

The group currently is raising money for a BioSand water filter that will greatly improve water quality in that area. More information about the organization may be found on its website, [www.bridgesofsaintmark.org](http://www.bridgesofsaintmark.org), or by contacting Randy Tipple at (614) 506-0044.

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# GENERATIONS OF SERVING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

From lecturing on the pulpit to providing the Eucharist to the homebound, serving the Catholic Church comes in many forms. We don't always think of a commercial enterprise serving as a ministry, but many companies do operate as an expression of Christian values. One local business that directly serves the spiritual needs of the faithful and the searching in central Ohio is Generations Religious Gifts and Church Supply.

Its ministry is behind the scenes, yet visible in a multitude of ways. Its staff considers it an honor to provide the lector with resources to prepare to confidently proclaim the Sunday readings, the Eucharistic minister with the pyx and burse to carry the Blessed Sacrament to the homebound, or the parishioner with a candle to light in honor of a loved one. Every day, Generations employees face a variety of situations that require a listening ear and a caring heart. Their knowledge of sacramentals enables customers to choose the perfect gift for a friend or family member.

Sacramentals, as defined during Vatican II, are "sacred signs that bear a resemblance to the sacraments; they signify effects, particularly of a spiritual kind, which are obtained through the Church's intercession." These can include items such as rosaries, scapulars, medals, crosses, statues, icons, candles, and other objects of devotion. These outward signs are beneficial to us who live with them, as well as those who visit. Generations also is a prime source for religious books to help people deepen their understanding of the faith.

Generations owner Phyllis Nentwich said, "From watching our compassionate staff to enjoying the pictures of *L'Innocence* on our wall, I am reminded every day that we are living in His graces. The items we sell are not just trinkets, but meaningful devotions to our faith -- conduits of caring and support to many that are in need. I am proud to run a retail store whose employees listen, teach, and assist that customer who needs a sacramental for a friend who has just been diagnosed with cancer, or



the worried mother whose 16-year-old is starting to drive. Mostly, we are there to support the friend, family member, or caregiver who wants to give a gift of meaning. We are behind the scenes suggesting a crib medal for a baptism, a St. Christopher medal for the new driver, or a comfort cross for the patient in pain."

The name "Generations" was chosen in honor of Tom and Betty Nentwich, the parents of Phyllis' husband, who is a co-owner of the store. They started selling candles and ecclesiastical goods to the churches of the Diocese of Columbus decades ago. As found-

ing members of Columbus St. Andrew Church, the Nentwiches believed in supporting the church through quality products and unsurpassed service.

Generations exists to be there for the priest or deacon who bestows his blessings on the sacramental that was chosen with love by a friend or family. It exists to be the ministry behind the scenes, providing candles, wine, hosts, and ecclesiastical goods to churches. With the support of the churches, it is able to offer one of the largest inventories of Catholic merchandise in the Midwest to parishioners of the Diocese of Columbus.

## SCOUT CAMPOREE

The annual Catholic Scout Camporee for the Diocese of Columbus will take place from Friday, May 17, to Sunday, May 19, at historic St. Joseph Church on State Route 383 in Somerset, "the cradle of the Catholic faith in Ohio," where the state's first Catholic church was founded in 1818. The event will be on the grounds of the current church, which was built in 1839.

There will be separate programs for boys and girls and accompanying adults in grades six to 12 and grades one to five. The program for the older youths will last from 7:30 p.m. May 17 (with registration beginning at 6:30) to 10 a.m. May 19. The younger group's events will be from 9:30 a.m. (registration beginning at 9) to the conclusion of 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 18. The Mass, for all age groups, will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

"Saints, Angels, and Heroes" is the theme for this year's camporee. All participants will be in groups with others of similar age. Food, music, skits, discussions, campfires, craft sessions, and campwide games, led by youth staff, all will be part of the weekend activities, along with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. In addition,

the weekend qualifies for the retreat requirement for the Ad Altare Dei medal.

A lay apostolate formation program will be available for adults. This program helps adults to be more comfortable with and better trust each other. Through guided reflection and active participation, adults discern how they are called by Christ and his church to leadership, holiness, conversion, and worship. The process helps participants recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit within a small community of faith.

"Early-bird" fees for the event, sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, are \$25 for older youths and accompanying adults and \$15 for the younger group. Fees will be increased by \$5 after Thursday, May 9. The fee includes a patch, meals, activities and crafts, and a camp cup. All participants will need to bring a water bottle. Boy Scouts will need to bring their own tents and sleeping gear. All other dining utensils will be supplied. Camping for individual Scout troops or groups is available with registration.

For more details, go to [www.ceducation.org/oym/scouts.htm](http://www.ceducation.org/oym/scouts.htm). Information also is available from Kevin Miller at (614) 263-7832.

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## FLAGET THEATER CONTEST

Sixth-grade student Audrey Huggins (left) and fifth-grader Jenna Lapurga continued Chillicothe Bishop Flaget High School's tradition of success in the Columbus Children's Theater writing contest. Their writings were chosen out of more than 1,000 entries to be included in the CCT writing project production. This is the ninth year in a row that there have been winning entries from Flaget in this annual contest. Teacher Nancy Ames assigns this project to students as a part of her library class. Columbus Children's Theater performed at Flaget on Thursday, April 18 in celebration of the girls' success.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

## "Jump Start" Scouting program

"Jump start" workshops have been scheduled to help Boy and Girl Scouts begin meeting requirements for 11 Scouting-related Catholic religious awards, so they can get all or most of the necessary work completed during the summer.

Workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at Marion St. Mary School, 274 N. Prospect St.; and Wednesday, May 29, at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd. Both will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Counselors will provide an overview and tips on the following awards: for Girl Scouts: Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian Medal, and Spirit of Life; for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei; for Boy Scouts: Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII; and for all young people and adults: Rosary Patch, Pope John Paul I Patch, and Footsteps of American Saints patches.

For more details on the religious emblem programs, go to [www.cdeducation.org/oym/scouts.htm](http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/scouts.htm). Information on the emblems or on the workshops also is available from Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806 or [chucklamb007@aol.com](mailto:chucklamb007@aol.com).

## Respect Life conference

The diocesan Respect Life Conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

Featured speaker will be Deacon James Keating, director of theological formation of the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Deacon Keating will speak about the interior healing that is necessary for an effective pro-life witness and on authentic intimacy in marriage. Participants will learn about efforts around the diocese to promote the dignity of all human life in the areas of prayer, education, pastoral outreach, and advocacy.

The conference will open with Mass at 9 a.m. Registration is \$15, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 7. For more information or to register, call the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or visit [www.socialconcerns.colsdioc.org](http://www.socialconcerns.colsdioc.org).

## Right to church burial; Does forgiveness have limits?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

Recently, a local priest refused to bury a resident of his town because the person did not go to church. The priest was told that the deceased had confessed and received Communion on his deathbed, but that did not seem to matter. Fortunately, a neighboring priest was willing to celebrate the funeral Mass. What should we do with regard to the first priest, except to pray for him (which I am doing)? (Wisconsin)

A. Sometimes in cases like this, the story contains elements of hearsay and the facts become clouded. But if it really happened as you describe, then I would disagree with the first priest's determination.

According to the *Code of Canon Law* (No. 1176), Catholics have the right to a church funeral, and this is generally true even if the deceased was not regularly practicing his faith at the time of death. In certain situations, Catholic funeral rites may be refused, but only by exception -- notably (in No. 1184) for "manifest sinners who cannot be granted ecclesiastical funerals without public scandal of the faithful." Notorious members of crime syndicates would be an example of this.

No matter how openly sinful a person's life has been, a Catholic funeral is never to be denied if the person has manifested repentance before dying. When opera star Luciano Pavarotti died in Italy in 2007, some expressed surprise that a funeral Mass was celebrated in his hometown cathedral with messages of condolence from an archbishop and even from Pope Benedict XVI, since it was commonly known that, fol-

lowing a divorce, he had conceived a child with his secretary, whom he later married in a civil ceremony.

According to several news sources, Pavarotti's pastor stated that the singer had been reconciled to the church before his death.

In the case you mention, if the pastor had any doubt as to the proper course of action, Canon No. 1184 states that he should have sought the advice of his bishop. In such situations, I believe that the presumption should normally favor the deceased -- a presumption only to be overridden in extreme situations.

Simply being a sinner does not render one unworthy of a Catholic burial -- in fact, it's precisely because we are sinners that we need the funeral Mass.

Q. In Matthew 18:21-22, we are given a standard of forgiveness which I interpret to mean that we are to forgive always ("not seven times, but seventy-seven"). I'm at a loss, though, as to how to apply that in my case. For a long time, I've had a terrible relationship with my mother, who lost custody of two of her three children (including myself) for continually putting us in unsafe and inappropriate situations.

I've never had a problem feeling compassion for my mother and I often pray for her. But I decided a long time ago that when I had children of my own, I would love my mother from a distance and not give her the chance to hurt or influence my children. A few times since then, I've tried giving her opportunities to redeem herself, only to find out that I was

wrong -- to the detriment of my children's well-being.

Despite this, I am forever being asked by friends and family to give my mother another chance by allowing her some controlled interaction so that she'll know the blessing of grandchildren. What I'm struggling with is this: Is it enough that God knows I've forgiven my mother, or must I show it by giving her another chance with my children? (Rochester, N.Y.)

A. You are correct in thinking that the mandate for a Christian is to strive to forgive always. From the facts as you've explained them, I believe that you've done that. (Bringing the person before the Lord in prayer is a good first step to forgiveness, because it reminds us that all of us are flawed and in need of God's help.)

I hope that your mother knows you've forgiven her, and I imagine you've been able to communicate that to her.

Forgiveness, though, does not demand that you put your children in peril, and you, as their parent, are in the best position to know what would cause them harm. It is difficult for me to make a clear call here with limited information: I have no idea what your mother's original missteps were that caused her to lose custody, nor what damage you perceived when you tried giving her the chance to be an active grandmother, nor what sort of "controlled interaction" your friends and family are now suggesting.

In situations like this, you are probably best advised to have a face-to-face discussion with a priest or other trusted counselor where all of the circumstances can be reviewed.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

## Transforming the Culture in the Year of Faith

Defending the Faith Summer Conference Brings 13 Renowned Evangelists, Speakers to Franciscan University

Founded in 1991, the Defending the Faith Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville has prepared tens of thousands of Catholics to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope ... with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15-16).

With the theme "Faith Transforming Culture," this year's conference answers the call of the Year of Faith for Catholics to live out the new evangelization in all facets of their lives.

"Never has the need been so great for Catholics to mobilize to transform the culture for Christ," says Dr. Scott Hahn, conference co-host. "This conference will energize Catholics to go forth and share the Gospel in exciting and effective ways."

From Friday to Sunday, July 26 to 28, a team of renowned speakers and evangelists will address such topics as "The First Culture to Be Transformed: Our Own Hearts," "New Media, New Evangelization: How to Evangelize Online," and "Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Catholic."

Hahn, who holds Franciscan University's Father Michael Scanlan Chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization, will give Saturday evening's keynote address, "Consuming the Word: Liturgical Worship as Spiritual Warfare."

Mark Hart, executive vice president for Life Teen International and best-selling author, will explain how to navigate the generational divide in "Culture Clash: Communicating Christ to the Next Generation" at a Friday afternoon session for early arrivals.

Jeff Cavins, creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study and former host of EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, will discuss



Dr. Ralph Martin

how Catholics need to be "Offering the World a Better Life!" at a Friday afternoon session for early arrivals.

Kimberly Hahn, Catholic homemaker and best-selling author, will speak from experience on building up "Generations for Christ: Heritage of Faith" in her Sunday morning session.

Apologist and author Patrick Madrid will lead the entertaining and informative "Stump the Apologist" workshop, while Mark Shea, longtime Catholic blogger and author of several noted works of apologetics, discusses "Mary, Mother of the Son."

Dr. Peter Kreeft, philosophy professor at Boston College and popular author, has been practicing the new evangelization for decades. Kreeft comes to Franciscan University to speak on "How to Lose the Culture War."

In obedience to the Church's call to study the teachings of Vatican II during this Year of Faith, Dr. Ralph Martin, consultant to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, will examine "Vatican II and Lay Mission."

Dr. Edward Sri, FOCUS cofounder and popular author, will give Friday evening's keynote talk, "Mary, Star of the New Evangelization: Our Lady's Spiritual Journey and the Year of Faith."

Teresa Tomeo, EWTN host and author of *Extreme Makeover: Women Transformed by Christ*, and Brandon Vogt, blogger, Catholic convert, and editor of *The Church and New Media: Blogging Converts, Online Activists, and Bishops Who Tweet*, will also present workshop sessions during the conference.

A much-anticipated tradition at Defending the Faith is the keynote testimonial. This year's presenter is blogger and former Presbyterian minister Jason Stellman. After receiving his master of divinity degree in 2004, Stellman founded Exile Presbyterian Church in the Seattle area and served as senior pastor until the spring of 2012, when he resigned from the ministry to pursue full communion with the Catholic Church. Stellman entered the Church that same year, though his family remains practicing Presbyterians.

"The Year of Faith is a vital part of the legacy of Pope Benedict XVI's last months on the chair of Peter," said Michael Herson, conference co-host and Franciscan University's vice president of advancement. "With this conference, we've answered his challenge to draw upon the riches of Vatican II to help form Catholics for the new evangelization."

The weekend also includes daily Mass, ample opportunity for confession and time for personal prayer, including eucharistic adoration in the Portiuncula Chapel. Bishop Jeffrey Monforton of the Diocese of Steubenville will be the principal celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Mass. Father Sean Sheridan,



Dr. Scott Hahn

TOR, canon lawyer, theology professor, and president-elect of Franciscan University, will celebrate Saturday's Mass and an evening Holy Hour.

Leading up to the Defending the Faith Conference, the university will offer an applied biblical studies conference from Wednesday to Friday, July 24-26, immersing participants in biblical theology and including the option of certification to present the "Journey Through Scripture" Bible study in parishes.

Conference speakers will include Cardinal Thomas Collins, archbishop of Toronto; Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Brant Pitre, Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ, Scott Hahn, and Cavins.

For more information about both conferences, go to [www.franciscanconferences.com](http://www.franciscanconferences.com) or call (1-800) 437-8368. There is a special registration rate for religious sisters, brothers, seminarians, and anyone under age 30. Grants are available for priests, deacons, or seminarians from California or the Pacific Northwest.

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## Going Too Far With DNR?



**MAKING SENSE**  
Out of Bioethics  
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Resuscitating a patient who undergoes a cardiac arrest or stops breathing often involves multiple procedures. When a resuscitation “Code Blue” is called in the hospital (or on a TV show), something like a medical “flash mob” comes together to try to save the patient. The sequence of events typically involves a combination of CPR, airway assistance, medications, and shocks to the heart when the resuscitation is performed in a clinical setting. Sometimes these interventions can seem unwarranted or extreme, and people wonder whether it would be OK to fill out a “Do Not Resuscitate” (DNR) order for themselves or for a family member. Would declining permission to resuscitate someone mean they are abandoning their loved one? Each crisis or emergency situation will have unique contours, and the question of our moral duty to provide resuscitation will vary with the details of each case. Sometimes, a DNR order will be a reasonable choice; other times, it will not.

If a DNR order is chosen, the condition of the patient must be such that the intervention would be of no significant benefit to him or her. Sometimes, out of a generalized fear of medical technology, people may decide to put a DNR in place many years before any serious medical situation arises. Without knowing the medical particulars of their own future situations, however, this would be an unwise and ill-advised step. It can also be premature to decline a full code early in the course of a progressive disease, as resuscitation might well offer a bridge to healing or to another extended period of life. As the patient’s condition worsens, though, he or she may later decide that a full code has become unreasonable and choose a DNR at that point. These judgments are tricky to make, because the specifics of each case differ, and those specifics change with time and disease progression. DNRs should be put in place only when the circumstances warrant it; that is to say, on a case-by-case, patient-specific basis. In other words, when CPR/resuscitation can reasonably be determined to no longer offer a hope of benefit to the patient or if it entails an excessive burden to him, a DNR can be put into place.

Some of the possible burdens that may need to be considered in deciding whether to pursue resuscitative interventions for a patient would include some of the following: the risk of rib or other bone fractures, puncture of the lungs by a broken bone (or from the trauma of lung compression and decompression), bleeding in the center of the chest, cerebral dysfunction or permanent brain damage, the small risk (about three or four percent) that the patient might end up entering a vegetative state, and subsequent complications if the patient ends up staying on a ventilator for an extended

period following the resuscitation.

During resuscitative efforts, elderly patients are more likely to experience complications or to have ribs break during CPR. Younger patients, on the other hand, tend to show a greater resilience and are often better able to tolerate CPR. Patients suffering from advanced cancer are also known to fare poorly following resuscitative efforts.

In terms of overall statistics, when a patient codes in the hospital and all resuscitative measures are taken, patients frequently do not end up leaving the hospital, especially when they are elderly or have other co-accompanying conditions. Based on data from the National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (NRCPR), studies have determined that patients who undergo cardiac arrest in the hospital have an overall survival- to-discharge rate of about 17 percent. The rate drops even lower (to around 13 percent) for cancer patients. In other words, the benefits are oftentimes few and short-lived, while the burdens tend to be high. There are, of course, exceptions; while many patients do not experience significant benefits from resuscitative measures, a small percentage do.

So when death is imminent and disease states are very advanced (perhaps with multiple organ failure), and assuming other spiritual matters, such as last sacraments, have been addressed, a DNR order may not raise any moral problems. The key consideration in making the judgment will be to determine whether the benefits of resuscitation outweigh the burdens.

DNR orders can be misused, of course, if they are broadly construed as calling on medical professionals to abandon or otherwise discontinue all care of a patient. Even as patients may be declining and dying of serious underlying illnesses, we must continue to care for them, support and comfort them, and use the various ordinary means that they may have been relying on, such as heart and blood pressure medications, diuretics, insulin, etc.

We should always seek to do what is ethically “ordinary” or “proportionate” in providing care for our loved ones, though we are never obligated to choose anything that would be heroic, disproportionate, or unduly burdensome when it comes to CPR or other resuscitative measures.

*Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org).*

## Mount Carmel Health System Earns Award

The Ohio Hospital Association has selected Mount Carmel Health System as one of 12 recipients of its Melvin Creeley Environmental Leadership Award. This is the second straight year Mount Carmel has won the award, which recognizes hospitals for promoting sound practices through environmental stewardship.

“Mount Carmel’s mission is to improve the health of our communities and to steward the resources entrusted to us. Those resources include our environment, so we are excited that the hard work of our associates, physicians and volunteers has been recognized by the Ohio Hospital Association,” said Christine Browning, Mount Carmel senior vice president of human resources.

As part of its ongoing environmental efforts, Mount Carmel conducted an Earth Day collection of recyclable or reusable items on Monday, April 22. From personal documents for shredding to alkaline batteries, many items were collected at several locations across the system. Eyeglasses and used cell phones still in working order will be donated for reuse.



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## Mary for the Rest of Us



**Finding Faith in Everyday Life**  
Sarah Reinhard

Though I have a huge devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, I am impeded by a lack of design skill (or interest, really) and a streak of laziness that allows me to be overwhelmed at the drop of a flower.

Last year, I pulled myself together enough to clear a space on a shelf and have a May altar. Not only did I get a statue dusted off enough to be presentable, but I also worked with my kids to keep the flowers around the statue fresh.

I was surprised by a few things, especially that it was fun. The kids got involved, the flowers cheered me up, and I felt like I had inserted some beauty into my home.

This made me think of

other ways our family could honor the Blessed Mother this May without breaking my mental capacity for planning and execution. Here are a few of my ideas for taking the May Mary fun through the entire year:

### Picture This

I have pictures of Mary in each room of our home, but there’s no reason they can’t move around, is there? I’ve thought of making a “movable” picture section for each room, to allow for various seasonal or special pictures of Mary to be displayed throughout our home, including the kids’ rooms.

### In-Home Shrine

I loved our success and fun with the May altar,

and having the right-in-front-of-us reminder of our devotion to Mary. I’d find toys by “Mama Mary,” and I overheard my four-year-old asking if she liked horses (and then, in typical preschooler fashion, answering for her, in the affirmative). Mary became less distant in that month where we had her in arm’s reach, and I’d like my kids to continue to seek Mary in the same way. I’m going to take back that space, which has been repurposed back

to “junk holding place,” and rotate some statues and images through it. I hope someday to have a place where we can kneel and sit quietly as well, but that’s beyond my current vision.

### Feast Day Festivities

Each of my children were born on a Marian feast day, so what better starting place than a fun extension of the birthday fun? I plan to highlight “their Mary,” get an image blown up and laminated, and

make a special dessert to celebrate. Maybe we’ll work together to write our own prayer for the intercession of each of these titles of Mary as we explore the facets and highlights of the Blessed Mother’s apparitions and titles.

### Rosary Olympics

Before you run screaming from this article, let me put your suspicions to rest: I haven’t yet figured out how to pray a family rosary. In the last few months, it’s been on my heart that this is something we need to do, and the bottleneck is me. What I need to do is make this something the kids are into, something that appeals to them. I’m going to start by taking it

outside and making it into a sport. As we exercise our spiritual muscles, we’ll run and jump and cheer.

### Flower Fun

My little girls (and my boy, too) love flowers. And so do I! So why not continue to have flowers for Mary’s feast days and special observances? A bouquet from the store isn’t usually much more than the Happy Meal or coffee I splurge on every so often, and I’d say it’s money better spent. It will give us the visual beauty to remind us of Mary.

*Sarah Reinhard is a central Ohio wife, mom, farm girl, and author who writes online at [SnoringScholar.com](http://SnoringScholar.com).*

## Immaculate Conception School Science Olympiad



The Columbus Immaculate Conception School Science Olympiad team finished 17th out of 40 teams in the state finals at The Ohio State University. The Ohio Science Olympiad, sponsored by OSU, is an interscholastic competition involving 23 events that test students’ knowledge of science skills, processes, and applications. Tournament teams are made up of 15 students who together must possess knowledge in a wide range of scientific disciplines, including biology, chemistry, physics, technology, earth science, and mathematics. The 15 students who represented Immaculate Conception at the state tournament are Abbi Bressoud, Jack Carlin, Erin Holcomb, and Abby Minzler, eighth grade; Sam Khoury, Isaac Krakowka, Ginny Palmer, Erik Placke, Jim Ryan, and Andy Welsh, seventh grade; and Erin Dawson, Joey O’Shaughnessy, MaryKate Rinderle, Lauren Sewell, and Natalie Yersavich, sixth grade.

Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception School



Center: Father William Ferguson, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with parishioners (from left) Silvia Zaborowski, Sally Oldham, and Pam Klein, parish secretary Sharon Lieb, and Deacon Richard Busic. Right: The church's altar, which was built in 1970 and includes relics from the original 1928 altar.



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH PARISHIONERS QUICKLY MAKE NEWCOMERS FEEL WELCOME

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The people at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church say new parishioners aren't strangers for very long.

Pam Klein, now parish RCIA director, said the warmth she felt from those greeting her when she arrived in the parish a few years ago immediately made her want to get involved in its activities. "We came here from a big parish in Columbus where things felt kind of cold," she said. "We noticed an obvious difference from the first time we came here.

"People who had been part of the parish for generations made us feel very welcome right away. We found them to be very concerned about the welfare of the parish and all of

its members. That gave us an instant sense of support."

Leslie Niedzielski felt a similar sense of welcome when she joined the parish 10 years ago. "From where I live in Pataskala, it's about the same distance to several Catholic churches," she said. "I decided to make Our Lady of Mount Carmel my parish partly because I have family here, but also because I know that while I'm teaching second-grade PSR between the two Masses on Sundays, all the other families will be watching out for my three kids (ages 10, 8, and 6) while they're in their own classes.

"It's a parish that's small enough that you don't get lost. A bigger parish might offer more programs, but I don't think I'd be as involved with things in a large parish as I am



Youth group members at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center. CT photo by Tim Puet (top center); other photos from parish

here. It's easier to see where I'm needed here."

"I've been here since I was 12 years old and I wouldn't go anywhere else," said Sally Oldham, parish liturgy and music coordinator. "It's because of the caring I think is apparent in everything we do. One example is what happens when people here lose a spouse. In some places, that makes people tend to shy away from you. Here, we try to pull you in while respecting your feelings.

"We have several parishioners who encourage people dealing with a loss to join them after Saturday or Sunday Mass for a meal or other activity. We've tried to create a feeling that people who are by themselves can be a part of other families

in the parish, because that's who we are as a parish family."

Deacon Richard Busic said that when he and his wife came to Buckeye Lake as parishioners in the 1980s, "the people literally took my wife and got her involved in activities, and I was happy to join her. We really blossomed through our involvement in the parish," he said. "When I was ordained a deacon in 2001, I was assigned to St. Mary's in Lancaster and was there for a while, but I asked to be assigned to Buckeye Lake because I knew the difference I could make here."

Deacon Busic has served the parish in a diaconal role for 12 years, except for a five-month period when he was hospitalized in Cleveland. "While I

was sick, I don't think there was a day when someone from the parish didn't get in touch with me," he said. "I never felt forgotten while I was away from home. That played a big part in my recovery."

The desire to keep in touch with members of the parish family during temporary absences extends to the parish's college students and young adults. Our Lady of Mount Carmel has a group which sends "care packages" two or three times a year to those young people to let them know they have not been forgotten as they move on to a new phase in their lives. The packages include letters of encouragement

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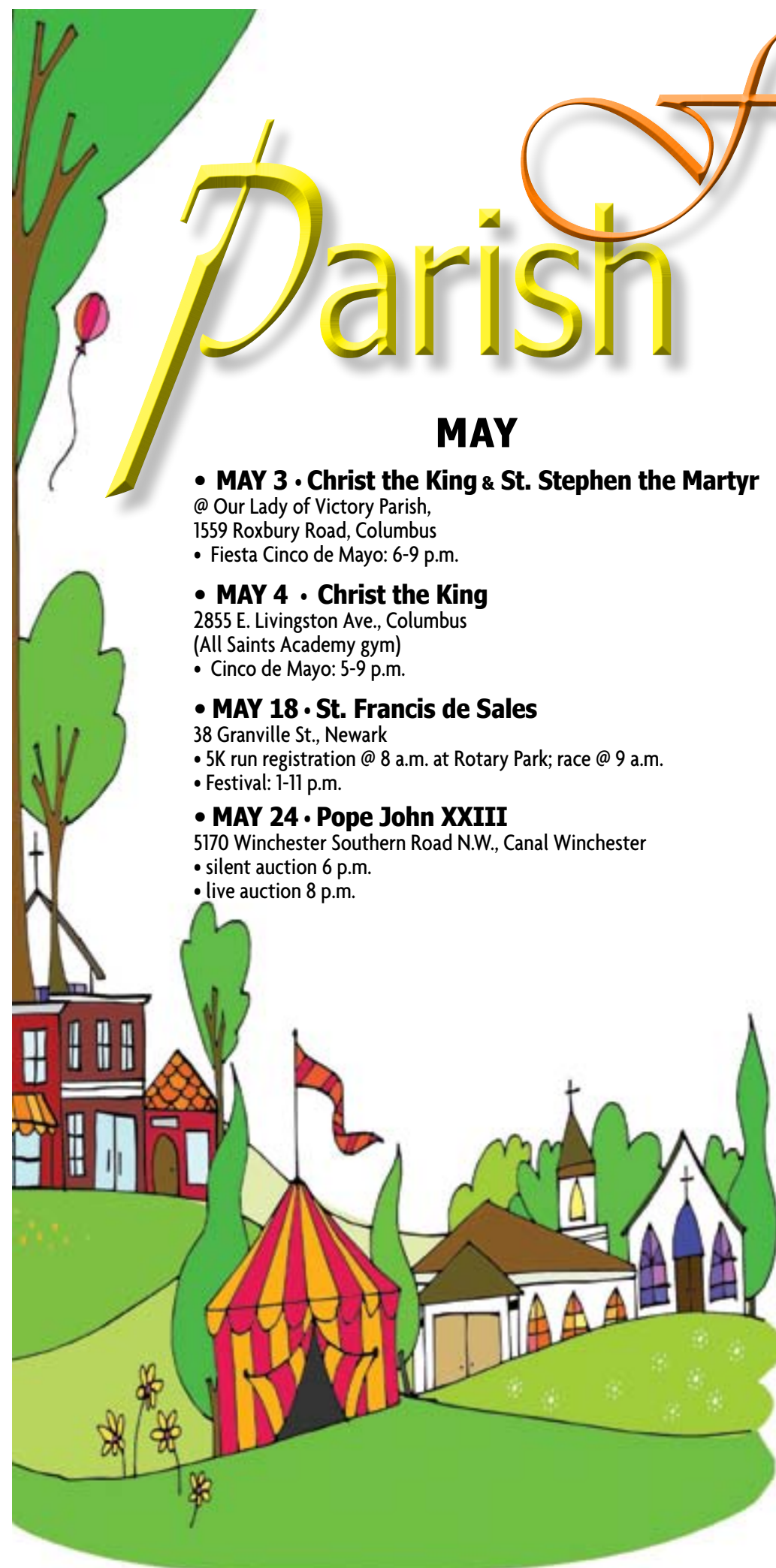
Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners socialize after Mass. The "Statue of Liberty" promotes a New York-themed Vacation Bible School.

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# 2013 Parish Festival Guide

*Check festival places and times on the following pages*

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# Parish

## MAY

- **MAY 3 • Christ the King & St. Stephen the Martyr**  
@ Our Lady of Victory Parish,  
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus  
• Fiesta Cinco de Mayo: 6-9 p.m.
- **MAY 4 • Christ the King**  
2855 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus  
(All Saints Academy gym)  
• Cinco de Mayo: 5-9 p.m.
- **MAY 18 • St. Francis de Sales**  
38 Granville St., Newark  
• 5K run registration @ 8 a.m. at Rotary Park; race @ 9 a.m.  
• Festival: 1-11 p.m.
- **MAY 24 • Pope John XXIII**  
5170 Winchester Southern Road N.W., Canal Winchester  
• silent auction 6 p.m.  
• live auction 8 p.m.

# festival listing

## JUNE

- **JUNE 1-2 • Holy Redeemer**  
@ Notre Dame HS, 2220 Sunrise Ave., Portsmouth  
• DEANERY YEAR OF FAITH CONFERENCE  
Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **JUNE 2 • Corpus Christi**  
1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus  
• Corpus Christi Celebration  
starts w/ Mass @ 10 a.m.; procession; pancake breakfast
- **JUNE 2 • St. Peter**  
118 Church St. (behind school), Chillicothe  
• Corpus Christi Celebration  
starts w/ Mass @ 11:30 a.m.; procession; social
- **JUNE 6-8 • St. Catharine**  
500 S. Gould Road, Columbus • 5-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 7-8 • St. Mary Magdalene**  
2909 Parkside Road, Columbus (Ballfield area)  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 14-15 • St. Rose of Lima**  
119 W. Water St., New Lexington  
• Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight  
• Dinner Saturday only 4-7 p.m.
- **JUNE 21-22 • St. Christopher**  
1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus • 6 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 21-22 • St. Mary**  
66 E. William St., Delaware • Friday & Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 28-29 • Holy Trinity**  
225 S. Columbus St., Somers  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 28-30 • Sacred Heart**  
139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia  
Friday & Saturday 4-11 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m.

## JULY

- **JULY 3 • Holy Family**  
584 W. Broad St., Columbus (Parish Center)  
Red, White & Boom, 4-7 p.m.
- **JULY 12-13 • St. Timothy**  
1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight • Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 13 • St. Luke**  
Corner of Rambo & Market Sts. (SR 62), Danville • 5-10 p.m.
- **JULY 18-20 • St. Matthew the Apostle**  
807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna/Parish Grounds  
Thursday 6-11 p.m., • Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight

- **JULY 19-20 • Our Lady of Peace**  
20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **JULY 19-21 • St. Joseph**  
613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover • 5-11 p.m.
- **JULY 26-27 • Immaculate Conception**  
414 E. North Broadway, Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 26-27 • Immaculate Conception**  
IC School, 100 Sherman St., Dennison • Friday 5-11 p.m.; Saturday 6-11 p.m.
- **JULY 26-28 • St. Margaret of Cortona**  
1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight • Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass & Procession
- **JULY 28 • Holy Family - Hidden Treasures**  
@ Renaissance Hotel (call 221-4323 for reservations) • 5:30-9 p.m.
- **JULY 31-AUGUST 3 • St. Nicholas**  
1030 E. Main St., Zanesville • Wednesday & Thursday 6-11 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight

## AUGUST

- **AUGUST 2-3 • St. Pius X**  
1061 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg • Friday 6-11 p.m.,  
Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 2-3 • St. Stephen the Martyr**  
4131 Clime Road, Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 3 • St. Joseph**  
5757 St. Rt. 383 N.E., Somerset • 4 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 8-10 • Holy Spirit**  
4383 E. Broad St., Columbus • Thursday 6-11 p.m.,  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 9-10 • Our Lady of Victory**  
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 9-10 • St. Brendan**  
4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight • Saturday 3 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 9-10 • St. Mary**  
684 S. 3rd St., German Village, Columbus • 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 10 • St. Bernard**  
425 Adams St., Corning • following 4 p.m. Mass
- **AUGUST 10-11 • Immaculate Conception**  
215 E. North St., Kenton • Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m. • Sunday 2:30-9:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 16-17 • Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
3730 Broadway, Grove City • 6 p.m.-midnight

- **AUGUST 16-17 • St. Andrew**  
1899 McCoy Road (at Reed Road), Columbus • 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 16-17 • St. Elizabeth**  
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 17 • Church of the Atonement**  
320 Winter St., Crooksville • following 4 p.m. Mass
- **AUGUST 22-24 • St. Joan of Arc**  
10700 Liberty Road, Powell • Thursday 6-10 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6-10:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 23-24 • St. Anthony**  
1300 Urban Drive, Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 23-24 • St. Cecilia**  
434 Norton Road, Columbus • Friday 5 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 24 • Church of the Blessed Sacrament**  
394 E. Main St., Newark • 5-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1 • St. Michael**  
5750 N. High St., Worthington • Friday 7-11 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 5-11 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER

- **SEPTEMBER 6-8 • Seton Parish**  
600 Hill Road N., Pickerington • Friday 5-11 p.m.,  
Saturday 3-11 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m.
- **SEPTEMBER 20-22 • St. Mary of the Annunciation**  
Corner of Market & 5th Sts., Portsmouth • Friday 6-10 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m.

## OCTOBER

- **OCTOBER 11-13 • St. John the Baptist**  
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and “goodies” such as the jelly beans and chocolate candy that were part of what the group sent in March in its third and final mailing of the school year.

The parish also has a prayer support group of about 100 members – a remarkably large number for a parish of about 300 families. The Prayer Warriors, as they are known, started around 2000 as an extension of a prayer line where one person called another, and just kept growing. Besides people in the Buckeye Lake region, the group also includes Catholics and non-Catholics in Marion, Newark, Pickerington, Somerset, and out-of-state.

Father William Ferguson, who has spent five of his seven years as a priest as pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, said that since the church covers parts of Fairfield, Licking, and Perry counties, the Prayer Warriors serve as a good way to quickly convey important news by announcing news of deaths in the parish family and reminding people of holy day Masses and other significant events.

Oldham is in charge of the prayer line. She makes sure that it complies with federal laws by praying for specific people only if those people have given their approval. In cases where people can't be reached or decline permission, a more general form of prayer is used.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church was built in 1928 on land which was purchased by the Reinhart Wilke family, in part through a \$5,000 donation by William and August Wehrle, longtime benefactors of the Diocese of Columbus. It was a mission church until a resident pastor was appointed in 1945.

“One thing that's unique about us is that unlike most parishes, our best months for collection have always been in the summer,” Father Ferguson said. That's a result of Buckeye Lake's long history as a vacation spot. The lake was built in the 1820s to feed the old Ohio and Erie Canal, and was the location of an amusement park, dance hall, and other attractions for most of the first seven decades of the 20th century.

The parish includes members from Buckeye Lake, Millersport, Thornville, Hebron, Baltimore, Pleasantville, Gratiot, and Pataskala. “It's an interesting mix of rural and resort areas,” Father Ferguson said. “We get the vacationers in the summer and lose some ‘snowbirds’ who go south during the winter.”

“Buckeye Lake itself is a community of contrasts. Ohio 79 serves as somewhat of a dividing line, with residences for vacationers and the well-to-do on one side and some very poor residents on the other side,” he said. That distinction can be seen in driving past the church, which is on Route 79 and has new condos across from the parish hall, while some housing facing the front entrance is in obvious need of repair.

Patricia Mayes, president of the parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, notes that nearly 70 percent of residents of the villages of Buckeye Lake and Hebron have what is considered a moderate to low income level, with more than 13 percent making less than \$21,000 annually. Those economic conditions, and the parish's location just off Interstate 70, mean the society is called on

for help regularly by residents and occasionally by travelers.

Mayes said more than 350 families were aided last year through the efforts of the conference's 16 active members, who are divided into five teams which make personal visits to people to determine their immediate and long-term needs. In fiscal 2012, nearly \$28,000 was donated to the conference, mostly through envelopes included in each month's parish envelope packet, as well as through the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Newark and other diocesan parishes, especially Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton and Worthington St. Michael.

The parish also has a food pantry, which has served the area for more than 20 years. It's open for one hour on three days a week, serving mainly to supplement a larger pantry operated by Licking County's LEADS community action agency.

The pantry staff is led by Silvia Zaborowski, who also is parish religious education director. She is in charge of a Parish School of Religion which served 77 children from preschool to 12th grade in 2012-13. Besides learning about the faith, the students frequently donate to the pantry. Earlier this year, they celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe by wearing appropriate costumes and having a procession in the parish hall. For the Feast of the Epiphany, Zaborowski continued her tradition of playing “old Befana,” who, legend has it, visits all the houses in Italy on that day and leaves gifts for good children.

The parish youth group takes part in what are known as youth-infused Masses each month, with students serving as lectors, servers, cantors, and hospitality ministers. Ten group members and two adults are raising funds to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November. The group also gathers occasionally for hikes in the local woods and conducts lock-ins a couple of times a year, which are combined with



The parish's annual procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

fund raising dinners.

The parish's Vacation Bible School annually attracts 60 to 70 children for one week each June. Last year, the parish was transformed into St. Peter's Square, complete with an obelisk in the center, for a Vatican-themed VBS. The previous year, it took on the appearance of New York City for a “Big Apple” theme. This year, the VBS will be a Western adventure.

The parish evangelization committee is starting a three-pronged effort to promote the parish and encourage people to explore or return to the Catholic faith. The program includes the Catholics Return Home program; distribution of parish information to nearby hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, and other gathering places; and staffing of a parish table at area festivals. In addition, the parish website includes personal stories from parishioners who are new to the area, have recently become Catholic, or have returned to the faith after many years.

The parish is the home of Knights of Columbus Council 13379, whose charitable activities include providing tables for the parish hall; conducting a flag retirement ceremony each

August; donating to the youth ministry, the pantry, and other parish groups as needed; recently distributing Matthew Kelly's *Rediscovering Catholicism* book to every parish family; providing devotional booklets for the Easter and Christmas seasons; and sponsoring a display of faith-related CDs which are available for purchase.

Annual events on the parish calendar include an outdoor procession to the lake on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June; a picnic in July at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark; blessing of animals around the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in October; and a craft show and silent auction in November to raise funds for the Vacation Bible School.

The church hall is a significant community gathering place, serving as a polling place and a meeting location for the local senior citizens group, the federal Women, Infants, and Children nutrition program, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Later this month, it will be the site of an areawide discussion concerning the future of Buckeye Lake's emergency medical services program, a subject which has been the topic of much local debate in recent weeks.



Left: The parish picnic at the Sts. Peter and Paul Center. Right: Vatican-themed Vacation Bible School.





## Sixth Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

## The real beginning of Christianity's outreach



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29

The opening of the Acts reading takes place in Antioch in Syria (not the Antioch mentioned the last two Sundays). Those who “had come down from Judea” represented the wing of the church which had sprung forth from its post-resurrection roots in Jerusalem. Because most were Jews, they clung to essential elements of Judaism, including the circumcision of males as a requirement for being saved.

These “Judaizers” had begun to challenge what Paul was teaching, especially on the issue of circumcision. Paul was arguing vigorously that circumcision for newly baptized Gentile Christians was not required for salvation or for membership in the church. The other side was arguing just as vigorously that it was necessary. The church at Antioch finally sends Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to consult with the apostles and elders about the matter.

That conference is the missing content of verses 3-21 in Sunday's reading. In it, Peter is portrayed as the one who asks why the Gentile converts should be required to keep a law that neither “our ancestors nor we” have been able to observe. After further discussion, that council in Jerusalem decides, through the authority of James, that the Gentiles should not be required to be circumcised.

To give the decision credibility, they write a letter to this effect and also appoint Barnabas and Silas to confirm this decision by going back with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch. Paul has a different version of this meeting and its outcome in Galatians 2:1-10. Paul agrees that no circumcision was to be required, but says the only other instruction from Jerusalem was that they were to

remember the poor.

The Acts account required abstaining from meat sacrificed to idols, from eating of blood (no medium-rare meat), and no unlawful marriage. The marriage requirement meant respecting the ban on marrying within certain forbidden degrees of kinship in Jewish practice, which Gentiles did not observe.

Paul recounts none of these other restrictions in Galatians, and there is no telling which account is closer to accuracy. What is clear from the combined accounts is that male circumcision could no longer be required for membership in the church. The dietary laws and other instructions were certainly not as much of a concern to Paul.

Most amazing of all in this appeal to the elders and apostles of the church in Jerusalem is that they not only heard the appeal by the church in Antioch, but found merit in Antioch's (and/or Paul's) position on this central question! Scholars note that this is the real center of Acts, and that after this council has resolved the problem, the rest of Acts is devoted to Paul's spreading of the Gospel “to the ends of the earth.”

Once the issue of circumcision drops off, it is easy to see how nearly all connection with the Mosaic law fades away. Because salvation comes through faith in Christ Jesus outward, observance of law is futile. For those who believe that Christ, as the perfect sacrifice, atoned for sins by his death, which was confirmed by his resurrection, the outward observance of Jewish religious law lost its attraction.

This decision, which endorsed Paul's outreach to Gentiles, was the real beginning of Christianity's outreach to the wider world after its birth within Judaism. James' action was meant to appease the Christians of Jewish backgrounds (by preserving the dietary laws and marital regulations) and to respect Gentile converts' consciences, too. It was intended to allow both groups to live in peace. Conciliar solutions are well-suited for peacemaking. The Jerusalem council has much to offer the Church in every generation.

*Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.*

## Columbus DeSales Alumni Award Banquet

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School's eighth annual alumni awards of distinction banquet will take place Friday, May 3, in the school cafeteria, 4212 Karl Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with wine and cheese at 6:30 and dinner at 7.

Eight DeSales graduates and two other supporters of the school will be honored. The recipients and the awards they will receive are:

Linda Vollmer and Patrick Mc Ginnis —

the Sister Sharon Goodburn Award for their volunteer work for the school.

Paul Hamann and Ted Gartner — the Msgr. James Berendt/Patrick Rossetti Award for excellence in their professional careers and exemplifying the DeSales mission to live a positive, productive life.

Judy Ross and Fritz Hoefel — the Barbara O'Riordan Award for non-alumni who have supported the school in a variety of ways.

Samuel Chapman and James Bownas —

the Forrest “Treeze” Sharrock Award for their dedication to serving the community through special projects and volunteer work and through setting an example for others.

Chris Doughty and Kelly DeLauder Pohly — the Young Alumni Award for people who graduated from DeSales no more than 10 years ago and have used the values they learned in high school to serve the community and share their commitment to excellence in all aspects of daily life.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Acts 16:11-15  
Psalm 149:1-6a,9b  
John 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY  
Acts 16:22-34  
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8  
John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY  
Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
Psalm 148:1-2,11-14  
John 16:12-15

THURSDAY  
Acts 18:1-8  
Psalm 98:1-4  
John 16:16-20

FRIDAY  
Acts 18:9-18  
Psalm 47:2-3,8-10  
John 16:23b-28

SATURDAY  
Acts 18:23-28  
Psalm 47:2-3,8-10  
John 16:23b-28

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MAY 5, 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](http://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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## Belief vs. Disbelief



THE TIDE IS TURNING  
TOWARD CATHOLICISM  
David Hartline

Most believers have in some portions of their life struggled with various aspects of religious faith. However, this often leads to a greater faith life, as exemplified by the old adage “By the struggle, you have known Him.” This is entirely different than what we see occurring today. All too often, our popular culture glorifies those who doubt, calling them “thinkers.” Militant atheists such as Richard Dawkins and the late Christopher Hitchens have been lionized by some in the mainstream media.

This is rather odd, because even mainstream atheists such as Scott Atran have labeled Dawkins and Hitchens as cartoon characters who ridicule religious believers, like Mother Teresa, and religious institutions, like the Catholic Church, that have done much good. The vile attacks against her and the Church in general mask something very sinister in the movement.

How in the world did we get here, you might ask? There are many reasons for this, but I think pride and rage are two of the most prevalent ingredients -- pride, coming from those who refuse to believe that there could be someone or some force smarter than them, and rage, which comes from some hidden anger toward people such as an overbearing authority figure in one's past life or toward a particular cross which someone had to bear.

Some who refuse to believe actually go on a diatribe about grievances in the world, along with a host of calamities that have befallen man through

the centuries. This is rather strange behavior if you don't believe God exists. All we need to do is look at how many millions of people died at the hands of those, such as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, and Pol Pot, who were supposedly so smart that they didn't need God in the lives. Some people will say Adolf Hitler was a Christian, but although he was baptized as a child, he had no use for religion as an adult and seemed to particularly enjoy Nazi songs that demeaned the Catholic Church

There are so many arguments one can use to attack the basic foundations of atheism, but none better than those of St. Thomas Aquinas and his famous work, the *Summa Theologica*. Thomas Aquinas discusses five ways to prove God exists, and within these five areas are several subcategories. This is a rather deep, but very thorough explanation.

One of my personal favorites to discuss is the concept of faith and evolution. All too often, we are told by non-believers that evolution answers all questions and God is not in the equation. However, if God is not in the equation, why in the world are

there no atheistic societies? In the entire history of the world, there is no culture or society that was agnostic or atheistic. Every society formed a belief society.

I truly believe that most atheists are angry about something (all too often in their own lives), so they throw a temper tantrum aimed at God, pretending He doesn't exist. We have all probably seen a child thrown a temper tantrum, but it is much more forgivable to see a three-year-old acting silly compared with someone who is 33, 43, 53, 63, 73, or 83.

As believers, what can we do? This is where prayer and the Holy Spirit come in and aid us. We have to be like St. Francis and ask for the wisdom to know what we can and can't do. Sometimes, we may have to simply rely on prayer and let the Holy Spirit lead the person to the truth. God allows us free will, and we can disavow or hate Him at our own peril. The Epistle of Peter (1 Peter 3:15) reminds us that we must give an answer when questioned about our faith, but Jesus also reminds us that sometimes we just have to shake the dust off our feet and move on (Matthew 10:14-15). Let us pray that it doesn't have to come to that, but if it does, we always have prayer, and sometimes in life, that is all we have and all we need.

*Hartline is the author, founder of the Catholicreport.org and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.*

## ‘The Other Holy Land’ of Christianity to air on WOSU-TV

*The Other Holy Land*, a documentary that explores historical Christian sites in Asia Minor, now known as Turkey, and the role the region played in the development of Christianity, will air on WOSU-TV at 5 p.m., Sunday, May 5, and 4 a.m. Saturday, May 11.

WOSU broadcasts over the air digitally on channels 34 and 34.1 (HD), and on Time Warner, 7 and 1007 (HD); Insight Communications, 34 and 916 (HD); WOW, 7 and 205 (HD); Direct TV, 34 (analog) and 38 (digital); ATT U-verse, 34 and 1034 (HD); and Portsmouth, 34 (analog) and 38 (digital).

Examining ancient archeological sites situated in a vibrant modern Turkey, the program traces the earliest history and growth of Christianity in a region that was pivotal in the transformation of a “cult” called Christianity into a worldwide religion. Top scholars of

archeology and history will guide viewers through three geographical areas — Cappadocia, Ephesus, and Istanbul.

Orthodox Christians are a small minority in Turkey today, which is 99 percent Muslim, but the worldwide leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Patriarch Bartholomew, still resides in Istanbul, where the patriarchy has roots tracing back to the fourth century, when the city was called Constantinople. *The Other Holy Land* features an interview with Patriarch Bartholomew, who is also seen in rare footage celebrating Christian liturgies at holy sites in Cappadocia.

Produced by Frank Frost Productions, *The Other Holy Land* is narrated by television and radio personality Robert Aubry Davis.

“Turkey today is a very modern country, where visitors can still discover secret churches carved

out of rock, visit markets and landscapes that seem unchanged over two millennia, gaze on ancient icons, stand amid historic ruins, and walk in the footsteps of St. Paul,” said Frost, the documentary's writer and director. “And they can do this in a country that is overwhelmingly Muslim, but which welcomes Christians to these holy places.”

“Viewers of *The Other Holy Land* experience the contrast between booming modern Turkey and ancient Christian and pagan sites,” said Mary Frost, the film's producer. “They rediscover the early communities that welcomed Paul of Tarsus and John the Evangelist. They recall how the Emperor Constantine lifted Christians from persecution and embraced their faith himself, helping to turn it away from a fledgling religion into the institution of Christianity that we know today.”

## NEOPHYTE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

Bishop Frederick Campbell will preside at a Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral especially dedicated to individuals who recently have been received into Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

A reception will take place for the neophytes in the cathedral undercroft following the Mass.

Those wishing to attend the reception should RSVP by emailing the number of people attending to LIT-MAILBOX@colsdio.org or by calling the diocesan Office for Divine Worship at (614) 221-4640 by Friday, May 11.

## Dominican Associates plunge into service in Haiti

By Victoria Taylor

It started with just conversation and snowballed into beautiful, unselfish acts of giving from our Dominican family.

My husband, Anthony, and I are Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Annually since 2007, we have been blessed through Lifeline Christian Mission of Westerville to go on mission trips to a village in Haiti, where we plunge wholeheartedly into performing whatever service is asked of us. Our motto is "We are there to serve those in need in the name of Jesus; we are His vessels to be used as needed."

It's hard work, long hours under extreme heat, but all worth it. We receive enormous blessing from helping build homes; outfitting children, mostly with clothes and shoes through pantries; working in health clinic and nutritional programs; and attending a number of church services, even at 4 a.m. In addition, we sponsor two 10-year-old Haitian girls and a young lady, and the annual trips allow us to see them and know they are taken care of.

We started out on short-term mission trips lasting 10 days; then, in 2010, we volunteered to become team coordinators, overseeing those ministries where we once participated as part of a work crew. The new role extended our stay to as long as five weeks a year. It seems you can never do enough for our Haitian brethren. They need help in the worst way.



**Above: Victoria and Anthony Taylor with Guivelande Louissaint, a Haitian child for whom they provide assistance. Right: Shown with clothing provided for Haitian children by Dominican sisters and friends in Columbus are (from left) Sister Jeanne Conrad, OP; Sister Jeanette Stang, OP; and Sister Mary Hope Sieron, OP.**

Photos courtesy Victoria Taylor

Our latest venture began with conversation over coffee and Danish rolls within hours of returning from Haiti last May. We were up and out at 7 a.m. to pick up our dog, Joy, from Sister Jeanette Stang, OP, who kept her for the five weeks we were away. We were enjoying each other's company, talking about a number of unforgettable experiences we encountered on the trip. We gave out shoes and socks, but there is never enough of either, and both are needed badly.

The most beautiful, and at the same time stressful, experience during the trip was when I coordinated distribution of more than 300 pillowcase dresses of all sizes for Haitian girls.

I'll always remember seeing a huge group of mothers, carrying babies on their hips and in hand, walking fast across a field to our hut, all for just one dress for their little girl(s). There was a big concern about the crowd, but a few young Haitian translators volunteered to control the group, and with their help, the dress giveaway went smoothly.

Sister Jeanette was touched by this story. She told me she could sew and would make pillowcase dresses for us to take on our next year's trip. She was so excited that she mentioned knowing of another group which makes this type of dress for Haiti and Africa. She said she would check with the group to see if it would make



some for us.

We knew our 2013 project would be to take lots of new socks to Haiti. We saw firsthand one of our sponsored girls on the school grounds with shoes, wearing only one sock. So when Sister Jeanette refused payment for dog-sitting, it came to us to use that money for buying socks to go along with the dresses. At the breakfast table, a plan was set: pillowcase dresses and new socks for Haiti.

Since that conversation, Sister Jeanette began rallying others to help in any way they could, and she began sewing. She made more than 60 beautiful dresses before she stopped counting. Sister Dorothy Ann Blasko, OP, from the Oxford (Mich.) Dominican Motherhouse, sent a box of 44 dresses of various sizes, beautifully adorned. The Columbus Motherhouse formed a group and hand-made more than a dozen dresses. Then it dawned on me, "Hey, you can sew," so I got busy sewing and added 13 dresses.

The blessings kept flowing, Sherlene, the receptionist at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, heard of the project and offered to help. We took her up on her offer,

and she sorted and pinned together more than 150 pairs of new socks. On Saturday, April 6, Sister Jeanette, Sister May Hope Sieron, OP, and Sister Jeanne Conrad, OP, came together at our house over a working lunch and color-matched and pinned a pair of socks onto each dress.

Thanks to God and our community of Dominican sisters and friends, we are taking to Haiti with us at the end of April 151 beautiful pillowcase dresses, with a colorful pair of new socks attached to each, 17 handmade aprons, and seven tote bags, plus lots of extra new socks.

Our hearts are so grateful for our Dominican Sisters of Peace both near and far. So many people came together, and from the goodness of their hearts, gave to a country of little girls whose families struggle daily to provide them with the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. With time drawing close to leave, Linda, another receptionist at Mohun, asked to make ribbons and bracelets for the girls. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others.

Victoria Taylor is a member of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

## St. Mary Teacher Volunteers in the Dominican Republic

While many people took spring break vacations to warmer climates so they could enjoy a few days in the sun, Lancaster St. Mary School teacher Cecelia Knox visited the Dominican Republic with service on her mind. Knox (pictured in back of photo), who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade math, spent the week teaching as a volunteer at Colegio Continental School in the Dominican community of San Francisco de Macoris. Knox became aware of this opportunity because her cousin began teaching there in August.

She said Colegio Continental is a private school, and school supplies are very limited. Students must purchase their own books, for instance. Knox delivered lined school paper, math manipulatives, and other basic classroom needs. She taught math in a fourth-grade classroom and observed and tutored in first, seventh, and eighth grade.

"It's amazing how much we have and how much we take for granted," she said. "Their library was completely empty. The kids appreciate anything and everything you bring to them."

She said that children in the Dominican Republic are as eager to please their teachers as they are in the United States. "Students were excited that I was bringing in things for them to look at during math, and they were very attentive during their lessons," she said.

She was surprised that even though Spanish is the students' first language, the school is conducted in English.

"It gives me such an appreciation for



different cultures. They were so versatile in what they could say," she said. She realized how different it would be for a St. Mary fourth-grader to be asked to write a letter in Spanish.

Before leaving Lancaster, Knox had her eighth-grade classes write letters to the students in the Dominican Republic. "They (the St. Mary students) were so excited," she said. "A lot of them used Google Translate to translate their letters into Spanish." This made an impact on the Dominican students. They

were thrilled that the American students would write them in Spanish. A pen-pal relationship has developed, and Knox hopes to establish a Skype visit before the end of the year.

Knox admires her cousin for making a lifestyle change and sacrificing to help educate students in a nation where educational resources are limited, but growing. Her cousin also is bridging the gap of understanding different cultures between the U.S. and the Dominican Republic.

Knox encourages other teachers to have experiences such as this. "It was really an eye-opening experience," she said. "I think to really appreciate what you have, you have to step outside your comfort zone and see how little other people have and how much they can do with it."

"I wish every teacher could have this opportunity. It changed my whole perspective of the education system. Our education system is very strong and our schools provide much support for students to be successful."

## Juanita Walker named this year's St. Vincent de Paul "Top Hat" winner

As a nurse, Juanita Walker has been on the front line of service. But her work was more than just a job for her. For this year's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Top Hat winner, it has been a lifetime vocation.

Bill Sparks, president of the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Council, presented the award at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and explained that wearing a top hat in the 1800s was a sign of aristocracy. Frederic Ozanam, who founded the society, would remove his hat when dealing with the needy to show he was one with them.

Walker has been dealing with the

needy in the Columbus area as a Vincentian for 30 years. She has arranged monthly meals for the homeless shelter on State Street. She volunteers weekly with JOIN, which provides material needs for low-income families, and she plans and serves meals for low-income residents of the Bryden House apartments who don't always have the money to cover basic needs. Many St. Vincent de Paul conferences provide help for Bryden House.

Walker's works of personal contact inspired Kevin Dunleavy of the St. Joseph Cathedral SVDP conference to nominate her. "What

I learned from Juanita is it's more important to sit with the folks and spend time with them. Let them know you care," he said.

She also is savvy. "At Bryden House, she is known as Miss Sassy because she won't let them pull a fast one," he said.

For her 90th birthday, Walker invited friends and family to her house. In lieu of gifts, she requested canned goods and other items to help the needy. "They filled three truckloads," Dunleavy said.

"I am a better person for having her in my life," he said.

**Top Hat winner Juanita Walker with Kevin Dunleavy, who nominated her.**



## ASSOCIATES IN MISSION WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

Have you considered how prayer, study, community, or ministry might enhance your search for God and strengthen your commitment to the poor and marginalized? Learn more about Associates -- lay women and men who partner in mission with the Dominican Sisters of Peace -- at [www.oppeace.org/associates](http://www.oppeace.org/associates). To connect with the Dominican Associates or for more information, contact Conni Dubick ([cdubick@oppeace.org](mailto:cdubick@oppeace.org)) or Sister Amy McFrederick ([amcfrederick@oppeace.org](mailto:amcfrederick@oppeace.org)) toll-free at (1-855) 313-3131.





CONCERTS

# MOTHER'S DAY SHOW

blends Catholic family values and big band music



The love a grandmother has for her family, with returned love from that family, is realized through the grandson as he lovingly celebrates the life of his grandmother. What is this? A Mother's Day show, "Big Band at the Movies," with the Rick Brunetto Big Band at the Valley Dale Ballroom. The show is for the entire family and depicts dating, marriage, work life, and the raising of children, saluting the reality and happiness of these choices for mothers and grandmothers everywhere. The show is a grandmother's reflection as she contemplates her life's decisions through the sounds of song.

The live show will take audiences on an imaginative trip through 80 years of movie themes and Oscar-winning songs. Led by drummer Rick Brunetto, the 16-piece big band also will welcome vocalists Chuck Gillespie, Kelly McLennan, Suzy Biehl, Michael Phillips, and Abbie Stands, actors Peter Vilardi and Kerry Shanklin, and trumpeter Tommy Wade. Jennifer Gordon and Roman Sirotin will dazzle the audience with memorable dance performances.

The cinematic celebration will present some of the greatest music of all time, from classic themes such as *Gone With the Wind* to John Williams scores

from *Superman* and *ET*. Audiences will enjoy songs from *Singing in the Rain*, *West Side Story*, *Rocky*, *Shaft*, *Arthur*, *The Wizard of Oz*, Disney classics, and many more in this unforgettable show as we salute moms and movies.

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School band director Rick Brunetto initiated Valley Dale's holiday show series with Valley Dale owner Marty Finta in 2011. Mother's Day is the first of the shows for 2013.

"Big Band at the Movies" will be from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, May 12 at Valley Dale, 1590 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with

dinner at 5:30. The gourmet buffet meal will be catered by the Berwick Party House and includes three entrees; beef, chicken piccata, and pasta, with three sides and assorted desserts. Legal beverages will be available for purchase.

Following the show, audience members are invited to dance to the music of the big band on Valley Dale's exceptional dance floor. Tickets are \$43, which includes dinner, show, and dancing, or \$25 for show and dancing only. Reservations are available by calling Tickets Galore at (614) 889-2989 or online at usaseats.com. The show is suitable for all ages.

## Concert to feature new organ at Holy Cross Church

Paul Thornock, music director of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and music consultant to the Diocese of Columbus, will be featured in a concert at Columbus Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

The concert will be played on the recently installed organ at Holy Cross. The instrument was built in 1971 by the Roderer Organ Co. of Chicago at a former Lutheran church in Fort Wayne, Ind., and its pipes were built by the Laukhuff Organ Co. of Weikersheim, Germany. The organ was brought to Columbus last year and additional restoration work was done at Holy Cross by Paul Fritts and Co. of Tacoma, Wash., which built the organ that was installed at St. Joseph Cathedral in 2006.

The program will include works of Dieterich Buxtehude, Augustin Barie, and several pieces by J.S. Bach, including

three settings from the "Great 18" Leipzig chorales and the famous *Passacaglia*. There will be a freewill offering to help with the ongoing maintenance of the organ.

Thornock, a native of Washington state, earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Puget Sound, where he studied organ with Edward Hansen and conducting with Paul Schultz. He earned a master of music degree in organ performance and literature degree at the University of Notre Dame as a student of Craig Cramer. While at Notre Dame, he was graduate assistant organist at the Basilica of



the Sacred Heart under the direction of Gail Walton.

He has served the cathedral and the Diocese of Columbus since 1999. He conducts the cathedral choir and the cathedral schola, has released two CD recordings with these groups, and is artistic director for the Cathedral Concerts series. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member at Capital University Conservatory of Music and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, teaching organ literature.

Thornock has performed for regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the 2008 national convention of the Organ Historical Society, and has been heard as an organist and conductor on the nationally syndicated radio programs *Pipedreams* and *With Heart and Voice*.

Thornock is pursuing a doctor of musical arts degree at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music as a student of Roberta Gary.

Pallbearers carry the casket of fallen firefighter Capt. Kenneth "Lucky" Harris Jr. following his funeral Mass at the Church of the Assumption in West, Texas, on April 24. At least 14 people died and about 200 were injured in an explosion at a fertilizer plant in the central Texas town on April 17. Harris, 52, was killed when he rushed to the scene to help.

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Pope Francis administers the sacrament of confirmation to Brigid Miniter, 14, of Ridgewood, N.J., during a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 28. He confirmed 44 people from 22 nations.

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Hundreds dance and pray during the annual Hispanic Charismatic Renewal at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago on April 27. The two-day event drew more than 7,000 people from several states and included speakers, music, liturgy, and prayer.

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## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

# Major League Soccer Player Moves Forward in Faith

Danny O'Rourke of the Columbus Crew recommits himself to Christ amid life's difficulties

By **TRENT BEATTIE**

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Growing up in a Catholic family, Columbus Crew midfielder Danny O'Rourke went to Mass regularly, but he didn't understand why he had to. Soccer was a greater concern for him, and it continued to be so during his years at Indiana University.

His impressive Hoosier tenure included three consecutive All-Big Ten selections (2002-2004) and two consecutive NCAA titles (2003-2004). He was named a first team All-American and the nation's top player as a senior in 2004.

It wasn't until dealing with knee injuries early in his professional career that O'Rourke had the time to reflect on the meaning of the Mass and his relationship with Jesus Christ. For O'Rourke, Mass attendance now is no longer seen as an item on a checklist, but an encounter with the Lord of the Universe.

O'Rourke recognizes the Eucharist as the source of meaning and stability in a busy and confused world. He spoke with *National Catholic Register* correspondent Trent Beattie as the Major League Soccer season was getting under way.

*What are your expectations for this season?*

There are always the goals of winning games, winning the division, and winning the MLS Cup, but I'm not too big on those cliché goals. They sound good, but we're taking a more modest approach.

We're just trying to see how players will mix with each other, and we're trying to improve a little every day. That kind of approach doesn't make headlines, but it is realistic. You just take one little step at a time, commit to doing as well as you can for that day, and try to play as a cohesive unit.

*How long have you known teammate Eddie Gaven?*

We've known each other for almost seven years now. We were originally supposed to be traded when he played for the New York MetroStars and I played for the San Jose Earthquakes. That didn't work out, and now we've been on the same team since 2007.

It's awesome to have a teammate like Eddie, not only from a soccer standpoint, but from an overall human standpoint. He's a great player, but a greater man. He



has an inspiring story, and I've learned a lot about being a Christian from him. We've attended Mass together, which we both have learned is a very Christ-centric thing, not an impersonal one.

One of the things I admire most about Eddie is his dedication to prayer. He prays the rosary every day, and he loves to go to Eucharistic adoration. In fact, he has introduced me to both of those forms of prayer. I really enjoy stopping by the church for adoration after practice. A million things are usually flying through my head, and adoration helps to calm me down and think in an orderly way.

The silence of the church is important, but even more important than that is the Person who is present there with you. Jesus Christ is in the tabernacle, always there for you and ready to hear you. It's amazing how blessed we are to have Our Lord in every Catholic church.

At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles he is with them (and their successors) until the end of the world. This is true in many ways, but most particularly in the Eucharist.

*Have you always taken the faith seriously, or did you have a notable conversion?*

My story is similar to Eddie's. Growing up, my family would attend Mass, pray, and do the other things Catholics do. However, I didn't have a really deep, personal commitment to what I was doing. There wasn't that core connection to Jesus that should have been there.

That changed when I had to deal with knee injuries in my first professional season. Not being able to play soccer for long periods of time gave me a

chance to think about life and to pray more than I had before. Prayer is the essential thing. You can go through all the motions of what Christians should do, but continual prayer makes it personal and gives you the grace to have a better idea of what it is you're doing in the first place.

Another thing that really comes into play when you're injured is patience. I was used to doing everything pretty much on my own, with very little practical interest in what God wanted to do for me. The injuries were opportunities for me to let go and allow God to work through my life. Physically, I was held back by injuries, but spiritually, I was set free by them.

*Aside from the knee injuries, have there been other tough times your faith has gotten you through?*

Without faith, I would never have been able to get through the death of a Crew teammate, Kirk Urso, last August. He died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest, due to a congenital heart defect. He was only 22, so you just don't think something like that would happen, but it did. It's a reminder that you have to be ready to die at any time. You can't assume you have decades left, even if you're really young.

Kirk's death was very jarring. The only way not to be overwhelmed by it is to see it in an eternal context. Knowing that there is an afterlife makes hope possible and provides meaning to what happened. It helps you to get past all the superficial things that don't matter and to take your obligations to God more seriously.

We just had an exhibition game last

weekend against the University of North Carolina (Kirk's alma mater). That was a great way to do something productive about a negative situation, because we publicly remembered him and raised money for heart research.

*Do you find that being a professional athlete gives you a platform to influence people for the better?*

People look up to pro athletes, so we have opportunities to use that for doing good things. One of the things I value most about playing pro soccer is my relationship with a boy named Evan. I met him when he was about 8, and I was in Houston at the time.

Evan and I seem to go through patches of illness simultaneously. I only have knee problems to deal with, but Evan has had three or four leg surgeries, and he has a gastrointestinal disease with a lot of bleeding. We talk often, and he has been a real inspiration to me. I've had to face tough competition on the field, but Evan has faced much tougher competition through illness. He's the strongest person I've ever met.

St. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:10 that when he is weak, he is strong. That sounds contradictory, but in light of faith, it makes sense. The only way you're going to be motivated to ask for God's help is if you realize you need it. Otherwise, you won't bother asking, and you'll remain alone.

This is why so many things we see as setbacks are actually blessings. Jesus didn't come to save the self-sufficient, but those who need saving. In our weakness, we know better where we stand with God, and it makes us cry out for help. The grace that follows makes us far stronger than we would have been on our own.

It reminds me of St. Peter, who is actually a good saint for soccer players because of his patronage for foot problems. He tried to do things on his own, but that always ended up in a mess. When he let go of his pride, acknowledged his insufficiency, and humbly let Jesus set the agenda, then everything worked out as it was supposed to.

This isn't to say that the transition is always pleasant. However, weakness and strength go together perfectly, as long as you continually ask for God's help to be strong. Then you can move forward in faith.

*Trent Beattie writes from Seattle.*