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The Editor's Notebook

Our Faith Calls Us Home

By David Garick, Editor



This week, *Catholic Times* looks ahead to the coming celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. While the images often associated with these days generally pertain to death, it is really a very joyful time. Certainly, there is joy associated with a promise of Christ that those who have departed this life live on eternally with him. Along with that comes the teaching of the church that all of us remain connected with the departed through prayer, and especially through the Eucharist.

Losing a loved one is always difficult. The knowledge that a person we love so deeply will never be visible to us again on this earth is heart-wrenching. Grief over such a loss is very real. Even Our Lord was brought to tears of pity over the pain his friends were feeling on the death of Lazarus, even though he knew that in moments, he would restore Lazarus to life.

In that, there is a message to all of us: "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:10).

It's comforting to have that continued connection with those we love who are no longer physically present. We can pray with them and share our joys and sorrows with them, knowing that they remain spiritually with us through communion in Christ and that we will see them again when we are called home to join them in Christ. This issue of *Catholic Times* looks at the funeral and burial rites of the church that comfort us in dealing with separation from a loved one.

As St. Paul wrote, "Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Pope canonizes four new saints

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis called on people to replace their thirst for power with the joy of quiet and humble service as he proclaimed four new saints, including the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux.

All of Christ's disciples, especially its pastors, are called to model themselves after Jesus and "suppress our instinctive desire to exercise power over others, and instead exercise the virtue of humility," he said.

The pope said the new saints -- a Spanish religious woman, an Italian priest, and the first married couple with children to be canonized together -- "unfailingly served their brothers and sisters with outstanding humility and charity in imitation of the divine master."

During the Synod of Bishops on the Family, on World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, in St. Peter's Square, the pope created the following new saints:

❖ **Louis Martin** (1823-1894) and **Marie Zélie Guérin Martin** (1831-1877), the French parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. They had nine children; four died in infancy and five entered religious life. During their 19-year marriage, the couple was known to attend Mass daily, pray and fast, respect the Sabbath, visit the elderly and the sick, and welcome the poor into their home.

❖ Italian **Father Vincenzo Grossi** (1845-1917), founder of the Institute of the

Daughters of the Oratory.

❖ Spanish **Sister Maria of the Immaculate Conception** (1926-1998), a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Company of the Cross.

About 65,000 people attended the Mass, including the more than 300 cardinals, bishops and others taking part in the synod.

While the pope's homily pointed to the new saints as inspiring examples of joyful servants who completely trusted in God, he dedicated the bulk of his reflection to the day's readings and the Christian meaning of authority and hierarchy.

He said the prophet Isaiah said the servant of the Lord "is not someone of illustrious lineage; he is despised, shunned by all, a man of sorrows. He does not do great things or make memorable speeches; instead, he fulfills God's plan through his humble, quiet presence and his suffering."

Jesus' life and attitude of profound service "were the cause of our salvation and the reconciliation of mankind with God," the pope said.

He said Jesus invites everyone to follow him on this same path of love and service and to "reject the worldly temptation of seeking first place and commanding others."

"Faced with people who seek power and success, the disciples are called to do the opposite," the pope said.

Relic of St. Sharbel to visit St. Andrew Church

The local Maronite Catholic community will host a special event of veneration of the relic of St. Sharbel at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, on Friday, Oct. 23. St. Sharbel was a 19th-century Maronite monk who lived in Lebanon as a hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to ask for remembrance in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. He died in the late afternoon of Christmas Eve 1898. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and reported being cured of ailments after they visited the site. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later.

St. Sharbel's relic will be available for veneration at St. Andrew's from 3 to 9 p.m., with a Maronite Mass to be celebrated at 7 p.m.



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A gravesite scene serves as a reminder that the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls are on Sunday, Nov. 1 and Monday, Nov. 2 respectively. There will be prayer services at all four diocesan cemeteries on Nov. 1.

CNS photo/Karen Callaway

St. John Neumann Parishioner Ordained to Priesthood

William "Billy" Duraney, a parishioner at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 30, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

While attending The Ohio State University, Father Duraney was very active in the parish, serving on the youth group CORE team and ministering to high-school students. On campus, he was active in St. Paul's Outreach.

In 2007, he transferred to the Pontifical College Josephinum to complete his bachelor's degree in philosophy.

During formation, he felt called to the religious life, eventually joining the Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE) and moving to the congregation's seminary in Washington.

"I felt like I was being called to give my life in a more radical way by taking vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience," Father Duraney said. "Members of the IVE also take a fourth vow of total consecration to Mary in the spirituality of St. Louis de Monfort."

After visiting the community a few times, Father Duraney discerned that



God was calling him to be part of the religious family of the IVE.

On May 30, he was one of four new IVE priests ordained by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick (pictured) at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Duraney has been assigned to an IVE mission in Germany. The other new priests will go to missions in Rome, Guyana, and Cyprus.

St. John Neumann Church was the site of Father Duraney's Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 7. In

attendance was the pastor, Father David Sizemore, to whom Father Duraney attributes much of his priestly vocation.

"Father Dave helped me to discern that God was calling me to the priesthood, and he supported me as I took the leap of entering the seminary and then of entering the IVE," he said.

The homily at the Mass was preached by Father David Vidal, IVE, who is stationed in Philadelphia and is Father Duraney's spiritual director.

Father Duraney's parents and family also were there. "My family has been very supportive, and it has not been easy for them," he said.

"A vocation to the priesthood – especially to the life of a missionary – is as much a sacrifice for the family as it is for the priest."

After spending about a month at home, Father Duraney went to work in California, then returned to the seminary for a few weeks before heading to Eichstatt, Germany, where he now serves as a missionary to help re-evangelize the German people.

Five from Columbus Invested in Knights of Malta

Five residents of the Diocese of Columbus – Mari Kay Dono, Jason Thomas, Erin Gibbons, Len Barbe, and Dr. Bill Bobowicz – have been invested into the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, commonly known as the Order of Malta. The ceremony took place at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington.

Speaking to nearly 500 members, family, and friends of the newly invested knights and dames, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, placed his message at the investiture Mass in the larger context of the visit of Pope Francis to the United States. He spoke of those who have drifted from the Church and of the cultural challenges facing the nation, calling on Catholics to reflect on their identity.

"As knights and dames of the

Sovereign Order of Malta, we take on a particular responsibility to manifest in our words and deeds that Catholic identity that is symbolized by the cross we wear on our uniform," he said. Drawing on the pope's words, he added, "All baptized ... share the responsibility for the primary mission of the Church to evangelize and share our faith with the world."

The Mass, during which 59 new members were welcomed into the order, anchored a weekend that brought together members from 26 regions for an annual meeting with the organization's national leadership, presentation of awards, a Defense of the Faith program, and a dinner-dance.

(In the photo: John Reiner, investee sponsor; Len Barbe; Chuck Mifsud, regional hospitaller; Mari Kay Dono, Dr. Bill Bobowicz, Erin Gibbons, and Jason Thomas.)



## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Alive



Did you cash in some pennies last week? My Uncle Pennybags scolded me a little, reminding me that I need some money to live, to take care of my family, to donate, and to maintain a good quality of life. Of course, we all need an income and a solid way of living on this earth. We have responsibilities and people for whom to care. An economic monetary system is a must. But as we know, the challenges lie in the choices we make and the priorities we set. When our pennybags are too full or overflowing, there is a real danger of greed setting in. Our generosity and care for other lives becomes even more important when our resources are plentiful. And, of course, plentiful is a relative term. No fanfare is necessary. No attention from anyone other than whom we help is wanted. Whether it is wants or needs, our pennybags take care of our families and loved ones, but they also must take care of the face of Jesus in our poor.

Alive. What does it mean to you? It is a pretty simple and straightforward word, but the more I ponder it, the more variations come to mind. What does it mean to be alive? What in the world is alive? We have focused a bit on Respect Life Month for the past few weeks. There are so many life issues, and we all want to see them rectified properly. I take a step back here. Every time I write words like these, it is a surreal experience. It makes me wonder if I am dreaming. It drives me to the point of asking if any of our efforts are making a difference. A difference to or for what? How is it that we need to discuss, debate, or rally around life issues? Why do we need to ponder what it means to be alive? The term "alive" makes me think about record albums when I was young that were live performances recorded. Yes, those live albums were rare and very cool, especially some bootlegs. In those dark ages, a live album brought the artist or band alive. In the movies "Frankenstein" or "Young Frankenstein," the exclamation is "It is alive!" And so it goes with our Catholic Christianity. We know the lyrics and we know the melody. Is our comfort zone the intimate and personal space in which we sing along? How can we break out and come alive? Are we alive with our Faith? Are we alive with Jesus Christ? What about the monsters we have created? Yes, it is Halloween, but those monsters are fun. How do we come alive and thwart the evil monsters in our lives? We must be alive in the love of Jesus.

Our practical challenge this week is to come alive with Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith. There is never a reason to wait. We must be on fire and alive in the Holy Spirit. No need to be overly zealous or boisterous. Just be alive. Be filled with that same life that flowed at our baptism, first Eucharist, and Confirmation. We all need a reminder and refresher once in a while. Be alive! Come alive! Staying alive!

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

## Sacred Heart Columbus Will Host the Fourth Annual Sacred Heart Congress

Sacred Heart Columbus will host its fourth annual Sacred Heart Congress from 6:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road.

The first speaker at the event will be Gloria Anson, president of Sacred Heart Apostolate, Inc. Anson travels the world conducting missions on the enthronement. She has appeared on television and radio and as a conference speaker.

The second speaker will be Father Stash Dailey, administrator of Columbus Holy Family Church and spiritual director of the Sacred Heart and enthronement network apostolates. Father Dailey is a consultant for several congregations of men and women religious and serves as a retreat director and confessor for some of these same communities.

"There is nothing private about the reality of the Sacred Heart. It is, rather, anything but a private devotion," he said. "In order for the relationship between the disciple and Our Lord to be real, it must be shared. Therefore, it is quite fatal for one's own spiritual life to say 'I have a devotion to the Sacred Heart, but I'm not going to share it with others or advocate this profound reality of God's incarnate love among the community of the faithful'. For where there is a soul that has a deep and true love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there will always be found zeal to share the riches one has found in the Lord."

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF) brought together more than 20,000 people from all over the world last month. Sacred Heart Columbus was represented by four individuals – Jo Ann and Chuck Wilson, and

Mary Ellen and Scott Williamson. They represented the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network Apostolate at the WMOF fair as part of a worldwide launch to promote home enthronements of the Sacred Heart. More than 400 organizations were represented, but the network was one of the few focusing directly on the family.

"The World Meeting of Families was all about the family. As the family goes, so goes society, so our hope is through the family today, knowing many families are in crisis? This leads us to the enthronement of the Sacred Heart because families need Jesus more than ever," the Wilsons said.

The fourth annual Columbus Sacred Heart Congress will provide an environment where people who have come to know of the depths of the Lord's love can come together and give thanks and praise for this most awesome of all realities.

"Through the experience of the Mass, confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reflections, witness talks, and periods of silence, those who attend will find themselves at something that is more like a retreat with the Lord than a conference about Him and His Heart," Father Dailey said. "The congress will provide an opportunity for true communion with and among those who have found that pearl of great price and the treasure beyond measure."

Congress registration is available online at [www.SacredHeartColumbus.org](http://www.SacredHeartColumbus.org) or by calling (614) 339-9493. Doors for the event will open at 6:45 a.m., followed by the rosary at 7:30. The congress will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude with Mass at noon.

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## BHHS Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, An "Evening with the Hawks"

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School will induct its second class of Athletic Hall of Fame members during the annual "Evening with the Hawks" celebration at the school, 1285 Zettler Road, on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Inductees include **Denny Parker, Doug Parker, Rodney Parker, Leigh Grey, Nancy Williams, and Ann (Maurer) Smith.**

The Parker brothers all played on Central Catholic League championship basketball teams. Denny, a member of Hartley's Class of 1967, was named to the All-Class AA Tournament team and went on to play at Florida State and Ohio Dominican. Doug (deceased), who graduated in 1966, also was named to the AA All-Tournament team. He played at Ohio University, where he was a member of the 1970 Mid-American Conference championship team. Rodney, a 1968 graduate, was the leading scorer for Franklin County in that year, and his career point total of 1,037 is the second-highest in school history.

Grey was a member of the 1986 state championship boys 4-by-100-meter relay team and an All-American in the long jump in 1985 and 1986, his senior year.

Williams was a first-team All-State basketball player and was a member of the Hawks' 1976 and 1978 state champions, as well as the state runner-up team in 1979, her senior year.

Smith was athletic director from 1982-84 and coached basketball, volleyball, and track. She is a member of the Central District Basketball Coaches and Columbus Bishop Wehrle High School halls of fame. In addition to this year's honorees, first-year inductee Beth Conway, a coach of multiple sports from 1974-81, who was unable to attend last year, will be on hand.

The "Evening with the Hawks" includes a social hour, silent auction, dinner, and the induction ceremony.

A nomination form for future Hall of Fame members may be found on the school's website, [www.bishop-hartley.org](http://www.bishop-hartley.org).



## NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Logan St. John School students celebrated National Grandparents Day at a Mass in honor of their biological grandparents and their school adopted grandparents. Following the Mass, they enjoyed cookies and punch. Pictured are student Maya North and her grandmother, Marlene Bacelis, who came all the way from Mexico.

Photo courtesy St. John School



## PUBLIC ROSARY IN MOUNT GILEAD

Members of the Legion of Mary of Cardington Sacred Hearts Church organized a public recitation of the Rosary and the Angelus on the town square in Mount Gilead on Saturday, Oct. 12, with 33 people attending. Father John Bakle, SM, gave the closing blessing. This was one of 1,400 prayer groups praying the Rosary at noon on that day to ask for God's blessings on the United States.

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## Forgiving abortion; Jesus used cup, not chalice



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

**Q.** I'm curious about the fact that to mark the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis will allow all priests to absolve from the sin of abortion. Why isn't that true already? If I had committed such a sin, then went to confession and found that the priest couldn't forgive me, that would turn me off from the Catholic faith. (Quincy, Massachusetts)

**Q.** I just read about Pope Francis permitting priests to absolve from the sin of abortion, "a power usually reserved for bishops." First, are there other sins that are reserved to a bishop to forgive, and what are some examples? And second, before the pope extended this new authority, what was the procedure a priest was supposed to follow when someone confessed an abortion? (Fayetteville, Georgia)

**A.** Pope Francis' announcement did prompt some questions -- mainly because in the United States, it doesn't change the present practice at all.

For at least the last 30 years, bishops in the United States have granted to their priests the power to lift the automatic penalty of excommunication attached to procuring an abortion.

A key point -- lost in some of the reporting -- is that Catholic priests anywhere in the world already have the power to forgive the sin of abortion. The penitent walks out of the confessional forgiven and reunited to God's grace.

The issue here is not the sin itself, but the excommunication and who can lift it. In the *Code of Canon Law*, that power is re-

served to a bishop -- unless, as in the U.S., he has chosen to extend this authority to his priests.

In parts of the world where that power had not been granted, the priest would have forgiven the repentant sinner immediately and then would have asked the penitent to return later. During that interval, the confessor would have secured his bishop's permission to lift the canonical penalty. (Anonymity, of course, would have been honored, with the identity of the penitent never disclosed.)

To incur the excommunication, the penitent must have known prior to the offense that such a canonical penalty was attached to the sin -- which would seem to be true only in a minority of cases.

You asked whether there are other sins for which lifting the canonical sanction is reserved to the bishop, and there are; among such grave offenses are desecrating the sacred species of the Eucharist, absolving an accomplice in a sexual sin, or violating the seal of confession.

Finally, the pope's announcement was not intended in any way to minimize the gravity of abortion, which takes a human life, but to highlight the wideness of God's mercy and his willingness to forgive anyone who is genuinely sorry.

**Q.** I had been absent from Mass (but not from prayer) for a number of years. I began attending again last year and noticed that the words of the consecration had changed.

The word "cup" is now "chalice." I thought this odd, since the drinking vessel at the Last Supper was more likely an

earthenware cup. I asked a deacon the reason for the change, and he said it was so that the service would sound more "high church." That upset me, because Jesus came from humble origins and lived that way throughout his life. Would the church be happier if he had drunk from a golden goblet? (Harrisonburg, Virginia)

**A.** Since I have no access into the minds of those who translated the new *Roman Missal* into English, I can only speculate on their reasons. (And I agree, by the way, that "cup" gives a more realistic picture of the Last Supper.)

One of the guiding principles was to produce a more formal and literal translation of the Latin texts, in the hope that this would bring added reverence to the celebration of the Eucharist.

When St. Jerome, around the year 400, produced the Latin *Vulgate*, his narration of the Last Supper used the word "calix"; while that word could have signified a ceremonial drinking goblet, more often it meant an ordinary drinking cup in the secular Latin of the day. (And Jerome knew that the Greek word in the original Gospel text also meant a "cup" used at normal daily meals.)

We are not sure of the exact composition of the cup used by Jesus; in the first-century Middle East, it might have been made from stoneware or an early form of glass.

The decision to change from the 1969 missal's use of "cup" to the 2011 missal's "chalice," as well as adhering more closely to the Latin, was perhaps designed to remind us that the vessel took on a new and sacred character since it contained the precious blood of Christ.

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### Movies That Touch Our Hearts

The next movie in the "Movies That Touch Our Hearts" series at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace is *Breaking Down the Box*, presented by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. It will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

The film examines the mental health, racial justice, and human rights implications of the systemic use of solitary confinement in prisons in the United States. It is a call to action for faith communities to engage in the growing nationwide movement for restorative alternatives to isolated confinement. Such programs prioritize rehabilitation, therapeutic intervention, and recovery.

Following the film will be a conversation led by Wendy Tarr of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's "Restored Citizens and Communities for Change" project. In addition, a former resident of "the box" will present a personal testimony of that experience. People whose family members have been in solitary confinement for extended periods also will speak.

The center is at 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, and may be reached by calling (614) 512-3731, sending an email to [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com) or visiting its website, [www.cccenterofpeace.org](http://www.cccenterofpeace.org).

### Surviving the Holidays

Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, is offering two programs to help with preparation for the Christmas holidays for those who have experienced significant sadness and loss because of the death of a loved one, separation, or divorce.

No matter how long it has been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Separation or divorce also can cause complexity and pain around this time of year. These "Surviving the Holidays" seminars are designed to help people discover new reasons to enjoy the season again.

A "DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays" seminar will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 in the church's St. Michael Room. Contact Mike Workman at (614) 269-7098 or Loretta Seipel at (614) 575-1507 or [lseipel1947@yahoo.com](mailto:lseipel1947@yahoo.com) to preregister.

A "GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" seminar also will take place on Sunday, Nov. 15 and will be from 6:15 to 8:15 in the St. Raphael Room. Contact Mary Lager at (614) 337-9691 or [mary0613@hotmail.com](mailto:mary0613@hotmail.com) to preregister. The cost for either seminar is \$7, which includes a workbook.

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### Answering God's Call

## VOCATION IS CREDITED TO FELLOW DEACON'S PERSISTENCE



### Deacon Pete Labita

by Tim Puet

Deacon Pete Labita, who celebrates the 35th anniversary of his ordination this month, said he may have missed his calling from God if it hadn't been for the persistence of a fellow member of the diaconate.

"I knew in the mid-1970s that our diocese had started a program for deacons, but I had no interest in it," he said. "In 1976, I was a pallbearer at a funeral at Upper Sandusky, in the Diocese of Toledo, for a family friend. Assisting at the funeral Mass was a man in a white alb and a stole worn diagonally. I guessed from his vestments that he must be a deacon.

"At the cemetery following completion of the burial rites, I asked him whether my intuition was right. He confirmed that he was a deacon, and immediately asked if I would like to become one. I responded with an emphatic 'No,' but he asked me to think about the diaconate, saying it had provided him with a wonderful grace-filled, spirit-filled opportunity.

"Six months later, I was back in Upper Sandusky for a Mass at the church where the funeral had taken place, and the same deacon was at the altar. After Mass, he walked toward me, remembered my name, and asked if I had thought any more about the diaconate.

"It impressed me that he remembered who I was. I thought 'Who is this guy?', then said 'OK, tell me.' He went on and on. After a while, I thought, 'All right, I'll look into the diaconate just to humor him.'

"Two weeks later, I went to an open house on the diaconate at the Columbus diocesan building, and the rest is history."

On Oct. 12, 1980, about four years after that first encounter, Deacon Labita was ordained a deacon of the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop Edward Herrmann at St. Joseph Cathedral, along with Deacons Jerry Butts, Larry Koebel, Frank Ball, and Charles Stevens. The latter two are deceased.

He has spent all of his diaconal service at Columbus Christ the King Church, which he has attended since 1975. He has lived since 1985 in his current residence, located a short distance from the church, where he has been facilities manager for several years. In that position, he is responsible for upkeep of the church building and the east-side parish's former school (now All Saints Academy), convent (now the home of the Bethesda Healing Ministry), and rectory (now the Bishop Griffin Center).

Deacon Labita, 71, grew up with his parents and an older sister in Suffern, New York, a northern suburb of New York City, where his father owned a lumberyard in the Hell's Kitchen area. After high school, he went to junior college in Massachusetts, then spent a year at American University in Washington before being drafted into the military.

He was in the Air Force from 1966-70, with his service including 13 months in Taiwan. His military career ended at the former Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, and he has lived in central Ohio ever since. The year 1970 was a memorable one for him because in that year, he left the service, received a bachelor's degree in English from Capital University, and married his wife, Paula, whom he met in the university library. She is retired after a career as an intensive-care unit nurse. The couple have four

grown children -- three daughters and a son. Deacon Labita also has earned a master's degree in pastoral studies from the Loyola Institute for Ministry in New Orleans.

After leaving the military, he spent most of the next four decades in the insurance business, working for various companies and running his own agency before retiring about seven years ago. He also spent about three years as human resources manager at a truck stop.

He is a cancer survivor, having been diagnosed in 2005 with cancer of his jaw, which had to be removed and replaced by a titanium plate and part of the fibula from his left leg.

He acknowledges that being a deacon at times hasn't been easy, particularly in the initial period after his ordination. "For the first 10 years, I struggled with my calling," he said. "I asked myself 'Do I really want to stay?' There was an issue of whether I was living up to the expectations I thought people had of a deacon, or that I had of myself.

"It was a crisis of faith which didn't resolve itself easily, but in time I just kind of worked my way through it, came to be at peace, and accepted that this is what God called me to be. I've become a fixture here at Christ the King and I know people are comfortable with me. People know I'm a cancer survivor, so I'm often asked to talk about it with people facing their own cancer diagnoses, and am grateful for the opportunity."

Deacon Labita has been involved in social justice activities throughout his diaconate, including service on the board of the interfaith coalition known as BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity). He also is a recreational bicyclist who enjoys repairing and cleaning old bikes and donating them to the Bishop Griffin Center.

He said he's grateful for the support of Christ the King's pastors over the last 35 years. "The first one was Father Jim Hanley, who had no idea I was studying to be a deacon until I told him after about a year. That didn't faze him, and he supported me the rest of the way," he said. "The longer I've stayed here, the more my role has grown, especially under the last two pastors, Fathers Craig Eilerman and Dave Schalk. Sister Noreen Malone, OP, also was a very influential person, especially in my first 10 years of struggling with the diaconate. She kept me grounded."

Deacon Labita sees his principal job as a deacon as one of service. "A deacon's presence enables a pastor to do his own job better," he said. "We're there to assist where we can, make sure things run smoothly, and take care of some roles as needed, all with the goal of helping the church continue to thrive."

He wonders why more men don't consider the diaconate. "People tell me I'd be a hard act to follow, but I don't think so. I think men may feel intimidated by the amount of studying that's necessary, or perhaps by the idea of preaching a homily every few weeks. Maybe it's just a more unique call than I realize," he said.

"If a man told me he was considering being a deacon, but said he was concerned about whether he could handle it, I'd tell him, 'Don't let that stop you. Look into it, because if you feel God is calling you, then chances are he is.'"



## MOUNT CARMEL EAST GROUNDBREAKING AND BLESSING

Bishop Frederick Campbell (*ninth from left*) and others participated in a groundbreaking and blessing for a \$310 million modernization of Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus.

The project will include construction of a new five-story patient care tower with a new state-of-the-art surgical suite and 128 new all-private, acuity-adaptable patient rooms. The hospital's original tower, built in 1969, will be renovated to provide 112 all-private patient rooms.

In addition, Mount Carmel East will become home to the Mount Carmel Health

System's Level II trauma program, providing critical access to this vital service to the eastern half of central Ohio.

When the modernization is completed in 2019, Mount Carmel East will be a nearly 400-bed, all-private-room facility that will be home to the most contemporary clinical services and patient conveniences in the region.

The event was a chance to reflect on Mount Carmel Health's healing ministry, started by the Sisters of the Holy Cross nearly 130 years ago.

"A little more than 20 years after they built what is now known as Mount Car-

mel West, the sisters had the foresight to purchase a farm on the east side of Columbus, where they grew the food that was served in the early years of the hospital. In 1972, that farmland was transformed into Mount Carmel East," said Claus von Zychlin, president and chief executive officer of Mount Carmel Health.

"Since that time, Mount Carmel East has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. Our latest investment in this hospital will allow us to build on a long history of delivering high-quality, people-centered care

to the communities on Columbus' east side for generations to come."

The modernization is part of a more than \$700 million investment Mount Carmel announced in March to expand access, enhance the care experience, and add value by providing the right care, in the right place, at the right time in central Ohio. Other projects included in the announcement are the expansion of Mount Carmel's Grove City campus and the transformation of Mount Carmel West into a health and educational campus focusing on primary, urgent, and emergency care. Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health

## ST. VINCENT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING GROUNDBREAKING

St. Vincent de Paul housing facilities in Newark conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for 24 units of transitional housing on Friday, Oct. 9. Pictured at the event are (from left): Daniel Townsend, SVDP housing facilities board member; Mike Massarro, president, Tectum Corp.; Kevin Murphy, housing facilities board president; Newark Mayor Jeff Hall; SVDP housing facilities executive director Linda Berger; and Herb Murphy, president, the Pat and Herb Murphy Foundation. The 24 units will be used to house individuals and families in a more stable living environment once they leave emergency shelters. Rents will be affordable, so that persons working lower-wage jobs can meet their housing and other living expenses. The 24 units will be located behind the Sixth Street Community Gardens. The land for the project was donated by Tectum, with the buildings provided by the Murphy Foundation. Five housing buildings are to be constructed, two with six units and three with four units. One of the four-unit buildings will accommodate families. It is anticipated that the first six-unit building will be ready for occupancy in December 2015.

St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facilities in Newark operates the St. Vincent Haven shelter for homeless men. Case management and other services provided at the shelter will continue to be available to people living in the transitional housing as they move into more stable life situations.

Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul Society



## Saying goodbye in the Eucharist

By Isabel Louis

Finally, I reached my mother's bed side in that ICU ward in a small town in south India on Dec. 18, 2014. All my fatigue and jet lag from more than 24 hours of travel – air and land combined – from Ohio dissolved into tears when I saw my mother in a deep coma, the result of multiple thrombosis. I realized that though her eyes were open, she did not "see" me. I could only hope that she recognized my voice. But I felt her palm squeezing my arm that I placed on her hand, and that was my only consolation that she was aware of my arrival.

The prognosis was not encouraging – even though her vitals were still strong, and she did not have diabetes or blood pressure problems. But as my mother was past 92 years old, doctors did not give much hope. They said she could go on in this state of unconsciousness for weeks and months, provided we continue her sustenance through tubes

and IV's. They even suggested we could take her home, where we could arrange for some home-based nursing care. I tried looking for such facilities in and around that town. I found all of them lacking in one way or the other, and I decided to continue her hospital stay, though it was much more expensive and inconvenient for me and my sister, as both of us stayed 24/7 with our mother in that special ward.

About 10 days after my arrival, her condition deteriorated, as her kidneys started failing. We were told her end was nearing – maybe in a day or two. I informed all our relatives, near and far, and most of them came to see my mother, perhaps for one last time. I was told that my mother was given anointing by the parish priest when she was semiconscious, before she was brought to the hospital. Even so, I asked the priest who was attached to the hospital to come and bless my mother. One of my cousins, Johnny from a far-off city,

who is studying to become a priest, was praying very fervently for my mother, standing near her bedside since the time he arrived. On the evening of Dec. 31, he suggested that we ask the parish priest to administer last rites again. I did not have much hope of getting any priest to come to the hospital, since it was New Year's Eve.

Johnny hurried to our parish church and managed to bring the assistant pastor with him. After the anointing was done, the priest proceeded to give communion to my mother. I was worried, because the doctors strictly prohibited feeding any solid food through her mouth. She could choke immediately, as her swallowing muscles were paralyzed. The priest assured that nothing would happen, and he dipped the communion in holy water and placed it in my mother's mouth, which remained open. Johnny held her mouth closed so that the host would not slip out, and let the communion dissolve

slowly. Then the miracle happened.

My mother's breathing was very labored, noisy, and irregular until then, but suddenly became quiet, regular, and deep. It looked like her soul recognized the presence of the Lord within her through that communion, and she was finally at peace. Her peaceful breathing continued for the next two hours, and my mother departed as that peaceful breathing slowly ebbed while I was holding her arms. At that moment, I realized that her soul was actually waiting for this Eucharistic meal before saying goodbye to us. A strange peace and a sense of acceptance enveloped my heart, too, and I also let my mother go, being assured that she was truly with the Lord, and the Lord was in her.

*Isabel Louis is a former parishioner at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. She now lives in North Ridgeville, where she attends St. Peter Church.*

## Santa's Attic - A Granville Tradition

By Lisa Ford

Granville St. Edward Church

There is a beautiful point in life where one finds a community in which to belong, when joy fills the heart through volunteering, when friendships are made through a common goal, and when the whispers of God are heard as He leads our path.

As the spirit of the holiday season begins in the heart, nowhere is this better exemplified than in Granville, where a seamless transition is taking place between generations, crossing familial and denominational lines. St. Edward Church is providing people in the Granville community with an opportunity to share holiday stories and memories by donating their gently used Christmas decorations

to the Santa's Attic rummage sale sponsored by the parish women's group, in turn making the future brighter for those in need.

"We hear touching stories from sentimental donors downsizing and needing to clear out excess holiday items, and from adult children who have lost parents. They are grateful to have a place to contribute family belongings and collections and are confident the items will be repurposed," said volunteer Kathi Jackson. "These stories warm my heart, as do those of young adults just starting out."

Each year, the parish receives thousands of amazing donations, including Fontanini, Spode, Longaberger, and Hallmark items, plus other antique and

vintage decorations. All are sold, with 100 percent of sales going to charitable works.

The parish's pastor, Msgr. Paul Enke, said, "The funds these women raise enable our parish to do extra things for those in need and for our community, above and beyond what we as a church already do. They work diligently transforming our parish hall for the sale. It's quite remarkable to witness the fellowship that goes on during that week." Friendships are made and lives are changed by becoming a part of something that is bigger than ourselves.

This year's Santa's Attic sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 31. For the complete story, go to writing-4hope3.wordpress.com.



## Turning Tragedy into HOPE

Through one woman's faith, a tragedy 16 years ago in Steubenville has resulted in an amazing impact for children on the west side of Columbus.

On May 31, 1999, Franciscan University of Steubenville students Brian Muha and Aaron Land were assaulted in their off-campus home, taken to a nearby area in Pennsylvania, and murdered. Both young men had a bright future. Brian was planning to become a doctor.

Brian's mother, Rachel Muha, chose not to become bitter. Instead, she forgave the young men who committed the crime. She also decided to do something in Brian's memory for children who were growing up in circumstances similar to those of Brian's killers. She has dedicated the last 16 years to helping inner-city children through The Brian Muha Foundation.

When Rachel started her ministry in a small room at Columbus Holy Family Church, one little girl showed up. Now, the ministry has 400 children and operates programs in The Run the Race Center at 880 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus, and Donum Dei Farm in Galloway.

More than 400 volunteers, including youth groups from various parishes and schools and seminarians from the Pon-



**Above: Members of the Run the Race Club of Columbus prepare to celebrate Mass in the club's center with Father Michael Hinterschied. Below: Coach Steve Polk and participants in the Saints youth basketball program that is part of the club's activities.** Photos courtesy Run the Race

tifical College Josephinum, come to the center and the farm to mentor and support the children of the west side who are part of the foundation's Run the Race Club.

The Racers and their families benefit from programs providing daily essentials such as hot meals, clothing, and a food pantry. They also receive a daily Bible lesson, plus tutoring, homework help, General Educational Development test preparation, sports, art, and music programs, and more.

Thanks to the state of Ohio's Ed-Choice scholarship and private donors, five Racers are enrolled at Columbus Bishop Ready High School and 10 at

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School. Run the Race's after-school programs, family atmosphere, and love help keep children off the streets. A preschool for three- to five-year-olds prepares them to go on to kindergarten.

At Donum Dei Farm, the Racers are exposed to life outside the inner city, giving them a chance to enjoy fresh air, vegetable gardens, chickens, fruit trees, and a safe place to play and learn.

The Brian Muha Foundation is cel-

ebrating its 10th anniversary with a fall luncheon and silent auction which will benefit the Run the Race Club and the other programs and services the foundation provides to give hope to the most vulnerable.

The luncheon will take place Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

The cost per person is \$45. For reservations or more information, contact Pat Reynolds at patjreynolds@gmail.com.

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All proceeds benefit critical needs of mothers and babies born at Mount Carmel St. Ann's.

Each year, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students take an "urban plunge" retreat which exposes them to service opportunities.

For several years, one of the hosting organizations for the event has been the Youth Empowerment Program, which gives homeless young people an opportunity to take control of their situation and improve the quality of their lives.

Last year, empowerment program participants who had been affected in some way by human trafficking asked DeSales students to paint their portraits and make "gift tags" expressing who they are as people. The point of the ac-

tivity was to put a face on the problem of human trafficking.

Six months later, the portraits became an installation known as Portraits of Love that was on display at the Peggy McConnell Arts Center in Worthington at the beginning of September.

DeSales theology teacher Patti Stephas and student Erika Grove were invited by Gov. John Kasich's wife, Karen, to a luncheon and recognition of the exhibit at the Governor's Mansion. Shown with some of the portraits are DeSales students (from left) Sera Kitchen and Brenna Bookless.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

## St. Charles Open House

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will host its annual open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents on Sunday, Nov. 1. The main program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Walter Student Commons.

Afterward, there will be an opportunity to speak with faculty members,

coaches, students, alumni, and advisory board members. School and campus tours will be conducted and refreshments will be served.

For more information, or to have a boy's name placed on the school's "prospective student" mailing and email lists, call (614) 252-6714.

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Sunday and Monday, Nov. 1 and 2, are respectively the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, commonly known as All Souls Day. These are days when, in the words of Eucharistic Prayer I, the Catholic Church honors those “who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.”

In addition to celebrating special Masses on those days, the Diocese of Columbus has conducted prayer services at its four cemeteries on the first Sunday in November for many years.

This year’s services will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 1. They will be led by Father Stash Dailey at Mount Calvary Cemetery, 518 Mount Calvary Ave., Columbus; Father William DeVille at St. Joseph Cemetery, 6440 S. High St., Lockbourne; Father James Klima at Holy Cross Cemetery, 11539 National Road S.W., Pataskala; and Deacon Chris Campbell at Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Lewis Center.

All Saints Day, the day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their death. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day to ensure that all martyrs were properly honored.

Pope Gregory III set the date for the feast at Nov. 1 in the eighth century, and it has been fixed there ever since. All Souls Day developed as an extension of the feast and a way in particular to honor the souls of those in Purgatory who are being purified before going to heaven. The Nov. 2 date for this commemoration was set in Benedictine monasteries in the 11th century and spread from there.

These two feasts provide a time to look at Catholic funeral and burial rites and how they reflect

the Church’s attitude toward death and the life beyond.

When we attend funerals, we often think the official service is what is conducted in the church and nothing more than that. But the Catholic Church instructs that there are three stages which mark the celebration of a person’s journey through death. In addition to the funeral Mass or other service, these include the wake service or vigil, usually at a funeral home or church, and the graveside burial service, usually at a cemetery.

The Church’s *Order of Christian Funerals (OCF)* says these traditions go back to Catholicism’s early days:

“... in Christian Rome, ... funeral rites consisted of three ‘stages’ or ‘stations’ joined by two processions. Christians accompanied the body on its last journey. From the home of the deceased, the Christian community proceeded to the church singing psalms. When the service in the church concluded, the body was carried in solemn procession to the grave or tomb. During the final procession the congregation sang psalms praising the God of mercy and redemption and antiphons entrusting the deceased to the care of the angels and saints. The funeral mirrored the journey of life, the Christian pilgrimage to the heavenly Jerusalem” (*OCF*, paragraph 42, page 11).

The journey of three stations connected by two processions may seem to be drawn out, but the ritual book for funerals explains why:

“The procession to the church is a rite of initial separation of the mourners from the deceased; the procession to the place of commitment is the journey to the place of final separation of the mourners from the deceased. Because the transfer of the body may be an occasion of great emotion for the mourners, the minister and other members of the community should make

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every effort to be present to support them. Reverent celebration of the rite can help reassure the mourners and create an atmosphere of calm preparation before the procession” (*OCF*, paragraph 120, page 63).

The initial separation of a loved one from family and friends begins at the moment of death and continues through the calling hours with the visitation of the body. The Church offers a structured prayer service with Scripture readings, called the wake service or vigil, in the presence of the body and the family and friends of the deceased.

When the procession from the funeral home to the church for the funeral Mass or service begins, the lid is closed on the casket before the body is placed in the hearse; the separation becomes more concrete, but is not yet final. Christians accompany the body’s journey from the funeral home to the church. It is greeted there by the priest or deacon conducting the Mass or service, which begins at the church doors.

In this way, the funeral liturgy reflects the sacrament of Baptism, with the body being greeted at the church doors just as the Church greets parents, godparents, and child at the beginning of baptism. Starting at the doors also highlights the journey of death that began at the wake or vigil service.

Again quoting from the ritual book, “Since the church is the place where the community of faith assembles for worship, the rite of reception of the body at the church has great significance. The church is the place where the Christian life is begotten in baptism, nourished in the Eucharist, and where the community gathers to commend one of

its deceased members to the Father.”

At the doors, the priest or deacon takes custody of the body, representing the deceased’s membership in the family of God. The ministers of the Church lead the body to the Paschal candle near the sanctuary, and the family and friends of the deceased follow behind the body in procession, continuing the Christian journey through death.

The funeral Mass or service outside of Mass in the church commends the soul of the deceased back to God before the final separation takes place. One significant difference between a funeral Mass or service and the standard Mass is that at its close, the priest or deacon does not invite people to go and love and serve the Lord. Instead, participants are asked to take the bid the deceased a final farewell and take the person to his or her place of rest.

The third and final part of the funeral liturgy is the burial. The antiphons of the ritual book sing the deceased into paradise as the body leaves the church. Once it reaches the burial site, the Church offers more prayers during the rite of committal, which includes prayers over the grave, for the deceased, and for the loved ones of the deceased. At the graveside, the Church commits the body of the deceased to the ground and commends his or her soul to the Lord.

If the burial takes place in a Catholic cemetery, the grave already has been consecrated as holy ground. If it occurs in a non-Catholic cemetery, the graveside ritual offers the clergy the opportunity to bless the grave. The ritual concludes with the priest or deacon giving a blessing over

the people.

Since Nov. 2, 1989, the *OCF*, adopted by the Catholic bishops of the United States, has provided the only approved rituals to be used in Catholic funerals in this country. The Diocese of Columbus has issued funeral directives based on that document.

Those directives note that the Easter candle, holy water, and a pall are symbolic elements required at every funeral liturgy. All three also relate to Baptism, as the *OCF* notes.

In the baptismal ritual, the baptized person is given a small candle lighted from the larger Easter candle. The *OCF* says, “The Easter candle reminds the faithful of Christ’s undying presence among them, of his victory over sin and death, and of their share in that victory by virtue of our initiation.”

The *OCF* continues, “Blessed or holy water reminds the assembly of the saving waters of Baptism. ... Its use calls to mind the deceased’s baptism and initiation into the community of faith.” The pall, placed over the body when it is received at the church, is a “reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased,” and “signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God,” the *OCF* says.

Other recommended symbols for the funeral liturgy include incense, fresh flowers, and a symbol related to the faith of the deceased, such as a crucifix or a Bible. The diocesan directives require that the casket be draped in the pall at the entrance to the church. The guidelines forbid use of non-religious symbols, such as national or organizational flags, or of sports attire or other personal items in the funeral liturgy. These are to be removed from the casket at the entrance to the church.

The directives also state that only music that is approved for liturgical use may be selected for the funeral liturgy. Secular music and recorded music are not acceptable in the funeral rite because they take away from the sacred nature of the event.

“It is the policy of the diocese that a brief homily is to follow the proclamation of the Gospel during the funeral liturgy,” according to the directives. “A homily may also follow the readings at the vigil. In neither case, however, should the homily be a eulogy.” The directives say the preferred time for a eulogy is during the vigil service, adding that it should last no more than three minutes and be “delivered by one person who is reasonably adept at public speaking.”

The funeral directives and the *OCF* encourage the custom of burying the body of the deceased, since, as the *OCF* states, “the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those (funeral) rites.” Cremation of remains at one time was forbidden by the Catholic Church, but has been permitted since

Columbus St. Joseph Cemetery  
CT Photo/Tim Puet

the early 1960s, “provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body,” according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

In the approximately 50 years since it has been permitted by the Church, cremation has become an increasingly popular option for Catholics. Richard Finn, general manager of the four Columbus diocesan cemeteries, said that about one-fourth of the 932 people buried in those cemeteries from July 1, 2014, to the same date this year were cremated. A new mausoleum is being built at St. Joseph Cemetery and will add 336 crypts and 120 niches.

“Cremation is definitely changing the way many people do things in regard to funerals,” Finn said. “This is particularly true among younger generations of Catholics. One reason for this is that as more families have moved out of the area, or in cases where someone has died outside the Columbus area, it’s easier with cremation to transport the remains back or to delay a funeral until a time when everyone can gather. Some people also think it’s less expensive, but that’s not necessarily the case.”

Finn said that regardless of whether a funeral service involves cremation or in-ground burial, what’s important is that the remains of the deceased be handled reverently. The Church’s teaching is that for the vigil and the funeral Mass, the full body should be present, with cremation taking place afterward. After cremation, the cremated remains should be buried in an urn, whether in a traditional grave or in an indoor columbarium. Remains should not be kept at home, scattered, or mingled with other objects.

Finn said that about 101,000 people are buried in the four diocesan cemeteries, including 53,000 at St. Joseph, 7,800 at Resurrection, 900 at Holy Cross, the newest, consecrated in 1993, and 40,000 at Mount Calvary, the oldest, consecrated in 1874. Mount Calvary’s available space is filled and requests for funerals there are no longer accepted. Finn said there is enough space at the other three cemeteries for 350,000 burials – 200,000 at St. Joseph, 100,000 at Resurrection, and 50,000 at Holy Cross.

Finn has been part of the diocesan cemeteries department for 34 years and took over as direc-

tor from Jack Albers in late 1993. He said the cemeteries employ 20 to 22 people at any given time, several of whom have been staff members for 20 to 30 years. Finn, a bookkeeper, and equipment maintenance personnel work with all four cemeteries. Each of the three newer cemeteries has one or two service advisers to assist families, as well as a clerical staff and a full-time grounds maintenance staff. Mount Calvary has a grounds staff which is employed only during the warmer months.

He said about half of the burials in the cemeteries each year are of people who made some sort of burial arrangements in advance. He recommends that people do so when there is no sense of urgency in making funeral plans, rather than waiting until after someone has died or death appears imminent.

He said in-ground burial costs range from \$1,675 to \$2,300 per person, plus the cost of a monument or vault. Vaults are \$725 to \$950, and monuments range from \$1,000 and up for a ground-level marker to \$2,850 and up for an upright one. The three newest cemeteries also have sections for infant burials. Space and interment fees are \$200 to \$350 in those cases. Mausoleum crypts are available for fees from \$3,850 and up per person, which cover all the costs listed.

“There are plenty of burial options available, but choosing a Catholic cemetery provides the best expression of a faith-filled life for all Catholics, and of being Catholic ‘from the womb to the tomb’ for those born into the faith,” Finn said. “It also provides the assurance of being buried in a sacred place, and of one that will be taken care of in perpetuity by the Church.”

Those considering burial at the three diocesan cemeteries where space is available may visit offices at the cemeteries from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

(Editor’s Note: Much of the material for this story was excerpted, with the permission of the writer, from “Blessed Are They Who Mourn: How the Church Prays for the Faithful Departed,” a three-part series written for the Gahanna St. Matthew Church bulletin by parish music director Dawn Shinger.)



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## SAINT AGATHA SCHOOL NAMED NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Columbus St. Agatha School has been selected as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Blue Ribbon program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe, welcoming schools where students master challenging content.

The National Blue Ribbon School award is a widely recognized honor signifying excellence in teaching and learning.

These schools are among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Student subgroup performance and high school graduation rates are also at the highest levels.



This will be St. Agatha's third Blue Ribbon designation. The school was honored first in 1985 and again in 2000.

"This is an incredible recognition," said school principal Luna Alsharaiha. "At St. Agatha, we strive for academic excellence, and this award recognizes the high standards our school's faculty, students, and families demand and attain year after year."

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## FRESH WATER STUDY PROJECT

Seventh-grade students at Hilliard St. Brendan School have been investigating fresh water with a microscope. The students collected water from ponds, creeks, rivers, pools, puddles, and streams. Their goal was to locate a variety of tiny living things, both those observable without a microscope and those observable only with a microscope. They found protozoans, algae, plant stems, roots, leaves, and insects. The algae are single-celled, plantlike protists and the protozoans are single-celled, animal-like protists. Protists are neither animals nor plants, but in a kingdom of their own. Some, such as a euglena, move with a whiplike extension called a flagella. Others, such as a paramecium, have hundreds of tiny cilia which beat in unison to propel the protists through the water. Students pictured are (from left) Hayden Storts, Simon DiSabato, Mark Sullivan, and Maria Sanfillipo. Photo courtesy St. Brendan School



## Newark Catholic Open House

Eighth-grade students who are interested in attending Newark Catholic High School in 2016-2017 are invited to spend a day at the school, located at 1 Green Wave Drive, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11.

For reservations and information, call the school at (740) 344-3594 and speak to Jodi Snider at extension 227.

All students in the Knox-Licking Vicariate are welcome to attend.

An information session for parents will take place that evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the school.

## Right to Life pilgrimage

Greater Columbus Right to Life will be leading a pro-life pilgrimage to Mexico in February 2016. The trip will be different from many other pilgrimages in that it will be focused specifically on ending abortion.

The pilgrimage will leave Columbus on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 and return on Saturday, Feb. 20. It will start and end with visits to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each day has been developed specifically to unite the pilgrims' prayers for life to the cultural, historical, and theological roots of abortion and ending abortion.

Stops will include significant spiritual and historic sites in Mexico City, Tlaxcala, Teotihuacan, San Miguel del Milagro, Puebla, Cuernavaca, and Taxco. Father Nick Droll, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God, Corpus Christi, and St. Ladislav churches will serve as spiritual director.

Greater Columbus Right to Life

has joined with a sister organization in Mexico City and will be praying with that group outside a Mexico City abortion clinic, provided that the activity is permitted by Mexican law and the safety of the pilgrims is assured.

The cost is \$1,785 per person, which includes flights, accommodations, transportation, guides, and breakfast and dinner daily. This does not include airline surcharges (currently about \$150, but subject to change until ticketing), lunch costs, drinks, tips, and personal expenses.

To lock in this price, reservations must be made by Saturday, Oct. 31, although space may be available after that time. If Pope Francis' recently announced visit to Mexico takes place during the pilgrimage, the schedule may be adjusted to allow the possibility of an audience with the Holy Father.

For more information, visit [www.gctrl.org/guadalupe](http://www.gctrl.org/guadalupe) or call (614) 203-1147.

## SCOUTS CLEAN KEMPTON RUN CEMETERY GROUNDS

Boy Scout Troop 295, which includes Scouts from Columbus St. Timothy and St. Andrew churches, completed a service project that had far-reaching effects.

The Scouts cleaned the grounds and repaired headstones at Kempton Run Cemetery in northwest Columbus, which also was the site of an Eagle project by Brian Delphia in 1980.

Their efforts not only made a notable difference in the cemetery and for the adjacent condominiums, but also brought together 10 members of a family whose ancestors are buried there. Family members came from California, Florida, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Illinois to visit the cemetery and meet the Scouts who worked on the project. Nancy Torphy reached out on behalf of

her family to Sue Snapp of the Franklin County Genealogical Society to find out if anyone in the area could help clean up the cemetery. Snapp then contacted the Scouts, who willingly took on the task. Several of the boys and their parents worked throughout September to complete job.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the troop enjoyed the special opportunity of meeting the family of those whose final resting place is in this quaint cemetery overlooking the Olentangy River. Family members were extremely appreciative of the Scouts' efforts and took time to talk with them about their ancestors.

Although the cemetery was established in 1819, one of the stones dates to 1806. "This experience taught the boys the importance of family and be-




ing connected with their past," said Scoutmaster Doug Edgington.

Photo: Members of Boy Scout Troop 295 who took part in a monthlong cleanup at the

Kempton Cemetery included (from left): Michael Terveer; John McLean, assistant scoutmaster; Colin Lauber; Aidan McGinn; Doug Edgington, scoutmaster; Danny Edging-

ton, senior patrol leader; Liam McGinn; Thomas Richter, assistant senior patrol leader; Mark Richter; and Scott Richter, parent.

Photo courtesy Scout Troop 295



**4th Annual Sacred Heart Congress**

*"I wish to express my approval and encouragement to all who in any way continue to foster, study and promote devotion to the Heart of Christ."*

Saint John Paul II

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Gloria is President of Sacred Heart Apostolate, Inc. and travels the world conducting missions on the Enthronement. She has appeared on television, radio and as a conference speaker. Gloria has a husband, Jack, of 41 years, four children, 18 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**Speaker: Father Stash Dailey**

Spiritual Director of Sacred Heart Columbus, Administrator of Holy Family Parish, National Board for Sacred Heart Enthronement Network

**Mass Celebrant: Father Daniel Dury**

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## African Schools for the Poor Get Important Boost From Cross Catholic Outreach Scholarships

Cross Catholic Outreach's scholarship program for the poor (see story on opposite page) is having a major impact halfway around the globe in the African nation of Kenya, and the ministry's president, Jim Cavnar, feels the timing couldn't be better given recent calls to action by our Holy Father.

"This is a significant story in light of Pope Francis' focus on helping the poor and the excitement building around the Jubilee Year of Mercy," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "Our plan is to help American Catholics establish inexpensive scholarships to lift up the neediest children in Kenya. Those who sponsor one today will be helping educate a desperately poor child during the 2015-16 school year — a perfect tribute to the Jubilee Year of Mercy."

Even the name of the program is fitting — those who contribute fund a Sacred Mercy School Scholarship?

In addition to helping hundreds of young children gain a primary education, Cross Catholic's efforts will have an important second benefit. It will encourage and empower the priests and nuns behind two of Kenya's most exciting outreaches — the Brother Beausang Catholic School and St. Andrew Nkaimurunya School.

"The priests and nuns who established these Catholic schools have made tremendous personal sacrifices to extend Christ's love

in the communities they serve. When American Catholics step forward and fund a \$110 scholarship to their schools, it will be incredibly encouraging to them. It will show them that we American Catholics are grateful for their work and want to help them in their noble cause of educating the poorest of the poor."

Why is the Sacred Mercy School Scholarship so important? The answer is simple. Without this support, children would simply go unschooled. Families earning only a few dollars a week simply can't afford to send a child to school.

"Those who establish a scholarship are helping put a child in school for a full year and the daily classroom experience also includes a meal — sometimes the only meal that child eats all day," Cavnar said. "And what is the alternative? Leaving a child illiterate and without hope? Is that really an option? I doubt Pope Francis would see it that way."

Some will ask if there is a way to support the goal without funding a full \$110 scholarship for a school year. The answer from Cavnar was "yes!"

"Every gift, large or small, will make a difference," Cavnar said. "As a newspaper reader responding to this need, you can have a profound impact on the poor with any and every gift you make toward this cause."



Children will walk miles to attend school — if they are given the opportunity to learn.

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred during the school year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet Cross Catholic Outreach's most urgent needs.

To support the Cross Catholic Outreach

scholarship program for the poor, use the ministry brochure enclosed in this issue of the paper or mail your donation to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01177, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. Please write "SCHOLARSHIP" in the comment line of the brochure to ensure your gift is routed to the proper fund.

## Cross Catholic Outreach Website Highlights Ministry's Key Strengths

Visit the website of Cross Catholic Outreach ([www.CrossCatholic.org](http://www.CrossCatholic.org)) and you'll notice the charity's three indisputable strengths — its cost-effectiveness, its impressive Catholic leadership and its impact on the poor. The ministry is hitting high marks both overseas and here in the U.S.

"Donors often notice our outstanding ratio of effectiveness — the fact that

nearly 95 percent of donations are used for program services and so little of our expenses are allocated to fundraising and administration," explained Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar. "The second thing they look for is integrity in our leadership, and they find that in the bishops and archbishops who serve on our board of directors. It shows we aren't just a charity fundraising from Catholics. We are a Catholic outreach. We promote Catholic teachings and values through our work."

This fact has been noticed by Catholic bishops and archbishops in the U.S., and they have endorsed the charity as a result. As of this moment, Cross Catholic Outreach has the endorsement of some 70 U.S. dioceses and the list has been growing steadily through the years.

"Through the years, we have provided food and safe water, constructed homes for the homeless and supported many



Pope Francis recently met with Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar.

schools and medical outreaches, doing virtually all of that work through the Catholic parishes and ministries already

working in the trenches overseas," explained Cavnar. "We have embraced Pope Francis' call to action!"

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## U.S. Catholics Having Huge Impact On Illiteracy, Poverty By Sponsoring "Cross" Scholarships

American Catholics were offered a unique way to help the poorest of the poor when Cross Catholic Outreach launched a new scholarship program to help needy kids in developing countries. At a cost of just \$110 for a full year of schooling, the scholarships have been a tremendous blessing for both participating sponsors and the poor children being served.

"Cross Catholic Outreach established its Sacred Mercy School Scholarship program to fight illiteracy and poverty in Africa and it has been so successful, we plan to extend the opportunity to Catholic schools in Latin America and the Caribbean region too. The program was launched to help unschooled children ages 4 to 12, and each scholarship a donor sponsors helps us fund a life-changing education for a boy or girl at a cost of just \$110 for the full school year," explained Jim Cavnar, the Catholic ministry's president.

Many Americans are familiar with the premise of establishing a college scholarship, and this program offers a similar opportunity — even to the point of setting up the scholarship in your family's name. Mr. and Mrs. Jones can create the Jones Family Scholarship, for example, or Dr. Smith can establish the Mary Smith Scholarship in memory of his mother. Each scholarship can be for a single school year or renewed annually to keep the gift going as part of a family legacy to benefit the poor.

"Launching a scholarship will have a life-changing impact on a child in need," Cavnar explained. "It's a priceless gift you are giving. An education brings opportunities, new hope and self-dignity. You can't buy those things off a shelf, but they can be accomplished through this outreach."

Of course, Cross has also had great success with the primary goal of the scholarship — to give children a solid education in reading, writing, math and other basics. Most Catholic missionaries agree that this kind of training is essential for poor families in developing countries to break from their cycle of poverty.

"Illiteracy often plagues a family generation after generation," Cavnar said, "but an education can turn that trend completely around. Rescue a child and you can initiate a blessed cycle of prosperity for a family that will continue for many generations to come."

Since the program specifically places children in quality schools that emphasize Catholic formation in the classroom, Cross Catholic Outreach's scholarship program also supports the important goals of The New Evangelization and integral ministry — the goal of helping the poor both materially and spiritually.

"In establishing this scholarship program,

we started by choosing quality institutions that could qualify as Cross-accredited Catholic Schools," Cavnar said. "These schools are also monitored to ensure they continue to meet our standards. We insist each school has a strong Catholic identity, hires a capable staff of teachers, includes spiritual teachings within the curriculum and provides students with a broad, practical education. It's important that our scholarship students end up with a solid education and greater opportunities in their communities."

In 2015, Cross Catholic Outreach has set a goal of educating 5,000 needy youngsters who are currently "on the outside, looking in" — and some children are literally in that position.



"When you travel to places like Haiti, Kenya, Zambia or the Philippines, you see how hungry the poor are for hope," Cavnar said. "In some of the countries where we serve, children pass by outside schools and watch longingly as others enter. They're fearful they'll forever be left outside the educational system. These kids are illiterate, but they're wise enough to know an education provides new opportunities and a way out of the slums, and they pray the school door will someday open for them."

According to Cavnar, this will only happen if poor families get help from their Catholic brothers and sisters in America. Most parents in the slums are too poor to afford even the few, meager meals, much less the expenses needed for their children to attend school.

The new Cross Catholic Scholarship Outreach meets this need. It serves as a



"golden ticket" — opening the door to a quality education. Amazing, considering the scholarships can be provided for just \$110 per year. And, despite the low cost, the quality of the education is high.

Some potential benefactors are likely to be surprised at the low cost of establishing a scholarship. Most of us are only familiar with U.S. college scholarships, which are typically valued in the thousands of dollars. The difference, Cavnar admits, is startling. But, he adds, it also makes the program affordable to virtually everyone who wants to help the poor.

"Who among us can deny the value and impact of this program? The Catholic schools overseas are extremely efficient. The teachers who work there are also sacrificing. Many work for a few dollars

a day in order to ensure these children get an education. When a donor contributes his or her portion by funding a scholarship, amazing things are being accomplished," he said. "So my hope is that many will step forward to sponsor one scholarship or more. If just a few dozen of this newspaper's readers make that decision, the impact will be profound. It will turn lives around."

This optimistic view of Catholic charity flavors everything Cross Catholic Outreach does. Catholic priests and nuns working "in the trenches" have been empowered by Cross Catholic Outreach and its U.S. benefactors to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide safe water to the thirsty, house the homeless, protect the orphaned and — as this case demonstrates — educate the poor.

### How to Help:

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

## Bartimaeus is the last disciple before Jesus dies



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52**

Jeremiah spanned the buildup to and then witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 586 BC. He had issued many warnings in the name of the Lord, both against the government and against individuals within Judah. He spoke of their infidelities, too many to count, and how the Lord was going to exact a price for that. When the end came, Jeremiah was there to pick up the pieces, and he began to proclaim oracles for the future, which, as with Sunday's first reading, were far more consoling than many of his earlier pronouncements.

Now Jeremiah speaks of rescue for "the remnant of Israel," a term which generally refers to the northern kingdom of Israel, but which could be applied to Judah as well. The Lord promises to bring them back from the "land of the north," which was a reference to Babylon, which had brought about all the ruin for Judah. Here the Lord promises to bring the exiles back from their captivity, "with the blind and the lame in their midst."

It must be said that some commentators think these words actually were addressed to exiles from the northern kingdom of Israel who had been relocated because of the destruction by a previous enemy, Assyria. This would mean these words came from Jeremiah's early years, rather than near the end of his prophetic life. It is quite a divergent opinion from the one that says it was about those who had been taken captive by the Babylonians almost 140 years later. Either opinion has merit. Of the two, I agree with those who think this looks to the future and speaks about a coming release

from Babylon.

The Gospel story of the blind Bartimaeus, according to the *Lectionary*, provides an example of what Jeremiah had prophesied. In its context in Mark, this marks the final stage of the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, where Jesus will be crucified. Pilgrims going up to Jerusalem for the Passover feast would have passed through Jericho. The journey was 18 miles up to Jerusalem, but it was a straight uphill climb.

Because the feast would have brought a flood of visitors to Jerusalem, it is no surprise to see Jesus passing through the city. Those begging alms always knew where the money was, and Bartimaeus was no exception. He was probably there every day begging. He naturally would have heard much from pilgrims as they passed by, and that meant he also had heard about Jesus of Nazareth.

He calls Jesus "Son of David," thereby acknowledging him as Christ. He recognizes that Jesus can cure him, no doubt because he would have heard many pilgrims talking about him as they made their way to Jerusalem. He asks for mercy because he has made the connection which had escaped others, including his disciples, between Jesus' identity as healer and its connection with sin. When the disciples try to silence him, he cries out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

When Jesus asks him what he wants, he says, "Rabboni (or Rabbi), that I may see." Once again, the verb "to see" must be understood on the level not only of physical sight, but on the level of "seeing with the eyes of faith." Jesus answers "Your faith has saved you," which means not only salvation, but also healing. And immediately Bartimaeus was able to see. With that, the man follows him "on the way," which is Mark's usual expression for being or becoming a disciple. This concludes Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Thus, Bartimaeus becomes the last disciple before Jesus dies.

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## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Romans 8:12-17  
Psalm 68:2,4,6-7b,20-21  
Luke 13:10-17

TUESDAY  
Romans 8:18-25  
Psalm 126:1b-6  
Luke 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY  
Ephesians 2:19-25  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Luke 6:12-16

THURSDAY  
Romans 8:31b-39  
Psalm 109:21-22,26-27,30-31  
Luke 13:31-35

FRIDAY  
Romans 9:1-5  
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20  
Luke 14:1-6

SATURDAY  
Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29  
Psalm 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18  
Luke 14:1,7-11

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 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.  
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.

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

## Pius XII, co-conspirator in tyrannicide

ROME -- The Piazza San Pietro (St. Peter's Square) is a five-minute walk from where I'm living during Synod 2015. About three-quarters of the square is bounded by the famous Bernini colonnades, which reach out from the Vatican basilica as if to embrace the world. Along the open "front" of the piazza and along the perimeter of the colonnades, a broad white stripe is embedded in the street. The casual visitor might mistake it for a kind of "No Parking" sign.

In fact, that white strip marks the border between Vatican City and Italy. And for many people during World War II, it signified the boundary between life and internment, imprisonment, or death.

When Italy declared war on the Allies -- after the initial swift success of the German invasion of the Low Countries and France seemed to suggest who was going to win World War II -- Allied diplomats accredited to the Holy See, but living in Rome, fled into the Vatican and were housed there throughout the war. So did democratically minded Italians on Mussolini's hit list -- including Alcide de Gasperi, who would become Italy's first postwar Christian Democratic prime minister.

Another boundary of consequence was defined by the walls surrounding the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo. Thousands of Italian Jews were hidden there, and dozens of babies were born in Pope Pius XII's bedroom, some of them given the names Eugenio or Eugenia in honor of the pontiff, born Eugenio Pacelli, who saved their parents' lives.

These facts of Pius' actions, like his quiet orders to hide Roman Jews in Catholic facilities, are reasonably well-known, if often ignored in the polemics that surround the debate over Pius XII's and the Holy See's ac-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

tions (or inactions, or silences) during the war. A new book by intelligence specialist Mark Riebling, *Church of Spies: The Pope's Secret War Against Hitler* (Basic Books), adds a mass of new evidence to what we know now about what the Pope and the Church did to deal with the mortal threat to civilization posed by Hitler and German National Socialism.

In a word: Pius was complicit in a variety of plots initiated by patriotic, anti-Nazi Germans to assassinate Hitler and replace the Nazi regime with a government that would make peace with the West.

That Pius was involved in at least one such plot has been known for decades, thanks to Owen Chadwick's *Britain and the Vatican During the Second World War*, which drew extensively on the records of D'Arcy Osborne, Great Britain's representative to the Holy See during the war, *Church of Spies*, which is based on exhaustive archival research (including a close reading of the Nuremberg trial transcripts), demonstrates that the plot mentioned in Chadwick's book was not the only such enterprise, and that Pius XII's closest aide, Father Robert Leiber, SJ, was the key liaison between the pope and the various plotters,

working in discrete tandem with a German Catholic lawyer, Dr. Josef Mueller.

None of these multiple attempts to eliminate Hitler and replace the Nazi regime got to the trigger point, with the exception of the Stauffenberg plot (cinematically memorialized in *Valkyrie*). And it has long been known that many German officers refused to participate in such plots because of their personal oath of loyalty to Hitler; they may have detested him, but they had sworn to uphold him. Riebling shows that another difficulty in gathering sufficient manpower behind any plot was the difference between Catholic and Protestant German generals: the Catholics, tutored by Thomas Aquinas, had a theological rationale for morally defensible tyrannicide, while the Protestants, mired in a Lutheran theory of state authority, had no such moral compass; quite the opposite, in fact.

*Church of Spies* does not and cannot settle the question of whether Pius should have spoken out plainly and unmistakably in condemnation of the Holocaust; that he refrained from doing so because he thought that would intensify the murderous bloodletting of the Third Reich seems well-established, if unlikely to persuade all of the wisdom of the course he chose. But *Church of Spies* ought to end the "Hitler's Pope" nonsense.

"Hitler's Pope" would not have aided and abetted plots to kill Hitler.

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## "What Race Is ... and What It Is Not"

There are no biological races in humans, but race plays a prominent role in our society. So what are the differences in races?

The Notre Dame Club of Columbus and Central Ohio has invited Dr. Agustin Fuentes (pictured), professor and chair of anthropology at the University of Notre Dame, to present its annual Hesburgh lecture at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 in Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road. His topic will be "What Race Is ... and What It Is Not."

The lecture is open to all.

The subject of race often appears at the forefront of social issues. Humans vary in many ways, but not always in the ways we think. This lecture will examine some myths and realities about human diversity, and why this information is important to all of us.

Fuentes, a biological anthropologist, received a bachelor's degree in zoology and anthropology and master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology at the University of California (Berkeley). His re-



search looks at the "how" and "why" of being human. It ranges from chasing monkeys, to exploring the lives of our evolutionary ancestors, to examining what people actually do across the globe.

Fuentes is interested in the big questions and the small details of what makes humans tick. His current research includes work on cooperation and community in human evolution, multispecies anthropology, race and racism, and interdisciplinary approaches to human nature.

The Hesburgh lecture series is named in honor of the longtime president of Notre Dame, the late Father Theodore Hesburgh. It brings distinguished Notre Dame faculty to cities across the nation to interact with alumni and the communities in which they live.

Coffee, soft drinks, and cookies will be served. The formal presentation will last about an hour.

For more information, contact Pat Whitehead at ndjpw@columbus.rr.com or (614) 766-5948.

## Chalk Art



**Gahanna St. Matthew School second-grade students completed a unit on public art, learning the importance of having any public art installation be accessible so people can see and appreciate it. They also learned that there are different types of such work, including temporary public art, which is only available for a specific period of time. Chalk art is one example of this kind of art. Students (from left) Owan McGann, Nicholas Lacey, and Liam Gemzer are shown with chalk artworks they created.**  
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## Pray for our Dead

ALVAREZ, Nicolas J., 57, Oct. 9  
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

ECKSTEIN, Joseph R., 88, Oct. 15  
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

HACKETT, Jean, 98, Oct. 14  
St. Patrick Church, London

JOSEPH, Elaine A., 65, Oct. 10  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

KUHN, Doris, 89, Oct. 12  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

McNEAL, Kathleen, 67, Oct. 14  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MONTERO, Dr. Marianito R., 84, Oct. 13  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

MOULAISON, Aglae, 93, Oct. 8  
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

OKWUMABUA, Dr. Kafondi, Aug. 23  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

PEOPLES, Linda L., 73, Oct. 14  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

RAFFERTY, Michael F., 68, formerly of Columbus, Oct. 9  
San Juan Del Rio Church, North St. Johns, Fla.

REHLING, James B., 88, Oct. 12  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SCHEBLER, Hilda M., 92, Oct. 13  
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

SCHULER-LEE, Margaret "Peggy," 61, Oct. 14  
St. Mary Church, Marion

SHESKY, Joseph C., 89, Oct. 11  
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

SILCOTT, Janet A., 83, Oct. 16  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SILLATO, Clara M., Oct. 13  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

STEIN, Virginia M., 87, Oct. 17  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

UCKER, Judith A., Oct. 8  
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

## Mary B. Mulroy

Funeral Mass for Mary B. Mulroy, 59, who died Thursday, Oct. 15, was held Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a graduate of Columbus Bishop Ready High School and The

Ohio State University, and was a former teacher at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School.

Survivors include her mother, Katherine Barrow; husband, Patrick; brothers, Joseph, Edward, Charles, and Gerard; and sister, Catherine.

## Cardboard Challenge

Students from Columbus St. Andrew School, with their parents and friends, used their creative thinking to find all kinds of ways to use cardboard, tape, and other recyclables during the school's 2015 Community Cardboard Challenge. The event, part of a nationwide program, was conducted in partnership with the Columbus Museum of Art and the PAST Foundation. Pictured with some of the things they put together are kindergarten student Andrew Diemand (left) and his younger brother Jonathan.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School



## LIVING ROSARY

Lancaster St. Bernadette School students and staff created and prayed a living Rosary during October in the school parking lot to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

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.

## H A P P E N I N G S

### CLASSIFIED

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
414 East North Broadway, Columbus  
**ANNUAL HASA SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Homemade Meatballs!  
Sunday, Nov 1st, 4:30 - 7:30 pm  
Adults \$9; children (12 & under) \$6;  
soda & desserts  
\$1 each; Carryouts available

**ST. LUKE PARISH TURKEY DINNER**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — 11AM-2PM  
St. Luke Community Center  
Market & Rambo Streets, Danville  
Adults - \$8, Children 10 & under - \$4  
Carry-out available  
Bazaar table with baked goods & crafts

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN**  
HOLIDAY BAZAAR  
Nov 14, 2015 - 9:00am-2:00pm  
Homemade crafts, baskets raffled  
breakfast & lunch served, bake sale  
Questions? call Carma at 740-524-1702  
or e-mail [sjnholidaybazaar@yahoo.com](mailto:sjnholidaybazaar@yahoo.com)

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

**CALICO ANGEL CRAFT SHOW**  
Saturday, November 7th  
9am-3pm  
**ST. PETER CHURCH**  
6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus

### OCTOBER

22, THURSDAY

St. Paul's Outreach Benefit Banquet  
6 to 9 p.m., Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom, Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. Annual banquet benefiting St. Paul's Outreach for college students, with keynote speech by Bishop Frederick Campbell and talks by students about the ministry's impact. 614-506-0751  
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

Charismatic Mass at St. Matthias

7:30 p.m., St. Matthias Church, 1566 Ferris Road, Columbus. Mass sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father James Coleman, preceded by rosary at 6 and praise and worship at 6:30, followed by fellowship. Bring finger food to share. Prayer teams available for individual needs during praise and worship. 614-500-8115

22-24, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Saturday), St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

23, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302  
Veneration of Relic of St. Sharbel at St. Andrew  
3 to 9 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Veneration of relic of St. Sharbel, a 19th-century Lebanese hermit, sponsored by the Columbus Maronite Catholic community, with Maronite Mass at 7 p.m.

23-25, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's Charismatic Retreat at St. Therese's  
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. 29th annual women's retreat sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, directed by Claire Casey Matthews. Theme: "Growing in Love with God and One Another." 614-500-8115

Retreat with Women Mystics at Corpus Christi  
Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Retreat based on the writings of women mystics, directed by Anita Davidson. Theme: "Floating Like a Feather on the Breath of God." Cost \$125, \$60 for commuters. 614-512-3731

24, 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.  
Cristo Rey Entrance Examination  
9 a.m., Cristo Rey Columbus High School, 400 E. Town St., Columbus. Entrance examination for eighth-graders wishing to attend school in 2016-17. No fee. 614-223-9261  
Natural Family Planning Class in Spanish  
9 to 11 a.m., Santa Cruz Parish, 143 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. First of two-part class series (in Spanish) on Natural Family Planning using the ovulation method. Cost \$35 per couple. 614-372-5249  
Programs on Pope Francis at de Porres Center  
10:30 a.m. to noon, Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Program on "Pope Francis, the Man and Spiritual Leader," followed from 1 to 2:30 p.m. by program on "Pope Francis, the Teacher," both led by Sister Diane Zervas, OP. \$10 per program. 614-416-1910

Memorial Mass for Children at Resurrection Cemetery  
1 p.m., Chapel, Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Lewis Center. Memorial Mass for all unborn babies buried in cemetery's Garden of the Holy Innocents, and any other babies whose parents want to honor their lives, sponsored by Back in His Arms Again ministry. 614-906-3115; 614-800-8888

Bishop Hartley Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

7 to 11 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Induction of six members into school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Includes social hour at 6, dinner, and silent auction. 614-237-5421

25, SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education  
9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on important, controversial issues. Topic: "The Synod on the Family." 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy?" with Deacon Frank Sullivan.  
Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242  
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans  
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary. Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.  
Organ Concert at St. Colman of Cloyne  
3 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. First event of parish's 2015-16 "Concerts in a Country Church" series, featuring music for woodwind quartet and organ, with featured oboist Melissa Feilhauer. Admission \$10. 937-675-7055  
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly

parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266  
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter  
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

26, MONDAY

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.

27, TUESDAY

Serra Club Life Awareness Youth Luncheon  
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Annual Life Awareness Youth Luncheon for high school girls, sponsored by Serra Club of North Columbus, with Sister Marie Shields, SNDdeN, of Columbus St. Matthias Church speaking on vocations to the religious life. Reservations required. 614-775-9409  
Run the Race Club Luncheon at Villa Milano  
Noon, Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. 10th annual luncheon benefiting Run the Race Club programs for young people on Columbus' west side. Tickets \$45. 614-857-1582

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319  
Hesburgh Lecture at DeSales

6:30 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Notre Dame Club of Central Ohio's annual Father Theodore Hesburgh Memorial Lecture, with Dr. Augustin Fuentes, anthropology chair at the University of Notre Dame, speaking on "What Race Is ... and What It Is Not." Free; open to all. 614-766-5948  
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

29, 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 Sports" with Dr. James Strode, ODU associate professor of sport management. Third of four talks on truth sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. 614-251-4722

Cenacle at Holy Name

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BOOK REVIEW

**GOD OR NOTHING**

**“God or Nothing,” By Cardinal Robert Sarah with Nicholas Diat**

*“The idea of putting Magisterial teaching in a beautiful display case while separating it from pastoral practice, which then could evolve along with circumstances, fashions, and passions, is a sort of heresy, a dangerous schizophrenic pathology. I therefore solemnly state that the Church in Africa is staunchly opposed to any rebellion against the teaching of Jesus and of the Magisterium. ... The Church of Africa is committed in the name of the Lord Jesus to keeping unchanged the teaching of God and of the Church.”*

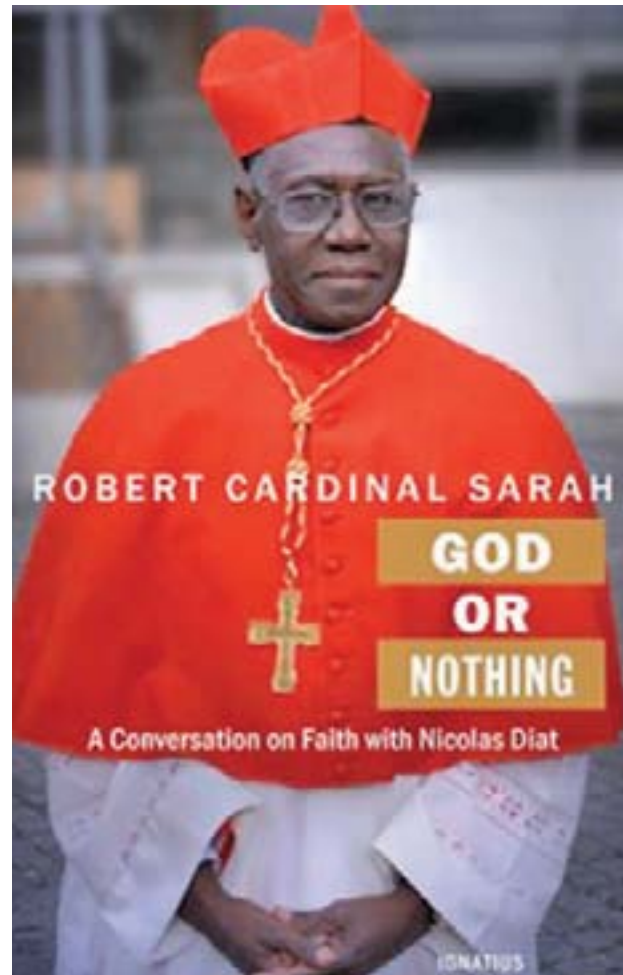
-- Cardinal Robert Sarah

In this fascinating autobiographical interview, one of the most prominent and outspoken Catholic cardinals gives witness to his Christian faith and comments on many current controversial issues. The mission of the Church, the joy of the gospel, the heresy of activism, and the definition of marriage are among the topics he discusses with wisdom and eloquence.

Cardinal Sarah grew up in Guinea, West Africa. In-

spired by the missionary priests who made great sacrifices to bring the faith to their remote village, his parents became Catholics. Robert discerned a call to the priesthood and entered the seminary at a young age, but because of the oppression of the Church by the government of Guinea, he continued his education outside his homeland. He studied in France and nearby Senegal. Later, he obtained a licentiate in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, followed by a licentiate in Sacred Scripture at the *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum* of Jerusalem.

At age 34, he became the youngest bishop in the Catholic Church when Pope St. John Paul II appointed him as archbishop of Conakry, Guinea, in 1979. His predecessor had been imprisoned by the nation's Communist government for several years. When Archbishop Sarah was targeted for assassination, John Paul called him to Rome to be secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI named him a cardinal and appointed him to be prefect of the Pontifical Coun-



cil *Cor Unum*. Pope Francis made him prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in 2014.

CONCERT

**SAINTS AND SINNERS**

Nationally known Christian musician Matt Maher will be bringing his “Saints and Sinners” tour to central Ohio on Sunday, Nov. 1, when he will appear at 6 p.m. at the Marysville High School auditorium, 800 Amrine Mill Road, Marysville. Also on the bill will be I Am They and John Guerra.



Since his 2008 major label debut, Maher has become a staple in the artistic and songwriting community. A five-time Grammy nominee, he has garnered multiple radio successes writing and recording songs such as *Lord, I Need You*, *Hold Us Together*, *Christ Is Risen*, *All The People Said Amen*, and *Your Grace Is Enough*.

He continues to perform and speak as a part of global high-profile events, most recently at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. In 2013, Maher performed on stage with Pope Francis in

front of more than three million people at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. Maher and his team also are planning their participation in World Youth Day 2016, which will take place next summer in Krakow, Poland.

The songs of *Saints and Sinners*, Maher's latest album, are tributes to prophetic voices who significantly impacted the history of the church, including Archbishop Oscar Romero, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. Therese of Lisieux.

The album also includes *Rest*, Maher's version of Psalm 23.

Tickets for the concert are available at [www.mattmahermusic.com](http://www.mattmahermusic.com), the “Concerts” section of [www.shinefmohio.com](http://www.shinefmohio.com), and the Lighthouse Christian Book Store in Marysville. For more information, contact Mark Olson at [mmolson48@yahoo.com](mailto:mmolson48@yahoo.com).



As part of the celebration of the worldwide Year of Consecrated Life, Bishop Frederick Campbell offered a special celebration

Mass for the men and women religious of the Diocese of Columbus at Westerville St. Paul Church on Thursday, Oct. 15. In his homily, Bishop Campbell said, “The consecrated life lies at the heart of the Church. Without it, the Gospel of Jesus Christ could not be fully expressed. It is important and is, in fact, vital to our witness as Christians, to our life as the body of Christ, to our commitment to the world about us. And therefore, this evening we gather to remember those religious men and women, to thank them for their service, and to pray for a wider number of people to hear that particular call, and to answer with joy and generosity.

So until the Lord's second coming, we can be touched by that particular grace, and understand what it means fully to live out our baptism and to remain rooted in Christ, especially through the Holy Eucharist.”

Following the Mass, the religious were guests at a reception and participated in a vocations fair that afforded the many young people in attendance an opportunity to explore the possibilities of a religious vocation.



Maya Sugembong of Columbus with Sisters Alianta (left) and Ingrid of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus.

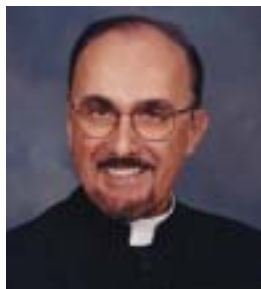


The booth for the Missionary Servants of the Word, who serve Columbus St. Stephen and Christ the King. CT photos by Ken Snow

*Your Catholic Cemeteries Invite You to Prayer Services for Your Deceased as a Complement to the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day...*

# **CEMETERY SUNDAY**

## **November 1, 2015**



**Fr. William DeVille**  
Retired

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**  
**2:00 p.m. Prayer Service**  
**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL**  
6440 S. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 S.  
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137  
**614-491-2751**



**Fr. Stash Dailey**  
Administrator  
Holy Family

**MT. CALVARY CEMETERY**  
**2:00 p.m. Prayer Service**  
**PRIEST CIRCLE**  
Mt. Calvary at W. Mound St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43223  
**614-491-2751**



**Fr. James Klima**  
Pastor  
Seton Parish

**HOLY CROSS CEMETERY**  
**2:00 p.m. Prayer Service**  
**CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM**  
11539 National Rd. S.W./U.S. 40 Rt. E.  
Pataskala, Ohio 43062  
**740-927-4442**



**Dcn. Chris Campbell**  
Deacon  
Immaculate Conception

**RESURRECTION CEMETERY**  
**2:00 p.m. Prayer Service**  
**CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM**  
9571 N. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 N.  
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035  
**614-888-1805**



### **Special Sunday Office Hours**

**St. Joseph Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.    Resurrection Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.**  
**Holy Cross Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.**

