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## The Editor's Notebook

## Called to Evangelize

By David Garick, Editor



Next week, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is an important reminder to all of us that we have a tremendous responsibility as Christians. Our Lord gave the great commission to his disciples, as described in Matthew's Gospel: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." That commission was not limited to the Christians of first-century Palestine. Each of us bears the responsibility of carrying out Christ's mission to this day.

Pope Francis reminded us of this during his recent visit to America. At the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, the pope canonized St. Junipero Serra, the famous missionary to the native people of America's West Coast. St. Junipero established missions throughout California and taught the native people who lived there, and he served as a shepherd to a people in need. "Junipero sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it," the pope said. "Mistreatment and wrongs, which today still trouble us, especially because of the hurt which they cause in the lives of many people."

The pope continued, "Mission is never the fruit of a perfectly planned program or a well-organized manual.

Mission is always the fruit of a life which knows what it is to be found and healed, encountered and forgiven."

Pope Francis insisted that Jesus does not give Christians a short list of who is or is not worthy of receiving his message, his presence. "The joy of the Gospel," the pope said, "is something to be experienced, something to be known and live only through giving it away, through giving ourselves away."

We have received a wonderful gift: salvation, eternal life with Christ, and purpose in our lives. We all know the parable of the talents. God gives us this wonderful gift, not just for our own benefit, but that we might share it and bring the entire world into knowledge of the love of God. This issue of *Catholic Times* touches on how our brothers and sisters are doing that around the world and how we can participate in that evangelization through our prayers and financial support. But our mission, as the Holy Father has pointed out, is not limited to the impoverished in the Third World. Many people who are well-educated, well-fed, and live in developed nations are also suffering from spiritual poverty. Some of them are our friends and neighbors. Each of us has a responsibility to make them a part of the New Evangelization. As Our Lord said, "For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required" (Luke 12:48).

## Catholic Bishops of Ohio oppose State Issue 3: the legalization of marijuana; encourage support for Issues 1 & 2

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Catholic bishops of Ohio issued the following recommendations:

### Issue 1: Creation of a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts

We appreciate that this issue was well debated in the Ohio General Assembly, and that it was placed on the ballot with strong bipartisan support.

Legislative districts should be fairly established, facilitate active citizen participation, assure effective accountability and accessibility to both voters and elected officials, and ensure the common good of all in society. Issue 1 provides a prudentially viable process for achieving these goals. The Catholic bishops of Ohio support Issue 1.

### Issue 2: Anti-monopoly amendment

Economic justice calls for a balance between free market practices and public actions that protect the common good. Our teaching refers to this as pursuing a proper equilibrium between subsidiarity and solidarity (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #353, 354).

We appreciate that the Ohio Gen-



eral Assembly, with bipartisan support, placed this issue on the ballot. We agree with proponents that the Constitution should be used to protect fundamental rights of all individuals, not to guarantee financial profits for a select few. The Catholic bishops of Ohio support Issue 2

### Issue 3: Production and sale of marijuana for medicinal and personal purposes

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* warns that the nontherapeutic use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life (#2291). Practicing the virtue of temperance disposes one to avoid every kind of excess, including drunkenness and substance abuse.

We do not believe that Issue 3 is well-conceived. We agree with opponents of issue 3 that the scope of this amendment is overly broad. We worry about the negative consequences broad exposure to marijuana will have, especially on children. We strongly believe that many of the proposed legalization provisions do not belong in the state Constitution. The Catholic bishops of Ohio are opposed to Issue 3.

**It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. The website [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 nations or territories. The service also is available by phone. The number is (1-858) 207-6277.**

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Front Page photo: Father Yesudasu Gorre distributes rice to parishioners at Sacred Heart Church in Elurupadu, India, which receives support from the Diocese of Columbus missions office. Photo courtesy Father Yesudasu Gorre

## Ruth Beckman retiring after 34 years as JOIN director

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Someone from Nationwide Children's Hospital calls the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, asking JOIN director Ruth Beckman if she can find a bed for a child, allowing the child to stay at home rather than be placed elsewhere by Franklin County Children Services.

A woman addicted to heroin calls Beckman asking for help. Beckman says she can't provide the aid the woman needs, but finds someone in the mental health community who can help, and has the woman contact that person.

Another woman needs the brakes fixed on her car, or else she will lose her job because she doesn't live in an area where public transportation provides an alternative way of getting to work. Beckman tells her to obtain an estimate, and JOIN will provide some of the money needed to cover the cost of the repair work.

This summarizes what took place at Beckman's desk in about 15 minutes on a weekday afternoon last month. Beckman said it's typical of what goes on at JOIN every day.

"These things happen here all the time. I don't know of anywhere else in the Columbus area where there's always such a variety of calls," she said. "How do they know to call me? You can't just call a lot of places for help on the spur of the moment without knowing someone. But people know they can call JOIN, and it will find maybe not everything they need, but some kind of help."

Beckman has dealt with tens of thousands of situations requiring emergency assistance since becoming JOIN director in 1981. At age 80, she remains enthusiastic about her work, but is stepping down from the position so she can take care of the health issues of her husband, Jack Beckman, to whom she's been married for 58 years. "He's always supported me. Now it's my turn to support him," she said.

Retirement also will enable her to see her eight grown children – seven of whom live outside central Ohio – 25 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Taking her place will be Lisa Keita, director of the St. Francis Center in McArthur. The two have been working



Left: Retiring JOIN director Ruth Beckman takes a phone call. Right: Beckman receives a plaque with a blessing imparted by Pope Francis from Mark Huddy, diocesan moderator for social concerns, and Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, JOIN associate director. CT photos by Tim Puet (left), Ken Snow (right)



on the transition for several months, and Beckman feels she's leaving JOIN in good hands. "We've known each other for years, and we went to the University of Notre Dame together at Easter time for a meeting and had a long conversation about the job. I came away from that feeling she's the perfect fit because of her own experiences," Beckman said "Ruth has been a mentor of mine for the last 15 years or so, and I've been on the JOIN board, so I'm familiar with its work," Keita said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to succeed Ruth, but I'm intimidated at the same time, because I recognize no one can really take her place. Everyone says I have big shoes to fill. She has things so established and her volunteers are so well-trained that I'm not planning any significant changes.

"Ruth's patience is remarkable and provides an example I hope I can follow. She sees everyone as a new person, not 'just another client,' and really listens to them. I just ask that everyone pray that I can continue what Ruth has done so well."

Keita has been in charge of the St. Francis Center, which serves Vinton County and the surrounding area of southeast Ohio, one of the state's most economically depressed regions, for the past five years and has 24 years of social service experience. She also was emergency services director at St. Stephen's Community House and director of the COMPASS homelessness prevention program at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, both in Columbus.

"Ruth made JOIN the organization it is today," said Jon Altman, a businessman and former JOIN board president who has been involved with the organization since the 1970s. "JOIN was formed in 1967 as a way of combining efforts by organizations like the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus, which had been establishing food pantries, rehabilitating homes and so forth" in 10 inner-city Columbus parishes.

"JOIN got these groups together and had been established for 15 years when Ruth became director. Having her in charge gave it a full-time person people knew they could go to. She organized the office, got more people in as volunteers, and it took off and kept growing."

Beckman was honored at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Thursday, Oct. 1 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, where she received a message from Pope Francis imparting his blessing, along with a book of memories and a monetary gift from JOIN staff and friends.

That day was the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the "Little Flower." Bishop Campbell in his homily said he wanted to recognize Beckman's "participation in what St. Therese called 'the Little Way': to recognize the neighbor next to us in need."

The bishop praised Beckman for "that marvelous example you made and the devotion that you offered to those who simply walked into the store in need of help. It's those small acts that probably will not appear in the history of the

world, but they are written deeply in the heart of Christ," he said.

Following Communion, the gifts were presented by Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, JOIN associate director, and Mark Huddy diocesan moderator for social concerns. Huddy described Beckman as "the Mother Teresa of Columbus."

Beckman had been a volunteer at Columbus Christ the King Church and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School for years when Father Thomas Cadden, who was diocesan vicar for Catholic Charities at the time, asked her to come to work for JOIN 34 years ago.

"Our youngest daughter was at Hartley at the time, and I told him I could come downtown to the JOIN office only after I dropped her off. He said that was fine, and that's how things got started," she said.

Since 2007, JOIN has operated from a building it shares with the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society's clothing center at 578 E. Main St., Columbus. It previously had offices in the Catholic Center at 197 E. Gay St. and in a building across Gay Street that was torn down and replaced by condominiums.

It serves as a center for emergency aid, providing food, identification papers, prescription assistance, utility help, infant needs, glasses, transportation, burial assistance, rent, work boots and shoes, and other items, as well as making referrals to other public and private sources of help and taking telephone requests for food re-

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Refinement

Did you stay out of the penalty box this past week? Hopefully, any penalties were minor, with no majors, game misconducts, or ejections. Life gives us plenty of opportunity to fail and to sin, but it also presents everything we need to succeed and excel. We also have a God who is pure love, and forgiveness is there whenever we seek it with a sincere and contrite heart. If we want to get that puck across the goal line and spend eternity with that same God, we have to continually overcome our challenges and shortcomings. God loves us infinitely and unconditionally, not because we fail and sin, but because we love and forgive one another, never giving up and always maintaining hope. Yes, our lives can be an ongoing power play. No matter what happens, no matter what challenges we have, we always have a one-man advantage. That man is Jesus Christ, and He happens to be God and our brother, also. We cannot lose.

I recently went through a period of change in my life. It was not life-changing, but it was enough to impact how I view my day-to-day living. In trying to find a descriptive word, terms such as transition, conversion, and metamorphosis came to mind. But each of these was too strong. I like "refinement" because it best describes this change. It has been only a few weeks since Pope Francis visited the United States. He had quite a lasting impact on so many of us. One of the things that struck me the most regarded climate change and the environment. For many years, I have felt very strongly that global warming and climate change is contrived nonsense by overzealous scientists looking for more grants and funding. While some of that may be true, I have given a lot of prayer and thought to the challenging words of Pope Francis. I realized that any change for me did not have to be a transition, conversion, or metamorphosis. But a simple, yet deliberate refinement is in order. There is no need for me to transform my life in the opposite direction. There is some need for me to refine how I live, and even how I care for the world around me. With just a little bit of real and honest evaluation, I found there are many ways in which I can make a difference. I can recycle more, I can drive less, I can drive more sensibly, I can keep the thermostat lower this winter, I can use less electricity, and a number of other things that are easy to do. Best of all, they are painless, they are positive, and they directly contribute to the care of the earth. I can still educate myself on these issues and make intelligent choices. I can keep myself in a comfortable position philosophically, while knowing that I am still making a difference, and at the same time can listen to the Holy Father. I find myself very comfortable in the refinement of my life's approach to the environment. No need for drastic measures, just a more mature look at priorities.

Our practical challenge this week is to refine our lives in one of two ways. First, if you are like me, make a little extra effort to take better care of the earth and our environment. Have a more refined attitude, and waste less. Second, if you already do these things, find another priority mentioned by Pope Francis, and seek refinement accordingly. It can be as life-changing as accepting the call to a religious vocation. It can be as moderate as a commitment to be more loving and welcoming. It can be as simple as praying more often. Refinement.

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



## Corpus Christi Retreat

Mystics are ordinary people who have a deep, personal relationship with God and indescribable, unexplainable, and very intimate experiences of God's love.

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace invites you to spend some time with a few of the great Christian mystics – Julian of Norwich, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila and Hildegard of Bingen – in prayer and reflection on a retreat from Friday, Oct. 23 to Sunday, Oct. 25 at the center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

The retreat, titled "Floating Like a Feather on the Breath of God," will be led by center coordinator Anita Davidson, who has nearly 30 years of experience working as a spiritual director and retreat leader for the Diocese of Columbus, parishes, and the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She com-

pleted Shalem Institute's spiritual guidance program and holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and a bachelor's degree in parish ministry.

The \$125 cost of the retreat includes overnight accommodations, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast Sunday. Commuters may attend for \$60, with the cost including lunch and supper on Saturday.

Financial assistance is available for those who may otherwise be unable to attend. The center also invites people to contribute to a scholarship fund so such aid can be provided.

For more information or to register, call the center at (614) 512-3731, go to its website at [www.cccenterofpeace.org](http://www.cccenterofpeace.org), or send an email to [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com).

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The Catholic Foundation is thrilled to announce its third consecutive record-breaking year for impact. In the fiscal year which ended on June 30, the Foundation distributed more than 1,300 grants totaling \$9.5 million. The previous record was set in 2014, with nearly \$6.5 million in grants distributed.

"We are fortunate to be celebrating another milestone in giving this year, and ask for God's blessing as we continue to support the growth of the Diocese of Columbus," said Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation.

Throughout the fiscal year, the Foundation utilized its funds to support a variety of unique, powerful initiatives that touched countless lives. The generosity of donors opened the doors for the Foundation to extend its outreach in innovative ways to serve as a resource in the 23-county diocese.

For example, the Foundation granted \$70,000 in April to send pastors and as many as four team members from their parishes to attend the Amazing Parish conference in Denver. Ninety parish

leaders from around the diocese traveled to Colorado for an experience designed to spark transformative growth in the communities they serve. More than 25 percent of parishes from the diocese were represented, and every pastor returned energized and renewed with many ideas to implement at home. These grants helped to support parishes as they build visions to inspire faith formation and evangelization.

This summer, the Foundation awarded youth ministry grants to seven parishes to provide funding for a new, full-time youth minister or a new, full-time position with youth ministry as the primary responsibility. These grants give parishes an opportunity to empower young people to grow into lifelong followers of Christ.

"Sustainability of parish life and faith formation were common interests among donors this year," said Amy Parker, Foundation vice president of grants and diocesan partnerships. "It is evident that our parishes are a top priority, and it has been rewarding to invest so heavily in the homes of our faith."

The St. Martha Giving Circle wrapped up its inaugural year with another highlight for the Foundation. The circle announced its inaugural grant recipients in May, distributing more than \$24,000 to five organizations from around the diocese, primarily social service agencies. Grantees included the St. Francis Evangelization Center in Vinton County, the Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, the Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Social Services, and the Christ Child Society. The Martha Circle fosters a spirit of giving throughout the Catholic community and looks forward to continuing its philanthropic impact in the upcoming year.

The Catholic Foundation focuses its funding on four key pillars: Catholic education and faith formation, parish life, social services, and vocations. Of the more than 1,300 grants, 53 percent came from donor-advised funds, 42

percent came from endowment funds, and five percent came from scholarships and responsive grants.

"We are blessed with support from donors who align their gifts with charitable initiatives in our Catholic faith," Brown said. "It is their generosity that enables us to fulfill our mission and promote the advancement of our faith throughout the Diocese of Columbus."

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus. It fulfills its 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 nation's oldest and largest Catholic foundations, distributing more than \$86 million in the diocese since 1985.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org).

## "A LIFE AND CAREER IN SPORTS"

Ohio Dominican University will host Linda Shetina Logan, executive director of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, as its featured speaker for "A Life and Career in Sports" at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19. The presentation will take place inside the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center on ODU's main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

This event will be sponsored by ODU's sport management department and office of graduate admissions. It will highlight career opportunities in the expanding sport management industry and how students can turn their passion for sports into a career. Tickets are free, but seating is limited. Go to [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-life-and-career-in-sports-featuring-linda-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-life-and-career-in-sports-featuring-linda-logan-tickets-18572769654)

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Attendees will have an opportunity to network with professionals in the sport industry and learn more about ODU's master of science in sport management degree program.

"Linda Shetina Logan's outstanding work with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission has helped put Columbus on the map as a top destination city for major sporting events, including last year's NHL All-Star Game," said Dr. Jim Strode, associate professor and program director of ODU's sport management department. "We are extremely excited for her to share her valuable experiences and insight with our campus community, particularly our students who aspire for careers in this growing industry."

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## CHURCHES THAT CLOSE; NON-CATHOLIC CANTOR



**QUESTION & ANSWER**  
by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** I am having a hard time understanding why a Catholic church closed by a bishop can no longer be used for Masses, weddings, and funerals. For more than 100 years, this particular church -- built by my great-great-grandparents -- was considered sacred ground. Now my grandson wants to get married in that beautiful little building, and he's not allowed to. A Mass can be held in a cemetery or even a home. Why not in this church? (Iowa)

**A.** Without knowing the specifics of the church building in question, I need to speak of possibilities rather than facts. It may be that the building in question has already been sold for a secular use, in which case it automatically would lose its consecration as a sacred space. (See Canon 1212 of the church's *Code of Canon Law*. Note, too, that Canon 1222 provides that the new use for which the building is sold may not be "sordid," i.e., unseemly or unbecoming.)

The church is obligated to be a good steward of the donations it receives, and so a fair number of Catholic parishes have merged in recent years because of population shifts and the decline in the number of priests available to staff them. When parishes merge, the goal is always to create a new unified community of Catholic worship and of Christian charity.

So even if the church building you speak of has not yet been sold, your bishop may be exercising his pastoral judgment: He may have concluded that to continue to allow occasional Masses in that building would delay the desired unification.

**Q.** I have attended a Catholic church with my husband for 15 years. I am not a Catholic, but I am Christian. We have raised our children as Catholic, and we all attend Mass each week.

When I go up in the Communion line with my family, I cross my arms and receive a blessing. Now I have been asked to be a cantor at Mass. Am I allowed to? (Indianapolis)

**A.** I wish that every Catholic were as helpful to the church as you have been. I believe that you can be a cantor, and in our own parish I would welcome you as one.

The technical answer to your question involves the sort of pedantic parsing for which I have little patience. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, known as the *GIRM*, which is the most authoritative "guidebook" on the liturgy, says in No. 107 that "liturgical functions that are not proper to the priest or deacon" may be entrusted to "suitable laypersons chosen by the pastor."

So who are "laypersons"? Are they necessarily Catholics, or simply any person who is not a member of the ordained clergy? I would opt for the latter.

Some might take the opposite view, based on a document put out in 1993 by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (*Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*). It says in No. 133 that "the reading of Scripture during a eucharistic celebration in the Catholic Church is to be done by members of that church" or, by way of exception and with the permission of a bishop, by a member of another church.

Since the cantor leads the psalm response, (which is taken from Scripture), they might argue, he or she must be a Catholic. But I would contend that the *GIRM*, issued in 2011, supersedes that 1993 document and is more authoritative. Had the *GIRM* wanted to limit cantoring to Catholics, it easily could have said so plainly, and it did not.

The role of the cantor, according to the *GIRM* (No. 104), is "to direct and support the people's singing." If you can do that well, in my view you deserve to be a cantor.

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

### Stained-Glass Class Sponsored by Jubilee Museum

Do you love stained glass? Would you like to know how to make it yourself? Then come to Glass Axis, 610 W. Town St., Columbus, from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 for a special stained-glass class in collaboration with the Holy Family Jubilee Museum. Pair this class with a tour of the stained-glass exhibition "Illuminating Our Faith" at the museum for a wondrous experience.

You will come to appreciate beautiful stained-glass windows even more when you try your hand at creating your own stained-glass star or heart.

In this quick, fun class, you will choose from a beautifully colored selection of glass to customize your pattern. You will work with an artist to grind, shape, and foil your precut glass pieces and solder them together.

This is a great first experience for people who want to see what stained glass is all about. Your final piece will be a simple, beautiful window decoration you can take home that day. Check class availability and register at <https://glassaxis.org/product/jubilee>.

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Dave and Michele Bianconi of Westerville St. Paul Church, Don and Nancy Kelley of Columbus Holy Spirit Church, Linda Sheridan of Lancaster St. Mary Church, and Sister Margaret Hoffman, OSF, have been chosen as honorees for the 2015 Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala.

The gala will take place in the Walter Student Commons of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, with cocktails at 6. The keynote address will be given by a family which has benefited directly from the tuition assistance program for parochial elementary schools and diocesan high schools in the Diocese of Columbus.

Seats are \$250 per person, with tables of 10 for \$2,500. More information is available by contacting the diocesan Schools Office at (614) 221-5829. The deadline for reservations is Monday, Oct. 26.

All proceeds from the event go toward providing need-based tuition assistance for students at Columbus diocesan elementary and high schools. Costs for the event are underwritten by sponsors.

In the previous seven years of the gala, the largest fundraising event for diocesan schools, more than \$1 million has been raised, including \$188,000 last year. That represented 23.5 percent of the total of \$800,828 the diocese awarded in tuition assistance for the 2015-16 school year to 1,273 of the 3,193 students requesting aid.

Dave and Michele Bianconi were active volunteers at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School when their children were attending classes there,



Michele and Dave Bianconi



Don and Nancy Kelley

and have continued their efforts to support the school since then. As members of the school's strategic leadership board, they were instrumental in its Road to 2020 project.



Linda Sheridan



Sr. Margaret Hoffmann

Through funds they have established with The Catholic Foundation and The Columbus Foundation, they have provided assistance to charitable causes such as The Brian Muha Foundation, The Buckeye Ranch, Junior Achievement, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, Catholic Social Services, St. Paul's Outreach, and Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

Dave Bianconi was an accountant for several companies and in 1986 started Progressive Medical, Inc., which he

board of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, have been volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and provided the funds which both Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School used to build their libraries. They also have donated to several other diocesan schools. Donald Kelley also was the first layperson to serve as chairman of the diocesan board of education. Nancy Kelley has been a volunteer for the Dominican Learning Center.

Linda Sheridan has been a certified public accountant since 1985 and is deeply committed to her faith, her family, and the community. She believes that God gives us all special talents and the responsibility to use them to help others.

She serves the Fairfield County community in a variety of roles, including president of the William V. Fisher Catholic Foundation, finance committee member for Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, past treasurer of the Lancaster St. Mary Parish Foundation, finance chair and board member of the Fairfield Medical Center, and chairman of the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Sister Margaret Hoffman has been a high school English teacher for 50 years, 40 of them in the Diocese of Columbus. For the last 25 years, she has taught at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, where she also helps plan school liturgies. She previously spent 15 years at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

She has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate of Joliet, Illinois, since 1960 and is involved in many activities related to her family, school, and congregation. Formed by the changes of Vatican II theology, she rejoices in the ways that ecumenism, liturgical reform, social justice, and collaboration of church men and women have evolved during the last 55 years to authentically reflect the early church and the working of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives.

She was born in Columbus in 1942 and has been a member of Columbus St. Thomas Church all of her life. She is a graduate of St. Thomas School, Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy, and the College of St. Francis in Joliet, and received a master's degree in English from The Ohio State University.

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# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, we join with Catholic communities from around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday, a Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world. Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it offers each of us the opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity in support of missions and the missionaries who serve them.

The proceeds of the special collection taken that weekend will be distributed among missions and missionaries worldwide. Our donations help fund missionary activities such as catechetical programs; seminaries; the work of religious communities; communication and transportation needs; and construction of much-needed chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools.

The needs of our missions grow every day. With the creation of new dioceses in Third World countries, vocations to the priesthood and religious life are increasing, thereby increasing the need for new seminaries and houses of formation. In some areas where the Church was once persecuted or suppressed, it is now welcomed, increasing the need for chapels and churches. The involvement and commitment of us all is needed to foster and support this important work.

Let us unite with Catholics across the globe to pray and offer sacrifices and gifts for the missionary work of the Church. Most grateful to you for your continuing generosity and support, I remain,

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Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD  
Bishop of Columbus

## Missionaries from the Columbus Diocese

The Diocese of Columbus has eight missionaries working in eight nations of the world and has four missionaries working in mission areas in the United States designated as home missions by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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## In Jesus' name, may every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord

**Leandro M. Tapay**  
*Diocesan Missions Director*

Oct. 18 is the World Mission Sunday Celebration. The event is to remind us that the Church exists for mission, and that to spread the Gospel even to the ends of the earth is Christ's command for all of us who claim to follow Him. We can fulfill Christ's mandate by going to the missions ourselves or through our prayers, sacrifices, and financial support for our missionaries who are sent to foreign lands on our behalf, to do mission work in areas where the light of Christ has yet to shine.

On behalf of His Excellency, Bishop Frederick Campbell, and the Very Rev. Father Andrew Small, OMI, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for all you do for the missions — for your prayers, sacrifices, and contributions.

Our contributions to the missions help support pastoral programs, the building of churches and chapels, and the building and maintaining of seminaries, as well as providing health care and educational opportunities for the more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world — dioceses that are under the jurisdiction of the Vatican's Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

I believe that the most desperate cry ever uttered on this earth was not heard from cemeteries during funeral services, nor from cancer wards in hospitals, nor from prisoners on death row, nor from nursing and convalescent homes, but from the hill of Calvary: "Father, why have you abandoned me?" This cry, even in our own time, still echoes in many

parts of our world, especially in places where many people are dying because of hunger, disease, and poverty.

Let us hope that through our prayers and giving, we can help the poor and the abandoned feel that God has not forgotten them and that God has heard the cry of their hearts.

In Christ's kingdom, the poor, the sick, the grieving, cripples, slaves, women, children, widows, orphans, lepers, aliens — "the least of these" — are to be lifted up and to be embraced by God through us, His followers. In Christ's kingdom, justice has to become a reality — first in our minds and our hearts and then outward to the wider society through our efforts. Christ compared the effect of our life in Him to the effect that light has on darkness. Light reverses darkness as truth reverses falsehood.

We are to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." We are to be the "yeast" that leavens the whole loaf of bread.

Every time we celebrate Mass, we confess that we believe "This is my Body, This is my Blood." At the consecration, the bread and the wine we offer at the altar do become The Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we go forth after Mass, let us also believe that our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than we are, who cry for help, represent Christ Himself, and that whatever we do for them, we do for the Lord.

May God grant us grace to be always mindful that the mission of Christ is the mission of the Church, and our mission, too.

## Mass stipends go a long way in the missions

You can help the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel message around the world by having a Mass said by a missionary priest for your loved ones and friends, living or deceased. We receive requests for Mass stipends from many missionary priests. We receive so many requests that we have a waiting list of priests to be put on the Mass stipend recipient list. Stipends are a criti-

cal means of support in helping priests with their missions and pastoral needs. The benefits of a Mass by a missionary priest are far-reaching.

When you give the gift of a Mass, your loved ones and friends will receive a lovely Mass card as a notification of your generous gift. The Mass stipend is

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## Surprised by Pope Francis



**GRACE IN THE MOMENT**  
Mary van Balen

I stayed home from work the morning that Pope Francis spoke to the U.S. Congress. I wanted to watch his face and the faces of those gathered to hear him: a Congress mired in partisan politics, hopelessly polarized. What would Pope Francis say to them? To the nation? How would our elected officials receive his words? It was a moment I wanted to witness as it unfolded.

The pope did not disappoint. Just a couple of weeks ago, at a gathering of citizens concerned about issues of social justice and a stalled political system, a gentleman expressed dismay that the concept of the common good was no longer a topic in public discourse. Pope Francis took care of that.

He had barely spoken a hundred words when he directed attention to our solemn responsibility for the common good. "You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens," he said to the lawmakers, "in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics."

By now, most who read this column will have read (or heard) various commentaries on the address and what the pope did and did not say. But what surprised me was how he said it: He used the example of four great Americans who gave their lives to service and to the betterment of society. Two, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., often serve as inspirational examples, fittingly so.

The other two are the ones I didn't expect: Dorothy

Day and Thomas Merton. In my late teens, I read a number of their books. They influenced my faith and spirituality. Still, I wondered, how many of the government officials sitting in the room knew those names? How many watching and listening around the nation wondered who they were and searched for them on mobile phones and tablets?

They'd find Dorothy Day, born in 1897, was a radical who advocated for women's suffrage, a pacifist who opposed all wars, and a tireless worker for social justice who saw the need not only to serve the poor she encountered in daily life, but also to change the system that created such poverty and injustice. She was a writer and journalist who gave voice to marginalized people and causes.

A convert to the Catholic faith that fed and sustained her, Dorothy attended daily Mass, read scripture, and wove prayer throughout her days. As a friend who once heard her speak said, "She was prayer."

Dorothy, along with close friend Peter Maurin, founded *The Catholic Worker* newspaper and the movement of the same name. Catholic Worker houses

continue to welcome the poor and are places where the corporal works of mercy are lived out. As Pope Francis encourages, they are places of

encounter.

The pope spoke a second name that I didn't expect to hear: Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk at the monastery of Gethsemani, in Kentucky. We celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth this year. Pope Francis singled him out for his openness to dialog with others of all faiths, seeing them as pilgrims on the same search for ultimate truth. His last journey was to Bangkok, where he attended an international conference on monasticism, organized by Buddhist monks. Like Day, he calls us to deep encounter with those unlike ourselves.

Pope Francis also recommended Merton's openness to God in a contemplative style of prayer. Merton, in the midst of a world immersed in "noise" of all types—digital, visual, aural—pouring out of players, electronics, out of the depths of our souls, calls us to quiet presence. For those who fill up every moment with activity and distraction, he says, "Be still. Listen."

Like Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton was a writer and a convert. His books addressed spirituality and political topics. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War and the arms race.

Two people of deep faith and prayer: One active in the world, the other a monk responding to world issues with his pen; both social activists who pointedly challenged the status quo and whose words speak to us today. Immigration, poverty, climate change, racism, and violence require bold responses from all of us, not only governments.

If you're not familiar with Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, consider reading some of their work or finding out more about their lives and spiritual journeys. Pope Francis' choices challenge us all.

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# CATHOLICS IN INDIA

## One Rural Indian Mission Priest's Story

**By Father Yesudasu Gorre**

*Sacred Heart Church - Elurupadu, India*

Elurupadu is a rural area, 55 kilometers from the diocesan seat of Eluru. I have been appointed the first parish priest of the newly formed Sacred Heart Parish.

Because of its distance from the nearest city and from any main road, the people of the community are forgotten. They need to walk for many kilometers to buy the necessary things for their livelihood. All the government offices are far away from this village. Because of this, it's the most neglected and uncared-for place in the region, lacking proper housing, roads, and water facilities.

Adding to this struggle is the social discrimination that continues to exist, even though the caste system supposedly was abolished years ago. People of this area are under the clutches of the upper caste. They are still regarded as 'untouchable.' This is clearly seen in their social life, particularly in the case of women and children.

Women are being manipulated by men of the upper castes, and have no social security and freedom. Children are being treated as bonded laborers. The upper-class people will not allow children to be educated and civilized because they feel

threatened by what might happen if education is widespread. So they hire children to serve them and their own children.

While the children of the rich and the upper classes go for schooling, these poor children work in the fields and go after the animals of rich people. The poor, on the other hand, do not have any lands and fields of their own.

I understand this because I too belong to the lower class and what is considered to be a backward, poor family. I struggle so much to educate parishioners about their present situation and to raise their social status. The landlords cheat these people by not paying them their due wages daily. Sometimes, a whole family goes to bed with empty stomachs. I wonder at the justice of this system, I thought it was destroyed and people were freed from all its social evils, but here, they still exist.

My parish includes 10 mission substations and two catechumen villages, consisting of 550 Catholic families and 50 catechumen families. I am assisted by 10 catechists.

The parish has an orphanage and a school. The orphanage has 55 children, for whom I provide all the necessary educational paraphernalia, including textbooks, notebooks, and writing instru-

ments. The school has 45 children in first through fifth grades, and two teachers. It was the first school in the area and has existed since 1956.

The government and others have since built larger schools, but ours is considered the best because of the Catholic education and discipline it provides. However, it had no building until I built a small shed. The other schools are much more costly to attend, and I know we would have more students if we had an adequate building.

I also pay at least part of the fees, notebooks, uniforms, and meals for 300 poor children attending what are known as English-medium schools, in which English is the primary language of instruction. In addition, I help pay for tutors for students who have completed the 10th standards (the Indian equivalent of the sophomore year of high school), and are taking tests to determine whether they will advance to higher education. These tests are especially important in remote areas like this, as success in them gives students what may be their one opportunity to advance beyond the class in which they were born.

With Hindus making up nearly 90 percent of the population and Muslims another eight percent, Christians are very

much a minority in India. Catholics are a minority within the minority, with the Christian population in this region consisting mainly of Lutherans, Baptists, and other Protestant denominations who came here before the Catholics.

Catholicism was brought and planted by the PIME missionary order, which formerly had a seminary in Columbus. I can say proudly that the people of Elurupadu have great and strong faith. They did not have a proper church for 30 years after weather damaged an older church, but still they came together to pray at the old church site.

They always express their dependence on God for everything. They have a great desire to educate their children, in spite of the difficulties placed before them. They do not want to see their children struggling like them. So they approach me and request my help. I do what I can, with help I get through the assistance of generous people like those of you in the Diocese of Columbus.

We are building a new church, collecting and purchasing materials one by one based on the availability of funds. Social activities are being organized to raise people's social status and to change their economic conditions.



**Above left: Father Yesudasu Gorre with two of the oldest members of his Sacred Heart Church congregation in Elurupadu, on the southeast coast of India. Above right: Children and adults after Sunday Mass in their new church, which is being built as materials and funds are available. Below: The 55 children in the church's orphanage gather for a meal.**  
Photos courtesy Father Yesudasu Gorre



**Stipends from Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus, donated through the diocesan Missions Office, help support these orphanage residents in Elurupadu, India, as well as many other missions.**

**By Tim Puet**  
*Catholic Times*

Every year, dozens of priests and other consecrated religious come to the Diocese of Columbus to take part in the Missionary Cooperation Plan sponsored by the diocesan Missions Office. The plan allows them to tell of their work in Catholic missions around the world and to appeal for donations, while reminding parishioners of participating churches about the Catholic Church's universal nature.

Among those coming to the diocese this year as part of the plan were Archbishop George Antonysamy of the Diocese of Madras-Mylapore in India, who spoke at Columbus St. Andrew Church and at other parishes throughout the nation in August, and Father M.S. Selva Raj, missions director of the Diocese of Kumba-

konam, also in India, who was at Hilliard St. Brendan Church as part of his nationwide travels.

They noted that Catholic bishops in both India and the United States are fighting restrictions imposed by the national governments of their respective nations.

In the United States, those difficulties relate mainly to the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring states to issue marriage licenses to two persons of the same sex and to a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate ordering employers to provide insurance coverage for artificial contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs. In India, the major concern is the government's attitude toward Catholic education.

Archbishop Antonysamy and Father Selva noted that Article 25 of the consti-

By the grace of God, I have proficiency in preaching the Word of God. My major aim is to of bring the Word of God to needy and deserving souls. I do my best with God's grace and with the help of our blessed mother Mary. Please pray for me.

## Church in India fights restrictions

tion adopted in 1949 after India gained its independence from British rule specifically states that "all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion," making it the Indian equivalent of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in terms of granting religious freedom.

That includes the freedom for the Catholic Church to operate its own schools, which it has done in India since the mid-16th century and the arrival of European missionaries. Today, the church operates more than 14,000 schools in India, making it the nation's largest private provider of education. But the "Hindus-first" policy of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),



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which has controlled the nation's government since winning a parliamentary majority in 2014, is creating many difficulties for Catholic schools.

"India has a large Hindu majority, so Catholic schools have always been in a position of being careful when it comes to dealing with the government," Archbishop Antonysamy said. "Under the Congress Party, which was the party of Gandhi and Nehru and the dominating force in politics for many years, there was a spirit of tolerance and accommodation.

"But the BJP is under the influence of a group known as the Sangh Parivar, which is much less tolerant and indeed is quite open in expressing feelings that are not very cordial to Christians."

The archbishop said Catholic schools in India already are much more restricted than their counterparts in the United States on how much time they can spend on religious subjects. "We are limited to two classes per week on religion," he said. "These are for Christian students only. When those classes go on, other students go to what are known as character formation or moral instruction classes. These can include passages from Hindu works, as well as the Koran and the Old and New Testaments, as part of a common syllabus."

The rise in Hindu nationalism is causing difficulties in other ways. "What had been a sort of subtle discrimination is becoming more open," said Father Selva, who has been a priest for 42 years. "There is more vandalism against churches, and more open ex-

pression of hostility. A strong sense exists that people are more comfortable doing this because they feel the government is behind them."

Father Selva tells of an investigator who acknowledged to him that he was sent into a Catholic school to find reasons to restrict the benefits it receives from the government. "He told me this, but said he was going to make his report as favorable to us as he could. Then he also said to me, 'Thank you for your service to all the Hindus,'" Father Selva said.

Both priests also noted that India still is dealing with the effects of its former caste system, which prevented people from moving beyond the social class into which they were born. India has passed laws to provide Hindus of lower-caste origins with benefits similar to those of affirmative action laws in the United States, but those laws don't apply to Christians or Muslims of similar origins, under the pretext that their religions never had a caste system.

"This is one thing which has united Christians of all religions with Muslims," Archbishop Antonysamy said. "All of us have mustered together because we feel we are being barred from what is due us as part of our national birthright." He said that every year on Aug. 10, Christians and Muslims in India observe what is known as Black Day, wearing black badges urging an end to their exclusion from the anti-caste laws, which were passed on Aug. 10, 1950.

India has 20 million Catholics – an impressive num-



**Leandro Tapay, director of the Diocese of Columbus Missions Office (right), wears a shawl of welcome presented by Father M.S. Selva Raj (left), missions director of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India, and Archbishop George Antonysamy of the Indian Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore.** (C photo by Tim Puet)

ber, but still less than two percent of the nation's total population of 1.2 billion, which is second only to China among the world's nations. In Archbishop Antonysamy's Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, the Catholic population is 320,000 out of nine million, or about 3.5 percent.

The archbishop has been a priest for nearly 35 years and a bishop for 10 years, and was appointed to his current post on Nov. 21, 2012. He is a native of India, but has spent most of his career in various nations as a Vatican diplomat, including seven years as apostolic nuncio to Gambia, Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone.

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ferrals and prescription assistance.

In the fiscal year which ended June 30, it maintained an average monthly caseload of about 3,800 clients in 1,100 households, and made an additional 900 telephone contacts per month. Its most frequently used service involved all-day COTA bus passes, which it provided 11,746 times in that period. It issued 4,508 vouchers for payment for copies of birth certificates, provided prescription and medical assistance on 3,484 occasions, and helped pay 2,285 utility bills.

JOIN is not a food pantry, but keeps a limited supply of food on hand for emergencies, and serves about 100 people per month in this way. Between 500 and 600 people per month are referred to other food sources by telephone.

"The need never changes. What does change is what people ask for," Beckman said. "In the last few years, I've been dealing with a lot more mental health issues. There's very little help anywhere for mental health for people younger than age 60. Columbus has opened a new shelter for the homeless,

but there's still a wait of five to seven days to get in. The drug situation seems so much worse than I started. And something that's just exploded because we have so many more immigrants coming to Columbus has been the number of requests for the birth-certificate fee," which is \$21.50 for copies of a birth certificate from Ohio and may be more for certificates from elsewhere.

"The economists may say the recession is over, but what I see is something else," she said. "There may be more jobs available, but so many involve part-time or low-wage work and don't have benefits. People continue to hurt, mostly through no fault of their own, and turn to JOIN because they know we'll have some kind of answer for them."

Sometimes Beckman has to turn people down. "When you get people who won't follow the rules when it comes to things like staying off drugs so they can be in a shelter, I have to say to them that when you don't do what I tell you, the answer is 'No,'" she said. "I just dealt with one woman like that who wouldn't

listen to me for months. She finally did, and called me to say 'I got in.' It's frustrating to deal with people like that, but it's always a little victory when they understand."

In her years with JOIN, Beckman has worked with three bishops – Edward Herrmann, James Griffin, and Bishop Campbell – and four diocesan vicars of Catholic Charities or social concerns – Fathers Cadden, Stanley Benecki, and Donald Franks, and current social concerns vicar Mark Huddy.


"All have been really supportive of JOIN," she said. "The best gift Bishop Campbell could have given me is having a Mass for my retirement. I've never heard of him doing that for anyone else, and I can certainly use all the prayers."

Beckman also said JOIN has benefited greatly from a spirit of cooperation among all local social service agencies. "In Columbus, everybody works together," she said. "I'm lucky to work in a city where everyone helps each other. I don't know of any pastor of any denomination who's ever said

'No' to me." Asked to mention individuals who have been especially helpful to her, Beckman said, "There's so many people I'm thankful for – Sisters Sharen Baldy, Christella Ritchey, and Mary Ann Snyder, who work in the office with me every day, all the other caring, thoughtful, and dedicated people who have been on the staff, and all the adult and student volunteers from parishes, schools, St. Vincent de Paul societies, summer camps, the Notre Dame Urban Plunge, and elsewhere. If I tried to mention people by name, I know I'd leave someone out. They've all been important."

"One of the best things has been working with seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum who are sent here for a semester. I've been able to train so many of them," she said. "I tell them and I tell my staff to always look into the client's eyes, listen to the client's heart, and not miss Christ when he comes for help. I go forward knowing that the poor will be taken care of as Christ would want."

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

# Disciples are those who are ‘on the way’ with Jesus



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30**

The high praise for and desire to possess wisdom above wealth, power, health, and beauty is an interesting tribute to how highly regarded wisdom was by the author. The speaker is supposed to be King Solomon (reflecting his dream in 1 Kings 3:6-15 and his prayer in 1 Kings 8:12-53), which helps explain his conclusion in verse 11 that “all good things came to me in her (i.e., Wisdom’s) company.” Those passages are strongly favorable to Solomon’s reign and present him in the best light possible.

In the Gospel, Jesus continues “on (the) way” which is a Markan usage to describe discipleship. Disciples are those who are “on the way” with Jesus. The journey describes “a man” who kneels (a posture of submission and humility) before Jesus, calling him “good teacher” and asking what he must do to “inherit eternal life.” As anyone who has ever prepared a will knows, there is nothing anyone else can DO to inherit anything from anyone. On the other hand, there are certainly things people can do to almost guarantee that they won’t inherit anything.

Jesus challenges the man’s greeting of “good teacher.” He says “Only one is good, God alone.” We simply cannot say whether Jesus regarded the man’s greeting as unnecessary flattery and that’s why he responded as he did, or whether it was something else.

Nonetheless, Jesus tells the man to keep the commandments. The ones he cites all have to do with our relations with the neighbor. Note, none involves our direct relation with God (or lack of it). The man says he has

observed those from his youth. Jesus, looking at him, “loved him.” Here the Greek word for “love” (*agape-san* in Greek) is the word used in the Gospels for the affectionate love that is associated with mere friendship or acquaintance. This has always been a strange line to interpret. The idea seems to be that Jesus would have preferred to have the man in his company of disciples, perhaps anticipating that he will never be able to fulfill the demands which Jesus will require. Eduard Schweizer in his commentary on Mark translates the confusion away: “With love Jesus looked straight at him and said ...” That captures the sense of the text, even though it is not literal. It remains a curious verse.

“You lack one thing. Go, sell your belongings and give them to the poor and come follow me.” There are actually four commands contained in this “one thing lacking.” He must go, sell, give, and then follow. It is only here at the very end that we discover the man “had many possessions.”

He had asked how he could “inherit eternal life.” He was unable to fulfill the one thing that was lacking and went away sad. We never know what became of the man, or what will happen to anyone who is unable to fulfill the demands of following Jesus.

Jesus then comments to his disciples about the wealthy and the difficulty of them entering the kingdom of God. “It’s easier for a camel to pass through a needle’s eye than for the rich to enter the kingdom.” Mark says the disciples were “exceedingly astonished.” They and their contemporaries thought the wealthy were blessed by God. This leads them to ask “Who then can be saved?” Jesus responds that for humans, it is impossible, but not for God.

Peter notes the disciples have given up everything to follow him. Jesus says you’ll get back all of that and more in the present age, and eternal life in the coming age. It requires trust on their (our) part, but not so many actually have that trust.

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

## John C. Mahaney Jr. Scholarship Recipients

Ohio Dominican University has received a gift of \$100,000 from John C. Mahaney Jr. to establish a scholarship fund endowment in his name.

The John C. Mahaney Jr. Scholarship Fund will provide need-based scholarships to ODU students who have graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. The \$1,000 scholarship may be renewed annually for four years.

This fall, the scholarship was awarded to three students: Charles Schaab, an ODU junior majoring in political science; Regina Smith, a senior early childhood education major; and Anita Ferguson, a freshman majoring in biology.

“The opportunity to receive a quality Catholic college education should not be denied to a student

simply because of his or her inability to pay,” Mahaney said. “I hope this scholarship will not only serve as a means of financial support, but also encouragement throughout and after their collegiate studies.”

“Ohio Dominican University is extremely grateful for John Mahaney’s generosity to help future generations of ODU students,” said Dr. Peter Cimboic, ODU president. “John’s gift will make it possible for deserving students to earn a quality liberal arts education from Ohio Dominican that will equip them with the skills they need to build successful careers and make a positive impact in their communities.”

Mahaney, a Zanesville native, is vice chairman of the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

**MONDAY**  
Romans 1:1-7  
Psalm 98:1bcde,2-4  
Luke 11:29-32

**TUESDAY**  
Romans 1:16-25  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Luke 11:37-41

**WEDNESDAY**  
Romans 2:1-11  
Psalm 62:2-3,6-7,9  
Luke 11:42-46

**THURSDAY**  
Romans 3:21-30  
Psalm 130:1b-6b  
Luke 11:47-54

**FRIDAY**  
Romans 4:1-8  
Psalm 32:1b-2,5,11  
Luke 12:1-7

**SATURDAY**  
Romans 4:13,16-18  
Psalm 105:6-9,42-43  
Luke 12:8-12

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2015

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), 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. and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for 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 the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

**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 (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

# Issues beneath issues at Synod 2015



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

Since Pope Francis announced that two synods would examine the contemporary crisis of marriage and the family and work to devise more evangelically dynamic responses to that crisis, a lot of attention has focused on issues of Catholic discipline: How does the Church determine that a marriage never existed and thus grant a decree of nullity? What is to be done about the sacramental situation of divorced and civilly remarried Catholics? How does the Church best prepare its sons and daughters for marriage?

Beneath these visible questions lie more basic questions of the Church’s self-understanding. So one hopes that Synod 2015 will focus some of its attention on these very serious matters “beneath the surface” of the current debate.

### 1. Can Catholics be both sinner and saved?

Proposals to admit divorced and remarried Catholics to holy Communion, after a penitential period but without a decree that the prior marriage never existed (an annulment), seem to some to reflect Martin Luther’s old claim that Christians are always *simul iustus et peccator*, “both sinner and saved.” Fifty years of ecumenical dialogue and serious theological work have not found a way to square this claim with classic Catholic understandings of sin and grace. Would the admission of the divorced and civilly remarried to holy Communion eviscerate the Church’s classic understanding of God’s life within us, how we can reject that grace by certain grave sins, and how we are restored to friendship with God?

### 2. How does the Church help its people climb the ladder of love?

Many pastoral proposals floating around the syn-

od begin with the assertion that the Church “must take people where they are.” That seems obvious; where else would the Church “take” (or better, begin to evangelize and catechize) people? But the entire point of “taking people where they are” has always been to invite people to climb higher on what St. Augustine called the “ladder of love.” In that climb, we all stumble and miss rungs. Still, centuries of pastoral experience, and the lives of the saints, suggest that it’s by keeping the higher rungs on the ladder in view that we learn to climb higher and love more truly. And keeping those higher rungs in sight requires challenge, as well as compassion and mercy.

### 3. Are there any stable reference points in the Church’s self-understanding?

The call to “take people where they are” has frequently been accompanied by the claim that “history” is somehow decisive for the Church’s self-understanding on, say, the nature of marriage. Many Catholics get divorced; this historical datum, say certain northern European theologians and bishops, is the prism through which we should “read” (and then find a way around, or through, or past) what

has long seemed to be the stable truth, given by the Lord himself, that marriage is indissoluble. But what judges what here? Does the Church still accept that there are “sacred givens” in its life: truths given to it by Christ, truths that are the permanent standard by which proposed pastoral initiatives and reforms are measured? Or is “history” (which in the case of the Church leadership in Germany, Belgium, and Switzerland seems to mean “what’s happening right now”) the real standard?

### 4. Should the Church recognize an “intermediate” level of teaching authority, between the Bishop of Rome and the bishop in his diocese?

Both John Paul II and Benedict XVI rejected the idea that national or regional conferences of bishops could exercise some form of real teaching authority, because this was not, in their judgment, the mind of Vatican II (or the tradition of the Church). Today, it’s proposed (again by some German churchmen) that, irrespective of the synod and the pope, local churches should make their own judgments about issues like the conditions for the worthy reception of holy Communion. “National churches” have always been deeply problematic for the Catholic Church; now, when we have the opportunity to be a true “world Church,” are we returning to tried-and-failed notions from the past?

It’s going to be a full three weeks at the synod.

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

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\$10. You can access the Mass request form on our website by going to [www.missions.colsdioc.org](http://www.missions.colsdioc.org) and clicking “Request a Mass” in the left column under “Missions Office.” Print and complete the form, and send it with payment to Diocese of Columbus Missions Office, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215.

In 2014, the diocesan Missions Office distributed \$10,727 in Mass stipends to missionary priests around the world, as well as to several retired Columbus diocesan priests who are in need of assistance. These stipends were received from individuals, parishes with more Masses than they can handle, and legacy gifts. Please consider including Masses in your will by designating funds to the Diocese of Columbus Missions Office for Masses to be said for you or your loved ones.

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Stories on the mission church in Elurupandu, India, and on a recent visit to Columbus by the archbishop of Madras-Mylapore and another priest from India may be found elsewhere on these special Mission Sunday pages of the *Catholic Times*.



# Pray for our dead

**BIEGUN, Frances T., 95, Sept. 25**  
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

**CASASANTA, Jennifer A., 53, Sept. 25**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**CHIA, Christine "Tina," 52, Sept. 29**  
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

**DENNISON, Robert H. Jr., 56, Oct. 2**  
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

**GOOKIN, Tamara L., 35, Oct. 1**  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**HOLLAND, Elizabeth L., 83, Oct. 1**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**HOLT, John M., 93, Sept. 27**  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

**LAMPE, Marcella, 93, Oct. 3**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**LUBY, Charles M., 76, Oct. 2**  
St. Philip Church, Columbus

**MADALIN, Ellen, 69, Sept. 17**  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**MANLEY, Steven M. "Marvin," 27, of Columbus, Sept. 25**  
St. Joseph Church, Sylvania

**MINER, Patrick R., 61, Sept. 26**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**MOEBIUS, Albertine, 84, Sept. 21**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Columbus

**MONTGOMERY, Dolores M., 92, Sept. 25**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**OTTE, Paul J., 72, Sept. 29**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**PACINO, Nicholas, 76, Sept. 28**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**PRINTZ, Emma, 84, Oct. 2**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**RENICKER, Harry, 82, Sept. 22**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

## Sr. Lucille Neu, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Lucille Neu, SNDdeN, 97, who died Sunday, Sept. 27, was held Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati. Burial was in the cemetery of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

She was born Dec. 28, 1917 in Dayton to Charles and Anna (Zwiesler) Neu. She was a 1936 graduate of Dayton Julianne High School and received a bachelor of science degree in education from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1950 and a master of science degree in education and guidance counseling from the University of Dayton in 1969.

She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame deNamur on Aug. 2, 1936 and made her first profession of vows on Jan.

25, 1939, taking the name Sister Anna Charles, and her final profession on Aug. 13, 1944.

She spent nearly half of her 51 years of full-time teaching from 1966-91 at Columbus St. Augustine School, where she taught seventh and eighth grades. She also taught at the school from 1947-48 and at Columbus Holy Cross School from 1941-45. Her other teaching positions were in Cincinnati and Dayton. After retiring as a teacher in 1993, she worked with the foster grandparent program in Dayton from 1993-2006, then was part of the ministry of prayer at Mount Notre Dame until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, George and Joseph. Surviving are a nephew and two nieces.

## Sr. Mary David Mulroy, SFP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary David Mulroy, SFP, 90, who died Thursday, Sept. 24, was held Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the chapel of the St. Clare Convent in Cincinnati. Burial was in the convent cemetery.

She was born Patricia Ann Mulroy on July 11, 1925 in Reading, Ohio, to David and Helen (Grein) Mulroy. Her family later moved to Lancaster, where she graduated from St. Mary School in 1939 and St. Mary High School in 1943. She received a diploma in nursing from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Dayton in 1949 and a certificate in theology from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, in 1969.

She entered the congregation of the

Franciscan Sisters of the Poor on Aug. 15, 1943, and made her first profession of vows on May 31, 1946 and her final profession on May 3, 1951. In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a nurse at St. Anthony Hospital in Columbus from 1954-59. She also served as a nurse in hospitals in Cincinnati, Kansas City, Kansas, and Quincy, Illinois, and was a missionary in Brazil from 1964-89. She retired from active ministry in 1999, living in retirement at St. Clare Convent.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Father Brice Mulroy, OFM, and Donald; and sisters, Lorraine Doan and Ruth Kessler. She is survived by a brother, Eugene (Rose).

## Ramona L. McClelland

Funeral Mass for Ramona L. McClelland, 86, who died Monday, Sept. 28, was held Saturday, Oct. 3 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Dec. 27, 1928 in Chicago to Henry and Agnes (Lang) Barbeau, was a graduate of Chicago St. Gregory High School, and received a master's degree in education from The Ohio State University.

# H A P P E N I N G S

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**The Haunt Charity Haunted House**  
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thehauntsomersetohio.com.

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT**  
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## 'Happenings' submissions

Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published. Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 Fax to: 614-241-2518 E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdio.org

### 8, THURSDAY

#### Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

#### Open House at Ohio Dominican

6 to 8 p.m., Battelle Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students interested in majors related to the natural sciences and health professions. 614-251-4500

#### Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Pregnancy Decision Health Center 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. 614-888-8774

#### Theology on Tap Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Topic: "Good Mental Health Is Divine" with Laura Lewis, professional counselor from the Capital University Center for Health and Wellness. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page. 'The Vatican Prophecies' at Ohio Dominican 7 to 8 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Longtime Vatican correspondent John Thavis speaks on his book "The Vatican Prophecies: Investigating Supernatural Signs, Apparitions and Miracles in the Modern Age," sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. 614-251-4722

### 9-11, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

#### Columbus Italian Festival at St. John the Baptist

5 to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Annual Columbus Italian Festival, featuring live entertainment, Italian food, children's area, rides. 3-mile Maria's Miles run/walk, 10 a.m. Sunday. Parade and high school marching band competition, 1 p.m. Sunday. 614-294-5319

### 10, SATURDAY

#### Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

#### Community Cardboard Challenge at St. Andrew

9 a.m. to noon, St. Andrew School, 4081 Reed Road, Columbus. Community Cardboard Challenge, featuring play activities for children and adults using cardboard, tape, and other recyclables, sponsored by the Columbus Museum of Art and the PAST Foundation. 614-451-1626

#### Cooking Retreat Day at Corpus Christi

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Not by Bread Alone: A Cooking Retreat Day" led by Susan Shelko, with participants preparing an Italian feast. Children welcome. Cost: \$20 adults, \$5 children under 12. 614-512-3731

#### Financial Seminar at Ohio Dominican

5 to 6:30 p.m., Rooms 258 and 259, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Financial seminar for high school students, sponsored by ODU and Education First Credit Union. Topic: "Banking Basics." Register via email to pirwitz@ohiodominican.edu.

#### Octoberfest at Logan St. John

6 p.m., St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., Logan. Octoberfest celebrating parish's 175th anniversary, featuring food, drink, music, silent auction, free children's and youth games. 740-385-2549

### 11, SUNDAY

#### St. Agatha Adult Education

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Second of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on important, controversial issues. Topic: "The Confederate Flag." 614-488-6149

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "How Are We To Live in Our Common Home?", a dialogue on the encyclical "Laudato Si'" with Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

#### Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

#### Joliet Franciscans 150th Anniversary Mass

3 p.m., St. Mary, Mother of God Church, 672 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Mass celebrating 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, based in Joliet, Ill., followed by reception. 614-445-9668

#### Family Rosary Day at Cathedral

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual diocesan Family Rosary Day, with Bishop Frederick Campbell delivering homily.

#### 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

St. Margaret of Cortona 'Catholic Conversations' Series 6 to 7:30 p.m., Old Bag of Nails restaurant, 4065 Main St., Hilliard. Third talk in monthly "Catholic Conversations" series for anyone 21 and older, sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Speaker: Aaron Richards, operations director for Catholic Youth Summer Camp and youth minister for Columbus St. Agatha Church, on "7 Gifts, Rise to Life: Fostering a Desire for the Holy Spirit in the Hearts of Young People." RSVP to nancywhetstone@gmail.com or julienaporano1@gmail.com.

#### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

### 12, MONDAY

Religion Teachers, Youth Ministers Meet with Bishop 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Diocesan Department for Education hosts high school religion teachers and youth ministers for a discussion with Bishop Frederick Campbell, who also will meet with youth ministers in the afternoon, while high school teachers meet separately with the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis.

#### Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

#### Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. Bishop Campbell Talk on World Meeting of Families 7 p.m., Matesich Theater, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Presentation by Bishop Frederick Campbell on issues and topics discussed at September's World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. 614-241-2560

### 13, TUESDAY

#### Serra Club of North Columbus Vocations Luncheon

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Vocations luncheon for high school boys, sponsored by Serra Club of North Columbus, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as speaker. Reservations required.

#### Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

#### EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan ministry dedicated to families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. EnCourage respects the dignity of every person, promotes the truth of God's plan for each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. 614-296-7404

#### 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

### 14, WEDNESDAY

#### Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. 614-416-1910

### 15, THURSDAY

#### Presentation on Truth at Ohio Dominican

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Presentation on "Truth in Science" with Dr. Becky Graham, ODU assistant biology professor. Second of four talks on truth sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. 614-251-4722

#### Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart 7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests. 614-372-5249

#### Celebration Mass for Men and Women Religious

7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass honoring men and women religious serving in the Diocese of Columbus, followed by reception and women's vocation fair in parish activity center. 614-221-5565

### 15-16, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

#### Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday (selected items half-price Friday night), HighPoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

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### Ribbon Cutting

Local leaders gathered with students, faculty, and staff members on Friday, Sept. 25 for a ribbon cutting celebrating completion of an addition at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School. A community-wide fundraising effort provided the resources needed to create a new, more secure school entrance and additional administrative office space. The historic school is one of the first in the Diocese of Columbus, having opened its doors in 1856, when the diocese was still part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Other recently completed capital improvements at the school included installation of new windows and improvements to the cafeteria to transform it



into a community meeting space. An open house for the community took place at the school on Sunday, Sept. 27. Pictured are (from left): students Matthew Sabula and So-

phia Percy; Father Mark Hammond, pastor; Martha Downs, principal; and students Ellie Salvucci and Colin Crane,

Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul School

### 175<sup>th</sup> SND Anniversary Celebration



The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur celebrated the 175th anniversary of their arrival in the United States with Mass and a reception at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church on Saturday, Sept. 19. Pictured are (from left) Sister Rita Sturwold, SNDdeN, and Sister Teresita Weind, SNDdeN, congregational leader.

The sisters taught in many schools in Columbus and surrounding areas.

They arrived in the United States in 1840 after leaving Namur, Belgium, so they could carry on the vision of St. Julie Billiart, foundress of the order, to go far and wide to educate as she envisioned, expressing God's goodness.

Msgr. Romano Ciotola, Msgr. William Dunn, Father Homer Blubaugh, Father Jerome Stluka, and Father Timothy Hayes celebrated the Mass, assisted by Deacon Roger Pry. Knights of Columbus Bishop Hermann Assembly 2712 provided an additional tribute.

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### New Director of Music Named at Saint Joseph Cathedral

As a result of a national search, Dr. Richard Fitzgerald has been selected as director of music for Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.



He replaces Dr. Paul Thornock, who returned to his hometown of Seattle to become music director of St. James Cathedral.

Fitzgerald earned a doctor of musical arts degree in organ performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he was a student of John Walker.

He was awarded a full scholarship as a graduate teaching assistant in the music theory department at Peabody, where he assisted composer Dr. Joel Puckett.

He holds a master of music degree in organ performance from Peabody and a bachelor of music degree in sacred music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey.

He has served as assistant director of music (2003-2007) and associate director of music (2013-2014) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. He also has served Catholic parishes in the Washington area and at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

In 2013, he was awarded first prize in the second annual organ improvisation competition sponsored by the University of Michigan and the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Throughout the 2012-2013 academic year, he taught organ improvisation at Peabody as part of its "Resources for the Contemporary Church Musician" course offering.

As a doctoral student at Peabody, he prepared his dissertation on a method for organ improvisation pedagogy. He has presented workshops on organ

improvisation for professional organizations including the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians, the St. Louis chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and the South Dakota chapter of the AGO.

In addition to his work as a teacher of improvisation, he has presented improvised concert performances and has studied improvisation with Ronald Stolk, Rachel Laurin, and Jeffrey Brillhart.

Fitzgerald has published choral pieces with GIA Publications Inc. of Chicago. His compositions appear in the *Evoking Sound* choral series (James Jordan, executive editor).

He has received commissions and his work has earned him favorable reviews in such periodicals as *The Hymn*, *Choir and Organ*, *Pastoral Music*, and *The American Organist*.

His *Mass in Honor of St. Bernadette*, a setting for organ and congregation of the 2011 ICEL translation of the mass, has been published on the Corpus Christi Watershed website ([www.ccwatershed.org/Massj](http://www.ccwatershed.org/Massj)).

An experienced recitalist, Fitzgerald has performed at such venues as St. Mary the Virgin Anglo-Catholic Church in New York City; the Princeton University Chapel in Princeton, New Jersey; and the Franciscan Monastery, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and National City Christian Church, all in Washington.

He has made two appearances on the nationally syndicated radio program *Pipedreams*, performing American composer Kevin Daly's *Fantasy on "O Worship the King"* (program 1247, "The American Muse"), and Leo Sowerby's *Toccata* (program 1446, "With Praise and Thanksgiving").

Fitzgerald will arrive in mid-November to begin his duties.

### ST. CHARLES MERIT SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES



Twenty-nine Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School seniors were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. for their performance on its qualifying test. Twelve were selected as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and 17 were listed as commended scholars. Two of the 29, including one semifinalist, were named as Hispanic scholars. They are (from left): first row, Marcus Galeano, semifinalist, Hispanic scholar; Jeffrey "Will" Stiltner Jr., semifinalist; Vincent DiCocco, semifinalist; Timothy Clayton, semifinalist; John Roach, semifinalist; Raphael Rodriguez, Hispanic scholar; and Alexander Dabek, second row, Evan Meder, Andrew Bidstrup, semifinalist; Joseph Churilla, semifinalist; Samuel Sullivan, semifinalist; James Darnell, semifinalist; and Aaron Roe, semifinalist; third row, Riley Ferguson, Firas Houssein, Vincent Sears, Michael West, Reed Gossard, Charles Porter IV, and Ryan Zesch; fourth row, Ryan Hamilton, semifinalist; Justin Doney, Alexander Saccocio, Nicholas Martin, Christopher Silber, David Nash, and Michael Schmeling. Not pictured are Brendan Kopf, semifinalist, and Carson Glover. Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

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Columbus Bishop Hartley High School senior Martin Gillies (third from left) has been selected as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program, and classmates (from left) Ivra Bass, Talia Caridi, Rachel McFadden, Sam Agra, and Corey Stevens have been chosen as commended scholars. As a semifinalist, Gillies will continue in the competition for about 7,400 scholarships worth a total of more than \$32 million. Approximately 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will receive a scholarship. Approximately 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screening. The semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and include the highest-scoring entrants in each state. About 34,000 commended scholars throughout the nation are being recognized for their academic promise. They placed among the top five percent of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition. Photo/Bishop Hartley High School

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