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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jersi

How do you look today? Are you a little more attractive than you were a week ago? I know that most of us would love to see ourselves in the mirror but our aim should be to create 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 slight difference in our thoughts, words, and deeds is a step toward heaven. When we think like faith-filled Christians, we have much less weakness and sin in our daily lives. We can never be perfect, but our thoughts can help us to walk on one thing in particular and take small steps toward being more attractive. Let us start! St. James tells us that if we had no tongue, most sin would not happen. What thoughts we have will make us a more innocent and holy person. If we have a lot of unprofane, profane thoughts, we can grow toward impacting our families and all those with whom we come into contact. Angry, profane, and obscene language affects us, our family, and those with whom we come into contact. Angry, profane, and obscene language affects people, our family, and those against whom we are unkind. We are social animals and the way we look at others is very important. What we think about others is very much a product of our values and morals. Have we changed for the better as Catholics? Our attitudes affect how we look to others. Our attitudes are very much a product of our values and morals. Look at the way that our community is treating the homebound, or the parishioner with resources to prepare to confess. Their knowledge of Sacraments enables customers to choose the perfect gift for a friend or family member.

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Plan before the need arises!

For your peace of mind these Catholic Cemeteries advisors, Stephen Skinner, Joyce Kitmiller, Laura Favell and Kevin Kervin are available to help you. To schedule an appointment call 614-868-1085 or stop in the office Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm. By pre-arranging you can select in an unhurried and thoughtful manner the type of burial place you desire and the amount you wish to invest. Please join us for MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS Monday, May 27 at St. Joseph Cemetery. The Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. or 12 Noon at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial Service at 11:45 a.m., Mass at 12 Noon. Visit us and experience privacy and comfort at all three Catholic Cemetery offices. Call today for a personal appointment!

Pennsylvania Sponsors Catholic 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 1848. The event will be on the grounds of the current church, which was built in 1889.

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 2 p.m. May 17 to May 19, and registration beginning at 6:30 to 10 a.m. May 19. The fee 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 obligation for the Ad Altare Dei medal.

"Saints, Angels, and Heroes" is the theme for the event, with other groups to be announced. All participants will be in groups with others of similar age. Food, music, games, and a campfire games, led by youth staff, all will be included. The weekend activities will be along with education of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. In addition, the weekend will feature the reenactment from AD 1945. A lay apostolate formation program will be held for adults. This program helps adults to be more comfortable with and better understand our faith. Through guided reflection and active participation, adults learn about how we are called by Christ and his church to leadership, holiness, conversion, and worship. The presence helps participants recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit within a small community of faith.

EARLY-BIRD tickets for the event, sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Committee on Scouting, are $25 for older youths and accompanying adults and $15 for the younger group. Early-Bird Fees will be increased by $5 after Thursday, May 9. The fee includes a t-shirt, meals, activities and crafts, and a camp cup. All participants will walk the course on the morning. All other dining expenses will be supplied. Campers will be reminded to bring some snacks for their own use. The fee will also help the Greater Columbus Boy Scouts organizations.

For more details, go to: www.catholiccamps.org. Information also is available from Kevin Kervin at (614) 281-7263.
Right to cultural burial: Does forgiveness have limits?

QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Recently, a local priest refused to bury a woman’s remains in his 4th Street burial plot in the town of Beat the person did not get 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. While I do not always go along with the priest who refuses to perform the burial, I am glad there was someone willing to perform the act.

According to the Code of Can- on Law (No. 1176), Catholics have the right to a church funeral, even if there is moral and this is true even if the deceased was not regularly practicing his faith at the time of death. In these situations, Catholic funeral rites may be refused, but only by ex- ception — notably in (No. 1184) for “manifest sinners who can- not be granted an exemption from canonical sentence without public scandal of the faithful” (No. 1176). The con- dences of crime syndicates would be an example.

No matter how openly sin- ful a person’s life has been, a theologian says that burial is neces- sary if the person has mani- festly repented. When opera star Luciano Pavarotti died in July 1992, some expressed surprise that a funeral Mass was celebrated in the hometown cathedral with messages of condolence from an archbishop and even from Pope Benedict XVI, since it was commonly known that foll-

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Reassessing 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 “tunable red” comes together to try to save the patient). The sequence of events typically involves a combination of CPR, airway assistance, medications, and shocks to help the resuscitation progress in a clinical setting. Sometimes these interventions can overwhelm the family wonder whether it would be OK to fill out a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order for themselves or a family member. Would declining permission to resuscitate and shocks to the heart when the resuscitation is performed in a clinical setting. Sometimes these interventions can overwhelm the family wonder whether it would be OK to fill out a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order for themselves or a family member. 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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 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...
May • MAY 3 - Christ the King • St. Stephen the Martyr  
Our Lady of Victory Parish  
1307 N. High St., Columbus  
• Parishioners-only Mass 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.  
• Festival: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
• Red, White & Boom 4-7 p.m.  
• Dinner 5-9 p.m.  
• Corpus Christi Procession 6:30 p.m.  
• Giveaways 5 p.m.  
• Scholarship Drawing 5 p.m.  
• Silent Auction 6 p.m.  
• Live Auction 8 p.m.  
• Live Auction 8 p.m.  
• Silent Auction 6 p.m.  

May 24  
• Pope John XXIII Festival: 1-11 p.m.  
• 5K run registration @ 8 a.m. at Rotary Park; race @ 9 a.m.  
38 Granville St., Newark  

May 18  
• St. Francis de Sales  
• Fiesta Cinco de Mayo: 6-9 p.m.  
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus  

May 17  
• Corpus Christi Celebration  
starts w/ Mass @ 11:30 a.m.; procession; social  
@ Our Lady of Victory Parish, (All Saints Academy gym)  
855 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus  

May 16-17  
• St. Andrew  
8899 McCorkle Blvd, Columbus • 5 p.m. midnight  
• St. Elizabeth  
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus • 6 p.m. midnight; Saturday 5 p.m.  
• DEANERY YEAR OF FAITH CONFERENCE  
@ Renaissance Hotel (call 221-4323 for reservations) • 5:30-9 p.m.  

JUNE  
• JUNE 1-2 • Holy Redeemer  
@ Notre Dame Hall, 2220 Sunrise Ave., Portsmouth  
• DEANARY YEAR OF FAITH CONFERENCE  
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  

• JUNE 2 • Corpus Christi  
310 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus  
• Corpus Christi Celebration  
starts w/ Mass @ 9 a.m.; procession; pancake breakfast  
@ Warsaw Quadrangle, Chillicothe  

• JUNE 2 • St. Peter  
108 Church St. (built school), Chillicothe  
• Corpus Christi Celebration  
starts w/ Mass @ 11:30 a.m.; procession; social  
@ Our Lady of Victory Parish, (All Saints Academy gym)  
855 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus  

• JUNE 6-8 • St. Catharine  
550 S. Gould Road, Columbus • 5-11 p.m.  

• JUNE 7-8 • St. Mary Magdalen  
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  
• Festival: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight  

• JUNE 21-22 • St. Christopher  
1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus • 6 p.m.-midnight  

• JUNE 21-22 • St. Mary  
64 E. Willard St., Delaware • Friday & Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• JUNE 28-29 • Holy Trinity  
235 S. Columbus St., Somerset  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight  

• JUNE 28-30 • Sacred Heart  
193 1st St. NE, New Philadelphia  
Friday & Saturday 4-11 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m.  

• JULY 3 • Holy Family  
184 W. Broad St., Columbus (Parish Center)  
Red, White & Boom, 4-7 p.m.  

• JULY 12-13 • St. Timothy  
1099 Thomas Lane, Columbus  
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight  

• JULY 13 • St. Luke  
Corner of Lambert & Mound St. (38-62), Delaware • 5-10 p.m.  

• JULY 18-20 • St. Matthew the Apostle  
807 Haven Corners Rd, Gahanna/Parish Grounds  
Thursday 6-11 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 4-6 p.m.  

• JULY 19-20 • Our Lady of Peace  
20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus • Friday & Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• JULY 19-21 • St. Joseph  
615 N. Tuscawara Ave, Dover • 5-11 p.m.  

• JULY 26-27 • Immaculate Conception  
4141 North Broadway, Columbus • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight  

• JULY 26-27 • Immaculate Conception  
IC School, 305 Sherman St., Delaware • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,  
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight; Sunday 10:30 a.m.-noon  

• JULY 28 • Holy Family - Hidden Treasures  
@ Renaissance Hotel (call 221-4323 for reservations) • 5:30-9 p.m.  

• JULY 31-AUGUST 3 • St. Nicholas  
1050 E. Main St., Zanesville • Wednesday & Thursday 6-11 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight  

• AUGUST 2-3 • St. Pius X  
328 Wagoner Road, Reynoldsburg • Friday 6-11 p.m.,  
Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• AUGUST 2-3 • St. Stephen the Martyr  
410 Clare Road, Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m.,  
Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• AUGUST 3 • St. Joseph  
5137 W. 88th 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  
3351 Roanoke Road, Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• AUGUST 9-10 • St. Brendan  
4427 Dublin Road, Hilliard • Friday 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday 3 p.m.-midnight  

• AUGUST 9-10 • St. Mary  
654 S. Jefferson St., German Village, Columbus • 5 p.m.-midnight  

• AUGUST 10 • St. Bernard  
453 Adams St., Corning • Following 4 p.m. Mass  

• AUGUST 10-11 • Immaculate Conception  
215 E. North St., Kenton • Thursday 5:30-9:30 p.m; Saturday 2-3:30 p.m.  

• AUGUST 16-17 • St. Andrew  
8899 McCorkle Blvd, Columbus • 5 p.m. midnight  

• AUGUST 16-17 • St. Elizabeth  
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus • 6 p.m. midnight; Saturday 5 p.m.  

• AUGUST 22-24 • St. Joan of Arc  
30500 Liberty Road, Powell • Thursday 6-11 p.m.,  
Friday & Saturday 6-10:30 p.m.  

• AUGUST 23-24 • St. Anthony  
300 Urban Drive, Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• AUGUST 23-24 • St. Cecilia  
434 North Road, Columbus • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.  

• AUGUST 24 • Church of the Blessed Sacrament  
394 E. Main St., Newark • 5-11 p.m.  

• AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1 • St. Michael  
370 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 7-11 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m.  

• SEPTEMBER 20-22 • St. Mary of the Annunciation  
Corner of Market & 4th Sts., Portsmouth • Friday 6-10 p.m.,  
Saturday 6-10:30 p.m.  

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• 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 the group sent in March in its third and final meeting as part of a larger project.

The parish also has a prayer support group of about 100 members—remarkably a 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 Bucyrus Lake region, there are Prayer Warriors in Sandusky 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 at Sts. Peter and Paul, said that since the church covers parts of Fairfield, Licking, and Perry counties, the Prayer Warrior service is 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.

Children 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 permission. Also, those who can’t reach the phone or decline permission for the general form of prayer is used.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church was built in 1926 on land which was purchased by the Reinhart family in part through a $5,000 donation by the Knights of Columbus, long-time benefactors of the parish. The church was named in honor of Mary, Mother of Jesus, at the request of Bishop John F. Hughes of New York, in 1947. The church is a mission church until a resident pastor was appointed in 1948.

“One thing that’s unique about this is that unlike most parishes, which will have been in the summer of 2013, Father Ferguson said. That’s a result of Bucyrus Lake’s long history as a vacation spot. The lake was built in the 1920s to heal the old Erie and Ohio 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 Bucyrus, Mansfield, Milford, New London, Wellington, Thos Motel, Toronto, Heath, Baltimore, Pleasantville, Grosvenor, 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.”

Bucyrus Lake itself is a community of contrasts. Ohio 79 serves as a divider line, with residences for fishermen and the well-laid on one side and some very poor residents on the other side. “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 disrepair.”

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 Bucyrus Lake and Hebron have what is considered a moderate to low income level, with more than 60 percent making less than $25,000 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 St. Vincent de Paul Center in New London, and other arid ducking parishes, especially Pickerington St. Elise, and St. Peter’s on Worthington St. Rd.

The parish also has a food pantry, which has served the area for 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 team. The pantry staff is led by Silvia Zabowski, 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 collected the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe by having a second collection, the parish website includes a list of its services, including following links to area festivals. In addition, the school provides an annual event which involves members of families as a meeting location for the local diocesan group. The school is a significant community gathering place, serving as a polling place and a meeting location for the local school, school, and other gathering places, and serving as an example of faith-related CDs which the parish 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 Catholic-themed 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 St. Peter and Paul Re- treat, a precursor to the local community ga thering place, Vacation Bible School. The church hall is a significant community gathering place, serving as a polling place and a meeting location for the local school. The school is a significant community gathering place, serving as a polling place and a meeting location for the local school. The school is a significant community gathering place, serving as a polling place and a meeting location for the local school. The school is a significant community gathering place, serving as a polling place and a meeting location for the local school.
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Funeral Mass for Robert J. Hoch, 92, who died Monday, April 22, was held Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, New Albany.

He was born Dec. 12, 1920, in Ladoga, Ind., to Louis and Mary (Schroeder) Hoch. He was a member of the St. Pius X parish in Columbus. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Church, and a member of the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 6, and a member of the Phaseakos-Constantine Post 140 and American Legion Post 11.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia (McCarthy) Hoch; and brothers, Joseph Richard Hoch, George (Jesse), Frank (Evva) Hoch, Charles (Isabella), Paul Mary and James; and sisters, Catherine (Roberts) Action, Mary Paul King, Betty (Robert) Cunn, and Dorothy (Carl) Rubb.

Survivors include sons, John (Karen) Hoch, Robert (Charmaine) Hoch, and Dennis (Lori) Hoch; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Pius X Parish Scholarship Fund or to the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral Endowment Fund.

Robert J. Hoch was the founder of Robert J. Hoch & Son, a welding company that operated in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. He was a member of the American Welding Society and the International Association of Bridge and Structural Engineers. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard and the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was a member of the St. Pius X Parish in Columbus. He was a member of the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. He was a member of the American Legion Post 11 and the American Legion Post 140. He was a member of the Phaseakos-Constantine Post 140. He was a member of the American Legion Post 6. He was a member of the American Legion Post 50.

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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 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 cliche 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 Christocentric 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 though 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.