TRANSITIONAL DEACONS
ORDINATION 2015
One of my biggest gripes with our modern culture is the abuse of the phrase “That's not my job.” That is so common in the workplace. It crops up virtually every time someone is asked to go beyond the path of least resistance, to take on extra to really provide service to someone. In fact, the very notion of service is so far removed from today’s society. People seem to think that it is somehow beneath them to be servants of others. We live in a society filled with people only concerned with doing the least possible to get what they believe is due to them.

I guess that has always been present in human nature. But I have to think that we have raised it to an unprecedented level in the 21st century. As Christians are called to be much better than that. Throughout his ministry on earth, Christ modeled for us the role of being a servant of others. He did not lead by issuing orders and directing others to do the heavy lifting. He reached out and healed the sick. Where there was need, he gave of himself to meet that need. His role as a servant was so strong that he suffered and died on the cross. Where there was need, he supplied salvation for us. People seem to think that it is our responsibility to give of ourselves.

For some, it may mean making an even greater sacrifice to emulate the life of Christ by accepting the call to the holy priesthood or religious life. Whatever it is that God has called each of us to do, it would be the height of insolence to say “It’s not my job.” When Our Lord approached Peter: “Andrew, James, and John at the Sea of Galilee,” he said: “Follow me.” They dropped their nets and answered the call. Even Matthew the tax collector heard the call: “Come, follow me.” Can we imagine a modern-day bureaucrat giving up a structured civil-service job with great benefits to accept a life of poverty, service, and martyrdom?

The new deacons, as ordained ministers, are called to be leaders and they are called to proclaim the word of God. They are called to minister to the sick and to celebrate the Eucharist. They are called to be those who bear witness to the gospel. They are called to be witnesses of mercy, of love, not for our own benefit, but for the benefit of those who hear the word of God and the great promise of its life-giving power.

The ordination of the new deacons was a living demonstration of how we are called to live our life. The发售 of that day in the Catholic Church brings joy to all as part of a saint of all workers. This edition of Catholic Times salutes some of the many people who have responded to that special call to a vocation in Holy Oracles. May these examples model themselves after the example of St. Joseph, who has been honored on that day by the Catholic Church for his role in the life of the Church and as a patron saint of all workers.

The text of the ordination of Jeremiah Guappone, Timothy Lynch, Stephen Smith, and Daniel Swartz at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral is printed verbatim.

Deacon Guappone will serve at the cathedral, Deacon Lynch at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Deacon Smith at Columbus St. Andrew churches, and Deacon Swartz at Columbus St. Agatha Church.

The ordination of all four deacons was celebrated by the bishop. The deacons have entered into the life of the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At their diaconal ordination, they made promises to God, the Church, and society. They promised to proclaim the word of God and to work with poor and marginalized people.

The bishop extended his blessing to the new deacons. He also had a prayer adapted from the palm fronds. He prayed that the new deacons will show the way to others and that they will be witnesses of mercy, of love, not for our own benefit, but for the benefit of others. The new deacons are expected to live in simplicity, without an excess of material possessions, and to make a vow or a promise of poverty.

The new deacons will be called to fulfill the signs of the diaconal ministry, presenting the word of God, baptizing, assisting the priest at Mass, proclaiming the word of God in the form of homilies, and celebrating the Eucharist. They will be called to be prayerful, to put their preparations for ordination at the service of the Diocese of Columbus.

This summer, Deacon Guappone will serve at the cathedral. Deacon Lynch at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Deacon Smith at Columbus St. Andrew churches, and Deacon Swartz at Columbus St. Agatha Church.

Deacon Lynch, who is from Columbus George Church while growing up, attained a degree in behavior therapy from the Josephinum in 2009 and received a bachelor of science degree in 2010 from ODU, where he studied business administration, computer information systems, and philosophy. He was ranked president at the university for two consecutive years.

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Deacon Lynch, who is from Columbus St. Mary, graduated from Whitehall-Yearling High School in 1998 and received a bachelor’s degree in communications from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2002. After college, he worked in outside sales. From there he moved to a sales engineer role in the industrial automation in Houston. While in the secular workforce, he discerned a call to the priesthood, enrolling in the Josephinum in 2009 and receiving an undergraduate degree in philosophy from the college. He has spent summers working at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, Plain City St. Joseph, and Westerville St. Paul churches and at his home parish, and spent part of one summer walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Deacon Smith, from Hilliard St. Benedict, graduated from River Valley High School in Marion County in 2007. He was ranked president at the university for two consecutive years.

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**Practical Stewardship**

By Rick Jeric

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Did you make a generous pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal this past week? I hope it was a challenge that brought you to prayer and reflection. We need to do more than make a financial commitment to the ministries of our diocese. We need to contribute toward these needs, and we need to make our commitment an act of faith that Jesus is working in and through our acts of charity.

**Two Mount Carmel Hospitals Honored**

Two hospitals operated by Mount Carmel Health have received national recognition from The Leapfrog Group, an independent industry watchdog. Mount Carmel New Albany has been named to Leapfrog’s annual list of top hospitals, an elite distinction given to less than seven percent of all eligible hospitals.

Mount Carmel St. Ann’s has been recognized by Leapfrog for its efforts to keep patients safe. It was honored with an “A” grade in the Fall 2014 hospital safety score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries, and infections.

**Grave Pilgrimage to Dresden**

Gravest Street and Edward Church parishioners will make a pilgrimage to the historic districts of Meissen, the birthplace of Emperor Frederick I of the German House, and to Dresden, the German capital.

The pilgrimage is scheduled for May 17, 2015, and will include a Mass, a lunch from preventable harm.

"We continuously strive to improve our patient experience in order to provide remarkable care," Meeks said.

Mount Carmel New Albany also has also been recognized for nine consecutive years with the Guardian of Excellence Award from national health care research firm Press Ganey Associates. The award recognizes facilities achieving the 95th percentile in patient satisfaction for inpatient services.

The New Albany hospital’s joint replacement program was honored as a Leapfrog Group Joint Commission Two-Year Certification.”

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**Catholic Women’s Group Grant Recipients**

The Catholic Foundation of St. Martha Giving Circle has announced its first five grant recipients.

This year, grants totaling $24,216 were awarded to organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus.

The recipients were the St. Francis Evangelization Center in McClellan, $6,630; the Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, $6,230; the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Columbus, $4,500; Catholic Social Services, $6,016, and the Christ School, $2,750.

The Catholic Foundation’s St. Martha Giving Circle is a relatively new initiative designed to bring Catholic women together to raise awareness and funds for charities in the diocese.

**CindaRella**

Members of the Delaware St. Mary Drama Club performed “CindRella” for their parents, along with members of other Delaware parishes, on April 23, 2015. The performance was held on Thursday and Friday for the Delaware community.

Photo courtesy St. John School
Patrick Madrid to headline Credulity Christian dinner

The tenth annual Credulity Christian dinner will be held May 13 in Columbus.

The dinner, underwritten by Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the board of trustees of the Franciscan Foundation for the Catholic Church in Columbus, and concerning problems from central Ohio. This year’s speaker is Patrick Madrid, noted Catholic apologists, author, broadcaster, and speaker.

He and his family live in the Columbus area.

Presenting Chris live in Columbus is the goal of the Credulity Christian dinners. Information for the Credulity Christian dinners will be available at the dinners.

Those attending also will be able to hear the Credulity Christian dinners will be available at the dinners.

A call to serve God in the religious life is a personal thing, but help from others is needed when someone who has called has challenges.

For Sister Mary Charlotte Carlton, OF, her sisters included a prayer service, a vigil for the church at St. John the Baptist, the Newman Center at her college, and the Knights of Columbus.

Sister Mary Charlotte, 61, was the middle child of a family of three, grew up in a small town with an older sister and a younger brother. Her father was a construction worker and her mother, originally from New York, worked in a hospital. Both had lost parents at a young age and are living in Florida, where she is married to a man named Bob. She has two children, a daughter and a son, and has an adult son.

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A Mindful Day

I don’t know about you, but sometimes I feel like God is in hiding. Sometimes, that sense of being not there lasts a long time. One day while thinking about that, I decided to take a “mindful” day, borrowing the term from the Buddhist practice of mindfulness.

“Perhaps this disconnect has something to do with my lack of being present in the moment,” I thought. Ironic, since that is what I often write about in this column. “Easier said than done,” or “Easier written than done” in my case.

I started the day with mass at St. Thomas. I was a little late, but real-life traffic did not get up on the trip across town. Despite frustration with lanes of slow-moving cars, I managed to take a deep breath and relax. I looked up to the sky, battled the wind buffetting my little Civic, and sat through four turns of the traffic light at Fifth and Cassidy before walking into church.

Next was a drive down Route 33 for allergy shots. I resisted the temptation to use the drive as an opportunity to catch up with one of my daughters, and instead paid attention to the countryside stretching out on either side of the highway.

The morning light was spectacular. Spring’s greens included a wide spectrum of color. I thought of the claims that few people of northern Canada have 50 or more words to refer to snow (anthropologist Franz Boas made that observation in the late 19th to early 1900s, and it has been debated ever since).

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The entire day was like that. Recognized courage and perseverance in the face of an older man struggling up the steep incline from parking lot to sidewalk in front of a doctor’s office. Appreciation for his effort stirred me to recognize the beauty of nature and of souls, and the wonder and Mystery of life bursting at its seams.

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I started thinking, “This day nourished me.” And when I finally closed my eyes, I had the smallest sense that I was alive.

One by one, experience by experience, the day matured so I paid attention to where I was, turning away from the temptation to fret over the past, worry about the future, or multitask while eating by turning away from the temptation to fret over the past, or multitask while eating.

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Dominican Sisters of Peace Elect New Leaders, Set Direction

The Dominican Sisters of Peace have elected new leaders for a six-year term. Sister Pat Twissel, OP and Sister Jessica Kyley, OP were elected as prioresses. Three Dominican Learning Center are among the new leaders elected.

Sisters Margaret Osmond, OP, prior, and Joan Scardaroli, OP will complete their terms on Aug. 8.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)
As friends of Jesus, we must be friends of others

Father Lawrence L. Hummer

1 John 5:19-17
Cornelius, a Roman centurion, was a “God fearer” (a member of the Jewish community who observed its customs and laws, but was not circumcised) and had a reputation for being a pious person. He had a vision which ended with a command to bring him to Caesarea. The Gospel notes that Jesus loves the disciples with the same love with which the Father loves him. “Re - complete by the middle to late first century.

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6440 S. High Street
(Route 23) South of I-270
11:00 A.M. MASS
IN OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL
Military Flag Raising and Salute/10:30 A.M.
American Legion Southway Post #144
614-491-2751

Msgr. Anthony Missimi
Retired

Fr. Charles Cotton
Pastor
St. Elizabeth Church

MT. CALVARY
581 Mt. Calvary Avenue
at West Mound Street
11:00 A.M. MASS
ON PRIEST’S CIRCLE
614-491-2751

Fr. Kevin Lutz
Pastor
St. Mary Church/German Village

RESURRECTION
9571 N. High Street
(Route 23) North of I-270
1:00 P.M. MASS
IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
Military Flag Raising and Salute/12:00 Noon
V.F.W. Post #2398
614-888-1805

HOLY CROSS
11539 National Rd. S.W.
(Route 40) East of I-270
11:00 A.M. MASS
IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
Military Service/10:30 A.M.
V.F.W. Post #9473
740-927-4442

Msgr. David Funk
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St. Pius X Church

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SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
MONDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Cemetery personnel will be available to answer questions and help locate family grave spaces