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The Editor's Notebook

Faith is not just for Sunday

By David Garick, Editor

The past several weeks have produced some very special Masses in churches around the diocese. We have celebrated the feast of Pentecost -- the birthday of the Church -- followed by Trinity Sunday, with the grandeur of our one God in three persons, and then Corpus Christi -- the gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, played out with magnificent processions in many of our churches. These special occasions are always great. The beauty of the church itself, the wonderful music, the pageantry of the Mass, and the drama of the Gospel make for wonderful entertainment. But entertainment is not what our faith is all about.

Yes, it is fine to relish the beauty of our worship. But we must never lose sight of the fact that the Mass, and Catholicism as a whole, is not just a spectacle being produced for an audience. It is a personal encounter with Christ and a unifying moment with our brothers and sisters in the Catholic community. And that encounter is not something that we are to internalize and keep hidden until we return to Mass again next week. Christ calls each of us, as he did his first disciples, to receive the Holy Spirit and live the faith every day in our lives and share it throughout the world. He compares us to yeast that, when added to the flour, leavens the whole loaf. In that same manner, we are called to carry our faith into the community and bring the light

of truth into many lives.

I am constantly encouraged by the numbers of Catholics I see really living their faith in our communities here in the Diocese of Columbus. This week in *Catholic Times*, you will get an in-depth look at how that is being carried out at St. Mary Parish in Groveport. When the first big burst of population growth began blooming in the Columbus suburbs following the Civil War, St. Mary was created as the first Catholic Church in Franklin County outside the city of Columbus. After 142 years, that parish is still challenging believers to live the faith every day, not just at Sunday Mass.

Living the faith outside the walls of the Church is no easy task. We live in a culture that constantly tries to marginalize religion. The society at large tells us that "religion is a private and personal matter." The message is that there is something wrong with acting out your faith in public and making decisions based on the Truth, which is Christ. Next week, we begin the second annual Fortnight for Freedom as we pray and speak out for our rights as free people to live our faith every day, in everything we do. Please read the story this week that outlines what you can do to stand up for religious freedom in America.



SECOND "FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM"

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a second Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty.

The Fortnight will take place from Friday, June 21, the vigil of the feasts of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, to Thursday, July 4, Independence Day. It will open in the Diocese of Columbus with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell on June 21 at 12:05 p.m. in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

Bishop Campbell has asked parishes throughout the diocese to offer a Mass opening the Fortnight on June 21. He also requests that every parishioner pray the rosary or the Litany for Liberty found on Page 10 of this week's *Catholic Times* each day during the Fortnight and offer some form of sacrifice for religious freedom.

"Now it's time for us to pray and to recognize that our best efforts hold little promise apart from our turning to God and pleading for His gracious assistance," Bishop Campbell said in a letter announcing the diocesan observance of the Fortnight.

The bishops' first Fortnight for Freedom took place last year and included Masses, prayer rallies, and other events. Members of other religions joined in the Fortnight, hosting events or ringing church bells in a sign of solidarity.

The bishops said the observance is designed to "emphasize the need for conscience protection" and general religious liberty at home and overseas. It will focus on a variety of recent threats to religious freedom, including those in the realms of immigration, humanitarian aid, adoption, and health care.



Among the major religious liberty concerns in the U.S. is a federal mandate, issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, requiring employers to offer health insurance plans covering contraception, sterilization, and some drugs that can cause early abortions.

While the mandate includes a religious exemption, it applies only to churches and their conventions, auxiliaries, and religious orders.

Most non-profit religious organizations, including Catholic hospitals, schools, and charitable agencies, do not qualify for the exemption. Those organizations were granted a one-year reprieve from complying with the mandate, but that period ends on Aug. 1.

On that date, they will be subject to a government "accommodation," under which the objectionable products will be included free of charge in the health care plans the organizations offer. Critics say the objecting religious employers still will end up paying for the coverage that they consider immoral, as a result of increased premiums.

Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, president of the USCCB, noted in his May 13 statement announcing this year's Fortnight that it "occurs just weeks before Aug. 1, when the administration's mandate coercing us to violate our deeply held beliefs will be enforced against most religious nonprofits."

He added that during this year's Fortnight, "the U.S. Supreme Court's de-

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Clergy Assignments

These appointments become effective Tuesday, July 9, except where listed.

RETIREMENTS

Father G. Michael Gribble, from Rector, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, to retirement.

Father Justin J. Reis, from Pastor, St. Peter Church, Columbus, to retirement.

Father Michael J. Reis, from Pastor, St. Leonard Church, Heath, to retirement.

PASTORS

Father Thomas J. Buffer, from Pastor, St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion.

Father Daniel J. Dury, from Parochial Vicar, Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes (St. Bernard, Corning; St. Patrick, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; and St. Rose, New Lexington), to Pastor, St. Catharine of Siena Church, Columbus.

Father William J. Ferguson, to Pastor, St. Leonard Church, Heath, continuing as Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake.

Father James H. Hatfield III, from Pastor, St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House, to Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Dover.

Father Matthew N. Hoover, from Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Dover, to Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus.

Father Michael J. Lumpe, from Pastor, St. Catharine of Siena Church, Columbus, to Rector, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, continuing as Vicar for Priests.

Father Kevin F. Lutz, from Pastor, Holy Family Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Corpus Christi Church, and St. Ladislav Church, Columbus, effective Aug. 3.

Father William A. Metzger, from Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus, and Sacred Heart Church, Columbus, to Pastor, Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson, effective Sept. 17.

Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney, from Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Andrew Church, Columbus, continuing as Vicar General.

Father Patrick W. Rogers, to Pastor, St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House.

Father Mark S. Summers, from Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Church, Worthington, to Pastor, St. Peter Church, Columbus.

Father Michael B. Watson, from Pastor, St. Andrew Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Mary

Church, Delaware.

Father David J. Young, to Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, continuing as Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, **Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, to Administrator, effective immediately.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Father Nicholas L. Droll, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus.

Father Michael C. Gentry, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell.

Father Matthew B. Morris, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Church, Worthington.

Father Jeffrey E. Tigyer, from Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, to Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada, with residence at Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton.

OTHER

Father Stanley L. Dailey, from Administrator, Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, to Administrator, Holy Family Church, Columbus.

Father Robert J. Kitsmiller, from Pastor, Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson, to Canon Law studies, Catholic University of America, Washington.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, **Father Jordan Mary Turano, OP**, from Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, to service outside the diocese, effective immediately.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, **Father Edward Michael Gorman, OP**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, to service outside the diocese, effective immediately.

DEACONS

Deacon Hank Gundrum, from diaconal ministry, St. Mark Church, Lancaster, to retirement, effective March 30.

Deacon Gary Ingold, from diaconal ministry, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, to service outside the diocese, effective July 1.

Deacon Patrick Wiggins, from diaconal ministry, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, to retirement, effective July 1.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last year, we as Catholics have been actively engaged in prayer and action on behalf of religious liberty. We have strenuously objected to the many versions of proposed rules from the United States Department of Health and Human Services that would force religious organizations and private employers which do not

qualify for a narrow religious exemption to cooperate in the provision of certain coverage in group insurance plans that violates the moral teaching of the very religion from which they draw their identity. We have sent postcards to legislators as part of the Project Life and Liberty Campaign to protect human life and promote full religious liberty.

Now it's time for us to pray and to recognize that our best efforts hold little promise apart from our turning to God and pleading for His gracious assistance. So, in communion with the other bishops of these United States, I renew my request that we observe a Fortnight for Freedom, 14 days of intense prayer and sacrifice for religious liberty beginning on June 21 and ending on July 4. I will celebrate an opening Mass for the Fortnight on June 21 at 12:05 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus. Please join me if you are able, and if you cannot be at the cathedral, please join me in spirit by taking part in the events in your parish.

It is my hope that every parish will offer a Mass opening the Fortnight on June 21 and that every parishioner will daily pray the Litany for Liberty or the rosary and offer some sacrifice for the intention of religious freedom. The Office for Divine Worship in the diocese has prepared a resource to use in hosting a Eucharistic holy hour during the Fortnight, which can be found on the diocesan website. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also has a 14-day study guide on Dignitatis Humanae, the Vatican II Declaration on Religious Liberty, available at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/fortnight-for-freedom-reflections.cfm.

We have been blessed that this country's founders recognized religious liberty as our first freedom. Let us pray fervently to God that we may continue to enjoy our religious liberty without any encumbrance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus

Correction: The names of four valedictorians from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School were not included in the May 26 Catholic Times. They are Lauren Asman, Hannah Clark, Stephan Ganobsnik, and Miranda Johnson. The same issue also listed an incorrect email address for persons wishing to receive memorabilia (no class photos are available) from Marion Catholic High School. The correct address is trackster.rcn@roadrunner.com.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*.

During June, July, and August, we will only be publishing every other week.

Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to:

6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, and 8/25

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September



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Groveport St. Mary Church was dedicated in 1977 and is the third church building to serve the parish in southeast Franklin County.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Paternity



Did you become a part of a procession for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ during the past two weeks? We have always done this by means of our baptism and our reception of the Eucharist. But we probably never thought of it as a real procession before. We not only receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, but we live and practice the love that it is. It is not a traditional parade in honor of the Eucharist. It is a very real action by how we live, love, and impact others as Catholics. The real presence of Jesus Christ has an overwhelming impact on us, especially if we try to understand what that means to us as individuals. The real presence of the same Jesus Christ in each of us may not overwhelm anyone in the same way, but it should come very close. When others are impacted by the love and grace we share, then we have become vehicles and models of Him whom we receive into our very being. Our goals are to be spiritually overwhelmed by the Eucharist, to lovingly and positively impact our world around us, and to not be a model that causes others to be underwhelmed by our poor actions.

Paternity may be another term that comes to mind as we recognize and celebrate Father's Day. Unfortunately, this term is usually associated with something more culturally negative, such as "Who's the father?" Is paternity something to be feared, so as to avoid a mistake, or is it something to be embraced and joyfully anticipated in a marriage between one man and one woman? There are different types of fathers, and I offer a reflection on them. God our Father is the ultimate Father of us all. We praise and thank Him for giving us life and for all of Creation. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are His, now and forever. Our own father is someone we love, honor, respect, and even serve later in life. For as many challenges as I may have perceived when young, I realize and appreciate the selfless love and care that was always there from my dad. Our father-in-law brings us into a second family, and that special bond is always a great comfort. I am fortunate to have a father-in-law who also served his country and sacrificed much as a prisoner of war in World War II. Our grandfathers have a very different impact on our lives. I did not know either of mine, but I see enough with my own children to know what a very positive role model my dad and my father-in-law are. As for myself as a father, it is much more difficult to be full of praise. After all, we know our own faults and imperfections. But we must recognize the importance of being good, strong, and loving fathers. My three children are so wonderful that I would like to think they are, in part, a reflection of me. Finally, our priests are among the best fathers we have, spiritually and pastorally. They are the leaders of our parish family and our local Church, the diocese.

Our practical challenge over the next two weeks is to pray to God our Father for all the other fathers in our lives. Make this simple prayer a part of your daily prayer each and every day. At Mass on Sunday and throughout these weeks, keep our fathers in mind in a special way as we earnestly pray the Our Father. And why not make this a permanent part of our spiritual practice? May paternity be something for which we are all very proud.

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

Event to support Women's Care Center



The Women's Care Center of Columbus will sponsor its inaugural luxury bingo fundraiser from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in the Ivory Room of the Miranova office and condominium complex in downtown Columbus.

Bishop Frederick Campbell is chairman of the Women's Care Center, whose mission is to love and support the women and children of Columbus before, during and after pregnancy.

The bishop also is chairman for the event, which will feature Gail Hogan as master of ceremonies and will include Cameron Mitchell food and drinks and bingo games with luxurious prizes.

There also will be a live auction featuring Notre Dame and Ohio State football tickets, among other things, as well as opportunities for event sponsorship and a private reception with the bishop before the main event.

Tickets are \$150. For ticket information, call Kathleen Gibbons at (614) 204-9550 or email Missy Lorenz at lmelissa60@gmail.com.

Photo: Committee members for the fundraiser are (from left) Julie Smerdel, Maricel Frommeyer, Andrea Mackessy, Kathleen Wiant, Teresa Kenney, Missy Lorenz, Theresa Jeric, Kathleen Gibbons, Sheila Gibbons Franco, and Suzanne Bowen.

Service Award to Will Eichel

The diocesan Vocations Office has presented a \$500 service award to Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School sophomore Will Eichel. Father Paul Noble, vocations director, is pictured presenting the award at the school's year-end awards assembly. The award was based on the recipient's grades in religion courses, parish involvement, leadership, and service, and a faculty letter of recommendation.



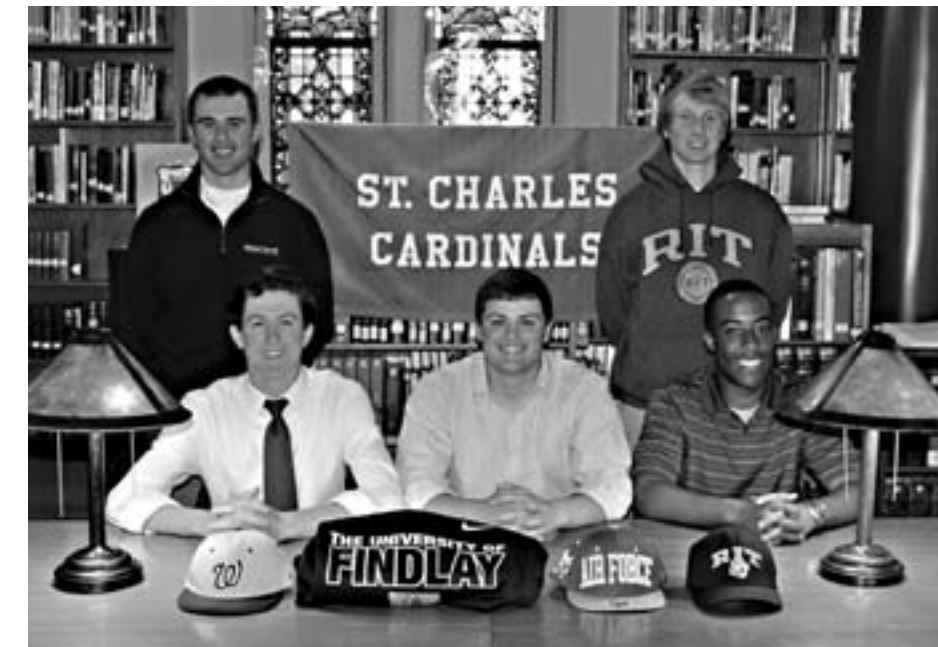
The Vocations Office and Face Forward also will be offering a service award for eighth-grade students in diocesan schools for the 2013-14 school year. Applicants will be asked to write a 300-word essay describing how their parish involvement and service in the community has enabled them to grow in their Catholic faith. The award will be presented by Father Noble at the end-of-year Mass or awards assembly at the student's school. Interested students may fill out the service award application by going to www.facebook.com/faceforward.

Face Forward is an application that has been developed by the Vocations Office for the social media platform Facebook. Its goal is to connect Catho-

lic youth in the Columbus area and surrounding cities. An estimated 30,000 young men and women are practicing the Catholic faith in and around Columbus.

To learn more about the eighth-grade service award, call Anne Cordial Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or by e-mail at anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School



St. Charles Signees

Five graduating seniors at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School recently committed to play college athletics next year. They are (from left): Jared Kitzler, baseball, Walsh; Louis Altomare, baseball, Findlay; Marcus Ward, lacrosse, Air Force Academy; second row, Bryce Spees, basketball, John Carroll; David Shuster, lacrosse, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School



Hemmelgarn Award to Don Renner

Don Renner, who teaches fourth grade at Columbus All Saints Academy and has spent 30 years serving the diocese as a teacher, received the Romana Hemmelgarn Award at this year's diocesan teacher recognition luncheon. The award is presented annually by the diocesan Schools Office to Catholic school educators who best demonstrate the qualities of care, concern, and dedication Hemmelgarn exhibited during her 22 years of service to Catholic schools.

LaRue Reunion

A reunion for parishioners and friends of the former LaRue St. Joseph Church will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23, in the Lingo Shelter House at LaRue Park.

other memorabilia. Place settings and coffee will be provided. The day will include fishing, swimming, volleyball, basketball, cornhole, and fellowship.

For more information, contact Steve Scharf at (740) 499-3031 or Diane Robinson at (740) 943-2082.

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On Thursday, January 2, your sightseeing day begins with a tour of "Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral", seat of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, with Mass! On Friday, Jan 3, depart for Central California. Visit the beach community of Santa Barbara and its Camino Real Mission; the Danish Village of Solvang; tour the world renowned Hearst Castle, with its considerable collection of art and antiques and travel the scenic Big Sur and famous Highway One, to Monterey. Saturday Vigil Mass will be at the Carmel Mission. Tour the 17-Mile Drive en route to San Francisco with a city tour including a trip over the Golden Gate Bridge and back, plus a ferry trip and tour of Alcatraz Island.

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MARRIAGE CEREMONIES AND VALIDITY



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have two upcoming marriages in my family. I've been wondering how they are each viewed in the eyes of the church, and I'm hoping that you can help. First, my nephew (a baptized Catholic, but currently not attending church) is marrying a Methodist. Because his family has had trouble with their parish priest, who has not been welcoming to them, they are going to be married by a minister in a Methodist church.

If my nephew wants to continue practicing the Catholic faith and goes to confession, can he still receive holy Communion at Mass after he's married in the Methodist church? (I told his grandmother that he could.) Also, could a priest be at the wedding to bless it, and, if he is, would it then be recognized by the Catholic Church?

Next, my niece is marrying a Baptist. They are getting married in a Catholic church with a priest presiding, but they are not having a Mass. Can I assume that this is still considered a valid sacrament of marriage? (City of origin withheld)

A. You raise a host of issues, and since a fair amount of confusion reigns among Catholics regarding interfaith weddings, let me try to answer your questions one by one and as plainly as possible.

First, what you told your nephew's grandmother is incorrect. If he were to go ahead and get married in a non-Catholic ceremony without Catholic approval, his marriage would not be recognized by the church.

Though still a Catholic, he would have separated himself from full participation in the church and should not receive Communion. His going to confession would not "cure" that situation, because he would still be living outside the church's guidelines on marriage.

The solution, though, is easier than you think. If the wedding has not yet taken place, they can be married in the Methodist Church (with or without a Catholic priest present) and have it recognized by the Catholic Church -- provided that neither one has been married previously and that they meet in advance with a priest and provide him with the information he will need to seek diocesan permission for the wedding.

The Catholic party (your nephew) will need to promise that he will be faithful to his Catholic faith and that he will do all that he can, within the context of the marriage, to see that any children are baptized and raised as Catholics. It will be recommended that he seek the sacrament of penance before the wedding, particularly since he has been away from the regular practice of the faith.

It would not be unusual for such a wedding to take place in a Methodist church, especially when that is the parish of the bride. If a Catholic priest can also be present at the ceremony to say a prayer of blessing, all the better. This usually makes the Catholic family feel more comfortable, but it is not required for validity.

If, by the time you read this, the wedding has already taken place without Catholic approval, there is still a

solution. The couple should meet with a Catholic priest of their choosing to provide the necessary information, and the priest -- having obtained diocesan permission -- will do what is called technically a "convalidation"; i.e., the couple will repeat their vows in the priest's presence and bless their marriage, which will then be recognized in the Catholic Church's eyes.

Your nephew will then be in full communion with the Catholic Church and free to share completely in the sacramental life of the church. Your niece's situation is simpler. Clearly, they will be married in the church's eyes. A Mass is not required for the sacrament of marriage.

When two Catholics marry, ordinarily they do so within the context of the Mass, since the Eucharist is the supreme act of worship and the couple is seeking the fullness of God's blessings.

With an interfaith marriage (such as a wedding between a Catholic and a Protestant), the couple is free to have a Mass if they so desire. More frequently, though, they opt for a wedding ceremony apart from the Eucharist -- i.e., with prayers, Scriptural readings, petitions, the exchange of vows and blessings -- and this is what I normally recommend.

I believe that a wedding ceremony ought to highlight what unites the couple rather than what divides them. (It's awkward when half the church is unfamiliar with the ritual and unable to take Communion.) What I often do in this situation is offer to celebrate Mass for the Catholic family (and anyone else who might wish to attend) at a different point in the weekend.

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



SPEECH COMPETITION WINNER

Cassidy Corcoran, an eighth-grade student at Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School, will represent Ohio in the Fraternal Order of Eagles' national God, Flag, and Country speech competition in Reno, Nev., in July, after winning the state-level competition in Fairborn. She is shown with Pat Anderson, a member of Eagles Aerie 600 in Chillicothe. She was awarded \$300 and a \$2,000 educational grant. Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

DeSales Athletic Camps

Whether you are a student who wants to hone your skills on the athletic field or would like to tap into your creative side in science or the arts, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, is hosting a camp which may be of interest this summer.

Sports camps will be offered in girls basketball (June 17-20), boys basketball (June 24-27), girls soccer (July 8-11), football (July 8-11), girls volleyball (July 8-11), boys and girls tennis (July 15-18), and cheerleading (Aug. 3).

To download the registration form, which includes camp fees and times, visit the school's website at www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org and go to the "Fu-

tureStudents/Athletics" tab.

The school's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) camp will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon from July 8-12 for students entering eighth grade, and at the same time from July 15-19 for entering ninth-graders.

Led by DeSales faculty members, camp participants will spend a week exploring energy transformations in art, movie production, and roller coasters.

The camp cost is \$90. The registration form is available for downloading at www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org in the "DeSales Announcements" section on the homepage.

Anger Management Program

Some people think anger management is something that applies only to the "human volcano" type of person who erupts at the slightest thing. But it's needed just as much, if not more, by people who hardly are able to express anger.

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace will host a program on anger management for the "anger-impaired" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 21. The

presenter will be professional clinical counselor John Moore, who especially encourages his fellow mild-mannered senior citizens to attend.

Registration is required. Call (614) 512-3731 or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com for more information. The center is in the former Corpus Christi Church rectory, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be conducting Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer. Here is a list of parishes which have reported their VBS plans to the *Catholic Times*, with dates, times, and themes. For more information, contact the parishes.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 9 a.m. to noon, "SonWest Roundup: A Rip-Roaring Good Time With Jesus."

Chillicothe St. Peter – Sunday to Thursday, July 7 to 11, 6 to 8:30 p.m., "Illuminated in Christ: A Look at the Sacraments through the Luminous Mysteries."

Columbus Holy Spirit – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., "SonWest Roundup."

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 6 to 8 p.m., "SonWest Roundup."

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Monday to Thursday, June 24 to 27, 9 a.m. to noon, "Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God."

Columbus St. Andrew – Monday to Thursday, June 24 to 27, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus."

Columbus St. Christopher – Monday to Thursday, June 24 to 27, 9:30 a.m. to noon, "SonWest Roundup."

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Monday to Friday, Aug. 5 to 9, theme to be announced.

Columbus St. Patrick – Monday to Friday, July 15 to 19, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., "A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer."

Columbus St. Timothy – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 9 a.m. to noon, "The Vatican Express."

Delaware St. Mary – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 9 a.m. to noon, "Kingdom Rock."

Gahanna St. Matthew – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m., "All About Jesus in the Eucharist and the Virtue of Initiative."

Lancaster St. Mark – Monday to Friday, June 24 to 28, 6 to 8:30 p.m., tropical theme.

Logan St. John – Monday to Friday, July 22 to 26, 6 to 8 p.m., "Kingdom Rock."

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27, 6 to 8:40 p.m. or Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28, 9 a.m. to noon. "Kingdom Rock."

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Monday to Friday, July 8 to 12, 9 to 11:30 a.m., "SonWest Roundup."

Plain City St. Joseph – Sunday, July 28 to Thursday, Aug. 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., "SonRise National Park."

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 9 a.m. to noon, "SonSurf Beach Bash."

Scioto County Deanery – Monday to Friday, June 24 to 28, 5:30 p.m., Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, "Kingdom Rock."

Sunbury St John Neumann – Monday to Friday, July 22 to 26, 6 to 8:45 p.m., "Kingdom Rock."

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude – Monday to Wednesday, June 24 to 26, 6:15 to 8:30 p.m., "SKY: Everything Is Possible With God."

Westerville St. Paul – Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, 9 a.m. to noon, "Kingdom Roc k."

Principal Award Nominee



Linda Saelzler, principal of Columbus Holy Spirit School, is this year's diocesan nominee for the distinguished principal award to be presented to one principal in Region 6 of the National Catholic Educational Association, consisting of Ohio and Michigan. She was selected for her inspirational leadership, dedication to academic excellence, and strong commitment to offering quality, faith-based education to the community.

CRISTO REY COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL: FAITH, HOPE, AND CHANGE IN ACTION

Recruiting Ninth Grade Students for This Fall

Cristo Rey Columbus High School, an affordable, faith-based school offering excellent college preparatory courses, is coming to Columbus this fall. The school is taking applications at this time for ninth graders only. It will expand in the future to include grades 10 through 12 and relocate in the fall of 2014 to the former Ohio School for the Deaf building, next door to the public library downtown.

This will be the 26th Cristo Rey high school in the nation. What sets the school apart is not only its high-quality academics, but also its work-study program. Students work five days a month in businesses such as banks, hospitals, insurance companies, and law offices. Before starting the work-study program, they receive a two-week orientation to life in the world of business.

This program helps pay the cost of education for Cristo Rey students and contributes in a significant way to their success by increasing their self-esteem and teaching them skills for the future and behaviors expected on the job. Students develop their potential as productive, responsible citizens through the academic and work-study programs.

The high standard of accomplishment in Cristo Rey high schools is reflected in the 98 percent graduation rate of seniors and the college acceptance rate of 99 percent of those graduating. Moreover, once in college, Cristo Rey students have an 88 percent persistence rate for the transition from freshman to sophomore year, which is double the national average for students of a similar demographic background.

Teachers at the new school come from different areas of the nation and are committed to educating students at Cristo Rey with the goals of preparing them to attend college, realize their fullest potential, and achieve their greatest dreams. Dr. Cathy Thomas, principal of the school, is well-versed in Cristo

Rey's philosophy and goals. As former principal of Cristo Rey High School in Houston, she was involved in establishing that school and remained there for several years before coming to Columbus. She is in a unique position to help guide Cristo Rey Columbus students to become all they can be.

Students of all faiths are accepted in this Catholic high school, which has the support of the diocese and has Columbus attorney Jim Foley at its helm as president. Foley so believed in the concept of Cristo Rey education that he left his law practice to work toward establishing the school. Under his direction, Cristo Rey Columbus High School will provide those who are unable to afford other private schools with an "outstanding education in a safe and nurturing Catholic school environment."

The school is accepting students from the Columbus area. Transportation will not be an issue. Columbus Public Schools will provide busing to and from the school for students who live within its district boundaries. Transportation also will be arranged for all students to arrive on time and safely to and from their work-study positions.

For this private-school education, there is a commitment of paying a certain amount on a monthly basis. However, this amount is closely assessed, relative to the family's total financial situation. The monthly expense can range from \$20 to \$250 per month (over 10 months) based on multiple factors that the staff at Cristo Rey consider.

Throughout their four years in Cristo Rey Columbus High School, the students will be taught to believe and achieve. They will be empowered to succeed in a demanding curriculum and a closely monitored work-study program.

To learn more about the school, call (614) 223-9261, extension 227, or go online to www.cristoreycolumbus.org.

Answering God's Call

ALWAYS SEEKING TO
KNOW THE LORD BETTER



Fr. Thomas Kessler

by Tim Puet

During his 39 years in the priesthood, Father Thomas Kessler has at various times been a student, teacher, hospital and college chaplain, editor, monastic, and pastor. In all those roles, he said there's been a common thread – he has been seeking to know the Lord better.

There have been more mundane threads, too. “No matter where I've been, it seems I eventually ended up with a reason to put a pencil in my hand, and later to sit at a computer screen, and to write and teach,” he said. “That goes back to my time as editor of the student newspaper at St. Charles (Preparatory School). It was true wherever I've been in the diocese, especially as editor of the Catholic Times, and continues now that I'm a pastor (of Bremen St. Mary and Lancaster St. Bernadette churches), and usually write a full-page message in the bulletin each week.”

Father Kessler, 64, grew up with a brother and two sisters in Newark. He said he first considered being a priest because of a question from Msgr. Herman Mattingly, who had come to Newark in 1958 as pastor at St. Francis de Sales Church, where he served for the next 10 years.

“Msgr. Mattingly talked to me about the possibility of being a priest when I was about 12 or 13,” Father Kessler said. “A few months later, I told him I was considering being a missionary. He recommended just thinking about the priesthood in general without being that specific about what I wanted to do.

“He was an important influence as a teacher on the diocese as a whole through the Catholic Times (of which he was the founding editor) and on me individually. He was stern, austere, with a spit-and-polish sense of formality (which was not me!), but he also was an ardent teacher of the centrality of the Eucharist and of the movement for authentic liturgical renewal that spread through the Church a few years before Vatican II. He would preach every day at Mass, passing along to the students at St. Francis School his sense of the liturgy as something beautiful and noble and sanctifying.”

Father Kessler said he and his classmates of the early 1960s knew the period was “an exciting time for the church. We were aware something profound was going on, even if we couldn't figure out what it was.”

At Msgr. Mattingly's suggestion, he attended Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School as a high school seminarian from 1962-66. “Father Charles Jackson saw to it I was appointed editor of the Carolian, the student newspaper,” he said. “Writing was something I hadn't thought of as a possibility before, and I found I enjoyed it,” so Father Jackson was another influential mentor.

Father Kessler attended the college seminary at St. Charles for three years until it was closed in 1969, then went to Ohio State for a year to complete his bachelor's degree work, majoring in history. He followed that with four years at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained a priest at Newark St. Francis by Bishop Edward Herrmann on July 20, 1974.

He spent the next four years as an associate pastor at Columbus St. Agatha and St. Timothy and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul. During that period, he also taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and served as a chaplain at Riverside and University hospitals in Columbus and at Kenyon College in Gambier. From 1978-81, he returned to Rome for more studies at the Gregorian University.

“One of the best parts of those early years as a priest was being able to know well so many different kinds of people, from

little kids to the very old, from the mentally handicapped to great scholars,” he said. “That's been a surprising blessing of being a priest. I can't imagine a career that would have allowed me to know, enjoy, respect, and befriend such a wide range of people as I have met as a priest.

“I hadn't looked forward to hearing confessions, but that has been one of the most spiritually rewarding duties of the priesthood. I found people coming to me with humility, determination, and eagerness to return to God's friendship. I didn't know it would be so moving. It's humbling to have people seeking you out in this way, not because of you, but because you represent the Lord.”

From 1981-87, Father Kessler was associate pastor at Columbus St. Anthony for two years and in residence for one year at Columbus St. Ladislav and three years at Mount Vernon St. Vincent, and served for a second time as chaplain at Kenyon. He also was continuing education director for diocesan clergy and a part-time teacher at the Pontifical College Josephinum. His first pastorate was at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes from 1987-92. For the following three years, he was chaplain at Kenyon for a third time, this time residing at the college rather than in Mount Vernon.

He was appointed Catholic Times editor in February 1995 and held that position for three years, also serving as episcopal vicar for communications for most of that time. “During that time, the newspaper switched to a fully computerized operation,” he said. “It was a challenging time, but made easier by working with good people and receiving great support from my colleagues in the Catholic press.”

Father Kessler left the paper in March 1998 to spend six months exploring the life of a Trappist monk at Our Lady of Gethsemani Monastery in Kentucky. “I was fascinated by the Trappist life of manual labor, organized around the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours,” he said. “It was an austere life, but not as hard as people think. I wanted to see if I was called to it, and my time there made me realize I was called to preach, teach, and minister to people in a more active way.”

He returned to Columbus as associate pastor at Christ the King for three months and was administrator at Mount Vernon for five months, then spent three years with the Benedictine monks at St. Louis Abbey in Missouri and its Priory School for boys. “This was totally different monastic life from that of the Trappists,” he said. “The Trappists lived apart, while the Benedictines were very much a part of the community. In both cases, I came to the same conclusion, that I was meant to be a diocesan priest.”

In the fall of 2002, he was appointed part-time associate pastor at Westerville St. Paul, with teaching duties at the Josephinum, where he later joined the faculty full-time. He became pastor at Bremen in 2006, and three years later was appointed pastor at St. Bernadette. He said the appointment at Bremen was especially appropriate for him because his grandmother's great-grandparents were part of the Schmelzer family that founded the parish.

“A pastor has to be a CEO and a CFO, and that's the less attractive part of the job for me,” he said. “It's necessary, but it's much more satisfying to preach and to teach and direct the liturgical and sacramental life of a parish. If a young man expresses interest to me in becoming a priest, I tell him that it has enabled me to touch the lives of people in a vital way, with the life of God, not in an empty ceremonial or decorative manner, but through offering the sacramental life and sharing the surprising, liberating, refreshing message of the Catholic Church.”

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The Culture of Encounter



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

Pope Francis' homily on Wednesday, May 22, received lots of press, mainly for his comments about redemption: “The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the blood of Christ. All of us, not just Catholics. Everyone!” he declared. “‘Father, the atheists?’ Even the atheists. Everyone! And this blood makes us children of God of the first class! We are created children in the likeness of God and the blood of Christ has redeemed us all!”

He continued: “And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others, if we meet there, doing good, and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of encounter: we need that so much. ...”

Lost in the media flurry about whether or not atheists can be saved (or even non-Catholics, according to some pundits) was Pope Francis' comment about a “culture of encounter.” What does that look like?

The word “encounter” can refer to an unexpected meeting of people or to facing a difficult circumstance, such as encountering an old friend while shopping in the grocery store, or encountering problems when doing something routine. Soldiers encounter the enemy. The word is used when referring to a group or activity meant to help participants face and deal with challenges, as in “encounter group” or “Marriage Encounter.”

“Encounter” may suggest a bit of surprise. St. Francis encountered a leper. While riding toward Damascus,

St. Paul encountered the Lord.

It calls for action. When Francis encountered the leper, he embraced and kissed the leper, overcoming his desire to avoid interaction with a condition he feared. St. Paul's encounter knocked him off his horse and changed his life. Couples attending a Marriage Encounter usually come away with renewed love, commitment, and joy in the relationship because they took time to be with their partner, talking about issues that may have caused tension or misunderstanding. During the weekend, they learn communication techniques that help them truly “encounter” the other, to make time to listen when they return to daily routines.

When you run into an old classmate, you take a moment to catch up. When you encounter more problems than expected when fixing the washing machine, you run out for more parts, pull out a fix-it-yourself book, or, if the problem is beyond your skill, call for a repair person.

So what is Pope Francis suggesting when he calls for a “culture of encounter?”

He places the phrase in the midst of a story about

The Bride of Christ

Christ, it is important to note that we do not make ourselves worthy. Christ has chosen us as his Bride. It is God's grace that makes us worthy.

Trying to work through the confusion of our theological language is difficult. Scripture does not define the words it uses. The language of salvation is crisscrossed by interpretations by many different denominations within the Christian Church. For some, being “saved” is the same as being “sanctified.” For others, being “saved” means we are no longer under condemnation of Hell, but are heirs to Heaven. Being “sanctified” is an ongoing process that is necessary to enter into Heaven. Thus, a person must repent (Matthew 4:17), believe in Jesus (Acts 16:31), keep the Commandments (Matthew 19:16-17), and live a life of charity (1 Corinthians 13:1-3), as scrip-

ture plainly teaches. Being human requires that of us all, he says. God calls us to take time with one another, to listen, to come up against the problems and suffering of others, and to give ourselves to the solutions. Like his namesake, Pope Francis asks us to embrace those in our path. This, he says, is the way to peace.

God calls us to be open, to be aware not only of other human beings, but also of the natural world and the impact we have on it. We are not to hurry by, preoccupied, even though we all have personal challenges that need attention. Pope Francis calls us to encounter.

So do many Mass readings this week. In today's gospel, Jesus gives the two great commandments: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Friday has both Old Testament and gospel readings about the good shepherd caring for the sheep. Jesus returns a young man from death to life, giving him back to his mother, a widow, who not only grieved his loss, but faced uncertainty in her own life had she been without a male to protect her. This week's readings give us the Beatitudes, the command to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

Pope Francis has reminded us of the importance of encountering with God's love the poor and vulnerable in our world, right where we are. It sounds simple. It's not. But bit by bit, it will lead us forward on the way to a more just and peaceful world.

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ture plainly teaches.

Here is my reflection on the question about the Bride preparing herself. First, the Church is made up of the followers of Jesus on Earth and in Heaven. The heavenly church is described in Revelation 7:13-14: “These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Here is a Bride who has prepared herself and is dressed in the wedding garment. Recall the parable of Jesus about the guest without a wedding garment.

The image of the Church as the New Jerusalem is not contradictory, but a compliment to the other images of the Church in scripture.

Father Pat Toner is pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church.

FREEDOM, *continued from Page 2*

decisions on the definition of marriage will likely be handed down as well.”

“Those decisions could have a profound impact on religious freedom for generations to come,” he said.

In March, the Supreme Court heard arguments in two gay marriage cases. One case challenges California’s Proposition 8, a state measure which recognizes marriage as existing solely between a man and a woman. The other challenges the Defense of Marriage Act, a federal law which defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Decisions in both are expected later this month.

In addition to the contraception mandate, the second Fortnight will place a special emphasis on faith and marriage because of the Supreme Court rulings and their potential to impact religious freedom in a significant way.

Nationally, the Fortnight will begin with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop

Lori on June 21 at the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Baltimore and will end with a July 4 noon mass to be celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the nation’s capital.

The web page www.Fortnight4Freedom.org has details of Fortnight events and suggested activities for parishes and families, as well as fact sheets, educational resources, and suggested prayers.

Information about local celebrations of the Fortnight and links to related sites are on the Office of Social Concerns link on the website of the Diocese of Columbus, www.colsdioc.org.

Parish observances of the Fortnight in the diocese include:

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday June 30, between 8 and 11 a.m. Masses.

Columbus St. Patrick – All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, June 21 and Friday, June 28, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday; Veritas high school youth group meets with Dominican student brothers to watch and discuss religious liberty themes in a contemporary movie, June 21; Memorial Mass for Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher, followed by praying the rosary in front of abortion clinic on East Broad Street, Saturday, June 22, 7 a.m.; U.S. bishops’ prayer for religious liberty will be said after all Masses during the period.

Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Wednesday, June 26, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Evening Prayer at 5:30, and confessions from 6 to 6:55.

Lancaster St. Mark – Mass, June 21, 6 p.m., talk on HHS mandate, Sunday, June 23, 7:30 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, and Evening Prayer, June 21, 6 p.m.; Mass, July 4, 8:30 a.m.



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Portsmouth Holy Redeemer – Mass, July 4, 9 a.m.; prayer for religious liberty will be said at all Masses during the period.

Information from *Catholic News Service* and *Catholic News Agency* was included in this story.

LITANY FOR LIBERTY

This prayer may be prayed in a group setting led by a leader of prayer, who begins the litany with the introduction and the announcement of each invocation, or if it is prayed individually, the individual prays the entire prayer.

INTRODUCTION

Christ the Lord has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Let us turn to him in humble but fervent petition, seeking the grace to root out from our hearts all trace of darkness, and all that holds us back from walking in the full freedom of the children of God.

As Christ is our great model for that inner freedom, which enables us to do the right, let us turn to him with confidence that we, too, may follow him to the fullness of spiritual freedom.

V/. Lord, have mercy; R/. Lord, have mercy.
V/. Christ, have mercy; R/. Christ, have mercy.
V/. Lord, have mercy; R/. Lord, have mercy.

V/. R/.

Jesus, victor over sin and death... Free our hearts.
Jesus, source of light and hope... Free our hearts.
Jesus, fullness of truth and mystery... Free our hearts.
Jesus, teacher of seeking hearts... Free our hearts.
Jesus, healer of body and soul... Free our hearts.
Jesus, bringer of mercy and justice... Free our hearts.
Jesus, who humbles the heart and mind... Free our hearts.
Jesus, release of captives... Free our hearts.
Jesus, voice against violence... Free our hearts.
Jesus, courage for the lowly/down-trodden... Free our hearts.
Jesus, origin of all authority and power... Free our hearts.
Jesus, true lawgiver... Free our hearts.
Jesus, unity of order and passion... Free our hearts.
Jesus, freedom of the Spirit... Free our hearts.
Jesus, obedient Son of the Father... Free our hearts.
For the freedom to love... Give us your grace.

For the freedom to believe... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to hope... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to worship... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to serve in charity... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to care for the suffering... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to comfort the sick... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to feed the hungry... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to shelter the homeless... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to proclaim the Gospel... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to walk in chastity... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to live in peace... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to work in good conscience... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to stand in solidarity... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to seek justice... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to reject sin... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to reject coercion... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to reject falsehood... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to reject evil temptations... Give us your grace.
For the freedom to reject injustice... Give us your grace.

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples and willed to gather from them one family for yourself, fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love and kindle in them a desire for the just advancement of their neighbor, that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all, each human person may be brought to perfection, every division may be removed, and equity and justice may be established in human society.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. R/. Amen.

Congratulations Fr. Kevin Kavanagh



on the
celebration of
your 30th
anniversary
of Ordination
to the Priesthood

Photo: Fr. Kavanagh with his twin sister Kathy Milligan

from the parish family and staff of Our Lady of Peace

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL HONORS THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

By Sister Mary Jacinta, O.P.

May is the month which is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many ways to honor Our Lady, and the church reminds us of this in a particular way during the spring. At Worthington St. Michael School, there have been many special opportunities for the students to participate in the church’s celebration of the Blessed Mother.

Students participate in recitation of the rosary, a May crowning, and the singing of Marian hymns at mass and school events. But some students’ devotion went deeper this year. The eighth-grade students were given a special opportunity to make a consecration to Mary.

They began deepening their devotion to Mary at the beginning of the year, when they were invited to join a school club designed to help them delve into their faith in a new way as they prepare for high school. For the girls, this group is called the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which promotes good works in honor of Our Lady. The counterpart for the boys is a new club called Virtus en Christo, which promotes devotion to the Eucharist.

The primary purpose of the Sodality is for its members to emulate the Blessed Mother by their lifestyle and behavior. Its goals are to present the Blessed Virgin to the school as its queen and to take an active role in promoting devotion to her. The primary purposes of Virtus en Christo are for its members to raise an awareness of the reality of Christ’s love given to us through the Eucharist, and to help nourish devotion through reverent serving at Mass and Benediction.

These two groups’ goals came together at the end of the year, when each student was assigned to write an essay on Mary. During the time that the essays were written, students and school staff members were offered the option of consecrating themselves to Our Lady. Five staff members and 14 eighth grade students made the total consecration to Mary on Monday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

See one of the top five essays for the school’s May devotions.



A Reflection on our Blessed Mother by Virginia Pajor

From the moment of Jesus’ conception to her Assumption, Mary practiced deep virtue that has encouraged me to do the same and will influence my future. Mary played a role in my life and I hope she continues to through my high school, college, and adulthood years. Mary is a great influence on me and I hope that she guides me in everything I think, do, and say.

Mary practiced deep virtue. Our Blessed Mother’s practice of obedience was nothing short of perfection. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she had conceived God’s child, she said, “Be it done unto me according to your word.” “With this deeply felt expression of free and loving consent, Mary, the mother-to-be of Jesus, pronounces herself as a servant of the living God who will do joyfully what she has been asked to do” (The Way of Mary, Ford-Grabowsky). Mary also obeyed whatever Jesus asked her to do. Even though He was her son and she was His mother, she never lost sight in the fact that He was also God. Her answer was always “yes”: “yes” to Jesus, “yes” to Joseph, “yes” to love, and “yes” to sacrifice. Mary never needed to think about whether to obey or not, she just did. Mary obeyed in an unquestioning way. She never answered God with selfish consideration of her future. If we want to be closer to Jesus, we must be more like His mother, unhesitating when obeying God. Mary reminds us that if we want unending happiness, we must obey God. By desiring God’s will instead of our own, we grow in Sanctifying Grace, which is the very life of God.

When I’m having trouble practicing virtue, I always think of Mary. She’s a perfect example of holiness and she always helps me through the tough times. Ever since I was younger, Mary played a big role in my life, although I didn’t really realize it. My family and I have been fortunate enough to travel to Europe multiple times and three of those times I have encountered Mary. In 2006, my family and I traveled to Spain and France. At a Benedictine monastery in Montserrat, Spain, I saw one of the few Black Madonnas, brought there by St. Paul. I was seven at the time, so it didn’t mean much to me then. But now I think it was a sign, God was trying to tell

me that Mary would one day be important in my life. I also saw Mary in Rocamadour, France. There, we again saw a Black Madonna. Rocamadour is an important pilgrimage sight where people walked 216 steps on their knees to venerate the Black Madonna. This particular Black Madonna is said to have been carved by St. Amadour. Four years later in Loreto, Italy, I saw the house that Mary was supposedly born in. Now as those memories flash through my mind, I think about how I can imitate my Blessed Mother in all the things that I think, do, and say. She helps me to be obedient to my parents and other authority figures. Mary has also inspired me to make a difference in my life and in other’s lives.

I see Mary playing a massive part in my future. With the help of the Marian Consecration, the “massive part” will hopefully be coming soon. This consecration is much different than I thought it would be. I expected some hour-long prayer that was to be said every day, but it’s not. It is some simple readings and an examination of conscience. My favorite part about the Marian Consecration is the daily question. These questions make me think about things I normally don’t. They make me realize that things in my life that seem routine are actually leading me away from God and away from Heaven. I’m very excited for May 13, which is the day of the consecration. I’m hoping that the consecration will open my mind, body, and soul to Mary so she can guide me through the rest of my years. I know that once the consecration is over, my life will be completely in the hands of Mary, which makes me feel safe. Even if I fail or make a bad decision, I will know that everything will be okay in the end because Mary is watching over me. I know that through my years of high school, college, and adulthood, my life will be in Mary’s hands and everything will turn out great.

From the moment of Jesus’ conception to her Assumption, Mary practiced deep virtue that has encouraged me to do the same and will influence my future. Mary is my role model. She teaches me to be kind-hearted and loving towards everything and everyone. She is a perfect model of virtue and I hope to one day be just like her.

**BY TIM PUET***Reporter, Catholic Times*

The impact of having Rickenbacker Air Force Base nearby may not be as significant for Groveport St. Mary Church as it was when the base employed 12,000 people, but members of the congregation say the sense of openness and diversity resulting from the longtime military presence remains a strong part of parish life.

"When you're in the military, you're serving alongside people from all types of ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds who share a common mission of wanting to be of service to the nation. I think that shapes you in a positive way," said Father Richard Metzger, the parish's pastor for the past 10 years. "My experience with the military in our parish has been that they're very welcoming and not threatened by the cultural differences in their ranks, with an attitude of hospitality that carries over into the parish."

Parish secretary Joan Lilly and Regina Courey, RCIA director, said the parish recently has welcomed several Hispanic families and others with roots in Africa and India. "We've also had more young families coming in during the last two or three years," Courey said. "Development came here a little later than to other parts of Franklin County, but we're seeing more new, affordable homes in the area."

"Even though we're in an urban area, we're far enough away from downtown Columbus that you get a small-town feeling here," said parish historian Rosemarie Watters. "There's still a lot of open space around because the base covered plenty of land." Part of the base continues to be used by the Air National Guard, but most of it has been converted to an industrial park.

Watters said one of the things that bring a welcoming atmosphere to the parish is its greeters program, which she coordinates. It was one of the first such programs in the diocese. "We've had greeters here since the mid-1980s," she said. "It's a small group, about 12, but they're at every weekend Mass and they're faithful to their assignments. I've gotten many comments over the years about how they've helped newcomers feel at home."

"One of the things I've noticed consistently since coming here in 2005 is an attitude that when people run into difficult times, they're not alone. That's a great comfort," Courey said. "I know that when I was sick, I got get-well cards from the Altar Rosary Society. I already knew that's part of what they do, but it still was encouraging to know somebody missed me."

The most recent diocesan statistics show that the parish has about 600 families from southeast Franklin County and parts of Pickaway and

Fairfield counties, including Groveport, Obetz, Canal Winchester, Lockbourne, Ashville, Amanda, and Carroll. In 2000, it covered 90 square miles and had about 1,200 families, but both those numbers were reduced significantly in that year with the creation of the newest parish in the diocese, Pope John XXIII in Canal Winchester.

The history of St. Mary's goes back to 1871, making it the oldest Catholic church in Franklin County outside Columbus and the "mother church" for several parishes, particularly John XXIII and Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The current church building was dedicated in 1977 and is the third to serve the parish. Behind it are a set

of outdoor Stations of the Cross and a statue of Mary.

The original church was built in 1865 and was first used by a United Brethren congregation. It was replaced in 1949 by a structure built next door. The original church then became the parish hall. After St. Mary's moved from downtown Groveport, the two buildings were joined and converted into the village's municipal building.

St. Mary's was a mission with no resident pastor until 1932, when the Vincentian Fathers began 50 years of service to the parish. The Philadelphia-based Vincentians also built a large house in Groveport which was used as a Midwestern base for

traveling missionaries and was a site for many parish activities until 1978. United McGill Corp. purchased the building then and continues to use it as its headquarters.

Three diocesan priests have served the parish as pastors since the departure of the Vincentians – Msgr. Anthony Missimi from 1982-91, Father J. Lawrence Reichert from 1991-2003, and Father Metzger.

During the Vincentians' tenure, St. Mary's began hosting a smorgasbord which has continued without interruption for more than six decades, making it one of the longest-running parish traditions in the diocese. It provides dine-in and carryout meals for more than 800 people every year.

Everything is homemade, with some of the most popular items including cabbage rolls (more than 1,500 served last year), chicken and noodles, baked ham, even pickled tongue, for which there's a small, but loyal following, said JoEllen Stebelton, president of the Altar Rosary Society, which sponsors the event and uses the proceeds for a number of projects.

This year's smorgasbord, the 63rd since its start in 1951, will be from 12:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. It will include a raffle and a tent featuring homemade crafts, gifts, and holiday decorations.

Other major parish social events include an annual picnic and a Thanksgiving dinner. The picnic took place

**Photos/clockwise:**

- (1) The sanctuary at Groveport St. Mary Church.
- (2) Father Paul, a visiting missionary from the Apostles of Jesus, with Father Richard Metzger, St. Mary pastor.
- (3) Parishioners (from left) JoEllen Stebelton, Rosemarie Watters, Joan Lilly, Alice Doran, and Regina Courey with Father Metzger.
- (4) Youth group members and adults from the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society assemble personal care bags for the Friends of the Homeless.
- (5) A parish mother-daughter celebration with the participants wearing hats they designed.
- (6) A large family group at the parish Thanksgiving dinner.
- (7) Preparation for the parish's annual smorgasbord. Pictured are (from left) Dorothy Carter, Bill and Marilyn O'Linn, and Marilyn Steitz.

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GROVEPORT ST. MARY CHURCH ~ A WELCOMING ATTITUDE

of areas which in other parishes are served by several organizations.

The Altar Rosary Society dates to 1947, when it was organized as the parish branch of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It took its current name in 1961. Stebelton said that besides the smorgasbord, its projects include the sale of religious articles; a family bingo twice a year; a craft bazaar at the smorgasbord and at least one other time during the year; two bake sales and two or three blood drives; and assistance with the Groveport food pantry once or twice a year.

Its 85 members also provide altar bread, wine and candles; care for the altar and maintain vestments

and linens; coordinate altar flowers; decorate the church for Christmas and Easter; visit the sick and shut-ins; provide Christmas flowers for them; and send cards to them and to all hospitalized parishioners.

This past year, the club provided funds for installation of a baby changing table, a defibrillator, and a handrail in the church, and for re-cushioning of pews. The craft club which is an offshoot of the society and sponsors the craft bazaars has 12 to 15 members. Since Jan. 1, they have crocheted 54 blankets for babies and donated them to Birthright of Columbus.

The society also attends the funeral Masses of active members and pro-

vides an honor guard for them, and is in charge of parish funeral luncheons. It meets on the third Tuesday evening of each month from September to May, with Mass and recitation of the rosary preceding the meetings.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides 400 sandwiches on the first Monday of each month to St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus; makes and serves a hot meal on the fifth Thursday of any month for Faith Mission; provides clothing and household goods twice a year for the St. Vincent de Paul Shop in Lancaster; and regularly assists the Groveport Food Pantry.

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During the winter holiday season, it collects turkeys and homemade pastries for Bethlehem on Broad Street in Columbus, conducts a mitten tree program for inner-city students, and takes part in a Thanksgiving canned food drive.

Parishioners Christine and Gary Boucher have formed a new St. Vincent de Paul youth group which in the past year has sponsored a pancake breakfast; taken school supplies to the Columbus downtown YWCA and toothbrushes and toiletries to the homeless; helped elderly parishioners with house-cleaning and yardwork; and conducted games at the parish picnic.

Since the parish does not have a school, religious instruction takes place Sunday mornings in the Parish School of Religion. Alice Doran of the PSR said it had 78 students from grades kindergarten through eight this year.

Some of those students form a group known as the candleers, which holds lighted candles and follows Father

Metzger into the darkened church every year to open the Mass during the Night (the former Midnight Mass) at Christmas. The PSR also provides a group of bell ringers for the Mass of the Lord's Supper each year on Holy Thursday.

St. Mary's is one of the few churches which does not have a group first Communion Mass. Instead, students get to choose the Sunday Mass during the Easter season at which they will receive the Eucharist for the first time, with a maximum of three per Mass. Usually, the parish has about 12 to 14 first communicants per year. This year, that number was an unusually low total of five.

This year's RCIA class of three people also was much smaller than usual. Courey said that in most years, around eight to 10 adults join the parish and the universal Church at the Easter Vigil. Here, too, the personal touch is in evidence, with parishioners able to "adopt" individual inquirers by filling



Virginia Whittemore (left) and Rosemarie Watters display crafts at the Groveport St. Mary Church smorgasbord. This year's smorgasbord will take place Oct. 20. Photo/St. Mary Church

out prayer cards, which are returned to individual catechumens or candidates with the message that a specific person is praying for them.

Courey also leads the parish's choral music program. There is no year-round parish choir, but a seasonal group of 20 to 25 persons who provide music for Christmas and Holy Week activities, and a funeral choir. At most weekend Masses, the congregation is led in singing by a cantor and an organist or a guitar group.

"I like that we don't have a regular choir," Stebelton said. "Our congrega-

tion isn't afraid to sing, even at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and maybe that's because there is no choir. I remember one time we had a visitor from a church noted for its choral program, and he complimented the 'choir' after Mass. I told him we didn't have a choir. He asked 'Then who was that singing?' and I was delighted to say 'That's our congregation.'"

"Father's been a great encouragement to the people in that way," Courey added. "He doesn't mind singing, so the rest of the congregation responds to that."

CHINESE SPEECH CONTEST

Columbus Bishop Ready High School student Joey Smith, pictured with Ready Mandarin language teacher Fanghong Yu, participated in a Chinese speech contest at Cleveland State University and placed first in the intermediate level of the competition.

Smith, who will be a junior at Ready in the fall, was in its Mandarin III class during the past school year and has been studying Mandarin since he was in sixth grade at Columbus Trinity Elementary School.

An honor roll student, he also is a Ready ambassador and a member of the school's Beta Club, Student Council, Chinese Club, St. Vincent De Paul Society, and swim team. In



addition, he is an Eagle Scout and a Junior Olympian in gymnastics. He and 28 other Ready students, accompanied by nine Ready chaperones, went to China for a 10-day trip in early June.

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YEAR OF FAITH



Pictured above: Father Larry Richards of Erie, Pa., speaks at the Year of Faith Conference at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School on Saturday, June 1.



Left: At the closing Mass of the Scioto County Deanery's Year of Faith Conference on Sunday, June 2 are (from left) Deacon Terry Acox, Father Joseph Yokum, Bishop Frederick Campbell, who was principal celebrant of the Mass, Father Adam Streitenberger, Father David Young, and Deacon Jim Sturgeon.

St. Charles Platinum Reunion

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will conduct its annual platinum reunion on Thursday, June 27, to honor the school's earliest graduates and remember deceased alumni and teachers.

The event is open to all graduates, former students, and faculty members from the classes of 1927 to 1962 from the school and St. Charles Borromeo College. Surviving spouses are especially encouraged to attend in tribute to their husbands.

A special Mass will be celebrated

at 10:30 a.m. in the Mother of Mercy Chapel. Alumni priests are encouraged to concelebrate. This will be followed by lunch afterward in the campus theater's Cavello Center. Main and West Campus tours will follow at around 12:30 p.m.

Lunch is free, but those planning to attend have been asked to reserve a spot by Friday, June 21 with St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro, who may be reached by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org or phone at (614) 252-9288, extension 21.

Fr. Reis' Retirement Brunch

A brunch honoring Father Justin Reis on his retirement as pastor of Columbus Holy Rosary, Gahanna St. Matthew, Columbus St. Philip, Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes, and Lancaster St. Bernadette churches.

He has been a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson and Columbus Bishop Hartley high schools and has been involved in Cursillo, Cum Christo, the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Christian Family Movement, and Marriage Encounter.

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Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Seventh-graders at Columbus Trinity Elementary School conducted a series of fundraisers to purchase bears for patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The students took a tour of the hospital to see the facilities and understand how the bears help brighten the lives of patients.

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UCAN/OBERLING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Portsmouth Notre Dame High School students Blake Hazelbaker (left) and Jacob Milani are the 2013 winners of the UCAN/Oberling Family Scholarship and were presented with their awards by scholarship donors Henry and Ann Oberling. Hazelbaker plans to attend Shawnee State University, where he will study psychology. Milani will be attending The Ohio State University, majoring in pre-pharmacy. This year, the scholarships were for \$2,245 each. The scholarship was established in 2007 by the Oberlings to help Notre Dame students with their college tuition. It is part of the Scioto Foundation's UCAN program, designed to ensure that all students from Scioto County can afford to attend college. The Oberlings pledged \$10,000 per year for a total of five years, which was matched by the foundation. The Notre Dame Schools' UCAN endowment now has more than \$111,000, thanks to the Oberlings' generosity and the match by the foundation. The graduating class of 2013 at Notre Dame High School, with 34 students, was offered almost \$2 million in scholarships.

Photo courtesy Notre Dame Schools



NEW ST. ANN'S HOSPITAL BISTRO

Executive chef Matt Sidner takes a pizza out of the brick oven in the new Bryden Bistro at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. The bistro, which replaces the old hospital cafeteria, is open from 6 a.m. to 4 a.m. daily, is open to the general public, and promises the most "unhospital-like" hospital food one could imagine. Some of its specialties include a carving station featuring prime rib, a fresh station that emphasizes the use of whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, and a full-service grill. Other offerings include made-to-order risotto, deli sandwiches, chicken salad, a wok station, and an omelet bar.

The bistro takes its name from the hospital's original location on Bryden Road in Columbus. It was made possible through Mount Carmel St. Ann's Project GRACE (Growing Regional Advanced Medical Centers of Excellence), a \$110 million investment in new facilities and equipment that will ensure the hospital can grow to meet the community's growing health care needs. Project GRACE is also funding a new main entrance, an integrated cardiovascular center, a new patient tower, a new three-level parking garage, and road enhancements.

Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health System

BISHOP WATTERSON EARNS RECYCLING AWARD



The American Forest and Paper Association has presented Columbus Bishop Watterson High School with its 2013 school recycling award. A release from the association said the school's recycling program "stood out from other award entries for its strong service component, which is inherent in the curriculum and culture and is credited with helping them achieve rapid and impressive results."

The paper recycling program is administered on a volunteer basis by an environmental science teacher with the assistance of Student Council students and advisers, the maintenance staff, and the administrative staff. All Student Council members are engaged in the collection of recyclables from their home-rooms and volunteer to help encourage and educate fellow students with their recycling efforts in the cafeteria.

In addition to placing recycling bins in the classrooms, art rooms, technology department, library, and offices, the school encourages the recovery of the lunch bags used daily by approximately 500 students. Nearly 87,500 bags are recycled annually as a result.

The association recently announced that 65.1 percent of all paper consumed in the U.S. was recovered for recycling in 2012. Recycling programs such as Watterson's, combined with the recycling efforts of millions of Americans each day, help drive the paper industry toward its goal of exceeding 70 percent paper recovery for recycling by 2020.

Photo: Columbus Bishop Watterson High School science teacher Will Reiss (right) accepts the American Forest and Paper Association's national paper recycling award from Watterson graduate Bill Theado of Newark Recycled Paperboard Solutions.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Father's Day June 2013

Bethesda Healing Ministry offers in thanksgiving a Spiritual Bouquet of Masses, Rosaries and Chaplets of Mercy for Bishop Frederick Campbell and all Diocesan, Dominican and Pontifical College Josephinum Father Priests who faithfully, and prayerfully serve the pastoral and actual work of Bethesda Healing Ministry. We also lift the men in our lives who sustain this Ministry of the Church through their generosity and support.

Father Day blessings and graces through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Chillicothe St. Peter Catholic Church's third annual Corpus Christi procession took place Sunday, June 2. Nearly 100 people walked together in procession with the Blessed Sacrament, singing hymns of praise to God and professing devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. The parish was joined by guest seminarian Jeremiah Guappone, Father Michael Hinterschied, and the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist from Worthington St. Michael Church.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

Employment Opportunity

Design Assistant

The Diocese of Columbus is looking for a fulltime Design Assistant who will work with management and employees with graphic and web page design. Duties include, but not limited to, management of assigned graphic design projects, concept development, necessary pre-designs, concept approval, and preparation of finished copy and artwork; coordination, production and distribution of media materials with all vendors; editing, oversight, and maintaining the Diocese's website; interfacing with Diocesan offices on webpage content and graphic design issues and projects; and other special projects and general office tasks.

Qualifications required for this position: The ideal applicant must possess a degree in graphic design/web design/advertising or other related field. A minimum of two years prior experience working as a graphic design/web design professional is required; experience in non-profit organizations is preferred and must be a practicing Catholic. Knowledge of web technologies and graphic design tools in a Microsoft Windows-based environment (Adobe Creative Suite preferred), knowledge of web content management systems (DotNetNuke preferred), understanding of basic HTML coding, and knowledge of web search engine optimization and analytics. Applicant should also possess excellent oral and written communication skills, with the ability to communicate effectively in both technical and general office environment; proficiency with Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, and Publisher; ability to maintain organization, multi-task, and establish priorities; exhibit initiative, responsibility, and flexibility; and the ability to work with others in a collaborative team environment.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated one weekend a year for the Holy Father's collection, commonly called "Peter's Pence." This annual collection, in support of the Holy Father's charitable work, is held in parishes around the world. This year in the Diocese of Columbus, the Peter's Pence collection is on the weekend of June 22 and 23.

This collection funds the pope's emergency assistance relief program throughout the world. The program helps the suffering victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. The program, which helps more than one billion Catholics around the world, is an expression of Christ's love for the poor.

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By participating in the appeal, we share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe. We join with more than one billion Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity.

I ask you to contribute generously to the collection this year, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together, let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us, as well as those in need throughout the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
 Bishop of Columbus

ONE RUN FOR BOSTON PARTICIPANT

Ohio Dominican University employee Samuel Ridenour will participate in One Run for Boston, a 3,300-mile, nonstop running relay from Venice Beach, Calif., to Boston. The event is being organized by three running enthusiasts from England — Kate Treleaven, Danny Bent, and Jamie Hay — to show support for the city of Boston following the April 15 bombings at the Boston Marathon.



"Running in the Boston Marathon has been a dream of mine since I started running about 10 years ago," Ridenour said. "I may never be one of the fast runners who qualify and have the opportunity to run at Boston, but I will always be a part of the community affected by the bombings. My biggest supporter is my wife, and when I saw the bombs go off at the finish line, I knew that the people who were hit the hardest were those family members who had been supporting their loved ones. This is an awesome opportunity to show support for our running family, both financially and publicly."

Ridenour, the science lab coordinator at ODU, will start running a 10-mile stage at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, as the relay passes through Licking County. Other runners are welcome to join Ridenour on his route, which follows U.S. 40 from Etna through Kirkersville to Hebron. Participants' donations will go to The One Fund Boston, which was set up by Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to assist the victims and families affected by the bombings.

One Run for Boston began on Friday, June 7, and is scheduled to reach Boston on Sunday, June 30. Hundreds of runners from across the United States are expected to participate and keep the relay going around the clock through 14 states.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

A lesson about passing judgment against others



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

June 16
2 Samuel 12:7-10,13
Galatians 2:16,19-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 23
Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1
Galatians 3:26-29
Luke 9:18-24

The David and Bathsheba saga (much like a modern soap opera) continues when Nathan the prophet speaks to David in the name of the Lord. The Lord, through Nathan, speaks truth to the king in scathing terms. In emphatic tones, the Lord says “I anointed you king ... I rescued you from the hand of Saul ... I gave you your Lord’s (i.e., Saul’s) house and his wives,” etc. But look at what you have done!

“You cut down Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you took his wife as your own and him you killed with the sword. ...” Now the Lord promises that “the sword will never depart from your house,” meaning that violence

and death will forever be a part of the family history because of David’s great sin. Four of his sons will die violent deaths in the following chapters. 2 Samuel 11 describes the whole ugly mess in greater detail.

Finally, David repents and admits his sin, to which Nathan responds that the Lord has “forgiven” the sin: “you shall not die.” The revised translation of the passage in the *New American Bible* translation reads “has removed.” But the punishment for his sin will be given to the child he has conceived with Bathsheba, whom Nathan says will surely die. One could certainly argue that the punishment outweighs the crime, because the innocent child dies for the sin of his parents. This tale, told so well by the Hebrew narrator, is one of the more chilling tales to be found in the David family record.

The Gospel involves a sinful woman who performs this strange ritual washing of Jesus’ feet with her tears and the “after bath” anointing. The complication in the story is the self-righteous Pharisee who thinks that Jesus ought to know “what sort of woman this is who is touching Him” — that she is a sinner. The real question, of course, would be how the Pharisee knew, and what was she doing in his house to begin with. Jesus anticipates his concerns by asking about who has the greater love of the two debtors who were forgiven.

The unidentified woman is then put on display and Jesus notes that “her many sins have been forgiven” because “she has shown great love.” He tells the woman that her sins have been forgiven and to go in peace. There is certainly a lesson there about passing judgment against others whose motivations for doing things are known only to them. The story concludes with the mention of Mary Magdalene, “from whom seven demons had gone out.” There is no testimony about this anywhere, but it is wrong to conclude, as so many have done over the centuries, that Mary Magdalene was the sinful woman only because she is mentioned in the verses that follow the account of the sinful woman. She has been so branded over the years because people read into the text what is not there. Whoever Mary Magdalene was, she certainly became a follower of Jesus, which is the only point made in these few short verses.

The Galatians reading begins to hammer home the point that Paul will make in Galatians and elsewhere throughout his writings, “that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Christ.” Paul emphasizes that “if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.” Out of the entire New Testament teaching, this is probably the hardest for Christians to accept. Especially in Galatians, he argues against requiring the greatest outward sign of the law, male circumcision, for Gentile converts to Christian faith. Faith in Christ is everything. Observance of the law of Moses is nothing when it comes to justification.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

6/17-6/22	6/24-6/29
MONDAY 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Psalm 98:1-4 Matthew 5:38-42	MONDAY Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80
TUESDAY 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Psalm 146:2,5-9a Matthew 5:43-48	TUESDAY Genesis 13:2,5-18 Psalm 15:2-5 Matthew 7:6,12-14
WEDNESDAY 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Psalm 112:1-4,9 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	WEDNESDAY Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 105:1-4,6-9 Matthew 7:15-20
THURSDAY 2 Corinthians 11:1-11 Psalm 111:1-4,7-8 Matthew 6:7-15	THURSDAY Genesis 16:1-12,15-16 Psalm 106:1-5 Matthew 7:21-29
FRIDAY 2 Corinthians 11:18,21-40 Psalm 34:2-7 Matthew 6:19-23	FRIDAY Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22 Psalm 128:1-5 Matthew 8:1-4
SATURDAY 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Psalm 34:8-13 Matthew 6:24-34	SATURDAY Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

DIOCESE WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JUNE 16 AND 23, 2013

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10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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

We pray Weeks III and IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Last Counter-Reformation Pope

When he was elected as Paul VI just 50 years ago, Giovanni Battista Montini seemed the perfectly prepared pope. He was the son of a middle-class family of Italian professionals with good Vatican ties. A competent linguist who had enjoyed a distinguished career in the Holy See’s diplomatic service, he was also a man of pastoral sensibilities, having done a lot of youth work as a young priest and curialist. He had seen the papacy from the inside as a key aide to Pius XII, and he had been the successful archbishop of a major Italian see, Milan. In 1963, all of that was “the more-or-less normal way” a man became pope, as one of those who helped elect Montini, Cardinal Franz Koenig of Vienna, put it to me in 1997.

Yet this broadly cultured and deeply pious man suffered through such a turbulent pontificate that, when he died in August 1978, many wondered aloud whether anyone could do the job under late 20th-century circumstances. With John Paul II, the answer to that skepticism turned out to be a resounding “Yes”—but only if a pontiff was prepared to challenge the traditional managers of popes and reboot the Petrine Office as one of evangelical witness.

Thus, in the retrospect of a half-century, the troubled pontificate of Paul VI comes into clearer focus as the last papacy of the Counter-Reformation Church—and the threshold to the papacy of the future, the papacy of Evangelical Catholicism.

Paul VI, to be sure, helped hasten that transition. He brought the Second Vatican Council to a successful close, although he did not provide keys for the



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

authentic interpretation of the Council’s accomplishment, leaving that task to John Paul II and Benedict XVI. The lack of such keys during the 13 years between the council’s conclusion and Pope Paul’s death was one reason why the wheels seemed to fly off the Catholic Church for two decades. Amid the chaos, Paul VI tried to craft an exercise of the papacy adequate to the Church’s reformed self-understanding as a communion of disciples in mission. Yet virtually every one of his accomplishments in implementing the council had its shadow side.

He largely dismantled the papal court; but at his death, the Roman Curia was seriously dysfunctional, and today, serious questions are being asked about Pope Paul’s decision to make the Secretariat of State a kind of superagency at the apex of a curial pyramid.

He implemented a reform of the Church’s liturgy that was broadly accepted throughout the world Church; but the abuses of the *Roman Missal* he introduced in 1970 were so grave that his successors were obliged to institute a “reform of the reform” to sal-

vage the dignity of Catholic worship—and to remind the Church that worship is what liturgy is about.

He correctly decoded the impact of the oral contraceptive pill on society; but his defense of the Church’s teaching on the morally proper means of regulating fertility was couched in a language that few could hear, and it was left to John Paul II to devise a compelling Catholic response to the sexual revolution in all its dimensions.

He wanted the Church’s bishops to follow the lead of Vatican II and see themselves first and foremost as teachers and sanctifiers; but he not infrequently appointed bishops with a tendency toward liberal authoritarianism to key positions in their respective nations, with grave effects on episcopal leadership throughout the world.

There was one accomplishment of the man we now know as Venerable Paul VI that remains unshadowed, however, and that was his insistence, at the end of his life, that the Church recover its missionary fervor, seeing both the evangelization of the unevangelized and the re-evangelization of the lax and fallen-away as its first order of business. Pope Paul’s 1975 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Proclaiming the Gospel) was a crucial moment in the emergence of the Evangelical Catholicism of the 21st century and the third millennium. That great document is the bridge between his time and ours.

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

Hiding Your Faith?



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

I never forgot the day when I was five years old, sitting on my Big Wheel bike, and noticed a snake passing me by. One didn’t see this kind of thing in the Marion working-class neighborhood where I lived at that age. My mother held my hand as I crossed the street, and I met other children whom I only knew by shouting, as a crowd gathered to see this mysterious event. I had entered a brave new world. Two older girls, who probably weren’t older than 12, said, “Oh, you’re that little Catholic boy from across the street. Well, we don’t make the sign of the cross, and we only go to communion twice a year, but I like you anyway.”

Well, my little five-year-old head was spinning, as I thought everyone in Marion went to St. Mary’s, and all this talk about theological matters was hard to understand. However, in some ways, it was a very important lesson. Perhaps God wanted me to remember this in later life, because it would be a great analogy for the world. Jesus told us that we must be like children to enter heaven. While children want to believe and ponder these weighty matters, our world scoffs at the sacred. All too often, childhood fascination turns to fear and loathing.

We all worship something, but, as Jesus reminds us, we can’t serve two masters. There are those folks who say they don’t worship anything because they have seen the way, and it is technology and mod-

ernism. Yet they do worship something, and while they laugh at us for going to Mass and taking part in religious processions, these same folks stand in line for hours (often at special midnight premieres) to see the latest movie or buy the latest technological tool.

They study the lives of Bill Gates and the late Steve Jobs and read through every biography about them, yet wouldn’t think to study the Gospels or the lives of the saints. We all need hobbies, whether it is sports, music, technology, or the outdoors. However, for some folks, their hobby is their religion, and they somehow think we are the silly ones!

The early pioneers of the Internet were treated with scorn and derision. The idea of computers talking to one another seemed ridiculous, since, in most people’s minds, computers were big, bulky things that were the size of a large room. How could the common man ever use that contraption? The rest is history.

I remember talking to a Mass-going Catholic who asked me about the “incorruptibles,” those saints whose body has not decayed. Being a man of science, he was fascinated by the concept, especially since many of these saints were buried in cemeteries where other bodies had completely decayed. “How can this be?” he asked. I directed him to read about Juan Diego’s film from Our Lady of Guadalupe, which still is being exhibited in Mexico City, even though the average lifespan of such a garment is about 50 years and the miracle happened nearly 500 years ago.

We accept miracles of science and technology because they in turn give us something. But so do the miracles of faith, which remind us of God’s love and truth. Sometimes, for whatever reason, we fear both. There should be nothing to fear from God’s love and truth. Those Internet pioneers didn’t care what people thought of them, for they were convinced they were on to something big. We already know we are onto something big, but, sadly, we often avoid ways to talk about and show God’s love and truth to a world that desperately needs to hear and see it.

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

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ALLISON, Eric S., 49, May 26
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

ALLISON, Marie P., 86, May 26
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

ARNOLD, Constance M., 87, May 26
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BAYLES, Margaret, 80, June 3
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

BENDING, Michael A., 53, May 29
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BLAIR, Betty L., 78, June 1
Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

BUCK, Thomas E., 86, May 28
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

CASASANTA, Helen V., 88, June 6
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

CAWLEY, Susan S., 67, June 6
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CERNEY, Thomas E., 70, May 26
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

CHEATWOOD, Edwin C., May 30
Holy Family Church, Columbus

CONKLE, Louis, 92, May 30
St. Mary Church, Marion

COSTELLO, Gladys J., 92, June 5
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

DANDO, Douglas S., 56, March 26
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

DEERING, Jeffrey, 44, May 18
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

DISTELZWEIG, Joanne, 83, May 30
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

GARCIA, Jose M., 84, May 24
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

GHILONI, Esther B., 75, June 8
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

GRAESSLE, John "Robbie" Jr., 59, June 4
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

JACKSON, Laura A., 81, June 7
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

JANSZEN, Jeannette M., 80, May 29
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

KAISER, Kenneth S., 57, June 3
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KANE, John-Alexander, 21, May 26
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

LaMARCHE, Charles R., 91, June 1
St. Mary Church, Marion

LICHTENBERG, Thomas, formerly of Columbus, 72, May 26

St. Joseph Church, Sylvania

McKEAN, John L., 89, May 28
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

McKNIGHT, Charles E., 53, formerly of Waverly, June 3

Christ Our Light Church, Cambridge

McNALLY, Lawrence F., 85, May 17
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

MIESSE, Rose A., 85, June 1
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

MORALEJA, Dr. Estelito, 74, May 15
St. Mary Church, Waverly

MORAN, Janet, 78, June 2
St. Paul Church, Westerville

PALCSAK, Donna S., 78, May 31
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

PIGMAN, Heather M., 66, May 28
Christ the King Church, Columbus

REICHERT, Harold H. Jr., 67, June 7
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

REIS, Mary L., June 9
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

ROBERTS, Ralph V., 66, May 28
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SCHOLL, Robert J., 68, June 2
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

SHARROW, Jeanette M., 82, June 3
St. Mary Church, Groveport

SIMI, John, 79, June 10
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

SLEMAKER, Margaret A. "Peggy," 85, formerly of Columbus, May 31

St. Anne Church, Broken Arrow, Okla.

SMITH, Mary A., 81, May 31
Church of Our Lady, Columbus

STANICH, Margaret I., 89, June 6
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

STEWART, Air Force Master Sgt. (Ret.) Derrell D., 79, May 28
St. Mary Church, Columbus

TRENTANELLI, Barbara K., 76, June 6
St. Mary Church, Groveport

VanWIE, Robert N., 73, June 3
Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

WEINER, Nancy L., 62, May 28
Holy Family Church, Columbus

WINKEL, Joann B., 81, May 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am deeply grateful for all the expressions of sympathy and consolations that you kindly sent on the occasion of the death of my mother, Dorothy Campbell. They are a great source of encouragement and support as well as a testament to our enduring faith in the power of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and His promise of everlasting life.

Speaking for my family, I say thank you for your thoughtfulness and your deep faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J.J. Campbell

Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell

Charles Arends

A private funeral service was held Wednesday, June 12 for Charles Arends, 84, who died Friday, June 7. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Fred; and sister, Kathryn Frey. Survivors include his wife, Haruko; sons, Michael (Debra) and Richard (Cathi); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 16, 1928 in Litchfield, Ill., to Fred and Myrtle Arends.

He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a retired employee

of Columbus Holy Spirit School. He also worked for the Yaeger Typesetting company.

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JUNE

14-16, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

African American Catholic Evangelization Conference
Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus. Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conference biennial meeting, hosted by Black Catholic Ministries of Columbus for representatives from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia. Theme: "Living Our Faith, Sharing Our Story." 614-228-0024

15, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
DeSales Class of 2003 Reunion
7 to 10 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. 10th anniversary reunion for school's Class of 2003. Bring side dish and beverages. Contact Jenna Brader Durban at jbdurban@kw.com.

15, SATURDAY

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

'Happenings' submissions

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

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

H A P P E N I N G S

16, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. 614-833-0482
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

17, MONDAY

St. Mary Young-At-Heart Club Luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 684 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Parish Young-At-Heart Club's annual bingo luncheon, with door prize and raffle. 614-445-9668
Holy Hour for Vocations at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations. 614-235-7435

18, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
11:30 a.m., Community Room, Panera Bread, 875 Bethel Road, Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Father John Reade. Reservations required.
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

21, FRIDAY

Fortnight for Freedom Mass at Cathedral
12:05 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass to open U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Fortnight for Freedom period of prayer and action addressing challenges to religious liberty.
Anger Management Talk at Corpus Christi
1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Talk on "Anger Management for the Anger-Impaired" with clinical counselor John Moore. Registration required. 614-512-3731

21-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

LEAD Institute at Sts. Peter and Paul Center
Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Leaders Empowering Adolescent Discipleship (LEAD) institute for youth and adult leaders in parish youth ministry, focusing on social justice and advocacy. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. 614-241-2565

22, SATURDAY

Danny's Day at St. Matthew
St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Danny's Day, a morning of community service honoring parishioner Daniel Arnold, who died last June at age 21

following a canoeing accident. Breakfast and lunch available. More information at www.dannysdayweebly.

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

23, SUNDAY

Holy Family Alumni Mass and Brunch
11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Main St., Columbus. Holy Family Alumni Association annual homecoming Mass, followed by brunch in Jubilee Museum auditorium, 57 S. Grubb St. 614-539-4815
Brunch Honoring Father Reis at Columbus St. Peter
12:30 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Brunch honoring Father Justin Reis on his retirement. Registration deadline June 18. 614-436-2460
LaRue St. Joseph Parish Reunion
2 p.m., Lingo shelterhouse, Village Park, LaRue. Reunion for parishioners and friends of the former LaRue St. Joseph Church. Potluck, with place settings and coffee provided. 740-499-3031 or 740-943-2082
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953

Diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries at St. Cecilia
2:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass honoring married couples celebrating 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and subsequent anniversaries, with reception following. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life. 614-241-2560

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

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

24, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

25, TUESDAY

Catholic Foundation Dei Gratia Dinner
6 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Dei Gratia dinner sponsored by The Catholic Foundation, with keynote speaker Carolyn Woo, president and chief executive officer, Catholic Relief Services. 614-443-8893
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

26, WEDNESDAY

JOIN Mass and Reception
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Colum-

bus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates annual Mass for Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs friends and benefactors, followed by reception. 614-241-2530

NFP Class at Catholic Center
7 to 9 p.m., Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required. Other class dates: July 10, July 24, Aug. 21. Followup Dec. 18. 614-241-2560

27, THURSDAY

St. Charles Platinum Reunion
10:30 a.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual platinum reunion for all graduates, former students, and family members from the classes of 1927 to 1962 of the school and St. Charles Borromeo College. Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel, followed by complimentary lunch in Cavello Center and campus tour. Registration deadline June 17. 614-252-9288, ext. 21
Women's Care Center Fundraiser
6 to 10 p.m., Ivory Room, Miranova complex, 1 Miranova Place, Columbus. Women's Care Center annual luxury bingo fundraiser, with Cameron Mitchell food and drinks and live auction. Private reception with Bishop Frederick Campbell precedes event. 614-204-9550
'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. Mary Louise 614-436-8676

27-29, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Leading and Loving Program at St. Michael
7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday. St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Family Honor Inc. Leading and Loving chastity education program for parents of newborn through fifth-grade children. Child care available. Registration deadline June 20. 614-783-4993

28, FRIDAY

'Art and Soul' Exhibit Opening Reception at Cathedral
6 to 8:30 p.m. Undercroft gallery, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Opening reception for "Art and Soul: An Intimate Portrait," exhibit of paintings and drawings of the homeless in Columbus by Joseph Anastasi. Exhibit will be on display through Sunday, Aug. 4. Gallery open 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays. 614-447-8867

29, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
Pre-Cana Program at St. Elizabeth
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pastors' Hall, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Pre-Cana marriage preparation program for engaged couples, sponsored by diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office. Advance registration required. 614-241-2560

30, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

ART EXHIBIT

ART AND SOUL ~ an intimate portrait



Art and Soul is a collection of paintings and drawings of the homeless in Columbus, created by artist Joseph Anastasi to build awareness and raise funds for the needs of the disadvantaged in the city.



Anastasi is a member of the St. Agatha Church St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more than 10 years, he has worked, fed, and raised funds for those in need.

In doing this work, he came to know and become friends with many of the people who come to shelters. Anastasi found a dignity and a wonderful spirit in these people and felt this was a story he needed to tell. He felt that if he could capture their spirit in his art, it would transcend from being "just paintings of homeless people" and become meaningful.

In the past five years, Anastasi has completed more than 40 portraits of the people he serves.



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The exhibit will be on display in the undercroft gallery of St. Joseph Cathedral from June 28 to Aug. 4 (open Saturdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Sundays from

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.). There will be an opening reception to benefit the homeless. The reception costs \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.

Proceeds to benefit the Community

Shelter Board and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. For information, contact Felecia Krakowka at (614) 447-8867. Anastasi is represented by Hammond Harkins Galleries.

BOOK REVIEW

ON HEAVEN AND EARTH

Reviewed by Eugene J. Fisher
Catholic News Service

The publication of a book of informal, yet profoundly thoughtful dialogues between a cardinal and a rabbi was a rare event when this book was first published in Buenos Aires in 1995. When the cardinal became Pope Francis, *On Heaven and Earth* became a historic document, the first such open-ended dialogue between a pope and a rabbi in the history of Judaism and Catholicism.

Both then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka are scholars, not only in theology and rabbinic studies, respectively, but in science. It is natural that their discussion revolves around the classic issues of faith and reason, religious truth and scientific inquiry.

The authors take a pastoral view, concerned with the day-to-day problems and dilemmas, hopes, and fears shared by all of us as ordinary human beings.

The result is a book rich in insight into both Judaism and Catholicism, and about

how our two ancient traditions have and continue to deal with the essential issues of living a moral life of faith in a complex world. It is a book that will be of interest to the active parishioners and congregants to whom the authors have dedicated their lives.

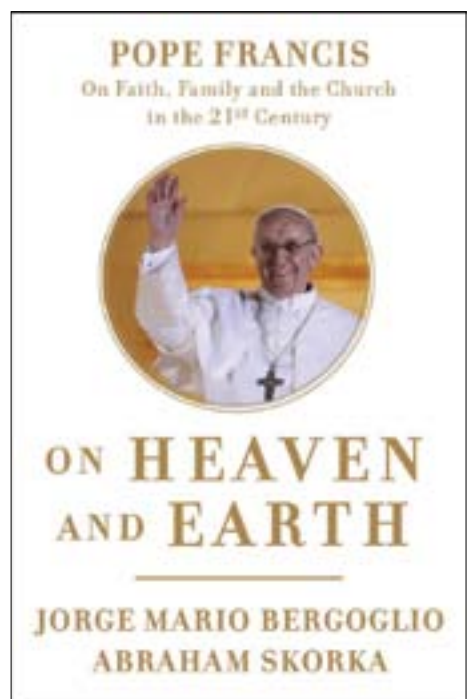
The world with which these two religious leaders grapple is that of Argentina, a large, originally Catholic country that is now, much like the United States, a pluralist democracy. Like the United States, Argentina over the course of its history has dealt with a wide range of social and religious problems that have led to political crises and, at times, internal violence. An intriguing difference, however, is that the founding culture and dynamics of Argentinian life were, and to a great extent still are, formed by Catholicism, whereas in the U.S., Jews and Catholics were both minorities in a largely white, Protestant society.

The 29 chapters of this book cover a wide range of topics. They deal with tra-

ditional theological issues such as God and the devil, being atheist and being religious, the duties of religious leaders, and the responsibilities of discipleship. There are chapters on prayer, guilt, and death. The views of Jews and Catholics on medical and moral issues, same-sex marriage, globalization, wealth, and poverty are presented and analyzed from the perspective of two living, evolving religious traditions.

The histories of Catholic Argentina and the Jewish state of Israel, and the moral/social challenges each has faced over the course of time, are discussed frankly. Deep questions central to the dialogue between the church and the Jewish people, such as the Holocaust, the state of Catholic teaching about Jews and Judaism, and the future of relations between Jews and Christians and of religion in general are probed.

This is a book through which Jews and Catholics will come to newer, deeper understandings of their own faiths. It is a



book that tells us much about Pope Francis, what his papacy may be like, and how he will help shape the future course of the Catholic Church internationally and on the local parish level.

Fisher is a professor of Catholic-Jewish studies at St. Leo University in Florida.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AROUND THE WORLD

Pope Francis leads Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after eucharistic adoration in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on June 2. Catholics gathered at the same time for eucharistic adoration in cathedrals and parishes around the world for the first Vatican-organized global holy hour.

CNS photo/Paul Haring



Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory leads the adoration, exposition, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during the Archdiocese of Atlanta's 18th annual Eucharistic Congress at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Ga., on June 1. The gathering, the nation's largest eucharistic congress, welcomed people free of charge and drew about 30,000 participants. Educational sessions were offered to people of all ages and in four languages.

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Auxiliary Bishop Laurent Chu Van Minh of Hanoi, Vietnam, carries a monstrance during eucharistic adoration outside St. Joseph Cathedral in Hanoi on June 2. A simultaneous hour of adoration called for by the Vatican was marked around the globe that Sunday.

CNS photo/Reuters

Seminarians Saddle Cycles to Share Vocations, Path to Holiness

By Seminarian Jeremiah Guappone

The fifth annual Diocese of Columbus Seek Holiness Seminarians Bike Tour, which took place during the week of May 13, was the largest tour to date, with 15 seminarians participating.

Seminarians visited seven elementary schools, four high schools, the Columbus St. Patrick Church youth group, and the offices of The Catholic Foundation. Stops were made in Somerset, Zanesville, Newark, and Gahanna, and the East Side, downtown, Clintonville, and Hilltop areas of Columbus. At school assemblies, shirts and hats branded with the Seek Holiness logo were distributed. The longest day of cycling was 52 miles.

The tour was the brainchild of recently ordained Father Matthew Morris. In April 2009, he was sitting in his room at the Pontifical College Josephinum, trying to distract himself from finals and end-of-year papers by considering how to present the notion of vocations to the priesthood to elementary school students.

Looking out the window on a beautiful afternoon, he thought that perhaps he and some other seminarians could ride their bikes for a week and visit various schools in the diocese. The Seek Holiness Bike Tour was quickly created, with the dual goals of getting the vocations word out to children in Catholic schools and giving the seminarians an opportunity to decompress after finals before starting their sum-



mer assignments.

For the past five years, the tour has pedaled around various parts of the diocese, with seminarians visiting Catholic primary and secondary schools, staying overnight at various rectories, and with Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, in the support van following behind to keep an eye on their progress.

The tour is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Vocations, which has maintained the motto Seek Holiness for many years. The phrase comes from

the primary patron of this diocese, St. Francis de Sales, who in his text *The Devout Life* made it very clear that God, by means of his Church, is actively calling all people (clergy, religious, and lay) to holiness.

This holiness is not perfection, but, rather, is the call to follow the Lord Jesus, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit via the sacraments. It is a call to happiness, a call to a deep and penetrating relationship with God that permeates all of our life. This holiness is fulfilled by answering a call to a specific vocation: the priesthood, religious life, married life, or the single life.

This message of holiness, and the finding of true and lasting happiness through finding one's vocation, is the message the seminarians spread on the bike tour. The universal call to holiness was the focus of the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter 5.

The bike tour is also sponsored by Face Forward: Connecting Catholic Youth, the Facebook presence of the Office of Vocations, and by The Catholic Foundation, which provided financial resources and hosted the seminarians for lunch at its downtown office.

Tour participants included seminarians Edgar Ochoa (Columbus Immaculate Conception), Mike Fulton (Sunbury St. John Neumann), Michael Hartge (Gahanna St. Matthew), Tom Gardner (Columbus St. Catharine), Ed

Shakina (Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal), Jeremiah Guappone (St. Catharine), Daniel Swartz (Columbus St. Agatha), Thomas Herge (Columbus Holy Name), and Pushkar Baum (Newark St. Francis de Sales), all on bicycles. They were joined by seminarian, now Father Matthew Morris (Lancaster St. Mary), Father Dave Sizemore (St. John Neumann), Father Ryan Schmit (St. Matthew), and Father Noble. The support staff was composed of Bryant Harren (St. Francis de Sales), PJ Brandimarti (St. Matthew), Andy Whiteman (Columbus St. Andrew), and Tim Lynch (Columbus Holy Family). Deacon Cyrus Haddad (London St. Patrick) also made a guest appearance.

Seek Holiness (www.seekholiness.com) is also the address of the diocesan vocations website. The site recently was refreshed, and more details will come in a future *Catholic Times* issue.

Photos: (Top) Seminarians on the Seek Holiness Bike Tour are pictured at the Catholic Foundation. Loren Brown, the Foundation's CEO, is at far right in the front row, holding a tour T-shirt. Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, is second from left in the back row, and Father James Black, pastor of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, is at far right in the same row.

(Left) Seminarians on the Seek Holiness Bike Tour visit with the children of Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem Preschool and Kindergarten.

