CONVERTS STEP FORWARD AT RITE OF ELECTION
people in Jerusalem are converted to amazement when, through his words and his actions, he ICC the power of the Gospel to bring them to salvation. 

Eucharistic celebrations

Eucharistic celebrations like those celebrated in the Synagogue at the beginning of the Gospel provide a context for the congregation to explore the message of the Gospel. They give the congregation the opportunity to hear and reflect on the message of the Gospel, and to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. 

The Eucharist is a sacrament of the Church, which is understood as a celebration of the Last Supper and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is a time when the congregation gathers to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and to receive his body and blood in the form of bread and wine. 

The Eucharist is celebrated during Mass, which is a worship service that includes the reading of the Bible, prayer, and the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is spoken of in the context of the First and Second Letters to the Corinthians, where Paul speaks of the Eucharist as a sign of the unity of the church. 

The Eucharist is a time of reflection and celebration, where the congregation is reminded of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and of the unity of the church. It is a time of prayer and hymns, where the congregation is able to express their faith and their love for Jesus Christ. 

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Ts of Stewards by Rick Jeric

Did you pray Psalm 51 each day this past week? It is such a great, reflective prayer, may keep praying it each day throughout Lent. It reminds me, as I acknowledge my sinfulness, of the salvation we are promised from God’s infallible mercy. As we saw our way out, we immediately seek strength to sin no more. We plead for renewal by way of a merciful spirit and a clean heart. We can never again be without God’s presence or His Holy Spirit. Finally, our love and joy cannot be contained as we proclaim the Lent’s promise. This is the “short form” of Lent’s days.

Especially during Lent.

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That is a lot better than blood pressure, but I still decided to take the car to my favorite automotive facility. Of course, and you may have guessed, the oil pressure was fine. The lousy sensor was bad. Three hours and $200 later it was replaced. Throughout these days of Lent, how often do we have an idiot light go off? Sometimes it is a blinding and deafening. Other times, it is a much more subtle one but we know it is there. These are the idiot lights of our heart, soul, and spirituality. The blinding flash of obviousness on our continuous addictions and selfish actions that we just cannot seem to eradicate. The deafening tone of our selfish, prideful, and egotistic voice embarrassment on us when we use it against those we love. Then there are those dim lights and softer sounds that keep us from holiness and, in our pride, and I confess that I do it. We are the idiots when we choose to ignore the warning lights and holiness and have the potential to be more sinful and destructive.

In establishing the writer’s faith, Jim Folby, president of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, said Msgr. Schweitzer was an inspiring example of church’s mission to feed the hungry and serve the poor, and acknowledged her as a lifelong dedication to those who needed a helping hand.

“We are grateful for this generous gift that will help Cristo Rey Columbus in its own mission to serve these in need by providing a quality Catholic college preparatory education for families that could not otherwise afford it,” Folby said.

Cristo Rey High School, which is in its first year of operation, is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school with a professional work-study program emphasis, preparing young men and women of all faiths, from economically challenged families, to graduate from college and achieve a lifetime of success. The school targets underserved youth in central Ohio. Its first freshman class is scheduled to graduate in 2018, began attending classes this year at a temporary location in the Franklin-Tonbridge Industrial Park. Next year, a second class will be added and the school will move to a permanent site in the former Ohio School for the Deaf building adjacent to the main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Two more classes will follow in subsequent years as Cristo Rey becomes a four-year high school. For more information about the school, visit www.cristoreycolumbus.org.
I have some questions regarding a practice I observed child (in the 1970s). While they were passing in front of a church (either walking or in a car), I used to see people making the sign of the cross, I’m not sure whether it was just a personal custom or endorsed by a formal law. I do not have any official “endorsement” from the church, I make the sign of the cross when passing a church make the complete sign of the cross, employing the entire hand on the forehead, breast and both shoulders, but more often, it seems, just the thumb is used.

Interestingly, that simple cross on the forehead seems to have been the original sign used to indicate Christian belief in the redemptive death and resurrection of Jesus. It was developed into the wider church gesture. The theologian Tertullian, in his Against Praxeas, a work titled Prae Chrypel, wrote: “in all our actions, when it is time to go to bed, when we wash, when we eat, when we retire, and when we make on our forehead the sign of the cross. These practices are not recommended to us by a formal law of Scripture, but tradition teaches them, custom confirms them and faith observes them.”

Katholic News Service by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

**PROJECT-BASED LEARNING**

A project by Ohio Dominican University professors to study and improve project-oriented learning methods and practices has received significant support from the Ohio Board of Regents. The board selected ODU to receive a $90,000 “improving teacher quality” grant for a project on “Preparing Students for the 21st Century: Implementing Mathematics Standards Through Project-Based Learning.” ODU professors will partner with mathematics teachers in the Coshocton County School District and Kent State University, Kent, to study, identify, and implement enhanced project-based learning principles.

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TRIBUTE TO FATHER SCHWENKER

St. Patrick’s Day 2014 marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Columbus native and 1959 graduate of Bellarmine University, Father Robert Schwenker, OMI. For several years before his untimely death, Father Schwenker served as director of undergraduate admissions for ODU. His many friends, both on campus and in the community, miss him to this day.

Hail, Holy Angel Church in Buffalo, N.Y., where he was known as "Bullet Bob" for his speed on the basketball court. He would inspire others, often as vocations directors for the Oblates. Eastern Province, where he ran several marathons and implemented strategic student recruitment efforts.

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ODU appoints Brinkman director of undergraduate admissions

Ohio Dominican University has appointed Kevin Brinkman as the university’s director of undergraduate admissions. Brinkman is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing strategic student recruitment efforts for ODU’s undergraduate programs at the local and national levels.

Brinkman has nearly a decade of successful high-tech education recruitment experience to ODU. Most recently, he was associate director of undergraduate admissions at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. He also served as athletic recruitment coordinator and assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky.

By Nancy Gilli

During our visit in sunny Florida this winter, my sister Kris and I often talked about how we miss the friends we have lost. We would guide him in the most important decisions of our lives. Father Robert Schwenker, OMI, was his friend Father Robert Schwenker, OMI. For those who knew him, Bob was a saint, singularly intent upon evangelizing the most abandoned.

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The Peace of Christ, A Treasure to Share

By Leandre M. Tapay

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sions by age 5, but Westbrook is 28 and she invited me to RCIA class, and after a while, I felt it was just time to join. The faith is right for me. I believe in all the things I have learned and found that most of what the church teaches I’ve been told. I am just comfort-
able here, and the people have been very welcoming.
Rite of Election ceremonies take place each year in the Diocese of Lent. For the past several years in the Diocese of Columbus, there have been two identical services at one time for the number of people taking part.
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Timothy, I wrote three more plays for the class I was teaching and undertook to write a play for the following school year. I did not begin work on the play until after I left the job because I was occupied with other matters. When I finally got around to writing the play, I found that it was too long. The play was ready to be printed in January 1958 and was published in The Columbus Dispatch. I was pleased with the way it turned out and decided to continue writing plays. I have written five more plays since then, and I hope to write more in the future. I am always looking for new ideas and new ways to express myself. I enjoy the challenge of writing, and I am grateful for the support of my family and friends. I hope that my readers will enjoy reading my plays and that they will find them entertaining and thought-provoking.
Ash Wednesday in Rome

Half an hour before sunrise on Ash Wednesday, hundreds of English-speakers from all over Rome began walking to the ancient basilica of St. Sabina on Aventine Hill. They started from student residences, from embassies to Italy and the Holy See, and from the Vatican. The focal point for all this activity is the Pontifical North American College, more than 250 seminarians, student-princes, priests-faculty, and staff, having walked from the Janiculum Hill to the Aventine, to find the spot where a simple contingent at St. Sabina on Ash Wednesday.

This is not ideal, for St. Sabina is the first “station” in the Roman station church pilgrimage of Lent, tradition dating back to the middle centuries of the first Christian millennium. And the station church pilgrimage, which extends throughout Lent and involves 40 churches, has become, today, a predominantly American-Roman phenomenon, indeed, a predominantly American-Roman phenomenon, having been revived for the first time by the American community in Rome. You are to say, they were so terrified.” Matthew makes no mention of terror.

What happened in the end, we do not know. We can speak of and have seen faces of people change in sickness or before death. A pregnant woman at times of Mark. Then Jesus shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them, and does not mention his face at all. Matthew speaks of the voice clear that these three disciples recognize that the voice was God’s. By recuperating that in the divine presence, they naturally bow down as unworthy. Jesus comes to them and “touch[es] them, using the word that Jesus will use to describe his own resurrection: ‘Rise!’ Do not be afraid or stop being afraid.”

For the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is always the Transfiguration (literally, a change of appearance).

In the same issue, an incorrect day of the week was given for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or the Catholic Immigration Network—indeed, a predominantly American—phenomenon, which has become, today, a predominantly American-Roman phenomenon, having been revived for the first time by the American community in Rome.

The Transfiguration (literally, a change of appearance).

The Lancaster St. Mary School seventh-grade boys basketball team finished the season with a 12-2 record and a Yorkshire League seventh-grade championship. Team members are (from left): first row, Andrew Edwards, Luke Maynard, Brice Hartman, and Alex Zang; second row, Max Stout, Zenon Geras, Mitchell Zembach, Daniel Turner, and Andrew Fennell. (Photo courtesy St. Mary School)
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany
Wednesday, March 26 • 6:30 p.m.
Seventh Annual Diocesan Honor Choir Concert

More than 300 singers from 17 schools will perform, representing diocesan grade schools, high schools, and Ohio Dominican University. Students will rehearse and perform as two ensembles – a grade school choir and a high school choir. The combined choir will perform Courtney’s I Will Rise. More than 300 works by Courtney (pictured) have been performed worldwide. He brings a wealth of experience, energy, and passion for music to share with young singers. A native of Indiana and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he came to Columbus after spending six years teaching and studying in Salzburg, Austria. He is the staff composer and editor at Bickhorm Press and works at Capital University, where he accompanies the chapel choir, teaches choral arranging, and directs the men’s ensemble, the Chordsmen.

In addition to performances by the two honor choirs, individual selections will be performed at the concert by featured ensembles including Hilliard St. Brendan School’s liturgical choir, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School’s women’s choir, Columbus Bishop Hartley High School’s concert choir, and the Ohio Dominican University chorale.

This event was developed by diocesan music teachers as an effort to give their singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble setting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

Sacred music of all styles, from Renaissance to classical and Gospel to contemporary, will be performed during this celebration of song to demonstrate our Catholic heritage through music. A free-will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in appreciation for the service it provides.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for students and seniors, and $4 for children 12 and younger. For reservations, email Abby Teeters at abteeter@cdeducation.org.

Crazy for You
By: George Gershwin, Buddy DeSylva, and Nacio Herb Brown

Crazy for You is the story of New Yorker Bobby Child (played on alternating nights by Adam Beach or Andy Simon), who is sent to a small town in Nevada to close down the local theater. When he arrives, he falls in love with Polly (Belle Brown or Alexis Eldredge), the theater owner’s daughter. He decides to put on a show to save money for the theater so it can be saved. Does it work? Come to the show to find out!

In other principal roles, Jacob Enney will play Bello Zangler, Chas Parsons as Lew Minnehan, Griffi Howell as Emmett Baker, Dominic Rippey as Eugene Fodor, Abby Andrews as Lottie Child/Mother, Dominic Rippey as Eugene Fodor, Abby Andrews as Lottie Child/Mother, Sarah Bender as Miriam, and Liz Bondi as Mother Hawkins. Griffin Maxwell is Everette Baker, and Abby Teeters is Mrs. Lottie Child/Mother. Sarah Bender is Miriam, Dominic Rippey is Eugene Fodor, and Abby Andrews is Lottie Child/Mother.

Performances will take place Thursday, March 13, and Friday and Saturday, March 14, 15, 21, and 22, at 8 p.m. of the school, 99 E. Cooke Road.

Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for students and seniors, and $12 for children ages 12 and younger. For reservations, email Abby Teeters at abteeter@cdeducation.org.
simplicity of life and approach. He’s holding us back to basics, to make us the church that Jesus wants.”

The cardinal said that when Pope Francis was asked what he was bringing to the church that was new, the pope said, “All I want for the church is Jesus Christ.”

“I’m happy that the whole world has reacted positively. This is a challenge for any new pope. Somehow Pope Francis has touched the right chord,” Cardinal Gracias said.

“I hope that all of us can work together and give him support to do what he wants to do to make the church more vibrant once again. I really feel he has made the church once again the voice of the poor, the moral voice in the world, and people are listening to him. I hope people will not just listen, but also follow what he says.”

Cardinal Wilfrid Napier of Durban, South Africa: “He’s given the faith, the Catholic way of life such a different color, a different tone, a different spirit.”

“I would say the essence of Pope Francis was ‘If I look at who I am, I can see all that is wrong with me, and it is only because of God’s grace that I am not that wrong person that I was potentially going to be, so who I am now is because of God’s grace. It’s those two poles: the sinner that I am and God’s grace that is transforming me.’”

“He is not what he is because of the position he’s been given, but because of a relationship with God and relationship with Jesus. That is what’s making him a different person.”

“Of course, for me as a Franciscan, it’s even doubly challenging, because here’s a Jesuit living the Franciscan way of life better than I am. It’s quite something. It is quite a lovely challenge I think that you can share with the pope this idea of living like St. Francis” of Assisi.

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