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USCCB FILES SUPREME COURT BRIEFS SUPPORTING DOMA, PROPOSITION 8

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on Tuesday, Jan. 29, filed amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California's Proposition 8, both of which confirm the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

DOMA was passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1996 and defines marriage for federal and interstate recognition purposes. Proposition 8 is a state constitutional amendment approved by the citizens of California in 2008. Both laws are challenged because they define marriage exclusively as the union of one man and one woman.

Urging the Court to uphold DOMA (<http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs/upload/united-states-v-windsor.pdf>), the USCCB brief in *United States v. Windsor* says that "there is no fundamental right to marry a person of the same sex." The brief also states that "as defined by courts 'sexual orientation' is not a classification that should trigger heightened scrutiny," such as race or ethnicity would.

It added that "civil recognition of same-sex relationships is not deeply rooted in the Nation's history and tradition—quite the opposite is true. Nor can the treatment of such relationships as marriages be said to be implicit in the concept of ordered liberty, such that neither liberty nor justice would exist if they were sacrificed."

The USCCB argued that previous Supreme Court decisions "describing marriage as a fundamental right plainly contemplate the union of one man and one woman."

The bishops also cautioned that a

decision invalidating DOMA "would have adverse consequences in other areas of law."

In a separate brief filed in *Hollingsworth v. Perry* urging the Court to uphold Proposition 8 (<http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs/upload/hollingsworth-v-perry.pdf>), the USCCB states that there are many reasons why the state may reasonably support and encourage marriage, understood as the union of one man and one woman, as distinguished from other relationships. Government support for marriage, so understood, is "recognizing the unique capacity of opposite-sex couples to procreate" and "the unique value to children of being raised by their mother and father together."

The USCCB brief states, "(T)he People of California could reasonably conclude that a home with a mother and a father is the optimal environment for raising children, an ideal that Proposition 8 encourages and promotes. Given both the unique capacity for reproduction and unique value of homes with a mother and father, it is reasonable for a State to treat the union of one man and one woman as having a public value that is absent from other intimate interpersonal relationships."

The USCCB brief adds that "While this Court has held that laws *forbidding* private, consensual, homosexual conduct between adults lack a rational basis, it does not follow that the government has a constitutional duty to encourage or endorse such conduct. Thus, governments may legitimately decide to further the interests of opposite-sex unions only. Similarly, minimum standards of rationality

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CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR HONORED AT LUNCHEON

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Joe Buttress' acceptance speech took only one minute 45 seconds and barely hinted at the reasons why the diocesan Catholic Men's Luncheon Club chose him to receive its annual Catholic Man of the Year award. But those who preceded him at the podium on Friday, Feb. 1, at Columbus St. Patrick Church provided many examples of his worthiness for the honor.

His son-in-law, Bill Heinmiller, said Buttress "makes a daily decision to be a disciple of Christ. He does it through his actions, through his deeds, and most of all, through his love." He described his father-in-law as "an example of love to everybody he's come in contact with. He has served humbly, but he has served with great love."

Heinmiller said Buttress fits the definition of a Catholic man as described by Erie, Pa., priest Father Larry Richards in his book "Be A Man!" Father Richards is a frequent speaker in the Columbus area and host of a weekly St. Gabriel Radio program.

"Father Larry challenges men to be a man who stays focused on the final goal, who lives as a beloved son, who repents, who lives in the Holy Spirit, ... a man who is strong, ... a man who is loving, ... a man who is wise, who lives as he was created, is holy. ... Father Larry challenges us to be men who change the world. I believe that Joe has done all these things," Heinmiller said.

He said his father-in-law could have spent his free time relaxing after tak-

ing early retirement from a career as a mechanical engineer after 30 years with the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Co., but instead, "retirement meant service to others. Joe has committed his life to living out his faith." Heinmiller said Buttress provides a good example of a saying attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words only when necessary."

Buttress' son, Phil, followed Heinmiller to the podium and said, "As far back as I can remember, volunteer service to others has been part of Dad's life. I recall, as a young child, helping him deliver holiday care packages to less fortunate families across Columbus. ... His current work with St. Lawrence Haven is just a continuation of a life dedicated to serving others. ... While he has never sought earthly recognition for his efforts, his unwavering faith and love of God should be shared with others, so they can be inspired as I have been."

Buttress has been a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for more than 50 years, and for about 30 years has worked once a week distributing food to the poor and the hungry at St. Lawrence Haven, which the society operates at the old Holy Cross School in downtown Columbus.

One of his colleagues there, Terry O'Loughlin, said of Buttress: "What volunteering meant to Joe was not sitting on a board or a committee and devising work for others to do, but he got in there and did the hands-on work. ... (He is) a great example of a man who got in there and did the nitty-gritty of charity."



After accepting the award from Bishop Frederick Campbell, it was the honoree's turn to speak. Buttress said he saw the award as a tribute to the kind of example he and many others active in the faith are trying to set.

"I accept this award gratefully and humbly. I know that it's not an award just to me, but it's an award to all you good people who live the Catholic life out there, doing the right thing when it's not always the easy thing," he said.

After thanking his wife, his children and their spouses, St. Christopher parishioners, and his fellow St. Lawrence Haven volunteers, Buttress recited a prayer which he says after receiving Communion: "Dear Lord, thank you

for all the gifts and graces you have graced upon me. May I accept them graciously and serve others with them when I can."

Buttress, 89, and his wife, Mary (pictured with her husband and Bishop Campbell), have been married for 55 years and have four children: daughters Sue Bauchmoyer, Marybeth Callaghan, and Anne Heinmiller, and son Phil. He was born in Cambridge to Lebanese immigrant parents, was raised in a devout Catholic home and was educated in Catholic schools. He served in the Army in World War II and graduated from The Ohio State University.

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under the Constitution do not require adopting the lower court's incoherent definition of 'marriage' as merely a 'committed lifelong relationship,' which is wildly over-inclusive, empties the term of its meaning, and leads to absurd results."

"Marriage, understood as the union of one man and one woman, is not an historical relic, but a vital and foundational institution of civil society today," the USCCB brief states. "The government interests in continuing to encourage and support it are not merely legitimate, but compelling. No other institution joins together persons with the natural ability to have chil-

dren, to assure that those children are properly cared for. No other institution ensures that children will at least have the opportunity of being raised by their mother and father together. Societal ills that flow from the dissolution of marriage and family would not be addressed—indeed, they would only be aggravated—were the government to fail to reinforce the union of one man and one woman with the unique encouragement and support it deserves."

The USCCB brief also notes that "Proposition 8 is not rendered invalid because some of its supporters were informed by religious or moral consid-

erations. Many, if not most, of the significant social and political movements in our Nation's history were based on precisely such considerations. Moreover, the argument to redefine marriage to include the union of persons of the same sex is similarly based on a combination of religious and moral considerations (albeit ones that are, in our view, flawed). As is well established in this Court's precedent, the coincidence of law and morality, or law and religious teaching, does not detract from the rationality of a law."

USCCB notes that a judicial decision invalidating Proposition 8's definition of marriage would have adverse

consequences in other areas of law.

"(R)edefining marriage—particularly as a matter of constitutional law, rather than legislative process—not only threatens principles of federalism and separation of powers, but would have a widespread adverse impact on other constitutional rights, such as the freedoms of religion, conscience, speech, and association. Affirmance of the judgment below would create an engine of conflict in this area, embroiling this Court and lower courts in a series of otherwise avoidable disputes—pitting constitutional right squarely against constitutional right—for years to come," the brief says.



Front Page photo:

A groom and bride hold hands on their wedding day. The Catholic Church celebrates World Marriage Day on Sunday, Feb. 10.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Diocesan

Did you study the second 10 recommendations on the level of the Episcopal Conferences this past week? I think it was more difficult to choose three to add to our list that we can do for 2013. Since some of these are pretty specific for bishops, it can seem as though they have little or nothing to do with us. But just as important as it is for our bishops to teach us and instruct us in our faith, it is important for us to be receptive to those teachings. If we are not in the pews at Mass, if we are not reading and experiencing the material in various forms of media, and if we are not listening to God's Word, then the teaching is lost. We must pay attention to the availability of resources that can help us to live our faith. Our bishops and our clergy and religious will be making a great effort to provide materials for us, filled with information, clarification, doctrine, and reality. We know exactly how and where to find googled information, sports scores, our favorite reality show, GPS maps, emails, and texts. Enriching, renewing, and soul-saving material on our Catholic faith is just as easy to find. Be attentive at Mass, read your parish bulletin, read the Catholic Times, google your faith interests, and then ask your pastor what you can do to help. Be a part of the conduit of faith to others.



The third recommendations regarding the Year of Faith, provided by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome to help us better experience a renewal of our faith, are "At the Diocesan Level." 1. It is hoped that each parish would have a celebration of the opening of the Year of Faith and a solemn conclusion to it, in which to "profess our faith in the Risen Lord in the cathedrals and churches of the whole world." 2. It is desirable that each diocese in the world organize a day of study on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, particularly for priests, consecrated persons, and catechists. 3. Each bishop is encouraged to devote a pastoral letter of his own to the topic of faith, reminding the faithful of the importance of the Second Vatican Council and the Catholic Catechism. 4. Catechetical events should be organized, especially for the youth and those searching for a sense of life, helping them to discover the beauty of their faith. 5. It is appropriate for each diocese and parish to review the reception of the Second Vatican Council and the Catholic Catechism in its own life and mission, particularly in the realm of catechesis. This is an opportunity for a renewal of commitment for those who teach our faith. 6. The continuing education of the clergy can be a real focus during this Year of Faith. 7. Penitential celebrations should be organized, particularly during Lent, in which all can ask for God's forgiveness. We have an occasion in which all can approach the Sacrament of Penance with greater faith and more frequently. 8. We hope that there will be a renewed dialogue between faith and reason in the academic and artistic communities. 9. It is important to promote encounters with people who are "searching for the ultimate meaning and definitive truth of their lives and the world." 10. We have an opportunity to pay greater attention to Catholic schools, which are a perfect place to offer students a living witness to the Lord, and to nurture their faith.

Our practical challenge this week is to choose three more recommendations. I suggest helping to organize ecclesial events, especially for the benefit of our youth. Volunteer to do just that in your parish. Look for penitential celebrations or communal opportunities to go to the Sacrament of Confession, especially this coming Lent, which begins this Wednesday, Feb. 13. Finally, pay attention to our Catholic schools. Pray for our teachers and students in schools and parish schools of religion. And try this: Send a donation for tuition assistance to Ohio Dominican University, the Pontifical College Josephinum, one of our diocesan high schools, or your parish school.

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

BAND STUDENTS HONORED



Jacob Manion and Tony Orsini of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School have been selected for the 2013 Ohio State University middle school honor band, and Tony Rogner has been chosen as an alternate to the seventh-grade honor band. Pictured (from left) are Orsini, Manion, and Rogner. They were chosen based on a nomination from Brian Sze, assistant band director at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. Approximately 450 students and 100 middle schools statewide were considered for these positions. The students will work with Ohio State's associate director of bands, Dr. Scott Jones, along with guest composer-conductor Brian Balmages, and members of the OSU symphonic band and collegiate winds. An 80 piece seventh-grade band and an 80 piece eighth-grade band will perform in concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in Weigel Hall on the OSU campus.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

FOR GREATER GLORY

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, will present a free showing of "For Greater Glory," the story of the Cristero War fought by Mexican Catholics in the 1920s against that nation's anti-Catholic government, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

"For Greater Glory" stars Andy Garcia as Enrique Gorostieta, a retired general and an agnostic who reluctantly joined the Cristeros' cause and eventually became their most inspiring leader. The movie also features Oscar Isaac, Catalino Sando Moreno, Santiago Cabrera, Eva Longoria, and Peter O'Toole.

The Cristero War took place from 1926-29 and was a revolution by the Mexican Catholic populace against

former Mexican president Plutarco Elias Calles, who sought to penalize and persecute the Catholic Church and Catholic organizations.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized 25 martyrs who took part in the Cristero War. Most of them were priests who passively resisted the government's anticlerical mandates and continued to carry out their ministries.

The movie is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America because it contains violent battle scenes. Parents are advised that in making a decision to allow children under 17 to attend, they should access online movie resources - particularly those that will help with faith-based themes - to help interpret the film's rating.

WILDERNESS OUTREACH FIREWOOD SALE

The men of Wilderness Outreach will be cleaning up 40 acres of forested property at Schmelzer's Grove, near Bremen, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

The property, owned by Bremen St. Mary Church and the Diocese of Columbus, was logged two years ago. There is need to remove the tops of logged trees and to dispose of trees blown over in last spring's windstorm. The wood will be cut and

made ready to burn in fireplaces and wood-burning stoves. All Catholics who need firewood are encouraged to come to Schmelzer's Grove and pick up some in return for a donation to Wilderness Outreach.

Schmelzer's Grove is located at 9960 Sacred Heart Road, Bremen. Men interested in participating in the work should contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or email john@wildernessoutreach.net.

SCOUTS HONORED AT MASS BY BISHOP CAMPBELL



Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts who earned religious awards in 2012 gathered Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany to be honored by Bishop Frederick Campbell at a prayer service.

The bishop spoke to the Scouts and their adult leaders about his own expe-

riences as a Boy Scout while growing up in Elmira, N.Y., saying Scouting taught him the value of cooperation, helped him discover some of his talents, and showed him that those talents are enjoyed most when they are shared with others.

Several outstanding Scouts, adult



leaders, and Scout units received awards from the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, which sponsored the event.

Seven young men and women were presented the Red Sash of Merit, given to Catholic Scouts, usually high school students, who demonstrate leadership, accept responsibility, and are active in their troop, community, or parish.

Five adults received the Bronze Pelican emblem, which the diocesan Scouting committee presents to individuals who have performed exceptional service to the Scouting program through their contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth.

Five past Bronze Pelican winners were honored with the St. George emblem, a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for continuing service to Catholic Scouts.

Two adults were awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal and two others received the St. Anne Medal. Both awards are presented by the diocesan committee and the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts for

meritorious service by adults to Catholic young people through the Girl Scouting and Camp Fire programs. The St. Anne Medal is the highest national recognition given adults for their service to the Catholic component of these programs.

Top left: Red Sash of Merit recipients (from left) Brennan Beickelman, Dale Lingo, Kaitlin Kruger, Jodie Hopkins, Marko Jesenko, Steven Steigelman, and Thomas Manning, with Deacon Christopher Reis, diocesan Scout chaplain (far left) and Bishop Frederick Campbell.

Top right: Boy Scout adult award recipients (from left): first row, David Burns (Bronze Pelican); Jacqueline Eizensmits and Karen Richeson (both St. George); and Michael Hoy (Bronze Pelican); second row, Deacon Reis; Msgr. David Funk (Bronze Pelican); David Burd (St. George); Bishop Campbell; Deacon Chris Axline (Bronze Pelican); and Michael Galyk and Aaron Van Ostran (both St. George). Also receiving the Bronze Pelican emblem was Father Michael Nimocks.

Below: Girl Scout award recipients (from left) Lorraine Croswell (St. Anne) and Nancy Dietz and Stacey Pina (both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton), with Deacon Reis and Bishop Campbell. Also receiving the St. Anne Medal was Jeanne Kiraly.

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Employment Opportunity MUSIC DIRECTOR

A growing suburban parish of 3,300 families, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Powell, is seeking a Music Director who will primarily serve as Principal Choir Director, adhering to the Liturgical Guidelines of the Diocese of Columbus and of the Parish. The Director will be responsible to, and work closely with, the pastor with additional support by a primary organist/pianist and a Children's Choir Director. It is preferred that the Music Director be able to serve as a backup pianist/organist.

The Director is expected to have knowledge of all Catholic liturgical music documents and Catholic liturgy. Familiarity of the Liturgical Guidelines of the Diocese with principles and dimensions of the Catholic faith formation; proven administrative skills including interpersonal relations, excellent oral and written communication, flexibility, conflict resolution, management and supervision, vision, planning, and collaborative ministry.

Primary responsibilities include the direction, rehearsal and development of the adult and bell choirs; the selection, ordering of suitable music, and direction for/of choirs and instrumentalists for special liturgies. Responsibilities also include planning of liturgies, training, scheduling and rehearsal of cantors on a continuing basis. Other duties include development of programs, the planning of all liturgical music, creation of worship aids, and attending Liturgy Committee and staff meetings.

A Masters Degree, or equivalent in education and/or experience, with a minimum 3 years Catholic parish music experience, is required. Compliance with BCI&I background checks and completion of Protecting God's Children program are also required. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send cover letter, resume, references and salary requirements, by February 22, 2013, to:

Deacon Jim Rouse at jimrousecols@sbcglobal.net.



CALCULATING THE 40 DAYS OF LENT; INFANT BAPTISM



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I always hear about the “40 days of Lent,” but the math never seems to work out. When does it start and when does it end, and how do you arrive at 40 days? (Cherry Hill, N.J.)

A. As often happens, a short and simple question requires a complicated answer. Technically, the Sundays of Lent are not part of this penitential season. Since it is always a “mini-celebration” of Christ’s resurrection, a Sunday can never be a day of fast and abstinence.

So when the church decided to set aside a season of prayer and penance in preparation for Easter -- and decided to make it 40 days, to mirror Christ’s fast in the desert before his public ministry -- it calculated this way: six full weeks, Monday through Saturday, plus Ash Wednesday and the three days that follow it, for a total of 40 days.

But here’s the complication: Although Good Friday and Holy Saturday are clearly part of the penitential season, liturgically they are not a part of Lent. In the church’s liturgical calendar, Lent ends just before the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening, and then the Easter Triduum begins.

Q. A friend of ours who is a Baptist recently invited us to his church for a service. During the service, they had a baptism, and the minister made the following announcement: “This boy is now nine years old, and after inquiring about his faith, he has decided to become a Christian.”

On the way home, my friend and his family kept stressing the importance of being baptized at an age when one is mature enough to understand the basics of the faith and to make one’s own choice -- unlike the Catholic practice, they pointed

out, where infants are baptized while they have no capability of understanding.

I tried to explain that faith is passed on from parents to their children and that all children need parental guidance on their journey of faith -- even when they’ve reached the age of nine. Is there anything else I should have said? (Greenville, S.C.)

A. Most Christians belong to denominations that practice infant baptism -- including Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Reformed.

Baptists are among those who do not, joined by most Pentecostals and evangelicals generally. These latter groups reserve baptism for those who have reached an age when they are capable of making a conscious decision to accept Jesus as their lord and savior.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in No. 1250 states that “children also have need of the new birth in baptism to be freed from the power of darkness” and in No. 1252 that “the practice of infant baptism is an immemorial tradition of the church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century, and it is quite possible that from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole ‘households’ received baptism, infants may also have been baptized.”

Baptism marks the child’s entrance into the life of the sacraments and signifies the desire of the parents to pass on to their child their most precious possession, the gift of their faith. And I agree with you that their formative influence on their child’s faith will last far beyond the age of nine and often into adulthood.

In the first few centuries of the church’s existence, when adult converts were entering in great

numbers, the sacrament of baptism was thought of principally as a rite of initiation, the beginning of the Christian life.

Toward the end of the fourth century, St. Augustine -- seeking to explain the presence of evil in the world -- decided that evil reached us from the original sin committed by Adam and Eve. Baptism then assumed a new importance, as removing this inherited sin, and that is the understanding of baptism which most of us grew up with.

Over the last half-century, there’s been some refinement in the church’s perception, and baptism and original sin are seen in a new light -- which is actually a return to something more traditional.

There is no “stain” on the infant’s soul that defiles it; the little baby -- as you can tell by looking -- is innocent and pure. If that baby were to die before being baptized, I feel safe in believing that God would find a way to bring the child to heaven.

But every person is born into an imperfect world, a world where sin and selfishness are and have been real forces, and that’s a more refined view of what we mean by original sin. That child will very much need the grace of God and the help of the Christian community to resist selfishness and to advance in holiness.

Baptism begins that life, opens a channel of grace through the sacraments -- which explains why the *Catechism* in No. 1250 feels compelled to point out that “the church and the parents would deny the child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer baptism shortly after birth.”

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

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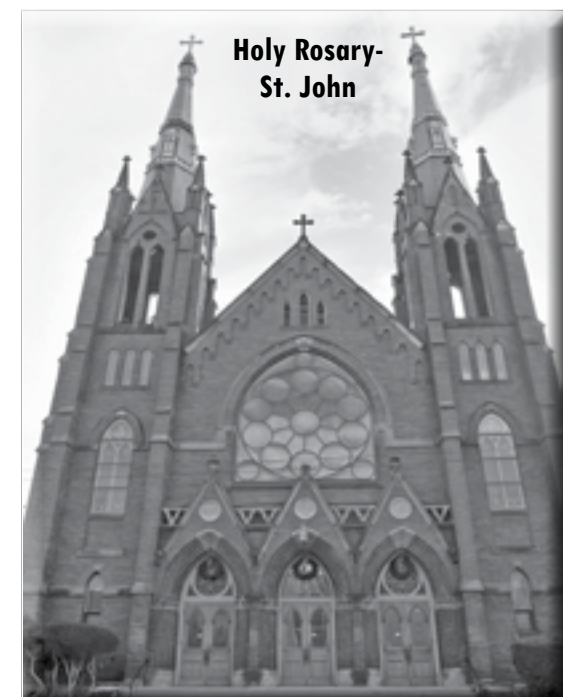
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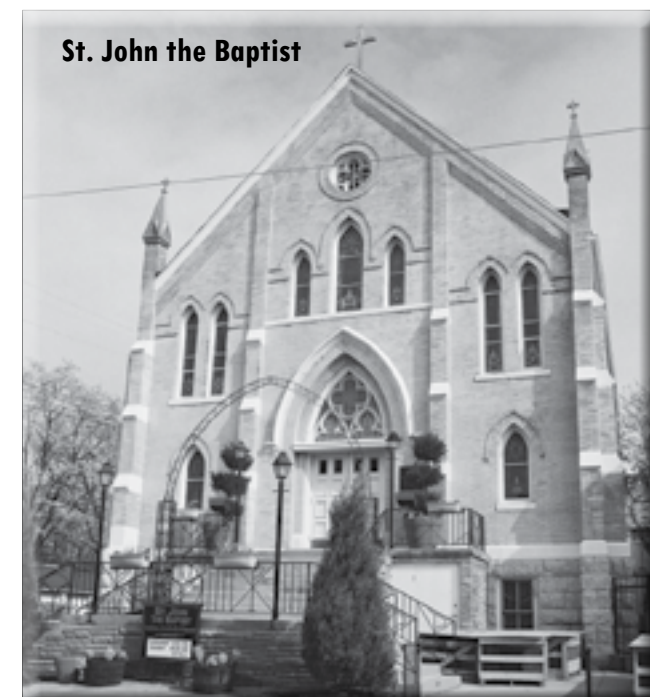
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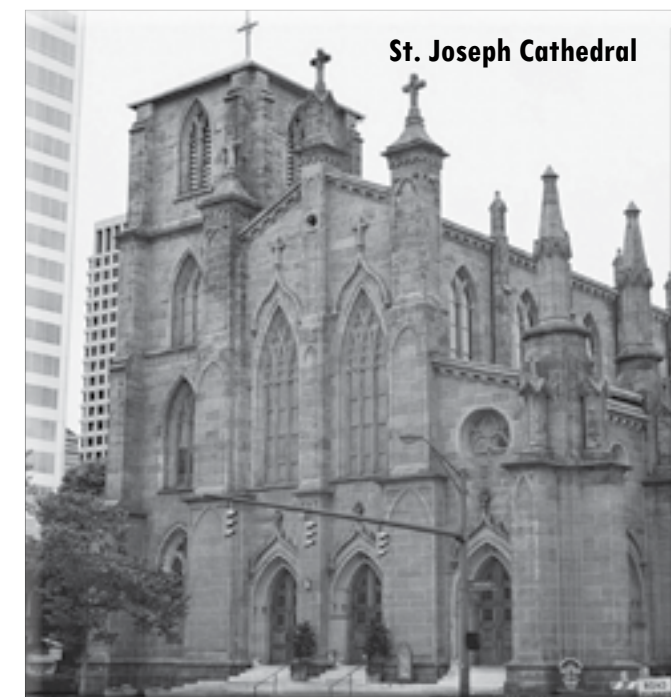
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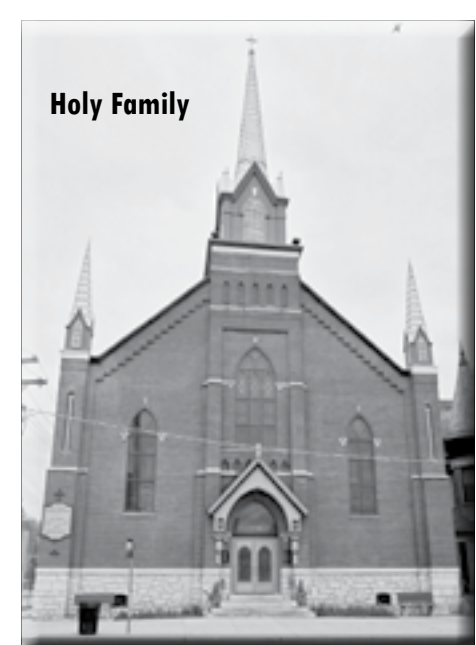
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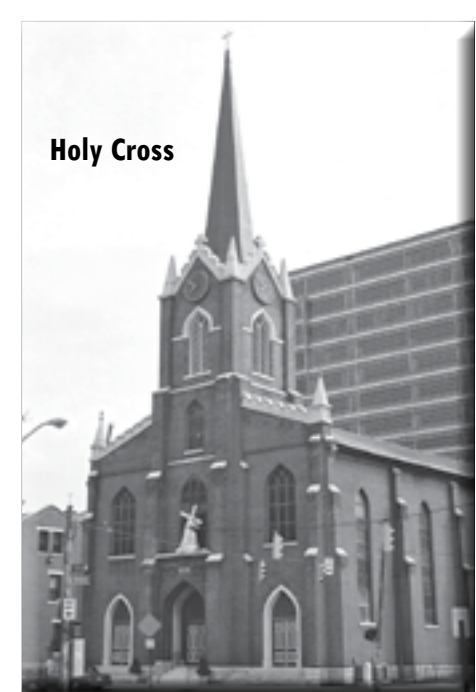
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“SEVEN-CHURCH TOUR OF COLUMBUS”

In the middle of the 15th century, the “second apostle of Rome,” St. Philip Neri, began a tradition called the “Seven-Church Walk of Rome.” It was an opportunity for the faithful, especially young people, to foster devotion and community in the city of Rome, as well as to see the city’s historic and beautiful churches.

Now, the people of Columbus have a chance to take part in a similar experience without traveling 4,700 miles. A seven-church tour of historic and beautiful Catholic churches in and near downtown Columbus will be taking place on three Saturdays next month.

The tours, all with an identical schedule, will leave from a different site each time. Tour dates and departure sites are: March 2, Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.; March 9, Hilliard St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road; and March 23, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North. Departure time will be 8:30 a.m. for all three tours.

A 55-passenger bus will take participants and their guide, Father Joshua Wagner, to Holy Cross, St. Patrick, and St. Mary churches, St. Joseph Cathedral, Holy Family Church and the Holy Family Jubilee Museum, and St. John the Baptist Church. The tour will end with a 4 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, where Father Wagner is pastor. The Mass will

fulfill the Sunday obligation. Participants then will return by bus to the site where the tour started.

The tour will include stops of approximately 35 minutes at each church except Holy Family and Holy Rosary-St. John, with prayer at all the churches. The visit to Holy Family will include lunch and a talk by Father Kevin Lutz, director of the Jubilee Museum, along with the Liturgy of the Hours and an hourlong tour of the museum, the largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork in the United States.

Father Wagner is an experienced tour guide. While he was in seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, he occupied his free time with giving free tours of St. Peter’s Basilica, the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Piazza Navona, Assisi, the major Roman basilicas, and the catacombs.

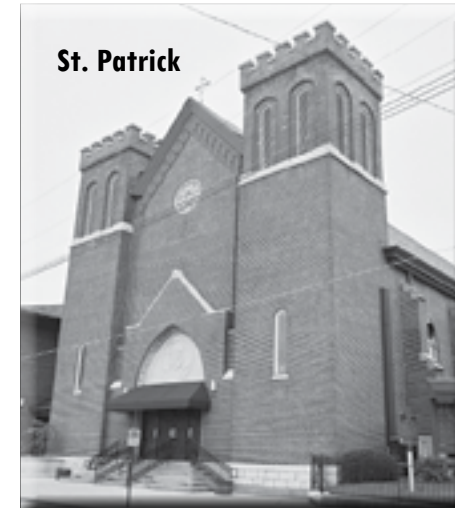
He has walked St. Philip Neri’s seven-church walk twice, first by himself and then leading a large group of seminarians and laypeople. Since being ordained, he has returned to Rome many times as priest and tour guide for pilgrimages.

Participants in the tour will receive a plenary indulgence for their visit to the cathedral, as declared by Pope Benedict XVI for the Year of Faith.

The cost of the tour is \$65/person. For more information, visit www.sevenchurchtour.com.



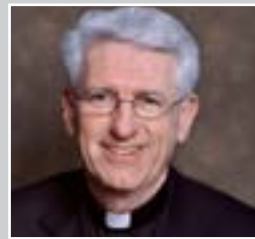
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Answering God's Call

TWO APPOINTMENTS TO SAME PASTORATE CAME AS SURPRISES



Father Jerome Rodenfels

by Tim Puet

Father Jerome Rodenfels has been pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany for two separate periods, totaling 20 years, and said he was taken by surprise both times he was appointed to the position.

"The first time came when I was selected as administrator for the parish in December of 1988," he said. He was appointed as pastor two months later. "I had been a priest for 14 years, but eight of those were as a hospital chaplain before I was assigned in July 1988 as associate pastor at Seton Parish in Pickerington.

"After five months there, Bishop (James) Griffin called and asked me to come to New Albany. I had anticipated I would be an associate at Seton for two years or so to get used to parish work again, and then perhaps be appointed to a pastorate. But the Holy Spirit apparently had other designs. It was an unexpected and challenging move, but through God's grace, it worked out well."

He remained in New Albany as pastor for 10 years. In 1998, he was appointed pastor of Columbus St. Andrew Church, with Msgr J. Colby Grimes succeeding him at Resurrection. Father Rodenfels became administrator of Columbus St. Anthony Church for three months in 2001, then returned to work as a chaplain for two years at Mount Carmel Medical Center, with residence at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

The death of Msgr Grimes in 2003 left the New Albany parish without a pastor, so Father Rodenfels applied for the position. "I enjoyed my earlier time there and decided to put in an application," he said. "I knew I'd regret it if I didn't at least apply, but I didn't necessarily think I'd get the position, since it's rare that a pastor is appointed to a parish for a second time. So it came again as somewhat

of a surprise when the appointment was made, though not as surprising as the first time. Once more, this apparently was where the Holy Spirit wanted me to be."

He came back to what had become a much larger parish than the one he had left five years earlier. "The size of the parish had more than doubled in that period, going from 1,000 families to 2,150," he said. That growth has continued to the present, with the parish now having a membership of about 2,400 families.

When Father Rodenfels originally was assigned to New Albany in 1988, the parish was just five years old and had about 500 families. It was located in what was still mainly a rural area, but was being transformed rapidly by the developments begun by the New Albany Co., which had been formed earlier in the decade by entrepreneurs Leslie Wexner and John Kessler.

"I've always been a strong believer in cooperative ministry, having a dialogue with the laity so we can come to a consensus about what the needs of the parish are," he said. "It took about two years for me to feel comfortable as a pastor. One of the most significant parish events in that time was our first volunteer appreciation dinner-dance in January 1990. It was the first time a lot of the various parish groups were able to really get together and socialize and start forming a community. It was a big success, and those dinners continued for many years thereafter.

"In 1991, we established pastoral and finance councils as the best way of getting the input of the whole parish, having the laity become more involved, and looking toward the future. A new wing was added to what then was the church and now is the parish ministry center in 1996, but we knew that wouldn't be enough

and that my successor as pastor would have to be responsible for building a larger church."

When Father Rodenfels returned as pastor, work on the current church was under way. He said Deacon Byron Phillips, who has served at Resurrection as a deacon since his ordination in 2001, was in charge of most of the construction because of Msgr. Grimes' illness.

"My return here was much easier than coming the first time, because those who had been here before knew me," he said. "When the announcement was made that I was coming back, the people applauded, and that's always touched me. Being with the people here, sharing good times and bad, has given me the most satisfaction I've had as a priest. I appreciate the trust people have put in me."

Father Rodenfels grew up in Columbus with two brothers, one of them now deceased, and a sister, also deceased. His father was a millwright at the former Fisher Body plant and his mother held various secretarial jobs after their children were raised. She was a secretary in the office of the former Diocesan Development Fund for about two years and worked at Westerville St. Paul School from 1973-81.

He graduated from Columbus St. Gabriel School and was a member of the first graduating class of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School in 1964. "I spent two years at Ohio State, but in the fall of 1966, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," he said. "I had been thinking about the priesthood and decided on Labor Day weekend that I wanted to give the seminary a try.

"I got in touch with Father (later Msgr. James) Berendt, the principal at DeSales. He had me

go to St. Charles Seminary for an interview on Labor Day, and I reported for class the next day and immediately started a weeklong retreat. My father said afterward that he had been praying for six years for me to enter the seminary, but never had told me."

Father Rodenfels attended St. Charles for three years until the seminary closed, received a bachelor's degree from Ohio Dominican College in 1970, and finished his theological studies at the Catholic University of America in 1973. He was ordained on May 26, 1974, by Bishop Edward Herrmann, then spent two years at Columbus St. Andrew Church and four years at Marion St. Mary Church. He followed that with eight years as a hospital chaplain in Columbus, serving at University, St. Anthony, and St. Anthony Mercy hospitals at various times before returning to pastoral work in Pickerington.

Priests he said were particularly influential in his life included Msgr. Berendt; Father John Ryan, his high school religion teacher; Msgr. Roland Winel, who in retirement assisted him as chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital; and Father Eugene Walsh, SS, a faculty member at Catholic University.

"I hope I've been able to be a good shepherd to people on their journey from this life to the next, and that I've been able to communicate that God is always with us," he said.

"The priesthood is a very worthwhile vocation for anyone whom God has called to serve him in this way. I would encourage any single Catholic man thinking that he may be being called to the priesthood to pray about it, talk to priests, apply to the seminary, and see where it leads."

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The Vast Universe



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

Ohio Dominican University celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas with an annual convocation, which this year featured a lecture by theologian Father Thomas F. O'Meara, OP, titled "Vast Universe: Extraterrestrials and Christian Revelation" (also the title of his latest book). His presentation treated those attending with the opportunity to stretch their minds and understanding of Christian revelation here on earth by considering the possibility of free, intelligent extraterrestrial life sharing with human beings a capacity for relationship with God, the Creator of all.

Father O'Meara began with a quick review of the growing body of scientific knowledge of the universe, gathered in part from increasingly powerful telescopes that probe its vast expanse. Scientists estimate the existence of about 125 billion galaxies, each holding billions of stars. The Drake Equation, which looks at probabilities of the existence of intelligent life on other planets, suggests that in our galaxy alone, the possibility lies that there are anywhere from 1,000 to one million intelligent civilizations.

In his lecture, Father O'Meara moved into considering how this speculation impacts Christian understanding of Jesus of Nazareth as the revelation of God.

"No problem," I thought as I scribbled notes in my journal, having long entertained the probability of intelligent creatures existing somewhere in the universe. How could they not? Two favorite authors came to mind: Madeleine L'Engle, in the book "A Wrinkle in Time," shows her young protagonists meeting Centaur-like creatures on the planet Uriel, their first stop along a cosmic journey battling evil. These creatures exist in what we might call a "garden of Eden" state, always filled with light and love. At a later point in the story, gentle, sightless creatures who live on the planet Ixchel heal the space travelers from an encounter with evil.

ST. ELIZABETH MISSION

Catholic evangelist and Richard Lane will present a parish mission at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, March 4 to 7. His theme will be "Standing on the Rock of Faith."

Lane's dynamic and charismatic style is based on the principles of faith, hope, and love. As a convert in 2003, he began proclaiming the Gospel as a street-corner evangelist, sharing the Word of

God and passing out Bibles, crosses and other religious items. Lane has been featured on "Catholic Answers Live," Ave Maria Radio, and EWTN. He and his wife, Donna, a catechist, founded Qorban Ministries in 2005.

Lane was born in Detroit and is the son of Pro Football Hall of Fame member "Night Train" Lane. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta and served for six years in the Army Military Police Corps in various locations.



FATHER GIDEON NAMED TOP COOK AMONG COLUMBUS CLERGY

Father Peter Gideon, pastor of Lancaster St. Mark Church, was the winner of the 2013 Clergy Who Cook competition at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Father Gideon's winning dish was Lobster Newburg, and was voted the favorite among entries from 13 other priests, deacons, and seminarians. A record crowd turned out at the Jessing Center on Feb. 1 for the annual event, raising more than \$20,000 in aid for seminarians at the Josephinum. CT photo by David Garick

he said. How might other beings experience "grace?" As Thomas Aquinas thought, God created out of the generosity of goodness. Incarnation on earth is but one activity of a dynamic God.

And what about evil and sin? Does the existence of intelligence mean that evil must be present? It is part of our story. Might civilizations exist without it?

As Father O'Meara pointed out, theological thought on extraterrestrial life is not new. He quoted the Franciscan Guillaume de Vaurouillon (1392-1463), who wrote that "Infinite worlds, more perfect than this one, lie hid in the mind of God."

Father O'Meara also mentioned the 20th-century Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner's openness to the idea of intelligent life on other planets and the conviction that God's self-communication would be offered to them.

Reminding me of Aslan's comment to Lucy in "The Dawn Treader," Father O'Meara quoted a few lines from the poem, "Christ in the Universe," by British poet Alice Meynell: "But in the eternities,/ Doubtless we shall compare together, hear/ A million alien Gospels, in what guise/ He trod the Pleiades, the Lyre, the Bear/ O, be prepared, my soul!/ To read the inconceivable, to scan/ The million forms of God those stars unroll/ When, in our turn, we show to them a Man."

Dr. Barbara Finan, friend and colleague of O'Meara, said in her response to the lecture, "I learned a lot about who God is not from Tom O'Meara. Perhaps that is the most we can hope for. ... God is more than we can imagine."

True. But for 40 minutes, we enjoyed trying.

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NEW INITIATIVES FOR DIOCESAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The new director of the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office said his goals for this year include updating the marriage preparation curriculum used by the diocesan Pre-Cana program and starting new initiatives to encourage Natural Family Planning.

Dan Thimons said it's anticipated that the Pre-Cana program will be changed to incorporate more of Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, an integrated vision of the human person – body, soul, and spirit. This vision includes an examination of the Christian ideal of marriage as a union that draws us deeper into the mystery of our creation and provides a foretaste of the heavenly marriage between Christ and his Church.

"At the heart of both the Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization of John Paul and of Pope Benedict XVI as it pertains to marriage is a joyful, affirmative witness by married couples sharing their faith journey in their response to life," Thimons said.

He also said he hopes to start groups of Natural Family Planning promoters in parishes. He is looking for more couples who are willing to talk to parish RCIA and faith formation groups about the role of faith in their married lives or about the joy and benefits of practicing NFP, an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve or avoid pregnancy without the use of artificial contraception.

Thimons became diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office director last Aug. 15, replacing Stephanie Jenemann, who retired after more than 20 years in the position. He came to Columbus from the Diocese of Youngstown, where he had been associate director of a similar office for seven years.

He is a native of the Pittsburgh suburb of Bellevue, the oldest of 10 children, and a 2001 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, with a degree in finance. "I worked at a bank in my hometown for a year, and during that time I felt a strong calling to do something more to serve the Church," he said. That led him to attend the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family in Washington, where he received a master's degree in theological studies.

He and his wife, Megan, have been married for seven-and-a-half years and have a six-year-old daughter and three younger sons, the newest of whom was born Dec. 31. They attend Columbus St. Patrick Church.

Thimons' office again will sponsor the annual diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries in June. It will take place Sunday, June 23, in Columbus St. Cecilia Church. Couples celebrating five-year



milestone anniversaries from their 25th to their 60th and every year thereafter are invited. The office usually sponsors a diocesan World Marriage Day program on the second Sunday in February, but Thimons said that event has been delayed until later this year to permit the participation of Bishop Frederick Campbell.

The office conducts Pre-Cana marriage preparation programs and instruction on Natural Family Planning practices throughout the year at several locations.

The Pre-Cana programs are based on Catholic teaching, but rely on beliefs and values shared with most Christian churches, and are open to all engaged couples. They include discussions on family of origin; communication; moral decision-making; intimacy and sexuality; and spirituality and sacramentality.

The program begins with prayer, followed by a series of talks on various aspects of relationships and sacramental marriage. After each talk, there is time to reflect individually and as a couple on the presentations. Couples will complete worksheets designed to facilitate awareness and growth, then discuss them with each other in private. There also may be group discussions and exercises.

The Marriage and Family Life Office conducts Pre-Cana programs for couples throughout the year from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on several Saturdays throughout the year. In addition, many individual parishes have their own Pre-Cana activities which involve either a small-group format or one-to-one meetings between an engaged couple and a trained married couple. These can be either one-day gatherings or can take place over several visits, each on a particular topic.

Dates and places for this year's remaining diocesan Pre-Cana programs are: Feb. 9, April 20, June 29, July 27, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9, Pastors' Hall, Columbus St. Elizabeth Church; March 2, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany; March 23 and Aug. 24, Miller Hall, Westerville St. Paul Church; and May 18, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

There is a \$95 fee, and pre-application is required. Applications cannot be accepted at the door or by phone. It is recommended that a couple attend a minimum of four to six months before the scheduled wedding date.

Another marriage preparation program, Engaged Encounter, is a weekend experience that allows more concentrated time as a couple for personal reflection and sharing. Dates and sites for this year are Feb. 22-24, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark; April 12-14, June 7-9, and Sept. 13-15, St. Therese's Retreat Center, Columbus.

If you are preparing to marry after loss of a spouse because of death or annulment, you may be a candidate for diocesan remarriage preparation, which addresses issues relevant to engaged couples who previously have been married. The two-session program takes place on consecutive Saturdays. Dates and sites are: April 13 and 20, Columbus Immaculate Conception Church; July 20 and 27, Columbus St. Catharine Church; and Oct. 19 and 26, Columbus St. Agatha Church. There is a \$75 fee.

Engaged and married couples interested in learning about Natural Family Planning may start with attending a free information session offered by the diocese or a parish. These programs typically include a short audiovisual presentation about NFP and an opportunity to ask questions of a couple who practice or teach one of the NFP methods.

Dates and sites are: March 5, June 5, Aug. 13, and Nov. 13, Marriage and Family Life Office, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus; March 8 and July 28, Delaware St. Mary Church; and March 16, May 18, and Oct. 5, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus.

The Marriage and Family Life Office offers small-group classes on practicing NFP, which are taught by diocesan-trained teachers. Their training is in one of two NFP methods – the ovulation method, which teaches observation of the fertility signs of sensation and the physical aspects of cervical discharges; and the symptothermal method, which

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Celebrating World Marriage Day in Columbus

Several parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus have active marriage enrichment ministry programs or are planning special events for World Marriage Day, which this year is Sunday, Feb. 10.

Those parishes include Powell St. Joan of Arc, Sunbury St. John Neumann, Delaware St. Mary, Columbus St. Andrew, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Plain City St. Joseph, and Columbus St. Peter.

World Marriage Day in the Catholic Church is the second Sunday in February. It honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life.

The idea began in 1981 in Baton Rouge, La., when some Catholic married couples from that area encouraged the mayor, the governor, and the bishop to proclaim Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, as "We Believe in Marriage Day." The success of that event led the couples to present the idea to Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a ministry which strengthens and encourages couples and has a mis-

sion of making good marriages better.

That organization introduced the observance nationwide and changed the date to Sunday. By 1982, 43 governors officially proclaimed the day, and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to World Marriage Day. Pope John Paul II imparted his apostolic blessing to the celebration in 1993.

The day's symbol shows husband and wife as two candle-like figures joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

The day's permanent theme is "Love One Another," the commandment given by Jesus in John 15:12. It speaks in a simple, but challenging way of how God wishes us to live.

St. Joan of Arc will have a Mass for married couples at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The Mass will be celebrated by retired Bishop James Griffin, who also will give a special blessing to honor

and support the sacrament of marriage, said Deacon Jim Rouse of the parish. During and after the Mass, Girl Scout Troop 1451 is giving couples who have children a chance to spend time with each other by offering a babysitting service at the church for children aged 2 to 11.

The service will be available from 4:45 to 8:30 p.m. for \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional sibling. For an additional \$5 per child, couples can extend their night out to 9:30.

Pizza, juice, movies, crafts, and games will be provided for the children. Appropriate adult-child ratios will be maintained. Adult supervising volunteers have been fingerprinted and have completed the diocesan Protecting God's Children program.

St. John Neumann has honored couples with a special Mass and a dinner-dance annually for more than a decade and will do so again this year. The celebration has the theme "Luau of Love." It begins with the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 16, when couples will renew their vows. Mass will be followed by a Hawaiian-themed evening at the parish's new Faith and Family Center, featuring a catered "island-style" meal and music by local disc jockey Soaring Falcon. In the past, the dance has been in a private hall, but the new parish center has enough room to allow the event to take place there, said event chair Michele Balint Brammer.

Marriage ministry teams from St. John Neumann and Delaware St. Mary are sponsoring a program titled "Six Dates for Catholic Couples." The format involves having a date with a spiritual theme and is for married or engaged couples.

It includes an opening prayer, video, and panel. After that, couples can bring their own picnic-style meal to the center or go to dinner at a restaurant. In either case, they're encouraged to talk about the day's theme. Topics and questions are provided. Registration is not necessary.

Three of the six dates have been completed, but each program is complete in itself and not based on the earlier activities, so couples may attend all or part of the rest of the series. Remaining dates and subjects are: Saturday, March 23 at St. Mary, "What About Me?"; Saturday, April 13 at St. John Neumann, "Marriage and the Sacraments"; and Saturday, May 4 at St. Mary, "Where



John and Karen Goodman share a kiss at last year's World Marriage Day dinner-dance at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. Photo by John Endres

Do I Find Courage?" said Amy Merry of St. John Neumann.

Merry said her parish also sponsored a retreat for married couples in October on "Becoming a Christ-Like Spouse" with Dr. Stephen Smith of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

Delaware St. Mary has a marriage enrichment group known as EMCC – Engaged and Married Couples in Christ. Bibianne Galuzny of EMCC said it was formed five years ago and will be the host organization for talks on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning Feb. 20.

On Mother's Day and either the Feast of the Holy Family or the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, EMCC sponsors a blessing for expectant mothers and those who hope to conceive a child. Earlier this month, the group sponsored a Valentine dinner. Its other recent activities included an Advent family holy hour and an Epiphany party with a procession.

St. Andrew will host a marriage enrichment program this coming Saturday, Feb. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the parish's Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road. Speakers will be Mary Ann Jepsen, a Catholic counselor on marriage and family issues and host of "The Local Spotlight Show" on St. Gabriel Radio, and Dan Thimons, new director of the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life.

The day will include a hot lunch and beverages. Space is limited to 100 couples. For more information, call Tom Kasberg at (614) 314-0264 or email him at tkasberg@juno.com.

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Restoring Society through Marriage and the Commandments

Director of Marriage Institute to Speak at Franciscan University

The building blocks of society are crumbling beneath contemporary ideas of commitment, culture, and community. How can the two great commandments help us repair the foundation of modern society?

On Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Patrick Fagan will discuss this question in his talk, "The Fundamental Tasks of Society (and Your Own Life's Work)." His talk will be held in the Tony and Nina Gentile Gallery of the J.C. Williams Center at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Fagan, director of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute in Washington, says marriage is the "fundamental social relationship for society, (and) all other functional relationships are dependent on it for their optimum functionality.

"In marriage, one can find the totality of the spiritual life, the call to holiness, the way of the cross, the happiness of goodness and giving," says Fagan. "At the same time, both the economy and the governance of society are dependent



on marriage. The family, the church, the school, the marketplace, and government all depend on it being well lived."

A native of Ireland and a graduate of University College Dublin, Fagan has studied the impact of religion on marital stability and its influences on happiness, health, income, and educational attainment. He worked

on family issues at the Free Congress Foundation and was appointed deputy assistant secretary for family and community policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by President George H.W. Bush.

Fagan's talk is part of the spring 2013 distinguished speakers series at Franciscan University and is cosponsored by the university's departments of academic affairs, student life, and advancement.

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tracks discharge, body temperature, and cervical position.

The fee is \$65 per couple and pre-registration is required. The two-hour classes take place on four dates, with a follow-up about three months after the last class. Starting dates and sites for remaining diocesan classes for this year, all in the symptothermal method, are: March 19, St. Ann's Hospital, Westerville; June 26, Marriage and Family Life Office, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus; and Oct. 8, Westerville St. Paul Church.

There are other NFP methods, but classes in those are not coordinated by the diocese. The Marriage and Family Life Office has information on people who are practitioners in those methods and how to contact them.

The office also provides and encourages educational opportunities on the meaning and mystery of marriage throughout the various stages of life. For more information, call (614) 241-2560, send an email message to family-life@colodioc.org or go to www.familylife.colodioc.org.

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The NBC4 Make a Difference school grant, sponsored by WC-MH-TV of Columbus, is giving several diocesan schools a chance to win one of three \$10,000 grants this school year. The grants will help provide resources to academic and extracurricular school programs that give students the opportunity to grow and develop.

From Monday, Feb. 4, to Thursday, March 7, the public will have the opportunity to make a positive change in schools through engagement in online social voting via Facebook and at www.NBC4MakeADifference.com. Anyone may vote once a day. Schools will be competing for top votes in three size classifications. The top six votegetters will advance to the final round of judging.

A panel of five judges will select three grand prize winners, who will be announced Thursday, May 16.

The voting has four categories, and Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School entered in all four. Columbus St. James the Less School has entries in two categories. Diocesan schools with one entry each are Chillicothe Bishop Flaget, Columbus Holy Spirit, Columbus St. Agatha, Columbus St. Cecilia, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Marion St. Mary, New Lexington St. Rose, and Somerset Holy Trinity.

Freshman Entrance Exam

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will conduct its freshman entrance exam at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, for all registered freshman.

The school understands that affordability is an important factor and is committed to offering a Catholic education to all members of its feeder school community. For the 2012-13 school year, Bishop Watterson has given nearly \$1 million in financial assistance to students.

An optional scholar search exam to determine academic scholarships will take place for registered members of the Class of 2017 at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. The school also has a variety of merit- and need-based scholarships. More information may be found at <http://www.bishopwatterson.com/admissions/scholarships>.

In addition, Eagle Grants are another form of financial assistance. To receive this grant, families must complete and submit an application for the Diocese of Columbus tuition assistance program on or before March 15 for the 2012-2013 school year. Once financial need is determined, assistance may be provided either from the diocese or from various resources available to the school. For additional information, go to <http://www.bishopwatterson.com/admissions/tuition-and-tuition-assistance>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, scholarships or grants, contact Deacon Chris Campbell at (614) 268-8671, extension 229, or ccampbel@cdeeducation.org.

"Raising Moral Kids in Today's World"

Pam Heil, youth minister for Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, will speak on "Raising Moral Kids in Today's World" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. The talk is the next event of the parent speaker series sponsored by the Columbus St. Andrew School advisory board.

Heil is a dedicated Catholic youth minister and nationally recognized inspirational speaker. She has spent 25 years working with teens, young adults, and families. For more information on the talk, call Beth Kelly at (614) 205-9430.



MARCH FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS

Father William Hahn, pastor of Chillicothe St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary churches, led a group of 39 Catholic and non-Catholic teens, young adults, and adult chaperones to the March for Life in Washington. The pilgrimage included attending the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and the youth rally and Mass for Life in the Comcast Center at the University of Maryland, as well as marching with hundreds of thousands of people in defense of life at the march to the Capitol and Supreme Court buildings. After the march, the group visited Washington's war memorials, paying honor to those who have fought for our freedom.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

Diocesan youth rally scheduled for March 9-10

The diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a youth rally with the theme "Roll Away the Stone/Nueva Persona en Cristo," on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.

High school students from across the diocese's 23 counties will gather to celebrate and grow in their Catholic faith through fun, inspiring prayer, and worship.

The keynote address will be presented by inspirational speaker Mike Patin, who uses energy, humor, and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence, while inviting others to take the "next step" in their journey with God.

In addition, Bishop Frederick F. Camp-

bell will speak. The rally will also include workshops, small group gatherings, music, reconciliation service, and a Mass.

Advance registration is required.

The deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 12.

The cost is \$65 for the two-day event and includes lunches, Saturday dinner, and a rally T-shirt.

All interested high-school teens should register through their parish youth ministry leader.

For registration forms or additional information, contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (614) 241-2565 or www.colodioc.org/offices/officeofYouthandYoungAdultMinistry.aspx.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Song and response anticipates heavenly liturgy



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
I Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

The Hebrew idea of *qadosh* or “holy” means “completely and totally other” in relation to normal human experience. This helps explain why Isaiah used apocalyptic imagery to explain what he saw, which led to his calling as a prophet. It was completely beyond the realm of normal human experience, even though it used words like “throne,” and “garment” and “the shaking house” to describe the reality of the vision.

Because God is so completely “other” from the human, the seraphim announce to each other: “Holy, holy, holy.” Actually, they are thought to have responded to one another either by repeating the “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts,” or they responded with the following line: “All the earth is filled with his glory.” Some commentators have even suggested that the Lord’s invisible reality is his holiness and that his glory is his visible reality.

Liturgical song in which a congregation responds to a cantor’s proclamation is in some ways an imitation of the action envisioned here in Isaiah. With the half-hearted responses we see in many places, it is obvious congregations are unaware of how this song and

response is an anticipation of the heavenly liturgy. Were we more aware of it, our song and response would probably take on new meaning.

Anyone who claims to have seen something remains the sole owner of the vision. Try as we might, we cannot see for ourselves what another has seen. The man of unclean lips had seen the Lord of hosts. The ancients believed that anyone who looked upon the face of God would die. The prophetic call is an exception to that belief.

Moreover, the unclean lips are purged by the ember which one of the seraphim took from the fire near the altar. His uncleanness is the total opposite of the Holy, whom he had already seen. However, once purged, Isaiah is free to respond to the divine call “Whom shall I send?” He says, “Send me!”

The Gospel imitates the claim of uncleanness with Peter’s protest: “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Of course, Peter does this in a boatful of fish, whose odor no ember from any fire could ever cleanse. Peter’s fear, and that of James and John, is relieved by Jesus, who simply says “from now on you will be catching men.”

Thus far in Luke, Simon has already met Jesus when he healed his mother-in-law (Luke 4:39). This makes Jesus’ getting into Simon’s boat more credible. It also means that by now, Simon has heard Jesus’ teaching and begins to realize his own sinfulness. For Luke, the presence of Jesus is enough to remove Peter’s sinfulness and take Simon as one of his disciples – indeed, the one who will lead the disciples as the Gospel unfolds.

The big haul of fish often recalls a similar account in John 21. Whether John was thought to apply this Lucan story to his Gospel or whether the account was taken from traditions about Jesus which circulated among the early Christians is impossible to say.

Peter’s reaction to all this (that he is a sinner) is quite strange, given that the whole scene revolves around a catch of fish. Why that would provoke him to respond as he does to Jesus is a puzzle from a strictly historical standpoint. However, as a symbol of what Peter’s role will be as a leader and of the fish he will bring in, it is profound. In this case, the big haul of fish symbolizes those whom Peter will bring into the “net” as followers of Jesus.

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



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Genesis 1:1-19
Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c
Mark 6:53-56

TUESDAY
Genesis 1:20-2:4a
Psalm 8:4-9
Mark 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6a,12-14,17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 51:3-6a,18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2013

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

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

DAILY MASS

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

We pray Weeks I (Sun-Tues) and IV (Wed-Sat), Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Marriage Debate III – The Nature of Things



THE CATHOLIC
DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago is arguably the most intellectually accomplished bishop in the history of the American episcopate. Earlier this year, when the Illinois legislature began to consider changing state law to “accommodate those of the same sex who wish to ‘marry’ one another” (as the cardinal put it), Professor Dr. George gave the readers of his column in the Chicago archdiocesan newspaper a lesson in metaphysics—and, I suspect, a high-voltage intellectual jolt.

“Sexual relations between a man and a woman are naturally and necessarily different from sexual relations between same-sex partners. This truth is part of the common sense of the human race,” he wrote. “It was true before the existence of either Church or State, and it will continue to be true when there is no State of Illinois and no United States of America. A proposal to change this truth about marriage in civil law is less a threat to religion than it is an affront to human reason and the common good of society. It means we are all to pretend to accept something we know is physically impossible. The Legislature might just as well repeal the law of gravity.”

The crucial term here is “naturally.” And if people were shocked by the cardinal’s suggestion that a same-sex “marriage” law would be as fatuous as a statute repealing the law of gravity, it’s because our philosophically challenged culture has lost any grip on what “nature” means, beyond that physical world we venerate through such civic rituals as recycling.

There is little sense of the givenness of things in the

21st-century postmodern West. And where there is no culturally affirmed conviction that some realities simply are, there will be a parallel intuition that everything is fungible, plastic, malleable: anything can be changed by an act of will. The legal *ne plus ultra* of this cultural phenomenon came in 2007, when the Spanish government allowed Juan to become Juanita on his/her national identity card by simply declaring (absent any surgical alteration) that he was now she. Cardinal George was suggesting, correctly in my view, that same-sex “marriage” is the same, essentially incoherent denial of givenness manifest in Spain’s Law 3/2007.

In his Christmas address to the Roman Curia last December, Pope Benedict XVI raised similar issues. We deplore the “manipulation of nature” today “where our environment is concerned,” the pope noted; but when it comes to human affairs, human “nature” has become a matter of our “choice.” Which means that we no longer experience ourselves as unique composites of matter and spirit. The “matter” of our humanness is mere ephemera; we are merely, as Benedict put it, “spirit and will.”

Who are the big losers, the pope asked, when societies and cultures lose their grip on the reality that “man and women are complementary versions of what it means to be human”? The family is certainly a loser: for if there is no “duality of man and women” that is accepted as the Way Things Are, than “neither is the family any longer a reality” established by anything other than our willfulness.

The biggest losers, though, are children, the pope argued. If children are simply a lifestyle choice in a “family” that is nothing other than a willed arrangement for mutual convenience, children lose their rightful place and their rightful dignity. Citing the chief rabbi of France, Gilles Bernheim, Benedict argued that children are, in this bizarre new world, no longer the subject of rights. Rather, “the child has become an object to which people have a right and which they have a right to obtain.” The freedom to be creative, which finds its most awesome expression in procreation, has been reduced to the freedom to create myself, however I imagine myself to be.

The marriage debate is thus about more than the legal definition of marriage, although that is serious enough. It’s a debate about whether there are any givens in the human condition, or whether willfulness and self-assertion trump reality at every point. If they do, what happens to democracies built on self-evident truths?

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

“Come and See” Weekend Retreat

The Dominican Sisters of Peace will conduct a retreat for single Catholic women in their Motherhouse at 2320 Airport Drive in Columbus from 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

The theme of the weekend is “When Did I See You Hungry?” Women ages 18 to 45 are invited to explore contemporary Dominican life as a sister, sharing in prayer, community life, and Eucharist, with time to explore one’s own vocational call.

To register or for more information, contact Sister Cathy Arnold, OP, call or text (614) 633-6160, or email carnold@oppeace.org.

Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family is an event sponsored by the National Black Catholic Congress. Its local observance will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Columbus St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave. A reception will follow the program.

This special event will be presented by the diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries in partnership with the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, St. Cyprian Court.

TUNE IN TO PATRICK MADRID’S NEW DAILY RADIO SHOW!



MONDAY-FRIDAY
4PM - 5PM

ST. GABRIEL
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AM 820

“THE FASTEST HOUR IN CATHOLIC RADIO!”

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your coverage of the renovations, programs and Martin Luther King Day celebration at The Community of Holy Rosary & St. John the Evangelist in the January 27th issue of the *Catholic Times*. We strive to feed the surrounding neighborhood literally and spiritually through our Masses, programs, and social service outreach, and we were so happy to see that acknowledged in those articles.

We would also like to thank the foundations that have supported the renovations and programs at Holy Rosary/St. John. For our church renovations, we have received support from the following foundations:

- Catholic Foundation Challenge in Changing Times Grant (Capital);
- Catholic Foundation Parish Focus Grant;
- The Koch Foundation, Inc.;
- Old Oaks Civic Association Grant;
- Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) Parish Grant;

- The Raskob Foundation;
- The Harold C. Schott Foundation.

As was mentioned in the article, an anonymous donation was also made through The Columbus Foundation to assist with our renovations. We are so grateful for all the support we have received: from individual donors, other parishes, foundations, and through fund raisers.

In addition, the parish and its related organizations (The Community Kitchen, Inc. and the St. John Learning Center) receive ongoing support from so many foundations and donors. For a complete list of foundation support, please visit our websites and view our annual reports.

Our parishioners give generously to our work, but as a small parish, we cannot do it alone. Thank you to all those who have helped out in any way.

In Christ,
Father Joshua J. Wagner, Pastor

Pray for our Dead

BOWERS, Elvira M., 75, Jan. 31
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

CARNEY, Lester M. Jr., 85, Feb. 2
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CARLE, Dorothy M., 88, Jan. 31
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

DEIBEL, Jean, 86, Feb. 2
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

DOWLEY, Rosemary, 77, Jan. 29
St. Mary Church, Delaware

EVELAND, Catherine E., 86, Jan. 25
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

GILL, Margaret A., 100, Jan. 28
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

GOODMAN, Dorothy, 86, Jan. 28
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

HEALY, Margaret, 72, Jan. 30
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

HUNTER, Augusta R., 85, Jan. 28
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

KRAFT, Elsie L., 87, Feb. 2
St. Paul Church, Westerville

KRILE, Carl R., 94, Jan. 18
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

KRILE, Leonard R., 91, Jan. 25
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

Colette A. Butler

Funeral Mass for Colette A. Butler, 77, who died Monday, Jan. 28, was held Friday, Feb. 1, at Columbus Corpus Christi Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a 1953 graduate of Columbus Holy Family High School and a 1957 graduate of St. Mary of the Springs College, now Ohio Dominican University. She served as choir director at Corpus Christi for more than 35 years, and was a member of the parish

Regina I. Dawson

Funeral Mass for Regina I. Dawson, 104, who died Thursday, Jan. 24, was held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Circleville St. Joseph Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Dayton.

She was born in Hillsboro to James and Mary (McGlinchey) Swisshelm.

She was a member of St. Joseph Church for more than 60 years, serving as a bus driver and a cook for the parish school after it was reopened in 1953.

LOCKHART, William H., 84, Jan. 28
St. Paul Church, Westerville

McTEAGUE, Margaret M. "Peggy," 85, Jan. 23
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MOYER, Judy A., 69, Jan. 25
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

PIRO, Michael E., 25, Jan. 27
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

PLACENTI, Anthony J., 96, Feb. 4
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

ROLLINS, Lloyd A., 73, Jan. 30
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

ROSS, Margaret M., 95, Jan. 23
St. Bernard Church, Corning

ROUSSEAU, Harry W., 84, Jan. 25
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

SAGSTETTER, Mary C. "Chris," 61, Feb. 1
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

SELLECK, Guy F. "Mike," Jan. 31
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

VANWAY, Mary C., 74, Jan. 20
St. Bernard Church, Corning

WOLFE, Roberta E., 75, Jan. 19
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

Rosary Altar Society. She was a retired employee of the Columbus school district, where she worked at Beck and Koebel elementary schools.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Marie Eichner; husband, Fred; brothers, Herman and Roland; and sister, Mary Lee. Survivors include daughters, Lisa (David) Butts and Kim (Mark) Samson; brother, Tom (Carol); six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Alva; sons, John and Richard; daughters, Mary Ross and Shirley Lindsey; brothers, Paul, Leonard, and Edward; and sisters, Margaret and Lillian Dawson, Maria Frances Dill, and Julia Swisshelm.

Survivors include daughters, Marjorie Katulak and Sharon (Bill) Wood; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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SAVE THE DATE
Friday, April 26, 2013
“COME JOIN THE WAGON TRAIN”
BiblioBenefit IX
Honoring the Pioneer Spirit of Evangelization in the Year of Faith
ST. ANDREW PARISH HALL
The Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
1559 Roxbury Road, Marble Cliff (Parish Life Center)
FISH FRY DINNERS
Fridays, 2/15 - 3/22, 4:30 - 7 pm
Fresh Ocean Perch, Potatoes or Rice Salad or Slaw, Beverages, Dessert - Pizza for kids
\$9 Adults, \$5 Kids - Carryouts available

LENTEN FISH FRY'S - COME JOIN US
St. Andrew Church
Nugent Hall (below the Church)
1899 McCoy Rd. Upper Arlington
Feb 15, 22 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 4:30-7:30 PM
baked cod or deep fried perch, sides, dessert & beverage included
also cheese pizza & mac 'n cheese
Adult \$9, Child (10 and under)\$4
Carry out \$8 (no dessert or beverage)

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR CHURCH
4131 Clime Road, Columbus
WEEKLY LENTEN FISH FRY
Fridays, Feb 15 - Mar 22 - 5:30-7:30 pm
All you can eat fish (fried or baked), choice of two side dishes, beverage and dessert included.
\$9/adults, \$8/seniors, \$4.50/ages 4-12
(family discounts available)
For further information call 614-272-5206

St. Christopher Church
LENTEN PASTA DINNER
1420 Grandview Avenue / Trinity School Cafeteria
Fridays – February 15 thru March 22
5PM to 8PM
\$7.00 for adults/\$4.00 for kids/\$ 25.00 per Family
Pasta Sauce Provided by local area restaurants
February 22nd – Z Cucina
March 1st – Trattoria Roma

St. Charles Preparatory School
Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, Feb 10 - Noon -7 pm
2010 E. Broad Street in Bexley
in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons
Spaghetti w/meatball, salad, rolls, dessert & drink
Adults \$9; Seniors \$7; ages 4-12 \$5; kids under 4 are FREE
Carry out orders will be available

LENTEN FISH FRY
Fridays: Feb 15-Mar 22 • 5-8 PM
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
5750 N. High St., Worthington
Fish Dinner: Reg \$8; Small \$6
Macaroni-Cheese Dinner \$6
Dine In, Drive Thru & Carryout

ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH
10700 Liberty Rd, Powell
WEEKLY FISH FRY
FRIDAYS FEB. 15-MARCH 22, 5:30-7:30 PM
(Sponsored by Knights of Columbus)
All you can eat meal includes Baked & Fried Fish, French Fries Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Soft Drinks
Adults: \$9, Seniors: \$8, Children: \$4, Carry-out: \$9

E-mail obituaries to tpuet@colsdio.org

Margaret Stevens

Funeral Mass for Margaret Stevens, 87, who died Friday, Feb. 1, was held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Newark Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Newark.

She was born July 11, 1925, to Conrad and Margaretha Dirkes.

She graduated from Newark St. Francis de Sales High School in 1942 and the nursing school of Zanesville Good Samaritan Hospital in 1945. She was a registered nurse, first at Newark Hospital, then from 1960 until the early

1980s at the office of Dr. William Kennedy, and was a member of her parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 65 years, Deacon Charles Stevens; and sister, Christine Dickman.

Survivors include sons, C. Gregory (Mary Ellen) and Jeffrey (Dianne); daughters, Frances (Michael) Dolan and Mary Lynn (Edward) Rutherford; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

FEBRUARY

7, THURSDAY
Bishop Watterson High School Open House
7 to 8:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. **614-237-5421**
20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. **614-406-9516**

8, FRIDAY
Jeff Cavins Talk at St. John Neumann
7 to 9 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Talk with Bible scholar Jeff Cavins titled "I'm Not Being Fed." **740-965-1358**

9, SATURDAY
Wilderness Outreach Cleanup at Schmelzer's Grove
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Schmelzer's Grove, 9960 Sacred Heart Road, Bremen. Wilderness Outreach cleans up 40 acres of forested land, cutting wood and making it ready for burning and available for sale. **614-679-6761**
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**
Jeff Cavins Psalms Seminar at St. John Neumann
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Faith and Family Center, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. "A Journey Through the Psalms," a seminar with Jeff Cavins, creator of the Great Adventure Bible study system. **614-965-1358**

Marriage Enrichment Program at St. Andrew
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Marriage enrichment program with Catholic marriage and family counselor Mary Ann Jepsen and Dan Thimons, diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life director. **614-314-0264**
Organ Workshop at St. Brendan
9:30 a.m. to noon, St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Workshop for parish organists, sponsored by diocesan liturgical music subcommission in cooperation with diocesan Office for Divine Worship. **614-221-4640**
Choral Workshop at Chillicothe St. Peter
9:30 a.m. to noon, St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Workshop for parish choral and music directors, cantors, and choir members, sponsored by diocesan liturgical music subcommission in cooperation with diocesan Office for Divine Worship. **614-221-4640**
Black Catholic History Fair at de Porres Center
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Black Catholic history collectors and memorabilia fair, sponsored by diocesan Black Catholic Ministries. **614-228-0024**
Catholic Record Society Meeting
Noon, Westminster Thurber Community, Neil Avenue and Goodale Street, Columbus. Catholic Record Society winter luncheon meeting, with F. James Foley, president of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, speaking on "Transforming Columbus One Student at a Time," followed by business meeting. Silent auction also taking place. **614-241-2571**

10, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. A look at the history and context of the Second Vatican Council, with a spotlight on Bishop Fulton Sheen's participation as missionary and bishop, with Ohio Dominican University history professor Kathleen Riley. **614-488-1971**

College Goal Sunday at Ohio Dominican
2 p.m., Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. College Goal Sunday to help prospective college students apply for federal financial aid. **1-800-233-6734**
Organ Dedication and Vespers Service at St. Colman
4 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Choral service of Solemn Vespers, with dedication of new parish organ. **740-335-5000**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

'Happenings' submissions

Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published.

Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 Fax to: 614-241-2518 E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdio.org

H A P P E N I N G S

Tajci Concert at St. Joan of Arc
7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. "I Thirst: The Crucifixion Story," a concert with internationally known Christian singer Tajci Cameron and her sister Sanya. **614-761-0905**
DivorceCare Support Group at St. Matthew
7 to 9 p.m., Counseling center, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. First session of 13-week DivorceCare support group. **614-269-7098**

11, MONDAY
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Second of three monthly presentations by Father Thomas Blau on "The Spiritual Care and Feeding of the Human Being." Subject: "The Sacraments: Smorgasbord of Grace." Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass and Father Blau's talk after Mass. **614-406-2939**
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. **614-459-2766**

Vatican II Video Series at St. Pius X
7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. "A World Transformed," fourth of five parts of "The Faithful Revolution" series of hourlong videos on the Second Vatican Council. **614-866-2859**
Our Lady of Lourdes Mass at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrated by church pastor Father Michael Dosch, OP, leader of annual national Lourdes pilgrimage, followed by slide show in Patrick Hall on the story of Lourdes. **614-224-9522**

12, TUESDAY
Quiet Morning of Reflection at Corpus Christi
10 a.m. to noon, Center of Peace, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Quiet Lenten morning of reflection led by Anita Davidson. **614-443-2828**
'EnCourage' Support Group Mass and Meeting
6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. **614-372-5249**

EcoJustice Study at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Ecojustice, Care for Creation program, with reflection, sharing on ways to improve quality of life and live more lightly on Earth. **614-866-4302**
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. **740-653-4919**

13, WEDNESDAY
Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**

13-MARCH 24, WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
40 Days for Life

6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, sidewalk in front of Complete Healthcare for Women, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts. **614-445-8508**

14, THURSDAY
Dominican Life of the Mind Lecture
3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP, speaks on "How Can We Touch the Imagination of Our Contemporaries?" Part of Dominican Life of the Mind lecture series sponsored by Ohio Dominican University's Dominican professional and Center for Dominican Studies. **614-251-4722**
Lenten Study Group at St. Leonard
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Social hall, St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath. Lenten study group discussing Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. **740-344-5709**

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. **614-406-9516**

14-17, THURSDAY-SUNDAY
Bishop Hartley Presents 'Cats'
7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School presents the musical "Cats." **614-237-5421**

15, FRIDAY
Dominican Life of the Mind Lecture
3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP, speaks on "Does Christianity Have Anything to Say About How We Should Love?" Part of Dominican Life of the Mind lecture series sponsored by Ohio Dominican University's Dominican professional and Center for Dominican Studies.

Tajci Concert at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. "I Thirst: The Crucifixion Story," a concert with internationally known Christian singer Tajci Cameron and her sister Sanya. **614-224-9522**
Year of Faith Talk at Delaware St. Mary
7:45 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Talk on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, with Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center. First in six-week series of Friday-evening talks related to the Year of Faith. Preceded by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. **614-740-363-4641**

15-17, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Dominican Sisters of Peace 'Come and See' Weekend
6 p.m., Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Come and see" weekend sponsored by Dominican Sisters of Peace for single women aged 18 to 45 interested in exploring Dominican life. Theme: "When Did I See You Hungry?" **614-633-6160**

16, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**



BISHOP HARTLEY DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE MUSICAL

CATS

The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present the long-running musical "Cats" at 7:30 p.m. from Thursday, Feb. 14 to Saturday, Feb. 16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17. Performances will be at the Shedd Theater of the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave.

Based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" and featuring award-winning music composed by Andrew Lloyd Weber, "Cats" has become one of the world's best-known musicals.

This spectacular musical stars 37 extremely talented students: Paige Alls, Sam Burgess, Talia Caridi, Helen Casebolt, Jenna Costlow, Rachel Crosswell,

Andre Dargahi, Dante DiNucci, Lydia Fyie, Liz Harris, Langston Hatch, Miles Heigher, Jodee Hopkins, Eddie Hueckel, Connor Kilbarger, Eric Kulas, Molly Mackessy, Elizabeth Maloof, Ian Maurer, Rachel Mecklenborg, Caitlin Menosky, Emma Miller, Brooke Nerderman, Andrew Nouanesengsy, Dominic Pfister, Rachel Pierson, Molli Powers, Ben Reedus, Theresa Russell, Alex Segbers, Tiffany Steel, Mary Steele, Max Steele, Amanda Stickel, Haley Tandy, Michelle Tyack, and Janine Wightman.

Tickets are \$10 and may be ordered by calling Jenny Prout at (614) 237-5421 or emailing her at jprout@cducation.org.



TAJČI in concert at St. Joan of Arc & St. Patrick

Two diocesan parishes will host concerts by Tajči, a European pop star who now writes and performs Christian music and shares her story of conversion.

She will be at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, and Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., at 7

p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

She and her sister, Sanya, will be featured in "I Thirst: The Crucifixion Story," a concert experience of Christ's passion, forgiveness, and love, using a wide array of musical styles, incorporating traditions and the sisters' ethnic origins in Croatia. The concert will feature contemporary Christian favorites such as "Via Dolorosa," Tajči's original songs, Hebrew and Gregorian chants, and classic hymns such as "Were You There" and "O Sacred Head Surrounded."

Tajči has been a frequent visitor to the Diocese of Columbus, most recently coming to St. Patrick's this past December. Born Tatjana Matejas in Croatia, she became a superstar in central Europe at age 19 through her performance in the annual Eurovision song contest, the European equivalent of "American Idol."

She came to the United States at age 21 to be free of her celebrity status

and to find herself. For a while, she fled her image and changed her name. While living in New York, she did menial jobs, studied musical theater, and learned to speak English fluently, finding the answers she was looking for and growing in faith through her newfound anonymity.

While staying at a retreat house run by the Carmelite Sisters in Los Angeles, she met Matthew Cameron, the man who was to become her husband. He encouraged her to use the musical talent God gave her to tell the story of her quest for spiritual healing.

Today, she is busier than ever, performing in religious and secular venues around the world and drawing especially large crowds whenever she comes back to Croatia. She and Matthew have three children, Dante, Evan, and Blais.

The concerts will be free. A goodwill donation basket will be passed to support Tajči and her mission.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN PHOTOS



Anais Arias-Aragon poses for pictures with her certificate after receiving proof of U.S. citizenship during a ceremony in San Francisco on Jan. 30. A bipartisan panel of senators and President Barack Obama on Jan. 28 and 29, respectively, announced their principles for comprehensive immigration reform legislation the lawmakers hope to pass and Obama hopes to sign into law by mid-2013. CNS photo/Robert Galbraith, Reuters



People watch as a new statue of the Virgin of the Socavon is inaugurated on Santa Barbara hill outside of Oruro, Bolivia, on Feb. 1. The statue of Mary and the Christ Child measures 148-feet in height and pays homage to the local patroness invoked in the protection of mine workers. CNS photo/David Mercado, Reuters



The new and largest bell, "Gabriel," is hoisted from a trailer truck in front of Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral on Jan. 31, after being transported from Normandy to Paris. The new bells are scheduled to ring for the first time on March 23, in time for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. CNS photo/Charles Platiau, Reuters

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help will host its third annual Living in Love retreat on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24. Karen Cook, parish family enrichment director, said the retreat is based on the Theology of the Body and designed by Father Charles Gallagher, SJ, who founded Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

It is open to couples of all faiths and costs \$130. Couples spend the day together Saturday, which includes a "date night" dinner, and it concludes at 3 p.m. Sunday. Cook said a combined total of about 45 couples have attended in the two years the parish has sponsored the retreat.

Plain City St. Joseph will continue a parish tradition when it recognizes a Couple of the Year for World Marriage Day.

Parishioners nominate couples for the honor. The identity of the recipients is a surprise to everyone including the honorees, because the announcement of the couple chosen is made during the Mass that couple attends. It then is made to all parishioners the following weekend. Parish staff member Kelly Jacobs said the parish also will ask

couples to renew their marriage vows at Masses on Feb. 9 and 10.

The marriage-building parish committee at **Columbus St. Peter** will sponsor a renewal of marriage vows at its 9:30 a.m. Mass on Feb. 10, followed by a reception which will include a wedding cake.

Committee member Gini Peloquin said that starting in March, it will sponsor the "Marriage Really Matters" bulletin inserts, which will be available in both English and Spanish. It also sponsored the Financial Peace University program in the fall and is doing so again.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Columbus is sponsoring a dance on Feb. 9 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 171, 393 E. College Ave., Westerville. The cost is \$61 per couple, with no tickets being sold at the door. More information is available from Fred and Joy Kerner at (614) 761-9048.

Marriage Encounter weekends, without preaching religious doctrine, present God as a focus for a successful marriage and are for couples who desire a richer, fuller life together. They encourage couples to examine their

lives together while sharing their feelings, hopes, disappointments, joys, and frustrations.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is considered the first contemporary marriage enrichment program for married couples. It began in 1962 in Spain, quickly spread to the United States, and is offered in more than 90 nations. About 600 weekends are presented annually to more than 10,000 couples in the United States.

Five Marriage Encounter programs which are presented in the Catholic faith expression and include Sunday Mass, with a priest as part of the presenting team, take place each year in the Diocese of Columbus. The weekends begin at 7 p.m. Friday and go through 4 p.m. Sunday.

Dates and times for the weekends this year are: Feb. 22-24, St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus; April 19-21, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark; July 26-28, Holiday Inn, 7007 N. High St., Worthington; Sept. 20-22, St. Therese's Retreat Center; and Nov. 15-17, Holiday Inn, Worthington. More information is available at www.wmecolumbus.org.

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Another Catholic-based marriage program, known as **Retrouvaille**, has a different focus than Marriage Encounter. It is for couples in troubled marriages and is designed to help them work through their disillusionment, learn to communicate more clearly with each other, and hopefully heal their hurt and pain and rediscover the love they had for each other.

Retrouvaille had its start in Canada in the 1970s and is now offered all over the world. The program is conducted in the Columbus area on three weekends each year, with 12 follow-up sessions.

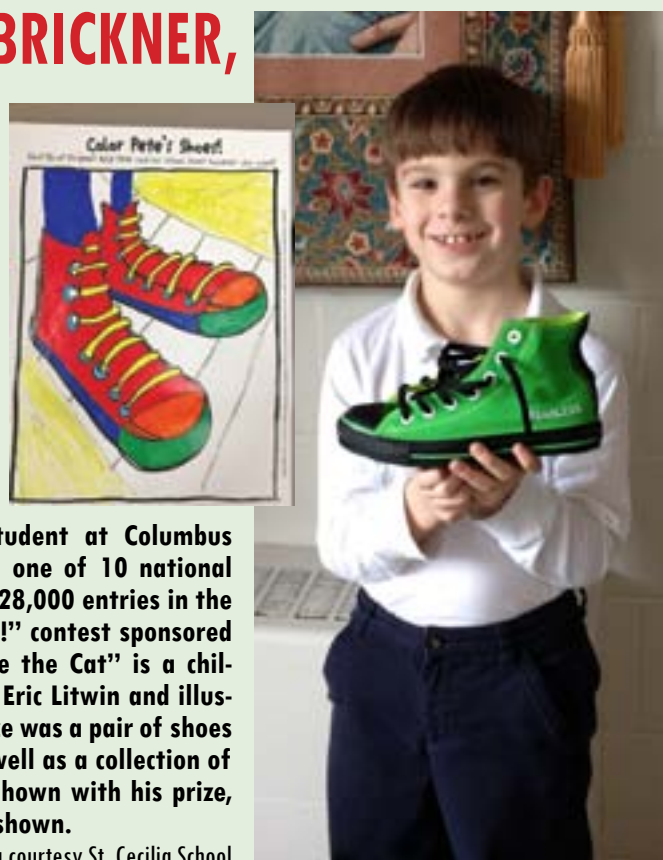
Once those sessions are completed, couples are encouraged to attend CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience) once a month to continue benefiting from the experience through additional gatherings with Retrouvaille couples.

Remaining Retrouvaille weekends in Columbus this year are May 3-5 and Oct. 25-27, both at St. Therese's Retreat Center. For more information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or email 3032@retrouvaille.org.

ELI BRICKNER, NATIONAL RUNNER-UP IN DRAWING CONTEST

Eli Brickner, a first-grade student at Columbus St. Cecilia School, finished as one of 10 national runners-up among more than 28,000 entries in the Pete the Cat "Draw My Shoes!" contest sponsored by Scholastic magazine. "Pete the Cat" is a children's book series written by Eric Litwin and illustrated by James Dean. His prize was a pair of shoes he got to design himself, as well as a collection of "Pete the Cat" books. Eli is shown with his prize, and his winning entry also is shown.

Photo and drawing courtesy St. Cecilia School

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Besides his work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Lawrence Haven, Buttress also has been involved as a volunteer with the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Mount Carmel Medical Center, and has been a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic War Veterans. He is an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, delivering Communion to the homebound, and has been an altar server for 75 years.

Information provided to the luncheon club and to the *Catholic Times* erroneously said Buttress was a member of the Serra Club, which promotes vocations to the religious life. Heinmiller said his father-in-law is not a part of that organization, but it's understandable that people thought he was, because "he embraces everything that the club stands for."

Buttress was chosen for the award from among 14 nominees. Others nominated were: Frank Everson, Gahanna St. Matthew; Jim Butler, Plain City St. Joseph; Harold Prisco, Lancaster St. Mark; David Garick, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral; Mark Wolf, Columbus St. James the Less; Thom Lisk, Columbus St. Peter; Jeff Gardner, Columbus St. Catharine; Tom Lynch, Columbus St. Andrew; John Stover, Johnstown Church of the Ascension; Tim Kinney, Heath St. Leonard; Louis Wrasman, Kenton Immaculate Conception; Tom Thompson, Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales; and Dale Keeler, Heath St. Leonard.

The award was established in 1957. The recipient is chosen by members of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, the diocesan Catholic men's ministry, the Catholic Men's Retreat League, the Knights of Columbus, and the Serra Club.