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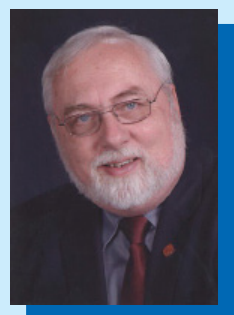


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PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

The Editor's Notebook

Preparing the Way

By David Garick, Editor



Fasten your seat belts! It seems the world has shifted into fast forward. But fear not. It's just the time of year. There are a lot of special events that hit us one after another right now. The Feast of Christ the King has come and gone. As you read this issue of *Catholic Times*, you are probably either preparing or digesting your Thanksgiving dinner. On Saturday, the OSU-Michigan game is upon us, and then comes the First Sunday of Advent, followed quickly by the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas shopping, parties, and, of course, Christmas itself, and then New Year's Eve and a day filled with bowl games. It's enough to wear anyone out. Still, it is a wonderful and exhilarating time.

But right now, I want to focus on what should be the overriding theme of this period – the time of preparation that is Advent. Despite what the commercial world tells us, this is not just a time to buy presents and prepare for the fun of Christmas. Advent is a time for another kind of preparation. We all are familiar with the phrase from the prophet Isaiah that is always quoted at this time of year: "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" This is more than just

a foretelling of the coming of the Messiah. This is a commission to all of us for work that is to be done to prepare the world we live in for the Word of God.

The message was repeated by John the Baptist, as we will be reminded in the Sunday Gospel readings during Advent. He was telling the people of his day of the work that lay ahead of them in spreading the Good News to a world in desperate need of hearing it. As that fellowship of followers grew, so did their mission. They prepared the world for the blessing that Jesus had to offer. They fed the hungry, comforted the sick, and raised the spirits of the discouraged with the message that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to save us from our sins and to give us eternal life. It was a big job then, and it is still a big job today. Advent is a time of the year to remind us of that great commission, to recommit ourselves to the task assigned to each of us to prepare the way of the Lord.

Yes, these are busy times. But don't let the celebration get ahead of the message the holidays were created to proclaim: Christ is coming! Open your hearts to receive him!

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN

December 1, 2013

On this weekend that follows our national celebration of Thanksgiving, let us show our gratitude for the good things we enjoy by supporting those who are suffering in the Philippines and southeast Asia. Special collections will

be taken in all parishes in the Diocese of Columbus.

Donations may also be sent to the diocesan finance office at 198 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215, with "Philippines" in the memo line.

Monsignor Hendricks named 2013 diocesan Catholic school pastor of the year

The diocesan Catholic Schools Office has selected Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, as its 2013 pastor of the year.

The award was presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell at the annual diocesan Celebrating Catholic School Virtues gala in November at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. The event raises funds to help families provide Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus.

The schools office each year honors one pastor from the diocese who is chosen by the bishop as an example of the growth and development of Catholic education, faith formation, and the sustainability of both the parish and the Catholic faith.

Msgr. Hendricks in 2012 created an endowment fund at the school as an independent financial model to sustain the increasing costs of Catholic education. When the fund's goal is reached, it is the intent that tuition costs will be

maintained in such a way that all parents attending St. Brigid who seek a Catholic education for their children may have that desire fulfilled.

Msgr. Hendricks was ordained to the priesthood in 1972. He has served as pastor at St. Brigid since 1997 and also serves on a variety of diocesan boards and committees. He is president and chief executive officer of The Villas at St. Therese, which offer independent and assisted living opportunities for senior citizens, and vice president and chief operating officer of Seton Square, Inc., which provides housing for seniors and people with impaired mobility throughout the diocese.

Since his ordination, Msgr. Hendricks has served the diocese in many capacities. He has been on the board of Ohio Dominican University, assistant professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and vice chancellor, chancellor, secretary, and vicar general of the diocese at various times.



He attended Columbus Corpus Christi School, Columbus St. Thomas Aquinas High School, and Columbus (Ind.) High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Columbus St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and a master's degree in theology from the Catholic University of America. Photo: Msgr. Joseph Hendricks (third from left) is surrounded by well-wishers at the annual diocesan Celebrating Catholic School Virtues gala, where the diocesan Schools Office honored him as its pastor of the year. Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops applauds federal court ruling on HHS mandate in favor of Catholic dioceses, ministries

Ruling a significant victory for conscience rights Court says government cannot reduce right to free exercise to right to worship

In a significant victory for conscience rights, a federal district court in Pennsylvania on Nov. 21 handed down the first decision on the merits in a case by Catholic non-profit organizations challenging the U.S. Health and Human Services Department's final mandate related to the federal Affordable Care Act.

The court found that the mandate's "religious employer 'accommodation' places a substantial burden on Plaintiffs' right to freely exercise their religion"; determined that the plaintiffs -- the dioceses of Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa., and related organizations -- are "likely to succeed on the merits" of their claim under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act; and issued a preliminary injunction preventing the government from enforcing the HHS mandate against the plaintiffs.

Reacting to the decision, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "Just recently,

the U.S. bishops issued a unanimous message reaffirming our resolve to resist the HHS mandate and protect our religious freedom. The court's decision vindicates that approach, and we fully expect more decisions like this to follow."

In particular, Archbishop Kurtz noted, "I'm strongly encouraged by the court's rejection of the government's attempt to reduce freedom of religion to freedom of worship, as well as the court's recognition that service to those in need is at the heart of our faith."

The preliminary injunction stops the government from imposing heavy fines against the plaintiffs for refusing to violate their deeply held beliefs.

Catholic dioceses, schools, and social service ministries around the nation continue their efforts in the courts and support efforts in Congress to prevent the government from imposing significant fines against them when the final HHS mandate takes effect on Jan. 1.

David and Michele Bianconi establish largest gift ever at The Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation recently received its largest gift ever from an individual family when David and Michele Bianconi established a donor advised fund in their name. The fund will focus on evangelization, including youth and adult faith formation.

"At The Catholic Foundation, we use our donors' gifts to help spread the Light of Christ," said Loren Brown, the Foundation's president and chief executive officer. "We're thrilled, as this gift from Dave and Michele will allow us to exponentially increase our impact on the Catholic community."

The Bianconis are widely known in Columbus for their civic and philanthropic work. They are the owners of Bel Lago Restaurant and Hoover Gardens in Westerville. In 1986, David Bianconi founded Progressive Medical Inc., which he sold in 2010. Most recently, the couple served as co-chairs of the Mount Carmel Foundation's capital campaign for expansion of Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital.

"By the grace of God, we've been blessed with good fortune," David Bianconi said. "This gift is our way of being good stewards of his treasures."

"We're excited to work with The Catholic Foundation in addressing the needs within our Catholic community," Michele Bianconi added. "Our faith is important to us, and we want to use our resources to make sure others can share in that gift."

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. It fulfills this mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$65 million in the diocese since 1985. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org).



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Advent, a season of joyful expectation before Christmas, begins with the Sunday liturgy for Dec. 1 this year. The Advent wreath, with a candle marking each week of the season, is a traditional symbol of the liturgical period.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Thx

Did you notice and pay particular attention to the immediate world around you this past week? In this age of immediate, live, 24-hour news, it is too easy to focus on the issues, problems, and challenges of our little globe. Yes, the same globe that has seemingly shrunk so quickly in the past 30 years. It is always important for us to be keenly aware of and responsive to the needs of the world. As good and faithful stewards, we share our resources with the Church throughout the world, but most importantly, we give and share with all in need, no matter their Faith or status in life. We respond so generously to our brothers and sisters – to Jesus Christ – in situations of human suffering, such as the typhoon in the Philippines. But in addition, when we look at the many issues challenging our morals, values, and accompanying behavior, we must look at our own little worlds first. Change occurs in our families, our parishes, and our neighborhoods first. How can we expect others to change when we continue with our own faults, self-inflicted adversity, and sinfulness? Let us notice, let us serve, and let us love.

To any of us who have ever used text messaging, we know that “Thx” is a nice abbreviation for “Thanks.” After all, it saves three characters and 50 percent of a whole word, not to mention one half-second of time. I never imagined myself as much of a texter, but I use it quite often each day. I especially enjoy the quick and easy communication with my wife and children, particularly my two sons, who are in other cities. Don’t worry, we do have real conversations over the phone and by way of Skype, but texting is a great way to stay in touch. I have learned only a portion of a whole new language that is full of abbreviations. As we are in the midst of Thanksgiving and a nice, long weekend with family and friends, I invite you to join me in thanking those who deserve it most. I will take advantage of the print media for a change.

Thx to my God for every day of life, and for all the bounty and good gifts I have received. I love you, Lord, thx be to you, and I want to be with you forever in Heaven. Thx to my wonderful wife, for all that you do to be sure that we remain as one. You are the gift I cherish and appreciate the most. Thx to my three children, especially for your strong faith that you live so well. Each of you is a true blessing. Thx to my parents, who so lovingly laid the foundation for my faith and my journey through life as a faithful steward of God’s gifts. Thx to my mother and father-in-law who are such fine living examples of how to witness our faith. It is no accident or coincidence that my wife is so genuinely good. Thx to all my co-workers. You embody your faith each day as humble servants of the Body of Christ. Thx to all.

Our practical challenge this week is to say thx. Use the preceding paragraph as a guide, if you wish. Do not take gratitude for granted. Graciously accept thx from others, but go out of your way to sincerely thank those who are very close to you, and also those who may be distant. Tell them in person, use the phone, Skype, e-mail, or text them. Do it with love, care, and appreciation. Hpy Thksgvg!

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



## Scout Award Nominations

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all Catholic Scouting units, as well as units with Catholic members, to nominate candidates and submit forms for awards to be presented at the annual Scout Day with the Bishop.

The event will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

The deadline for nominations is Saturday, Dec. 7.

Nomination forms are available for the following:

**Bishop’s Troop/Crew/Pack Award** – Honoring one Boy Scout troop, one Venture crew, and one Cub Scout pack in the diocese for commitment to Catholic Scouting values.

**National Gold Medallion Award** – Presented to one Catholic pack and one Catholic troop and/or crew within Region 6 of the National Catholic committee on Scouting (Ohio and Michigan) which excel at providing young people with a quality Catholic Scouting program.

**Bronze Pelican/St. George Awards** –

For outstanding contributions by adult leaders to the spiritual development of Catholic young people in the Boy Scout organization.

**Pope Paul VI Award** – For Catholic-sponsored units conducting top-quality programs which encompass Catholic aspects of Scouting.

**Red Sash of Merit** – For outstanding service and mentorship by high-school aged Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts in the diocese.

The Bronze Pelican, St. George, and Pope Paul VI awards and the Red Sash may have multiple recipients.

Completed applications for religious emblems, including the Light of Christ, *Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei*, and Pope Pius XII awards, also are due Dec. 7.

Forms and applications should be sent to Catholic Committee on Scouting, Box 2222, Westerville, Ohio 43086-2222 or emailed to [cathemtescouting@aol.com](mailto:cathemtescouting@aol.com).

**More information on the awards, as well as the applications for them, is available at**

[www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs](http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs).

## Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting

Father Michael Gentry, parochial vicar of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, will tell his vocation story at the Friday, Dec. 6 meeting of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. The meeting will take place following the parish’s 11:45 a.m. Mass and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary, but a \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch is requested.

Father Gentry earned his bachelor’s degrees in finance and marketing. In 1989, he accepted a job transfer to Columbus. He is the formerly married father of three daughters and grandfather

of one boy and one girl.

At the Easter Vigil of 2001, he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Six years later, he answered God’s call to priestly ministry. He graduated in 2013 from Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass., and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Frederick Campbell on May 25.

*The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meets on the first Friday of each month excluding January, July, and August.*

*For more information go to [www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com).*



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## Catholic Man of the Year Applications

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is requesting nominations for the 2014 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award, which will be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell at the club’s Feb. 7, 2014 meeting at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. All nominees are invited as the club’s guests to the award ceremony. The deadline for nominations is Saturday, Dec. 28.

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

Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers exemplify the “good and faithful servant.” The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal witness of the faith during the award ceremony, which is shared throughout the diocese through the *Catholic Times* and St. Gabriel Radio.

The process for selecting an indi-

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

The award selection committee is made up of two men from each of the following organizations: the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Men’s Ministry, the Catholic Men’s Retreat League, and the Serra Club, along with a parish priest for spiritual guidance. After consideration of each nomination, the committee makes a recommendation to the bishop. Last year, Joe Buttress of Columbus St. Christopher Church was selected as the award recipient.

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

They also must describe specific qualifications of the nominee, addressing his spirituality and how he lives the

life of Christ in the home, the parish, and the community. Remarks should be as descriptive as possible, using a maximum of 500 words.

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

Nominations should be mailed to Catholic Man of the Year 2014, in care of Frank Hartge, 904 Hilton Drive, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, or sent via email to [frankhartge@wideopenwest.com](mailto:frankhartge@wideopenwest.com) with “Catholic Man of the Year-2014” in the subject line.

Questions regarding the nomination or selection process should be directed to Hartge at (614) 397-4692 or at his email address.

## Lift Our Voices, Lift Our Hearts

The Columbus Christian Center choir will be featured at the Martin de Porres Center’s annual Christmas concert, titled “Lift Our Voices, Lift Our Hearts,” from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

The choir is directed by Vanessa Carter, Motherhouse administrator for the Dominican Sisters of Peace. It made its debut at the center during the November 2012 celebration of St. Martin de Porres’ feast day, presenting two uplifting hymns that left the audience asking for more.

This year’s holiday concert offers an opportunity for “more”—contemporary Christian and traditional Gospel music, along with Christmas selections.

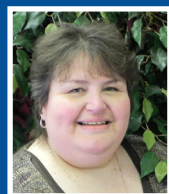
**To register by Friday, Dec. 6, call the center, located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, at (614) 416-1910 or register online at [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net). A free-will donation will be taken.**



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## LET US PRAY

by: MICHELLE LEMIESZ

Director, Office for Divine Worship

### How the Second Vatican Council changed our liturgy: Uniting the old with new

The first edition of "The Liturgical Apostolate" (the diocesan newsletter addressing the changes brought on by Sacrosanctum Concilium) arrived at around the same time that Congress authorized President Johnson to take "all necessary measures" to protect American soldiers and their allies from the communist Viet Cong. The United States was in the midst of an all-out war with Vietnam. Days after Congress' decision, more young men began being drafted into the military. The war dragged on, more American servicemen were dying, and a nation became divided. On the home front, racial tensions continued to escalate after three civil rights workers were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi and riots broke out in cities nationwide. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed and violence continued to increase in many American cities. Meanwhile, on the radio, Bob Dylan sang a prophetic song: "The Times They Are A-Changing".

In this culture, it is no surprise that the changes being introduced by Sacrosanctum Concilium were met with the same dynamic seen in current events -- some embraced it while others feared it, worrying that ancient traditions would be pushed aside and watered down. This was the furthest thing from the minds of the fathers of the Second Vatican Council. Their hope lay in their desire to reawaken these mysteries and call the faithful into a deeper participation of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Indeed, the document states: "In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else; for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit ... (SC 14). "Full and active participation" became the cry of the reformers, and the first step to do this was changing the liturgy into the vernacular of the people and inviting them to participate externally through responding to the prayers, singing, and using bodily gestures of reverence. However, for "full and active participation" to truly occur, one must participate internally as well. This internal participation invites people to enter into and experience the transforming presence of the God worshiped, to interiorize Christ's paschal mystery into their own lives, and to join themselves, the good and the bad, to the sacrifice of the altar.

Our diocesan liturgical catechetical leaders at that time rightly understood that for the People of God to fully engage in the liturgy, they must understand the rich symbolism utilized within the texts. For most, the term "Paschal mystery" itself was foreign, the symbolism of water, oil, bread, and wine was lost, and phrases such as "Lamb of God" and "new and eternal covenant" meant little. As "The Liturgical Apostolate" notes, "It is now a primary pastoral duty to enable the people to take their full internal and external participation in the liturgy, it is clearly our duty (clergy at the time) to equip ourselves to carry out this task and to begin to carry it out to our people."

The intention of the council fathers to utilize the people's language was to bring them closer to God's speaking to them through Scripture, liturgical texts, song, and in the community, thereby fostering deeper faith, intimacy with and greater knowledge of God, and a transformative prayer life.

Next: Sacred Scripture's role in the Liturgy

## Bishops' meetings and poverty; Wait for baptism?



## QUESTION &amp; ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

**Q.** I notice that the Catholic bishops of the United States are holding their annual meeting at the Marriott Hotel at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. This strikes me as an expensive site for those who are constantly asking Catholics for contributions to the poor. (Don't they know that most of the faithful could not afford to stay at such a place for several days?)

It strikes me that there are many Catholic properties around the country -- seminaries, abbeys, or convents -- which could accommodate them for much less money and would serve as a better example.

Why don't the bishops take a page from Pope Francis and start acting like the original apostles whom they claim to represent? (Jamestown, Ky.)

**A.** Since his election in March of 2013, Pope Francis has continually called Christians to examine themselves against Christ's own witness to poverty. On the Feast of St. Francis, the pope hosted a lunch for the poor in Assisi; that same day, he addressed townspeople in strong words, saying that "the church, all of us, should divest ourselves of worldliness. Worldliness is a murderer because it kills souls, kills people, kills the church."

Such a message rings especially true from a man who has chosen to live in a two-room modest apartment in a Vatican hostel for visitors and to eat his meals at a common table.

Prompted by your question, I looked into the U.S. bishops' choice of the Baltimore Marriott for their annual meeting. What I found is that they are indeed sensitive to the Gospel's call for simplicity.

In fact, some years ago, their annual meeting was moved from Washington (where the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is based) to Baltimore precisely

because hotel rooms in Baltimore rented for about two-thirds of what they had been paying in D.C.

Another reason for the change was that flights were generally cheaper into Baltimore-Washington International Airport than into Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Realistically, the options for such a large meeting are limited. It requires a facility that can host 600 attendees, be easily accessible from all parts of the nation, and provide 60,000 square feet of space for meetings, religious services, news conferences, etc.

Sometimes, what is ideal needs to be sifted through what is practical and possible. Your question, though, serves as a valuable reminder: Optics are important, and Christians need habitually to view things through the lens of the poor.

**Q.** How should I respond to a young couple (raised Catholic) who do not plan to baptize their infant children? (They intend to wait until the children are old enough to decide on a religion for themselves.) (Baltimore)

**A.** I would ask the couple whether they follow the same standard in other areas of child rearing. Since they're not sure whether their son will grow up to like math, do they decline to teach him arithmetic when he is little?

The role of parents is to determine what opportunities they have benefited from, what virtues and values have helped them, what moral framework can offer guidance through life -- and then to pass on the best of what they have learned to their children.

What Catholic parents say by having their infants baptized is this: We believe (both from our faith and from our experience) that the sacraments and Catholic teaching offer a clear channel to God, and we want our kids to have that blessing.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

## Ready, Hartley Advance to State High School Semifinals

Columbus Bishop Ready defeated Newark Catholic for the second time this season and Columbus Bishop Hartley overwhelmed Wheelersburg to win regional titles in the state high school football playoffs this past weekend.

Ready (12-1) advanced to the state semifinals with a 48-21 victory last Friday night in Division VI, Region 21 at Gahanna. The Silver Knights, who won their first regional championship since 2007, square off against top-ranked Kirtland (13-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mansfield's Arlin Field.

Hartley (12-1) ran away from Wheelersburg 42-20 in Division V, Region 17 on Saturday night at Nelsonville's Boston Field. The Hawks face Akron Manchester (11-2) at 7 p.m. Saturday, also at Mansfield.

This weekend's winners advance to state championship games in their respective divisions. The state finals will be played Dec. 5-7 in Massillon and Canton. Dates and times will be announced by the Ohio High School Athletic Association after the semifinals.

*Bishop Ready 48, Newark Catholic 21*

Ready bolted to a 27-7 lead in the first half and Newark Catholic was unable to catch the Silver Knights.

Ready quarterback Matt Yoho spread the ball around to nine receivers while completing 18 of 21 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns.

The Silver Knights scored on all four of their possessions in the first half and capitalized on Newark Catholic turnovers.

Two of Yoho's touchdown passes came in the first half -- an 11-yarder to Kelly Culbertson that gave Ready a 14-7 lead in the second quarter and a 2-yarder to Alvin Knox with nine seconds left before half-time that made it 27-7.

Ready's other first-half scores were a 4-yard run by

DeAndre Golden to cap an 80-yard drive on its first possession and a 1-yard run by Akili Taylor in the second quarter after a Newark Catholic fumble.

The Green Wave trimmed the Silver Knights' lead to 27-14 at the start of the third quarter when quarterback Chayce Crouch threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Wing, but Ready responded with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Yoho to Hunter Clanin that restored its 20-point margin.

Newark Catholic (11-2) came right back with a 21-yard touchdown run by Wing, then blocked a Ready punt. But the Silver Knights' Nick Skordilis recovered a fumble on the next play.

Ready put the game away with two fourth-quarter touchdowns -- a 64-yard punt return by Culbertson and a 2-yard run by Golden.

Taylor, who rushed for more than 200 yards in the teams' first meeting this season, gained 86 yards on 26 carries. Culbertson had a team-leading four catches for 71 yards.

Crouch completed 20 of 37 passes for 220 yards and two touchdowns. Wing contributed six catches for 78 yards and stopped a Ready drive with an interception. Luke Ceneviva's seven catches for 71 yards included a 24-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.

Newark Catholic, which lost to Ready 26-14 in the season opener, was bidding for a second consecutive trip to the state finals. The Green Wave are 23-5 the past two seasons, with three of the losses to the Silver Knights.

Ready is bidding for its first state title since it captured its lone championship in 1983. The Silver Knights face a tall order against Kirtland, which finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in Division VI.

Kirtland, which last won a state title in 2011, has beaten McDonald 57-0, Louisville St. Thomas Aqu-

nas 49-21, and Mogadore 45-7 in the playoffs.

*Hartley 42, Wheelersburg 20*

Hartley gave the ball to senior running back Sam Mackowiak and he ran with the opportunity, gaining 240 yards in 24 carries and scoring five touchdowns.

The Hawks scored on their first six possessions and secured their third regional title in the past four years. Hartley finished with 434 yards in total offense, 405 of them on the ground.

Mackowiak scored three touchdowns in the first half on runs of 2, 7, and 25 yards and added scoring runs of 56 yards and 1 yard in the second half.

Hartley led by as much as 28-6 in the first half after a 1-yard run by Ouri Hickman. An interception by Alonzo Saxton and a defensive stop at the Hartley 1-yard line at the end of the half prevented Wheelersburg from closing the gap.

Wheelersburg (11-2) kept within striking distance in the third quarter, closing to 35-20 and recovering an onside kick, but another Saxton interception swung the momentum back to Hartley at the start of the fourth quarter.

Hickman ran for 66 yards on 15 carries and Saxton contributed 63 yards rushing on seven carries. He also caught the Hawks' only two pass attempts of the night for 29 yards.

Hartley's state semifinal opponent, Akron Manchester, was unranked in the final Associated Press state poll. Manchester has defeated Youngstown Ursuline 19-16, Navarre Fairless 35-7 and Columbiana Crestview 69-21 in the regionals.

Hartley, ranked No. 4, reached the semifinals for the third time since 2010, when the Hawks won the Division IV title. They lost in a regional final in 2011 and in the semis last year.

## Ohio Dominican Enters NCAA Division II Football Playoffs

On Saturday afternoon, a college football team from Columbus will play a big game.

The stakes will be high. The fans will be fired up. The action will be intense.

No, it's not what you're thinking. It's not Ohio State-Michigan in the Big House.

Ohio Dominican University will host West Texas A&M in an NCAA Division II playoff game at Panther Field. The winner advances in the 24-team tournament, and the loser's season ends.

The game won't attract anywhere near 100,000 fans or hordes of media attention, but it is significant nonetheless for a program on the rise.

Ohio Dominican's rapid ascent in college football is nothing short of remarkable.

In just their third year as a full-fledged Division II program, the Panthers finished the regular season on Nov. 16 with a spotless 10-0 record and ranked No. 7 in the national polls. They won the Great Lakes Inter-

collegiate Athletic Conference South Division championship. And their reward was a No. 2 seed and a first-round bye in Super Region Four of the playoffs.

Bill Conley, who played at Ohio State and gained national acclaim as recruiting coordinator for the Buckeyes, is the architect. In four years as coach, he has taken the Panthers, who were 2-8 in 2010, from upstart to upper echelon faster than anyone expected by relying on faith, fortitude, and assistants and players who believed in what the team could accomplish.

"I think it's a little ahead of schedule," Conley said. "You never know how the players are going to respond once you get to a program. These have been the most remarkable young men I've been associated with. Whatever you tell them to do, they do. Really high achievers. No one could tell them they couldn't accomplish something."

**'Almost Like a Dream'**

As the team gathered last week in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center for the Division II selection

show announcing the playoff pairings, some of the upperclassmen who were around when ODU made the leap into Division II couldn't help but reflect on the journey.

Ohio Dominican was assured of a spot in the field, but the Panthers were kept in suspense until the end of the announcement. Finally, when their name appeared on the screen, the room erupted in cheers.

"I was thinking about the only selection shows I've watched were when I was a kid watching the NCAA basketball selection show. It felt good to see a name up on the screen that I had something to do with it," said cornerback Cody Culbertson, a sophomore from Columbus Bishop Ready High School who is the team's fourth leading tackler with 61 and has four sacks and two interceptions this year. "It felt like big time."

Senior defensive back Dominic Clegg, who played high school football at Columbus Bishop Watterson,

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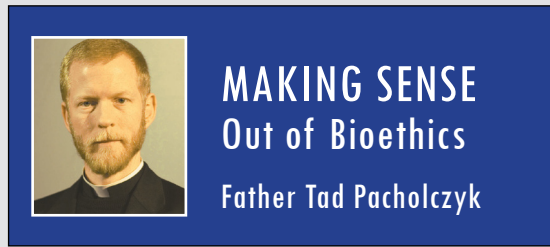
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## SEX, TRUTH, AND THE ILLUMINATION OF OUR GUILT



**MAKING SENSE**  
Out of Bioethics  
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Guilt has gotten a lot of bad press recently. We live in an age where guilt is practically always something bad, something to get past with the help of a shrink. Particularly when discussing sex, people will declare that religion and morality do nothing more than make people feel guilty. Andrew Aaron, a sex and marriage therapist in New Bedford, Mass., seems to subscribe to this view. "Through centuries," he writes, "religious education has associated sex with what is wrong and sinful rather than what is sacred. Instead of an expression of the divine, sex is suspiciously regarded as weakness of the flesh. The result of this influence is that sexuality, a natural part of being human, is tainted with shame, guilt, and ambivalence."

Every instance of erotic satisfaction, sexual activity, or orgasm, however, cannot be automatically branded as sacred or as a divine manifestation. We all recognize how easily the unbridled pursuit of sexual gratification can become an exploitative, self-centered, demeaning enterprise. "Context" matters critically when it comes to getting sex right, and it is too easy in the sexually permissive environment of today's society to miss the core truth that the unique context for human sexual activity is a very specific one; namely, the beautiful setting of marriage, with its mutual commitment and openness to children.

Father Thomas O'Donnell, SJ, in his "Medicine and Christian Morality," distills the matter to its essence in this way: "In the moral order, all deliberately induced venereal pleasure is restricted to marriage and related in some way, either immediately or remotely, to a proper marital act." From this perspective, the real harms we bring upon ourselves and others when seeking to satisfy the sexual impulse outside of its specific context should, in fact, elicit feelings of guilt on our part.

To put it simply, there is such a thing as "good guilt," which manifests our own inner awareness of how we have acted against what is good for us, and violated the objective moral order.

I recall a story of a woman who committed adultery, and over time she struggled with feelings of guilt. What she ended up doing, in this situation, was to rationalize her guilt away with the help of her therapist. He managed to convince her that she was a "genius of friendship." The woman became "spiritually thinner" in her relationships with men

and ceased to grow humanly and personally. Simply put, she entered into the worst possible state of spiritual affairs.

The potential that she had for any deep relationships with members of the opposite sex was dashed by the way she resolved her guilt: men became objects for her crafty genius, and her relationships were reduced to power plays and manipulation. She gradually became an empty shell of a woman, with little left that was genuine inside of her. She had encountered real guilt in her life, but had failed to engage it in a way that could lead to growth, conversion, and fulfillment, and her therapist likewise failed her, because he was not sensitive to the value of true guilt and the deepest human needs reflected in that guilt — the need to forgive and to be forgiven.

A few years back, Naomi Wolf wrote about a friend of hers who was a "Cornell-educated, urban, Democratic-voting 40-year-old cardiologist." This friend once had an abortion, and afterward she said something Wolf found very interesting: "You know how in the Greek myths when you kill a relative you are pursued by Furies? For months it was as if baby Furies were pursuing me."

No matter what our education or background, no matter what our level of sophistication may be, we have all received the gift of conscience, and the gift of "good guilt" that is ordered to helping us confront ourselves and turn away from wrongdoing. Pushing away our good guilt or hiding it under the rug only makes our situation worse. We are the only creatures in the animal kingdom capable of illuminating our guilt, of asking why we feel guilty.

Guilt is like a pain of the soul, and pain often indicates that something is wrong and we should see a doctor. Our guilty feelings about wrongs or evils we have committed should lead us to seek the Divine Physician in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where God's healing touch is personally experienced. Forgiveness from God and neighbor leads us to healing and wholeness. In this sense, "good guilt" points to possibilities of inner renewal and freedom. By becoming attuned to our guilt, and addressing it honestly, we discover a real cause for hope.

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## Two-parish Advent mission

Edson Boetti, an international promoter of devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, will speak at the two-day Advent mission of Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and New Boston St. Monica churches on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8.

The program will begin on Dec. 7 at St. Peter in Chains, 2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recital of the rosary at 7, a talk by Boetti at 7:30, and Benediction at 8:15, followed by a light reception. On Dec. 8 at St. Monica, 4252 Pine St., Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m., with lunch to follow. Boetti will speak at 1:30 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament and recital of the rosary at 2:15, and Benediction at 3.

Pope Francis has a great devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. When the pope was a student he encountered the image of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots in Germany. He brought it back to his home and began to promote devotion to it because of Mary's great intercessory power.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York also has a great love for this devotion, as he noted in his newest book, "Doers of the Word."

For more information, go to <http://www.maryundoerofknots.com>. For more information about the mission, contact Father Joseph Yokum at (740) 574-5486 or [fryokum@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:fryokum@midohio.twcbc.com).

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## WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

By **Leandro M. Tapay**

During Advent, the Church invites us to reflect on Christ's coming — not only His first coming more than 2,000 years ago, but more specifically His final coming at the end of time. His return is certain, but no one knows when. So we must be ready!

Be ready...

That's the message of the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13).

That's the message of the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30).

That's the message of the Parable of the Goats and Sheep (Matthew 25:31-46).

Jesus will return — there is no doubt about it. When He returns, every person on earth, from Adam to the last person born, will be gathered in one place. And He will separate the good from the wicked, as a shepherd separates the goats from the sheep.

Do you sometimes wonder on what basis He will make the selection? The answer may surprise you:

*"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home and you invited me to your house. I was without clothes and you gave me*

*something to wear. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me"* (Matthew 25:35-36).

Those who will be saved are not necessarily the rich and the famous, or the achievers and movers of society, but those who put out the right hand of God — those who share food with the hungry, drink with the thirsty, warmth with the lonely, clothing with the naked.

Do you notice? Jesus does not say "I was sick and you healed me," or "I was in prison and you liberated me," or "I was lonely and you built a retirement home for me," or "I was thirsty and you gave me spiritual counsel." No fanfare or hoopla and no media coverage — just good people doing good things. For when we do good things to others, we do good things to God.

When St. Francis of Assisi turned his back on wealth to seek God in simplicity, he stripped down naked and walked out of the city. He soon encountered a leper on the side of the road. He passed him, then stopped and went back and embraced the diseased man. Francis then continued his journey. After a few steps, he turned to look again at the leper, but no one was there. For the rest of his life, he believed the leper was Jesus Christ. He may have been right.

Jesus identifies Himself with the least. Jesus lives in the forgotten, the ignored, and the sick. If you want to see God this Christmas, go among the broken and the beaten, and there you will see Him. God rewards those who truly want to find Him — that's God's promise. "Anything you did for even the least of my people here, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

The person who sees Christ is the one who sees the hurting person. Do you want to see Jesus? Then go not only to the manger, but to convalescent homes, sit down beside the elderly woman, and steady her hand as she puts the spoon in her mouth.

To see Jesus, go to the hospital and ask the nurse to take you to see someone who has received no visitors. To see Jesus, go to your neighbor who is regretting his divorce and missing his children. To see Jesus, go to the inner city and give a sandwich — not advice or a sermon, but a sandwich — to a lady who has made a home under an overpass.

This Advent, as we contemplate the Baby in the manger, let us not forget that the Baby is now a King who will return in glory to take us safely home.

Have a blessed Advent!

*Leandro M. Tapay is director of the Columbus Diocese Missions Office.*

## A BETHLEHEM CAROL

Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, will be presenting the 21st annual performance of its Christmas musical, "A Bethlehem Carol," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The child actors are from Columbus, Dublin, Worthington, Powell, and Delaware. For more information, contact the parish office at (614) 761-0905.

**Participants in the year's performance include (from left): first row, Sadie Okonak, Claire Rindfleisch, and Amelia Rindfleisch; back row, Lexi Winship, Tanner Cawthon as Joseph, Jessie Rindfleisch as Mary, Gabby Cawthon, Katherine Winship, and Ellie Okonak.**

Photo courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church





**Churches and other organizations throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be conducting special holiday programs and collecting goods for the needy throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. In addition to the events listed, a number of parishes have scheduled penance services at various times throughout the season.**

**The following is a sampling of seasonal events in the diocese:**

**Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 to 11 a.m. on each of the Sundays of Advent.

**Chillicothe St. Peter** – Parish Giving Tree program helps children in need and nursing home residents, delivering items the week before Christmas.

**Columbus Corpus Christi** – Advent quiet mornings based on Father Richard Rohr's book "Preparing for Christmas," Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.; "Christmas Harmony" concert with local choirs, guest musicians, and soloists, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m.

**Columbus Holy Cross** – Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition, featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive

days, Sunday, Dec. 15 to Monday, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m.

**Columbus Holy Spirit and St. Philip** – Morning of reflection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, celebration of Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception, and lunch, Monday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus; Holy Spirit will support annual Whitehall Kids Christmas campaign sponsored by Pride of Whitehall organization, mayor's office, and Whitehall schools, with parishioners filling wish lists of 24 children and their parents picking up the gifts.

**Columbus St. Andrew** – Giving Tree will support needy families served by the Brian Muha Foundation and a Columbus parish, Appalachian poor served by the Missionaries of Charity, and infants and children served by the Christ Child Society; Knights of Columbus collect money to purchase food for gift baskets taken to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry; St. Vincent de Paul Society delivers poinsettias to about 60 homebound people and nursing home residents and sends cards to parishioners in nursing homes that don't allow live plants.

**Columbus St. Catharine** – Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 6:45

p.m., in addition to weekly Thursday evening Holy Hour and first Friday adoration; confessions, Monday, Dec. 9, following 7 p.m. Mass.

**Columbus St. Elizabeth** – Christmas concert, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.; Evening Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction, Sunday, Dec. 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Anointing of the Sick at conclusion of all Masses, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15; Giving Tree for St. Vincent Family Centers and Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs goes up this weekend, with return of wrapped gifts Monday, Dec. 9.

**Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral** – Lessons and carols with cathedral choir and chamber orchestra, Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m.; Giving Tree provides items for residents of Bryden Place nursing home and gift cards for JOIN.

**Columbus St. Leo** – Christmas concert with three guest soloists and singalong, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m.

**Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., with sung Vespers at 7 p.m.

**Columbus St. Peter** – "Christmas in New York" concert with "Phantom of the

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Opera" star Franc D'Ambrosio, benefiting Pontifical College Josephinum, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.; parish carol festival, Sunday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m. Admission: canned foods for the poor.

**Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center** – Ninth annual "Blue Christmas" Liturgy of Hope for people who may not be feeling joyful during the holidays or may be experiencing life challenges, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m.; donations to toy drive and to mitten tree (knitted hats, scarves, and gloves) benefit those in need in University District through Neighborhood Services, Inc.

**Columbus St. Timothy** – "The Beauty of Advent," a celebration through music, dramatic readings, and dance, Friday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

**Gahanna St. Matthew** – Parish School of Religion and RCIA participate in St. Vincent Family Center Adopt-A-Family for Christmas gifts.

**Granville St. Edward** – Giving Tree benefits families in Licking County, foster children, and homeless men living at St. Vincent Haven in Newark.

**Heath St. Leonard** – Christmas concert featuring all parish choirs, parishioner John Sheets' strings students, and the Leonardi Handchime Choir, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m.

**Kenton Immaculate Conception** – St. Vincent de Paul Society sponsors Giving Tree for needy children; parish assembles Christmas baskets for 40 community families in need.

**Lancaster St. Mary** – Family Advent event with light lunch and seasonal crafts, Sunday, Dec. 1, following 11:15 a.m. Mass; day of recollection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme, "Mary's 'Yes' and Ours," Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch included; Giving Tree aids the homebound, nursing homes, and others in need.

**Logan St. Mary** – Parish takes part in annual "Follow the Light" downtown church tour, Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 to 9 p.m.; Fran-

ciscan Associates host community dinner at St. Paul Episcopal Church, Thursday, Dec. 26, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; parish rotates with area Lutheran churches as hosts of dinners with Evening Prayer on Wednesdays of Advent.

**Martin de Porres Center, Columbus** – "Lift Our Voices, Lift Our Hearts" Christmas concert with Columbus Christian Center choir, directed by Vanessa Carter, Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse administrator, Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

**Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes** – Lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 22, 6 p.m.

**New Boston St. Monica and Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains** – Parish mission with Edson Bosetti, promoter of devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Reconciliation; 7 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary; 7:30 p.m., talk; 8:15 p.m., Benediction, followed by light reception, all at St. Peter in Chains. Sunday, Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m., Mass, followed by lunch; 1:30 p.m., talk; 2:15 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary; 3 p.m., Benediction, all at St. Monica.

**New Philadelphia Sacred Heart** – Eucharistic Adoration and confession, followed by Evening Prayer, Mondays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23, 5:15 to 7 p.m.; lessons and carols, Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 p.m.

**Newark St. Francis de Sales** – Parish mission with Father Bill Garrett, OP. Theme, "God, Are You Online?" Sunday, Dec. 1 to Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.; church is last stop of Sights and Sounds of Christmas tour of downtown churches, Thursday, Dec. 5; Adopt-a-Family program starts the week after Thanksgiving, with distribution Sunday, Dec. 22; multiple Nativity sets on loan from the University of Dayton's large collection will be displayed in Johnson Hall from approximately Saturday, Nov. 30 through January 2014.

**Portsmouth Holy Redeemer and St. Mary** – Novena in preparation for Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday,

Dec. 1 to Monday, Dec. 9, at home and in church; "God Is with Us" parish mission, Sunday, Dec. 1 to Monday, Dec. 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer; annual holiday tour of churches in Boneyfiddle historic district, Friday, Dec. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Meet at Scioto County Courthouse, tours every half-hour; "tacky" sweater party for high school students, Sunday, Dec. 15, 6 to 8 p.m., Holy Redeemer; sorting and distribution for Catholic Social Services Portsmouth office Giving Tree program, helping children and school-aged teens, Monday, Dec. 16 to Friday, Dec. 20, Holy Redeemer; Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Catholic Social Services distribution of holiday food baskets, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 22, Holy Redeemer; "Evening of Faith" concert with soloist Faith Esham, area musicians, and Holy Redeemer choirs, Sunday, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., Holy Redeemer.

**Powell St. Joan of Arc** – 21st annual performance of "A Bethlehem Carol" children's Christmas musical, with about 60 children participating, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.; family Christmas festival, Friday, Dec. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Parents Night Out babysitting, sponsored by Girl Scouts with adult supervision, to allow parents holiday time of their own, Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 to 10 p.m.; Giving Tree project benefits needy people in the parish and in Columbus' Weinland Park neighborhood, Delaware People in Need organization, and Kids 'N' Kamp; Parish School of Religion takes part in Emergency Hope program for southern Ohio children and makes blanket throws for Run the Race Club for at-risk children.

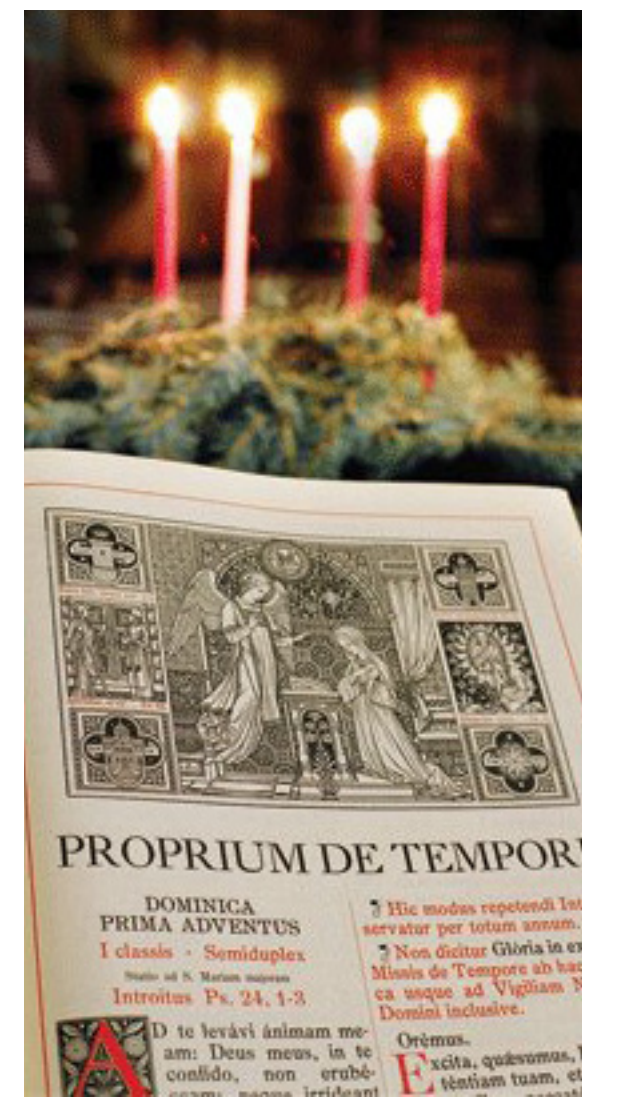
**Reynoldsburg St. Pius X** – Advent evening of reflection, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.; men's retreat directed by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor, Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. Theme: "Presence Makes Perfect," Friday to Sunday, Dec. 6 to 8, St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus; parish's 35th annual Adopt-A-Child program collects toys and clothes for local children, Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8; communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday,

Dec. 7 following 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Dec. 8 following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark** – Morning of reflection with Sister Janice Bachman, OP. Theme: "Longing for Light in the Darkness," Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Westerville St. Paul** – Blanket, coat, and canned food collection for people in Cranks Creek, Ky., Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8; Advent lessons and carols, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 to 8 p.m.; Jesse Tree project for the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist in Columbus.

**Zanesville St. Nicholas** – Giving Tree to benefit Muskingum Valley Clinic for children, Heartbeats, Transitions, and homebound parishioners.



## St. Matthew Veterans Day



**Third- and fourth-grade students at Gahanna St. Matthew School saluted veterans during a schoolwide assembly on Monday, November 11. This was the first time veterans have taken part in the program. The veterans, retired parishioners who are members of the third grade's intergenerational Friends Across Time program, joined with the students in singing patriotic songs, delivered short talks about their experiences serving the nation in times of war, and were presented with flowers in appreciation for their service.**  
Photo courtesy St. Matthew Church

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was a freshman in Conley's first year and could appreciate the moment as much as anyone on the roster.

"It was surreal. It was almost like a dream looking up there," he said. "Looking back to where we were freshman year and now, it's just amazing to see the growth. I probably had one of the biggest smiles I've ever had when I saw our name up there."

Clegg credits Conley's leadership for building a winner.

"Once we all bought into the program and what he had, then it was really just a matter of when it was going to happen," Clegg said. "I think the biggest difference is the team aspect. It's literally like a family, and I think that motivates us to want to go out and play our hardest every week."

Ohio Dominican started to turn the corner in 2012, winning its final five games and finishing second in the GLI-AC South. This year's team picked up where last season left off and kept going, extending ODU's winning streak to 15 games and counting.

Ohio has the distinction of being home to schools with the nation's longest winning streaks in Division I (Ohio State), Division II (Ohio Dominican), and Division III (defending national champion Mount Union).

"It's almost impossible (to go undefeated)," Conley said. "You have to have several things. You have to be prepared. You have to have players that make big plays in crucial situations. I think the thing that's helped us is we've been such a well-balanced team -- offense, defense and special teams. Special teams are maybe the glue that's held this together."

The numbers bear witness to that. Ohio Dominican is ranked second in Division II in kickoff returns with a 27.5-yard average. Kicker Brent Wahle, a sophomore from Bishop Hartley, is the national leader in field goals per game. He has converted 21 of 25 attempts and scored

105 points in 10 games. Special teams also produced six blocked kicks.

The Panthers' overall balance is reflected by an offense that averages 242.4 yards passing and 243.3 yards rushing per game. Mark Nichols, a senior from Newark Catholic, is one of two 1,000-yard rushers. He has a team-leading 1,110 yards on 192 carries and 11 touchdowns.

### Third Victory Was Key

The third week of the season turned out to be a watershed moment. Ohio Dominican thumped ninth-ranked Grand Valley State 57-14. The week before, the Panthers had edged Northern Michigan 30-23 in what turned out to be their closest game.

"I think it was when Grand Valley came here we knew we could compete with them, but we didn't know if we were on that level yet or not," Culbertson said. "I think about the end of the first quarter of that game, we all started to really believe there was something special going on and that if we play hard and play together and we listen to our coaches, that we can go as far as we want."

The Panthers don't want to stop now. If they can get past West Texas A&M (10-2), a matchup with Colorado State-Pueblo, the region's top-ranked team, could be next.

"It's definitely going to be hard work," Clegg said. "It's going to be the elite of the elite going at each other. It will be going to work every day and making sure we focus on what's ahead."

No matter how the season ends, the Panthers will take pride in their accomplishment and look forward to what appears to be a bright future.

"They've come out every week and played a very high caliber of football against some of the best teams in America," Conley said. "And now to be considered one of those elite teams is very rewarding."

## Diocesan Eucharistic devotions during Advent

*For readers who may be interested in taking part in Eucharistic devotions during Advent, here is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic adoration or exposition takes place on a regular basis.*

*In addition to the activities listed, Advent penance services will be conducted at a number of parishes. Readers are advised to contact parishes for specific dates and times.*

*Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at Catholic Times.*

**Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel** – Exposition: All Sundays of Advent, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Cardington Sacred Hearts** – Exposition: First Fridays, 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

**Chillicothe St. Peter** – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Columbus Christ the King** – Exposition: First Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Columbus Holy Cross** – First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 7:30 a.m. Saturday. All-night Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, litanies, rosaries, hymns, and quiet time between prayers until 11:30, then exposition and private prayer until 7:30 a.m.

**Columbus Holy Family** – Exposition: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m., continuous to 11:45 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction. Contact church for details concerning entry.

**Columbus Holy Name** – During day in chapel, followed by Vespers and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

**Columbus Immaculate Conception** – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children's center (former convent). Press rear entry buzzer.

**Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

**Columbus Our Lady of Peace** – Exposition, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Columbus Our Lady of Victory** – Exposition: First Friday, from 8 p.m. Friday to start of 8 a.m. Saturday Mass.

**Columbus St. Agnes** – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Columbus St. Andrew** – Exposition:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, from end of 6:30 a.m. Mass to 8:15 a.m.; Tuesdays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 9 p.m.

**Columbus St. Anthony** – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.

**Columbus St. Catharine** – Holy Hour, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays with exposition, Benediction, and confession. Exposition: First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Columbus St. Cecilia** – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Columbus St. Christopher** – Adoration and prayer ministry: Weekdays from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 4:30 p.m.

**Columbus St. Elizabeth** – Exposition: second Sunday of the month, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral** – Holy Hour with Adoration and confession: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

**Columbus St. Ladislav** – Adoration: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays in former convent. Call Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, at (614) 444-2598 for instructions on how to enter.

**Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona** – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., with sung Vespers at 7 p.m. on the Thursdays of December.

**Columbus St. Mary** – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

**Columbus St. Mary Magdalene** – Exposition: second Monday of the month, 11 a.m. to noon in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.

**Columbus St. Patrick** – Adoration: Third and fourth Fridays of the month, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday. Exposition: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fridays.

**Columbus St. Peter** – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; all other Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

**Columbus St. Stephen** – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; first Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; other Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m.; first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday.

**Columbus St. Timothy** – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Danville St. Luke** – Exposition: Once

a month (date varies), from after 10 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. prayer service Sunday.

**Delaware St. Mary** – Exposition, First Sundays, from end of 12:15 p.m. Mass to 3 p.m.; Mondays, 6 p.m. to midnight.

**Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare** – Exposition: First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Gahanna St. Matthew** – Exposition: Wednesday, Dec. 11 and 18, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; rest of the year, second and fourth Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Granville St. Edward** – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday.

**Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help** – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Jackson Holy Trinity** – Exposition: First Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Kenton Immaculate Conception** – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

**Lancaster St. Bernadette** – Exposition: Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to midnight in chapel. Knock on front door to gain admittance.

**Logan St. John** – Exposition: First Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.

**Marion St. Mary** – Adoration: Fridays, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 9 a.m. Saturday. Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

**Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes** – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 5:15 p.m. Mass to 10 a.m. Saturday.

**Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul** – Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Mass and Benediction.

**New Albany Church of the Resurrection** – Exposition: Call the parish office at (614) 855-1400 for times or go to the parish website, [www.churchoftheresurrection.com](http://www.churchoftheresurrection.com).

**New Lexington St. Rose** – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 or 9 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.

**New Philadelphia Sacred Heart** – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Confession and Adoration, followed by prayer service, Monday,

Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23, 5:30 p.m.

**Newark Blessed Sacrament** – Exposition: Noon to midnight Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in chapel; 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in sanctuary.

**Newark St. Francis de Sales** – Exposition: 7 p.m. Sunday to 4 p.m. Saturday, in day chapel behind sanctuary.

**Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton** – Adoration: 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Eucharistic Chapel.

**Plain City St. Joseph** – Exposition: 6 to 8 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays; 6 a.m. every Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday; 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays; evening hours follow 5:30 p.m. Mass and Vespers.

**Portsmouth Holy Redeemer** – Exposition: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

**Portsmouth St. Mary** – Exposition: Fridays, from end of noon Mass to Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

**Powell St. Joan of Arc** – Exposition: 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday.

**Sunbury St. John Neumann** – Exposition: 5 p.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Church is locked from 6 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday. Non-scheduled adorers who wish to visit during these hours should contact [amydavis@hotmail.com](mailto:amydavis@hotmail.com).

**Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne** – Exposition: Holy Days of Obligation; all night on Feast of Corpus Christi.

**Waverly St. Mary** – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 6:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 8 p.m.

**Westerville St. Paul** – Exposition: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

**Worthington St. Michael** – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Adoration Chapel.

**Zaleski St. Sylvester** – Exposition: Thursdays, from after 8 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

**Zanesville St. Nicholas** – Exposition: First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

**Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas** – Exposition: Fridays, noon to 9 p.m.



# Celebrate Christmas with Ohio Dominican

Join the Ohio Dominican University community for our annual Christmas tradition, Carols and Lessons, Wednesday, Dec. 4. The evening will begin with Carols and Lessons, followed by the Blessing of the Creche and lighting of the Christmas tree. Children can visit with Santa. Refreshments will be served. Christmas crafts are planned.

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## First Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

## Be prepared to meet death by living worthy lives



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Isaiah 2:1-5**  
**Romans 13:11-14**  
**Matthew 24:37-44**

Another Advent, another reminder of Isaiah's vision of the future glory of Jerusalem. A time of universal disarmament and peace. Christians unite with Jews in their hope for Isaiah's vision to be fulfilled. The vision remains unfulfilled.

Paul urges Roman Christians to seize the present time as the appropriate time to act on their faith in Christ who has died, risen, and been seated at the right hand of the Father. Salvation is always closer than when any of us first believed. Yet often the cares of the world cause us to sleep away the faith. Paul calls us to awaken, using language appropriate for an apocalyptic mindset, which marked the early years of Christianity. The night far spent and the day at hand signals the nearness of fulfillment.

"The armor of light" symbolizes the acts of Christian charity which mark the believer. This is the language of preparation for war, which too is apocalyptic language for the struggle to live righteously in the midst of a world which resists the righteous.

Paul summarizes what he means by the parallels of "orgies and drunkenness; promiscuity and lust; and rivalry and jealousy." All of those actions are equally contrary to a life lived in Jesus Christ. A life lived in Jesus Christ is a life aware of our upward calling to Christ, which leads away from the desires of the flesh. Every Christian has to face this struggle. As we grow closer to Christ, we grow farther away from all that

## OSU professor to talk on bioethics from Catholic perspective

The next event in The Catholic Foundation's conversations series will feature Dr. Vincent Pompili speaking on the Catholic perspective concerning the evolution of stem cell research and bioethics. He will speak from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the Ruth Lang board room of the Foundation's office, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. Light refreshments will be served.

Pompili is a professor of medicine and director of interventional cardiovascular medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. He also serves as director of cardiovascular cell-based therapies at OSU's Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute.

During the past decade, he has pioneered in studying use of adult non-embryonic stem-cell therapies in

would separate us from Christ. Paul urges us to remember this, and it is therefore a perfect reflection for the First Sunday of Advent.

Matthew's Gospel reflection comes from his "end time discourse." With the arrival of the Advent season, we return to the "A" cycle of readings, which draw mostly from the Gospel according to Matthew. The fact that we head to Matthew's "end time discourse" shows us the dual nature of the season of Advent. It is first and foremost a reflection on the arrival of the Lord in glory at the end of the age. Only secondarily is Advent a period of preparation for the birth of the Christ. If we were to be even more precise, it is really simply a preparation for the Christmas season liturgically. It is not like the Christ is going to be born again. That happened once, long ago, in Bethlehem of Judea, about which we will hear more later.

Matthew tells three parables about the unknown nature of the day of the Lord. It is compared to Noah's day, when the flood had been predicted but no one listened, until the flood came. Or it will be like two men in a field — one taken, the other left. Or it will be like two women grinding — one taken, one left. That does not mean that whoever is left will not be taken later. It simply means that the Son of Man will come when we are not expecting it. Nobody can predict it. So we are all told to be alert at all times.

In practical terms, this means we need to be ready to meet death (our encounter with the Son of Man) whenever it comes, by living lives worthy of our calling. None knows the day, so we are told to be prepared always. Being prepared in this way means living according to the teachings of Jesus every day, so that we are not caught off guard by the one day we know will come (the day of death). Such are the things we are asked to ponder in this holy season.

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

cardiovascular disease. He launched one of the first U.S.-based federally approved trials using stem cells derived from bone marrow to treat patients with advanced heart disease. He also is the founder and chief medical officer of Arterioocyte, Inc., a company focused on advancing cell therapies for tissue repair and cardiac disease.

Pompili lives in Upper Arlington with his wife and two daughters. He is a member of Columbus St. Agatha Church and serves on the board of Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

Space for the event is limited. Contact Julie Naporano at (614) 443-3893 or jnaprano@catholic-foundation.org to reserve a seat.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Isaiah 4:2-6  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Matthew 8:5-11

TUESDAY  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17  
Luke 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Matthew 15:29-37

THURSDAY  
Isaiah 26:1-6  
Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a  
Matthew 7:21,24-27

FRIDAY  
Isaiah 29:17-24  
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
Matthew 9:27-31

SATURDAY  
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26  
Psalm 147:1-6  
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2012

## SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO's cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## JFK after 50 years

On Nov. 22, 1963, the seventh grade at Baltimore's Cathedral School was in gym class when we got word that President Kennedy had been shot. A half-hour later, while we were climbing the stairs back to 7B's classroom, Sister Dolorine's voice came over the public address system, announcing that the president was dead. Walking into 7B, my classmates and I saw something that shocked us as much as the news we'd just heard: our tough-love homeroom teacher, a young School Sister of Notre Dame, was sobbing, her faced buried in her arms on her desk.

The days of public mourning that followed—their solemnity shattered only by the assassination of the assassin on live TV—were bound to leave an impression on a 12-year-old. Indeed, so great was the impression, and so effective the subsequent myth-making, that a half-dozen or so years later, as a college student beginning to feel the effects of late-'60s skepticism, I was nonetheless offended when it was first reported that the late president had been a "fearsome girler" (as Ben Bradlee's father put it).

Still, the magnetic appeal of the man (or the myth, or both) was such that when I first went to Dallas, I was inexorably drawn to the site of the assassination, the Texas School Book Depository and nearby Dealey Plaza. Standing at the window from which the shots that changed American history were fired, I quickly decided that a trained marksman could have easily done, by himself, what the Warren Commission con-

cluded he had done.

I remain grateful to John F. Kennedy for inspiring the conviction that public life ought to accommodate both idealism (without illusions, as JFK described his own approach) and elegance. Fifty years after his death, however, I fear that much of the Kennedy mythos is an obstacle to the flowering of Catholic witness in America—and indeed to a proper understanding of modern American history.

The myth of Camelot, for example, misses the truth about the assassination: that John F. Kennedy was a casualty of the Cold War, murdered by a dedicated communist. "Camelot" also demeaned the liberal anti-communist internationalism that Kennedy embodied; that deprecation eventually led Kennedy's party into the wilderness of neo-isolationist irresponsibility from which it has yet to emerge.

Then there is the mythology surrounding Kennedy's 1960 speech on church and state, delivered to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association. No one should doubt that hoary Protestant bigotry was an obstacle the Kennedy campaign had to overcome in 1960. Still, a close reading of the Houston speech suggests that Kennedy neutralized that bigotry, not only by deft rhetorical moves that put bigots on the defensive, but by dramatically privatizing religious conviction and marginalizing its role in orienting a public official's moral compass. Thus Kennedy became, in effect, a precursor of what Richard John Neuhaus later called the "naked public square": an American public space in which not merely clerical authori-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

tarianism, but religiously informed moral conviction, is deemed out of bounds.

Finally, there is the phenomenon that might be called the Kennedy Catholic: a public official who wears his or her Catholicism as a kind of ethnic marker, an inherited trait, but whose thinking about public policy is rarely if ever shaped by Catholic social doctrine or settled Catholic moral conviction. The many Kennedy Catholics in our public life are one of the last expressions of urban (or suburban), ethnic, Counter-Reformation Catholicism in America, and, as such, they evoke a certain nostalgia. Unfortunately, the shallowness of their Catholic formation and the invisibility of Catholic moral understandings in a lot of their judgments make Kennedy Catholics *de facto* opponents of the Church's mission in the postmodern world, not protagonists of the culture-reforming Catholicism of the New Evangelization.

At daily Mass in downtown Washington, I often receive Communion while standing on the marble slab in St. Matthew's Cathedral that marks the place where the president's casket rested at the funeral Mass on Nov. 25, 1963. In praying for him there, I also mourn what might have been—and what has been distorted in the half-century since.

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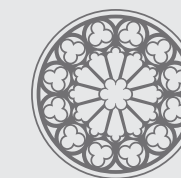
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COMPETES IN  
TWO STATE  
EVENTS

Aaron Wood (third from left, top row), a sophomore at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, made school athletic history by competing in both the state golf tournament and the state cross country meet this fall. Cathy Henry, the school's athletic director, said he is the first Fisher athlete to compete in two state meets at the same time of the year. The Irish finished sixth among more than 200 teams in the Division III cross country meet. Individually, Wood was 71st among 146 runners with a time of 17:23. The school also placed sixth in the Division III golf event, which had 12 finalists. Wood's two-round total of 168 ranked 24th among 72 golfers. He is part of an active athletic family. His sister, Sarah, a senior at Fisher, was selected as an All-Mid-State League and All-Central District player in volleyball and participated in district and state All-Star games this month. Both siblings have academic averages of at least 4.0 and are altar servers at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, and are part of an active athletic family. Aaron's twin brother, David, played soccer for the Irish; cousins Kyle Kilbarger, who competed in the state tournament, and Sam Klopfer also were on the Fisher golf team; and two more cousins, Hannah Klopfer and Claire Kilbarger, were on the undefeated junior varsity volleyball team. Pictured are (from left): first row, Hannah Klopfer, Sarah Wood, and Claire Kilbarger; second row, Sam Klopfer, Kyle Kilbarger, Aaron Wood, and David Wood. Another cousin, Andrew Kilbarger, also is a Fisher student.

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**AUSTING, Diane, 70, Nov. 20**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**BEIER, James L., 68, Nov. 20**  
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

**BENTZ, Francis H., 76, Nov. 17**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**BROWN, Shirley, 85, Nov. 15**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**CANALE, James M. "Mike," 62, Nov. 17**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**CRUSE, George, 85, Nov. 17**  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**DAVIS, Betty A., 76, Nov. 21**  
Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Columbus

**DEELY, William E., 85, Nov. 18**  
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

**DeMARCO, Patricia J., 78, Nov. 17**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**DENTON, Floyd C. "Poppy," 84, Nov. 19**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**DiDONATO, Enrico, 100, Nov. 19**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**EMLICH, Paul H., 76, Nov. 18**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**FLYNN, Louis L., 86, Nov. 20**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**FULLEN, Shaun L., 38, Nov. 21**  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

**HERSHBERGER, John, 58, Nov. 17**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**HETTERSCHIEDT, George R. "Dick," 81, Nov. 23**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**HREN, Verna, 91, Nov. 14**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**IMLAY, Ruth "Helene," 90, Nov. 22**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**KIHM, Helen M., 97, Nov. 18**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**KORPIESKI, Stanley B., 88, Nov. 17**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**LANG, Robert A., 93, Nov. 22**  
St. Matthew Church, Columbus

**LANGE, Julia B., 86, Nov. 17**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**SALIMBENE, Nelly A., 94, Nov. 21**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**SIVICK, Rose, 77, Nov. 14**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**TALARICO, Judy, 74, Nov. 18**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**TANN, Michael E., 71, formerly of Columbus, Nov. 20**  
St. Peter Church, Huron

**THIBODEAUX, Margery M., 92, Nov. 15**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**TIEBOUT, Josephine, 84, Nov. 19**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**TRIPLETT, Stephen, 74, Nov. 12**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**WEHRFRITZ, H. James, 91, Nov. 18**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

## Milton B. Schott Jr.

Funeral Mass for Milton B. Schott Jr., 62, who died Wednesday, Nov. 13, was held Saturday, Nov. 16, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery, Harbor Springs, Mich.

He was born Feb. 21, 1951, in Cincinnati to the late Milton and Frances (Roach) Schott, and was a graduate of Cincinnati St. Xavier High School and the University of Cincinnati.

He was employed in industrial sales and engineering with Bearings Inc. before forming his own company in 1990 and becoming vice president of


sales for PT International of Charlotte, N.C., in 2009.

He was a board member of The Catholic Foundation, Columbus Cristo Rey High School, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus, a trustee of the Harold C. Schott Foundation, and a volunteer at the Grange Audubon Center.

Survivors include sons, Michael and Nathan; brothers, Gregory (Jane) and Stephen; and sisters, Frances (Thomas) Hiltz, Elizabeth Saal, and Nancy (Peter) Schott Hesser.

Send obituaries to:  
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## Cookie walk Dec. 14 to benefit Joseph's Coat

A cookie walk sponsored by Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, Messiah Lutheran, and Parkview Presbyterian churches to benefit the Joseph's Coat clothing and furniture ministry will take place beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Messiah Lutheran, 1200 S. Waggoner Road.

Participants will be able to buy an empty box for \$12 or \$20 and walk down a long row of tables filled with holiday-themed cookies, selecting the ones they want until the box is full.

Established in 2004, Joseph's Coat is a non-profit, ecumenical community outreach ministry of the three churches. Its mission is to help individuals and families to provide for themselves

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The Joseph's Coat warehouse and store is located at 240 Outerbelt St. in Columbus and is open on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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### 1-4, SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY

**Parish Mission at Newark St. Francis de Sales**  
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**Parish Mission at Holy Redeemer**  
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**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
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**Blessing of New Addition at St. Michael**  
4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass and blesses new addition, which includes an adoration chapel, parish offices, classrooms, and meeting areas. 614-885-7814

## DECEMBER

### 1, SUNDAY

**Exposition at Church of the Resurrection**  
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

**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

**Evening to Remember Bob Lennon**  
6 to 9 p.m., Hollywood Casino, 200 Georgesville Road, Columbus. Evening to remember longtime Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School teacher and coach Bob Lennon, who died in September when struck by a car while bicycling. Benefits Lennon Scholarship Fund. Must be 21 or over. 614-267-7808

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

**Compline at Cathedral**  
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

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**Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting**  
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served at least three months, were honorably discharged or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

**Abortion Recovery Network Group**  
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-444-4411

**Evening of Reflection at St. Pius X**  
7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Advent evening of reflection. 614-866-2859  
**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

### 4, WEDNESDAY

**Ohio Dominican Lessons, Carols, and Tree Lighting**  
6 p.m., Christ the King Chapel, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Christmas lessons and carols ceremony, followed by creche blessing, Christmas tree lighting, children's ornament making, and pictures with Santa. Reservation deadline Dec. 1. 614-251-4453

**Expansion Project Blessing at Mount Carmel St. Ann's**  
6 p.m., Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses hospital's newly completed expansion project, which includes a new patient tower and main entrance and 60 additional beds.  
**Christmas Concert at St. Elizabeth**  
7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Annual parish Christmas concert, with choirs and "surprise visitor." 614-891-0150

### 4-6, WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

**Ohio Dominican Holiday Art Market**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wehrle Art Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Holiday art market featuring handcrafted items and original artwork by ODU faculty, staff, and students.

### 5, THURSDAY

**Advent Quiet Morning at Corpus Christi Center of Peace**  
9:15 to 10:30 a.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Advent quiet morning, featuring reflections on "Preparing for Christmas" by Father Richard Rohr. 614-512-3731

**Christmas Tour of Newark Churches**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark, will be the last stop of the evening "Sights and Sounds of Christmas Tour" of churches in and around downtown Newark. 740-345-9874

### 6, FRIDAY

**St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**  
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.  
**Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.  
**Mass With Bishop Campbell at Watterson**  
10:30 a.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke

Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass. 614-268-8671

**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting**  
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Father Michael Gentry, parochial vicar, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. Details at [www.columbuscatholicmen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicmen.com).

**"The Beauty of Advent" at St. Timothy**  
7 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. "The Beauty of Advent," a celebration through music, dramatic readings, and dance. 614-451-2671

**Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 to 9 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

**All-Night Eucharistic Vigil**  
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

**All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

### 6-8, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**Men's Retreat at St. Therese's**  
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Men's retreat sponsored by Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church spiritual life committee, directed by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. Theme: "Presence Makes Perfect." 614-866-2859

### 7, SATURDAY

**Mary's Little Children Prayer Group**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

**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

**Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi**  
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

**Day of Recollection at Lancaster St. Mary**  
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Spirit Center, St. Mary School, 309 E. Chestnut St., Lancaster. Day of recollection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: "Mary's 'Yes' and Ours." Lunch included. 740-653-0997

**Giftmaking Workshop at Shepherd's Corner**  
1 to 2:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Workshop on making beaded napkin rings and mitten Christmas cards. led by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP, and Americorps volunteer Sarah Krosse. Registration deadline Dec. 3. \$10 fee. 614-866-4302

**Anointing of the Sick at St. Pius X**  
After 5 p.m. Mass, St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Communal Anointing of the Sick. 614-866-2859



CONCERT



## Sacrum Mysterium ~ A Celtic Christmas

The 34th season of the Early Music in Columbus series continues with Apollo's Fire in "Sacrum Mysterium, A Celtic Christmas." The concert will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St., Columbus.

This groundbreaking program took northeast Ohio by storm during 12 sold-out performances in the last two years. Director Jeannette Sorrell's celebration of Celtic artistic traditions weaves Renaissance choral music with ancient pagan carols, folk dances, and joyous fiddle tunes. A colorful band of bagpipes, flutes, strings, and Celtic harp joins the exquisite Apollo's Singers. This program is a special collaboration with

Ensemble La Nef of Montreal, with special guests Sylvain Bergeron, archlute; Meredith Hall, soprano; and Steve Player, dance and guitar.

Named for the classical god of music and the sun, Apollo's Fire was founded in 1992 by award-winning harpsichordist and conductor Jeannette Sorrell, who envisioned an ensemble dedicated to the Baroque ideal that music should evoke the various *Affekts* or passions in the listeners. Apollo's Fire is a collection of creative artists who share Sorrell's passion for drama and rhetoric.

The Early Music in Columbus concert series features regional, national, and international artists who spe-

cialize in music from the medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods on reproductions of historic instruments. Tickets are \$27 for general admission, \$22 for seniors, and \$12 for students and may be purchased through the web site [www.earlymusicincolumbus.org](http://www.earlymusicincolumbus.org), at the door, or charged by phone. To order tickets by phone, contact Katherine Wolfe at (614) 861-4569, the CAPA ticket offices at (614) 469-0939, or Ticketmaster at (1-800) 745-3000.

The Early Music in Columbus concert series is supported by funding from the Ohio Arts Council, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and The Columbus Foundation.

CONCERT

## Sarah Hart to perform in Lancaster

Lancaster native, Fisher Catholic High School graduate, and Nashville resident Sarah Hart will present a free concert at Lancaster First Presbyterian Church, 222 N. Broad St., at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Proceeds will benefit the church's missions programs.

Hart, a Christian singer, songwriter, presenter, award winner, and Grammy nominee, also is a graduate of the school of music at The Ohio State University and is a staff writer for Oregon Catholic Press and BMI Music Publishing.

Hart hits the road steadily, presenting concerts, speaking, leading faith-focused women's, musicians', and parish retreats, and performing from coast to coast and overseas. Several of her songs have been performed in films and television, most recently in the movie *Grace Unplugged*, and her songs appear in

contemporary hymnals across the world.

She recently released her eighth solo album. Amy Grant, Celtic Woman, Matt Maher, Michael Card, the Newsboys, Sandi Patty, Audrey Assad, and Josh Blakesley have recorded her songs.

She is the daughter of Myles and Anne Hart Kiphen and the granddaughter of Alex Hart, who was a long-time member of First Presbyterian, where he served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. She is delighted to be able to perform in concert in honor of her grandfather.

Hart has just returned from Rome, where she sang for Pope Francis at the request of the Vatican. The performance may be seen by going to YouTube and typing in "Sarah Hart singing for Pope Francis."

You can read more about her at [www.sarahhart.com](http://www.sarahhart.com).

YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

People gather in St. Peter's Square as Pope Francis venerates the relics of St. Peter the Apostle during Mass at the Vatican on Nov. 24. The bone fragments were discovered during excavations of the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica in the 1940s.

CNS photos/Stefano Rellandini, Reuters

## Year of Faith concludes as pope venerates the relics of St. Peter

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

Pope Francis closed the Year of Faith by calling on people to keep Christ at the center of their lives, especially in times of trouble.

"When Jesus is at the center, light shines in even the darkest moments of our lives. He gives us hope," he said in his homily on Sunday, Nov. 24, the Feast of Christ the King.

The closing Mass in St. Peter's Square also saw, for the first time, the exposition for public veneration of bones believed to be those of St. Peter. The apostle is believed to have been martyred on a hill overlooking St. Peter's Square and buried a tomb now located two levels below the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica.

Eight bone fragments, each two to three centimeters long, were nestled in an open bronze reliquary displayed to the side of the altar.

During the ceremony, the pope -- the 265th successor of Peter -- held the closed reliquary for several minutes in silent prayer while choirs sang the Nicene Creed in Latin.

The bones, which were discovered during excavations of the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica in the 1940s, are kept in the pope's private chapel, but had never been displayed in public.

While no pope has ever declared the bones to be authentic, Pope Paul VI said in 1968 that the "relics" of St. Peter had been "identified in a way which we can hold to be convincing."

Pope Francis began his homily by thanking retired Pope Benedict XVI for establishing the Year of Faith, calling it a "providential initiative" that gave Chris-



tians "the opportunity to rediscover the beauty of the journey of faith begun on the day of our baptism."

The pope then greeted patriarchs and archbishops of the Eastern Catholic churches, who were in Rome for a meeting, and extended those greetings to all Christians living in the Holy Land, Syria, and the East,

wishing them "the gift of peace and harmony."

He expressed his appreciation for their fidelity to Christ, which comes "often at a high price."

In his homily, the pope focused on "the centrality of Christ" and how the faithful are expected to recognize and accept "the centrality of Jesus Christ in our thoughts, words, and works."

"When this center is lost, because it is replaced with something else, only harm can result for everything around us and for ourselves," he said.

Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading about the good thief, who was crucified alongside Jesus, repented, and asked Jesus to remember him in paradise, the pope said Jesus responded to the man with forgiveness, "not condemnation."

"Whenever anyone finds the courage to ask for this forgiveness, the Lord does not let such a petition go unheard," Pope Francis said.

The pope said everyone should ask the Lord to remember them because "each one of us has a history," has made mistakes and sinned, as well as experienced happy times and sad.

People need to say, "Jesus, remember me because I want to be good, I have the desire to become good, but I don't have the strength. I can't, I'm a sinner," the pope said. In response, "the Lord always grants more than what he has been asked."

**Photo: Pope Francis holds a bronze reliquary containing the relics of St. Peter the Apostle on the altar during a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Nov. 24. The bone fragments are kept in the pope's private chapel, but had never been displayed in public.**

## Columbus Diocese youth heading to the National Catholic Youth Conference

About 260 young people and 90 adults from all over the Diocese of Columbus gathered Thursday, Nov. 21, at West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church for a morning Mass before continuing their pilgrimage aboard seven buses to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. On their arrival in Indiana's capital city later that day, they joined about 24,000 other youths at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center for three days of talks, workshops, prayer, and service projects linked by the theme "Signed.

Sealed. Delivered" and giving them ample opportunities for spiritual growth. Concelebrants for the Mass were Father William A. Metzger, pastor of the host parish; Father Charles Klinger, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church; and Father David Sizemore, pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. Fathers Klinger and Sizemore traveled with the Columbus contingent to Indianapolis. In his homily, Father Klinger told the young people that they would be encountering Jesus in many ways through their interactions with others, through the messages they would hear from conference speakers, and ultimately through the closing Mass of the conference on Saturday, Nov. 23. He urged them to "look forward to this visitation" and be open to finding Jesus in all their activities of the weekend. The conference, which takes place every two years, began regionally in 1983 and nationally in 1991 and was hosted by Columbus in 2007. This year's event included 154 delegations from 44 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. Participants included 325 priests, 35 bishops, and several hundred other religious. Among its highlights was the packing of 100,000 meals to be sent to west Africa. A story on local participants' activities at the conference will be featured in the Dec. 15 Catholic Times.

CT photos by Tim Puet



### BISHOP HARTLEY SIGNEES

Three Columbus Bishop Hartley High School athletes have signed letters of intent to play college sports next year. Pictured are (from left): Sidney Melton, softball, Louisville; Mike Winters, Hartley principal; Sam Montgomery, baseball, Lake Erie; and Mariah Rock, softball, Walsh.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

## MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY

Bus trips to the annual March for Life in Washington in January again will be sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11187 of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and by Danville St. Luke Church.

The bus from Pickerington will leave early Tuesday, Jan. 21, returning late Wednesday, Jan. 22, or in the early-morning hours of the following day.

Participants will travel directly to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for the Vigil Mass for Life on Tuesday, then go to the Embassy Suites in Washington for the night.

After the complimentary hotel breakfast Wednesday, young people in the group, along with anyone who would like to accompany them, will head for the youth rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center. Those who do not go to the rally may attend one of several morning pro-life functions.

The entire group will attend the March for Life's noon rally on the Mall, followed by the actual march to the U.S. Supreme Court building, then board the bus for the trip home. The cost is \$170 per person, based on double occupancy. Contact Edd Chinnock at echinnock@aol.com or (740)

927-5099 for registration forms or more information, or see the Seton Parish website, [www.setonparish.com](http://www.setonparish.com). The registration deadline is Sunday, Dec. 15.

The trip from Danville will be for four days and three nights. The cost is \$320 for a double room and \$280 each for three or more persons in a room. This covers the ride on a 47-passenger bus, three nights at the Hampton Inn in Alexandria, Va., and a tour of Washington guided by John Durbin of Danville.

The bus will depart Danville at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20. The following day, the group will tour the nation's capital and attend a 6 p.m. Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

After the tour and march on Wednesday, the group will stay one more night before leaving Washington at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, returning to Danville in the early evening.

A \$50 deposit is due by Tuesday, Dec. 10. Final payment is due by Friday, Jan. 10. Make checks payable to St. Luke Parish. For more information, contact the church office at (740) 599-6362 or Bobbie Thomas at (740) 398-9710 or (740) 427-4044.