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SENIORS STAY ACTIVE**

The Editor's Notebook

Saints Alive

By David Garick, Editor



This weekend, the talk will be of saints. Saturday is All Saints' Day, and on Sunday, we celebrate All Souls' Day as we remember all who have gone before us, including many who probably are saints with Our Lord in heaven. They just never received the official designation in this world.

So much has been written about saints which makes them seem separated from us ... plaster-cast icons without humanity. Our view seems to limit sainthood to those who lived extraordinary lives, far removed from our world and our own experience.

You probably have grave doubts about the possibility of sanctity for people like you and me. You might protest that we are just regular people who do common, ordinary things without any splendor or great achievement. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta has a great answer for people like us. She was asked by a reporter how she could continue doing such unsatisfying and miserable work without any measurable success. She replied, "God has not called me to be successful; he only called me to be faithful." She meant that success or public acclaim is not the hallmark of a saint, fidelity is – constant fidelity to the will of God as we live our everyday lives. Holiness does not require great achievement, public notice, popularity, charm, or status. It only requires that we "hear the word of God and act on it" (Luke 8:21).

The sanctity that God calls us to has two elements. First, we must see the importance of our work, whatever it may be: homemaker, social worker,

factory line assembler, insurance agent, business manager, newspaper editor, or whatever. We need to realize that our daily work is not just something to "offer up"; rather, the work itself is valuable because all of it is some kind of service to God's people.

Secondly, consider that our lives consist of constant relationships with people. All day long, we have contacts with people on various levels – family, friends, acquaintances, business relationships and incidental contacts – as we go about our lives. We are told by Jesus himself that all of these people are reflections of Him: "Whatever you did for one of these least ... you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). We need to understand that in all of these encounters we have the opportunity and the duty to serve Christ by carrying out the Gospel in our action toward these people. As St. Paul wrote, "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."

This issue of *Catholic Times* pays special attention to how area Catholics are living out that command through the service they provide to the senior citizens in our community.

None of us are likely to end up being honored as saints in the form of statues or stained-glass windows. But we still can achieve the sanctity that God calls for in our lives by living in constant faithfulness to Him in our interactions with the people we meet and the work that we do every day.

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

is NOT a holy day of obligation this year in the United States because it is on a Saturday. The feast usually is a holy day, but the bishops of the United States have received permission from the Vatican to waive the requirement to attend Mass on that day in years when it is on a Saturday or a Monday. They have similar permission to do so for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, Jan. 1; the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Aug. 15; and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8.

Days which are always holy days of obligation in the United States are all Sundays; the Feast of the Ascension, 40 days after Easter Sunday; and the Feast of the Nativity, Dec. 25.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN



The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women conducted its annual convention at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Saturday, Oct. 25. The program had the theme "Blessed are the Poor" and included several speakers, a Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant, and installation of new officers for the coming year. They are (from left): Katie Boesch, vice president; Michelle McCormick, president; Julie Blankenship, secretary; Valerie Horton, treasurer; and Karen Kitchell, immediate past president.

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Front Page photo: Hannah Wilson of the Catholic Social Services Friendly Visiting program (left) shares cake and conversation with June Mackenzie of Upper Arlington.

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**FORMING CONSCIENCES:
 FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP
 QUESTIONS FOR VOTING 2014**

REFLECTION QUESTIONS ON CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

- ❖ What is the candidate's commitment to protect all human life, from conception to natural death?
- ❖ What is the candidate's commitment to opposing intrinsic evils (e.g. abortion, racism etc.)?
- ❖ What is the candidate's commitment to addressing other serious threats to human life and dignity such as: poverty, hunger, unemployment, lack of health care, unjust immigration policy, discrimination, the use of the death penalty, disregard for religious liberty, efforts that harmfully redefine marriage, and issues related to unjust war and world violence?
- ❖ How does the candidate measure up in both words and actions with the totality of Catholic Social Teaching?
- ❖ What would be morally grave reasons to support and/or oppose a candidate? (Please refer to the U.S. Bishops document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, paragraphs 34 through 37).
- ❖ What is my assessment of the candidate's personal integrity, governing philosophy, performance and ability to influence a given issue?
- ❖ Has the candidate demonstrated sufficient competency to hold such an elected position?



It must be noted that a well formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the contents of faith and morals. The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole of Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust one's responsibility towards the common good.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, No. 4

GENERAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR VOTERS

- ❖ Have I properly formed my conscience and allowed it to inform my political choices through consideration of the following:
 - Study of Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*;
 - Examination of background information regarding my various choices;
 - Prayerful discernment?
- ❖ How does my faith call me to move beyond individual self-interest to promotion of the common good?
- ❖ How do my spirituality, understanding of Catholic Social Teachings, and acts of charity and justice shape my involvement in public life?
- ❖ What views do I hold that are challenged by my faith and Catholic Social Teachings?
- ❖ How will my vote help protect and/or enhance the life, dignity and rights of the human person, prioritize the poor, defend religious liberty, and advance the common good?

GENERAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS REGARDING BALLOT ISSUES

- ❖ Will passage of an issue promote the value and dignity of the human person, enhance the health and well-being of Ohioans, and advance the common good of persons in the state, especially the poor and vulnerable?
- ❖ Have I weighed the various arguments, for and against, and measured them in light of Catholic Social Teaching?
- ❖ Is the issue needed and well conceived?
- ❖ Does the issue reflect a change that should be addressed in the state constitution (as opposed to an issue that ought to be addressed through the legislative process)?
- ❖ Do the benefits of an issue outweigh the potential financial costs and/or potential legal challenges?

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Departed



Did you think this past week about how we love? I also thought about who I love. It just seems to go against our human nature, but how can I possibly pick and choose who I love? Or who I forgive? Jesus tells us very plainly that we must do both. I can only expect to be loved unceasingly by God. How can I not love everyone in return? I do not have to like everyone or appreciate their actions, but I have to forgive them and love them in exactly the same way I accept love and mercy. We listen attentively and nod our heads when we hear those familiar Gospel verses that involve the Pharisees and Scribes. How could I ever be that way? I would never be that obstinate or stupid and I would always understand Jesus' message. Really? I wish it was that simple for me. Jesus loved and forgave the same people He tried to help, who put Him to death. Was it easy for Him because He is God? No, it was difficult because He is human. This is how He shows us that it is not only possible, but a must.

This Sunday is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day. Of course, "departed" means that these souls are no longer with us, or does it? Think about those friends and family members who are departed. Do we ever lose them completely? We continue to think about all the positive examples and witnesses they shared while alive on this earth. Just think, now they are alive forever in Jesus Christ! I contend that we never lose them completely, and their physical departure leaves us with lasting memories that help us on our own journey. Their consequence in death is eternal life in Heaven. These days, many people live as if there are no consequences. For example, if I have sexual relations with a member of the opposite sex, a pregnancy could occur. If I rob or steal from someone, I could end up in jail or on the wrong end of a gun. If I aggressively go after a police officer, I could end up shot and killed. If I play a sport like football or hockey, I could get a concussion. If I report false numbers or fix grades, I could lose my job. And if I drink and drive, someone could be killed. How many people out there think these things are always someone else's responsibility? Our Faith provides consequences by which to live. For example, if I forgive, I can expect mercy when I ask for it. If I love others, including my enemies, I can expect love in return. If much is given to me, then much is expected of me. If I empty myself in charity, I will be filled with grace. If I give generously, I will receive a hundredfold in return. If I am a good and faithful steward of my gifts, I can return them one day to God with good measure. These are the good and positive consequences of our beloved faithful departed.

Our practical challenge this week is to spend one hour in a positive meditation on those loved ones who have departed. Dwell on all the good consequences that came from their influence on our lives. Pray for the grace to do the same. Ask them to pray for you now. Take an hour all at once or take 15 minutes on four days. Leave each session with a smile on your face, knowing that the faithful and positive impact they had on you was a consequence of God's relentless love. They are only departed, never gone completely.

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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CORPUS CHRISTI EVENTS

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, is continuing its monthly centering prayer group on Saturday, Nov. 1, and its women to women listening circle on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Centering prayer takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. The focus of this group is for members to support one another in the practice of centering prayer – a simple, contemplative way of being with God. No prior experience of centering prayer is necessary. Participants spend 20 minutes in quiet prayer and spend time discussing a book, article, or DVD on the subject.

The listening circle is on the second Thursday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m., preceded by a simple lunch at 11:30. All women of any age or life circumstance are invited. The circle is a safe, non-judgmental, confidential place where women can step away, breathe, and share their thoughts with other women.

No preregistration is necessary. However, no child care is available, so those

with children need to make arrangements for them.

The center will sponsor Advent quiet evenings on the four Mondays before Christmas, beginning Dec. 1. Participants will reflect on the season of Advent, preparing themselves to celebrate Christmas in a deeper way. There is no charge, but a free-will offering to support the center's work will be taken.

The center and the Edgewood Civic Association will cosponsor their third annual holiday benefit concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in Columbus Corpus Christi Church. Featured will be several local choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists performing music of the season. A collection will be taken during intermission, and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

Sister Teresa Tuite, OP, will lead a retreat titled "In the Midst of Winter" from Friday, Jan. 16 to Sunday, Jan. 18. Details about the retreat will be available later.

For more information about the center, call (614) 512-3731 or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI, ST. LADISLAS CONCERT

Columbus Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav churches will sponsor a "Harvest of Praise and Thanksgiving" concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 in Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave.

Choirs from both churches will perform contemporary Christian music, including some songs written by Father Rod Damico, parochial vicar for

the two parishes.

Soloists will include Father Damico, Victoria Ojeda-Pesa, and Carla Banks-Williams. Instrumentalists from all over Columbus have accepted invitations to play.

A reception will follow. There will be an offering to help build the music ministry of both parishes.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONOR 10 STAR COUNCILS IN DIOCESE

Ten Knights of Columbus councils in the Diocese of Columbus have earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organization's top awards, for the 2013-2014 fraternal year.

They are Delaware Council 1056; Kenton Council 1597; Father Reidy Council 1786, London; New Albany Council 10941; St. Elizabeth Council 11193, Columbus; St. Peter Council 11216, Columbus; Father Sheldon Kelly Council 11224, West Jefferson; St. Anthony Council 14093, Columbus; St. Timothy Council 14345, Columbus; and St. Mark Council 15447, Lancaster.

The Star Council award is the attainment of the Father McGivney Award for membership growth, the Founders' Award for insurance membership growth, and the Columbian Award for service programs.

The Father McGivney Award, named for Venerable Father Michael McGivney, who founded the Knights in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, is awarded to councils that achieve a seven percent net gain in membership

and that host or participate in four first-degree exemplification ceremonies to admit new members.

The Founders' Award is presented when a council meets or exceeds a 2.5 percent net gain of insurance members for the fraternal year. Councils with less than 100 members need a net gain of three insurance members.

The Columbian Award is presented to councils that conduct at least four activities in the areas of church, community, council, culture of life, family, and youth.

Additional honors were received by Council 1597, which received the Double Star Council award, and Council 15447, which became the first council in the diocese to receive the Triple Star Council award, introduced for the first time in 2013-2014. Those awards are for councils reaching 200 percent and 300 percent, respectively, of their membership growth goal for the fraternal year.

A total of 1,436 of the order's more than 16,000 councils received the 2013-2014 Star Council honor. There

were 216 Double Star and 212 Triple Star recipients.

In announcing the local winners of the Star Council award, Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the K of C order, said from its headquarters in New Haven, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved.

"At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community, and the order."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the church, their communities, families, and young people. With more than 1.8 million members around

the world, the Knights of Columbus annually donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. Visit www.kofc.org for more information.

Men's Luncheon Club

The November meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, Nov. 7 will feature a presentation by Dr. David Belcastro, chair of Capital University's religion and philosophy department and president of the International Thomas Merton Society, on "Merton: A Monk for Our Times."

The meeting will take place at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., following Mass at 11:45 a.m. and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A requested charge of \$10 covers the lunch and meeting.

For more information on the club and the Columbus Catholic Men organization, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact John Schechter, the luncheon club's president, at jschechter@sbcglobal.net.



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ROSARY "OVERLOAD"; ORIGIN OF TERM "CATHOLIC"



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Although on occasion I enjoy saying the rosary privately, I have a problem with being "forced" to do so. My perception is that many churches are now saying the rosary aloud before Sunday Masses and even during holy hours.

I believe that these should be silent times for solitude and private prayer. The most annoying aspect is that, when they finally do finish the rosary and I think that I can get back to my own praying, then they proceed to recite still other prayers publicly -- to Mary, the angels and the saints. Do I have the wrong attitude here? (Houma, Louisiana)

A. The church's guidelines for the celebration of the Eucharist are to be found at the beginning of the *Roman Missal*, the large prayer book on the altar that the priest reads from during Mass. There, in the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*, in No. 45 it is stated that "even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence is to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner."

It would seem, then, that the public recitation of the rosary in church

during the sacred moments before the beginning of Mass should be avoided.

Instead, as you point out, this should be a time for "solitude and private prayer."

As for the inclusion of the rosary during a Holy Hour, that is an open question. There are no strict rules for the structure of a Holy Hour, which takes its inspiration from Christ's words to the apostles at Gethsemane, "You could not keep watch with me for one hour."

It is a devotional exercise commonly consisting of times for mental and vocal prayer, for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and for Benediction. A Holy Hour may be arranged to include hymns, a litany, or the rosary, depending on the desires of those who participate.

In our parish, following Mass on weekdays, a group prays the rosary aloud. They wait about 10 minutes before starting, which gives people a chance to make a private thanksgiving after Mass. (We also have a Blessed Sacrament chapel, and those who want to make a longer thanksgiving sometimes go there.)

Parishioners have always seemed quite accepting of this practice.

The goal, I think, should be to keep the central focus on the Eucharist

while seeking also to accommodate various devotional practices, of which the rosary is a particularly worthy one. In November 2013, following a Sunday Angelus address, Pope Francis highlighted the value of the rosary as "spiritual medicine." "Don't forget to take it," he said. "It's good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

Q. I've been wondering when and why the followers of Jesus first started calling themselves "Catholic." Can you help? (Norfolk, Virginia)

A. The first written reference to the term "Catholic" can be found in the early days of the second century. Ignatius, a bishop from Antioch in Syria, was arrested and brought to Rome by armed guards. Shortly before his martyrdom, he wrote a letter to his fellow Christians in Smyrna (the city of Izmir in modern-day Turkey) in which he said, "Where the bishop is present, there is the Catholic Church." The word "Catholic" comes from the Greek root meaning "universal."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in No. 868 says that the church is catholic (because) "She proclaims the fullness of the faith. ... She is sent out to all peoples. ... She encompasses all times."

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



'WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED IS NOT MARRIAGE': POPE CALLS FOR DEFENSE OF FAMILY

By Elise Harris/Catholic News Agency

In an audience with members of an international Marian movement, Pope Francis warned that the sacrament of marriage has been reduced to a mere association, and urged participants to be witnesses in a secular world.

"The family is being hit, the family is being struck and the family is being bastardized," the pope told those in attendance at the Oct. 25 audience.

He warned against the common view in society that "you can call everything family, right?"

"What is being proposed is not marriage, it's an association. But it's not marriage! It's necessary to say these things very clearly and we have to say it!" Pope Francis stressed.

He lamented that there are so many "new forms" of unions which are

"totally destructive and limiting the greatness of the love of marriage."

Noting that there are many people who cohabit, or are separated or divorced, he explained that the "key" to helping is a pastoral care of "close combat" that assists and patiently accompanies the couple.

Pope Francis said contemporary society has "devalued" the sacrament by turning it into a social rite, removing the most essential element, which is union with God.

"So many families are divided, so many marriages broken, (there is) such relativism in the concept of the Sacrament of Marriage," he said, noting that from a sociological and Christian point of view, "there is a crisis in the family because it's beat up from all sides and left very wounded!"

ST. ANDREW PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

Is your son or daughter using social media? It can be a powerful tool if used properly. The next program in the Columbus St. Andrew School advisory board's parent speaker series will feature Detective Kevin Krolkosky of the police department in the Cleveland suburb of Bay Village.

Krolkosky will speak at the Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11. He will share his knowledge and personal experiences from 25 years of working to combat

juvenile crime as a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the WEB Crisis Negotiator Team.

The discussion will look at current trends, behaviors, potential school disciplinary actions, and legal consequences related to the misuse of social media, as well as tips to help students deal with social media responsibly and safely.

More information is available from Beth Kelly at emk@columbus.rr.com or (614) 205-9430.

"REDEFINING" MARRIAGE?



MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics

Father Tad Pacholczyk

In the current debate over gay marriage, people sometimes ask: Who should define marriage? Democrats or Republicans in Congress? The Supreme Court? Should it be put to a referendum, allowing the majority to choose a definition?

We can identify two kinds of "definitions" when it comes to marriage. The first touches on the essence, the objective reality, or the truth about marriage. The second involves a legal or political position, advanced through the media, judicial decisions, or other legislative means. While these secondary definitions of marriage can be of interest, their true level of importance is properly gauged only in reference to the first and objective definition.

Notable errors are sometimes made in these secondary definitions of marriage. In the mid-1960's, to consider but one example, prohibitions existed in more than a dozen states which outlawed persons of different races from marrying one another. A white man and a black woman could fall in love in those states, but could not legally tie the knot. The Supreme Court overturned those restrictions in 1967, recognizing that the ability to enter into marriage doesn't depend on the skin color of the man and woman getting married.

Gay marriage advocates today sometimes attempt to draw a parallel between such mixed-race marriage laws and state laws that would prevent two men (or two women) from getting married to each other. They suggest that legally forbidding two men from getting married stigmatizes those men in much the same way that preventing a black man from marrying a white woman stigmatized both of them. Yet there is really no parallel at all between the two cases. While marriage as an objective reality is certainly color-blind to the racial configuration of the spouses, it can never be "genital-blind," because male-female sexual complementarity stands squarely at the heart and center of marriage itself.

To see this fundamental point about marriage, however, we have to step beyond the cultural clichés that suggest that marriage is merely an outgrowth of emotional and erotic companionship. The institution of marriage does not arise merely out of loving sentiment. It is born, rather, from the depths of the commitment assumed by a man and a woman as they enter into the total communion of life implied in the procreation and education of children flowing from their union. To put it another way, marriage arises organically and spontaneously from the radical complementarity of a man and a woman.

Sexual intimacy between men and women involves

the possibility of children. No other form of sexual or erotic interaction encompasses this basic, organic, and complementary possibility. Without parsing words, Professor Jacques LeClerc put it this way more than 50 years ago: "The human race is divided into two sexes whose reason for existence is physical union with a view to continuing the species." More recently, Professor Robert P. George similarly described marriage as "a union that takes its distinctive character from being founded, unlike other friendships, on bodily unity of the kind that sometimes generates new life." There are many kinds of love, ranging from maternal love to brotherly love to love of friends to love of neighbor to romantic love, but only one that is proper and integral to marriage; namely, spousal love with its inscribed complementarity and potential for human fruitfulness.

Marriage teaches us that men need women and women need men and that children need both mothers and fathers. In this sense, marriage and the family represent foundational realities, not constructs that can be invented, defined, legislated, or determined by popular vote or culture. Marriage, in fact, is the "primordial first institution," flowing out of the intimate and creative union of male and female. It precedes other societal institutions and conventions, and is essentially ordered toward creating and caring for the future in the form of the next generation. Marriage is a given reality that we come to discover in its authentic design, not a concept for us to "define" according to our own agenda or desires.

Gay marriage proponents deny these foundational truths about marriage. Through vigorous legislative efforts, they are striving to impose a profoundly false redesign for marriage upon society so that, in the words of Professor George, marriage becomes "an emotional union for the sake of adult satisfaction that is served by mutually agreeable sexual play," thereby undermining its intrinsic connection to complementary bodily union between men and women. This forced reconfiguration of marriage is no more defensible than the efforts of those who socially or legislatively attempted to impose a notion of "racial purity" upon marriage or society in former times.

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With dozens of state champions, NCAA All-Americans, and Olympic contenders, DeSales continues to have a wrestling program in which athletes can learn to reach the top of the podium at any level.

To encourage younger community members to be part of this tradition of excellence, the program is taking applications for the Stallion Wrestling Club: Little Stallions (kindergarten through sixth grade) and Junior Stallions (seventh and eighth grades).

For more information and to download an application, visit www.stallionpride.com/wrestling.

CORPUS CHRISTI RETREAT

In the midst of snow and cold, the Earth seems to remind us of the wisdom of letting the land lay fallow so it might restore itself for new life. With that idea in mind, the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus will sponsor a retreat with the theme "In the Midst of Winter" from 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 to noon Sunday, Jan. 18.

Participants will have an opportunity to take the time to create and rest in an empty space for a little while. There will be time for prayer, reflective silence, sharing, and resting in the holy stillness of God.

The weekend will be led by Sister Teresa Tuite, OP, who has used her gifts of preaching across the United States as a leader of retreats, days of prayer and reflection, and parish missions. She holds

a master's degree in pastoral studies and a doctorate in ministry. Currently, she has a ministry of itinerant preaching, with a home base in Gahanna.

The cost of the retreat will be \$125, including three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. For commuters, it will be \$60, including Saturday lunch and supper.

Financial assistance is available for anyone who would like to attend, but faces difficult economic circumstances. The center also welcomes donations to its scholarship fund, which enables people in need of such assistance to attend.

For more information, call the center at (614) 512-3731 or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com. Registration is available online at www.cccenterofpeace.org.

St. Charles wins water polo championship

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School defended its state water polo championship, winning the title for the fourth time in five years, with a 15-14 victory over Mason in the championship game of the 13-team state tournament on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Ben Sugar scored the winning goal

in overtime, completing a comeback in which the Cardinals, coached by Geoff Gear, overcame a 9-3 halftime deficit to tie the score at 12 at the end of regulation time.

Earlier in the day, St. Charles defeated Worthington Kilbourne and Thomas Worthington to reach the championship game.

Watterson Open House

Columbus Bishop Watterson High school, 99 E. Cooke Road, will host its annual fall open house Sunday, Nov. 23, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Prospective students are welcome to tour the facilities, meet

faculty and staff, and learn about the school's academic, faith, service, and co-curricular programs.

Questions may be addressed to Deacon Chris Campbell at (614) 268-8671, extension 229.

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HISTORY, WITH A TWIST



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

I was cruising through my new favorite book, *The American Catholic Almanac: A Daily Reader of Patriots, Saints, Rogues, and Ordinary People Who Changed the United States*, when I came upon the April 7 entry, titled "The Duke."

It began, "When asked about his religion, John Wayne usually gave one of two responses. Either he claimed to be a 'presbygod***nterian' or a 'cardiac Catholic.'"

My husband endured his fair share of my reading aloud from this particular book, prefaced by an innocent interrupting-of-football-in-the-most-annoying-way-possible, "Did you know XYZ was Catholic?"

But when I came to THIS entry, I knew a few things with certainty:

1. I would be returning to it.
2. My husband would be reading this book.

Before we continue, you should be aware of a few truths of my life.

Truth #1 of the Reinhard Household: My husband does not view reading as a leisure activity in quite the same way the rest of us living here do.

He reads for work. He reads for information. He reads because he has to. When he has free time, it's not spent with a book.

Truth #2 of the Reinhard Household: We shall watch and love John Wayne in all his appearances. My kids regularly ask if Daddy will watch John

Wayne with them.

When she was about five, my oldest said she wanted to go to Texas because John Wayne and all the horses were there. We have a picture of John Wayne, proudly mounted on a horse, with a great quote, hanging in our bathroom.

The *Almanac* gave me more fascinating information about John Wayne in one short page than I might have learned anywhere else, in part because of the Catholic focus.

John Wayne was *Catholic*? Well, technically, yes, but he was a deathbed convert. Here's another tidbit that caught my imagination: One of his grandchildren became a Catholic priest.

It's not just that John Wayne rode horses or had a certain morality in his movies. It's not just that he seemed to be about the same offscreen as he was on. It's not just that we just liked the scenery.

It's that, finding out he was Catholic, we could relate. We related before. But now we were all

ah-ha! about it.

The American Catholic Almanac is brilliant in its approach: one page per day for one person.

None of the people highlighted are stuffy or boring. Most of them are either (1) people I hadn't heard of or (2) people I didn't know were so stinkin' interesting.

Even with the people who are so well-known as to be patrons of my kids, I learned interesting facts that made them more human.

And the history I've gotten out of this book! I can only compare it to when I read *The Frontiersman* many years ago at my husband's insistence. Honestly, I think *The American Catholic Almanac* would be well placed in a history classroom.

I had NO IDEA the work and hardship that early American Catholics had to work through and put up with! I had NO IDEA what kind of investment mission priests and religious made in the United States! I had NO IDEA how many inter-stinkin-esting people there were in the annals of American Catholic history!

Thanks to *The American Catholic Almanac*, I've had a taste.

This isn't a book for the bookshelf. It is, however, a book to share and reread and quote. It's a book to learn from and be inspired by.

Reinhard writes online at SnoringScholar.com and is the author of "Catholic Family Fun" and "A Catholic Mother's Companion to Pregnancy."

FEAR NOT

By Diana Marie Winkler

As I listen to others speak of the macabre acts against Christians, the Ebola outbreak, and even their disenchantment with the federal government, I must remind myself to not let the Evil One instill fear in me. I should be concerned, but fearful? No. I know that sounds easier said than done, but it is possible. Throughout the Bible, we are given the reassuring words "fear not" or "be not afraid."

Our beloved St. John Paul II said, "I plead with you – never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."

I know life is not all rainbows and butterflies. I do not pretend evil does not exist. We need only to open a newspa-

per or turn on a TV, radio, or computer and now even a phone.

I refuse to live in fear, and I also refuse to think I can do nothing about it. One of my favorite quotes is, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world" (Gandhi). Those words empower me! It doesn't matter that I am just one person. With God on my side, I can believe the words of Philippians 4:13: "In him who is the source of my strength, I have strength for everything." I can say with confidence the words of Isaiah 54:17: "No weapon fashioned against you shall prevail."

The Rosary is another source that can keep fear at bay. St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these

times." I liken my Rosary to the slingshot of David that he used to slay Goliath. Every bead is a "stone." Every prayer recited on each "stone" is sent out into the world, finding its target, guided by God.

Another way to not be fearful is to feed our souls as we feed our bodies. There is a lot of "food" out there to nourish and build up the soul. Go to Mass and confession as often as possible. Be informed by sources such as *Catholic Times* and other Catholic newspapers and magazines. We have available to us St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and EWTN. I mention these because they will tell you the TRUTH. They do not need to glorify, camouflage, or "dress up" the

product to sell it.

I use Scripture in my writings as a means of deflecting Satan. In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus uses Scripture to rebut Satan. Have certain verses ready when you begin to feel frightened by the world. For me, one verse is 1 John 4:4: "... For there is one greater in you than there is in the world." Isn't that encouraging?

Whatever you do to combat fear, know that you are not alone. Jesus Christ promises us in Matthew 28: 20: "... And know I am with you always, until the end of the world!"

Diana Marie Winkler is a member of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church and posts her writing online at www.iamtheshepherdsdaughter.com.

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Father William Connor's chalice donated to Cardington church

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times



A chalice the late Father William J. Connor used for nearly 60 years following his ordination to the priesthood in 1946 has been donated to Cardington Sacred Hearts Parish, which lost all its liturgical items in a fire that destroyed the church building last year on Thanksgiving Day.

The chalice was presented to the church on Sunday, Oct. 26, the 68th anniversary of Father Connor's ordination, by several of his 34 nieces and nephews. Father Connor, who died on Dec. 9, 2010, received it as an ordination gift from his 10 siblings, whose names, with those of their spouses, are engraved on the underside of its base.

A new church and hall are being rebuilt at the site of the former church in Cardington. Ground was broken for the new building on Oct. 1. An insurance settlement covered about half the \$2.3 mil-

lion cost of the new church. The parish had \$100,000 in reserve funds. Parishioners and donors from throughout the diocese have made gifts and pledges to cover about \$734,000 of the remaining \$1 million to complete the rebuilding.

Father Connor had given the chalice to a nephew, F. Michael Lorz of Columbus, when he returned to Columbus in 2005 from Sun City, Arizona, where he had moved upon retirement from active ministry in 1981. He shared a condo there with his brother, Father Frank Connor. They were joined later by other family members.

"He said that I'd figure out something good to do with it (the chalice)," Lorz said. "I had thought about donating it to the Holy Family Jubilee Museum in Columbus, but after reading about the fire at Sacred Hearts, I asked the nieces and nephews whether it should be a gift to the people and parish in Cardington. They unanimously agreed this would

be a wonderful way to honor Father Bill and would be something he would have wanted to do.

"We've had it professionally renewed and had a set of photos taken of the chalice. Each of the nephews and nieces will retain a set of these photos as a memento of the strength of the Connor family of Holy Rosary Parish in Columbus.

"We also hope the donation will serve as an inspiration to others to donate to Sacred Hearts so it can reach its rebuilding goal. It's the only parish in mostly rural Morrow County and its people have been generous, but they need help to cover the rest of the cost of what will be a modest, traditional church that will meet the parish's basic needs."

After his ordination by Bishop Michael Ready on Oct. 26, 1946, Father Connor served as assistant pastor at Newark Blessed Sacrament and Columbus Immaculate Conception churches, pastor at Sugar Grove St. Joseph, Columbus St. John the Evangelist, and Columbus St. Christopher, and administrator at Portsmouth St. Mary.

He was most noted for his prison min-

istry, in which he served as chaplain of the former Boys Industrial School in Lancaster (1954-60), the Ohio Youth Commission (1961-64), and the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville (1972-81). He received a master's degree in corrections from Xavier University in Cincinnati as part of his effort to become a better chaplain.

In 1976, a Death Row inmate at Lucasville wrote this about Father Connor in a letter to the *Catholic Times*: "He was one of the most compassionate and friendly persons I have ever met. There are very few people who would take the time to actually care as he does. He deserves a big thank you from everyone."

He and Father Frank, his brother, left their entire estates to The Catholic Foundation to benefit Catholic education.

Those wishing to donate to the Cardington church rebuilding fund may do so by mailing a check to Sacred Hearts New Church Fund, 4680 U.S. Highway 42, Cardington OH 43315, or calling Sacred Hearts finance manager Tamara Dieter at (419) 946-3611, extension 100.



Mount Carmel College of Nursing Celebrates Inauguration of President and Dean

Dr. Christine Wynd was formally installed as Mount Carmel College of Nursing's new president and dean during an inauguration and induction ceremony on Friday, October 24, at COSI Columbus.

The ceremony, traditionally conducted by colleges and universities to mark the beginning of a president's administration, was part of a day's worth of activities featuring Wynd, Bishop Frederick Campbell, and Columbus civic and education officials.

In keeping with Mount Carmel's Catholic heritage, the day began with an inauguration mass celebrated by Bishop Campbell at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. The service was preceded by a procession of college faculty and staff members in full academic regalia. Among the participants was Wynd's daughter, Rachel Santose, who gave a Scripture reading. Wynd's husband, Charles Santose, and son, Nathan Wynd, were giftbearers.

Participants in the ceremony at COSI included Bishop Campbell; Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman; Matt Mazza, college board chair; Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, Mount Carmel Health senior vice president of system mission; Sean McKibben, Mount Carmel West Hospital senior vice president and chief operating officer; Wynd's family; and representatives of college faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The ceremony also included delegates representing other colleges and universities, including Ohio Dominican University and the University of Notre Dame.

In her remarks, centered around the event theme of "Engage, Excel, Exceed," Wynd said, "To engage is to



Placing the chain of office around the neck of Dr. Christine Wynd to signify her position as president and dean of Mount Carmel College of Nursing is Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, Mount Carmel Health senior vice president of system mission. Standing next to Wynd is Matt Mazza, college board chair. Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman can be partly seen in the background.

commit, to be involved, to be dedicated, to be invested. I believe this is what makes a Mount Carmel graduate nurse a cut above the rest: engagement in a career, a profession, a mission, a calling ... nurses with both the courage and the soul to change lives.

"Although a calling has a traditionally spiritual connotation, as in being called by God to do significant work, today a calling represents work that contributes in some way, shape, or form toward making the world a better place, enhancing the quality of an individual's life, work that has meaning and soul," Wynd said.

"Nursing, simply viewed as a lucrative job with a good, solid income, may be sufficient, but certainly not enough to provide the meaning and soul needed to stay with a very demanding career. Those who are retained in nursing are dynamically engaged in, committed to, and passionate about their work," she said.

"To exceed ... to surpass, overtake, and go beyond ... this is the future of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. To exceed in higher education, our vision for the future requires ongoing commitment to the community of Franklinton and a dedication to preparing nurses for the health of its citizens," she said.

"We also go beyond to focus on building a serious research reputation with increased visibility as scholars nationally and internationally -- with an emphasis on scholarship that will enhance the education and practice of nursing toward high-quality, safe, and cost-effective patient care. To be a great nurse takes courage and strength, both emotionally and physically, and that is why one must have soul and a very deep sense of mission in order to engage, excel, and exceed," Wynd said.

Mazza said, "We are pleased to officially install and launch Dr. Wynd's presidency, heralding a new beginning

while continuing the college's reputation for excellence in nursing education and advancing growth and transformation to meet the future needs of health care."

Wynd became president of the college in July, succeeding Dr. Ann Schiele, who transitioned to president emeritus. She had been president from 1990 until her retirement on July 31 and had been affiliated with the college for 48 years.

Before coming to Mount Carmel, Wynd served as dean and professor at the Breen School of Nursing at Ursuline College in the Cleveland suburb of Pepper Pike. Her experience in nursing education and leadership is extensive and includes directing the PhD in nursing program at the University of Akron and teaching at The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University.

She retired from the Army Reserve Nurse Corps with the rank of colonel in 2001. Her military experience includes serving as chief nurse for two combat support hospitals and as the reserve representative to the Office of the Assistant Chief, Army Nurse Corps.

Top photo: Participants in the inauguration and induction of Dr. Christine Wynd included (from left): Dr. Peter Cimbalic, Ohio Dominican University; Dr. Judith Kimchi-Woods, Chamberlain University, Columbus Campus; Ursuline Sister Diana Stano, Ursuline College; Dr. Tracy Riley, University of Akron; Robert Burke, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; Dr. Wynd; Dr. Sally Marinelle, Ohio University; Lucinda Blackwelder Findley, Goucher College (seated); Bishop Frederick Campbell; Holy Cross Sister Barbara Hahl, University of Notre Dame; Charles Shahid, Central State University; Dr. Wendy Blakely, Capital University; and Amy Wrabbel, Ohio Wesleyan University.

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NOT JUST VISITORS, BUT FRIENDS

PROGRAM IS NEWEST CSS SERVICE FOR SENIORS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

June Mackenzie is an 84-year-old Upper Arlington resident whose social life was cut back significantly in March after a combination of shoulder surgery, vision problems, and "being too wobbly on my feet" left her unable to drive. When that happened, she called Catholic Social Services to see if the agency knew of anyone who might be able to visit her each week and help her retain her level of activity.

Hannah Wilson is 28 and recently moved to the Clintonville neighborhood of Columbus from Washington with her husband. She is a lawyer who specializes in antitrust issues and did volunteer work for her parish St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Washington area when she had free time.

Recognizing that it may take a while to find work locally in her specialty, she wanted to get involved in volunteer activities in Columbus, so she contacted Northwest Counseling Services, which works with CSS on several programs.

Northwest put Wilson in touch with Mary Kay Dinasky of CSS, who recognized after talking with her that she would be an ideal participant for the Friendly Visiting program which CSS has sponsored since August 2013. The program gives volunteers of all ages a chance to provide companionship, sustain independence, and pre-

vent social isolation for senior citizens in situations similar to Mackenzie's.

Dinasky had facilitated Wilson and Mackenzie's meeting in September, and the two found an instant rapport. "It's crazy what a perfect match we are," Wilson said. "She's like the granddaughter I don't have," said Mackenzie, who has one grandson (a second died at the age of four-and-a-half months).

Since the two became linked through the Friendly Visiting program, they have seen each other for two to three hours every week, mostly on Wednesdays, but also at other mutually convenient times.

Both describe themselves as avid readers and have visited a bookstore together. Mackenzie is involved with knitting and other handicrafts, so they have gone to a fabric store, and Mackenzie is teaching Wilson how to knit. "Also, both of us love the royal family and all things British, so we're both excited about the news that Prince William and Princess Kate are going to have a second child in April," Wilson said last week.

"For the most part, June and I decide on the spur of the moment where we're going to go, or if we're going out at all," Wilson said. "The one exception is a trip to an Indian restaurant, where we've made reservations" for Oct. 29, the Wednesday just past.

Mackenzie said she was looking forward to

that visit because she became familiar with Indian cuisine while growing up in India, where her father was an executive with the national railway system during the period when India was under British rule.

Wilson said she has a long-term project of writing Mackenzie's memoirs. "She talks and I type," she said. "There's certainly no shortage of material."

Mackenzie estimates that she moved about 30 times before settling down in Clintonville in 1993. She spent most of her youth in India, but during World War II, she attended a boarding school in England whose students were evacuated to Canada. After the war, she married a General Motors executive in India and moved to the United States, where she worked as a medical records specialist.

Her husband died in Delaware in 1991. Two years later, she came to Clintonville, where "I didn't know anyone and moved pretty much sight unseen," she said. "My son lives in Michigan and my daughter and grandson are in Cincinnati, and this seemed to be an ideal place between the two."

"I love talking to people and am a people-watcher by nature, so it didn't take long to make friends here," Mackenzie said. "At the same time, I can be quite happy alone because I've always got something to occupy me between reading, crafts, and doing all seven puzzles in the newspaper every day. Hannah is a great help because she provides an outlet for me and enjoys hearing about all the places I've been and the things I've done."

Although she misses being able to drive, Mackenzie said her adjustment to the change has been made easier because of the assistance she's received from Wilson and others, including a Northwest Counseling worker who visits her on Thursdays and has taken her on several shopping trips.

"I've got Hannah coming in on Wednesdays and Kathy from Northwest on Thursdays," she said. "For years, I've been part of a group of about 15 people that goes out to dinner every Friday. A woman from that group picks me up every Friday and takes me to the hairdresser every Tuesday. A cleaning lady comes every

Left: Catholic Social Services Friendly Visitor Hannah Wilson (right) gets ready to drive June Mackenzie on an afternoon outing. Right: Mary Jennings (right) serves as a CSS Senior Companion to Alma Coleman. The Companion program's history dates to 1974.

CT photo by Ken Snow (left); photo courtesy Catholic Social Services



The seniors pictured above were among 157 volunteers who took part on Oct. 11 in the twice-a-year Service Saturday program, which helps Franklin County senior citizens with home repair projects.

Photos by Larry Pishitelli



other Saturday, and on Sundays and Mondays, I collapse. That's when I do a lot of my reading and sewing. I live by myself, but I'm not lonely, thanks to Hannah and the others who fill my need for companionship."

"I'd recommend the Friendly Visiting program to anyone looking for a way they can be of benefit to someone else," Wilson said. "It's just so easy to get involved with, and it's allowed me to have a wonderful new friend. It's fun and pleasant, and one of the great things about it is the flexibility. You're not tied to specific days or

hours, but whatever works for the two of you."

Susan Marshall of CSS said the Friendly Visiting program is a complement to the agency's long-established Senior Companion program, which gives people who are 55 and older and in good health a chance to help their peers who find it difficult to remain independent because of their physical condition.

Clients of the Senior Companion program must be 60 and older or be residents of a facility for the developmentally disabled in Franklin, Licking, Fairfield, or Delaware counties. The

Friendly Visiting program is for anyone 60 and older in Franklin County living outside a long-term care facility.

"Both programs share a goal of helping seniors stay independent," Marshall said. Unlike its counterpart, the Friendly Visiting program has no age restriction. It currently has 22 persons serving as visitors on a one-to-one basis, ranging in age from 13 to 94. Those younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The majority of visitors are either recently retired or close to retirement age. All receive orientation training, plus eight hours of annual in-service training, and must pass a background check. The diocesan Protecting God's Children training also is being incorporated into the program. There is no financial compensation for volunteers.

Senior Companion volunteers work on a set schedule of 20 to 40 hours per week and must have an income of no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$23,340 for a single-person household). Companions receive a stipend of \$2.65 per hour, are reimbursed for mileage or bus travel to clients, and are allowed to take paid vacation and personal time. Their hours are limited to the period between 8:30 and 5 p.m. weekdays. Marshall said the program serves 410 people, with each companion having three to seven clients.

Both programs are looking for volunteers. Marshall said. The Senior Companion program, which has a waiting list of about 60 people, has 92 volunteers, 18 fewer than the 110 for whom it is eligible for federal funding. The Friendly

Visiting program has about 30 potential clients looking for matches. Marshall said Ohio Dominican University's physician assistant program and the social work programs at ODU and Ohio State University have provided visitors, and she has talked with diocesan high schools about having students take part in the program.

"The difficulty with having students involved is that they graduate and move on," she said. "But they are young and energetic, and that's why some clients love having them and look forward to the next one when one leaves."

Marshall said the Friendly Visiting program was a local response to needs unmet by the Senior Companion program, which is national in scope and has a history dating back to 1974.

"As the number of senior citizens in general has grown, so has the number of socially isolated seniors," she said. "The Senior Companion program was limited because of the amount available for stipends, the income and age restrictions for companions, and its being restricted to weekday business hours. Many of us at CSS wanted to open things up so that anyone of any age or income who wanted to work with seniors and help them stay independent could do so. We got our heads together, and the Friendly Visiting program evolved."

CSS also sponsors programs for senior citizens in the areas of supportive services, money management, and transportation.

The supportive services program operates in Licking County and parts of Franklin County



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MADISON COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE

Madison County Right to Life commemorated Respect Life Month on Friday, Oct. 3 with a March for Life from London St. Patrick Church to the county courthouse. Nearly 60 people turned out in rainy weather. The march was followed by a rally which included speeches from state Rep. Bob Hackett; Mike Gonidakis, Ohio Right to Life president; Kathleen Lutter, a pro-life obstetrician-gynecologist and 2012 diocesan Catholic Woman of the Year; and Michelle Chadwick, executive director of the ICU Mobile network of traveling ultrasound units. Brendan Shea, president of Madison County Right to Life, said, "We're inspired by the communitywide support for the pro-life movement right here in Madison County, and we look forward to continuing to build the culture of life throughout central Ohio."



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from the agency's offices in downtown Columbus. It has seven full-time employees, all of them licensed social workers. They worked with about 385 people last year, providing about 7,300 hours of direct service which involved items such as medical appointments, transportation, insurance, and housing needs, and linkage to other community services.

Through the support of the Licking County senior levy and the county Veterans Service Commission, CSS offers door-to-door transportation for medical appointments for senior citizens in Licking County. Last year, the program provided 7,723 one-way medical trips to 494 people.

CSS has two money management programs for senior citizens. One of them is funded through the Franklin County Senior Options program and works with people who are having trouble managing their finances. It helps them establish a budget, pay bills, balance their checkbooks, and save money while maintaining their financial independence. It served 66 clients in 2013.

The agency's Zanesville office operates a similar assistance program for people whose finances may be in order, but who for the most part have mental or physical problems or other extenuating circumstances which may complicate their efforts to handle standard money-related situations. The payee program allows CSS to handle payments and to make sure its clients are using their income to provide them with the right food, clothes, and medicine for healthy living.

The program serves 579 clients in 26 southeastern and southern Ohio counties. For the 12 months which ended Sept. 30, it managed more than \$6.5 million in clients' funds and performed more than 81,000 finan-

cial transactions.

"The program's growth in recent years has been phenomenal, averaging more than 15 percent per year," said Dave Desender, regional director for the CSS Heath and Zanesville offices. "Most of this has been by word of mouth, as both our clients and other agencies have come to realize we provide quality service and make funds as accessible as possible.

"If any money is left over after the basics are taken care of, we help clients use the rest for savings and, when there's enough, for affordable things they'd like, such as a cell phone, cable television, travel, or other items. Every month, we redo clients' budgets a little so that if, say, someone needs a winter coat, he or she will have enough to buy one at the right time," Desender said.

"It's all designed to satisfy clients' essential needs for living and help them feel they're fully a part of the community. Almost 90 percent of our clients have built up some savings through the program. It's a satisfying thing for them, after perhaps years of financial uncertainty, to know they have some money in

the bank, perhaps for the first time."

One other CSS program which primarily benefits senior citizens is the agency's twice-a-year Service Saturday, in which volunteers visit older adults and the disabled throughout Franklin County to provide help with small home repairs, painting, yard work, or other special projects.

Stephanie Jursek of CSS said the most recent Service Saturday on Oct. 11 had 157 volunteers of all ages, including several seniors, at 23 work sites. One of those sites was the Mackenzie residence, where three volunteers packed books and jigsaw puzzles into eight boxes, taped them shut, set them out for pickup by another social service organization, and swept the garage area where the items had been stored.

"They did a terrific, badly needed job for which I'm most grateful, and couldn't have been more pleasant," Mackenzie said. "They even brought me lunch, which I wasn't expecting. It's just one more reason I'm grateful to Catholic Social Services. Its volunteers have made a great difference in my life in a very short time."

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Pope Francis calls for abolishing death penalty and life imprisonment

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis called for abolition of the death penalty and of life imprisonment, and denounced what he called a "penal populism" that promises to solve society's problems by punishing crime instead of pursuing social justice.

"It is impossible to imagine that states today cannot make use of another means than capital punishment to defend peoples' lives from an unjust aggressor," the pope said on Oct. 23 in a meeting with representatives of the International Association of Penal Law.

"All Christians and people of good will are thus called today to struggle not only for abolition of the death penalty, whether it be legal or illegal and in all its forms, but also to improve prison conditions, out of respect for the human dignity of persons deprived of their liberty. And this I connect with life imprisonment," he said. "Life imprisonment is a hidden death penalty."

The pope noted that the Vatican recently eliminated life imprisonment from its own penal code.

According to the *Catechism of the*

Catholic Church, cited by Pope Francis in his talk, "the traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor," but modern advances in protecting society from dangerous criminals mean that "cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent."

The pope said that although several nations have formally abolished capital punishment, "the death penalty, illegally and to a varying extent, is applied all over the planet," because "extrajudicial executions" are often disguised as "clashes with offenders or presented as the undesired consequences of the reasonable, necessary, and proportionate use of force to apply the law."

The pope denounced the detention of prisoners without trial, who he said account for more than 50 percent of all incarcerated people in some nations. He said maximum-security prisons can be a form of torture, since their "principal characteristic is none other than external isolation," which can lead to "psychic and

physical sufferings such as paranoia, anxiety, depression, and weight loss, and significantly increase the chance of suicide."

He also rebuked unspecified governments involved in kidnapping people for "illegal transportation to detention centers in which torture is practiced."

The pope said criminal penalties should not apply to children and should be waived or limited for the elderly, who "on the basis of their very errors can offer lessons to the rest of society. We don't learn only from the virtues of saints, but also from the failings and errors of sinners."

Pope Francis said contemporary societies overuse criminal punishment, partially out of a primitive tendency to offer up "sacrificial victims, accused of the disgraces that strike the community."

The pope said some politicians and members of the media promote "violence and revenge, public and private, not only against those responsible for crimes, but also against those under suspicion, justified or not."

He denounced a growing tendency to think that the "most varied social problems can be resolved through pub-

lic punishment ... that by means of that punishment we can obtain benefits that would require the implementation of another type of social policy, economic policy, and policy of social inclusion."

The pope said unspecified forces today, using techniques similar to those of racist regimes of the past, create "stereotypical figures that sum up the characteristics that society perceives as threatening."

Pope Francis concluded his talk by denouncing human trafficking and corruption. He said both crimes "could never be committed without the complicity, active or passive, of public authorities."

The pope spoke scathingly about the mentality of the typical corrupt person, whom he described as conceited, unable to accept criticism, and prompt to insult and even persecute those who disagree with him.

"The corrupt one does not perceive his own corruption. It is a little like what happens with bad breath: someone who has it hardly ever realizes it; other people notice and have to tell him," the pope said. "Corruption is an evil greater than sin. More than forgiveness, this evil needs to be cured."

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New "Cross" Scholarships Will Benefit Kenya Kids Eager to Attend School

Cross Catholic Outreach's launch of a new scholarship program for the poor (see story on opposite page) is poised to have a major impact halfway around the globe in the African nation of Kenya. The benefits will bring blessings to both the poor and two of the country's most effective Catholic schools.

"This is a significant story in light of the recent teachings of Pope Francis and the excitement building around the Church's call to a New Evangelism," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "Our plan is to help American Catholics establish inexpensive scholarships to lift up the neediest children in Kenya."

In addition to helping hundreds of young children gain a primary education, Cross Catholic's efforts will have an important second benefit. It will encourage and empower the priests and nuns behind two of the nation's most exciting outreaches — the Brother Beatus Catholic School and St. Andrew Nkaimurunya School. Both are located near the city of Nairobi.

"The priests and nuns who established these Catholic schools have made tremendous personal sacrifices to extend Christ's love in the communities they serve. When American Catholics step forward and fund a \$110 scholarship to their schools, it will be incredibly encouraging to them. It will show them that we American Catholics are grateful for their work and want to help them in their noble cause of educating the poorest of the poor."

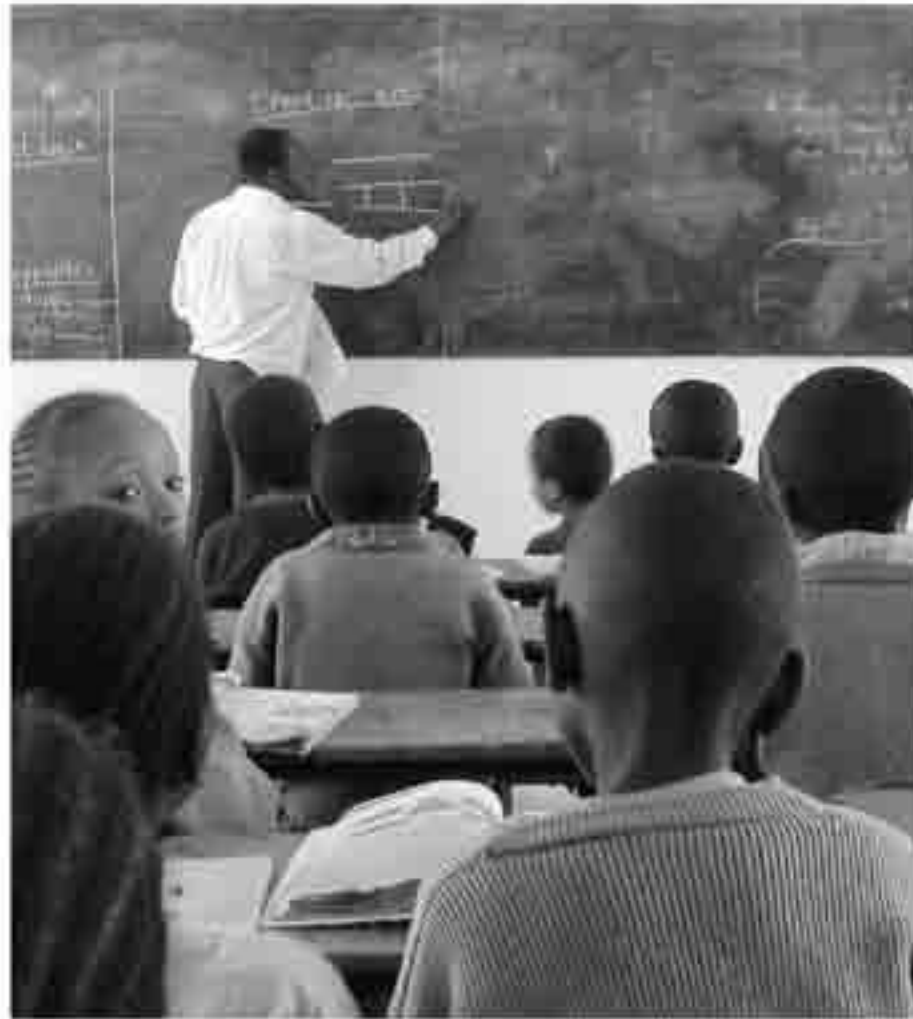
Why is the scholarship so important? The answer is simple: Without this support, children would simply go unschooled. Families subsisting on only a few dollars a week can't afford the luxury of sending a child to school.

"Those who establish a scholarship are helping put a child in school for a full year and the daily classroom experience also includes a meal — sometimes the only meal that child eats all day," Cavnar said. "And what is the alternative? Leaving a child illiterate and without hope? Is that really an option? I doubt Pope Francis would see it that way."

Some will ask if there is a way to support the goal without funding a full \$110 scholarship for a school year. The answer, Cavnar emphatically said, is "yes!" Donors who contribute to the scholarship fund in any amount are helping to build the general scholarship pool which will also fund students in need.

"Every gift, large or small, will make a difference," Cavnar said. "As we collect up to \$110, another scholarship will be funded. As a newspaper reader responding to this need, you can have a profound impact on the poor with any and every gift they make toward this cause."

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred during the current calendar year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet Cross Catholic Outreach's most urgent needs.



Children will walk miles to attend school — if they are given the opportunity to learn.

To support the Cross Catholic Outreach scholarship program for the poor, use the ministry brochure enclosed in this issue of the paper or mail your donation to Cross Catholic

Outreach, Dept. AC01072, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558. Please write "SCHOLARSHIP" in the comment line of the brochure to ensure your gift is routed to the proper fund.

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\$110 Scholarships for Catholic Education Can Lift African Children from Hopeless Poverty

A door of opportunity is opening for impoverished African children, and whether or not they will pass through that door will largely depend on the generosity of American Catholics. The "door" to this brighter future is a scholarship, and its availability is tied to sponsors who fund the certificates at a cost of just \$110 for a full year of schooling.

"This year, Cross Catholic Outreach established a unique new scholarship program to fight illiteracy and poverty in Africa and if it is successful, we may extend the program to Latin America and the Caribbean regions too. The Cross Catholic Scholarship Outreach was established to help unschooled children aged 4 to 12, and it allows us to provide a life-changing education for a boy or girl at a cost of just \$110 for the full school year," explains Jim Cavnar, president of the relief organization, Cross Catholic Outreach.

Now that the program is in place, we need benefactors to step forward and fund a scholarship in their family's name. Mr. and Mrs. Jones family can create the Jones family scholarship, for example. Dr. Smith can establish the Mary Smith Scholarship to honor his mother. Each scholarship can be for a single school year or renewed annually to keep the gift going as part of a family legacy to benefit the poor.

"With a gift of just \$110 you can launch a scholarship with a life-changing impact on a child in need," Cavnar explained. "A certificate is sent to you, the donor, to commemorate the new scholarship, and the child overseas is blessed with the grant of aid. It's really a priceless gift you are giving — an education brings opportunities, new hope and self-dignity. Those are things you can't buy off a shelf but they come with this outreach."

How many scholarships does Cross Catholic Outreach hope to launch this year? Their initial goal is to educate 5,000 needy youngsters who are currently "on the outside, looking in."

Some children are literally in that position. They stand outside schools and watch longingly as others enter. They're fearful they'll forever be left outside the educational system.

"When you travel to places like Haiti, Kenya, Zambia or the Philippines, you encounter the terrible hardships of the poor and you see how hungry they are for hope," Cavnar said. "In some of the countries where we serve, children literally stand outside schools praying to get in. These kids are illiterate, but they're wise enough to know an education provides new opportunities and a way out of the slums. They pray the school door will someday open for them — but most realize that is only going to happen if their families get help. Their parents are too poor to afford even the few, meager expenses needed to attend."

The new Cross Catholic Scholarship Outreach meets this need. It serves as a

"golden ticket" — opening the door to a quality education. Amazing, considering the scholarships can be provided for just \$110 per year. And, despite the low cost, the quality of the education is high.

"In establishing this scholarship program, we started by choosing quality institutions that could qualify as Cross-accredited Catholic Schools," Cavnar says. "These schools are also monitored to ensure they continue to meet our standards. We insist each school has a strong Catholic identity, hires a capable staff of teachers, includes spiritual teachings within the curriculum and provides students with a broad, practical education. It's important



that our scholarship students end up with a solid education — one that gives them greater opportunities in their communities."

Some potential benefactors are likely to be surprised at the low cost of establishing a scholarship. Most of us are only familiar with U.S. college scholarships which are typically valued in the thousands of dollars. The difference, Cavnar admits, is startling. But, he adds, it also makes the program affordable to virtually everyone who wants to help the poor.

"Who among us can deny the value and impact of this program? The Catholic schools overseas are extremely efficient. The teachers who work there are also sacrificing. Many work for a few dollars a day in order to ensure these children get an education. When a donor contributes his or her portion by funding a scholarship, amazing things are being accomplished," he says. "So my hope is that many will step forward. I envision Cross Catholic Outreach offering a young boy or girl the Williams Family Scholarship, or the Brown Family Scholarship, or a scholarship in your family's name. If just a few dozen of this newspaper's readers make that decision,



the impact will be profound. It will turn lives around. It's a simple fact. When Catholics focus their compassion on meeting a specific need, amazing things can be accomplished. I've seen it happen again and again and again."

This optimistic view of Catholic charity flavors everything Cross Catholic Outreach does. It was founded more than ten years ago to create a stronger link between American Catholics and Catholic mission work being done overseas, and its efforts have produced impressive results. Catholic priests and nuns working "in the trenches" have been empowered by Cross Catholic Outreach and its U.S. benefactors to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide safe water to the thirsty, house the homeless, protect the orphaned and — as this case demonstrates — educate the poor.

The ministry has accomplished these outreaches in more than 40 countries

worldwide, and it does its work in an extremely cost-effective way. Less than 6 percent of its resources are used for administrative or fundraising expenses — nearly 95 percent are spent on program services to benefit the poor.

"Of all of the work we do, we consider educational outreaches among our most important and effective," Cavnar says. "Why? Because a Catholic education has three critical benefits to the poor. It elevates the poor out of illiteracy. It opens doors of opportunity that help create self-reliance — teaching a man to fish, as the saying goes. And, just as important, it communicates Catholic truths that transform lives from the inside out. That is why we encourage donors to establish these scholarships. They are one of the most valuable gifts a donor can give."

Cross Catholic Outreach Website Highlights Ministry's Key Strengths

Visit the website of Cross Catholic Outreach (www.CrossCatholic.org) and you will notice three indisputable strengths of the organization — its cost effectiveness, its impressive Catholic leadership and its emphasis on funding projects that have specific and tangible benefits for the poor.

Cross Catholic Outreach is clearly having an impact both overseas and here in the U.S.

"Donors most often notice our effectiveness. They want their donations to be used wisely and to have impact, so they appreciate the fact that nearly 95 percent of donations are used for program services and that so little of our expenses are allocated to fundraising and administration," explains Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar. "The second thing they look for is integrity in our leadership, and they find that in the seven bishops and archbishops who serve on our board of directors. It shows we aren't just a charity fundraising from Catholics. We are a Catholic outreach,

and we promote Catholic teachings and values through our work."

This fact has been noticed by Catholic bishops and archbishops in the U.S. and they have endorsed the charity as a result. As of this moment, Cross Catholic Outreach has the endorsement of some 70 U.S. dioceses and the list has been growing steadily through the years.

Results are one reason for this attention: Cross Catholic Outreach has a history of effectively supporting existing Catholic parishes and programs overseas, and thereby empowering the Catholic Church worldwide.

"When we dig wells, build homes or launch medical clinics, the people in the community associate those things to the Catholic Church. Self-promotion isn't our goal. Our goal is to empower the Catholic Church — the priests, nuns, parishes and lay leaders already working in the community," explains Cavnar. "Many of Pope Francis' recent teachings support that approach."



Pope Francis recently met with Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar.

How to Help:

To fund Cross Catholic Outreach scholarships for the poor, use the postage-paid brochure inserted in this newspaper or mail your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01072, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558. Write "SCHOLARSHIP" in the comment line of the brochure to ensure your gift is routed properly.

If you identify an old project, 100% of the proceeds will be committed to be used for that specific project. However, if none is listed for the project your match funds will be allocated to other urgent needs in the ministry.



Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (Cycle A)

Readings on death bring comfort to the living



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

The normal cycle of Sunday readings gives way to the Feast of All Souls' Day, which follows naturally after All Saints' Day. Any of the readings used at Catholic funerals could be used on this Sunday. These comments are on the readings suggested for this feast in Ohio dioceses. The choice of readings may vary from parish to parish.

The Wisdom reading is often chosen as the Old Testament reading for funerals. It probably was written during the first century BC (around 50 BC, according to most commentators). Because it was written in Greek, it could not be included in Hebrew Bibles because the Rabbis decided that Hebrew was a requirement for any work to be included in the canonical Bible. It was probably written at Alexandria in Egypt, which was a great center of learning in the ancient world. Wisdom's author was a talented writer, with a broad knowledge of Jewish history and writings.

Scholars have pointed to the similarity between the first 10 chapters of Wisdom and the teachings of Jesus, which suggests that Jesus was familiar with the influence of Wisdom on his own times. The liturgy makes frequent use of Wisdom throughout the year.

The belief in life after death arose very late in Judaism, and this passage reflects that emerging belief fairly clearly, which is why people are drawn to this reflection on the occasion of a funeral. If, indeed, the souls of the just are in the hand of God, then immediately the reader is drawn into this pattern of thought.

Day of Renewal

The Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal will sponsor a day of renewal, with the theme of "Transformation Through God's Love," on Thursday, Nov. 13 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.

Registration at 9 a.m., confes-

sions and praise and worship at 9:30, and Mass at 10:15. After Mass, there will be a workshop on God's love, patience, and kindness, concluding with a potluck luncheon.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at (614) 914-8556.

DeSales Open House

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

The school offers a \$200 tuition credit for all future members of the Class of 2019 (current eighth-graders) who complete an admission application at the open house.

Visit www.sfdstallions.org/admissions-process for more details.

Only the foolish thought the just to be dead. "But they are in peace," says Wisdom. The hope of the just is "full of immortality." The alternative is to have no hope at all.

The idea of nothingness after death, which follows naturally from having no hope, is unfortunately all too prevalent these days. Those who hold such a position live only in the present moment without any sense of judgment, let alone of experiencing the grace and the mercy of God. Why would they? If life is all about "now" only, why would anyone have reason to hope?

Wisdom regards the death of the just as but a chastisement — a time of being tried by God, an opportunity for God to find them worthy and thereby to be taken by God into God's own presence. Those who trust in the Lord "shall understand truth ... shall abide with (the Lord) in love," and will enjoy God's grace and mercy and care.

The Romans reading is also often chosen at funerals, as Paul reflects on Christian baptism, by which the Christian is baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. Accordingly, if we are dead to sin by baptism, then we are also one with Christ in his resurrection. At a funeral, this reflection is more for the living than it is for the dearly departed. We know that "Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more." If, indeed, the Christian dies with Christ in baptism, then that Christian is no longer a slave to sin. The reading is a reminder that we are called to live lives free from sin because of our own baptism "in Christ Jesus."

Finally, the passage from John's Gospel is part of the lengthy Bread of Life discourse. It is a consoling thought and a reassurance that "The will of my Father (is) that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day." That should be a cause for hope to all who bear the name Christ, and for all those, "known only to God, who are partners in the paschal mystery" (see *Gaudium et Spes*, section 22).

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The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Philippians 2:1-4
Psalm 131:1b-3
Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY
Philippians 2:12-14
Psalm 22:26b-32
Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY
Philippians 2:12-14
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY
Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalm 105:2-7
Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 122:1-5
Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY
Philippians 4:10-19
Psalm 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9
Luke 16:9-15

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO's cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

DAILY MASS

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

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

Frank Wolf: An Appreciation

For the first time since 1978, Frank Wolf's name will not appear on the November ballot in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. The Republic will be the poorer for that.

Virginia's 10th CD includes territory familiar to James Madison. And it's not hard to imagine the Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights taking deep satisfaction from the public career of a fellow Virginian, a man of integrity who bent every effort to defend human rights, especially for the defenseless. That advocacy was the hallmark of Frank Wolf's lengthy congressional career, which, like my old friend Henry Hyde's, is a powerful argument against term limits.

When the defense of religious freedom and other basic human rights meant confronting Soviet power, even when foreign policy "realists" objected, Frank Wolf was there. When the defense of religious freedom meant confronting Islamist and jihadist terrorists, in the face of the same objections from the same unrealistic realists, Frank Wolf was there. When genocide was going on in Sudan and Washington preferred to look away, Frank Wolf forced his governmental colleagues to pay attention. When most of official Washington ignored the plight of persecuted Christians whose communities could trace their origins virtually to apostolic times, Frank Wolf was their advocate and, challenging both Congress and the Obama administration and citing as his rationale William Wilberforce's 1789 speech in Parliament against the slave trade: "Having heard all of this, you may choose to look the other way, but you can never again say that you did not know."



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George Weigel

Frank Wolf also understood that consistency in human rights work meant being a pro-life advocate. Like the late Richard John Neuhaus, whose work he admired, Frank Wolf saw the pro-life movement as the natural heir to the U.S. civil rights movement, and pro-life advocacy here at home as the natural complement to work in defense of people oppressed by authoritarian and totalitarian regimes abroad. That an evangelical Protestant understood this and acted on it, when so many Catholic members of Congress did not, is cause for Catholic reflection—and repentance.

Frank Wolf did his chores for Virginia's 10th CD; he didn't get re-elected 16 times by ignoring the home front. But in the 30 years I've known him, I've always had the impression that it was his advocacy for those who were both persecuted and voiceless that kept him in the game and offered him the deepest of satisfactions in his public service. And in the case of this Christian gentleman, I couldn't help but think that the deepest source of Frank Wolf's concern for the persecuted was the truth the Vulgate Bible caught best in Latin: *Caritas ... Christi urget nos* — "The love of Christ impels us ..." (2 Corinthians 5: 14).

Service Saturday aids area seniors

Volunteers from across Franklin County joined with Catholic Social Services on Saturday, Oct. 11 for Service Saturday, a twice-a-year project the agency has sponsored since 2006. The volunteers, representing a variety of age groups, did minor repair jobs, paint-



ing, yardwork and other home maintenance projects for senior citizens and disabled residents of the county who are physically unable to do the work themselves. Any adult age 60 or older, or any disabled individual in need, who lives in Franklin County is eligible to benefit from a Service Saturday project. Individuals in need of assistance are referred to CSS by people who recognize their needs. Anyone with information about someone who could use such help is asked to talk to that person first, then contact Peggy Sirbaugh of CSS at (614) 857-1251 for possible inclusion in the next Service Saturday, which will take place in the spring of 2015. CSS also is looking for donations of materials and money for the program. More information is available from Stephane Jursek at (614) 857-1216.

He'd dismiss the comparison out of hand, but I thought of Frank Wolf this past summer when I read Fred Kaplan's *John Quincy Adams: American Visionary*. True, Frank Wolf did not spring from the intellectual and political aristocracy of the American Founding; nor did he serve as ambassador, senator, secretary of state, and president; nor is he a crusty curmudgeon, like the Adams portrayed brilliantly by Anthony Hopkins in the film *Amistad*. But like John Quincy Adams, Frank Wolf brought distinction to the U.S. House of Representatives, rather than taking distinction from it. Like Adams, Wolf made a sometimes-unpopular moral cause the centerpiece of his service in the people's House. And, like Adams, Frank Wolf drew the affection and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, who know that the House is losing one of its unsullied moral reference points when Frank Wolf retires.

These days, "public service" is too often a matter of incantation rather than fact, as public office has become an expression of ego, rather than of conviction. But for the past 34 years, the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District, and indeed the people of the United States, have benefited from a true public servant in Frank Wolf, whose convictions graced the office he held and ennobled the legislative body in which he served.

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Pray for our dead

BAUS, Mary J., 66, Oct. 25
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

BERRY, Marjorie J., 78, Oct. 20
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

BROWN, Marilyn A., 85, Oct. 21
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

CUSUMANO, Benedetto J., 68, Oct. 22
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

DUHIGG, Don J., 82, Oct. 24
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FARRELL, Virginia, 68, Oct. 25
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

FASTRICH, Helene B., 77, Oct. 16
St. Peter Church, Columbus

FRENO, Frances J., 88, Oct. 23
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

COMPTE, Rae, 77, formerly of Buckeye Lake,
Oct. 22
St. Brendan Church, Clearwater, Fla.

LUZIO, Anthony J. Jr., 25, July 4, 2005
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

MAURER, Frank R., 91, Oct. 27
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

NEAL, Ralph, 75, Oct. 23
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

NOLAN, James E. Jr., 89, Oct. 26
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

O'NEILL, Opal B., 93, Oct. 20
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

SELLERS, Rosita, 88, Oct. 22
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

STEFANACCI, Adam, 24, Oct. 24
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

WATTS, Carolyn S., 65, Oct. 25
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

Ottawa archbishop recalls words of St. John Paul II after shooting

By Deborah Gyapong
Catholic News Service

Recalling the words of St. John Paul II, Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast called upon Canadians not to be afraid in the wake of the Oct. 22 shooting that left a Canadian soldier dead and forced lawmakers to barricade themselves inside their Parliament offices.

In an email interview a day after the incident, Archbishop Prendergast noted that the violence occurred on the feast of St. John Paul and recalled that the saint's first words when he was elected pope in 1978 were "Don't be afraid! Open your hearts wide to Christ."

"These words apply most appropriately to this present moment in our life in the nation's capital, but they speak also to all Canadians," the archbishop wrote.

Authorities said a gunman killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, a member of the army reserves from Hamilton, Ontario, who was guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial, near Parliament. The assailant, whom police identi-

fied as Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, made his way to the Parliament, where he fired multiple times before he was shot and killed.

"God is still the Lord of our lives and is at work in the hearts of the bystanders who attempted CPR, called the police and other first responders who showed themselves courageous in putting their lives at risk in a moment of crisis," Archbishop Prendergast said. "We have much to be grateful for. To live with moral certitude is to presume people mean me/us well, and we should live out of that conviction.

"And while remaining alert to signs of behavior that can be harmful, we need to go about our business as the friendly and welcoming people I have come to know Ottawans to be," he said.

"Let us offer our prayers to God in support of those who have been most affected by today's events. As we do, let us also thank God for the beauty of our country and for the blessings of peace and security which are the blessings bestowed upon Canadians," the archbishop said.

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Carters Corner Rd & St. Rt. 36/37 in Sunbury
NOV 8, 2014 - 9:00AM-2:00PM
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CALICO ANGEL CRAFT SHOW
Saturday, November 1st
9am-3pm
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ANNUAL HASA SPAGHETTI DINNER
Homemade Meatballs!
Sunday, Nov 2nd, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
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HOLIDAY BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
1559 Roxbury Road, Marble Cliff
Saturday, November 8, from 9-3 pm
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Sunday, November 2 — 11am-2pm
St. Luke Community Center
Market & Rambo Streets, Danville
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Carry-out available
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HOLIDAY BAZAAR
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH
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Carry Out (1:30-7 pm)

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OCTOBER

30-NOV. 2, THURSDAY-SUNDAY
40 Days for Life
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founders Women's Health Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at abortion 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

30-NOV. 1, THURSDAY-SATURDAY
Bishop Hartley Presents 'Almost, Maine'
7:30 p.m., Van Fleet Theater, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School presents "Almost, Maine," a romantic comedy by John Cariani. 614-237-5421

31, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302

NOVEMBER

1, SATURDAY
Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick

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H A P P E N I N G S

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.
Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249
Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

Filipino Mass at Cathedral
7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus (temporary location). Monthly Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-224-3416

2, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Book discussion on "The Patience of a Saint" by Father Andrew Greely, with Dr. Ronald Carstens, author of "Falling into Grace: The Fiction of Andrew Greely."
Exposition at Church of the Resurrection
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

Brown Scapular Enrollment at Holy Family
Following 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Distribution of and enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, sponsored by parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild.
Open House at St. Charles
1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents. 614-252-6714

Postadoption Program at St. Paul
2 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Parish's Elizabeth Ministry sponsors program on postadoption attachment and bonding for anyone who is an adoptive parent, considering adoption, or wants to deepen attachment and bonding with their biological children or stepchildren. 614-865-1735
Martin de Porres Center Anniversary Program
2 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Center's 11th anniversary program, featuring talk by Father Maurice Nutt, CSSR, and liturgical dance by the Joyful Inspiration ministry. 614-416-1910

Concert at St. Colman of Cloyne
3 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. "Masterpieces of the Choral Tradition," featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Faure's "Requiem," with the parish choir joined by the choir of The Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro and instrumentalists from the Cincinnati College of Music. 740-335-5000

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

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

Compline at Cathedral
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

3, MONDAY
Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. Homily: "The Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension." 614-235-7435

3-5, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
Black Catholic Ministries Revival at Christ the King
7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Revival sponsored by Columbus Black Catholic Ministries, with Father Maurice Nutt, CSSR. Theme: "It's Not Over When God Is In It!" 614-237-0401

4, TUESDAY
Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. 614-221-7601

Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-444-4411
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

5, WEDNESDAY
'In God's Service' Program at Christ the King
10:30 a.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. "In God's Service" program for high school students, featuring sharing, testimony, reflections, Mass at noon, and a pizza lunch. Featured speaker and Mass celebrant: Father Maurice Nutt, CSSR. Sponsored by Black Catholic Ministries and diocesan Vocations Office. 614-221-5565

Memorial Mass at Cathedral for Clergy, Diocesan Staff
12:05 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Memorial Mass, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant, for all deceased diocesan priests, deacons, and religious, and diocesan, parish, and school staff members. 614-224-1295
Newborn Needs Program at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Newborn Needs program for people wishing to knit or crochet items for premature and needy infants, led by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP. Suggested donation \$5. Additional programs on Nov. 19 and Dec. 3. Registration deadline Nov. 2. 614-866-4302

6, THURSDAY
Ohio Dominican Fall Lecture Series
3:30 to 5 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Center for Dominican Studies fall lecture series on "The Common Good" concludes with talk on "The Common Good in the Arts and Media" by Dr. Ann Hall, ODU English professor. 614-251-4722

Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala
6 p.m., Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Seventh annual Cel-

ebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala benefiting Catholic school tuition. 614-221-5829

Holy Hour at Holy Family
6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

6-8, THURSDAY-SATURDAY
Three Bags Full Consignment Sale
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Parish activity center, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including JOIN, Joseph's Coat clothing ministry, and Knights of Columbus. 614-561-5300

7, FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.
Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Dr. David Belcastro, chair of Capital University's religion and philosophy department and president of the International Thomas Merton Society, on "Merton: A Monk for Our Times." Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.
St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. 614-882-7578

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus (temporary location). 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

7-8, 14-15, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Bishop Watterson Presents 'Death of a Salesman'
7:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Columbus Bishop Watterson High School presents Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama "Death of a Salesman." 614-268-8671

7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Interactive Retreat for Men at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Interactive retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, led by Father John D. Corbett, OP. Theme: "Faith, Hope, and Charity." 614-392-0146



BOOK REVIEW

“A Travel Guide to Life: TRANSFORMING YOURSELF FROM HEAD TO SOUL”

Readers will find plain talk and wisdom in Anthony DeStefano’s guide to life

By Maureen E. Daley
Catholic News Service

Don’t be put off by the opening tone in Anthony DeStefano’s new book, *A Travel Guide to Life*. Advice to “Get off your pity-pot!” and “Get moving!” may strike readers as both too harsh and too casual.

But give DeStefano time and you’ll find real wisdom in his chapters on setting goals and bringing order out of chaos, and in his common-sense yet spiritually grounded focus on life’s practical challenges.

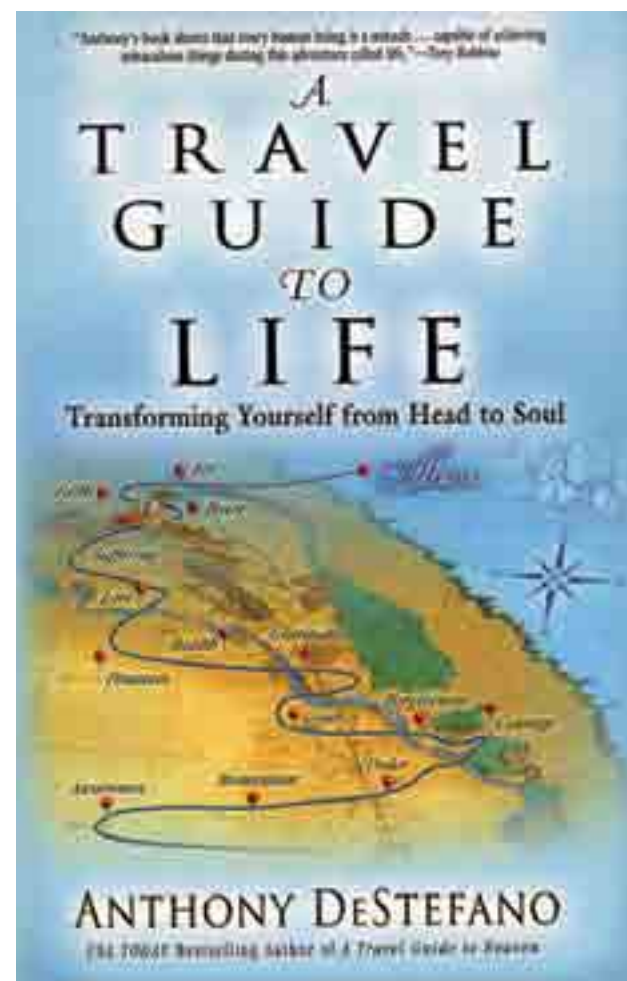
DeStefano says he set out to write a “how-to” book that would show readers “how to embrace a joyful view of life without being self-delusional,” as well as how to keep faith in God and humanity, avoid despair, and take practical actions to transform their lives.

This is the work of a mature writer and it is addressed to the adult reader, perhaps even to someone in late adult life. It is a guide for changing life’s direction, suitable for those with some life experience.

DeStefano emphasizes the role of free will and self-discipline in living a happy life. He believes that we sin and that guiding principles are not based on feelings, but on choices. He tells readers that spiritual well-being begins with three spiritual decisions: to have faith, to repent of our sins, and to forgive people when they sin against us.

The author narrates a six-part miniseries of half-hour shows that summarize the book’s main points and can be viewed on the Eternal Word Television Network. Using the book as a guide to life would be more time-consuming.

Steps to transform one’s life can be expressed in a few



sentences. But hours of work may be required, not just once, but over and over, to put the steps into action.

For example, in the chapter on “Goals and God’s Will,” DeStefano asks readers to first “come up with goals that inspire you.” He then lists self-examination questions that would take the serious reader some time to complete.

In step two, the reader should write down all the goals “and put them in a place where you’ll remember to look at them,” DeStefano says. The author recommends reading the goals at regular intervals, a long-term practice that he believes will, in itself, cause the reader to move toward the goals and to recognize opportunities.

Finally, he advises that the reader create a list of action steps for the goals. Readers might feel daunted at this point by DeStefano’s demands. He softens the lesson by telling a story from his own life.

As a young adult, he abandoned his childhood goal of being a doctor and became a writer. Several years passed before he set the goal to be a spiritual writer. Ten more years passed before he laid out the action steps that enabled him to fulfill this goal. Once he had the action steps, he wrote his first spiritual book, *A Travel Guide to Heaven*, in six months and it became a best-seller.

For readers ready for the work of the journey, DeStefano has produced a reliable road map.

Daley, a Baltimore-based writer, earned a master’s degree in theology from the Ecumenical Institute of St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore.

Olive harvest at Garden of Gethsemane unites faithful with Christ

By Judith Sudillovsky
Catholic News Service

For Salim Badawi, a Greek Orthodox Palestinian from the West Bank village of Beit Jalla, the opportunity to help a group of Franciscan priests harvest olives in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives offers a sense of hope amid the adversaries his family has faced in their own olive groves.

He said much of the olive grove of his extended family has long been unreachable, as it was taken years ago to build an Israeli settlement, now considered a neighborhood of Jerusalem.

An uncle tries every year -- unsuccessfully -- to reach the land, Badawi said.

“Here I feel hope that maybe one day it will be different, maybe we will one day be allowed to go there and pick our olives,” Badawi told Catholic News Service while reaching into the branches of one of the trees that can be traced to the time of Christ. “The olive trees are still there, but we can’t reach them. I feel something special in this holy place where we are picking the oldest olives in the area, maybe in the whole world.”

At the bottom of the tree, Karina Henriquez, a volunteer from Chile, places olives that drop from the branches into a sack. For her, the trees that continue to bear fruit after thousands of years are a symbol of Jesus, who is still giving fruit to all who seek him.

Henriquez does not want to discuss politics, but she knows that Israelis and Palestinians are good people.

“Too bad they can’t solve their problems. We were hopeful with the pope’s visit, but then there was the war,” she said. Still, Henriquez feels the need to share the pope’s message of speaking to the souls of people about love and peace. “We have to pray so God will place peace and love in the hearts of all people,” she said.

Since the Franciscans retook possession of the small olive grove adjacent to the Church of All Nations in 1681, the Franciscan fathers have tended to eight of what are believed to be the oldest olive trees in the Holy Land. Tradition, backed by modern genetic testing, holds that the gnarled trees were grafted at some point during the Crusader era from a single tree that was a witness to Jesus’ agony more than 2,000 years ago.

Today, the trees are part of the Garden



Saleem Badawi, a Greek Orthodox Palestinian from the West Bank village of Beit Jalla, picks olives in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem on Oct. 21, while Franciscan Father Benito Jose Choque looks on. Franciscan priests and volunteers harvest the fruit each year in the garden where Jesus prayed on the night of his arrest. CNS/Debbie Hill

explained, is to live with the Jews and Muslims, transmitting their charism.

“What the Crusaders in the past did with their weapons, we do with prayers,” Father Choque told CNS. “I believe God has given something beautiful to humanity, and I think the people of this land are blessed also with the planting of the olive trees.”

Though now there is confrontation not far from the trees, the priest sees the harvest as a time that unites people as families gather to pick olives and neighbors and friends meet at the olive press to make the fruit into oil used in cooking throughout the year.

Franciscan Father Diego Dalla Gassa, who guides volunteers at the garden, said he urges them to consider the vocation of the olive and the olive tree, likening them to the life of Jesus. They are cared for with the rain which God provides, and, in the end, they are meant to be pressed for the oil so precious and important in the region, he noted.

“It is very beautiful for us to pick the olives here from the trees we have cared for. When we collect the olives, we understand we are doing what God does with us. When we see an olive on a far-

away branch, we must reach out to it to take it, and so it happens with us that God is reaching out for us, searching for us,” Father Dalla Gassa said.

“This place interprets all of the life of Jesus,” he added. “Jesus was pressed here (as the olive is pressed) and we received the beautiful oil, in this case the blood (of Jesus).”

The Franciscans utilize every part of the olive. The oil is blessed and used for the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, including the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination of priests, and anointing of the sick. Last year, the Franciscans sent a bottle of the blessed oil to Pope Francis for Holy Thursday in anticipation of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The olive pits are sent to a few Christian Palestinian families who traditionally make them into rosaries, which are then gifted to the Franciscan priests.

In addition to the eight old trees, the garden includes a younger tree planted by Pope Paul VI during his visit in 1964 and the newest sapling planted by Pope Francis during his pilgrimage earlier this year.

THEATER PRODUCTION

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will present its fall drama, *Death of a Salesman*, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, and again on Nov. 14 and 15. Playwright Arthur Miller received the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award in 1949 for the play.

The story centers around Willy Loman, a mediocre salesman whose descent into insanity emphasizes the failure of the American dream and eventually causes his death.

The cast includes sophomore Jacob Erney as Willy Loman, senior Caitlin Yeck as Linda, junior Michael Carmody as Happy, senior Nick Gasior as Biff, sophomore Sam Palazzo as Bernard, sophomore Emma Koehler as The Wom-

an, sophomore Marty McKew as Charley, junior John Markiewicz as Ben, senior Andy Simmons as Howard Wagner, senior Alexis Eldredge as Jenny, sophomore Nolan Kelly as Stanley, senior Megan Noonan as Miss Forsythe, and junior Maya Steller as Letta.

All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$10; students and seniors \$5. For tickets, contact director Gina DeMarco at gdemarco@cducation.org.





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