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The Editor's Notebook

"It's not my job." Yes, it is!

By David Garick, Editor

One of my biggest gripes with our modern culture is the ubiquitous phrase that is so common in the workplace, "That's not my job." It crops up virtually every time someone is asked to go beyond the path of least resistance, to put in that extra effort to really provide service to someone. In fact, the very notion of service is in pretty short supply these days. People seem to think that it is somehow beneath them to be servants of others. We live in a society filled with people only concerned with doing the least possible to get what they believe is coming to them.

I guess that has always been present in human nature. But I have to think that we have raised it to an unprecedented level in the 21st Century. As Christians, we are called to be much better than that. Throughout his ministry on earth, Christ modeled for us the role of being a servant of others. He did not lead by issuing orders and directing others' work. He fed the hungry. He reached out and healed the sick. Where there was need, he gave of himself to meet that need. His role as a servant was so strong that he suffered and died on the cross and then rose again, not out of his own desires, but to provide salvation for us. He continues to serve us today by spiritually feeding us daily with his own body and blood.

But he does expect something from us. Not for his benefit. Rather, he expects us to live our lives by his example of love and service to others. On the very night when he gave us the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, he also gave us a lesson on how we should live. The greatest man ever to walk the face of the earth got down on his knees and washed the feet of his disciples. If ever there was an occasion when it might seem appropriate to say "That's not my job," that would be it. But Jesus did not say that. What he did say was, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

We all are called to serve in some fashion. All of us have something in our makeup

that God put there for a special purpose. We are to use that talent, skill, knowledge, or love, not for our own benefit, but for the service of the people of God and to the greater glory of God. For many, that may mean committing to the vocation of marriage and the physical and spiritual nurturing of family. It may mean using artistic talents to glorify the beauty of God's creation. It may mean feeding and clothing the poor, assisting the down-trodden, defending the weak, healing the sick. It may mean proclaiming the truth of Christ's message to those who desperately need to hear it.

For some, it may mean making an even greater sacrifice to emulate the life of Christ by accepting his call to the holy priesthood or religious life.

Whatever it is that God has called each of us to do, it would be the height of insolence to say "It's not my job!" When our Lord approached Peter, Andrew, James, and John at the Sea of Galilee and said "Follow me," they dropped their nets and answered the call. Even Matthew the tax collector heard the call. Can you imagine a modern-day bureaucrat giving up a structured civil service gig with great benefits to accept a life of poverty, service, and martyrdom?

This edition of *Catholic Times* salutes the work of the men and women who have responded to that special call to a vocation in Holy Orders or religious life. You will read about some of the priests who are celebrating special anniversaries of their service to the Church. You will read about seminarians who have heard the call and who are preparing for this life of holy service, including five young men who have just taken the step of being ordained as deacons in preparation for becoming a priest next year. Pray for people -- including yourself -- to hear what God is calling them to do. Yes, it is your job!



ANNUAL RED MASS

The Thomas More Society presented its St. Thomas More Award posthumously to 10th Ohio District Appeals Judge Peggy Bryant at the conclusion of the society's annual Red Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Thursday, May 1.

Bryant, 62, died on Aug. 7, 2013. She was a member of the court, which hears appeals of cases from lower courts in Franklin County, for 26 years, and spent two years as a Franklin County Municipal Court judge. She was a participant in the Red Mass throughout her judicial career, frequently serving as a lector, and was an active in programs at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center and with the Cum Christo movement.

Attorney Alphonse Cincione (pictured at left), president of the Thomas More Society, for whom Bryant once served as a law clerk, presented the award to Bryant's husband, Tom (center), and son, Matt (right). Cincione said, "It's hard to believe she's not here. ... She was very respectful of lawyers, a person of integrity who knew the law. ... We don't give out this award very often, and when we do, it's because someone touches us."

This was the ninth time the society has presented the award in the 29 years it has sponsored the Red

Mass for those involved in the judicial system and for decision-makers in all branches of government. Last year, Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney, vicar general of the Diocese of Columbus, received the award.

In his homily, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer of Cincinnati told those present, "Those of us who love Jesus Christ, no matter what our profession are servants. In the words of Thomas More, we are 'the king's good servant, but God's first.' ... Human law, for all its value, cannot save us. Salvation comes from God alone."

More, an adviser to King Henry VIII, chose to be martyred in 1535 rather than go against his Catholic beliefs by accepting the king as head of the Church in England.

The Red Mass, named for the color of the vestments worn by the clergy to reflect the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit, is a European tradition which was introduced into the United States in 1928. It is celebrated throughout the nation on or near May 1, Law Day, U.S.A.

Lectors for the Mass were Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and 10th Ohio District Appeals Judge Julie Dorrian. The Columbus police and fire bagpipes and drums led the assembled officials and clergy into the church before the start of Mass.

BISHOP ORDAINS FIVE TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Bishop Frederick Campbell told five men ordained as transitional deacons for the Diocese of Columbus that although the title of deacon may be a temporary one for them, the step they have taken will mark a permanent change in their lives.

"Although you will exercise the specific ministry of the deacon for a little more than a year, there is nothing transitional about diaconal virtues, manner of life, or spiritual character," he said. "These habits you will need to carry with you for the rest of your ministry in the church. The deacon is to be conformed to the person of Jesus Christ, the servant."

The bishop ordained Deacons Anthony Davis, Thomas Gardner, Michael Hartge, Brian O'Connor, and Nicola Ventura on Friday, May 2, at Columbus St. Andrew Church. In his homily from the bishop's chair, he told them that "doing the charity of Christ is the heart of diaconal life" and that this charity is expressed through "unfeigned love, concern for the sick and poor, unassuming authority, purity of innocence, and the observance of spiritual discipline."

"Out of a particular love and knowing the needs of his people, God has called you men to his service," Bishop Campbell continued. "In faithfully responding to that call, you will experience great joy. In eagerly joining in the work of Christ,

you will find great peace and contentment, and in growing ever closer to the person of Christ, you will know the courage and knowledge necessary to face the challenges of our present world, drawing great strength from being with faithful Christians for whom you are ordained."

Their diaconal ordination is one of the final steps in the preparation of the five men for ordination as priests of the Diocese of Columbus. This summer, Deacon Davis will serve at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, Deacon Gardner at Westerville St. Paul Church, Deacon Hartge at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, Deacon O'Connor at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, and Deacon Ventura at Lancaster St. Mary Church. During the school year, Deacon O'Connor will be at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church. They will return in the fall to the Pontifical College Josephinum for one more year of study before their anticipated ordination as priests on May 23, 2015.

Their ordination as deacons means they have entered from the lay state of the church into the clerical state through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At their diaconal ordination, they made promises to the bishop of obedience and celibacy.

Many people may say they made vows, but promises is the more accurate theological term



Five candidates for the transitional diaconate prostrate themselves before Frederick Campbell as the congregation chants the Litany of the Saints just before their ordination on Friday, May 2. (CT photos by Ken Snow)

because promises are made to a person -- in this case, the bishop -- while vows are made directly to God.

Unlike members of religious orders, members of the diocesan clergy, including transitional deacons, do not make a vow or a promise of poverty. However, they are expected to live in simplicity, without an excess of material goods.

The new deacons, as ordained ministers of the Catholic Church, can now baptize, assist the priest at Mass, proclaim the Gospel and give homilies, witness at marriages, preside at funeral vigils and graveside committal services, and give certain blessings. They cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions, or anoint the sick.

Deacon Davis attended grade school at Dover St. Joseph and high school at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic before entering the Josephinum in 2007. He earned a bachelor of arts degree there and is finishing his third year of theology studies, working on a master of arts degree in dogmatic theology, focusing on the Holy Spirit. He has spent summers working at his home parish and at Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul churches.

Deacon Gardner grew up attending Columbus St. Catharine Church, graduated from

Bexley High School, and received a bachelor's degree in technology education from The Ohio State University, where he was part of the St. Paul's Outreach ministry to college students. He has been at the Josephinum since 2009. He graduated from its pre-theology program and started theological studies in 2011.

Deacon Hartge is from St. Matthew Church and graduated from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. He received a bachelor of science degree in communications from Ohio University in 2007 and worked for two years in broadcast radio. In 2009, he entered the Josephinum, where he is pursuing master of divinity and master of arts degrees in theology. His summer assignments have included parishes across the diocese, including one summer in the Office for Divine Worship.

Deacon O'Connor comes from Seton Parish, graduated from Pickerington Central High School in 2004, began his undergraduate studies at Ohio State, and completed them at the Josephinum, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. He is working on master's degrees in divinity and theology. He has done a variety of parish work, with a major focus in youth and young adult ministry.

Deacon Ventura, from Lan-

caster St. Mary, graduated from Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, attended Otterbein University for one year, and completed his undergraduate work in philosophy at the Josephinum, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in 2011 before beginning theology studies. He has done summer work at his home parish and Columbus Christ the King Church.

Bishop Campbell's homily was preceded by a calling forward of the deacon candidates, a formal testimony by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, of their readiness for service, and the bishop's response that they had been chosen for the order of the diaconate.

It was followed by the candidates' declaration of readiness to become deacons, their promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors, and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints by a cantor and the congregation as the candidates lay face down. They then were formally consecrated through the bishop's laying-on of hands and reading of the prayer of consecration.

This was followed by their investiture with the stole and dalmatic which are signs of the diaconal ministry, presentation of the Book of the Gospels, signifying their role as preachers, and the sign of peace from the bishop and fellow deacons.



Front Page photo: From left: Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; Deacons Anthony Davis and Brian O'Connor; Bishop Frederick Campbell; Deacons Thomas Gardner, Michael Hartge, and Nicola Ventura; and Msgr. Christopher Schreck, rector-president, Pontifical College Josephinum.

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Bishop Campbell presents the Book of the Gospels to newly ordained Deacon Nicola Ventura at Columbus St. Andrew Church.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Gatekeeper

Have you pledged a sacrificial gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal yet? This past week was our initial opportunity to do so, and we were challenged to be grateful for all the good things God provides for us. As we know, nothing we have belongs to us. Every possession is a generous gift from God. To ponder our most cherished possessions is a prayer of thanksgiving. We go out of our way to protect, care for, insure, and promote all that is most dear to us. The least we can do is show our gratitude by a good and faithful stewardship of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That means much more than just writing a check to support our local Church, the Diocese of Columbus. The financial support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal is incredibly important, and is a real gratuity that helps to show our God that we are grateful and appreciate His good gifts. But we also need to make use of our time and talent for the good of all. Now is a great time to check our volunteer availability to help our parish in any one or more of the many opportunities. Funds are necessary to do the work of the Lord and His Church. But funds are nothing without workers and disciples to implement our Faith. Challenge yourself to do what you can, and even stretch yourself beyond what is comfortable.

We are already at the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We enjoyed the eight days of the Octave of Easter, and now we are in the midst of the 50 days of the Easter season in anticipation of Pentecost. We are in that glorious and joyful time of the year when we celebrate with alleluias each and every day. On a non-liturgical note, this Sunday is also Mother's Day. If we know what's good for us, we had better not forget to take care of our moms. Of course, they deserve all the praise, support, and gifts we can bestow on them. In an attempt to blend the spiritual with the non-liturgical, I want to briefly look at this Sunday's Gospel from John. Jesus uses the metaphor of a gatekeeper, saying that "Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." I could not help but see this as a metaphor of Mom, too. Our mothers shepherded us through the gates of our upbringing, no matter how narrow. Jesus also said, "He walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." We still recognize the voice of our mothers, with so many fond memories. Mom taught us our Faith first, and she brought us along accordingly. Jesus said, "They will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Sound like Mom? Finally, Jesus tells us, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." Our mothers guided us as gatekeepers, much in the same way that Jesus does. Let us thank our mothers appropriately, as they are our gatekeepers. Let us also thank our Mother Mary, as she is our Heavenly gatekeeper, who guided her own Son, Jesus Christ.

Our practical challenge this week is to try something a little different as we thank our moms on Mother's Day this year. Give her all the flowers, cards, brunches, and gifts she deserves. But take the time this year to tell her that you will pray for her regularly. It can be each Sunday at Mass, or it can be more often. But tell her, and simply and sincerely do it. If Mom is deceased, pray for her, and ask her to pray for you. If Mom is estranged, pray for her even more. Love Mom and pray for Mom. She deserves it as your dear old gatekeeper. A happy and blessed Mother's Day to all.

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



PILGRIMAGE SEASON BEGINS AT CAREY SHRINE

May, the month in which Catholics traditionally honor the Mother of Jesus, is the beginning of the pilgrimage season for the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Beginning Sunday, May 4 and continuing each Sunday through the last Sunday of October, an outdoor rosary procession with the statue of Our Lady of Consolation takes place at the 2:30 p.m. Sunday devotions.

Devotions also include enrollment in the Confraternity of Our Lady of Consolation, a Scripture reading and homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing, and individual prayers with a relic of the true cross. The May crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Consolation will be on May 4 during these devotions.

Sunday Masses are at 8 and 10 a.m. and noon. Saturday evening mass is at

5:30 p.m.

Monday through Saturday Masses are at 7 a.m. in the original shrine church and 11 a.m. in the basilica. Confessions are on Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

The shrine's cafeteria is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, featuring baked steak. A special Mother's Day buffet will be served on Sunday, May 11.

Sunday, May 25 is the Feast of Our Lady of Consolation. Father Charles Ritter, administrator of the Diocese of Toledo, will entrust the diocese to Our Lady at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 24. The noon mass on the feast day will be in Italian and English, celebrated by Father David Ross, of Lima.

For individual and group pilgrimages and additional information, call Brother Randy at (419) 396-7107 or visit www.olcshrine.com.

CONCERT SERIES

The eighth concert in the Music on the Hill series at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., will feature internationally acclaimed cellist Igor Cetkovic and pianist Paul Melcher at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 11.

The program will include works of

Beethoven, Shostakovich, Schubert, and Astor Piazzolla.

Visit www.igorcetkovic-cello.com for more information and audio samples of performances by Cetkovic.

For more information, contact Melcher at (937) 644-6020, extension 103,

SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Children's Ministries Coordinator

Saint Paul the Apostle Church, a 4,000 family parish in Westerville, Ohio, is in search of a Children's Ministries Coordinator.

The Coordinator manages our Pre-School program offered during Sunday Masses (for children aged 4-6), as well as the celebration of Children's Liturgy of the Word and the annual Vacation Bible School program. This part-time position also gives support to the Director of Religious Education and the staff of the St. Paul Parish School of Religion.

The ideal candidate will hold a Bachelor's degree with at least two years' experience in work with children. The Diocesan *Protecting God's Children* certification and background check are required. Experience in managing and organizing volunteers is also required. Diocesan Catechetical Certification is highly desired.

For more information, please contact the St. Paul PSR Office at (614) 882-5045. Résumés may be sent with a cover letter by e-mail to pcs@stpacc.org.

ST. ROSE STUDENTS AID WOMEN AT REHAB CENTER

Sixth- through eighth-grade religion students at New Lexington St. Rose School recently completed their third-quarter service project for the women at Stanton Villa Rehabilitation Center.

The religion classes, with the support of the rest of the school, collected more than 100 personal hygiene items, including towels, hairbrushes, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. The women prepared Rice Krispie treats for the students to thank them for their support.

"The St. Rose Catholic School community really came through for the ladies on this event. I am happy that we can support the women in their recovery efforts, and I am proud of our school family's response to people in need," said religion teacher Jonathan Medaugh.

The project was the third portion of a four-part service project. The students gathered drink items during the first quarter of the school year and snack items during the second quarter.

The service projects are based on the



corporal works of mercy. With that in mind, the fourth quarter will be centered around visiting the imprisoned. The women at Stanton Villa are not "imprisoned," as they are free to leave the center in New Lexington, and their

families often visit on weekends. To help facilitate those visits, the students of St. Rose will gather coloring books, games, and small toys so the women and their children may be able to perform some activities together.

Students pictured are (from left): Alicia Matheny, Haley Walsh, Jonah Keffer, Aliyah Compston, Jesse Kunkler, Noah Scott, Dalton Proctor, Nathan Joseph, Will Stenson, Nick Losco, and Randall Tolley.

Photo courtesy St. Rose School

HEALTH NETWORK COLLABORATIVE

Kettering Health Network is collaborating with four of Ohio's leading health care systems to create new ways to provide health services that will deliver higher quality, better health, and greater value.

The Lima-based network has joined Health Innovations Ohio (HIO), an independent, collaborative organization formed in 2012 by Mount Carmel Health of Columbus, Catholic Health Partners of Cincinnati, Summa Health System of Akron, and University Hospitals of Cleveland. With the addition of Kettering Health, HIO will reach nearly 34 percent of Ohio's health care market.

HIO is creating a new model of healthcare delivery that focuses on continued, coordinated care instead of episodes of illness; engages doctors, nurses, hospitals, and

other care providers in shared responsibility for keeping patients healthy; encourages Ohioans to be involved with health care providers in managing their health; influences behavior changes that prevent illness; and creates a measurable difference in lower costs, higher quality, and better outcomes.

"Health Innovations Ohio members are leaders in improving health care for the people of Ohio," said Jim Reber, president and chief executive officer of HIO. "We welcome Kettering Health Network as our fifth partner focused on making real changes that lead to better care for our communities."

Through its involvement with HIO, Kettering Health Network is targeting senior health, by expanding access to provider-sponsored Medicare Advantage programs,

and Medicaid managed care, to bring these members the healthy benefits of aligned, coordinated care.

Kettering Health is a faith-based, not-for-profit health-care system of eight hospitals that improves quality of life through healthcare and education in western and southwest Ohio.

HIO members lead Ohio in piloting and establishing new models of integrated care to reduce fragmentation and deliver improved quality, patient experience, and cost. Members have launched more than 60 patient-centered medical home sites and have created accountable care organizations to manage the health of a variety of populations, enrolling nearly 200,000 traditional Medicare beneficiaries, pediatric Medicaid recipients, and HIO member employees.

DR. SANDERS RECEIVES AWARD

Dr. Charles E. Sanders Jr., vice president for medical education and research for Mount Carmel Health, has been chosen as the Father Basil Anthony Moreau Executive Diversity



and Inclusion Champion of the Year by CHE Trinity Health, the health care system which includes Mount Carmel.

"I am extremely humbled to have received this award," he said. "It represents many issues about which I am passionate. I believe it's important to create an inclusive atmosphere in medical education."

In his nomination, Dr. Richard Streck, executive vice president and chief clinical operations officer for Mount Carmel, focused on Sand-

ers' commitment to increase the overall quality of Mount Carmel's medical residency program, while maintaining the diversity of the residents. He also recognized Sanders' mentorship and collaboration efforts across many different platforms.

"Dr. Sanders has provided tremendous leadership," Streck said. "His commitment to diversity and inclusion strengthens our programs and empowers future leaders in the medical field."

The Moreau award recognizes an individual who demonstrates a commitment and forethought in developing unique and creative programs and resources for inclusion of all colleagues and patients.

Essentials for Mass obligation; Communion for prayer group?



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. At the church I attend, the priest has been telling the congregation (or having the lector tell us) that people do not fulfill their Sunday obligation if they leave Mass before the final blessing. Is there any documentation to validate that?

I understand that priests don't like parishioners to leave before Mass is completed, but this sort of threat does not sit well with me. I remember years ago when we were told that we had to hear the scriptural readings in order for Mass to "count," but aren't such rules technicalities that miss the point of why we participate in the Eucharist? (Clarksville, Tenn.)

A. A half-century ago, before the Second Vatican Council, canonists and moral theologians would sometimes try to answer your question with technical precision: They spoke of three principal parts of the Mass -- the offertory, the consecration and the (priest's) Communion -- and said that if you missed any one of those parts, you could not "count" the Mass.

Since the liturgical renewal, with its emphasis on the overall unity of the Mass as an act of worship, no one takes such a minimalist approach. The current *Code of Canon Law* (No. 1247) says simply, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." (Note that it doesn't say "part" or "certain parts" of the Mass.)

By answering your question directly, I might give the (mis)impression that some parts of the Mass are unimportant. But I'll take that risk by saying that I think one who leaves just before the final blessing has substantially fulfilled the Sunday obligation.

My question, though, would be, "Why would you want to?" Not only are you depriving yourself of the priest's blessing, but you are insulting the faith community with whom you have joined in a public act of worship.

You have also taken away the opportunity to thank God properly for the gift of his son. I remember being taught that "the priest is the last to enter church and the first to leave." That strikes me still as good advice.

Q. I am a member of a Saturday morning prayer group consisting of nine people. We come from six different Catholic churches, and each of us is active in our own parish. I have led Communion services at a local nursing home weekly and, in past years, I have held a Communion service twice annually for this prayer group (prior to our Christmas luncheon and, again, just before we break for the summer).

Recently, my parish was assigned a new pastor. When I asked him about getting nine hosts consecrated for our prayer group, he said that he was not able to do that because "the Catholic Church frowns on Communion services."

I am fully aware that: 1) I myself cannot consecrate hosts; 2) a Communion service should be considered a "special event" and not an everyday occurrence; and 3) a Communion service does not replace the sacrifice of the Mass.

But it seems to me that if a group of active, practicing believers wants to share in the body and blood of Christ at a different time of the week, in addition to attending Sunday Mass, they should be accommodated. Otherwise, we are being prevented from worshipping outside of the church building. (Baltimore County, Md.)

A. Your new pastor is right. A Communion service is meant for people who are unable to get to Mass. Your weekly service at the nursing home is a perfect example of its intended use.

As the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says (on its website, under "Weekday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest"), "this rite is designed for 'those who are prevented from being present at the community's celebration.'"

The reception of holy Communion is not a purely private devotional practice but is linked -- intimately and necessarily -- with the sacrifice of Jesus; it is that same sacrifice that is recalled and re-presented in the Mass, which is why the Mass has been called the center of the entire Christian life.

Imagine if any well-meaning group of three or four Catholics could be given consecrated hosts to be received whenever they wanted to get together.

Not to minimize their laudable desire, but what would this do over time to their appreciation of the Eucharist as an act of "public worship," as the central prayer of the gathered community of faith, presided over by a priest commissioned by Jesus to offer sacrifice on behalf of the faithful?

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Women's Freedom, Redefined

By Richard M. Doerflinger

President Obama met recently with Pope Francis and Vatican officials and said afterward that he had explained to them his mandate that employers with religious objections provide coverage for contraceptive and abortifacient drugs: "Most religious organizations are entirely exempt," he said, adding that those not exempt need only "attest that they have a religious objection" and that they are "not required to provide contraception," although "employees of theirs who choose are able to obtain it through the insurance company."

Every part of this description is misleading. Most religious organizations are not exempt, and the Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious nonprofits have brought 47 law suits saying the mandate does require them to help provide the coverage to which they object.

But what of that last phrase, about employees who choose it being able to obtain it? Supporters of the mandate say this is what the debate is really about: Employers should not cite their own religious freedom to limit the "reproduc-

tive freedom" of their female employees. They claim the mandate is about ensuring women's freedom of choice. But that claim is also wrong, for several reasons.

First, the mandate is, of course, mandatory coverage for sterilization and all federally approved contraceptives. A woman does not "choose" whether to follow it. Even if she chooses not to obtain contraceptives herself, her premiums will buy them for others in her health plan.

Second, she is not able to choose whether her minor adolescent daughter will get the coverage or the contraceptives. Every dependent on her family health plan will have access to "free" contraceptives and private "education and counseling" to promote their use -- and given medical confidentiality rules, a mother may not even know that her 13-year-old daughter is receiving prescription hormones so she can have "safe" sex.

Women who want birth control for themselves may value the freedom to choose a method that best suits their

own goals. But that freedom generally does not depend on coercing employers. For example, oral contraceptives are available at almost any drug store for a few dollars a month. "Emergency contraception" is available over the counter for all ages.

Supporters of the mandate reply that the policy is not primarily about such methods, which are inexpensive, but can have high failure rates in practice. Rather, the mandate will get more women to use drugs and devices that are initially more expensive, but more effective: The IUDs, implants, and injectables that together are called "long-acting reversible contraceptives" or LARCs. These last for years without any action by the woman, and cannot be removed or reversed without a doctor's intervention. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says the advantage of LARCs over other contraceptives is that their effectiveness is "independent of user motivation"; that is, it does not depend on the woman's own choice.

The model demonstration program here is the "Contraceptive CHOICE" program conducted in St. Louis in recent years. The program is oddly named. It abandoned the usual "non-directive" approach to family planning counseling, instead actively encouraging sexually active women to have LARCs inserted into their bodies at no cost. The women were monitored regu-

larly afterwards to make sure they remained committed to the program. Not surprisingly, they had few pregnancies, as they had effectively been sterilized.

Expanding such a program nationwide may lower pregnancies and births in the United States -- though no one has yet explained why that is such a high priority for our government in an aging society whose population has already dropped below replacement level. But this is the government's goal, pursued without much regard for what women themselves might want. A choice to stop using birth control for a while and be open to having a baby is not part of this agenda. The methods to be promoted, and the means for promoting them, have little to do with the choices women may otherwise make, and are in part designed to override them.

Is this what women really want: To be "counseled" that their own very human, therefore changeable, decisions about having a child are not measuring up and need to be adjusted by physicians and government officials, with their own agenda, who know better? Why does this new definition of "freedom" look like what feminists used to call male paternalism?

Doerflinger is associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops' secretariat of pro-life activities. To learn more about the bishops' pro-life activities, see www.usccb.org/prolife.

DeSales Arts Evening

The annual Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Evening of the Arts will take place Thursday, May 15 in the cafeteria and gymnasium of the school, 4212 Karl Road.

The evening will include an art show and band concert featuring stu-

dents from DeSales and fifth- through eighth-graders from its feeder schools.

The DeSales choir also will perform.

The art show will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7.

The art gallery will reopen at 8.

DeSales Sport Camps

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will host 14 different sport camps throughout June and July for girls and boys.

Check out the school's website at www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org to view

all the camps offered. Campers will learn from coaches and student-athletes who know what it takes to be a champion.

The registration fee will increase after Sunday, June 1.

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*Answering God's Call***BEING AT THE RIGHT PLACE
AT THE RIGHT TIME****Sr. Sharen Baldy, SCN**

by Tim Puet

Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, said that in looking back at her work with the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, these words from St. Catherine of Siena come to mind: "To the true servant of God, every place is the right place and every time is the right time."

"I know I'm in the right place and time by being here," she said. As JOIN's associate director, "I see as many as 100 people every weekday. No matter what happens on any given day, there's always one person among them who stands out in a way that makes me know that this is where I'm supposed to be."

Sister Sharen, JOIN director Ruth Beckman, telephone specialist Sister Christella Ritchey, OSF, and scores of JOIN volunteers meet people's immediate needs by helping them obtain utility and rent bill payments, transit passes, gasoline cards, medical care, glasses, work shoes, birth certificates, and other items, either directly or through referrals to the appropriate agency.

Clothing is available from the St. Vincent de Paul Society's distribution center, which is in the same building as JOIN at 578 E. Main St. JOIN also has a limited amount of food available, but refers people to food pantries and provides grocery cards for their longer-term food needs.

Sister Sharen also visits schools and parishes regularly to talk about JOIN. "We hear the cry of the poor, and we respond," she said. "I've been blessed to be surrounded by generous co-workers and volunteers from the churches and schools throughout the Columbus area. Everybody works together in a great spirit of cooperation and compassion to respond to people in every type of life situation."

Sister Sharen took her first vows with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in 1963 and her final vows in 1968, taking the name Sister Joseph Christine in honor of her parents. Sisters in her order were permitted to be known by their birth names sometime in the 1980s. After 27 years as an educator in Ohio and Kentucky and 10 years with Catholic Charities in Louisville, Kentucky, she returned to Columbus in 2002 to care for her mother, who will celebrate her 101st birthday later this month.

Her father died in 1978 at age 67.

"When I came back, I tried to find a place in Columbus where I could continue with the type of work I had been doing in Louisville," where she ministered at a site known as the Sister Visitor Center, which provides services similar to those offered by JOIN and has a food pantry, she said. "I came across this place called JOIN in the phone book and thought 'What an unusual name!'"

"I called Ruth and we must have talked for two hours. I told her I was looking for somebody to provide an opportunity to keep helping people and she said 'You are? I'm looking for somebody who wants to help.' I went to visit her, and before you know it, I was answering phones, finding the right places where I could refer people, and thinking 'I know how to do this.'"

"I was officially hired on Nov. 27, 2002, and thank God every day that he led me to this place."

Sister Sharen, 71, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania. Her parents and two brothers moved to Corning in Perry County when she was eight years old to care for her grandmother, then moved later to Columbus, where she graduated from Holy Family High School in 1960.

"My first thoughts that God might be calling me to be a sister came when I was in eighth grade at Corning St. Bernard School," she said. "The school is where I first came in contact with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth," who are based in the community of that name in Kentucky. "We had an eighth-grade teacher named Sister Joseph Vincent and I thought I'd like to be like her. She taught us poetry, she taught us about God, and really, she taught us how to live in the way she lived her calling."

"In high school in Columbus, I was taught by the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Mary Edwin, Sister Mary Anthony, and Sister Mary Everett all were models of the religious life and formed me beautifully, but I didn't feel called to their order. I wanted to be a Sister of Charity of Nazareth."

She is one of four members of her order residing in the Diocese of Columbus. The others are Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, who

resides at Columbus St. Ladislav Church, and Sisters Dorothy Gerlica, SCN, and Rose Mary Gerlica, SCN, who are in New Lexington and at Columbus St. Matthias Church respectively.

Sister Sharen said her decision to enter the religious life wasn't an easy one. "In high school, I wanted God to go away and let me think of other things," she said. "Every year I'd go on retreat and feel this desire to be closer to God, then I'd go back to school and say 'I don't have to think about that. I'll go on to college.' But at the retreat during my junior year in high school, I realized that desire was too deep in my heart and just wouldn't go away. It was a happy, yet bittersweet moment."

Sister Sharen received a bachelor of arts degree from Nazareth College in Kentucky. That institution later merged with Spalding University in Louisville, which also is operated by the Sisters of Charity of Nashville. She has a master's degree in education from Marygrove College in Detroit.

Her first teaching positions were in Bellaire, Ohio, for two years and Fort Thomas, Kentucky, for one year. She taught first grade from 1968-74 at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School. She spent the rest of her teaching career in Kentucky, with 10 years in Paducah and assignments at Henderson, Lebanon Junction, and Louisville. Most of that time was with first-graders.

She was an administrator at Henderson for two years and principal at Lebanon Junction for four years, and was the last sister to teach at St. Matthias School in Louisville, where a sister from another order was principal.

"My years as a teacher were wonderful, and it was an agonizing thing to leave that part of my life," she said. "I stay in touch with several former students. Now their children have children – the cycle of life."

"In my first few years as a teacher, I'd see kids in front of me and think for a moment, 'Oh my gosh! I'd love to have a child like this,' but then I'd realize I'd given that opportunity up for something greater. Or I'd wish I had someone to share things with me, but that turned around in time as I found myself sharing my life with so many people," Sister Sharen said.

"If a young woman were to come to me saying she felt a desire to be a sister, but was hesitant about it, I'd tell her I understood. Entering the religious life isn't something you do without deep prayer, thought, and contemplation."

"I'd tell her to pray deeply and look for a community with the same philosophy as her, and if the desire continues to be there, then to pursue it with all her heart."

Perfect Score on National Latin Examination

Alexander Leonard, a seventh-grade Latin student at Columbus St. Andrew School, had a perfect score on the 2014 National Latin Examination. He is the first student from the school to post such a score.

Other seventh-grade students receiving gold medals on the Latin I level were T. Kutlu, M. Marszal, and M. Trinidad. Silver medalists were L. Beasecker, M. Bernard, B. Nduaguba, T. Horner, N. Pelino, C. Duross, and J. Fisher.

Silver medalists from the eighth grade (Latin II level)

were A. Ricaurte, N. Buoni, L. Voegelé, M. Hartel, F. Passen, E. Kring, P. Monnin, and N. Baird.

A total of 40 St. Andrew students received awards for their accomplishments on the test. The school was one of 12 grade schools competing against more than 150,000 students from high schools and colleges. The St. Andrew Latin program was founded by former Columbus St. Andrew Church pastor Father Michael Watson.

Gold and silver medalists are (from left): back row, M. Hartel, L. Voegelé, A. Leonard, C. Duross, A. Ricaurte; middle row, J. Fisher, M. Marzel, F. Passen, P. Monnin, T. Horner, L. Beasecker, B. Nduaguba; front row, M. Bernard, M. Trinidad, N. Baird, N. Buoni, E. Kring, T. Kutlu, N. Pelino. (Photo courtesy St. Andrew School)

**Finding Faith in
Everyday Life**

Sarah Reinhard

My Reset Button

What is it about being Catholic that's so special to me? Is it that I just needed something to latch onto, a set of rituals to make my own and embrace? Why does it seem to "correct" so much of what I always struggled with?

On Holy Thursday, battling tears and a three-year-old boy, I realized what it is.

"Communion should be our reset button," Father said in his homily. "Sin is selfishness, and communion resets us" (Mind you, I'm paraphrasing).

In the last few years, I'll be honest: I've had some real struggles with my faith. I would have quit. I would have walked away. I would have thrown it to the wind as a failed experiment.

But I couldn't.

Aside from the familial pressure, there's also the matter of the "reset" I get at every Mass.

"If it wasn't for the Eucharist, I wouldn't be Catholic!" I told a good friend recently. I was complaining about something-or-other and couldn't help but see all the green grass just beyond the fence of my Catholic faith.

But you know what? It's just fertilized differently, not better. Have I gotten so used to the green on my side of the fence that I can't appreciate it any longer? Am I really serious when I feel like it's all for naught?

Well, yes, there is part of me that's serious, but Drama Sarah can go back to bed. The minute she's sitting there, at the foot of the cross with me during Mass, she's aware of just what she needs.

And it's not to leave.

It's to be reset.

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Grace Overflowing

Despite working until close at Macy's on Holy Saturday night and arriving home around ten-thirty pm, I had energy and decided to bake hot cross buns. Well, I had energy until they were ready to rise the second time. Dragging, by three in the morning, I was savoring the warm, cinnamon-sweet results and cleaning the kitchen.

When the alarm sounded at 7:45, I wasn't sure I could pry myself out of bed. "I could go to 11:30," I thought. No. Nine o'clock was the mass I wanted to attend, sleepy or not. After a shower and a strong cup of tea, I headed out to St. Thomas the Apostle where the parish family was gathering to celebrate Easter.

The church was packed, and even though my usual place was taken, I found a seat next to a lovely older woman wearing an amazing hat. Remember Easter hats? As young girls, my sisters and I had new hats each Easter. Hats. Dresses. White gloves. Part of the ritual.

The altar was surrounded with flowers and on the ledge at the bottom of each stained glass window sat a potted spring bulb flower: hyacinths, tulips, daffodils. The tight buds were beginning to loosen, and hints of color were peeking out. A quite murmur rested in the church as people wished one another "Happy Easter" and caught up on the week before. Then the music began.

One of the many things I love about Saint Thomas is the spirited singing accompanied by a variety of instruments. Organ, piano, guitar, flute, drums, tambourine, trumpet, and on Easter I think I heard a trombone. Someone can set me straight if I'm wrong. It doesn't matter really. What matters is that people are welcome to share their talents and that so many do!

I don't remember all the songs we sang that morning, but I remember the joy with which they were sung, the clapping to the rhythm, the harmonies. A favorite "sprinkling" ritual at that parish is the procession up the center aisle to a large earthenware bowl that holds baptismal water. Pews empty out one by one, and when each person reaches the bowl, they dip their hand into the water, turn, and make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the person behind them, all the while belting out Marty Haugen's song, "Up from the Waters."

"Up from the waters, God has claimed you, Up from the waters, O child of Light. Praise to the One who called and named you, Up from the waters into life..."

Choir members brought up the end of the line, the

**GRACE IN THE MOMENT**

Mary van Balen

last two keeping time with their instruments. The tall gentleman who played the tambourine was last. Having no one behind him to bless with the water, he turned, raised his hands and shook the tambourine making a large sign of the cross: He blessed us all, and we applauded our appreciation.

The responsorial song was sung with a strong voice and a bright smile.

And so it went. The celebrant chose to read the Gospel from the Easter Vigil Mass where the two Marys, having been told that Jesus had risen ran "overjoyed" to tell the disciples. They saw Jesus on their way.

The theme of joy ran through his homily, and with a child's abandon, a young member of the congregation punctuated one of Fr. Denis's comments with a heartfelt, "Yeah!"

It fit.

A sung Eucharist Prayer, shared peace, shared communion. The wine was sweet. Sun poured into the windows, waking the flowers as we sang our Alleluias and closing hymn. No one was in a hurry to leave. I told the lady next to me how much I liked her hat, then found some friends who had been across the aisle and exchanged Easter greetings.

I lingered, soaking in the Mystery and Grace, and then made my way across the parking lot. Coming out from the common room in the basement, a few people were carrying boxes of candy-filled plastic eggs to scatter for the Easter egg hunt that would follow the later Mass.

Waiting for the traffic light at the corner to change, I looked at the green grass beside the rectory and church. It was absolutely covered with colored eggs. An abundance. I hadn't kept Lent particularly well, yet there it was, God's gift of Self overflowing. A never ending Fountain Fullness as a Franciscan friend says. I put down the car window, waved, and took a deep breath, glad I had pulled myself out of bed for nine o'clock Mass.

A joyful Easter Season to you all.

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TWELVE LOCAL PRIESTS REACHING SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN 2014

ELEVEN DIOCESAN PRIESTS, ONE MEMBER OF PAULIST ORDER MARK ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES



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MSGR. ANTHONY BORRELLI, 83, celebrated his 60th anniversary as a priest shortly before his death Thursday, April 24, at the Villas at St. Therese in Columbus. He was ordained a priest in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Ready on March 27, 1954, after coming to the United States from Italy in 1947.

He served in various positions on the diocesan Tribunal for 57 years, beginning in 1953 before his ordination and continuing throughout his priesthood until retiring in 2010.

He also was pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church (1978-88) and co-pastor (1988-91) and pastor (1991-2001) of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona. He was associate pastor at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene (1954), Columbus St. John the Evangelist (1954-56), Columbus Christ the King (1957-61), Columbus St. Francis of Assisi (1961-66), and Columbus Holy Family (1966-68).

After his retirement from pastoral work in 2001, he served as administrator pro tem at St. Margaret of Cortona in 2002 and at Columbus St. Christopher in 2004, and assisted at St. Margaret of Cortona, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Columbus Our Lady of Victory. In addition, he was chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital, Children's Hospital, and Doctors Hospital in Columbus.

He was named a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, by Pope John Paul II on Sept. 24, 1992.



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FATHER JOSEPH F. LOSH, 81, a Danville native, is a resident of Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus. He was ordained at the cathedral by Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann on May 30, 1964.

He served as pastor at Wainwright St. Therese, with care of its mission, Midvale St. Paul (1973-76), co-pastor at Columbus St. Augustine (1976-78), pastor at LaRue St. Joseph (1991-2004), and associate pastor at Delaware St. Mary (1964-70), Columbus Sacred Heart (1970-71), Zanesville St. Nicholas (1971-73), Coshocton Sacred Heart (1978-82), Columbus St. Elizabeth (1982-87), and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help (1987-91).

He was a teacher at Delaware St. Mary, Columbus Bishop Watterson, and Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans high schools, a member of the diocesan board of education, and served as diocesan liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

He retired on July 13, 2004.



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FATHER JOSE PEREZ, 81, was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Coro, Venezuela, on July 25, 1964. He performed priestly duties there for 26 years before being sent to the United States in 1990 in response to a request from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

He has served the Columbus area's Latino community since being invited by Bishop James Griffin to come to Columbus from California in 1999. He was pastor of Parroquia Santa Cruz in Columbus until his retirement in May 1, 2012, and continues to live in the city.

The parish hosted a Mass and reception last summer to celebrate his 50 years in the priesthood.



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MSGR. DAVID R. FUNK, 66, pastor of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church since 2007, was born in Lancaster. He was ordained at Bremen St. Mary Church by Bishop Edward Herrmann on May 27, 1974.

He previously served as pastor at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer (1984-95) and Columbus St. Agatha (1995-2007) and associate pastor at Chillicothe St. Peter (1974-76), Columbus Corpus Christi (1976-80), and Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (1980-84).

He also was vicar forane for Vicariate 14 and a member of the priests' personnel board.

Pope John Paul II appointed him as a monsignor, with the title chaplain to his holiness, on Oct. 11, 1995.

He will celebrate an anniversary Mass at noon Sunday, May 25, at St. Pius, followed by a reception.



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FATHER WILLIAM THOMAS KESSLER, 65, a Newark native, was ordained by Bishop Herrmann at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church on July 20, 1974.

He has been pastor at Bremen St. Mary, where he resides, since 2006 and at Lancaster St. Bernadette since 2009. He also was pastor at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes (1987-95), associate pastor at Columbus St. Agatha (1975), Columbus St. Timothy (1975-76), Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul (1976-78), and Columbus St. Anthony (1981-83), in residence at Columbus St. Ladislav (1983-84) and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul (1984-87), and part-time associate at Westerville St. Paul (2002-03).

He has been a teacher at the Pontifical College Josephinum, where he was a full-time member of the faculty from 2003 until becoming pastor at Bremen. He also taught at Bishop Watterson High School, was chaplain at Riverside and University hospitals and Kenyon College, was editor of the *Catholic Times* and diocesan vicar for communications, and served as a pro-synodal judge, director of continuing education for the clergy, and a member of the diocesan College of Consultors and the Priests' Senate.

In addition, he lived at various times with the Trappist monks at Our Lady of Gethsemani Monastery in Kentucky and the Benedictine monks at St. Louis Abbey in Missouri and its Priory School for boys.



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FATHER RAYMOND LARUSSA, 65, grew up in Columbus. Bishop Herrmann ordained him at Columbus St. Aloysius Church on June 6, 1974.

He became pastor at Columbus St. Matthias in 2013 after previous pastorates at Waverly St. Mary (1982-85), Columbus St. Cecilia (1985-97), Columbus Holy Spirit (1997-2009), and Powell St. Joan of Arc (2009-13).

He was an associate pastor at Columbus Christ the King (1974-78) and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene (1978-82) and a teacher at Columbus Bishop Hartley, Columbus Bishop Ready, and Chillicothe Bishop Flaget high schools.



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FATHER JEROME P. RODENFELS, 67, a Columbus native, has served as pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany on two occasions, from 1989-98 and since July 2003. He was ordained by Bishop Herrmann on May 26, 1974, at Columbus St. Matthias Church.

He was pastor at Columbus St. Andrew (1998-2000), where he served as associate pastor for two years following his ordination. He also was an associate at Marion St. Mary (1976-80), Columbus Immaculate Conception (1981-83), and Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish (1988), and was in residence at the cathedral (2000-03).

He taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson and Marion Catholic high schools and was campus minister at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, served as chaplain at University, St. Anthony, and Mount Carmel West hospitals, and was chair of the diocesan Presbyteral Council and a parochial examiner.

His anniversary Mass will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at the Church of the Resurrection, followed by a reception.



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FATHER JOSEPH CICCONE, CSP, was ordained a member of the Paulist Fathers on May 13, 1989, in New York City. He has been director of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center since 2010.

He worked at a New York ad agency for seven years before studying for the priesthood. He previously served at Clemson, S.C., Boulder, Colo., Boston, and Knoxville, Tenn. His anniversary Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17.



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FATHER JOHN L. SWICKARD, 65, is from Columbus and was ordained by Bishop Herrmann on April 21, 1974 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church.

He was pastor at Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul (1982-89), Columbus St. Anthony (1989-2001), and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help (2001-11) and associate at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (1974-78), Delaware St. Mary (1978-80), and Columbus St. Matthias (1980-82). He was a teacher at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, associate diocesan vocations director, and a member of the Priests Personnel Board.

He retired on July 12, 2011, and lives in Williamsburg, Va.



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FATHER MARK J. HAMMOND, 58, pastor at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul since 2006, was born in Zanesville. He was ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral on June 24, 1989, by Bishop James Griffin.

He was pastor at Columbus St. Mary (2000-06), served as associate pastor at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton (1989-95), and was in residence at Columbus St. Andrew (1995-2000). He is a longtime member of the Tribunal and has served as diocesan liaison for health affairs.

An open house to honor his anniversary will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22 at St. Vincent de Paul School. He and Father Theodore Sill will celebrate a joint anniversary Mass two days later at Gahanna St. Matthew Church.



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MSGR. JOHN G. JOHNSON, 64, was born in Waukegan, Ill., and was ordained at St. Thomas Church in Chicago on June 11, 1974, by Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Nevin Hayes, OP.

He has been parochial vicar at Hilliard St. Brendans since 2008 after having served as pastor at Columbus St. Philip (1990-93), Columbus St. Peter (1993-2005), and Columbus St. Timothy (2006-08) and associate at Columbus Immaculate Conception (1974-76), Columbus Our Lady of Peace (1986-90), and the cathedral (2005-06). He also was in residence at Columbus St. Agnes (1979-81), Columbus St. Thomas (1981-84), and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X (1984-85).

For much of his priesthood, he has been a member of the diocesan Tribunal. He also has been campus minister at Capital University and a professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

He was appointed a monsignor, with the title chaplain to his holiness, by Pope John Paul II on Sept. 24, 1992.

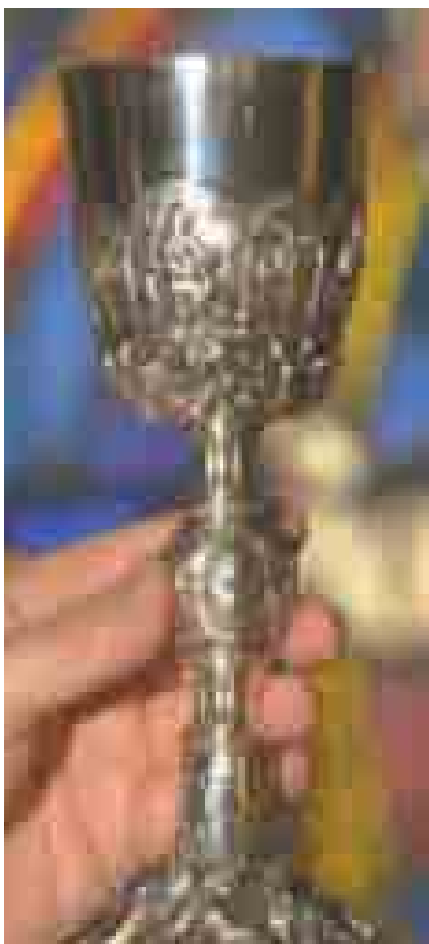


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FATHER THEODORE K. SILL, 57, a Columbus native, was ordained by Bishop Griffin at the cathedral on June 24, 1989. He has been pastor at Gahanna St. Matthew since 2010.

He also was pastor at London St. Patrick (1999-2010) and associate at Columbus St. Cecilia (1989-91) and Powell St. Joan of Arc (1991-92). He served as diocesan vocations director from 1992-99. He also has been a Tribunal member and has been chaplain of the Serra Club of Columbus since 1992.

He and Father Hammond will celebrate a joint anniversary Mass at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at St. Matthew, followed by a reception.



Ohio Geography Bee

Julie Jacko of Columbus St. Agatha School, pictured with social studies teacher Jim Reelhorn, was one of 100 fourth- to eighth-grade students from across the state who took part in the Ohio Geography Bee earlier this month. Each year, thousands of schools in the United States participate in state geography bees, using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. State winners received \$100 and a trip to Washington to compete in the national championship in May at the National Geographic Society's headquarters.



Photo courtesy St. Agatha School

Service discernment week with Dominican Sisters of Peace

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are sponsoring a weeklong service opportunity for single Catholic women discerning a call to consecrated life and/or church ministry.

The mission experience is scheduled for Monday through Friday, May 12 to 16, in Columbus and includes prayer, ministry, community, and fun. Participants will live together in one of the sisters' small communities and go out each

day on mission to sites including the Shepherd's Corner ecology center, soup kitchens, and other service agencies.

Space is limited. Room and board will be provided. Some travel funds are available. Visit "Upcoming Events" on the sisters' website, www.oppeace.org, for videos, photos, and registration, or contact Sister Pat Dual, OP, by phone or text at (614) 216-7688 or email at pdual@oppeace.org.

WATTERSON SIGNEES



Six Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students recently announced their intent to play postsecondary sports. They are (from left): first row, Courtney Brown, tennis, Denison; Maria Swearingen, field hockey, Wittenberg; second row, Cody Calhoun, football, Case Western; Zack Storc, volleyball, Mount St. Joseph; Matt Randolph, volleyball, Mount St. Joseph; and Luke Andracki, hockey, Middlesex (Mass.) Black Bears junior team.

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ODU senior artists and designers put societal issues on display

Ohio Dominican University senior art and design students will open their exhibit "Terms & Conditions" on Saturday, May 3. The free event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Wehrle Gallery in Wehrle Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. The exhibit will run until Friday, June 6.

"Terms & Conditions" is a tangible example of how students at ODU connect their passions with a purpose," said Jessica Larva, assistant professor of art at the university. "Our students developed their skills and understanding of art and design, and then applied their talents to specific societal issues that are important to them with the hope

of becoming real agents of change." The exhibit includes a wide assortment of materials, including traditional and nontraditional media, two- and three-dimensional works, photography, videography, book design, visual identity design, and website design.

Contributing artists and designers pictured are (from left): first row, Paige Winfree, Emily Riley, Cassandra Goodall, and Maria Palmer; second row, Sarah McCann, Tiffany Henderson, Brandon Henestofel, Casey Bauer, and Tabitha Brown. Not pictured is Pete Bell.

The Wehrle Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment. Admission is free.

Morrill Scholarship recipient

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Michael Swaggerty has been selected to receive The Ohio State University's Morrill Scholars Program Excellence Scholarship. The award provides an amount equal to the value of in-state tuition and covers a maximum 18 hours per semester. It is renewable for eight undergraduate semesters of full-time enrollment, provided that he maintains at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.



As an Office of Diversity and Inclusion scholar, Swaggerty will have the opportunity to participate in academic enrichment experiences such as study abroad, undergraduate research, career development, and professional/graduate school preparation. In addition, based on his academic excellence and advocacy for equality and democracy, his application has been advanced to the next round of reviews to be considered for the Morrill Scholars Program's premier award, the Distinction Scholarship. Photo/St. Francis DeSales High School

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- Plan and attend periodic Board meetings, produce records of minutes and maintain records
- Plan and coordinate in-house special events

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The Pontifical College Josephinum, ATTN: Treasurer
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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

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Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Peter's speech after the Pentecost event continues in the Acts reading. The accusation against the Jews as a whole people continues, with the mention of Jesus "whom you crucified." This leads to an unexpected change of heart as "they" ask Peter what they are to do.

Peter urges them to repentance and baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." Some fundamentalists try to impose a meaning on this baptism different from the Trinitarian formula which we use in baptisms. Baptizing "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" is simply the culmination of study and reflection on divine revelation. We note the inclusion of the Trinitarian formula at the end of Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28:19), when Jesus gathers with the disciples in Galilee and tells them to baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." There are not different baptisms. Peter's Pentecost speech simply reflects an early formula which eventually evolved into a Trinitarian formula later. Even though "baptism in the name of Jesus" is consistent throughout Acts, it is not a different baptism from the Trinitarian baptism into which it evolves.

Coming as it does at the end of Peter's speech, Luke notes the conversion of 3,000 persons, which is Luke's way of saying that Peter's speech was a smashing success. Revivalist crusades today like to make similar boasts, in line, of course, with the mindset that limits all success to New Testament models. Mass con-

versions on such a scale mean very little. When the emotion wears away, many of those swept up in most movements gradually fade away, too.

Peter's advice in the second reading is much more sober and much more satisfactory for the long term: "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God." This behavior is modeled after Christ, who left an example for us. It should be noted that these verses of 1 Peter are directed to slaves (or servants) in Christian households. The Greek word used is *oiketoí*, which means literally "members of the household," or house slaves or domestic servants. The existence of slaves in Christian households must have created certain tensions within those households. Advice like this may not have done much to ease the tensions. Telling those who had no rights, anyway, to buck up under suffering such as this, was probably not too warmly received, no matter how widely Peter intended the advice to be distributed. By pointing to what Christ suffered, Peter tries to put all human suffering in context.

Finally, the Gospel turns to what might be called the "sheep section of John." The first part is a parable (or a number of parables?) which runs through verse 5. The real point of the parable seems to be that only thieves try to enter the sheepfold by climbing over a fenced-in area, rather than walking in through the gate. It is evident from the end of chapter 9 that Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees. They are the ones who are called thieves and robbers.

Then Jesus claims to be the gate through which whoever passes will be saved. The theme of salvation and giving life recurs throughout John's Gospel, so it is easily understood here. None who came before Jesus could offer what he offers, which is salvation itself. Attentive readers will probably hear an echo here of John 14:6, where Jesus says "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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

Catholic Record Society celebrates 40 years

The Catholic Record Society is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and will mark that occasion at its spring meeting on Saturday, May 17, at the Westminster-Thurber Community, Neil Avenue and Goodale Street, Columbus.

Appetizers will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, a talk by diocesan historian Donald Schlegel in the auditorium, and a short business meeting.

Schlegel is secretary of the society and editor of its bulletin. He will trace the history of the organization since its inception in 1974 as a suggestion of the late Msgr. Herman Mattingly, and will describe its work and how its efforts through the years have fit Msgr. Mattingly's initial vision and the work of the New Evangelization.

Schlegel has been a member of the society since its founding and has served as acting chairman, vice chairman, and secretary, as well as editor and member of the research committee. He is a graduate of Columbus Aquinas High School and The Ohio State University.

Although he worked as a professional engineer, his interest in history and genealogy has led to the publication of many books and booklets, including the "Illustrated History of the Diocese of Columbus," as well as several articles published in Ireland.

Luncheon reservations must be received by Monday, May 12. Non-members are encouraged to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Mike Finn at (614) 268-4166 or fcoolavin@aol.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4
John 10:11-18

TUESDAY
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-7
John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

THURSDAY
Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
John 13:16-20

FRIDAY
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11b
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

The difference Easter made

One of the striking things about the Easter and post-Easter narratives in the New Testament is that they are largely about incomprehension: which is to say that, in the canonical Gospels, the early Church admitted that it took some time for the first Christian believers to understand what had happened in the Resurrection, and how what had happened changed everything. In *Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches* (Basic Books), I draw on insights from Anglican biblical scholar N.T. Wright and Pope Benedict XVI to explore the first Christians' unfolding comprehension of Easter and how it exploded their ideas of history and their place in history.

So, what changed after Easter?

The disciples' understanding of history changed. The first Jesus community lived in expectation of the "last days," even while Jesus walked among them in his public ministry, but they thought the "last days" involved a history-ending cataclysm. After the Resurrection, the disciples slowly began to grasp that the "last days" had already begun at Easter, even as history continued. The "last days" were unfolding in time, and the entire texture of time was changed because of that.

The disciples' understanding of "resurrection" changed. The Risen Christ's resurrection was not like the resuscitation of Lazarus, nor did it involve the



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decomposition of the corpse of the Jesus who was crucified, who died, and who was buried. The Risen Lord had a body, but it is a transformed body, and the tomb was empty.

The disciples' understanding of how the Risen One was "present" to his brethren changed. For a certain period, the Risen Lord appeared to them in that transformed body: in the garden and the Upper Room, on the Emmaus road, and at the Sea of Galilee. But after that period ended in what we know as the Ascension, the Risen Lord remained "present" to his brethren sacramentally – in the baptism they were to offer the whole world, in the Eucharist they celebrated, and in their exercise of fraternal charity.

The disciples' understanding of their responsibilities and their future prospects changed. The unexpected and expectation-exploding Resurrection of Jesus also revealed their own destinies. The life-transforming experience of meeting the Risen Lord impelled the first disciples to mission, after the outpouring of the Spirit had given them the words to tell what they had seen and heard. And knowing that what had happened in Jesus' Resurrection was their destiny, too, they could, in the future, embrace martyrdom in witness to the truth of what God had done in Christ for the salvation of the world.

MAY CROWNING



Coshocton Sacred Heart School sixth-grade student Grace Gottwalt crowns Mary at the school's May crowning Mass. Her attendant is sixth-grader Lacey Richcreek.

Photo courtesy Sacred Heart School

The disciples' understanding of worship and time changed. The disciples of Jesus were all pious Jews for whom the Sabbath was a bottom-line reality of their religious identity. Yet the early Church quickly established Sunday, not Saturday, as the "Lord's Day," because it was on Sunday, the "third day," that Jesus had been raised from the dead. As Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth – Holy Week*: "Only an event that marked souls indelibly could bring about such a profound realignment of the religious culture of the week. ... [The] celebration of the Lord's day, which was characteristic of the Christian community from the outset, is one of the most convincing proofs that something extraordinary happened that day – the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounter with the Risen Lord."

Living as we do on the far side of Easter, it is sometimes hard to grasp just how profoundly shattering an experience the first Easter season was for those who lived it. That is why we should be grateful to the Gospel writers, and the Church that accepted and confirmed their witness, for including in the New Testament the first disciples' perplexity about just what had happened. Encountering their confusion, we learn that Christ, raised from the dead, changes everything: time, history, prophecy, hope, the here-and-now, vocational responsibility and right worship all come into clearer focus through the encounter with the Risen Lord. The unity of God's self-revelation to Israel and in his Son is confirmed.

The Church, witness to the truth of the Resurrection, is born.

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

SIBLINGS EXCEL IN COMPETITIONS

Serena Kataria, a fourth-grade student, and Rohit Kataria, a sixth-grade student, have taken sibling rivalry to a new level at Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary School.

Their competition began with the school's written spelling bee, with both finishing in the top five. Next came the stand-up spelling bee, in which they were the last two standing and Serena was declared the champion.

She finished sixth in the Scioto County spelling bee, then participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee regional competition. Out of 400 students taking the written part of the test, she was one of 55 who went on to compete

in the stand-up bee in Athens, finishing third.

Not to be outdone by his sister, Rohit competed in the Notre Dame Science Fair, where his superior rating allowed him to continue on to the county and district fairs. Superior ratings at both those events qualified him to attend the state science competition later this year.

Both students also were part of the Notre Dame Elementary Quiz Bowl team, which won the county championship for the second year in a row.

The team will be competing at the Junior National Academic Championship in Washington later this month.



Photo courtesy Notre Dame Schools

Pray for our dead

BAILEY, Betty L., 89, May 1
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

CLAGER, Francis J., 97, May 2
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

DOBBINS, Iris J., 82, April 24
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FLAVIN, Jean A., 74, of Columbus, April 29
St. Gerard Church, Lima

GIULIANI, Linda L., 71, April 29
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

GRASSBAUGH, Helen B., 99, April 29
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Glenmont

HARMON, David E. Jr., 81, April 23
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

HENDRICKS, Mildred, 80, April 30
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

HOFFMAN, Katherine F., 96, April 29
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

JONES, Jestina C. "Rose," 90, April 30
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

KEELER, Elaine, 77, April 26
St. Leonard Church, Heath

LINDSAY, Carmela S., 83, May 3
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

LYDIC, Lee E., 58, April 26
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

McCOMB, Richard J., 81, May 2
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

McCULLY, Ruth E., 72, May 1
St. Mary Church, Groveport

MOCK, Rosemary B., 76, April 26
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

MOORE, Deborah L., 63, April 27
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

MORROW, Paul E., 96, May 4
St. Philip Church, Columbus

NEIKIRK, John P. "Pen," 78, March 26
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

PAUL, JoAnn, April 27
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SABANOS, Coralie, 77, April 19
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

SMILEY, Michael J., May 3
St. Edward Church, Granville

SOLLER, Cecil M., 84, May 3
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

WALTER, William L. "Larry" III, 68, April 26
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WALTER, Thomas J., 78, May 4
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

WINE, Emeline, 87, April 22
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

ZENO, Joseph, 95, April 28
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

Supreme Court ruling allows prayers before public meetings

By **Carol Zimmermann**
Catholic News Service

The Supreme Court ruled on May 5 that prayers said before town council meetings in Greece, New York, do not violate the Constitution.

In their 5-4 decision, the judges noted a historical precedent to opening local legislative meetings with a prayer and stressed that the predominantly Christian nature of the prayers in the New York town were not coercive to those in attendance.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, said the prayers delivered before public meetings in Greece, a suburb of Rochester, "evoked universal themes" such as "calling for a 'spirit of cooperation.'"

He also noted the historical precedence of such prayers, pointing out that the U.S. House and Senate have official chaplains and a majority of the states have the practice of legislative prayer.

Kennedy wrote that the "inclusion of a brief, ceremonial prayer as part of a larger exercise in civic recognition suggests that its purpose and effect are to acknowledge religious leaders and the institutions they represent, rather than to exclude or coerce nonbelievers."

He said that unless the prayers "over time denigrate, proselytize or betray an impermissible government purpose" they will "not likely establish a constitutional violation."

He also wrote that because the town had followed a policy of nondiscrimination, it was not required by the Constitution to search beyond its borders for those who could offer non-Christian prayers in an attempt to provide balance.

Public prayers have been offered in Greece by local clergy members before town council meetings since 1999. In 2008, two residents sued the town arguing that the prayers violated the establishment clause of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Since the lawsuit, the town has made an effort to invite a variety of faith leaders to present these prayers, but the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2012 found the prayer practice unconstitutional and emphasized that the majority of the prayers were specifically Christian.

The appeals court said the Supreme Court's 1983 ruling in *Marsh v. Chambers* -- upholding the Nebraska Legislature's practice of opening its legislative sessions with a prayer as part of a deeply embedded tradition -- did not apply because the town council meetings in Greece are not only for elected officials, but also for local residents.

In the *Marsh* ruling, Chief Justice Warren Burger described opening prayers as "part of the fabric of our society." The ruling only prohibited prayers that would advance or disparage a particular religion.

Justice Elena Kagan, writing the dissent in the *Greece v. Galloway* case, said the case differed from the *Marsh* ruling because "Greece's town meetings involve participation by ordinary citizens, and the invocations given -- directly to those citizens -- were predominantly sectarian in content."

The majority opinion on May 5 relied on the *Marsh* decision, pointing to the historical precedence of opening legislative sessions with prayer and the reluctance of the government to supervise or censor such prayers.

NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

LOCAL PROGRAMS



WEEKDAYS AT NOON

	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
MONDAY	St. Gabriel's Trumpet with Chip Stalter	Family Sanctuary with Mary Ann Jepsen and Peggy Hartshorn
TUESDAY	The Seminarians	Answering the Call with Elizabeth Ficocelli
WEDNESDAY	The Catholic Doctors with Drs. Parker and Turek	Bishop Frederick Campbell
THURSDAY	Msgr. Eugene Morris	Raising Saints with Katy Wyatt
FRIDAY	Treasures of Our Faith with Local Priests	Foundations in Faith with Msgr. Frank Lane

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8, THURSDAY
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Tap social group for Catholics 21 and older, with Father Robert Stash of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church speaking on "The Eastern Catholic Rites and the Ruthenian Catholic Church." **614-390-8653**
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Cross 7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Father Ramon Owerla, CFIC. **614-531-3682**

9, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House 11 a.m. to 6 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**

10, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

Shepherd's Corner Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Sale of organic bedding plants and center's homemade maple syrup, hand cream, soap, and other products. **614-866-4302**

Women's Day of Reflection at St. Peter in Chains 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Peter in Chains Church, 2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg, "Totus Tuus" day of reflection, fellowship, and prayer for women. Includes four talks, Sacrament of Reconciliation, scriptural rosary, Lectio Divina, and lunch. **740-574-5486**

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference Breakfast 9 a.m. to noon, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Spring breakfast sponsored by Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. Featured speaker: Catholic author, speaker, and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli discussing her faith journey. Begins with Mass. Register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.

Women's Retreat at Sts. Peter and Paul 9 a.m. to noon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Women's retreat led by Sister Maxine Shonk, OP. **740-928-4246**

Commencement at Ohio Dominican 11 a.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. University's spring commencement exercises. Speaker: Father Wilson (Bill) Miscamble, University of Notre Dame history professor.

Motorcycle Blessing at St. Monica Following 4 p.m. Mass, St. Monica Church, 4252 Pine St., New Boston. Inaugural Scioto Deanery all-faiths blessing of motorcycles, with Father Joseph Yokum, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Councils 14346 and 741, followed by guided ride through the countryside, ending at Council 741 hall, 1518 Gallia St., Portsmouth. All participants receive a St. Christopher medal. **740-352-6204**

Mount Carmel Champagne and Diamonds Gala 7:30 p.m. (cocktails 6:30), Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus. Annual Champagne and Diamonds gala sponsored by Mount Carmel Foundation to raise funds for Ann E. Schiele Endowment for nursing education. **614-546-3426**

11, SUNDAY
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**

12, MONDAY
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass. **614-406-2939**
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. **614-459-2766**

13, TUESDAY
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark 7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. **740-653-4919**

14, WEDNESDAY
Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves 2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**
Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner 7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Full flower moon labyrinth walk, facilitated by Dale Sparlin. Registration deadline May 12. **614-866-4302**

15, THURSDAY
Evening of the Arts at DeSales 6 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Evening of the Arts featuring DeSales students and fifth- through eighth-graders from feeder schools. Begins with art show, followed by spring band concert and choir performance at 7 and resumption of art show at 8. **614-267-6822**

16, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House 11 a.m. to 6 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**

JOIN BiblioBenefit at St. Andrew 7 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. BiblioBenefit X sponsored by Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, honoring sponsors and volunteers from the previous nine benefits.

16-18, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Annual camporee sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all Boy and Girl Scouts, Venture and Camp Fire members, and adults who work with young people. Theme: "Prayer." Weekend program for those in grades six to 12; Saturday program for first-through fifth-graders. Fulfills Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei award retreat requirements. **614-263-7832**

17, 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. **614-565-8654**

Catholic Social Services Service Saturday 9 a.m., Meet at St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Service Saturday, sponsored by Catholic Social Services. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need assistance with home repair, painting, yardwork, or other projects. **614-857-1251**
Catholic Record Society Meeting Noon (11:30 a.m. appetizers), Westminster Thurber Community, Neil Avenue and Goodale Street, Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with diocesan historian Donald Schlegel talking about the society's 40-year history. Reservation deadline May 12. **614-268-4166**

Father Ciccone's 25th Anniversary Mass 5:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Father Joseph Ciccone, CSP, center director, celebrates Mass honoring the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, followed by reception. **614-291-4674**

18, SUNDAY
Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Statue Dedication at St. Mark Noon, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Dedication of St. Kateri Tekakwitha statue in outdoor grotto. Includes presentation of EWTN program "In Her Footsteps." **740-653-1229**

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans 1:30 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Meet downstairs. Dave Orsborn, OFS **614-282-4676**
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting 1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, featuring presentation on the sacraments of St. Dominic. **614-416-1910**

'Rooted in Love' at de Porres Center 2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Rooted in Love: The Life and Death of Sister Dorothy Stang," a two-act play written and performed by Sister Nancy Murray, OP. Registration deadline May 15. **614-416-1910**

Singing Buckeyes Concert at Lincoln Theater 3 p.m., Lincoln Theater, 769 E. Long St., Columbus. Singing Buckeyes male a cappella chorus concert. **614-738-1267**
Charismatic Mass at St. Elizabeth 4 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Healing Mass, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, preceded by rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship, with prayer teams available for individual needs, at 3, and followed by fellowship. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available during Mass. **614-914-8556**
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**

BOOK REVIEW

St. Francis ~ Pope Francis

Books present correlations between St. Francis and his papal namesake

“Reclaiming Francis: How the Saint and the Pope Are Renewing the Church” by Charles M. Murphy. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Ind., 2014). 160 pages, \$13.95.

“Saint Francis, Pope Francis: A Common Vision” by Gina Loehr with Al Giambro. Servant Books (Cincinnati, 2014). 144 pages, \$14.99.

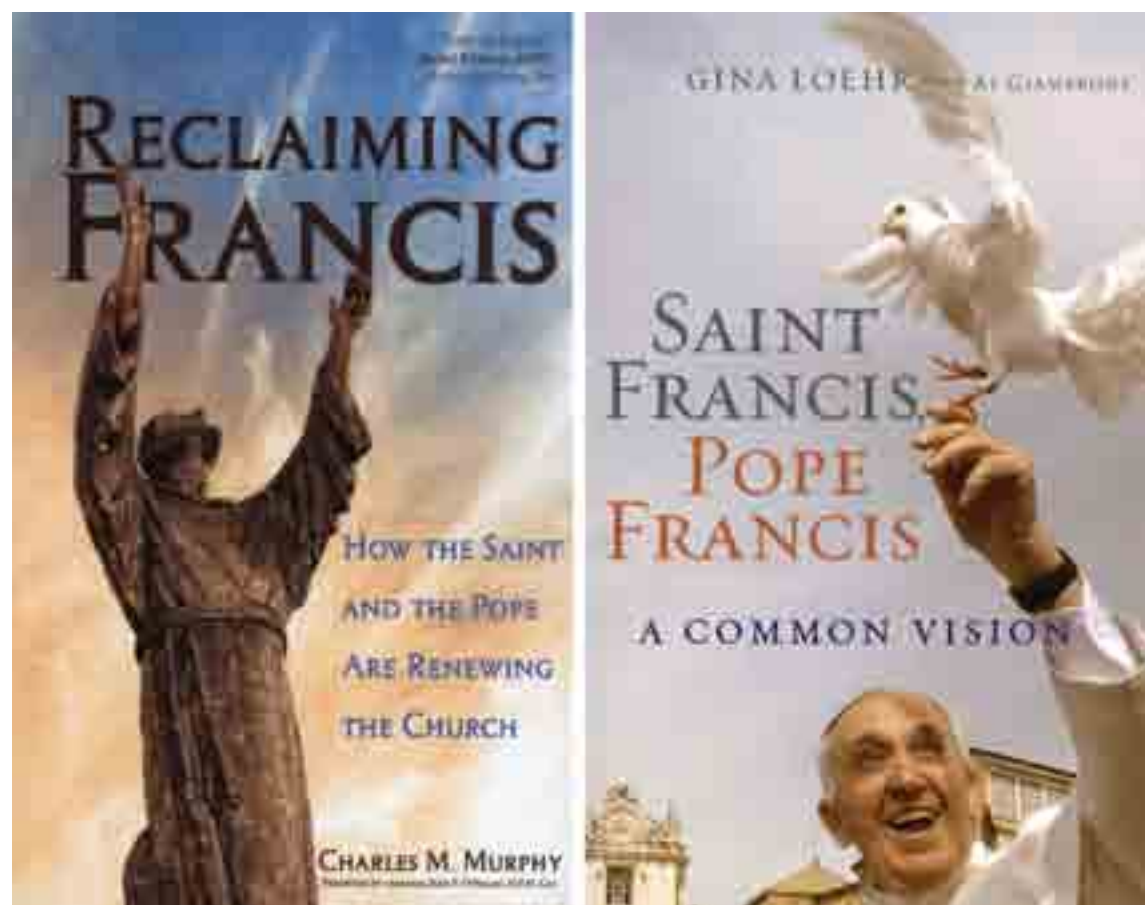
Reviewed by Brian Welter
Catholic News Service

The mountain of books written on St. Francis of Assisi testify to the enduring attraction of this saint, usually regarded as the most perfect follower of Jesus. Why two more such biographies?

Reclaiming Francis and *Saint Francis, Pope Francis* aim to show us the spirituality of St. Francis, one that is very much alive in the church today, most significantly through the pontificate of Pope Francis. The authors outline in their books a living Franciscan spirituality for today.

Gina Loehr succeeds at showing us how Pope Francis' inspiration from the medieval saint offers us insights into our own Christian living. Her book *Saint Francis, Pope Francis* portrays the Franciscan lifestyle of charity adopted by Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in his ministry to the poor in his native Argentina, and how he has carried this over to his pontificate.

Rather than focusing on the political and economic, the book recovers a traditional view of charity, one where the



encounter at the personal level takes precedence. The author focuses on the importance of charity and on how personal acts of kindness and self-offering change us.

“A new clarity of vision had come to Francis when he embraced that leper. He conquered the fear and prejudice that previously prevented him from extending charity to this group of people,” Loehr writes.

Pope Francis' vision has likewise been clear when it comes to the poor. They are not a political cause, but children of God. The pontiff even takes it one step further, not merely ministering to the poor, but, like Francis, becoming poor himself and thereby sharing in

their lives.

Full of quotes from the new pope, including his now well-known “How I would like a church that is poor and for the poor,” this book reminds us how much the Gospel demands from us. Pope Francis, like St. Francis, challenges us to turn away from mediocrity and into radical service to the poor. Christianity as the religion of the cross asks for self-sacrifice for the greater cause as we turn “trial and tribulation” into “triumph.”

In *Reclaiming Francis*, Charles Murphy originally intended to show how St. Francis' charism could inspire the new evangelization. He integrated the ministry of Pope Francis into this mission after

the papal election. The author argues that humble service and dialogue leads to understanding others. This forms the cornerstone of evangelization. Like Loehr, he focuses on the joy that both St. Francis and the new pontiff possess.

While Loehr touches on Francis' love for nature, Murphy spends more time on this in talking about the saint's preoccupation with evangelizing. This fits into the ecological concerns that make the news and have become a great worry for many people, even in developing nations, and yet the author retains a Christian perspective. Murphy discusses Francis' almost sacramental view of creation, and how the great saint saw nature, includ-

ing not only the birds and the flowers, but also the rocks, fire, and even death as kin.

Murphy writes of the Franciscan vision: “Creation becomes more than something to merely master, as it enunciates the masterly artistry of God.” He turns to the words of Pope Francis, warning that money rather than man has become the lord of the world, even though we are supposed to be the stewards of nature and use it for the benefit of all while protecting creation.

Owing to their preoccupation with a Franciscan spirituality for today, both books are rather thin on historical details surrounding St. Francis. The authors present him as floating in a kind of bubble, only connected to his historical circumstances and people through the vignettes offered, such as when the saint embraces a leper, or when he accepts Clare of Assisi by cutting off her hair and helping her to establish a parallel order for women.

The risk is that, though these books are never intended to be biographies of the saint, without a strong connection to the real Francis and his time, Franciscan spirituality becomes abstracted from the genuine person and the Gospel itself.

Perhaps this weakness, common to both, is compensated with the concrete inspirational facts and words from the life and spirituality of Pope Francis. Both succeed in showing the greatness of this most humble man and his strong connections to people.

Welter has degrees in history and theology and teaches English in Taiwan.



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



A large crowd is seen during a May 4 pro-life demonstration in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. According to organizers, more than 50 pro-life groups active in 20 nations took part in the march.
CNS photo/Katarzyna Artymiak



Sister Ranjitha Maria Soosai, a member of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, leads a group of children in singing inside a camp for internally displaced families at a U.N. base in Juba, South Sudan. The camp holds more than 20,000 Nuer who took refuge there in December 2013 after a political dispute within the nation's ruling party quickly fractured the young nation along ethnic and tribal lines.
CNS photo/Paul Jeffrey



Michael Stanek hugs his daughter Kennedy as they take a break from helping friends go through the rubble of their homes in Vilonia, Ark., on April 30. Catholic Charities agencies were on the ground assessing damage after a series of storms with deadly tornadoes and massive floods swept through the southern United States from April 27-29, killing at least 35 people.
CNS photo/Carlo Allegri, Reuters



“Seussical, Jr.”

The Drama Club of Gahanna St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, will present “Seussical, Jr.” at 6:30 p.m, Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14. The club is directed by Randy Frazier and Lisa Ruth. The performance, a retooling of “Horton Hears a Who,” features Ryan Ruth as the Cat in the Hat, Sydney Hord as Jojo, Sydney Cannon as Gertrude McFuzz, Sophie Stiltner as Mayzie LaBird, Cameron Meyer and Isabel Morbitzer as the Mayor and his wife, Maria Cox as the Sour Kangaroo, Cameron Bracely as Wickersham Brother No. 1, Anna Nash as Vlad Vladikoff, and Allison Goetz as Yertle the Turtle. The chorus will include several fourth- to sixth-grade students.

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

At your Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus
Monday ~ May 26, 2014

ST. JOSEPH

6440 S. High Street
(Route 23) South of I-270
11:00 A.M. MASS

IN OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL
Military Flag Raising and Salute/10:30 A.M.
American Legion Southway Post #144
614-491-2751

MT. CALVARY

581 Mt. Calvary Avenue
at West Mound Street
11:00 A.M. MASS

ON PRIEST'S CIRCLE
614-491-2751

RESURRECTION

9571 N. High Street
(Route 23) North of I-270
1:00 P.M. MASS

IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
Military Flag Raising and Salute/11:30 A.M.
V.F.W. Post #2398
614-888-1805

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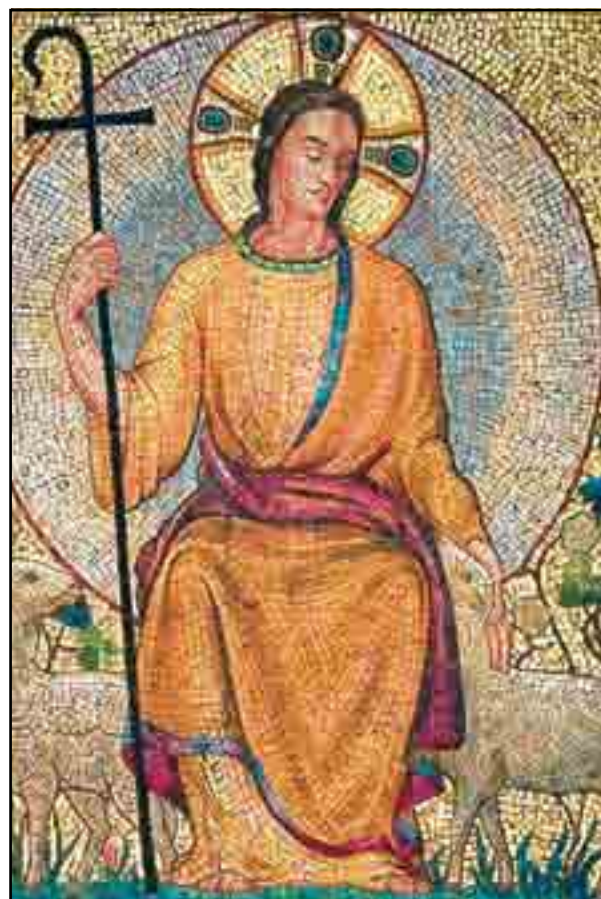
11539 National Rd. S.W.
(Route 40) East of I-270
11:00 A.M. MASS

IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
Military Service/10:30 A.M.
V.F.W. Post #9473
740-927-4442

SPECIAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS

SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
MONDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Cemetery personnel will be available to answer questions and help locate family grave spaces



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
we thank you for calling
men and women
to serve in your
Son's Kingdom as priests,
deacons, religious, and
consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to
help us respond
generously and
courageously
to your call.

May our community of
faith support vocations
of sacrificial love
in our youth.

We ask this through
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns
with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

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