COLD DOESN'T STOP PRO-LIFE MARCHERS
The cold winds continue to sweep across the land as we endure one of the coldest winters in years. It is certainly uncomfortable. But it is somehow appropriately symbolic, as manacles and prayer vigils took place in Columbus, Washington, D.C., and across the nation. People are standing up to stand for the warm hope of the sanctity of life in the midst of a cold, dark culture of death that grasps our nation and much of our world.

It is a stern reminder that Christ calls us to stand against the culture of a world that abandons the ways of God and seeks convenient answers in service to its own selfish desires and desires. It is a reminder that offers each person the option to be for or against God, as the ultimate act of creation and in defense of the true God created all of us. It is the same as the serpent presented in the Garden of Eden, promising that in defiance of our God, he could become God, and that we would be gods themselves. But it is a reminder that offers each of us the option to be for or against God, as the ultimate act of creation and in defense of the true God created all of us.

Standing for Life

Wednesday, Jan. 22.

At the March for Life on Washington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, members of the youth group were present and ready to pray and speak out for life.
PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Turtledoes

Did you consider treating important life is-

sues and social justice issues like a good
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risk? I might suggest an approach to this

work. Several months ago I attended a

workshop on financial stewardship. I

learned an important lesson from one of

the presenters. The presenter urged

people to consider that our stewardship

commitment to God is like a relationship
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with God. In order to establish a good

relationship with God, we must first

commit ourselves to a regular meeting
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with God. This regular meeting with

God can be prayer, Bible reading, or any

other activity that helps us to connect

with God. By establishing a regular

meeting with God, we can develop a

strong relationship with God. This is the

key to our spiritual growth.

SVPD project provides tables for families

The Knox County chapter of the So-

ciety of St. Vincent de Paul, located at

Mount St. Vincent St. Vincent de Paul

Church, joined forces with Habitat for

Humanity, and volunteers and parents

who have a child with special needs work-

ed to construct tables. The volunteers

used materials purchased through a

grant from the Knox County United

Fund. The tables were assembled in

Knoxville, and then delivered to the

Knox County Habitat for Humanity

building. The tables were then

delivered to the families of children

with special needs who received

them.

The tables were constructed using

wood from a local hardware store.

The project was completed in

December, and the families were

delighted with the tables.

Religious liberty talk scheduled at PCJ

The Pontifical College Je-

susphilosophy, an annual lecture ser-

ies continues on 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13 at Mt.

Roberts. 

George Mickley, a noted

professor of law at the

University of Notre Dame, will

talk on “Religious Liberty: A

Human Good” in the Jessing Center.

George is a member of the U.S.

Commission on International Reli-

gion and Democracy, and has served on

the President’s Council on Intergener-

ational Understanding and as a presiden-

tial appointee to the U.S. Commission

on Civil Rights. He was a judicial fel-

low at the U.S. Supreme Court, where

he received the Justice Tom C. Clark

Award.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Swarth-

more College, Mickley was ordained

to the priesthood from philosophy in

Catholic University, in addition to

many honorary degrees. He is the author of editor of many

books on constitutional law, the

Church, and law and policy,

philosophy. His articles have

appeared in the Harvard Law Review, the

Ius Ludi Jour-

nal, the Columbia Law Re-

view, and other leading jour-

nals in law, philosophy, and poli-

cical science.

George is a recipient of the U.S. Presi-

dent’s Medal of Freedom and the Hum-

an Rights First Award.

For more information, call the

office of the director of pastoral
dean’s office at (615) 982-4957.

THIEL BROTHERS ADVANCE TO EAGLE SCOUT RANK

John and Mark Thiel each advanced

to the rank of Eagle Scout at a cere-

mony held in Columbus on Jan. 28.

The brothers joined the Boy Scouts

troop they participated in years ago

with their Scout leaders, and were

presented with the Eagle Scout rank.

Two of their notable service ac-

tivities included cleaning portions of

the Buckeye Trail at Burr Oak State

park and standing guard at the travel-

ing Vietnam memorial wall when it was

painted in Pickerington in 2010.

For his Eagle project, Mark, a ju-

ior at Columbus Catholic High School, lead a group which
drove down to St. Joseph’s Orphanage

in Louisville, Kentucky. He

organized 17 volunteers to
clean up the play area and

remove trash, and to paint

10 benches.

For his Eagle project, John, a ju-

ior at Columbus St. Matthias High

School and a parishioner at Co-

lumbus St. Elizabeth Church, also

helped with a project at the Buckeye

Cubs. He organized the

project and worked with 15

volunteers to build a large

play area and to paint it.

Mark Thiel; Troop 399 charter organiza-

tion representative John Doe; and John

Thiel. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High

School

THOMAS MANNING EARNED RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

He has three older brothers,

David, Patrick, and Joseph, who also

are Eagle Scouts. His lead

eagle leadership project was to
design and build 12 benches for

the children of two storage units for

the children’s ministry area of

the Knights of Columbus in West-

erville. This allowed for the organiza-

tion to increase the amount of

the children’s play and

wonderful. More than 1000 in cash and material dona-

tions were secured, and more than 2000 volunteer

hours were used to complete the project.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High

School
Ohio Dominican University Students
Named to President’s Society
Ohio Dominican University has announced the selection of 12 juniors and seniors to its President’s Society. These students will serve as ambassadors of the university’s president, Dr. Peter Carfagno, during special events on campus and at his home, including board of trustees meetings, major donor functions, the Black & Gold Club fundraising, honor and alumni events.

Selected are students chosen on the basis of their consistently high academic performance, engagement in a variety of activities, impacting their peers and the community, and other factors.

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The success achieved by pro-life forces in the Ohio Legislature last year should be only the beginning of an intensified effort by supporters of the cause, the president of Greater Columbus Right to Life said at the annual Respect Life rally in the Ohio Statehouse:

“We cannot depend on our legislators and the law alone to fix this plague,” Grossman said. “Remaining pro-life is at the center of my core values.”

Brey talked about various post-Roe v. Wade attacks on religious liberty by lawmakers throughout the nation. He said legislators need to adhere to a pair of basic theological principles essential to holding public office: “one, there is belief that morality has no objective basis; two, they’re not him.”

Brey quoted Dr. Martin Luther King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” which said “An unjust law is no law at all.” “That causes a vision of Christ on the cross, where he had no power, he had no wealth, he wasn’t having a physically pleasant time, and he was held in contempt.” He urged his listeners to follow the inscription on the Medal of St. Benedict which reads “The holy cross is my light. The serpent (Satan) is not my God.”

Vanderkooi discussed the sidewalk counseling program, noting that although its counselors had persuaded 79 women not to have an abortion last year, it still has a long way to go. State statistics show that nearly 5,700 abortions are being held accountable for standards of cleanliness; ban public crisis pregnancy centers, reimbursing them on a fee-for-service basis for non-medical services; require that abortion providers to make the heartbeat of an unborn child audible to its mother as part of the informed consent process required before an abortion.

One amendment changed priorities for granting family planning funds to ensure that the first groups to receive such money are the 180 community health centers throughout the state and that abortion provider Planned Parenthood is the last to receive them.

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Bills being considered this year by the Legislature would increase the waiting period involved in this process from 24 to 48 hours, create a joint legislative committee on adoption promotion and support, and generally prohibit abortion of an unborn baby with a detectable heartbeat.

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atirium, where it was moved because of cold weather. Vanderkooi said this was the largest crowd in the past 10 years for the local event. She expressed hope that the atrium might be the site for future rallies.

The mid-January date of the Roe decision and its subsequent anniversaries has meant the rally has taken place in some of the year’s coldest weather in Columbus. The outside temperature at the time of the event was nine degrees, with a wind chill of minus-3.

Similar numbers for the 2013 rally, which was outdoors at the Statehouse, were 11 and minus-4, forcing the speaking program to be cut short. In 2011, weather led to a postponement of the event until Feb. 1.

Before the rally, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral was filled by worshipers attending the annual Diocese of Columbus Respect Life Mass, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant. In his homily, the bishop said that part of our moral responsibility on life questions involves not misleading others.

“We can mislead by silence as well as by action,” he said. “Therefore, we must tend the annual Diocese of Columbus – children become a commodity and the elderly a social weight.”

“Our culture is becoming course, vulgar, and self-regarding, with a disregard of human life that is not worthy of our nation,” Bishop Campbell said. “When one forgets God, one forgets what it means to be a human being made in his image.”

The event in Columbus was one of many similar activities taking place nationwide on Jan. 22. The largest was in Washington, where tens of thousands of people gathered for a rally at the National Mall and a march on the U.S. Supreme Court building despite a temperature of minus-3.

Patrick Kelly, chairman of the national March for Life, told participants that they were “freezing for the best cause in the world.”

“The theme of this year’s march was ‘Adoption: A Noble Decision.’ “When a woman makes a choice to be a birth mother, she embraces motherhood in its most heroic sense,” said Monahan, who also offered support for women who have not chosen life in the past.

“Any woman who has had an abortion, you have to know there is hope and healing,” she said.

Rally participant, a nurse for the March for Life, has a new staff, logo, and website and also aims to have a vital social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The goal, he said, is not just for participants to gather once a year but to be in touch with one another “365 days a year to build culture of life in America.”

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said the marchers’ endurance not only gives “voice to the cause of protecting life” but also shows that they are the “strongest weapon” of the pro-life movement.

He said he was confident pro-lifers would win the culture war because of the right to life “is a moral truth written at the hands of our Creator.”

One of the march organizers of the trip. “We are creating a culture of life,” said Vicki Chinnock, one of the organizers of the trip. “We are creating a culture of life.”

Sister Margaret Amoaka, a 15-year-old Seton student, said, “I continue to be inspired and encouraged by the sheer numbers of our young people who make the sacrifice to be the voice and legs and arms for those that cannot,” said Seton adult chaplain Glen Williams. “It is the future of our Catholic Church.”

Participants of the March for Life in Washington on Jan. 22 included (clockwise from upper left): students from Franciscan University of Steubenville, a contingent from Chillicothe St. Peter and St. Mary and Mary Rose, St. Mary sheriffs and Nancy Hammett (left) and Vicki Chinnock of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. A view of some of the tens of thousands of people who gathered at the National Mall for speeches, then marched to the U.S. Supreme Court building, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. A temperature of 8 degrees did not deter the spirit of the marchers, who heard from House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., among others, on the 41st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision.

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For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, enrollment continued to decrease, but at a rate of less than 1%, which is consistent with the prior year's rate of decrease. Our ability to increase tuition to offset rising costs continues to be tempered by the reality of the economic challenges being faced by our families. Marion Catholic Jr/Sr High School ceased operation as of the end of fiscal 2013 and, accordingly, all related assets and liabilities have been removed from the financial statements. The effect of the closure is included in the Combined Statements of Activity.

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For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, Offertory rose 2.0% compared to the prior year. Fund Drive receipts increased 21.5% with several parishes undertaking significant fund drives for major construction. School Income rose 3.5% with net school costs (+ School Income – School Salary & Benefits) decreasing 1.5% due to our on-going shift to accrual accounting for capital expenditures and debt.

For those interested in the financial results for a particular parish, please contact that parish directly.
Contemplation is theme of events at Corpus Christi

By their very nature, knitting and crocheting are contemplative practices. From the early days of the Nurse Corps to the present, knitters and crocheters have found it important to use their hobby as a way to see all of life differently. Retirees are invited to come together to explore the common threads that are woven into their lives.

The cost of $100 includes overnight accommodations ($149 per couple), sunrise rosaries, morning and evening prayer, lunch and supper on Saturday. (The charge for commuters further insight regarding political protections."

The conference supported recently signed legislation that allows additional access to birth records. This legislation was enacted with love and tenderness.”

"...An authentic faith – which is not an abstract stability – always involves a deep desire to change the world and the self, to commune with God, to suffer that this earth hates too much than others. A faith that has God, and yet revere the human family which dwells here, with all its imperfections, struggles, in hopes, and aspirations, and strengths, weaknesses, and sins, as well as the love and kindness of all of us brothers and sisters. If indeed, the faith we have in common is a faith of the state, and its purpose is to protect all human life, the right to life, the right to privacy, the right to family, the right to personal protection, all human freedom, the defense of marriage, and the sovereignty of the states..."
Entries taken for Face Forward service awards

FACE FORWARD service awards, kicking off 2014 with its second annual awards, will be presented to students for their involvement; and service to the community. This year, the awards are available for all eighth- to 12th-grade students in Central Ohio and provides platforms for community interaction between the vocations of ministry, clergy, religious, and laity. There are more than 60 nominations for the awards, which are open to all students, whether public, private, or home-schooled; therefore, we are examining an even higher number of applicants," Father Noble said.

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Entries will be held under Wednesday, April 30 by going to www.faceforward.org. For more information, contact Anne Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com.

Catholic Men’s Club Luncheon meeting. Bishop Frederick H. Broglio presents talk on “Digital Danger: Keeping Your Kids on Track.” Columbus St. Andrew School parent speaker series with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour.

St. Brigid of Killdeer Open House Rescheduled

The open house scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m., St. Brigid of Killdeer Catholic School, 7799 Avery Road, was post- poned. The St. Brigid of Killdeer Open House Rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. It will be a press release information session. 3:10 p.m. and a kindergarten information session at 1:15. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment. Prospective students and their families are invited to stop by to learn about the school’s integration of academic excellence and Catholic faith, and to tour the school’s learning environment.
By Hillary Senour

A just-released film chronicling a pregnant teen’s struggle for survival is not so much a story about abortion, the director says, even though the mother chooses life for her child despite difficult circumstances.

“This isn’t a film about abortion,” writer and director Ron Krauss of the film Gimme Shelter told Catholic News Agency in a recent interview.

Krauss added, “I just tried to display to the people what I saw, with no opinion on it. I tried not to get in the way of the story.”

He affirmed that although the film is ostensibly pro-life, the story does not so much center around the teen’s choice to have her child as it does her struggle to become a young mother. “This young girl made her decision to have that child and when we get into the film, that decision is made already,” Krauss said.

The film was inspired by Kathy DiFiore’s decades of work with her Several Sources Shelters, which offers a variety of means of assistance to the poor and marginalized, especially at-risk pregnant women who need a safe place to prepare for motherhood and to raise their children.

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When a car accident lands her in the hospital, a Catholic priest, played by James Earl Jones, visits Apple and challenges her to begin a new life by getting help from a local pregnancy shelter. Initially resistant, Apple agrees to seek help from one of DiFiore’s Several Sources Shelters in New Jersey, where she finds hope, security, and sisterhood in preparing to become a mother.

Krauss felt that perhaps if the movie were more generalized, especially at-risk pregnant women who need a safe place the prepare for motherhood and to raise their children.

“After first learning of DiFiore’s work, Krauss visited one of her shelters, where he would eventually shoot the film. When he saw the work that was being carried out there and got to know the young mothers and their children, he worked on transforming what he saw into a film to become a mother.

Krauss affirmed that although the film is undoubtedly pro-life, the story does not so much center around the girls and the work being carried out in her shelters rather than on her. “This young girl made her decision to have that child and when we get into the film, that decision is made already,” Krauss said.

“We turned the film around to focus more on the girls and the work rather than on her,” Krauss said. “If viewers know of shelters that are not listed on the site, she urged them to get in touch with her directly.

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The 17th annual Columbus Catholic Men’s Conference, with the theme “Be a Man of Courage!” will take place Saturday, March 1, in Columbus. Conference organizers are pleased to announce that this year’s conference will relocate to the Voinovich Exposition Building at the state fairgrounds because it has outgrown the space at the Lausee Building where men’s conferences had taken place since 2010.

A dynamic lineup of speakers is scheduled, including Damon Owens, Brad Burchfield, Father Bill Casey, CPM, and Father Tony Stephens.

Owens is executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute, whose mission is to educate and train men and women to understand, live, and promote the Theology of the Body. He is the founder of Joy-Filled Marriage New Jersey and the New Jersey Natural Family Planning Association—a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a marriage culture through training, seminars, and conferences.

Owens has published several articles, appeared on many radio and television programs (EWTN, Relevant Radio, ABC World News Tonight, CBS News 48 Hours, BET Evening News, National Public Radio), and has hosted and produced three 13-part series for EWTN. He was raised with his two sisters in New Jersey, where, among his academic and athletic honors, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Owens earned his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Brown University in 1988 and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California-Berkeley in 1990. Following 13 years as manager with a major technology firm, he founded a technology startup in 2001 before moving into full-time support of marriage and the family. Owens lives outside Philadelphia with his wife, Melanie, and their eight children.

Burchfield has guided the Hawks to a 64-13 record, two undefeated regular seasons, five league titles, three regional championships, two state championship games, and the 2010 Division IV state championship. A four-time Central District coach of the year, Burchfield was also Associated Press Division VI Ohio coach of the year at Centerburg in 2003.

Burchfield is a graduate of Reynoldsburg High School and Marietta College. He and his wife, Christy, are parishioners at Columbus St. Catharine Church, and their eight-year-old twins, Benjamin and Brooke, are third-graders at St. Catharine School.

Father Stephens is a native of Angelus, Kansas. After discerning a call to religious life and the priesthood, he joined the Fathers of Mercy in 2000.

He began studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum and graduated from Christendom College in Front Royal, Va. Father Stephens was ordained a priest in 2005.

The men’s conference will begin at 6 a.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Father Ty Tomson of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church.

Registration and breakfast will start at 7 a.m., with the conference beginning at 8 a.m.

Sportscaster Doug Lessells will serve as master of ceremonies, and conference music will be directed by Ross Williams with participation by the men’s choir from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School.

The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and will end at around 2:45 p.m.

Visit www.columbuscatholicmen.com for registration information.

Ohio Dominican University will host College Goal Sunday, the free statewide college financial aid event designed to help students and parents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Join us at 2 p.m., Feb. 9, 2014. The event will take place on the second floor of Erskine Hall on ODU’s main campus.

Register for the free event at www.ohiocollegegoalssunday.org. For more information, contact ODU’s Financial Aid Office at 614-251-4778 or finaid@ohiodominican.edu.