POPE BENEDICT XVI RESIGNS
We enter into Lent, our annual exercise of preparation for the destiny we do not control. This is a season of great helplessness, releasing us from the weight of the present, a time of preparing to experience once again the freedom we have before us for the realization of the future that God has prepared for each of us. It is a season of spiritual renewal, a season of purifying and releasing, a season of spiritual hope, a season of renewed prayer.

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Ohio University have approximately 2,700 students and offers undergradu-

tion and experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

It is being resurrected in a manner of speaking, as a living witness to the reality of resurrection. The secret to its success is the belief that the resurrection is a process, not an event. It is a process that begins with our own personal experience of resurrection and continues as we share that experience with others.
DOES MASS ON A WEEKDAY COUNT? THE MEANING OF EASTER DUTY

Q: I am an old lady, and I have been properly instructed to attend daily Mass for my own soul. The last weekend Mass I attended was on Saturday. Is that a weekday Mass? (Clinton Township, Mich.)

A: The Sunday Mass obligation is clear. The Code of Canon Law states that “the Sunday obligation is fulfilled by the celebration of Mass on a weekday instead of during the weekend.” The circumstances that would excuse one from attending Mass on a weekday would only be on weekdays or if a person was too sick to come to the church.

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The tradition of unrestricted giving by The Catholic Foundation began in 1989 with an anonymous donor who wanted to help parishes with extraordinary maintenance needs. In 2007, the foundation awarded 100 grants to parishes, schools, and select social service agencies throughout Franklin County. Based on need, the foundation awarded grants to those within each category who demonstrate the greatest need.

This year, The Catholic Foundation awarded 54 FOCUS grants totaling $17,784 to 18 parishes, 13 schools, and seven ministries. This cycle awarded $7,899 in capital grants and $9,885 for program needs. About half of the FOCUS grant recipients were for needs outside of Franklin County.

The following is a sampling of the need answered in our diocese with grants to ministries, safety and security projects, seven evangelization projects, six youth improvement, five restroom renovations, five ministries for the homeless, four faith-based food stores, four heating and cooling projects, four water filtration and five programs to feed the hungry; and two flooring projects.

**Family, memories of being young, holding on to one another and of love are just a few of the things we cherish about our Faith. We believe we can share it with our children. We ask them to follow the light of a candle, burning brightly in our hearts, to a place where they can meet a Holy Family.

Our lives begin truly with the birth of a child. Children seem to capture our entire life and our universe, as we dwell and ground in us reality. We start to see our service to them as integral and wanted, and the children to present themselves in the greatest light, and become our most precious partner in those moments, for they become what they were meant to be, by our choices and our given talents.

The road we travel and the road we seek for others is a road that can diverge into so many directions. It can take us of the beaten path to a wonderful, spiritual place, or it can take us away from ourselves and away from our Duty. During our lifetime, we make choices, hopefully, the right ones. From our mistakes and with only the best for our children. But life is a difficult time, often seen as crooked and wavering as time makes it. We can only guide them and hope that they come to the realization that:

*His light is a beacon by which we measure our successes and failures. He waits for us as we attain the ultimate gift and who we are; and, from our understanding that we are human and, as such, fallible and subject to the environment we choose to exist in.*

Bishop John J. Paul II once said, “The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved and in which he learns to love the sincere gift of another. By a seemingly endless practice of devotion and love, God to one another, we come closer to the Design he has in store for so as followers of Christ. We depend on that love to remove doubt and uncertainty in times of trial and triumph.

The answers we seek for, if we are only brave enough to look through ourselves. It brings to mind those people who only see ‘do so and not as do so.’ And surprisingly, this is often the answer to many an argument we have with our kids.

Therefore, self-reflection, through prayer and supplication, through love and through life, we come closer. We are part of a much bigger picture, a part of a much larger family. The universe is not solely our own. Let us let the Family. Let us follow the flame that burns so bright, that will carry us beyond the circle of life and back to where all began, tracing back to the very moment of our existence … through the everlasting candlelight.

May God keep our families together and bring us closer to the Holy Family. Celebrate our children and their time with us. May He, Mother Mary, and father Joseph always be at our side, and may His peace be with you all.

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Eucharistic Adoration during Lent in the Columbus Diocese

For readers who may be interested in a 50-word online test, and if her score is high enough, she will be entered into the 2013 Sirps College Communications Catholic Metro Spelling Bee. All 40th- through sixth-grade students took part in classroom spelling bees, which were sponsored by different schools, and then were entered into the school finals. The 12 finalists spelled a total of 171 words, which were presented by that school's principal, and it agreed to spell. The final word to be spelled was “indescribable.” Negra will now take a 50-word online test, and if her score is high enough, she will be entered into the area finals at Ohio University in Athens on Saturday, March 16. Larry Nunn, local school principal.

CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

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NEWARK CATHOLIC LENTEN FISH FRY

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The temptation begins with the devil’s tacit acknowledgment — “You are the Son of God.” Luke assumes that the devil is well aware of Jesus’ identity. Yet, as he, in the flesh, appears to him, the devil does not yet know that he is the Son of God, because the church tradition holds that the Son of God was “made known” through the Incarnation. Jesus could certainly doubt his identity, but the devil would not know that he is the Son of God. The temptation takes place not before the Lord but “in the wilderness.” He is seduced by the devil to demonstrate his identity by living up to the expectations of people, his identity as the Son of God, as if to say “This is who I am. My Father knows me and loves me.” For the devil’s purpose, this hook is crucial. If Jesus performs the act of homage to the devil, then he is a devil worshiper, and not the Son of God. If Jesus does not worship the devil, then he is the Son of God. Bowing down to the devil is tantamount to deifying the devil. The devil then says “All these things I will give you” to lead Jesus to perdition. The devil commands Jesus to worship him and then testifies before the Lord that Jesus is His Son. Jesus’ response is that the Son of God will not worship the devil, nor will he do anything that would initiate the process of homage. He will not perform the act of homage to the devil, because he knows his identity and his mission. The temptation is then given in the context of Jesus observing the heavenly courts. This is an opportunity to witness the Holy Spirit in the liturgy. The temptation is given to test Jesus’ self-understanding and his relationship with God. A careful look at Deuteronomy reveals that the assurance of the rules depends on God’s presence, and not on external events. Deuteronomy 26:4-10 assures us that we should always remember the covenant and the promise of the Lord. If God is the ultimate act of homage, then the act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage. The temptation of Christ in the Gospel shows that Jesus is the Son of God, and that he is the Son of God. Bowing down to the devil is tantamount to deifying the devil. The devil commands Jesus to worship him and then testifies before the Lord that Jesus is His Son. Jesus’ response is that the Son of God will not worship the devil, nor will he do anything that would initiate the process of homage. He will not perform the act of homage to the devil, because he knows his identity and his mission. The temptation is then given in the context of Jesus observing the heavenly courts. This is an opportunity to witness the Holy Spirit in the liturgy. The temptation is given to test Jesus’ self-understanding and his relationship with God. A careful look at Deuteronomy reveals that the assurance of the rules depends on God’s presence, and not on external events. Deuteronomy 26:4-10 assures us that we should always remember the covenant and the promise of the Lord. If God is the ultimate act of homage, then the act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage. The temptation of Christ in the Gospel shows that Jesus is the Son of God, and that he is the Son of God. The act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage. The act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage. The act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage. The act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage. The act of homage before the Lord God is the ultimate act of homage.
LENTEN FRY DAY - COME JOIN US at the Kollasch Fish Fry at the Royal Oak Fire Station 12 in Hilliard. Report Hall, Brook Rd (behind Brook Ctr) every Friday from Feb 1 to March 22, 2013. Open 11 to 8 with assisted fried seafood, pastries, and beverages. Everyone is welcome and we get big smiles from everyone. Bring a group and have a family reunion.

Lent is a time to repent and grow closer to the Lord. You can help do this by attending a Fish Fry and Carrying out. Check our hours and menu to find the nearest to you!

ATTEND the St. Patrick's Church Fish Fry! Saturdays starting March 2nd, 2013 from 4PM to 8PM. St. Patrick's Church Fish Fry are open to the public on Saturdays. Location: 1111 N. Grant Ave. Columbus 43211. Opening at 4PM and closing at 8PM. All proceeds benefit the Parish. Come enjoy a great Lenten Fish Fry that feeds the soul as well as the stomach. For more information please call 614-442-3362 or 614-442-9171.

Sundays during the season, join Father Robert Barron’s “Catholicism” video series. Part 6: “The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church.” 2 p.m. in the main meeting hall at St. Christopher Parish, 1111 N. Grant Ave., Columbus 43211.

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Lent is a special season of the year for Catholics. For more information, call St. Christopher Parish at 614-244-6200.
You Can’t Take It With You

...It takes courage. You know, everybody’s afraid to live.

Wealthy Tony Kirby (played by student Mark Gnatowski in the Ready production and James Stewart in the movie version) speaks the above line in George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart’s Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy “You Can’t Take It With You.” Presented by the Columbus Bishop Ready High School theater department.

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Greater Columbus Right to Life again is conducting its 40 Days for Life campaign of fasting, prayer, outreach, and constant vigil outside of an area abortion provider.

The campaign began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, and will continue through Palm Sunday, March 24, running concurrently with Lent. Participants are gathering daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. outside of Complete Healthcare for Women, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, to peacefully protest its continuing practice of performing abortions.

Program coordinators, volunteers, and sidewalk counselors have committed to stand vigil from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, as a special invitation to those who are new to the campaign. A short candlelight prayer and praise service will begin at 5:30.

In the central Ohio area, the 40 Days for Life campaign has been sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life since 2007. The concept, while simple, goes to the core of the abortion crisis – the darkness that has led so many to believe that abortion is good for women, good for families, and good for the community.

Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life, said, “Almost a quarter of all abortions that are performed in Ohio are performed in Franklin County. That is a lot. So many, in fact, that it averages out to more than 15 every day, 108 every week. But we have evidence that communities who participate in 40 Days for Life are seeing positive changes.

“The number of abortions continues to decline and abortion facilities are shutting down. We are changing hearts and minds and lives with one of the most transforming powers known to man: prayer.”

It is easy to get involved with 40 Days for Life. First, check with your Parish Respect Life coordinator or at the website www.40DaysForLife.com/Columbus to see if your parish has adopted a day. If your parish is not involved and would like to be, volunteers at Greater Columbus Right to Life can help you get started.

If you cannot pray with your parish, you can also sign up as an individual, committing to as many or as few hours as you would like. If you’ve never before prayed at an abortion clinic, it is normal to feel a little nervous or unsure. Prayer is a powerful spiritual nourishment and a strong weapon against the evil of abortion, and you will not be alone.

Vanderkooi added, “Often, when we approach Lent with a spirit of repentance, we talk about what we should ‘give up’ as part of our Lenten fasts. In this Year of Faith, I would invite members of our diocese to consider that Lent can also be a time to adopt a good spiritual practice.

“If you are still considering your Lenten commitments, I would invite you to consider joining us for prayer at 40 Days for Life. Christ asked his disciples, ‘Could you not watch one hour with me?’ It is in that same spirit that we invite you to pray with us.”

Dover St. Joseph Church will host a Lenten speaker series on each of the first four Thursdays of Lent, from Feb. 19 to March 12, in its family life center, 614 N. Tuscarawas Ave.

Speakers and topics will be: Feb. 19, Retired Bishop James Griffin, “What Does Vatican II Mean to the Church?”; Feb. 26, James Pauley, Franciscan University of Steubenville professor, “Five Things Every Parish Needs to Know About the New Evangelization”; March 5, Father Edward Keck, retired pastor of Zoar Holy Trinity Church, “Hope in Darkness”; March 12, Father Matt Hoover, pastor of St. Joseph Church, topic to be announced.

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