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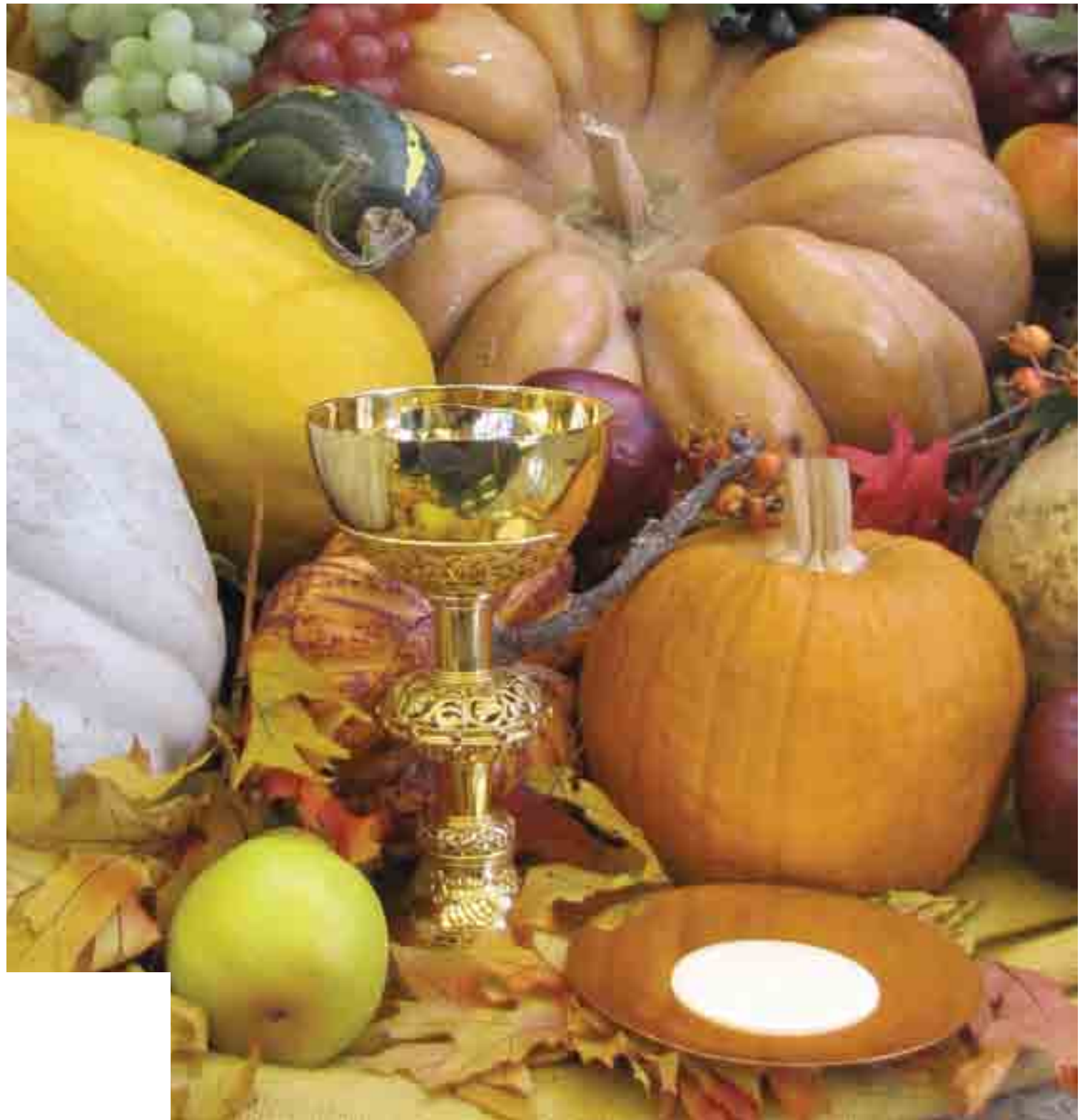
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## The Editor's Notebook

*What manner of king is this?*

By David Garick, Editor

We have come to the end of another liturgical year. As we do so, it is only fitting that we take some time to consider the bottom line of our Christian journey. Over the course of the past year, we have anticipated and then celebrated the incarnation of Christ. We have shared in the love and wisdom of his ministry to the world. We have prayed and fasted with him in anticipation of his Passion, and we have grieved at his sacrifice on the cross. Then we rejoiced at his glorious resurrection and welcomed his gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us in the days ahead.

This feast focuses on the final judgment -- the last days when Christ sits upon his throne and all of us are gathered around him to be accepted in his love or to be turned away into the darkness. This is not a referendum. We do not gather and cast a ballot to decide who is righteous, based upon the current conventional wisdom. We don't vote ourselves into heaven based on a vague notion of "being a good person." Rather, we look to Christ the King, and, as St. Paul instructed us, "work out our salvation in fear and trembling."

The scene of the Last Judgment that is described in the Gospel gives us pause. This is not the usual image of a king. Christ does not lay out arbitrary rules which we must adhere to in order to win his approval. Rather, even though he is the divine Creator of the universe, he approaches us in his humanity. He tells us that our willingness to emulate his love-filled humanity is the criteria by which we will be judged worthy of salvation: "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among

you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:42-45).

So this is our king. A king not of iron rule, but one of love so great as to sacrifice everything in order to save the least of his subjects. And what does he command of us? Simply that we go into the world and do the same in his name for all those around us. We who make up the Church are millions of poor, obscure, unimportant, and sinful people called to be his body on this planet. We are imperfect, but he gives us the grace to be his agents in the world, to act as he would act, to sacrifice as he sacrificed, to love as he loves.

And when we do that, he reaches out to us on the final day and calls us by name, saying, "Come, you who are blessed by my father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

It is indeed fitting that this final feast of the Church's year is always at about the same time as a secular feast with religious roots -- Thanksgiving. Next week, we will gather our families together for a special meal, and we will be thankful for the blessing God has poured out upon us. But we will also remember that this gratitude comes with an obligation to do as Christ did and not keep those blessings to oneself, but to share God's goodness with others. In the words of King David, "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given."

*Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!*



## Pope says defending traditional marriage is matter of 'human ecology'

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis called for preserving the family as an institution based on marriage between a man and a woman, which he said is not a political cause but a matter of "human ecology."

"The complementarity of man and woman ... is at the root of marriage and the family," the pope said on Nov. 17, opening a three-day inter-religious conference on traditional marriage. "Children have the right to grow up in a family with a father and mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity."

Pope Francis said that "marriage and the family are in crisis. We now live in a culture of the temporary, in which more and more people are simply giving up on marriage as a public commitment. The revolution in mores and morals has often flown the flag of freedom, but in fact it has brought spiritual and material devastation to countless human beings, especially the poorest and most vulnerable."

According to the pope, the "crisis in the family has produced an ecological crisis, for social environments, like natural environments, need protection. And although the human race has come to understand the need to address conditions that menace our natural environments, we have been slower -- we have been slower in our culture, and also in our Catholic culture -- to recognize that our fragile social

environments are also at risk. It is therefore essential that we foster a new human ecology."

Pope Francis voiced hope that young people would be "revolutionaries with the courage to seek true and lasting love, going against the current." But he also warned against falling into the "trap of being swayed by ideological concepts."

"We cannot speak today of the conservative family or the progressive family," he said. "The family is the family."

The pope also stressed that the complementarity between male and female does not necessarily entail stereotypical gender roles.

"Let us not confuse (complementarity) with the simplistic idea that all the roles and relations of the two sexes are fixed in a single, static pattern," he said. "Complementarity will take many forms, as each man and woman brings his or her distinctive contributions to their marriage and to the education of their children."

Pope Francis said Christians find the meaning of complementarity in St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "where the apostle tells us that the Spirit has endowed each of us with different gifts so that -- just as the human body's members work together for the good of the whole -- everyone's gifts can work together for the benefit of each."

"To reflect upon complementarity is nothing less than to ponder the dynamic harmonies at the heart of all creation," the pope said.

## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Feast of Christ the King, celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 23 this year, ends the liturgical year on a high note and provides an appropriate lead-in to Advent, which begins the following Sunday with the theme of waiting for the coming of the king who is Jesus Christ.

Pope Pius XI initiated the feast in 1925 by issuing an encyclical which set the date for the celebration as the last Sunday in October. It was moved to the final Sunday in Ordinary Time in 1969 as part of a revision of the Catholic Church's calendar of feasts.

Pius XI had a combination of religious and political reasons in mind when proclaiming the feast.

He connected the denial of Christ as king with the rise of secularism, a philosophy which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God does not exist.

In 1925, Benito Mussolini's Fascist dictatorship was in firm control of Italy and the pope was four years away from reaching the agreement which made the Vatican an independent city-state. Communism had taken over in Russia,

and Germany was in the midst of unrest which eventually brought Adolf Hitler and the Nazis to power.

That year also was a Holy Year celebrating the 1600th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and proclamation of the feast provided a fitting close to the year. Pope Pius said it also was a response to the widespread desire of many in the clergy and laity who were looking for a reaffirmation of the primacy of Christ in the life of mankind, in response to developments in the world at large.

The day's readings at Mass establish the titles for Christ's royalty over men. He is God, the creator of the universe, with a supreme power over all things. He is our Redeemer, who purchased us by his precious blood and made us his property and possession, and he is head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy."

Catholic author David Bennett notes on the Web site [www.churchyear.net](http://www.churchyear.net) that Pope Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have a number of effects.

"When we pay honor to the princely dignity of Christ," the pope wrote, "men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a

perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to protect freedom and immunity from the power of the state; and that in fulfilling the task committed to her by God of teaching, ruling, and guiding to eternal bliss those who belong to the kingdom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power."

In addition, Pius said, "Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honor and obedience to Christ.

"The faithful, moreover, by meditating on these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal," he wrote in conclusion.

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion, if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire."

The encyclical did not mention the United States or any other specific nation. But it said the "nature and meaning of this lordship of Christ ... consists



Image of Christ from Columbus Christ the King Church. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

... in a threefold power" identical to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

In the U.S., that power is divided among the president, Congress, and the Supreme Court, while in the heavenly kingdom, it is reserved to Christ.

## SISTER PAT McMAHON GOING TO ROME TO SERVE ON LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Sister Pat McMahon, OSF, director of adult faith formation and of ministry to the sick and bereaved at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, has been elected to a five-year term on the leadership council of her international congregation, the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. This means she will be moving to Rome at the end of December. Her appointment will begin on Feb. 2, 2015.

As one of five members elected to the leadership council, Sister Pat will be working in Rome to serve as needed on canonical business. She also will support the hospitality of the congregation and will make visits to the provinces of the Sisters of St. Francis, who serve in six nations. During the visits, she and other members of the team will deliver supportive spiritual messages to members of the congregation, visit ministries where the sisters work, and meet with each of them individually.

The congregation is made up of 10 provinces which include three in the

United States, two in Germany, one in the Netherlands, one in Poland, two in Brazil, and one in Indonesia. The sisters also have missions in Mexico, Guatemala, and Tanzania.



Sister Pat has been a member of Holy Name Province, which encompasses the eastern United States and is based in Stella Niagara, New York, for 50 years.

The congregation's minister general, who leads the council, is an American from the California province. The first assistant is from Brazil, and the three general councilors are from the United States (Sister Pat), Indonesia, and Poland. The congregation was founded in the Netherlands in 1834 by Mother Magdalen Damen. The group came to the United States in 1874, and its first

U.S. mission was St. Vincent's Orphanage in Columbus.

Sister Pat has worked at St. Brigid since 1998. She has ministered in a variety of ways in the parish, and most recently she has been instrumental in creating the school of adult faith formation -- a ministry devoted to encouraging all adult parishioners to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith. She leads Bible studies, small-group gatherings, and faith-based conversations that deepen participants' relationship with God.

She also leads the healing ministry at St. Brigid, visiting hospitals, long-term care facilities, and homebound parishioners. A significant part of this ministry involves meeting with families who have lost a loved one to death and helping them plan and celebrate their family member's funeral.

Sister Pat is excited about getting to know many more sisters and associates of her congregation as part of her new ministry and about visiting the

places where they live and minister. In the past, she has visited the community's missions in Tanzania, Mexico, and Guatemala, and now she will get to experience the many other cultures which are a part of her community's life. "A lot of what's important in this ministry is listening -- which is a gift I claim from God -- to hear what people are saying beyond the words spoken," Sister Pat said.

"I want everyone to know how grateful I am to Msgr. Hendricks for his support of me here at St. Brigid, and for the trust he has placed in me, particularly in my ministry of the sick and bereaved and in having the opportunity to start the school of adult faith formation," she said. "The only negative emotion I am experiencing through this opportunity is grief in leaving my ministry, the parish, and the people I love here. I am sad to leave St. Brigid of Kildare as well as the central Ohio area, which has been my home for 30 years."

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Front Page photo:

A chalice and host are seen in a Thanksgiving display at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The holiday will be celebrated this year on Nov. 27.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Change



You probably did not have any trouble coming up with three or four good names of politicians, public officials, or public servants this past week, did you? In coming up with those names to hold up in prayer at Mass, my biggest problem was limiting it to four. Of course, we can pray for as many as we need to or want. And we always pray for all elected and public officials. But in personalizing and directing our prayer at a select few, we can ask the Holy Spirit to reach out and touch them in a particular way that helps to establish and carry out God's will. That is always a good reminder for us when we pray: "God's will be done, not mine." I took the easy route and came up with four pretty big names. Not because they were easy to remember and know, but because they each have a considerable impact and amount of influence on the United States, and even the world. What an awesome responsibility that is. I pray for President Obama, incoming U. S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House John Boehner, and Gov. John Kasich. Their influence and decisions will impact us now and for many future generations. Think about that. They all need our prayers. Of course, many others do the same in many ways, but these are our top leaders. Our collective prayers will make a difference.

Change is something that is inevitable, and something that we all have to deal with. The key is what we do with it, both how we prepare for it and how we react to it. And as we pray for so many needs in the Church throughout the world, we want to be as informed as possible on facts and trends dealing with critical issues. One of those issues is the shortage and availability of priests. Will we ever have more, or will we continue to lose them? Another issue is simply the number of Catholics in the world. How well is that New Evangelization working? So I offer some current statistics for our contemplation and prayer, with the help of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. Which parts of the world have the most Catholics and priests, and in which direction are they trending? There are more than 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide. That is an increase of seven percent in the past five years. There are 414,313 priests, up by 1.5 percent. South America has 346.6 million Catholics, a 5-year increase of 5.7 percent. It has 49,452 priests, up by 7.6 percent. Europe is next with 286.9 million Catholics, an increase of 1.3 percent. Priests there total 186,489, down 4.1 percent. Africa has 198.6 million Catholics, up 20.4 percent, and 40,133 priests, up 15.8 percent. Central America, including Mexico, has 165.8 million Catholics. That is an increase of 4.6 percent. Priests are 24,400, up 6.5 percent. Asia shows 134.6 million Catholics, up 11.4 percent, and 60,042 priests up by 13.7 percent. Finally North America, excluding Mexico, checks in at 86.5 million Catholics, up 5.2 percent. Priests are at 49,072, down by 6.8 percent. And 31 percent of new priests in the U.S. were born in a different nation.

Our practical challenge this week is not only to pray for more good priests, but to be thankful for the priests we have. Thanksgiving comes later this week, and we will thank God for all the usual things. This year, thank God in your personal prayer for our priests. Thank God at Mass for your parish priests and pastor. As you offer your prayer before the Thanksgiving feast on Thursday, include our priests. Where would we be without them? And when you see your priests next, personally thank them for all that they do.

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



### ST. BRENDAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Hilliard St. Brendan School students participated in three educational programs sponsored by the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Eighth-grade students participated in "The Sliding Soil." This program demonstrated the concept of erosion, using a soil erosion simulator. Students hypothesized, observed, and drew conclusions about the effects of rain on three different land types.

Seventh-grade students took part in "What's in Our Water," a program which used an Enviroscope watershed

model to demonstrate non-point sources of pollution and their effects on water quality.

The "Journey through the Soil" program for sixth-graders used a soil tunnel mural to illustrate the layers, ingredients, textures, properties, and importance of soil. Different soil types and how each type supports different land uses and plant life were discussed.

**Photo: Eighth-graders participating in "The Sliding Soil" program are (from left) Antonio Auddino, Max Balyeat, Maddie Price, and Kari Mercer. Photo/St. Brendan School**

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## NOMINATIONS FOR CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is requesting nominations for the 2015 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award, which will be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell at the club's Feb. 6, 2015 meeting at Columbus St. Patrick Church. All nominees are invited as the club's guests to the award ceremony. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 26.

The club has presented the award every year since 1957. Anyone in the diocese may participate by nominating a man who would serve as an inspiration and would strengthen all Catholic men to continue living their vocation of holiness.

Nominees must be laymen, who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faith-

ful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal witness of the faith during the award ceremony, which is shared throughout the diocese through the *Catholic Times* and St. Gabriel Radio.

The process for selecting an individual is difficult because each of the nominees is a Catholic Man of the Year in his own right. But only one can be selected from the many qualified candidates who are nominated.

The award selection committee is made up of two men from each of the following organizations: the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Men's Ministry, the Catholic Men's Retreat League,

and the Serra Club, along with a parish priest for spiritual guidance. After consideration of each nomination, the committee makes a recommendation to the bishop. Last year, Mike Stickle of Newark Blessed Sacrament Church was selected as the award recipient.

Nominators are asked to list the nominee's name, address, parish, pastor's name, telephone, email address, marital status, and (if married) the nominee's wife's name. Nominators also must list their own name, phone, email address, and relationship to the nominee.

They also must describe specific qualifications of the nominee, addressing his spirituality and how he lives the life of Christ in the home, the parish, and the community. Remarks should be as descriptive as possible, using a maximum of 500 words.

A nomination also may include let-

ters or written remarks from those who know the nominee and can testify to his nomination. In addition to the nomination form, submissions should include testimonials from one or more persons attesting to the nominee's love of God and of others, as shown through his service and how he lives the Catholic faith; a brief biographical sketch of the nominee; and a list of his group involvements, including parish activity, family life, and community service.

Nominations should be sent by email to [andrew@spoweb.org](mailto:andrew@spoweb.org) with "Catholic Man of the Year - 2015" in the subject line, or mailed to Catholic Man of the Year 2015, in care of St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus OH 43215.

Questions regarding the nomination or selection process should be directed to Andrew Kebe at (614) 506-8415 or at his email address, listed above.

### YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

St. Peter Catholic Church is seeking a Youth Ministry Coordinator for its high school-age parishioners (Grades 9 - 12). This is a part-time position (29 hours per week). The Youth Ministry Coordinator may eventually be asked to assume other responsibilities, at which time he or she would be offered full-time employment. The hourly rate of pay for the part-time post is negotiable.

Minimally, an applicant must:

- Be a practicing Roman Catholic with knowledge of the Faith and living in accordance with the moral precepts of the Church.
- Be fully compliant with safe environment/child protection policies in effect and required.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a 4-year college degree. Especially attractive are Religious Education, Religious Studies, Theology, Youth Ministry, and other such focused majors.
- Be a "team player," energetic, and hard-working.
- Be visionary - able to "think outside the box."
- Be a community mobilizer with strong recruiting and marketing abilities.
- Have computer graphics, writing, and editing skills.
- Have leadership strengths.
- Have experience in Youth Ministry.

The Youth Ministry Program is a department within the Parish School of Religion (PSR). The Youth Ministry Coordinator reports to the Director of PSR. A focus on the family as a necessary context for affirming youth in their Catholic life is a foundational principle at St. Peter. The Youth Ministry Program is a catechetical one, with a focus on teaching the core content of the Catholic faith. The study of Sacred Scripture, the Church, the sacraments, and the principles of Christian morality characterize the catechesis of adolescents. The purpose of the Youth Program is to form the young to become faithful to, and active practitioners of, Roman Catholicism all their adult lives. The Youth Ministry Coordinator is to actively promote weekly Mass attendance; to introduce adolescents to other liturgical prayer forms and devotional expressions; and to offer a variety of service and fellowship opportunities for high school-age children to apply their knowledge of the Faith in Corporal Works of Mercy and Diocesan-sponsored activities.

Send resumes and references to:

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### Corcoran Award Nominations

St. Vincent Family Center is accepting applications for its annual Corcoran Awards, which will be presented at a luncheon on May 6, 2015 in the Hilton Columbus at Easton.

The awards are an annual tribute to the late Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, who was nationally known for his work for social justice.

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. Dec. 12. The nomination application may be accessed online by going to [www.svfc.org](http://www.svfc.org). Nominations also may be submitted by email to [dhuff@svfc.org](mailto:dhuff@svfc.org) or mailed to Debra Huff, St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43205.

Nominations may be submitted in any of three categories: charity and social justice, which pays tribute to an individual who is an advocate, change agent, and leader in the community, advancing rights, dignity, and opportunities for all; education and behavioral health, honor-

ing a charitable person or couple committed to going above and beyond their roles in the community to educate and enrich the lives of those with behavioral health challenges and needs; and young leadership, representing someone younger than 18 who has made an impact in the community through volunteering or advocating.

Applicants should describe their relationship to the nominee, including the nature and duration of his or her work and the impact this work has had on the community, children, and families, and should describe why the nominee should receive the award, listing measurable examples of positive changes that resulted from the nominee's involvement and leadership. Descriptions are limited to 500 words.

For more information, contact Huff at any of the addresses listed above or call her at (614) 252-0731, extension 1132.

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## HOW TO OBTAIN RELICS; LEAVING ALTAR DURING RECESSIONAL



**QUESTION & ANSWER**  
by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** Please forgive my awful handwriting. I have multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease and can no longer do very well on a typewriter or computer. My question is: Why is it so hard to obtain first-class relics? (Also, do I need permission from my bishop to obtain them?) I am now 65 years old and virtually bedridden, a convert to the Catholic Church in my teens. There are two saints to whom I have special devotion, and to have their relics would be a great comfort to me: St. Rita of Cascia and St. John Mary Vianney. I appreciate any advice you might offer. (Tell City, Indiana)

**A.** First, a primer on the three classes of relics. As explained by Catholic News Service: "A first-class relic is the physical bodily remains of a saint or blessed like bones, blood and hair; a second-class relic is a personal possession, such as clothing, devotional objects, handwritten letters or even furniture; and a third-class relic is an object that has touched a first-class relic. These -- usually small snips of cloth that have touched a blessed or saint's tomb -- often end up in public distribution fixed onto prayer cards."

Relics have been venerated in the church since the earliest centuries of the Christian era because they evoke the memory of the person honored and are thought to put one in closer contact with the virtues of that saint.

The largest collection of relics belongs to the Vatican and is kept at a convent adjacent to the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. The practice of making relics generally available to the public, particularly first-class relics, ended about 20 years ago at the insistence of the Vatican.

Today, you can apply to the Vatican for a specific relic only with a letter of permission from your bishop and only if the relic will be used for

a church altar or other public purpose. The private ownership, especially of first-class relics, is highly discouraged, since it is seen as limiting the evangelizing effect of the saint's memory.

Occasionally, second- or third-class relics can be obtained by contacting the religious order or shrine of a particular saint. (The national shrine of St. Rita of Cascia is in Philadelphia, and the shrine of St. John Mary Vianney is in Ars-sur-Formans in France). If these shrines are unable to provide you with relics, they can at least offer you devotional material on the saints and information about their lives.

The church's *Code of Canon Law* says specifically and strongly (in No. 1190) that "It is absolutely forbidden to sell sacred relics." When relics are obtained, there is often a charge for the metal container encasing the relic and for mailing costs, but not for the relic itself.

**Q.** Why do so many priests leave the altar as soon as the final hymn begins? The choir practices the hymn for hours, and then the priest hurries off right after they start. So other people begin to leave, too, and nobody pays any attention to the music. I think it's rude. (Bound Brook, New Jersey)

**A.** I agree. The guidelines of the church (the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*) are silent on the matter of a recessional hymn, and some parishes choose not to use one at all -- their thinking being that the congregation is sent forth immediately to "glorify the Lord by their lives."

But if a hymn is used, common courtesy and liturgical propriety ought to keep the priest at the altar for the greater part of it. Since it is a "recession-al," the final part of the hymn may accompany the priest back down the aisle, but he should encourage the congregation to sing (and respect the choir) by not moving too soon.

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

### Family Group

Pictured are members of a family group at Columbus St. Andrew School. Each group consists of 10 to 12 students from all grade levels, with eighth-grade students taking the leadership role. An activity or craft is completed during the family group time. School principal Joel Wichtman said the family group activity is an excellent way for members of the school family to meet and get to know each other better and to provide leadership skills for eighth-grade students.

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## Catholic Campaign for Human Development Awards

### More Than \$12 Million to Antipoverty, Human Life and Dignity Projects

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be taken up in parishes nationwide on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23, the weekend before Thanksgiving. Echoing the teaching of Pope Francis, the collection focuses on the theme "CCHD: Working on the Margins."

"In the United States, many Americans continue to face the effects of a stagnant economy, debilitating unemployment, a dehumanizing cycle of poverty, and growing civic disenfranchisement," said Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, California, chairman of the USCCB subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. "Families are choosing between food and rent and are worried about job security and low paychecks. Poverty affects us all. Following the mandate of Jesus, CCHD creates op-

portunities for communion and solidarity that help us all, especially the most vulnerable. Through CCHD, we foster the common good and work to build a society where no one is left behind."

This national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD, the anti-poverty program of the bishops of the United States. CCHD grants empower communities to build pathways out of poverty and isolation. For more than 40 years, community organizations supported by CCHD have brought the joy and hope of the gospel to those lost on the margins of society.



Last year, CCHD provided 209 grants, totaling more than \$12 million. CCHD-supported projects help people and communities in a number of ways:

- Boston's Haley House began offering bakery training at the request of a few regular guests at the soup kitchen. Haley House was able to expand the training into a six-month course to include customer relations and basic business principles. Seventy trainees have completed the program and are employed in the Boston area. Haley House also offers cooking classes for at-risk teens and holistic support to

men and women re-entering the community after incarceration.

- In Virginia's Roanoke Valley, Faith Works is building community through respectful dialogue. After listening to residents and members of parishes and congregations in southeast Roanoke, the group worked to get the area recognized as "medically underserved," thereby securing \$6 million for a new health clinic. This change will make a dramatic difference in the lives of residents, 80 percent of whom are uninsured.

As part of CCHD's new strategic national grants program, five new grantees were awarded a little more than \$2 million to work regionally on issues related to comprehensive immigration reform, affordable housing, poverty along the Mexico-U.S. border, support for farm workers in the Northwest, and access to Catholic education for Latino and Hispanic students.

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### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School had three athletes sign national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at NCAA Division I schools month.

Sarah Varcolla (left) will be attending Youngstown State University to play volleyball, Gabrielle Fredericks (center) will be playing softball at Akron University, and Sydney Anderson (right) will be attending Kent State University to play softball.

Pictured are the players, their parents (standing behind their respective children), volleyball coach Meredith Smith (second from left in back), and softball coach Greg Puntenney (fifth from left in back).

Photo courtesy Tuscarawas Catholic Schools



Nine Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students have signed letters of intent to play college sports. They are (from left): Erin Harper, golf, Indiana; Katie Manahan, softball, Ashland; Maria Simmonds, softball, Ohio Dominican; and Maggie Hamrock, volleyball, Malone; second row, Chris Slavik, baseball, Ashland; Collin Ruegg, lacrosse, Transylvania; Avery Janning, baseball, Walsh; Sam Rice, baseball, Ashland; and Jacob Bolton, baseball, Morehead State.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students who have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college are (from left): DJ Strapp, baseball, Ohio Dominican; Reed Norris, baseball, Marshall; Anne Marie Cummins, swimming, Xavier; and Abby Julian, volleyball, Marquette.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



### CHILICOTHE CLASS SERVICE PROJECT

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School students (from left) David Hirsch, Joseph Herlihy, Ella Cuzzolini, Emily Schafer, John Slater, and Cameron Cook deliver jack o'lantern fun packs to the Adena Cancer Center as part of a class service project with the Southern Ohio Survivors organization, which helps families struggling with serious illness.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School



### WASHINGTON D.C. VISIT BY ST. AGATHA SCHOOL

Columbus St. Agatha School eighth-graders visited Washington, D.C. after raising more than \$14,500 with their families to pay for the trip. Fundraisers included yard and bake sales, a car wash, a preschool soccer program, and more.

Photo courtesy St. Agatha School



## On The Journey . . . Together

By Father J. L. Reichert

Pope Francis by word and by deed constantly emphasizes mercy and joy. Deacon Bill Andrews gave me a picture: the Holy Father, a big smile of joy on his face, holding an elderly woman's hand. She's in a wheelchair, looking at him, also joy-filled.

Two great stories about our pope:

1. A little boy goes up on stage to be with him. The Holy Father lovingly puts his hand on the boy's head and continues his talk.

2. Going through a crowd, the pope is offered a drink from a total stranger, reaches for the bottle, takes a drink, hands it back, says something like "Thanks, pal," and continues on.

Pope Francis continually refers to "the journey" and "sharing our faith with joy with those near to us." With that in mind, I'd like to tell you about All Souls' Day at Ascension Church. Several choir members beautifully sang the Litany of the Saints, including St. John Paul II and St. John XXIII. As they sang, a scroll listing deceased families and friends was unrolled down the center aisle of the church. Greeting people after Mass, a visitor in her 80s had tears of joy in her eyes. "Father, I've been attending All Souls' Day Masses for years. This was the most beautiful Mass I've ever attended," she said.

Before the 11 o'clock Mass, another great joy - visiting and talking with our second graders as they prepared to be a part of the Mass the following

Sunday. The topics were Reconciliation, First Communion, and Sunday's Gospel. The children are a delight, and their teacher, Stephanie Sahr, is fantastic with her students. I'm looking forward to their First Communion Mass.

After Mass, there was a note in the sacristy saying that the wife of Marion Disbennett would like to have her husband anointed. He's a good man, a recent convert to Catholicism, 95 years young the following Wednesday. The family had come together to celebrate his birthday on All Souls' Day Sunday. I thought it would be a perfect day for the anointing. How would I get to the nursing home? Deacon Bob Killoren volunteered to take me. Upon arrival, family and friends were with their grandfather, great-grandfather, neighbor, and friend. We prayed, anointed, and sang. This was followed by ice cream and cake. Marion was getting tired, the party was breaking up, Deacon Bob and I made another visit at the home to Liz Pasini, another parishioner who knows and visits everybody at the nursing home.

Returning to Ascension after 5 p.m., I was tired, but it was a good kind of tired. A young couple, Paula and Frank, were bringing dinner. What they bring is always good, and good for me.

Later on that evening, I was talking to our secretary/parish administrator, Kathy Bartolomucci. She had been very busy visiting many homes, explaining to people a school bond issue. During the course of her

visits, she was telling me that she now had two new grandpas. They are both 92 years of age, World War II veterans who were kind and welcoming to her. One man had decided to vote her way and the other, suffering from macular degeneration, couldn't vote. Kathy was going to try to get an absentee ballot and help him with voting. At the end of our conversation, Kathy said she was going to bake some cookies and take some to each of her new grandfathers.

I felt so very good at the end of All Souls' Day! The day was filled with mercy and joy. Pope Francis would be pleased. I couldn't go to bed without writing this story. It's not quite finished yet. Some might ask how I am so blessed with two wonderful deacons. Four years ago, I suffered a stroke. Bishop Campbell had mercy and sent me the second deacon. When one is gone, the other is here. After much therapy, I am walking up to 200 feet at a time. Steps are still difficult. Whenever I walk, I think and pray for our bishop, who lost part of his left leg, I picture the bishop walking across our sanctuary, staff in hand, to talk to our students at their Confirmation. His joy and hard work inspires me to persevere each day. It's part of the journey.

I pray that all of you had an All Souls' Day as blessed as we did. Might we all discover the joy of Jesus as we learn, live, and share His mercy.

Father J. L. Reichert is pastor of the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown.

### CATCH THE SPIRIT

Gahanna St. Matthew School students (from left) Rachel Ille, Alayna Kirkland, Abby Groff, and Kiki Miller complete a faith-centered activity with their Catch the Spirit family. All school students are divided into multigrade-level families which meet throughout the year to explore and extend their spirituality. In this activity, the focus was "Faith," which corresponds with the school year theme of the theological virtues. After reading the parable of the mustard seed, students planted paper white bulbs. The plants will be given to St. Matthew Church catechumens to remind them that the students are praying for them and are excited for them to join the community of faith.

Photo courtesy St. Matthew School





**Story by TIM PUET**  
Catholic Times Reporter

**Top two photos:** Some of the approximately 300 people who filled the family center at Columbus St. Aloysius Church for last year's community outreach Thanksgiving Day dinner sponsored by the parish. An additional 200 dinners were delivered to the homebound by Catholic Social Services. Bishop Frederick Campbell attended the dinner and is shown in the right photo.

**Bottom photo:** Volunteers load a truck with food for the annual Turkey Toss sponsored by the St. Francis Center in McArthur. Food for a complete Thanksgiving meal is distributed to more than 400 families through the center and five other locations throughout Vinton County.

Photos courtesy St. Francis Church, St. Francis Center



Thanksgiving Day, though not a formal part of the Catholic liturgical calendar, is a secular holiday with a strong religious aspect.

The event that Americans commonly call the first Thanksgiving was a festival celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621, probably in late September or early October. This feast lasted three days, and it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims.

In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation for a national day of thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November, and it has been celebrated at that time ever since.

Years before the Pilgrims, the first day of thanksgiving in what is now the United States was declared by Spanish explorer Don Juan de Onate on April 30, 1598. Celebration of the Mass was the central event of that day.

In the Diocese of Columbus and across the nation, many Catholic churches will be taking part in ecumenical thanksgiving services before Thanksgiving Day or will celebrate special Masses for the day on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 27. The Order of Prayer (*Ordo*) for the Catholic Church in the United States includes a Thanksgiving Day Mass, celebrating it with two Scripture readings rather than the one which is customary for most weekdays, plus a read-

ing of the portion of Luke's Gospel telling the story of the healing of 10 lepers and the gratitude of one.

As the *Ordo* note accompanying the listing says, "What wonders God has done! Let us thank the God who heals us and calls us to Communion with Christ."

At Columbus St. Aloysius Church, Thanksgiving Day will be the busiest day of the year, as it has been for most of the past four decades. Hundreds of people will begin arriving after the 9 a.m. Mass for the parish's annual community outreach Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Parishioner Sandy Bonneville and about 60 other volunteers will be feeding people non-stop from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bonneville said that last year, approximately 500 meals were served. About 300 people were fed in the church's family center and given take-away dinners and turkey sandwiches for another meal. In addition, Catholic Social Services delivered about 200 meals to the homebound.

"Any leftover foods are given to local ministries, but we have very little left over," said Bonneville, a Dominican Sisters of Peace Associate. She and her husband and son have been volunteers at the dinner for 16 years. She became coordinator for the event seven years ago, succeeding the late Steve Joyce.

"People may not think of a turkey dinner as evangelization, but, yes, it most definitely is," she said. "This outreach serves not only a hot meal for the stomach, but also feeds the whole person, serving each with dignity. In addition to the hot meal and turkey sandwiches, when available and as supplies last, the take-aways include assorted food products (provided by the Mid-Ohio Foodbank), coats (provided by Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church), blankets, toiletries, and community resource information.

"We also provide music each year. This year, members of the Columbus Folk Music Society offered to come and play and sing along with the folks at the dinner. Many of the same people attend each year, and the dinner also has become a sort of reunion. People depend on it for their holiday meal. Some folks would not only be hungry, but also would be alone on the holiday if it weren't for this dinner. St. Aloysius has become a 'beacon on the Hilltop' (area of Columbus) for them on

Thanksgiving Day.

"The area is currently occupied by families that are low-income, unemployed, undereducated, and underserved. Many homes are boarded up and the number of homeless has risen. Thanksgiving is a difficult day for many of these people because it falls at the end of the month. Funds have been exhausted, and many food pantries and soup kitchens are closed for the day — some until the following Monday. That means our Thanksgiving celebration provides a true lifeline."

In recent years, the dinner has been primarily funded by the St. Mary Magdalene Church St. Vincent de Paul Society, with additional help from the St. Mary Magdalene School parents, the St. Aloysius Church St. Vincent de Paul Society, several Knights of Columbus councils, and individuals.

Father Ron Aubry became priest moderator of St. Aloysius and Columbus St. Agnes Church in July, and is issuing a "helping hand challenge" to his fellow priests to assist at the dinner. "As we count our blessings, break bread together, and celebrate the true meaning of Thanksgiving Day, God's abundant love, God's gift of life and our families, your helping hand blessing of service can turn this holiday meal into a feast, a stranger into a friend, provide a healing presence, and make a profound difference in the life of others," he said in his invitation to the clergy and all others wishing to help.

While the St. Aloysius dinner takes place on the west side of Columbus, volunteers on the city's east side will be serving hundreds of meals and take-home packages

in the Community Kitchen at the St. John Center of Holy Rosary-St. John Church from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Many of the turkeys will be from Westerville St. Paul Church's "Bring a Turkey to Church" weekend, which took place Nov. 15 and 16. This is the 16th year for the program, which began in 1998, collecting 32 frozen turkeys and one \$20 gift certificate. Last year, it collected 451 turkeys and \$1,211 in cash.

The Community Kitchen received requests from five other human service organizations for turkeys for their Thanksgiving meals, and the generosity of St. Paul parishioners is allowing their needs to be met as well as those of the kitchen. More than 110,000 breakfasts and lunches will be served by the kitchen this year, every day except Sunday, at the St. John Center and Columbus St. Dominic Church.

The kitchen also has started preparing 100 meals a day for the Bryden House apartments for senior citizens and the disabled in Columbus (the former St. Ann's Hospital) and hosts a weekly family dinner for parents and a summer lunch program.

About 60 miles southeast of Columbus in Vinton County, more than 400 families who probably would not otherwise get to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving celebration will be sitting down to a meal of turkey and all the fixings provided through the diocesan St. Francis Center's annual Turkey Toss. This coming Monday, Nov. 24, volunteers from Columbus will visit the economically disadvantaged county, which lacks a full-size grocery store, to distribute the food and other items at five locations to families who have received vouchers from the center.

The total cost of the turkeys is around \$8,000. Since starting this mission in 2008, Jim and Liz Noe of the New Albany Church of the Resurrection have raised \$47,000 donated by friends and neighbors for the event. An average of 80 donors have contributed each year. The Noes also use their garage as a collection center year-round for used clothing, household goods, and other donated items for the St. Francis Center. Their efforts are augmented by those of a group from Lancaster who bring items to which also are donated through the center during the Thanksgiving event.

"The volunteers that come down work really hard getting the turkeys divided by locations and handed out," said St. Francis Center director Lisa Keita. "Then they stick around and help the staff with preparing our clothing center and food pantry for the rest of the week. It would be nearly impossible to do this distribution, without interrupting our other services, if it weren't for their help."

Several other parishes in the diocese are sharing their blessings with others in various ways as part of the holiday. Parishioners at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross Church donated to the Byron Saunders Foundation, which since 1997 has provided Thanksgiving meals to approximately 2,000 needy families in Franklin County and surrounding counties.

Circleville St. Joseph Church will serve a Thanksgiving Day dinner from noon to 1:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council 5297 at the parish collected nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets

which will be distributed this Sunday, Nov. 23.

Columbus St. Matthias Church parishioners placed nonperishable food around the altar during the week of Thanksgiving and joined Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students in donating to St. Stephen's Community House and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. In addition, Knights of Columbus Council 3727 delivered food to families.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church's EPIC (Endless Possibilities in Christ) youth group talked about what it means to be thankful, then distributed three to four boxes of food apiece to 20 to 25 families, providing an entire Thanksgiving meal. The families were identified through the Dublin Food Pantry.

The St. Vincent de Paul pantry at Granville St. Edward Church anticipated, based on last year's figures, that it would be providing a turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie to about 200 families. The parish's IGNITE youth group collected food for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

November is Sunbury St. John Neumann Church's month to supply food, clothing, and financial donations to the pantry of Big Walnut Friends Who Share, an outreach organization of churches from throughout the Sunbury and Galena areas. The parish also will participate in the Big Walnut Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving service and collection for the poor on Monday, Nov. 24. During the offertory of its Thanksgiving Day Mass, parishioners will bring up food items, instead of cash, to give to the poor through Friends Who Share.



## SPECIAL VISITOR AT ST. BRIGID



Second-grade students at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School recently enjoyed a visit from a mystery reader who brought a special friend with her. As Cheryl Lesko, the parent of a second-grader, began reading her children's book on kangaroos, she opened the bag she was carrying, and a baby kangaroo peeked out of the top. Lesko works at the Columbus Zoo, where the kangaroo is being raised. The baby is less than five months old and was abandoned by its mother, so the zoo has been caring for it. It will live in a pouch shaped like a tote bag until it's at least eight months old. As Lesko finished reading the book on kangaroos, she brought the baby (still in its bag) around to each of the students to pet and see up close.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

## St. Patrick Mission

Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will host a parish Advent mission from Monday to Thursday, Dec. 1 to 4, at 7 p.m. each night.

The mission will be led by Father Jordan Turano, OP, who was pastor of Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas church from 2008-13. His theme will be "ASSUME Everything," with the letters in the first

word of the title standing for angels, saints, Spirit, unity, Mary, and eternity.

Themes for the mission talks will be: "We Are Not Alone: Angels and Saints," Monday; "The Holy Spirit and Unity with God," Tuesday; "Mary, Our Help and Our Shield," Wednesday; and "Our Response - Assuming Everything," Thursday.



### Catholic Consumerism: Dignity of the Human Person

By Stephanie Rapp

Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Ambassador

The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is the dignity of the human person. All people are sacred and made in the image and likeness of God. This is central to all of our beliefs as Catholics, including how we participate in the economy. "Our faith calls us to measure this economy not only by what it produces, but also by how it touches human life and whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person" (USCCB). Fortunately, Fair Trade gives us the opportunity to spend morally and promote justice through our purchases. It does this by creating economically just, long-term partnerships, between diverse people all over the world (CRS, 2014). This week, study your consumption and budget. Are you putting things before people? How can you better live out the principle of honoring every person with dignity?

## Josephinum Lecture

The next presentation in the Pontifical College Josephinum's 2014-15 lecture series will feature Father Jared Wicks, SJ, the college's scholar in residence, speaking on "Vatican II in 1964: Major Doctrinal Advances, But New Fissures on Addressing the Modern World."

The talk will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Jessing Center of the college, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. There is no charge and reservations are not required. For more information, contact the school's academic dean at (614) 985-2274.

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## PASTOR AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR 2014



Msgr. David Funk, pastor of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, and Rocco Fumi, principal of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School, were honored as pastor and principal of the year at the seventh annual Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala sponsored by the diocesan Schools Office. Bishop Frederick Campbell presented the awards to both recipients, who did not know about them in advance. Also honored for their support of Catholic education were Mary Kay and Tom Mulligan of Columbus St. Matthias Church, Mary Ginn and Bob Ryan of Columbus St. Catharine Church, Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director and former diocesan school superintendent, and the late Pat Davis of Hilliard St. Brendan Church. The event in the Walter Commons of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drew a record crowd of more than 600 people and raised more than \$205,000 for tuition assistance to diocesan schools.

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## DOMINIC MILANO, Eagle Scout

Dominick Milano, a member of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouting. He became

eligible for the distinction by earning 21 merit badges, 13 of which are specifically required, being a leader in his troop for at least six months after earning Life Scout rank, completing a unit leader conference and a board of review, and leading a service project. His project involved revamping the memorial garden next to the south entrance of Edison Intermediate/Larry Larson Middle School in Grandview Heights. He was assisted by 25 Scouts, two Scout leaders, and eight other volunteers who combined to donate 179 hours of time to the project, which took a day and a half. He became a Boy Scout in September 2008 and has earned a total of 27 merit badges. He also has received the Serra Club award for his work at Our Lady of Victory as an altar server. He is the 72nd Eagle Scout from Troop 73 in Columbus.

Photo courtesy Milano family

## PART TIME ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Zanesville, Ohio seeks an organist/choir director, to begin early December 2014. 20 hrs/week.

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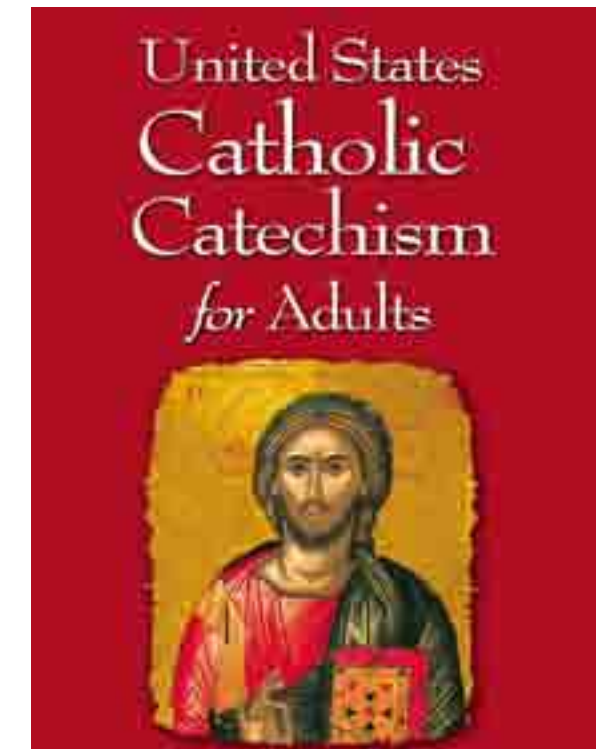
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The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' committee on evangelization and catechesis has released an online version of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA). The free online resource is available in English and Spanish.

"As more people are turning to the Internet for information, we must be able to provide faithful information about the Catholic faith. The online USCCA provides an opportunity for all people to access Church teaching online, use this resource for research, and share with others," said Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the committee on evangelization and catechesis.

"The USCCA is an especially wonderful resource because it contextualizes our faith within our American culture, and also includes stories of American saints and holy men and women, prayers, reflections, and study questions," he said.

The USCCA is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Following the outline of the Catechism, the USCCA walks the reader through the Creed, the sacraments, moral life in Christ, and the prayers of the Church. Each chapter contains a story about a saint, blessed, or holy man or woman, a brief overview of the topic, reflection questions, and a prayer. Included in the appendices are a glossary of Catholic terms and traditional Catholic prayers.

The USCCA online is searchable, printable, and shareable. The table of contents provides easy access to each chapter, and the glossary is included, as well as the appendices. The USCCA is available in English at [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm) and in Spanish at <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca-spanish/index.html>.

A printed version can be ordered through the bishops conference by visiting [www.usccpublishing.org](http://www.usccpublishing.org).

## The Feast of Christ the King (Cycle A)

# We will be judged by how we treat our enemies



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Years ago, I lived in a rectory with two other priests (Msgr. Dave Sorohan and Father Ron Atwood), and whenever I finished an article about these readings, I would show it to them and we would brainstorm about possible titles. The one that sticks in my mind is one that Father Atwood came up with for these readings for Christ the King: "Good news for Good Ewes." It still rings true these many years later.

In this "Great Judgment" scene that concludes the Gospel readings for the year of Matthew, Jesus announces to his disciples about the coming of the Son of Man in his glory. He will sit on his glorious throne, with all the nations assembled before him. He will separate them, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Shepherds often would pasture sheep and goats together, and the separation would only come when it was time to go to market.

The Son of Man, then, is called "King" as he separates those on the right from those on the left. Those on the right are addressed as those who "are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The reason is because they fed him, nurtured him, clothed him, visited him in prison, and so on. Now they are called "righteous" as they ask when that happened. They are unaware of ever doing that for him. He says simply, "Whenever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." They never knew that what

they did for others in need was done for their king.

Those on the left are called "accursed": "Depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." What the righteous had done routinely for "one of the least brothers of mine," the "accursed" had failed to do. They were quite willing to do for the king himself any of these works of mercy, but they failed to do it for the ones who needed it most -- the least ones.

There are so many people who are starving, if not physically, then spiritually; so many who are thirsting, if not physically, then spiritually. Many people are so imprisoned in themselves and their own selfish needs that they ignore the many who could be healed by their visit. To argue that this judgment scene does not apply to one's own life is to miss the reality that we all fall short of the ideal. In the end, it is not how we treat our fellow Christians, but how we treat those we have been taught to hate as our enemies that will count. Remember, this scene gathers "all the nations" together. That means that all people will be judged on the same basis of how we treat those in need.

When people criticize Pope Francis by saying he is being too hard on the wealthy nations and favors the needy and the poor too much, we have to ask whether it is not really Jesus with whom those critics have the real problem. This Gospel offers no room for escape. Jesus as the Judge of the nations does indeed take sides, and it is the side of "these least ones." We either help them out of our substance because it is right to do so (whether or not because we recognize Christ within them) or we risk being branded as "accursed" and all that that entails. May Christ Jesus reign! Come, Lord Jesus!

*"Lord when did we see you hungry and not feed you? What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."*

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Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor at St. Brigid of Kildare, said, "Sister Pat has shared her gifts with the community wherever she has served. She has ministered in education, health care, and the care of the sick. In all of these important works, she has brought to a clearer focus the face of Christ to those in need. As a Franciscan sister, she has shown the true spirit of St. Francis by her deeds. We are grateful for her ministry here at St. Brigid and wish her well in the next steps of her journey to the Kingdom."

Sister Pat's visitations to the 10 provinces will begin in her first year, which will bring her to the United

States at least once each year. She plans to visit Columbus each time she is in the United States.

Sister Pat's last day at St. Brigid of Kildare will be Sunday, Dec. 21, and her last work will be facilitating the St. Brigid women's retreat, which will take place Friday to Sunday, Jan. 23 and 25. There will be a farewell reception held for her after the 10:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 21 in Hendricks Hall.

You can reach Sister Pat in Rome via email at pemcmahon45@gmail.com. Her mailing address will be in care of the Franciscan Generalate, Via Cassia 870, 00189 Rome, Italy.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5  
Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6  
Luke 21:1-4

TUESDAY  
Revelation 14:14-19  
Psalm 96:10-13  
Luke 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY  
Revelation 15:1-4  
Psalm 98:1-3b,7-9  
Luke 21:12-19

THURSDAY  
Revelation 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a  
Psalm 100:1b-5  
Luke 21:20-28

FRIDAY  
Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2  
Psalm 84:3-6a,8a  
Luke 21:29-33

SATURDAY  
Revelation 22:1-7  
Psalm 95:1-7b  
Luke 21:34-36

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 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](http://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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

# Parable of the Talents, and the Biblical Warning Against Folly

Last weekend's Gospel reading was from the famous parable of Jesus known as the parable of the talents. This, coupled with the Bible's warnings against folly, got me to wonder.

A few weeks ago, while listening to the readings for daily Mass, there was an admonition against folly. Honestly, the term "folly" for me had always been associated with history, as in Seward's Folly, the supposed economic blunder involving Secretary of State William Seward's purchase of Alaska for the United States from Russia for \$7.2 million in 1867.

At the time, it seemed the height of folly, since we paid all that money for a supposed iceberg that was barely inhabitable. Billions of dollars in oil and tourist dollars later, no one in Alaska, or in the United States in general, is laughing. Now, Russia's Vladimir Putin -- that's another story.

In Biblical times, folly was associated with throwing away something precious, such as relationships or possessions. In ancient times, you didn't waste anything, let alone something valuable. Today, we seem to dispose of everything, including the most important things.

Jesus warned us in the parable of the talents that we all are required to use what God gave us to better ourselves and others, no matter how small we think the talent God gave us might be.

This is where folly becomes relevant in our modern times. How many people do we know who have wasted precious time, money, and treasure on adventures that gained them and everyone associated



THE TIDE IS TURNING  
TOWARD CATHOLICISM  
David Hartline

with them nothing but heartache? I can't help but think of the years that the blunt and brusque Simon Cowell was a judge on the television show *American Idol*. How many contestants truly believed they possessed musical ability, and actually spent years and too much money on the folly that they were going to be the next rock, rhythm and blues, or country star? While Cowell certainly could have used a little more honey than vinegar in his criticism, he might have saved many from being destitute on their quest.

I can think of two particularly sad stories from situations I dealt with personally. One involved a successful businessman and his wife, and the other involved an archeologist. The venture with the businessman was purely secular. In his travels, he was exposed to a rare type of ethnic food that he had learned to cook, and he felt it was his life's mission to expose other to it. Upon retirement, he and his wife invested a great deal of their wealth, along with investment money from members of this particular ethnic group, to open a string of restaurants.

Before the economic downturn began in 2008, things

were looking good. However, that all changed, his restaurant dream slowly began to unravel, and his investors pulled out of the project because he wouldn't change the menu to include other food. He felt that would be selling out. Sadly, the dream and the restaurants came to an end. The couple lost their money and their home, and was forced to live in an apartment. It didn't have to happen. He almost became a martyr to his cooking.

The other sad story centers around a phone call I received from a man who bought my first book. He needed my help to spread the word about his own manuscript. He was convinced that if evangelical Christians had a better understanding of the early Church's documents, they would see that the papacy, the primacy of Peter in Rome, was believed in by the earliest Christians, and they would convert en masse to the Catholic Church. Sadly, he spent thousands of dollars in his efforts, and it cost him his marriage. As Alan Napleton, head of the Catholic Marketing Network, often says, "99.9 percent of the time, God does not suspend the laws of economics for your venture."

Once in a while, as in the case of EWTN's Mother Angelica He might do just that, but it is quite presumptuous to think any of us are another Mother Angelica. Sadly, in our world, too few people use their talents and too many people fall for folly. We can't say the Bible didn't warn us.

**Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.**

## FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION



Representatives from the Upper Arlington Fire Department demonstrated fire safety to Columbus St. Andrew School kindergarten students, showing them what to do in case of a fire and what to expect if a firefighter enters their home.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School



## Walk for the Poor raises more than \$44,000

Feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and sheltering the homeless got a boost this fall when 533 people raised \$33,542 in this year's St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. Corporate sponsors added another \$10,675.

John Willig, chairman of the walk committee, said the amount represented a five percent increase over last year's walk. The walk's honorary chairperson, Gail Hogan, who recently retired as host and producer of "Daytime Columbus" on WCMH-TV in Columbus, said she was amazed at all the good works done by the St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the Diocese of Columbus. The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School choir welcomed Hogan with a song.

Various ministries in the diocese, such as St. Lawrence Haven and the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Center, set up information tables so participants could find out more about the needs beyond their parishes.







OHIO ARTIST CAPTURES  
PAROCHIAL SCHOOL LIFE  
FROM 1930S, 1940S

## Bernadine Stetzel , Ohio Artist

By Jerri Donohue

In *I Must Not Be Late*, a boy writes the same sentence over and over on the blackboard before him. His teacher, a sister wearing her habit, supervises from her desk nearby.

When Fremont artist Bernadine Stetzel completed this colorful classroom scene, she added her usual finishing touch, the abbreviation “JMJ.” Stetzel intends it (“Jesus, Mary, Joseph”) as a “thank you” to God for giving her the talent and strength to paint the picture.

Stetzel also prays whenever she confronts a blank canvas.

“I ask the Lord to give me the ability to do my best,” she said.

Stetzel has been creating art for decades and still paints daily at age 87. In addition to depicting happy kids ice-skating, playing hopscotch, or wandering in pumpkin patches, she captures scenes from her years at St. Mary School in Tiffin. Her teachers, members of the Ursuline Sisters, appear in paintings such as *Pledge of Allegiance*, *Music Class*, and *School Play*.

For years, Stetzel sold her work at art shows, in local res-

taurants, and in an upscale gallery on Long Island. Retired Sen. John Glenn and his wife, Annie, own 20 of Stetzel’s paintings. During his tenure in the 1970s, the late Gov. John Gilligan honored her with a reception in Columbus. Later, Bowling Green State University produced a documentary about Stetzel and her art.

A resurgence of interest in Stetzel’s work led to her current one-woman show, *Our Town: Reflections of Small Town Life in the 1930s and 1940s*. Showcasing almost 100 paintings and three-dimensional woodcut vignettes Stetzel created during her long career, the exhibit runs through Friday, Dec. 19 at the Wolfe Gallery in Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1715 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo. The gallery is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As a young mother raising three children, Stetzel began painting in the primitive style associated with “Grandma Moses,” the late Anna Mary Robertson. Already a painter at that time, Stetzel became acquainted with Grandma Moses’ work after noticing one of the artist’s snow scenes in the home of an

elderly neighbor. For Stetzel’s friend, the picture evoked happy memories of a lost era.

Stetzel then decided to experiment with the primitive style. When she found it came naturally to her, she stayed with it. She drew her material from childhood recollections.

Today, Stetzel credits art and faith for sustaining her through later heartaches, such as her stroke, her husband’s dementia, and, most of all, her son’s murder at age 30.

“I couldn’t have done it without faith,” Stetzel said. “It gave me the strength to endure.”

She kept painting in the dark days after her son’s death, in part because of her grandchildren, who were then two and four years old. With her late husband, Fred, Stetzel babysat the children every weekend. She began to write and illustrate children’s books as a way to teach and entertain them.

“I didn’t want them to think they had a grandma who moped and felt sad, because they had enough to cope with,” Stetzel said.



In her first story, *Rainbow*, a little boy learns the “pot of gold” at its end is not what he expected. Stetzel gave the main character her grandson’s name, Eric. In subsequent books, she continued to present simple lessons.

The artist illustrated more than 20 stories, temporarily forsaking her characteristic vivid oil paints for cheerful but subdued watercolors. Some of the books relate familiar tales by Dickens and other authors, but most are the fruit of Stetzel’s imagination. Last year, she finally published four of the books, with the help of Dorinda Shelley, owner of The Library House Gallery in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

In 2011, another of Stetzel’s longterm projects found a permanent home at The Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas. Stetzel gave the museum her series of 71 paintings depicting the

life of President John F. Kennedy. Over a 20-year period, she had recorded Kennedy’s life on canvas, from his baptism to his funeral. The museum, which is located where the shots that killed Kennedy were fired, focuses on the president’s assassination and legacy. It displayed 17 of Stetzel’s paintings in a 2012 exhibit.

With the museum’s permission, the artist printed photographs of the entire collection in a book released this month.

Stetzel has no plans to give up art, although she makes some concessions to age and health problems. She used to paint for six to eight hours on a given day, but now limits painting sessions to four hours. She also switched to smaller canvases.

Stetzel’s impulse to create art remains strong. She said it is sinful to waste a God-given gift.

“God gives you the talent,” she explained. “You use it and give it back to God.”

**For information on “Our Town: Reflections of Small Town Life In the 1930s and 1940s,” call (419) 381-1313. Stetzel’s work also is displayed year-round at the Library House Gallery, 24164 Front St., Grand Rapids OH. (419) 830-3080.**

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## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



The Blue Mosque (left) and the Hagia Sophia Museum (right) are pictured at sunset in Istanbul in this Nov. 24, 2008, file photo. Pope Francis plans to visit both landmarks during his Nov. 28-30 trip to Turkey.  
CNS photo/Tolga Bozoglu, EPA



Ivette Escobar, a student at Central American University in San Salvador, helps to finish a rug on Nov. 15 in honor of the victims in the 1989 murder of six Jesuits, their housekeeper, and her daughter on the UCA campus. The event was part of the 25th anniversary commemoration of the Jesuit martyrs.  
CNS photo/Edgardo Ayala



Seattle Archbishop Blase J. Cupich speaks at a news conference on Nov. 13 after arriving at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago. Archbishop Cupich will be installed on Nov. 18 to succeed Cardinal Francis E. George as spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of Chicago.  
CNS photo/Karen Callaway, Catholic New World

# Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving . . . A time to thank God for all that he has done for us and all he has allowed us to do. It is also a time to thank those friends who have helped us throughout the year. We at your Catholic Cemeteries wish to give special recognition and thanks to those who participated in our Memorial Day and Cemetery Sunday Services.

Sincerely,

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## Poinsettias for Christmas



Potted Poinsettias are being purchased to decorate Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery, the Chapel Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery and the Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery. These brilliant scarlet plants are available in the 6 1/2" pot which contains two plants consisting of 4-8 blooms. To donate a poinsettia in memory of your special loved ones, see the coupon below. We will tag your plant with your loved one's name. You may then pick up your poinsettia any time after January 1st, should you wish to take it home.

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